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Read the following papers:—

No. 40. From J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 22nd January 1874, No. 438 (Miscellaneous).

With reference to G.O., 19th December 1873, No. 1850, I am directed to state that the Board think Local Fund Boards should be empowered to sanction Results Grants and countersign the bills for such grants, provided that the sanction is immediately communicated to the Director of Public Instruction.

2. If the Director finds that the rules have been transgressed, or the scale for results grants departed from, he should report the matter to the Board of Revenue.

No. 41. From E. B. POWELL, Esq., M.A., C.S.I., Director of Public Instruction, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 29th January 1874, No. 140.

Adverting to the Order of Government in the Financial Department, No. 1850, dated the 19th ultimo, I have the honor to remark that, in my opinion, it would not be advisable to carry out the suggestion made by the Local Fund Board of the Cuddapah Circle.

2. I quite agree in the view that the Board ought not to be left in ignorance as to the way in which the money voted by it is spent; that it should be kept informed of what is going on in regard to elementary education; and that it is, or should be, in a better position than myself with respect to local knowledge. I am, therefore, prepared to acquiesce in any plan which would confine its action to the above points, without going further and conferring functions, not purely legitimate, on the Board.

3. I also agree that the Board's inquiry into cases of fraud and irregularity might, in *some instances*, be more complete and effectual than any I could institute; but any inquiry to be undertaken by the Board should apply only to cases with which I find myself unable to deal, and from my experience of the frauds already reported, I do not apprehend that instances of unusual difficulty will arise.

4. Thus, the plan which suggests itself to me, roughly sketched is—

(*a.*) That the Deputy Inspector and the Inspector (for the work of the latter will also be affected) who, it should be remembered, are members of the Board, and who certainly ought not to be made directly subordinate thereto, should be furnished with such information as the other members of the Board might possess, in order that they might distribute their attention over the whole Circle, or concentrate it temporarily on certain points therein.

(*b.*) That, after the examination of a Results School, the Inspector or Deputy Inspector should furnish the Board with a statement giving the names of the pupils passed, the standards according to which they were examined, and the heads under which they passed, and send the certifying memorandum, as usual, to the Director of Public Instruction.

(*c.*) That the Director of Public Instruction thereupon, if satisfied, should countersign and send the certifying memorandum to the Board for an order of payment.

(*d.*) That the Board, if it suspects fraud, or irregularity, or if it has other sufficient reasons for action, not based on the technical question of the education given in the school, might suspend payment of the grant.

(*e.*) That the Board should at once state the action taken by it to the Inspector, or Deputy Inspector for information, and to the Director of Public Instruction in order that he might adopt such steps as should seem called for.

(*f.*) That when the Director of Public Instruction receives from the Inspector, or the Deputy Inspector, a report of suspected fraud, or irregularity, he should either dispose of the case or send it to the Board for investigation.

5. On one point, however, the plan appears to me to be decidedly weak; and that is the extra delay which would arise in the payment of a grant against which no objection is forthcoming. The Board of course would be responsible for anything beyond ordinary delay; and, it is my opinion, that sitting only from time to time, generally once a month, as the Board does, *present* practice would be found far more expeditious.

6. Adverting to paragraph 5 of Mr. Sewell's letter, I must observe that it is quite possible for the theory of pet towns and pet taluqs, put forward by the Board, to cut equally in the opposite direction. Instances, I think, are not unknown in which individual members of deliberative bodies have energetically pressed forward favorite claims and theories calculated to benefit only a minority. Local knowledge is very well in its way, but local interest is not always an unmixed good.

7. A point which strikes me in connexion with Mr. Sewell's letter, is that the Cuddapah Circle Board may be so composed as to manifest exceptional interest in education, and be likely to exercise more labor and more care than other bodies.

8. But I have very serious objections to urge against the adoption entire, of the scheme of the Cuddapah Board; and I cannot help imagining that that body is under a mistake as to its proper functions. In my view it was intended to be very little more than a Financial assembly, certainly not one charged with the *direction* of education, though giving it such assistance as might be required. The function of directing education, I apprehend, is centred in myself and my Inspecting staff. It strikes me, therefore, that interference with the system in force is likely, unless the entire administrative policy in education is changed, to terminate in injurious consequences. I see, too, that Local Fund Boards are extremely numerous, that they necessarily entertain great variety of views, and that they cannot but differ in intelligence, interest, and activity.

9. Some of the evils which I foresee are—

(i.) That unity of action on the part of the Education Department and the Boards, which is so very desirable, would run the risk of being destroyed.

(ii.) That the duty of judging of the educational work of a school would not be confined as at present, and with a wholesome result, to a few professional authorities and, finally, to a single professional head.

(iii.) That schools might be transferred from the Lower to the Middle class and from Local to Provincial funds, without the knowledge or consent of the Education Department.

(iv.) That the Director of Public Instruction would thus be constrained into practically acting as a recorder of the decisions of the Boards, or into adopting the highly inconvenient procedure of entering protests.

(v.) That the decisions of the Director of Public Instruction regarding the transfer of schools from the Middle to the Lower class would run the risk of being set aside by Boards.

(vi.) That no guarantee would exist for the continuance of the system prescribed, while symptoms have shown themselves of an inclination towards diversity of view and practice.

(vii.) That the Inspecting staff of the Director of Public Instruction would, to a certain extent, be removed from his control and placed under that of the Boards.

10. The language moreover of the Cuddapah Board at the close of paragraph 5 seems to me not only vague but particularly unpromising. It does not at all appear clear within what limit the Board proposes to confine itself; but from the spirit which has manifested itself both at Cuddapah and elsewhere, I have little hesitation in saying that, if concession to the full extent suggested is now made, the line of demarcation between Financial and Educational functions will be obscured, and the spectacle will be witnessed sooner or later of separate Directors of Public Instruction in the shape of Boards sitting in the several Municipalities and Local Funds Circles of the Presidency.

11. It may be that such a system possesses a superiority over existing arrangements; if so, it would be beneficial perhaps to consider whether the present constitution of the Education Department might not undergo a sweeping modification. The steps which, under the circumstances, suggest themselves to me are—that the Office of Director of Public Instruction should be abolished; that as regards Government schools, the whole Inspecting staff should be placed directly under a Secretary to Government; and that, as regards all other schools, it should be placed under the Collectors of the several Districts of the Presidency, who are ex-officio Presidents of all Local Fund and Municipal Boards.

No. 42. From C. G. MASTER, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Ganjam, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Chicacole, 23rd January 1874, No. 282.

With reference to G.O., dated the 19th December 1873, No. 1850, Financial Department, asking opinion as to the suggestion of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board in regard to an alteration in the present system of sanctioning Results Grants to the Local Fund and Municipal Schools and countersigning bills for the same, I have the honor to state that I entirely agree with the views of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board and think the alterations suggested desirable.

No. 43. From W. S. FOSTER, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Godavery District, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Bhadrachallam, 20th March 1874.

I have the honor to forward the opinions of the Local Fund Boards and Municipal Commissions on the subject of sanctioning Results Grants to Local Fund and

Municipal Schools, in reply to the Proceedings of Government, Financial Department, No. 1850, December 19th, 1873.

2. The Vice-President of the Rajahmundry Municipal Commission approves of the objections raised by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board. He says "the Corporation that actually provides the funds should certainly be vested with the power of sanctioning and dispersing the same." He also thinks that the Commissioners would take more interest in the schools if they were invested with more authority, and that the Commissioners know the actual state and working of the schools more accurately than the Director of Public Instruction can.

3. The Commissioners passed the following resolution on February 18th, 1874:—

"Resolved that the Commissioners concurred with the opinion of the Vice-President."

4. The Ellore Municipal Commissioners "concurred unanimously in the resolution of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board."

5. The Ellore Local Fund Board arrived at the conclusion that any change in the present system is uncalled for.

6. The Vice-President at Ellore considers it will be sufficient if the Local Fund Boards had the power, when framing the annual budgets, to raise or lower the scale of payments, according as they are able to afford a larger or smaller total grant. He does not think that the members of Local Fund Boards have special knowledge better qualifying them to decide what grant should be given than the members of the Educational Department; the individual members only know the condition of a few schools, while the members of the Education Department have a knowledge, be it little or much, of all. But he does not think this last remark applies with so much force to the Municipal Boards, as to Local Fund Boards.

