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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
19th December 1873.

No. 154. Read the following letter from H. SEWELL, Esq., Acting President of the Local Fund Boards, Cuddapah District, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cuddapah, 23rd October 1873, No. 411:—

I have the honour to submit the accompanying resolution of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board:—

"Proceedings of a Meeting of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board held at Cuddapah on October 16th, 1873.

Present.

H. Sewell, Esq., *Acting Collector and President.*
H. Fortey, Esq., M.A., *Inspector of Schools.*
A. J. B. Atkinson, Esq., *Vice-President.*
M. R. Ry. M. Iyasawmy Pillay Garoo, *Zillah Surgeon.*
" P. Dhond Row Garoo, *Tahsildar of Cuddapah.*
" Cazee Syed Monnadden Saib Garoo.

"Proposed by Mr. Atkinson and carried unanimously.—That the Government be moved to cancel so much of G.O., dated 20th October 1871, No. 591, as regards the sanctioning of results grants and countersigning bills on that account, and taking action in cases of fraud, &c., being performed by the Director of Public Instruction."

2. The matter is one of very considerable importance. It has been before this Board for sometime, has been considered in Committees, and the decision to submit the opinion of the members to Government was unanimous, all agreeing in the arguments detailed hereafter. I am to request your special notice to the fact that the Inspector of Schools concurred in the advisability of the change now advocated.

3. The subject is G.O., Financial Department, 20th October 1871, No. 591, declaring that the sanctioning of results grants to Local Fund Schools, as well as the countersignature of the bills for payment, is to continue as heretofore with the Director of Public Instruction, that officer also inquiring into and passing final orders on cases of fraud, irregularity, or dishonesty on the part of the Managers of Local Fund Pyal Results Grants Schools. The Board consider that the sanction of such payments should be with itself, and it is willing and desires to undertake the responsibility of making inquiries and passing such orders as may be necessary in cases of malversation.

4. The arguments adduced at the meeting above recorded were as follow:—

The Local Fund Board is the custodian of the Local Fund money, and "prima facie" the proper channel for sanctioning expenditure.—The present system is as follows:—An Inspecting Schoolmaster paid from Local Funds reports to the Deputy Inspector of Schools that a certain school in his range is ready for inspection, or the schoolmaster petitions the same officer to inspect his school with the view of his getting a results grant. The Deputy Inspector of Schools inspects and forwards a certifying memorandum to the Director of Public Instruction, who countersigns it. "The countersignature of the Director will be (is) the authority to the Treasury Officer (who has charge of the Local Fund) (that is the Collector not the President of the Local Fund Board) for the disbursement of the grant." The

G.O., 20th Oct. 1871, No. 591, paragraph 1.

money is thereupon paid to the Manager of the School, and the Local Fund Board has no knowledge of the schools recommended for results grants, their location, or number, except by the total "amount paid from time to time," which is "shown in the accounts (lump sum) submitted to the monthly meetings of the Board under Rule LXIX." G.O., dated 24th August 1871, No. 392, quoted by the Director of Public Instruction in his letter incorporated in G.O., 20th October 1871, No. 591, directing that the certifying memoranda for results grants after being countersigned by the Director of Public Instruction should be sent to the local bodies for payment is overruled by the latter Government Order quoted, which says that they are to be sent to the "Treasury Officer," that is the Collector. Under the present system, therefore, the Board is ignorant how the money it voted is spent. But if the sanction to the grant and the countersignature of the bills were vested in the Local Fund Board, it would be kept informed, as it considers it should be, of what was going on in the way of elementary education.

G.O., 20th Oct. 1871, No. 591, paragraph 1.

5. And this information would be supplemented by *the local knowledge which the members of the Local Fund Board possess of the taluqs and villages of the circle to which they appertain.* From the very composition of the Circle Boards it is obvious that the members possess local knowledge which nobody else can attain to; and it, therefore, follows that the Board holds a far greater preventive check than the Director of Public Instruction can possibly exercise. Although sanctioning the bills up to the budgeted amount for results grants the Board will be able to see that either a pet taluq or a pet town does not receive a greater share of the grant than it deserves; that the officers of the Educational Department do not concentrate all their efforts in cusbahs without due inspection of the outlying villages; and generally to check the administration of the educational grant.

6. Regarding the question of inquiry into cases of fraud, such as false statements regarding the length of time a boy has been in the school before its examination, false personation by a scholar from another school, incorrect entries, &c., the Board has at its disposal a more independent and far larger body of persons competent to inquire than the Director of Public Instruction has, and is as able to take as satisfactory action as he is. As a native member of the Board put it: "If the Director inquires he must do it through his Deputy and must take what his Deputy says as he can know nothing personally. Then who is to check the Deputy?"

7. A third argument adduced was that *the sanction and countersignature of the Board would enable the schoolmaster to get his money quicker than he does at present.* This is of great importance, as the quicker the return comes to repay the teacher's efforts, the greater is the confidence he feels in the educational scheme.

8. With these remarks I am to submit this question for the consideration of Government, in the hope that they will see fit to make such an alteration in the present system as will admit of the Circle Board sanctioning results grants and countersigning the bills for their payment in lieu of the Director of Public Instruction. A copy of each sanction will, of course, be sent to the Director of Public Instruction for his information.

No. 155. ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1873, No. 1850.

A copy of the above letter will be forwarded to the Board of Revenue, the Director of Public Instruction, and to all Presidents of Municipalities and Local Fund Boards for an *early* expression of their opinion on the advisability of the change of procedure therein advocated.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Presidents of all Municipalities.
" Presidents of all Local Fund Boards.

Exd. J. Wright.

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From
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Cuddapah Distt
To The Chief Secretary to
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Fort Saint George
No. 1967
Dated 23d October 1873.
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No 411

Submitting a resolution of the Board suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning results grants to Local Fund Schools and countersigning bills for the same.

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Local Fund and Municipal Schools.—Letter from the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning results grants to these schools and countersigning bills for the same, referred for opinion to the Revenue Board, the Director, and the Presidents of all Municipalities and Local Boards.

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Order thereon 19 Dec. 73 & 20 1850.

A Copy of the above letter will be forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction, and to all Presidents of Municipalities, and Local Fund Boards, for an early expression of their opinion on the advisability of the change of procedure therein advocated.

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Dated Decr 19.
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Local fund & Aund. Schools. Letter from the Cuddapah L.F. Bd. Sug. testing an alteration in the pre. sent System of Sanctioning results grants to these Schools & Counter signing bills for the same, re ferred to the Rev. Bd., the Dir. & the Presidents of all Local Bds
~~for opinion~~.