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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
6th April 1872.

No. 104. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Salem, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Salem, 26th February 1872, No. 219 :—

I have the honour to enclose a resolution passed by the Municipal Commissioners of this town at a meeting held on the 19th December 1871, with reference to paragraph 3 of Proceedings of Government, No. 1530, of the 10th October 1871, on the subject of Pial Schools.

2. Acting on the suggestion contained in paragraph 3 as above, a circular was addressed to the Masters and Managers of the Pial Schools concerned, and I am glad to report that one and all have expressed their willingness to meet the views of the Commissioners and place themselves under municipal control.

3. And here it may be desirable for me to state, briefly, what the Commissioners desire should be understood by the term "Municipal control," as used both here and in the concluding portion of the resolution attached. They do not desire to effect any radical changes in the constitution or course of teaching in Pial Schools, or to interfere in the general plan of the result grant system either in its financial or educational aspects; on the contrary, they very much desire to advance education in the town, and will willingly meet the calls made by the Inspectorial Officers of the Department under the result system. It is not the number of, or the establishing of Pial Schools that they object to, but the sudden abandoning of them, which they regard as injurious to the pupils; their control, therefore, would be directed to improving the existing schools, one of which is assigned to each Municipal Division of the town (and in the more populous divisions, if need be, adding to the number), aiding them, as occasion may arise, with money and advice. In this way, the Commissioners are convinced more will be taught and more learnt, while the opportunity will be withdrawn from needy but clever men of starting a school merely to secure a few rupees, and then just as boys and masters are beginning to know each other, suddenly abandoning the lads and leaving them to find another school, and suffer all the drawbacks which a change of schools and masters inevitably produces; while, on the other hand, men totally devoid of all the necessary qualifications for teaching will be prevented, as they often do at present, from opening schools, for perhaps a year or more, when the master finds out that it does not pay him and the parents discover how little their children are learning.

4. In explanation of the protest conveyed in the concluding portion of the resolution under reference, I may state that what the Commissioners desire, is, that the authority to sanction or refuse the establishment of new Pial Schools, the "result grants" to which will have to be paid by them should be vested in them, instead of any individual, as at present, having the power to open a school when and where he pleases, a simple intimation of the same to the Inspector being alone required to ensure to him the benefits of the "result grant" system; and this authority they solicit on the grounds, 1*stly*, that they (the Commissioners) are in a better position than any Inspector to judge whether the formation of a proposed school in a given locality is, or is not, requisite or desirable; and 2*ndly*, upon the universally-admitted principle that no person should be called upon to pay for institutions, in the establishing of which he has had no voice, and in the working of which he exercises no control. The Commissioners would add that they desire, as far as possible, to meet the wishes of Government and to work in harmony with the Educational Department, but they respectfully protest against being called upon to pay, whilst debarred from all control for the maintenance of schools sanctioned by, and subordinate to, the Educational Department *alone*, and whose existence it is quite possible they might consider undesirable, if not actually injurious, to the cause of education generally in the town.

5. Under these circumstances, the Commissioners trust that Government will accord sanction to their assuming charge of the ten Pial Schools enumerated in the Proceedings referred to above, in whose stability and progress they will then be able to take a permanent and useful interest, and will, at the same time, be pleased to exempt the Municipality from payment to any other Pial Schools on the result system, within the municipal limits.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
6th April 1872.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners, Salem, dated 19th December 1871.

3. "Read Report of the Sub-Committee in reference to G. O., dated 21st October 1871. Resolved that the suggestions of the Committee generally be adopted, viz., that the ten Pial Schools named in the above Proceedings, with power to add to them, be taken over, the Managers having been consulted, and that payment be made by results, and (2) that, in reference to paragraph 2 of the Government Order, the Commissioners desire to record their protest against paying according to the result system for Pial Schools in the establishment and control of which they have no voice."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
Presdt., Munct. Coms., Salem.

No. 185. OOTACAMUND, 6th April 1872, No. 448.

This letter will be referred to the Director of Public Instruction for his remarks. The Government are inclined to agree with the Municipal Commissioners.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

Encl. 1. Wright.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners Salem, dated 19th December 1871.

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(True Extract)

C. J. Lovesley

President Municipal Commissioners Salem.

Govt. of Madras.

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To THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Dated April, 69.

Read.

G. O. 69 April 1872, No 445.

APRIL.
Nos. 104-105.

Referring for remarks, letter from the President, Municipal Commissioners, Salem, on the subject of Rial Schools

Municipal office
Salem 26th February 1872.

No 219

From.

C. T. Longley Esquire
President, Municipal Commrs

To, W. Hudleston Esquire
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Government. Fort Saint
George

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I have the honour &c
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Your most obt. Servant.

C.J. Loueley.
President, Municipal
Commission. Salem.

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Financial Department.

No. 363.

From The President Municipal Commissioners Salem.

Dated 26 February 1872.

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[This last letter] be referred to the D. of P. I. for his remarks. Clerk in charge to speak with the Municipal Commissioners

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To the President
Municipal Commissioners
Salem
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Mr Secretary
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Petition for a share of the
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to the support of Public
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Forwarded

Mr A J Abbott

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

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To

The Director of Public Instruction

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Referring for remarks letter from the Asst. Inspr. of Schools.