7. The Cocanada Local Fund Board passed the following resolution on January 21st, 1874:—

"Read G.O., dated the 19th December 1873, Financial Department, No. 1850, requesting opinion on the advisability of the change of procedure in sanctioning the Results Grants. Proposed by S. Venkata Gopalrow Naidugar that power should not be given to the Director of Public Instruction to inquire into cases of fraud and malversation, &c., and that he should however watch and give information of any such practices that come to his knowledge. Not carried.

"The Local Fund Board consider—

"(1.) That the Director of Public Instruction should not have the power of ordering expenditure from Local Funds without the sanction of the Local Fund Boards.

"(2.) That no grants should be made except on the recommendation of the Educational Department.

"(3.) That it should rest with the Educational Department to withhold such recommendation in cases of irregularity, &c.

"(4.) That in cases of fraud, malversation, &c., the Director of Public Instruction cannot have the disposal of the matter legally, this belonging to a Magistrate. The result of such irregularities can be duly reported to the Director and the Local Fund Board."

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8. The Cocanada Municipality also passed the following resolution on February 12th, 1874:—

"Read Proceedings of Madras Government, Nos. 154—155, dated the 19th December 1873, requesting the opinion of the Board in certain changes of procedure advocated in the management of Results Grants, &c.

"Resolved that the Government be informed that, in the opinion of the Board, the change suggested by the Acting Collector of Cuddapah is very advisable, but that this Board would not, so far as it concerns themselves, press the matter, as they are in a different position to some Boards as regards the custody of funds."

9. I will first consider the question of taking action in cases of fraud. It seems to me plain that it is the duty of every member both of the Educational Department and of the different Boards to bring to notice any case of fraud; it does not matter to whose notice he may bring it; if the Director of Public Instruction heard of it, he should be bound to communicate it to the President of the Board and *vice versâ*.

The only action that can be taken by either party will be either the prosecution of the offending person before a Magistrate, or the refusal to make the grant.

Either party could prosecute, and I think either party should be able to refuse the grant.

10. And now I come to the question of sanctioning these grants. I do not think that any Results Grants should be given, except on the usual bill countersigned by the Director of Public Instruction; but this countersignature should not be considered an order to the Board to pay this amount, but only as an intimation that the Rules of his Department justify the Director in recommending the grant.

11. It is for the Board to decide whether the funds at their disposal will allow any grant to be made; the Director cannot know this always; and it would be absurd to suppose that he should have the power of ordering a Board to pay 50 Rupees, when it has only got 20 Rupees.

12. I think, then, that no Results Grants should be given except on the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction. He should have the power of refusing any grant, and the Board (to whom such refusal should be invariably communicated, with the reason for it) should have no power to overrule this refusal; that in cases of fraud the Board should have the power of refusing grants, giving the Director the reasons for the refusal, but not being subject in this matter to the Director's control; that if the Board see no reason to suppose any fraud has been committed, it should be bound to give the grant recommended, if its funds will admit this; that the Boards should pay these grants at one time in each year, not at any time as they happen to be received from the Director; that at that time all the bills countersigned by the Director should be laid before it, and if there are sufficient funds, the Board should pay the whole; that if there are not enough funds, the amount of the budget grant should be divided among the different persons recommended in proportion to the amount recommended for each by the Director.

13. Copies of Messrs. Horsfall's and Pearse's letters are also enclosed.

From J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Vice-President of the Local Fund Board, Rajahmundary Circle, to W. S. FOSTER, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Godavery Circle, dated Sundarapalli, 24th February 1874, No. 75.

In reply to your foot-note to copy of Government Proceedings of the 19th December 1873, No. 1850, I have the honor to state that I approve of the objections raised by the Local Fund Board of Cuddapah to the present system, under which the Director of Public Instruction sanctions Result Grants, countersigns bills on account thereof, and takes action in cases of fraud, &c.

2. The Corporation that actually provides the funds should certainly be vested with the power of sanctioning and dispersing the same. The Municipal Commissioners are likely to take more interest in schools than they do at present when invested with more authority over them; and this will be met upon the part of the masters of schools by more regular attendance and more careful supervision. The opportunity for fraud on their part will be reduced by watchfulness on the part of the Commissioners whose knowledge of the actual condition and working of the schools must be more accurate than that obtained by the Director of Public Instruction through his subordinates.

3. Schoolmasters now complain very generally and with reason that their salaries are months in arrears owing at least in part to the sanction of the Director being required previous to disbursement.

4. I am aware that no provision has been made for schools in the Municipal Budget recently submitted to Government, but this does not affect the question, which is one of principle.

5. A copy of the resolution passed on the subject by the Commissioners is enclosed.

From E. L. PEARSE, Esq., Vice-President of the Local Fund Board, Ellore Circle, to W. S. FOSTER, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Godavery Circle, dated Ellore, 27th February 1874, No. 12.

The following is the resolution passed by the Ellore Local Fund Board on G.O., dated the 19th December 1873, No. 1850:—"The Board after weighing the matter carefully has arrived at the conclusion that any change in the present system is uncalled for."

2. I was myself unable to attend the meeting, so I sent my opinion to the presiding member in writing. It is in accordance with the resolution eventually passed by the Board. My grounds for this opinion are as follow (as stated in the memorandum which I sent to the Meeting):—

G.O., No. 1850, *dated the 19th December* 1873.

1. The question is in two parts (i) sanctioning of grants, (ii) dealing with frauds.

2. The arguments for Local Fund Boards having power in the first are—

1*st.*—*That the Board is the Custodian of the Money and "primâ facie" the proper Authority.*—I think it will be enough if Local Fund Boards have power, at the framing of their annual budgets, to raise or lower the scale of payments for the various classes and subjects, according as they are able to afford a larger or smaller total grant. That they should criticize the individual bills seems to me an impracticable plan.

2*nd.*—*That the Members have special Local Knowledge.*—This in the limited sense in which only the expression is true appears to me an argument against the proposal. One member knows one or two schools and another one or two; a few schools are known to several members, and many to none at all. The knowledge of the Board must be a very partial knowledge, and the Board therefore less likely to be a good judge between school and school than the Department, which has the same knowledge and care, be it little or much, of all.

3*rd.*—*The saving of Time.*—This is a valid argument, but I think it stands alone and is not alone sufficient. Perhaps time might be as well or better saved if the Inspector's signature were taken instead of the Director's.

3. The question of fraud divides itself into two parts—detection and punishment. The duty of detection must surely not be *taken out of* the hands of the Educational Officers to be put into

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those of the members. Every one, whatever body he belongs to, ought to bring to light a fraud he detects, and all men of both bodies ought to detect all the frauds they can. For punishment, the matter should be reported both to the Sanctioning Officer, for stoppage of the particular grant, and to the Board, for exclusion of the master's name from any future list of men to whom grants may be given. Perhaps it might as well be reported to the Magistrate too, as the Penal Code has something to say on the subject.

4. If the Board be authorized annually to make out its list of schools to which grants will be given, and to arrange its scale of grants according to the state of its finances (subject of course, as in other things, to Government), it will, I think, possess all the power that it can exercise better than or even as well as the Department.

5. I do not, therefore, concur in the resolution of the Cuddapah Board.

6. The Deputy Collector to whom I sent the above remarks has been so good as to annotate them, and I am happy to find that he cordially concurs in them all except paragraph 4. He also adds a further argument when he expresses his distaste for the unworthy spirit of distrust towards the higher officers of the Educational Department which an acquiescence in the proposal would seem to imply.

7. The Ellore Municipality has passed a resolution (of which I enclose a copy) in favor of the proposed change. It must be admitted that the knowledge and care of members of a Municipal Commission, with regard to the schools in their Municipality, is not likely to be so partial as those of members of a Local Fund Board with regard to schools in their Circle. But still I see no necessity for the change even here.

No. 44. From G. D. LEMAN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Kistna Circle, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Gudiwada, 6th April 1874, No. 596.

I have the honor to reply to G.O., No. 1850, dated the 19th December 1873, Financial Department.

