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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
22nd October 1873.

Read the following papers:—

No. 198. From the Rev. H. RICE, of the London Mission, Salem, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Salem, 8th August 1873.

I have the honour to call your attention to the Proceedings of the Salem Municipality, dated 8th March 1873, refusing payment of a grant of Rupees 262-12-0, according to the results grant system, on behalf of the London Mission Shevapett Caste Girls' School, on the ground that "it is not one of the ten schools taken over by the Municipality, and that they are not liable for charges on account of schools over which they exercise no control."

2. On May 21st, 1873, I referred the matter to the Director of Public Instruction, who, after having corresponded with the Acting President of the Municipality, replied to me in his Proceedings, No. 1250, dated 10th June 1873, as follows:—"That he feels satisfied that the ground taken by the Salem Municipality for refusing payment of the grant is untenable, and he suggests that the Manager of the School should appeal direct to Government if the Municipality persist in refusing to pay the grant."

3. On the 2nd ultimo I had an interview with the Acting President of the Municipality, who was not present at the meeting on 8th March 1873 referred to above, and who had only recently returned from the district. He informed me that he quite agrees with the views expressed by the Director of Public Instruction as to the payment of the grant, and will support it himself; but, as the question has been disposed of at a previous meeting, he cannot re-open it until it is brought before him by Government.

4. Under these circumstances, and as it appears an injustice has been done to a long-established school, I have resolved to appeal to Government for their interference in the matter.

5. A few words of explanation seem necessary from me. The school in question has been in existence about ten years, and is a Hindu caste girls' school. It is the largest caste girls' school in Salem, having on its roll about 120 girls, with an average daily attendance of over eighty. The Mission receives no aid from Home Funds for the support of the school, and it is, therefore, solely dependent for its maintenance on the grant according to the results system which it has hitherto enjoyed. It has been occasionaly visited by Collectors and others who have always expressed themselves both pleased and satisfied with what they have seen.

6. We were not asked whether we would allow the school to be under municipal inspection or not, but, on what appears to be an arbitrary principle of selection, it was left out, and ten other schools, some of comparatively recent date, taken into the list. We can have no possible objection to the school being under municipal inspection, but would rather desire it than otherwise. All that we object to is that a person having a previous bias against our work, such as some Brahmins, should be sent to inspect and report on it. The visits of any unprejudiced members of the Municipality will always be welcomed.

7. The fact that the school was a middle-class school last year and is ranked among the lower-class schools this year is easily explained. Any one acquainted with the management of such schools must know that when the girls attain a certain

recorded, to the payment of the grant-in-aid sought for the girls' school at Shevapett. The charge cannot possibly be a very large one, and the institution is of a character deserving of support.

28th April 1873. (Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Acting President.

No. 200. ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1873, No. 1539.

Copy of the Acting President's letter will be communicated to the Rev. Mr. Rice.

2. Under the circumstances therein stated, it would appear that it rests with the Managers of the Mission School to put themselves in a position to receive a grant-in-aid from the Municipality.

3. The Governor in Council sees no reason to apprehend that the Municipality will permit the inspection of schools under their patronage to be conducted otherwise than in an impartial manner.

4. The Director of Public Instruction will be requested to state the amount of grant given to the school in 1871-72, and the arrangements then made for its inspection. The Government infer that it ceased to be entitled to a grant-in-aid from Government by sinking to the lower class from loss of pupils.

5. The Director will also report what would be the probable effect of retaining all girls' schools as charges on Government grants-in-aid, irrespective of class.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Salem
" Rev. H. Rice, London Mission, Salem.
" Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Salem.
August. 8. 1873.

From

Revd. H. Rice
London Mission, Salem.

To

The Chief Secretary, Madras Government.

Sir,

I have the honour to call your attention to the Proceedings of the Salem Municipality, dated 8th March 1873, refusing payment of a grant of Rs: 262.12.0, according to the Results' grant System, on behalf of the London Mission Chapell Caste girls School on the ground that "it is not one of the ten (10) Schools taken over by the Municipality, and that they are not liable for charges on account of Schools over which they exercise no control."

