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Government of Madras.

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No. 139. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 24th September 1872, No. 24:—

I have the honour to forward, for the orders of Government, a letter from the Vice-President of the Cochin Municipality, bringing to notice the desire of the Municipality to establish a good middle-class school.

2. In reviewing the Budget Government made an additional provision of 500 Rupees for educational expenditure in Cochin, remarking that the Commissioners should establish an elementary vernacular school.

They are, however, of opinion that a middle-class school would be much more popular, and they propose to admit, as free scholars, those unable to pay the fees, so that none anxious for education will be excluded.

3. There is no good school at present available save that of the Rajah of Cochin at Ernacollum, attendance at which school involves crossing a backwater two miles wide. Cochin is a compact town, and a centrally-situated school will be accessible to every one; a large proportion of the rate-payers are East Indians, who there almost monopolize many of the trades and callings ordinarily filled exclusively by Natives.

4. Both as to the description of school required, and as to the best mode of levying fees, the Commissioners on the spot must be the best judges, and should, I think, be allowed to adopt their own course, especially as they have hitherto, as far as I can judge, carried with them the approval of the community in the measures introduced and carried out by them.

From the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Cochin, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Calicut, dated Cochin, 5th September 1872, No. 60.

I have the honour to inform you that the Commissioners at their last meeting have resolved to request you will be good enough to obtain sanction from Government for the establishment in this town of a good middle-class Anglo-Vernacular School.

2. The Commissioners beg to submit that, from the position of Cochin, it is almost impossible for parents to let their children have a fair education except at a very heavy outlay. The East Indian community especially are very anxious for better means of education, besides which the Native Commissioners are of opinion that the proposed school would likewise be extensively availed of by all classes of natives.

3. It being the wish of the Commissioners to throw the school open to all, whether rich or poor, they will in many instances have to admit pupils free of charge. At the same time the outlay for education will be very heavy, and the Commissioners intend somewhat to recover themselves by levying higher fees from those well able to pay enhanced rates. The Commissioners, therefore, trust that their wish to have the regulation of school fees, &c., left to their discretion will prove no objection to the proposal being sanctioned by Government.

4. We are anxious to open the school as soon as possible, and I shall, therefore, feel much obliged by your giving our application your early attention.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,

28th November 1872.

No. 140. ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1872, No. 1589.

The Governor in Council, as a special case, authorizes the Municipal Commissioners of Cochin to apply Municipal funds to the establishment and maintenance of a middle-class school.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Cochin.
" Director of Public Instruction.

Ed. J. Wright.

Malabar President's Office
Calicut 24th September 1912

Financial Department

No 24

From
The President of the Cochin
Municipality; dated 24th Sept. 1912.

To
Orders.

I am directed by the following
order

"In G.O. No. on a Special
case submitted by the Municipal
Commissioner of Cochin to apply
Municipal funds to the establishment
and maintenance of a middle
school.

R.D.

Proposal that Government have recently

provisions should establish

MOTHERSILL'S
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Advertising the Municipal Commissioners of Cochin are special case to apply Municipal funds to the establishment and maintenance of a middle school.

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of higher class education (which, it might
fairly be contended, ought to be paid for by the
higher classes themselves) is secured to
the general ratepayer — lower class education,
which is often the more important and is
their object for taxation, will be lessened in
that measure to chance. In whatever the
Local Boards & Municipalities will be able
to provide in any effectual degree for popular

education
I deem related pursuant: and I apprehend
that the interference of Govt. in this respect
must of necessity be extremely limited.
Free being known, the Govt. has certainly
the power to do, — and that is to prescribe
the particular class of education to which
the proceeds of local taxation are to be
applied. And according that Govt.
has taken upon itself the less important
charge of higher education, and that the
duty of popular education is on the Local
Ulster Local authorities, it would seem that
the least we can do is to require them to

in Dublin, remarking that the Commissioners should establish

Malabar Residency Office
Calicut 24th September 1913

From,

I quite agree in the general principle advocated by this Committee that the encouraging & extending of vernacular education & municipal & Local Board schools & grants should be the rule in Education. But the case of Cochin is peculiar. There is there a large body of English speaking persons who require for their children an Elementary education in the English Language.

B. D.

I think an exception may be made in consideration of the peculiar position of Calicut. The Com^rs. endeavour to admit those who cannot pay, free. So that the new school will do the same to meet the want of the poorer classes. But I do not consider that any elementary schools should not also be aided. J.O.S.

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to provide in every effectual degree for

Malabar Presidency Office

No. 72 Calicut 24th September 1872

From,

A. Macgregor Esqr.

President of the Municipal Commission

Cochin

To,

The Honble R. S. Ellis c.s.

Chief Secretary to Government

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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obd. Servant

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Vice President

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Govt. of {1872} Madras.

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To

The Presdt. Munl. Commrs.

Cochin

Dated Novr 21.

Rect. Read.

G. O. 28 Novr. 1872, No. 1339

Nos. 139. 140.

Authorizing the Munl. Commrs of Cochin as a special case to apply Munl. funds to the Estabt. and maintenance of a middle class school.