2. The Masulipatam Local Fund Board think that the bills should be submitted through them, "as the present system of exhibiting Results Grants charges in a lump sum in the accounts, gives them no idea what schools and for what amounts grants have been made. They would also remark that the regulation of Local Fund expenditure falls within their province. If funds are not enough for all, the Board should have the power of selecting which school should receive the grant."

3. The Guntoor Local Fund Board and Municipality propose no alteration in the present system.

4. As far as the Municipalities are concerned it does not seem to me that any change is needed.

5. The certifying memoranda are laid before the Boards before payment; and they are in that way made acquainted with the names of the schools that have obtained them. The number of schools is so few that there is seldom any selection to be made; but if there is, the Commissioners have it in their power to make it.

6. The only change I do consider necessary is as regards the grants made from Local Funds; but only to this extent, that the Boards should be informed of the schools for which certifying memoranda have been sent in.

7. There are no pet towns or taluqs in this district that I know of; but it seems, if there are, that the Director of Public Instruction is quite as capable of seeing that the grant has been unfairly distributed as the Local Fund Board, and that he would most certainly listen to a remonstrance from the Board on the subject. I do not think that either he or the Board could *prevent* unfairness; and at the same time pay the grants as the memoranda are received, as it is not till all taluqs have been visited, that it can be said that the excess given to one taluq was wanted in another.

8. I cannot claim any special local knowledge for many of the members of either of the Local Fund Boards here.

9. In regard to inquiries about fraud, I think they may be safely left in the hands of the Director of Public Instruction. I fail to see why Deputies of his are not to be trusted to make a true report on the simple cases that come before them.

No. 45. From G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Nellore, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ongole, 22nd January 1874, No. 139.

Adverting to G.O., Financial Department, dated the 19th ultimo, No. 1850, I have the honor to state that the Municipal Commissioners of Nellore are not interested in the question, because they maintain only the schools they have established, and give no results grants. Where Results Grant Schools exist, the principle contended for by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board should be conceded.

No. 46. From G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Nellore Circle, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ongole, 22nd January 1874, No. 41.

Adverting to G.O., Financial Department, dated the 19th ultimo, No. 1850, I have the honor to state my opinion that the procedure in regard to Results Grants, advocated by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, is obviously more expedient and more correct than that at present obtaining.

2. There can be no doubt but that the Results Grant System is a most dangerous one to work, being liable at any time to degenerate, in the hands of needy and unscrupulous Deputy Inspectors, into a system of wholesale robbery of public funds.

3. Everything depends upon the personal honesty of the Deputy Inspector. In this Circle we are fortunate in having two thoroughly trustworthy men of that class, but I would certainly not extend general confidence to the sort of men ordinarily available for these appointments. The temptation to falsify returns and pocket large sums of money, with almost certain impunity, whether the control be with the Director of Public Instruction or with the Local Fund Board, is enormous, and I am satisfied that many Deputy Inspectors will not resist it. There is absolutely no check to be relied upon. The Deputy Inspector would have no difficulty in satisfying and silencing the master—the only other interested person—and no one else would consider it sufficiently his business or interest to complain even if he knew that cheating had taken place.

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4. With perfect integrity on the part of Deputy Inspectors, the Results Grant System is really very well adapted to the country, but the rock upon which it splits is the impossibility of confiding in the integrity of Deputy Inspectors in general.

5. The control at present exercised by the Director of Public Instruction is worthless, and that of most Local Fund Boards would be of slight value.

6. What I desire to guard all concerned against is believing that absence of complaint is valid evidence of the proper appropriation of public money by Deputy Inspectors in general. This sort of belief seems to be growing in popularity in the present day, but it is none the less groundless and dangerous.

No. 47. From W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddapah, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cuddapah, 24th February 1874, No. 167.

With reference to G.O., dated the 19th December 1873, No. 1850, I have the honor, at the desire of the Municipal Commissioners, to inform you that they consider that the alteration suggested by the President of the Local Fund Board, Cuddapah Circle, in the present system of sanctioning Results Grants to the Local Fund and Municipal Schools and of countersigning bills for the same, is desirable.

No. 48. From W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Cuddapah Circle, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Gurrumkondah, 13th March 1874, No. 175.

With reference to G.O., No. 1850, dated the 19th December 1873, I have the honor to submit an extract of the proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Madanapally Circle, dated the 17th February 1874, and to report that the members of the Madanapally Local Fund Board are unanimously in favor of the alterations suggested by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board.

PROCEEDINGS of the Local Fund Board Madanapally Circle, dated the 17th February 1874.

Present.

The Vice-President.
Mr. T. Ward, Apothecary in charge of Madanapally Dispensary.
Tahsildar of Madanapally.
M. R. Ry. N. Appa Row Garu.
,, Maloor Kistna Row Garu.
The Range Officer.

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Read G.O., No. 1850, dated the 19th December 1873, calling upon Local Fund Boards for their opinion regarding the advisability of changing the present system of the sanctioning of Result Grants and countersigning bills on that account and taking action in cases of fraud, &c., being performed by the Director of Public Instruction.

The Board are unanimously of opinion that the system should be changed, and that the Local Fund Board should be the medium through which all such matters should pass. At present the only information with which the Local Fund Board is furnished regarding the state of education in their Circle is to be derived from the annual report.

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No. 49. From H. SEWELL, Esq., Acting President of the Local Fund Boards, Bellary Circle, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Bellary, 27th March 1874, No. 76.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated the 19th December last, No. 1850, I have the honor to inform you that the Circle Boards are unanimous as to the advisability of the alteration proposed by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, that Educational Result Grant should in future be sanctioned by themselves, and not by the Director of Public Instruction as at present.

2. I have in my letter recorded in the above Proceedings expressed my views on this subject in extenso.

3. Copies of the resolutions passed by the Circle Boards are enclosed.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Bellary Circle, dated the 17th February 1874.

Present.

H. T. Ross, Esq., Vice-President, Assistant Collector.
J. G. Firth, Esq., Member, Tahsildar of Bellary.
D. Abraham, Esq. ,,
T. Coomaraswamy Iyer Garu, Member.
S. Karadappa Garu, do.

Resolution No. III.—Read G.O., No. 1850, dated the 19th December 1873, referring for opinion a resolution of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, in which they propose an alteration in the existing system of sanctioning Results Grant to pial schools and of countersigning bills therefor.

The Board are of opinion that the change of procedure proposed by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board is desirable.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. T. ROSS,
Vice-President.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Gooty Circle, at a Meeting held on the 16th of March 1874.

Resolution No. IX.—Read foot-note by the President appended to G.O., No. 1850, dated the 19th of December 1873, regarding the revision of the system of passing Village School Result Grants.

The Board are in favor of the change advocated by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board.

(Signed) C. J. CROSTHWAITE,
Vice-President.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Pennakondah Circle, held at Pennakondah on the 7th February 1874.

Present.

Y. Hanumuntha Row Garu, Tahsildar of Pennakondah ... ... Member.
D. Streenevas Row Garu, Deputy Tahsildar of Bukapatam ... ... Do.
Kuradi Sakrappah Garu ... ... Do.
Vahamiah Saib ... ... Do.

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2. Read G.O., No. 1850, of the 19th December 1873, forwarding for opinion the letter from the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning Result Grants to Local Fund and Municipal Schools and of countersigning bills for the same.

The Board concur in the views of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board and consider the alteration proposed in the above letter to be advisable.

(Signed) Y. HANUMUNTHA ROW,
Member of the Local Fund Board

Transferred to the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.

(Signed) J. GROSE,
30th *March* 1874. *Secretary.*

No. 50. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated the 21st February 1874, No. 1181 (Miscellaneous).

Read the following letter from J. HOPE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Kurnool Circle, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kurnool, 6th February 1874, No. 43:—

In reply to G.O., No. 1850, dated the 19th December 1873, referring, for the opinion of the Local Fund Boards, a letter from the Cuddapah Local Fund Board suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning Result Grants, I have the honor to state, for the information of Government, that this Local Board concur with the Cuddapah Local Fund Board in thinking that the Result Grants of Local and Municipal Schools should be passed by the Boards concerned.

Submitted to Government.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 51. From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards and Municipal Commissions, Chingleput, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Vardiapolliem, 23rd January 1874, No. 5.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, Financial Department, dated the 19th ultimo, No. 1850, I have the honor to state that I fully acquiesce in the arguments adduced by the Cuddapah Board, for altering the present system

of sanctioning Result Grants and countersigning bills for their payment. The change proposed seems calculated, in my opinion, to improve the administration of the Educational grant.