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION, Salem, &c., &c.

Dated October, 22nd.

Read.

C. O., 22nd October 1873, No. 1539.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 198—200.

Salem Municipality.—Orders passed regarding the complaint preferred by the Rev. Mr. Rice against the proceedings of this Municipality in refusing payment of a grant to the London Mission Caste Girls' School at Shevapett, and the Director of Public Instruction requested to report what would be the probable effect of retaining all girls' schools as charges on Government grants-in-aid, irrespective of class.

present at the Meeting on 8th March 1873, referred to above, and who had only recently returned from the District. He informed me that he quite agrees with the views expressed by the Director of Public Instruction as to the payment of the Grant, and will support it himself - but as the question has been disposed of at a previous Meeting he cannot re-open it until it is brought before him by Government.

Under these circumstances, and as it appears an injustice has been done to a long established School, I have resolved to appeal to Government for their interference in the matter.

A few words of explanation seem necessary from me. The School in question has been in existence about 10 years, and is a Hindu Caste Girls School. It is the largest Caste Girls School in Salem having on its roll about 120 girls with an average daily attendance of over 80. The Institution receives no aid from Home Funds for the support of the School and it is therefore solely dependant for its maintenance on the Grant according to the Results System which it has hitherto enjoyed. It has been occasionally visited by Collectors & others at the various Examinations & has always pleased and satisfied with what they have seen.

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The fact that the School was a Middle Class School last year and is ranked among the lower class Schools this year is easily explained. Any one acquainted with the Management of such Schools must know that when the girls attain a certain age and reach a certain stage in their education they are taken away by their parents for Marriage & other purposes. The consequence is that all the higher Class girls may be taken away in a given year, and the School lapse from a Middle Class School to a lower class one. It so happened that this was the case with the School now in question. It is quite possible that the School may again become a Middle Class School again lapse into a lower Class one, as the older girls are removed. It is a sign of the efficiency of the School that it is able to retain the girls in a Mofussil town like this until they reach the higher classes, and then send them out to some extent improved and educated.

With these remarks, I have the honour to request that you will submit the matter to His Excellency the [illegible] for his authoritative decision at [illegible] convenience.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Henry Rice

Referred to the President of the Salem
Municipality for report.
Octr 12 August 1873
W. Gabriel
Actg. Chief Secy

To
The President of the Salem
Municipality.

Sir
I have the honor to return
the letter addressed to you by the
Rev. D. Rice and bearing your
endorsement dated 12th ultimo

2. The cause of contention between
Mr. Rice and the Commissioners
appears to be that that gentleman's
predecessor the Rev. Mr Phillips
declined to allow the Municipality
to have the control or inspection
of the Mission Caste Girls' School
in their hands. Hence it was
omitted from the list of Edu-
cational establishments to which
the

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Salem 17 September 1873.

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From
The Acting President
Municipal Commission
Salem

To
The Chief Secretary
to the Government of
Fort St. George

Sir

the payment of Result grants was restricted under the provision of Government order Financial Department, No 779 dated June 12th 1872. That the Commissioners are not wrong in their views, appears to me sufficiently evinced by what the Rev Mr Rice says in his letter under report regarding objecting to inspection by biased persons, such as Brahmins, and from what he stated to me when I met him.

3. The Commissioners argue that the School being a middle class one and having in the year 1871-72 received a grant in aid from Imperial Funds, should look to the same source for assistance and further that if they, in this particular case break through the restriction permitted in the G. O. quoted in para 2 of this letter, any other establishment that pleased may make a like claim upon them and put this forward as a precedent in support of it. The School has now fallen under circumstances of which Mr Rice offers explanation in his letter by you, to the grade of "Lower class", and the Director of Public Instruction has pointed out that payment for it can only be met from Local Taxation and not from the General Funds of the Country.

4. I myself am of opinion that it is a pity to allow any Native Girls School to fall through. Institutions of the sort are few and far between, and I think them where they exist, powerful means of civilizing the people and ameliorating the condition and social states of native females.

