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20th November 1873.

No. 126. Read the following letter from R. RICE, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector of Coimbatore, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Coimbatore, — November 1873:—

I have the honour to submit a results grant bill, amounting to Rupees (93-12-0) ninety-three and Annas twelve, being the results grant certified to by the Deputy Inspector of Schools, North Coimbatore, and passed by the Director of Public Instruction, as payable to the Coimbatore Caste Girls' School. This bill is properly payable by the Coimbatore Municipal Commissioners, and it was accordingly submitted to them for payment, but returned with a letter, to the effect that, as their budget allotment for results grants for 1873-74 had already been used up, all but Rupees 15-6-2, they were unable to pay it; and I have, therefore, ventured to submit it to Government in the hope that they will be pleased to provide the amount.

2. The history of this school (which it may be thought desirable should be given) is briefly this:—

In May 1872 it came to my knowledge, that some native gentlemen were having their daughters educated privately. Seeing this, and thinking that by concentrating energies and forces better results might be attained and an impulse given to female education, I invited the parents of these girls, with the leading native gentlemen of the town, to confer with me on the practicability and expediency of establishing a school for caste girls. As might have been expected, some were for, and others against, the proposal.

It was determined, however, to open one as an experiment for one year, and a small enclosed verandah was hired for the purpose, and the school opened with the prospect of an attendance of about ten girls.

I am happy to say, however, that, once the project was started, the native community began to show a great interest in it, and within three months of its commencement the numbers on the roll rose from ten to fifty and sixty, necessitating the hiring of a larger and more commodious building. Here the school has been located for the last eight or nine months, but from the interest shown in its progress by the native gentlemen, and from their assurances that if it were transferred to a more commodious building and in a more central locality the numbers would be greatly increased, it was determined to purchase a building and adapt it to the purposes of a school. This was accordingly done at an expense of some 1,600 Rupees, which amount has been entirely subscribed by the native community, and a handsome building provided, to which it is proposed to transfer the girls in a few days.

3. Two masters are at present entertained on salaries of Rupees 10 and 7, respectively, which are paid by monthly subscriptions of natives interested in the progress of the institution; but, as this fund is a precarious one, I would beg Government, if possible, to assist us by an annual grant of, say, Rupees 300. This would render the payment of the masters' salaries certain, and would give the institution more of a permanent character.

4. I should have mentioned that fees are not at present charged, but it is proposed, after the transfer of the school to the new building, and further experience

of its popularity or otherwise with the people, to introduce fees on a reduced scale, the amount accruing from which will be devoted to payment of peon, contingencies, purchase of books, slates, &c., for the poorer pupils. I beg the favourable consideration of Government to the project.

No. 127. ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1873, No. 1693.

Referred to the President of the Coimbatore Municipality for report.

2. The case is so exceptional, and the effort so deserving of support, that the Government trust the Municipality will admit the claim, even though their budget allotment has been appropriated already. There can be little doubt that funds are available.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Coimbatore, with the bill.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Govt. of India Stamps.
FINANCIAL.

No.

The Principal Secretary to the
Municipal Commission,
Coimbatore.

Dated November 1873.

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Ans.

G.O. [illegible] 1873 No 1004.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 126 122.

Copy of a Letter from the Chief Assistant Collector, Coimbatore, forwarding Estimates for the Improvement of Lighting the Streets of Coimbatore, and requesting Grant of Sanction thereto.

Coimbatore
Novembre 1873

From

R. Rice Esquire,
Ag. Head Assistant & Collector of
Coimbatore.

To

The Hon: H. Maddison,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit a Results Grant Bill amounting to Rupees 93-12-0 (Ninety three rupees & twelve) being the Results Grant certified to by the Deputy Inspector of Schools North Coimbatore and passed by the Director of Public Instruction as payable to the Coimbatore Caste Girls School. This Bill is properly payable by the Coimbatore Municipal Commissioners and it was accordingly submitted to them for payment but returned with a letter to the effect that as their Budget allotment for Results Grants for 1873-1874 had

had already been used up, all but Rupees 15-6-2, they were unable to pay it and I have therefore undertaken to submit it to Government in the hope that they will be pleased to provide the amount.

The history of this school (which it may be thought desirable should be given) is briefly this.

In Oct^r 1872 it came to my knowledge that some native Gentlemen were having their daughters educated privately. Seeing this and thinking that by Concentrating energies and forces better results might be obtained and an impulse given to female education I invited the parents of these girls with the leading native Gentlemen of the town to confer with me on the practicability and expediency of establishing a school for these girls, & might have been expected, some were for and others against the

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It was determined, however, to open one as an experiment for one year, and a small enclosed verandah was selected for the purpose and the School opened with the five pupils of an attendance of about 10 girls.

Suffice it to say, however, that ever the project was started the native Community began to show a great interest in it and within 2 months of the commencement the numbers on the Roll rose from 10 to 50 and 60, necessitating the hiring of a larger and more commodious house.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

J. Sime
Esq. Secy. Govt. Bengal

Fol 1873 Dept

From
The Head Asst Collr
Coimbatore

To The Chief Secretary
to Government

Dated
Received 14 } November 1873

No 2098

Subject

Reports on the establishment of a Caste Girls School in Coimbatore and requests sanction for the payment of Rs 93-12-0 being the Results grant.

With ...

Minute 20 Nov 73 No 1693

Report of the President of the Com[illegible] [illegible] proposal. The case is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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The President M.C. Coimbatore
with the Bill

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Govt. of Madras.

Financial

To the Secretary Board of Revenue
Coimbatore

Dated Oct 20

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G.O. 20 Oct, 1873, No. 693

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Nos.

Coimbatore Collr. letter from the Asst. Collr. Coimbatore, requesting Sanction for the Lease No. 93 - Lingathe Reserve Farm on account of the Public School Institution Connected to the Presy. Exposition with a favorable recommendation