2. The subject will be brought before the Sydapet Circle Board at their next meeting, and I have requested the opinions of the Vice-Presidents of the Chingleput Board and the Conjeveram Municipality, and will communicate the result hereafter; but I answer now, as an "early" expression of opinion was ordered in the Proceedings under reply.

No. 52. From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Chingleput Circle, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Sydapet, 13th February 1874, No. 13.

In continuation of my letter of the 23rd ultimo, No. 5, I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, the enclosed resolution of the Sydapet Circle Board, who it will be seen fully approve of the change, advocated by the Cuddapah Board, in regard to the system of sanctioning Result Grants and countersigning bills for their payment.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Local Fund Board for the Sydapet Circle, dated the 2nd February 1874.

Present.

R. W. Barlow, Esq., President.
Shah Abbas Khan Sahib.
C. Nazmuddin Sahib.
V. Bashum Iyengar.

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6. Read G.O., dated the 19th December 1873, No. 1850, referring for opinion a letter from the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning Result Grants to the Local Fund and Municipal Schools, and countersigning bills for the same.

The Board are unanimously of opinion that the change advocated is one in the right direction, as tending to the better utilization of the Local Fund grants for education.

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No. 53. From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Chingleput, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Kakalore, 12th March 1874, No. 24.

In continuation of my letter of the 13th ultimo, No. 13, as President of the Local Fund Boards, I have the honor to forward an extract from the proceedings of the Municipal Board of Conjeveram, from which it will be observed that the Commissioners there are of the same opinion as the Sydapet Circle Board, and desire to sanction Result Grants themselves.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Conjeveram Municipal Commissioners, dated the 23rd February 1874.

Present.

V. Dorasawmy Iyer Avergal, Vice-President.
N. Kistna Row Garu, Commissioner.
V. Runga Row Garu, do.

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2. Read and discussed G.O., No. 1850, dated the 19th December 1873.

The Commissioners are of opinion that, in consequence of their close situation to the location of the schools in the Municipalities, they have by far the greater facilities of checking them than the members of the Local Fund Board, and that the arguments contained in the proceedings of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board applies a portion to the Municipal bodies.

Resolved, therefore, that the President be informed, in reply to his foot-note on the above proceedings, that the power of granting the result system bills should be entirely vested in the Commissioners.

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(True Extract.)
(Signed) V. DORASAWMY IYER,
Vice-President.

No. 54. From W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, North Arcot Circle, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ranepett, 28th March 1874, No. 24.

Adverting to the Proceedings of Government in the Financial Department, No. 1850, dated the 19th December 1873, calling on the Local Fund Boards for an expression of their opinion as to the advisability of the change of procedure advocated by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, respecting the sanctioning of Result Grants, I have the honor to inform you that the members of the Chittoor Local Fund Board, at a meeting held on the 17th ultimo, expressed their unanimous opinion that the proposal of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board is a very salutary one. They observed that, by the proposed measure, their local knowledge could be brought to bear upon the operations of the Inspecting Schoolmasters and Deputy Inspectors as to whether outlying villages receive their due share of attention or not; that they would be more able to detect and inquire into cases of fraud than the Director of Public Instruction; and that, lastly, schoolmasters would receive their grants speedily.

No. 55. From W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, North Arcot, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Palmanair, 16th April 1874, No. 27.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 1850, dated the 19th December last, and in continuation of my letter, No. 24, of the 28th ultimo, I have the honor to state that the Municipalities of Vellore and Wallajapet are unanimously of opinion that the change, advocated by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board in the present system of sanctioning Result Grants to Local Fund and Municipal Schools, is desirable in order that the Board may have a real control over the money which it spends on educational purposes.

No. 56. From J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot Circle, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cuddalore, 4th February 1874, No. 10.

Adverting to the Proceedings of Government, Financial Department, dated the 19th December last, No. 1850, I have the honor to submit, herewith, copies of the resolutions passed by the Cuddalore and Vridachellam Local Fund Boards in regard to the proposed alteration in the present system of sanctioning Result Grants to Local Fund Schools.

At a Meeting of the Local Fund Board, Vridachellam Circle, held on the 26th January 1874, at Vridachellum.

Present.

F. R. H. Sharp, Esq., Vice-President.
M. R. Ry. Parthasarathy Iyengar, Tahsildar of Vridachellam.
,, Appiah Sastri, Deputy Inspector of Schools.
,, Nataraja Pillai.
,, Venkatasubba Reddiar.
,, Ayakannu Pillai.
,, Kristnasamy Odiyar.
,, Patel Mahomed Nynar Merkair.

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Read Government Proceedings, No. 1850, dated the 19th December last, Financial Department.

11. The Board fully approve of the alteration proposed by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board in the present system of sanctioning Result Grants and countersigning bills in connexion with Result Schools.

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(Signed) F. R. H. SHARP,
Vice-President.

At a Meeting of the Local Fund Board, Cuddalore Circle, held at Cuddalore on the 28th January 1874.

Present.

J. H. Garstin, Esq., President.
A. L. Lister, Esq., Head Assistant Collector.
G. E. Wiffen, Esq., Officer in charge of No. 1 Range.
M. R. Ry. C. Sree Baliah, Deputy Collector on General duty.
,, P. Varadachary, Treasury Deputy Collector.
,, Othiathoor Krishna Row.
,, Lakshmana Reddiar.
,, C. Eliathambi Pillai, Deputy Inspector of Schools.

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Read G.O., Financial Department, dated the 19th December 1873, No. 1850, referring for the opinion of Presidents of the several Local Fund Boards a suggestion of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board regarding an alteration in the present system of sanctioning Result Grants to Local Fund Schools.

9. The Board are unanimously of opinion that it is very desirable that the change advocated should be introduced.

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No. 57. From H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddalore, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cuddalore, 22nd January 1874, No. 16.

I have the honor to annex copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Commissioners held on the 20th instant, wherein they express their opinion regarding the alteration proposed by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board in regard to the present system of payment of Result Grant to Lower-class Schools:—

"Read Proceedings of Government, dated the 19th December 1873, No. 1850, inviting an expression of opinion of the Commissioners on a letter from the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, suggesting an alteration on the present system of sanctioning Result Grants to Lower-class Schools, and countersigning bills for the same.

"Elayathumbi Pillai is of opinion that the views of the Inspector of the Division be obtained on the matter. The other members present are of opinion that the alteration proposed by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board is most salutary, and is calculated to promote the success of the elementary schools in the Municipality, and they accordingly recommend the alteration being carried out."

No. 58. From J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Trichinopoly Circle, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Trichinopoly, 3rd February 1874, No. 7.

Adverting to G.O., No. 1850, dated the 19th December 1873, I have the honor to enclose an extract from the proceedings of the Local Fund Board, at a meeting held on the 28th January 1874, from which you will observe that the Local Fund Board of this Circle unanimously concur with the Cuddapah Local Fund Board regarding the alteration in the present system of sanctioning Result Grants, and suggest in addition that all certifying memoranda should be submitted to the Local Fund Board *through the Inspector of Schools*, so as to avail themselves of his personal knowledge of the circumstances of each school.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board at a Meeting held on the 28th January 1874.

Present.

J. B. Pennington, Esq., President.
L. Moore, Esq., Vice-President.

Official Members.

J. Bradshaw, Esq., M.A., Inspector of Schools, 4th Division.
M. R. Ry. T. Pattahberam Pillai Garu.

Non-official Members.

M. R. Ry. P. Venketsawmy Naidu Garu.
,, M. Subbaroyer Avergul.
,, N. Subramania Iyer Avergul.
,, Harri Row Garu.
,, Iya Pillai Garu.

VII. Read G.O., No. 1850, dated the 19th December 1873, referring for opinion the letter from the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning Result Grants to schools and countersigning bills for the same.

The Board unanimously concur with the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, and would only suggest that all certifying memoranda should be submitted to the Local Fund Board, *through the Inspector of Schools*, for any remarks he may have to offer.

No. 59. From J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Trichinopoly, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Trichinopoly, 23rd April 1874, No. 87.