5. This particular School is, I believe well conducted and useful.

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I have no doubt that it has for one of its aims the introduction to a certain extent of Christian tenets but that what little of this element is taught in the school is not repugnant or offensive to the pupils or their parents is, in my opinion, shewn by the number of scholars on the rolls and the large attendance.

6. I myself am, as will be seen from the enclosed copy of a minute which I wrote on the subject, in favor of the school receiving help from Municipal Funds; I think, though, that Mr. Rice has no right to object to the inspection of it by Brahmins, or to assume in a general way that any remarks made on it by visitors or Inspectors would be prejudiced, unless he has full and sufficient proof to support his views. At present the Dy. Inspector of Schools is not a brahmin but one might succeed to the post at any time and in such a

case the Rev. Gentleman's objections to this class of Minutes would be the cause of dispute and ill feeling.

7. It appears to me that if the Mission wish to receive aid from the Municipality in the matter of the Caste Girls' School it must be prepared to put it on the same footing as other institutions similarly assisted and to submit it without cavil to the inspection of the officer appointed to perform the same duty in other Municipal Schools be he Brahmin, Sudra, Mahomedan European or Eurasian.

8. I feel assured that did Mr. Rice withdraw his objections somewhat seem to be almost conditions with regard to inspection and ask to have his School taken upon the Municipal books, the Commissioners would, in consideration of the useful nature of an institution the object of which is the Education and improvement of native girls, favorably consider his application for help. The question of what is taught is so long

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as it comes up to the standard which has been fixed by the Director of Public Instruction and which is a matter for the inspecting officer to decide, not a point upon which they wish to interfere

9. At present the attitude taken by the Rev. Mr Rice, as it was by his predecessor in charge of the Mission, is "We demand "help for our school from the Munici- "cipality, We desire to have the "control and management of it "in our own hands and we object "to have it inspected by biased "persons or by Brahmins". To this the commissioners demur and I think with every show of justice.

10. If it is ultimately arranged that this school is to be placed upon the list of those assisted from Municipal Funds, the difficulty alluded to by Mr Rice may at some time occur as should it at any time rise to the rank of "middle class" it will no longer have any claim to aid from the Municipality but

but this will revive when it again assumes the position of a Lower class school. Thus it may alternate between a charge upon Provincial and Local Taxation

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t Servt

Fredk Rice

Acting President

Corr.d P.[illegible]

Minute.

It appears to me that the Director of Public Instruction is right in what he says. The school is evidently one which is not chargeable upon Imperial Funds.

It must therefore be provided for from either Local or Municipal Funds or allowed to disappear altogether.

It is highly desirable that the feeble attempts which have been made to introduce female education in India should if possible be sustained. I think therefore that it would be advisable for the Commissioners to withdraw their objections, if any have been formally recorded, to the payment of the grant in aid sought for the Girls' School at Shevaroy.

The charge cannot possibly be a very large one and the institution

Financial Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters from

the Revd A. Rice, London Mission, Salem, dy 8th August 1873.

— Ag. Presdt, Mundl Commr, Salem, dy 17th Septr/73 No. 83.

Order thereon Octr 22d October /73. No. 1555

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J. F. Price
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effect of attaching the Girls
Schools as charges on
Govt. Grants in aid -
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To
The Presb. of the
Mund. Comm., Salem.
— Revd. A. Rice,
London Mission, Salem.
— Director of Public Instruction.

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Govt. of {187 } Madras.
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To
The Asst. Collr. & Sub Collr.
Salem

Dated 22 Dec 1873, No. 1539
Recd.

Nos. 198-200

Salem Mission. Orders passed regarding the complaints preferred by the Rev. Mr Rice against the proceedings of the Mission in regard to judgment in favour of the London Mission Caste girls School at Shevapett & the D. Collr's request to be informed what would be the probable effect of retaining all girls Schools in charge of Govt. grants-in-aid, irrespective of class