Adverting to G.O., No. 1850, dated the 19th December 1873, referring for opinion the letter from the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning Result Grants to schools and countersigning bills for the same, I have the honor to state that the Commissioners of this Municipality agree with the Local Fund Board of this Circle, a copy of whose resolution I have herein enclosed for convenience of reference.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board at a Meeting held on the 28th January 1874.

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7. Read G.O., No. 1850, dated the 19th December 1873, referring for opinion the letter from the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning Result Grants to schools and countersigning bills for the same.

The Board unanimously concur with the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, and would only suggest that all certifying memoranda should be submitted to the Local Fund Board, *through the Inspector of Schools*, for any remarks he may have to offer.

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No. 60. From J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Trichinopoly, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Srirangam, 19th February 1874, No. 73.

Adverting to G.O., No. 1850, dated the 19th of December last, I have the honor to submit the accompanying extract from the proceedings of the Commissioners, expressing their opinion that the change advocated by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board in the procedure at present in force, in sanctioning Result Grants to schools and countersigning bills on that account, is very desirable.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Commissioners for the Town of Srirangam at the Meeting held on the 23rd of January 1874.

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Read G.O., No. 1850, dated the 19th December 1873, calling for an expression of the opinion of the Presidents of Municipalities as to the advisability of the change advocated by the Local Fund Board, Cuddapah, in the procedure at present in force in sanctioning Result Grants to schools and countersigning bills on that account.

The change advocated was long felt by the Commissioners to be a great desideratum, inasmuch as they found themselves left much in the dark on that portion of municipal expenditure which they

voted on account of elementary education. The Commissioners have further felt themselves unwilling to enter into any scrutiny or call in question bills prepared and passed by a distinct Department and countersigned by its Controlling Head in accordance with a system prevailing throughout the Presidency; they fully endorse the views expressed by the Local Fund Board, and wish for early sanction to introduce the change sought for.

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No. 61. From W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura Circle, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madura, 26th January 1874, No. 11.

With reference to the Order of Government in the Financial Department, dated the 19th December 1873, No. 1850, I have the honor to enclose copy of a resolution passed by the Dindigul Circle Board, in which they express their opinion that the duty of sanctioning Result Grants, taking action in cases of frauds, &c., should be transferred to them. Considerable difference of opinion exists on this question, and the Madura Circle Board have not recorded a formal resolution though the matter has been discussed by them at one meeting.

2. My own opinion is that too much must not be expected from the Local Fund Boards in this District. All the working members are busy men with much business of their own to attend to, and they cannot undertake to supervise the whole elementary education of the country. At the same time they must have more local knowledge than the Director of Public Instruction, and I would gladly see them empowered to sanction Result Grants and to take action in cases of fraud, &c., provided it be distinctly understood that the responsibility of the Educational Department is in no way weakened.

3. Too much reliance must not be placed on the local knowledge which the members of the Local Fund Boards possess of the taluqs and villages of the Circle. Each member knows a village or two, but the working members are those who have European ideas. Such persons are chiefly found in large towns, and if I say that rural districts are not represented at the Board Meetings, I do not think I can be contradicted. I would use whatever energy and local knowledge these Boards possess, but I would not imagine that sanitation, vaccination, elementary education, and such matters can all be provided for simply by holding the Local Boards responsible for them.

Proceedings, No. 5 of 1874, of the Local Fund Board, Dindigul Circle.

Read G.O., No. 1850, of the 19th December, 1873, Financial Department, submitted for an expression of the Board's opinion.

A majority of the Board are of opinion that it is desirable that the Board, instead of the Director of Public Instruction, should have the power of sanctioning Result Grants to schools, countersigning bills and taking action in cases of fraud, &c., as recommended by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board. They consider that it will vastly improve the supervising agency over the schools by associating with the Inspector of Schools the whole strength and local knowledge of the Board, and they are unable to see why the arrangement should lead to any interference with the ordinary working of the Educational Department more than their existing control interferes with the action of the Department of Public Works.

Transferred to the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, with reference to G.O., 19th December 1873, No. 1850.

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

30*th January* 1874.

No. 62. From R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Tinnevelly Circle, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Tinnevelly, 11th February 1874, No. 96.

With reference to G.O., No. 1850, dated the 19th December 1873, I have the honor to inform you that I quite concur with the opinions expressed by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board as to the advisability of transferring to the Local Fund Boards the duty of sanctioning grants and transacting other business connected with the result system in education.

2. Under the existing rules the connexion of the Local Fund Board with schools which have been placed on the result system is limited to entering in the annual budget a lump sum for Result Grants. The Local Fund Boards are ignorant of the number, character, and standard of the schools that are to be examined, and have no power to encourage schools in neglected parts of the district by giving them the preference, if lack of funds prevents the claims of all from being met, but have merely to pay the sanctioned bills in the order in which they are received until the whole allotment is exhausted.

3. The working of the present system may be illustrated by the actual state of affairs in the Tinnevelly Circle. Out of the total allotment for education, the sum of Rupees 10,410 (being the whole amount available to meet the bills of the curren year) has already been expended in Result Grants for 222 schools. Bills lately received, amounting to Rupees 2,271 for thirty-nine schools, have been disallowed for want of funds, and cannot be paid till next official year, and other bills are steadily coming in, and payment must in like manner be deferred.

4. No less than Rupees 8,764 out of the total amount thus paid or payable, are absorbed by 162 schools in the Tenkarei Taluq alone, leaving only Rupees 3,917—or little more than a third of the whole allotment—for distribution over the remaining five taluqs of the Circle.

5. With every desire to effect a general diffusion of education over the district, the Local Fund Board are at present powerless to do so, and the proposed alterations, though in the right direction, seem inadequate to effect a thoroughly satisfactory change.

6. The educational inequality which has been developed in this district, seems to require a much greater modification of the rules than has been proposed by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board. When lower-class education has attained a state so flourishing as that of the Tenkarei Taluq, it can well afford to dispense with some of the assistance which was needed in its earlier stages, and which is now essential to the progress of less favoured parts of the district.

7. This might be effected by regarding the present rates of Result Grants as the *maximum* (*vide* schedule annexed), and by permitting the Local Fund Board

to make such a reduction, as the condition of education in any particular village, town or taluq, might show to be expedient:—

SCHEDULE B.

Grants to Pupils passed under the several Standards.

	Vernacular.						English or Extra Language.			
	1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	
	Reading.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Grammar.	Geography.	Total Rupees.	Reading.	Writing.	Grammar.	Total Rupees.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1st Standard	1	½	1	...	...	2½	...	...	...	...
2nd do.	1½	1	1½	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
3rd do.	2	1	2	1	½	6½	2	1	...	3
4th do.	3	1	3	1½	1½	10	3	1¼	1½	6

8. Until the close of the official year, the total amount required for Result Grants during the year remains unknown, but it is already clear that, with the present rates for Result Grants, even moderate progress in education throughout the district would impose on the Local Funds a strain they would be unable to bear.

9. I have taken the opportunity to consult with Mr. Marden, the Inspector of Schools for this Division, who is now on a tour through the district, and have given expression to views with which he coincides.

No. 63. From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board and Municipalities, Coimbatore, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Bhowany, 19th January 1874, No. 1.

In reply to Proceedings, Madras Government, Financial Department, 19th December 1873, No. 1850, I have the honor to state that the suggestion of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, in regard to the proposed check on Result Grants to primary schools supported by the local taxation, is likely to have a good effect, both as a superior check in itself, and also in conferring interest and actual responsibility on the members of the Local Fund Board in regard to such elementary schools.

2. Division Officers who are all members of the Local Fund Board will feel a personal responsibility in the matter of elementary education, and their example will react on the Taluq Revenue Officers whose interest in the subject is to be desired.

3. I am not aware of any fraud having occurred in passing schools for Result Grants; but one of the Deputy Inspectors was of opinion that it was possible under the present system.

4. Further it will lead to a better distribution of funds. One of the taluqs, Colligal, had never been visited by an Educational Officer, till I brought the same to notice.

5. And some Rate Schools (now transferred to Local Funds) had been allowed to dwindle to the verge of extinction, which would not have happened if the check and responsibility had been a local one.

No. 64. From J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., President, of the Municipal Commission, Nilgiris, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 23rd February 1874, No. 10.

I have the honor to submit a resolution passed by the Municipal Commissioners of Ootacamund at a meeting held on the 31st January in the current year at which I was present :—

"Read again G.O., 19th December 1873, No. 1850—Local Fund and Municipal Schools. Letter from the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning Result 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.

"The Commissioners are of opinion that the present practice of submitting bills to the Director of Public Instruction for countersignature serves no useful purpose. They would authorize all Municipal Commissions to pay on their discretion on the signature of the Inspector or Deputy Inspector of Schools alone, but they consider in all cases where grants are so required, a copy of the report of the Inspector or Deputy Inspector in the school concerned should be submitted to the Municipal Commissioners."

2. The Commissioners of Coonoor think that Municipal bodies should have the power to check bills and sanction expenditure from Municipal Funds.

No. 65. From J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Nilgiri Circle, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 28th February 1874, No. 6.

With reference to G.O., 19th December 1873, No. 1850, referring for opinion of Presidents of Local Fund Boards, letter from the President of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning Result Grants to Local Fund Schools and countersigning bills for the same, I have the honor to submit the following resolution of the Nilgiri Local Fund Board :—

"The Board consider that the powers referred to in the above Proceedings and now exercised by the Director of Public Instruction might advantageously be transferred to the Local Fund Board."

Transferred to the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

4th March 1874.

No. 66. From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commissions, Salem, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Salem, 27th February 1874, No. 142.

In acknowledging receipt of G.O., No. 1850, dated the 9th December 1873, I have the honor to inform you that the Commissioners express their concurrence in the views put forward by the Cuppapah Local Fund Board, and are of opinion that the intervention of the Director of Public Instruction in the matters of the payment of the Result Grants, and in that of inquiry into cases of fraud, &c., is unnecessary.

No. 67. From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting President of the Local Fund Board, Salem Circle, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Salem, 10th March 1874, No. 246.

With reference to G.O., No. 1850, dated the 19th December 1873, calling upon the Presidents of Local Fund Boards for an expression of their opinions on the proposition of the Local Fund Board of the Cuddapah Circle suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning Result Grants to Lower-class Schools and countersigning bills for the same, I have the honor to inform you that the Local Fund Board of the Salem Circle are in favor of the change proposed.

2. A copy of their resolution on the subject is enclosed for the information of Government.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings, of the Local Fund Board, Salem Circle, dated the 27th February 1874.

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Present.

The Acting President.
,, ,, Vice-President.
,, Zillah Surgeon
,, Tahsildar of Salem.

(Present 4 ; absent 20.)

Read G.O., No. 1850, dated the 19th December 1873, communicating to Presidents of Local Fund Boards for an expression of their opinions the proposition of the Local Fund Board of the Cuddapah Circle, suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning Result Grants to Lower-class Schools and countersigning bills for the same.

2. Resolved that this Board fully concurs in the opinions expressed by the Cuddaph Circle Local Fund Board.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. JOHNSTON,
Acting Vice-President.

No. 68. From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting President of the Local Fund Boards, Salem Circle, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Salem, 31st March 1874, No. 334.

I have the honor, in continuation of my letter, No. 246, dated the 10th instant, to forward, herewith, a copy of a resolution of the Local Fund Board of the Oossoor Circle of this District, passed at their meeting held on the 20th idem, from which it will be observed that they are also in favor of the change of system proposed by the Local Fund Board of the Cuddapah Circle.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Oossoor Circle, dated the 20th March 1874.

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Members present.

F. Wilkinson, Esq., Acting Vice-President.
C. Thanikachella Mudaliar, Salem Subdivision Sheristadar.
S. R. Subbaraya Iyer, Deputy Inspector of Schools, Oossoor Circle.
Honorary Assistant-Surgeon S. Wells, M.D.
Thother Subba Chetty Garu.
Nanyappen.

Read G.O., Financial Department, No. 1850, dated the 19th December 1873, referring a letter from the Cuddapah Local Fund Board who suggest an alteration in the present system of sanctioning Result Grants to the Local Fund and Municipal Schools, and countersigning bills for the same.

2. The Board are unanimously in favor of the change of procedure advocated by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. JOHNSTON,
Acting Vice-President,
Salem Circle.

SALEM,
31*st March* 1874.

No. 69. From H. S. THOMAS, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Mangalore, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Mangalore, 6th February 1874, No. 27.

With reference to G.O., No. 1850, dated the 19th December 1873, I have the honor to forward, herewith, an extract from the proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners held on the 4th February 1874, for the information of Government.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners held on the 4th February 1874.

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IX. Read Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, dated the 19th December 1873, No. 1850, referring for opinion, to the Revenue Board, the Director of Public Instruction, and all Local and Municipal Boards, a letter from the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning Result Grants to the Local Fund and Municipal Schools, and countersigning bills for the same.

Resolved that the Government be informed that the Commissioners unanimously agree with the views expressed by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board in their letter above referred to.

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No. 70. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated the 2nd March 1874, No. 455.

Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Canara Circle, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 4th February 1874, No. 57 :—

ADVERTING to the marginally-noted Orders of Government, I have the honor to submit copies of the resolutions passed by this Board on the 2nd instant, recording their opinions on the three subjects referred to them for consideration.

1. G.O., Financial Department, 9th October 1873, No. 1055, referring for opinion the question of the detailed supervision over the staff of vaccinators being entrusted to Local Fund Boards.
2. G.O., Financial Department, 19th December 1873, No. 1850, referring for opinion a letter from the Cuddapah Board, suggesting a modification of the present system of sanctioning Result Grants.
3. G.O., Financial Department, 4th November 1873, No. 1611, requesting opinion with regard to establishing a fixed scale of fees for the services rendered by Hospital Assistants to out-patients at their own houses.

Extracts from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Canara Circle.

Present.

H. S. Thomas, Esq., President.
A. C. Lawford, Esq., Officiating District Engineer.
B. C. Leggatt. Esq., Treasury Deputy Collector.
E. H. Pringle, Esq. Executive Engineer.
Mr. S. S. Mascarenhas, Honorary Secretary.
M. R. Ry. K. Santappa, Deputy Inspector of Schools.
Dr. D. McAllum, Civil Surgeon.

Read Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, dated 9th October 1873, No. 1055, referring the question of the detailed supervision over the vaccinators, &c., being entrusted to Local Fund Boards, for the consideration of those bodies, and calling for a report on the subject through the Board of Revenue.

This Board do not think they have the means of making a detailed supervision of work superior to or so good as that of the present professional head of the Vaccine Department, and that as regards the Result Grant proposal, they think it would be impracticable as well as unfair to make the vaccinators pay dependent on the chances of local prejudice.

2. Read Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, dated 19th December 1873, No. 1850, referring for opinion to the Revenue Board, the Director of Public Instruction, and all Local and Municipal Boards, a letter from the Cuddapah Local Fund Board suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning Result Grants from the Local and Municipal Funds.

The Board concur with the Cuddapah Board. They would, for expedition sake, depute the sanctioning of the Result Grants to the President, who will lay before the Local Fund Board the accounts and questionable cases, as well as frauds.

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4. Read Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, dated 4th November 1873, No. 1611, requesting the opinion of Local and Municipal Boards with regard to establishing a fixed scale of fees to be paid for medical or surgical service rendered to out-patients at their own houses by the subordinate medical officer attached to the Hospitals and Dispensaries under the control of these Boards.

Read also letter, No. 9, dated 18th January 1874, from the Civil Surgeon of Mangalore, expressing his opinion on the subject in reply to the Board's reference, dated 1st December 1873.

Read also the President's remarks on Dr. McAllum's letter.

The Board are unanimous that the proposed rate of 8 Annas a visit, would be too low. The majority are in favor of fixed rates of remuneration and would place them at Rupee 1 a visit by day, Rupees 2 at night, and Rupees 3 on a wet night on this coast, at houses within the immediate charge of the Hospital Assistants summoned. The rate beyond their charge should be left open, no Hospital Assistant being bound to attend beyond his charge.

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SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the second and third orders quoted by the President.

2. The opinion of the Local Fund Board on the subject of Controlling Vaccinators will be noticed in disposing of the general subject.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 71. ORDER THEREON, 7th July 1874, No. 1120.

The Government consider that the existing practice requires modification only to the extent suggested by the Director of Public Instruction, viz., that the countersigned certifying memoranda should be sent to the President of the Local Fund Board or Municipality concerned, instead of to the Treasury Officer. It will then be open to the Local Board to order payment forthwith, or to hold it in abeyance, pending any further inquiry they may deem necessary in cases of suspected fraud or irregularities, but payment of a countersigned memorandum must not be finally withheld except with the concurrence of the Director of Public Instruction.

2. In G.O., dated 20th October 1871, it was pointed out that the certifying officers must regulate their proceedings by the limit of the budget allotment; and in G.O., dated 8th November 1873, No. 1626, the Government have recognised the right of Local Boards to put a limit on the number of schools which shall be allowed to place themselves under inspection. The Educational Officers must, therefore, take care that no certifying memorandum is issued on account of a school which has not been recognised by the Local Boards under the provisions of the order last quoted, while the Local Boards on the other hand will remember that it is a matter of the greatest importance that there should be a frank and full communication and understanding between them and the Educational Officers in the matter of the selection of the schools to be inspected, and no school once admitted should be excluded by the Board without the concurrence of the Director of Public Instruction.

3. Mr. Puckle's letter will be forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction with a view to his giving his opinion on the proposals made in paragraphs 6

and 7, when submitting his recommendations for the revision of the Result Grant Rules.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. Wright.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Revenue Board office

Madras 22d January 1874

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Miscellaneous No. 438.

From

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department

Sir,

With reference to Government Order 19th December 1873 No. 1850, I am directed to state that the Board think Local Fund Boards should be empowered to sanction Results Grants and countersign the Bills for such Grants, provided that the sanction is immediately communicated to

Govt. of 1874 Madras

FINANCIAL.

To

The BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c.,

Dated July 7th.

Read

G.O., 7th July 1874, No. 1120.

JULY.
Nos. 40—71.

Local Fund and Municipal Schools.—The present system of sanctioning Result Grants to these schools must consequently fall for the most part modified to the extent that the countersignature certifying memoranda should be sent to the President of the Local Fund Board or Municipality concerned instead of to the Treasury Officer.

to the Director of Public Instruction.

If the Director finds that the Rules have been transgressed or the scale for Results Grants de-parted from, he should report the matter to the Board of Revenue.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servants.

J Grose
Secretary.

To The Chief Secretary to
Government
Financial Department.

D. A. Murphy
Col. J. Sadleir

No. 140.

From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

Adverting to the Order of Government in the Financial Department, No. 1850, dated the 19th ultimo, I have the honor to remark that, in my opinion, it would not be advisable to carry out the suggestion made by the Local Fund Board of the Cuddapah Circle.

2. I quite agree in the view that the Board ought not to be left in ignorance as to the way in which the money voted by it is spent; that it should be kept informed of what is going on in regard to elementary education; and that it is, or should be, in a better position than myself with respect to local knowledge. I am therefore prepared to acquiesce in any plan which would confine its action to the above points, without going further and conferring functions, not purely legitimate, on the Board.

3. I also agree that the Board's enquiry into cases of fraud and irregularity might, in *some instances*, be more complete and effectual than any I could institute; but any enquiry to be undertaken by the Board should apply only to cases with which I find myself unable to deal, and from my experience of the frauds already reported, I do not apprehend that instances of unusual difficulty will arise.

4. Thus, the plan which suggests itself to me, roughly sketched is :—

(*a.*) That the Deputy Inspector and the Inspector (for the work of the latter will also be affected) who, it should be remembered, are members of the Board, and who certainly ought not to be made directly subordinate thereto, should be furnished with such information as the other members of the Board might possess, in order that they might distribute their attention over the whole Circle, or concentrate it temporarily on certain points therein.

(*b.*) That, after the examination of a Results' School, the Inspector or Deputy Inspector should furnish the Board with a Statement giving the names of the pupils passed, the standards according to which they were examined, and the heads under which they passed, and send the Certifying Memo. as usual, to the Director of Public Instruction.

(*c.*) That the Director of Public Instruction thereupon, if satisfied, should countersign and send the Certifying Memo. to the Board for an order of payment.

(*d.*) That the Board, if it suspects fraud, or irregularity, or if it has other sufficient reasons for action, not based on the technical question of the education given in the school, might suspend payment of the grant.

(*e.*) That the Board should at once state the action taken by it to the Inspector, or Deputy Inspector for information, and to the Director of Public Instruction in order that he might adopt such steps as should seem called for.

(*f.*) That when the Director of Public Instruction receives from the Inspector, or the Deputy Inspector, a report of suspected fraud, or irregularity, he should either dispose of the case or send it to the Board for investigation.

5. On one point, however, the plan appears to me to be decidedly weak; and that is the extra delay which would arise in the payment of a grant against which no objection is forthcoming. The Board of course would be responsible for any thing beyond ordinary delay; and, it is my opinion, that sitting only from time to time, generally once a month, as the Board does, *present* practice would be found far more expeditious.

6. Adverting to para. 5. of Mr Sewell's letter, I must observe, that it is quite possible for the theory of pet towns and pet taluqs, put forward by the Board, to cut equally in the opposite direction. Instances, I think, are not unknown in which individual members of deliberative bodies, have energetically pressed forward favourite claims and theories calculated to benefit only a minority. Local knowledge is very well in its way, but local interest is not always an unmixed good.

7. A point which strikes me in connexion with Mr. Sewell's letter, is that the Cuddapah Circle Board may be so composed as to manifest exceptional interest in education, and be likely to exercise more labor and more care than other bodies.

8. But I have very serious objections to urge against the adoption entire, of the scheme of the Cuddapah Board ; and I cannot help imagining that that body is under a mistake as to its proper functions. In my view it was intended to be very little more than a Financial assembly, certainly not one charged with the *direction* of education, though giving it such assistance as might be required. The function of directing education, I apprehend, is centred in myself and my Inspecting staff. It strikes me therefore that interference with the system in force is likely, unless the entire administrative policy in education is changed, to terminate in injurious consequences. I see, too, that Local Fund Boards are extremely numerous, that they necessarily entertain great variety of views, and that they cannot but differ in intelligence, interest and activity.

9. Some of the evils which I foresee are :—

(i.) That unity of action on the part of the Education Department and the Boards which is so very desirable, would run the risk of being destroyed.

(ii.) That the duty of judging of the Educational work of a school would not be confined as at present, and with a wholesome result, to a few professional authorities and finally, to a single professional head.

(iii.) That schools might be transferred from the Lower to the Middle class and from Local to Provincial funds, without the knowledge, or consent of the Education Department.

(iv.) That the Director of Public Instruction would thus be constrained into practically acting as a Recorder of the decisions of the Boards, or into adopting the highly inconvenient procedure of entering protests.

(v.) That the decisions of the Director of Public Instruction regarding the transfer of schools from the Middle to the Lower class would run the risk of being set aside by Boards.

(vi.) That no guarantee would exist for the continuance of the system prescribed, while symptoms have shown themselves of an inclination towards diversity of view and practice.

(vii.) That the Inspecting staff of the Director of Public Instruction would, to a certain extent, be removed from his control and placed under that of the Boards.

10. The language moreover of the Cuddapah Board at the close of para. 5 seems to me not only vague but particularly unpromising. It does not at all appear clear within what limit the Board proposes to confine itself ; but from the spirit which has manifested itself both at Cuddapah and elsewhere, I have little hesitation in saying that, if concession to the full extent suggested is now made, the line of demarcation between Financial and Educational functions will be obscured, and the spectacle will be witnessed sooner or later of separate Directors of Public Instruction in the shape of Boards sitting in the several Municipalities and Local Funds Circles of the Presidency.

11. It may be that such a system possesses a superiority over existing arrangements ; if so, it would be beneficial perhaps to consider whether the present constitution of the Education Department might not undergo a sweeping modification. The steps which,

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under the circumstances, suggest themselves to me are ;—that the Office of Director of Public Instruction should be abolished ; that as regards Government schools, the whole Inspecting staff should be placed directly under a Secretary to Government ; and that, as regards all other schools, it should be placed under the Collectors of the several Districts of the Presidency, who are ex-officio Presidents of all Local Fund and Municipal Boards.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
MADRAS, 29*th January* 1874.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

E B Powell

Director of Public Instruction.

No. 282. 85 4

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From,

The President of the
Local Fund Boards, Ganjam

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Dated Camp Chicacole the 23d day of
January 1874.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. dated 19th December 1873 No. 1850 Financial Department asking opinion as to the suggestion of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board in regard to an alteration in the present system of sanctioning Results Grants to the Local Fund and Municipal Schools and countersigning bills for the same, I have the honour to state that I entirely agree with the views of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board and think the alterations suggested desirable.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your most obedient Servant
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President L.F. Boards, Ganjam

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E Johnson
Act Clerk

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Dated 29th January 1874.
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From
The Director of Public Instruction,
To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

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No. 212.

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Remarks with reference to Government Order No. 1850 of 19th December 1873, calling for an expression of his opinion as to the expediency of transerring the passing of Certifying Memorandum to the several Local Fund Boards.

No. 141. —

Godavary 37 District 9
Sub Collector's office
Camp Sundarapalli
24th February 1874.

No 75

To

The President
Municipal Commission
Godavary District

Sir,

In reply to your foot note to copy of Government Proceedings of the 19th December 1873 No 1850, I have the honor to state that I approve of the objections raised by the Local Fund of Cuddapah to the present system, under which the Director of Public Instruction sanctions result grants, countersigns bills on account thereof and takes action in cases of fraud &c.

2 The Corporation that actually provides the funds, should certainly be vested with the power of sanctioning

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Govt Proceedings Dec 19th No 1850
Director of Public Instruction
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

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Agreeing with the views of the Collector of Cuddapah Local Fund Board in thinking it would be a retrograde step to alter the existing system of Municipal Councils to Municipal Commissioners

sanctioning and dispersing the same.

The Municipal Commissioners are likely to take more interest in schools than they do at present when invested with more authority over them; and this will be met upon the part of the masters of schools by more regular attendance and more careful supervision.

The opportunity for fraud on their part will be reduced by watchfulness on the part of the Commissioners whose knowledge of the actual condition and working of the schools must be more accurate than that obtained by the Director of Public Instruction through his subordinates.

3 School Masters now complain very generally and with reason that their salaries are months in arrears owing at least in part to the sanction of the Director being required previous to disbursement.

4 I am aware that no provision has been made for schools in the Municipal budget recently submitted to Government, but this does not affect the question which is one of principle.

5 A copy of resolution passed on the subject by the commissioners is enclosed. I have the honor to be

sir

your most obedient servant

Sig'd J. G. Horsfall

Vice President.

/True copy/

W Foster

President

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Local Fund Boards
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office Ellore Circle
Ellore - 27th February 1874

To W. S. Foster Esquire
President Local Fund
Boards
Godavery District

Sir,

The following is the resolution
poped by the Ellore Local Fund
Board on G. O. dated 19th December 1873,
No 1850. "The Board after weighing
the matter carefully has arrived at the
conclusion that any change in the
present system is uncalled for."

2 I was myself unable to attend
the meeting, so I sent my opinion
to the presiding member in writing
It is in accordance with the resolution
eventually poped by the Board. My
grounds for this opinion are as follows.
(as stated in the memorandum which
I sent to the Meeting).

G. O.

From The President
Local Fund Board
Godavery District
To The Collector & Magistrate
& Government
Local Fund Surveyor

18/74

Dated 20th March 1874

Received

Enclosure No 1
to a letter dated 20th
March 1874 -

Subject -

Copy of the letter
dated 24th February
1874, No 51 from
the Vice President of the
Revenue Commissioner
Chingleput Commission
to the Secy dated 19th Feby 1874

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G. O. No 1850 dated 19th December 1893.

1 The question is in two parts to (i) sanctioning of grants (ii) dealing with frauds.

2 The arguments for Local Fund Boards having power in the 1st are. 1st that the Board is the custodian of the money and prima facie the proper authority. I think it will be enough if Local Fund Boards have power at the framing of their annual budgets to raise or lower the scale of payments for the various classes and subjects, according as they are able to afford a longer or smaller total grant. That they should criticize the individual bills seems to me an impracticable plan. 2d that the Members have special local knowledge. This in the limited sense in which only the expression is true, appears to me an argument against the proposal. One Member knows one or two schools and 43 [illegible] 12 one or two; a few schools are known to several Members, and many to none at all. The knowledge of the Board must be a very partial knowledge, and the Board therefore less likely to be a good judge between school and school than the Department, which has the same knowledge and care, be it little or much, of all. 3rd The saving of time. This is a valid argument, but I think it stands alone and is not alone sufficient. Perhaps time might be as well or better saved if the Inspector's signature were taken instead of the Directors

3 The question of fraud divides itself into 2 parts – detection and punishment. The duty of detection must surely not be taken out of the hands of the educational officers & be put into those of the Members. Every one, whatever body he belongs to, ought to bring to light a fraud

fraud he detects, and all men of both bodies ought to detect all the frauds they can. For punishment, the matter should be reported both to the sanctioning officer, for stoppage of the particular grant, and to the Board, for exclusion of the master's name from any future list of men to whom grants may be given. Perhaps it might as well reported to the Magistrate too, as the Penal Code has something to say on the subject.

4. If the Board be authorized annually to make out its list of Schools to which grants will be given, and to arrange its scale of grants according to the state of its finances (subject of course as in other things, to Government.) it will I think possess all the power that it can exercise better than or even as well as the Department.

5. I do not therefore concur in the resolution of the Cuddapah Board."

3 The Deputy Collector to whom I sent the above remarks has been so good as to annotate them, and I am happy to find that he cordially concurs in them, all except Para 4. He also adds a further argument when he expresses his distaste for the uncourtly spirit of distrust towards the higher officers of the educational Department which an acquiescence in the proposal would seem to imply.

4 The Ellore Municipality has passed a resolution (of which I enclose a copy) in favour of the proposed change. It must be admitted that the knowledge and care of Members of a Municipal Commission, with regard to the schools in their Municipality, is not likely to be so partial as those of Members of a Local Fund Board

Board with regard to schools
in this circle. But still I
see no necessity for the change
even here -

I have the honor to be
sir
your most obedient servant
Sig'd / E. L. Pease
Vice President -
/ True Copy /

/ W Foster
President

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From The President
& Local Fund Board
Godavery District

To The Officiating Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

Dated 20th March 1874

Received
Enclosure No 2 to Letter
dated 20th March 1874

Subject

Copy of the letter of
2nd February 1874
to 12 from Vice
President of Ellore
Circle -

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Godavery District 5
Local Funds Board's Office
Camp Bhadrachallam 49
20th March 1874.

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From

W. S. Foster Esquire
President.

To

The Honorable D. F. Carmichael
Ag Chief Secretary
to Government.
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the opinions of the Local Fund Boards and Municipal Commissions on the subject of sanctioning results grants to Local Fund and Municipal Schools, in reply to the Proceedings of Government No. 1850 December Finance Dept 19th 1873.

2 The Vice President of the Rajahmundry Municipal Commission approves of the objections raised by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board: he says "the corporation that actually provides the funds should certainly be vested with the power of sanctioning and dispensing the same". He also thinks that the Commissioners would take

take more interest in the Schools if they were invested with more authority, and that the Commissioners know the actual state and working of the schools more accurately than the Director of Public Instruction can.

3 The Commissioners passed the following Resolution on February 18th 1874:

"Resolved that the Commissioners concurred with the opinion of the Vice President"

4 The Ellore Municipal Commissioners "concurred unanimously in the resolution of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board."

5 The Ellore Local Fund Board arrived at the conclusion that any change in the present system is uncalled for.

6 The Vice President at Ellore considered it will be sufficient if the Local Fund Boards had the power, when framing the annual budgets, to raise or lower the scale of payments, according as they are able to afford a larger or smaller total grant: he does not think that

the Members of Local Funds Boards have special knowledge better qualifying them to decide what grant should be given than the Members of the Educational Department: the individual members only know the condition of a few schools, while the members of the Education Department, have a knowledge, be it little or much, of all. But he does not think this last remark applies with so much force to the Municipal Boards, as to Local Fund Boards.

7 The Cocanada Local Fund Board passed the following resolution on January 21st 1874.

"Read Government order dated 19th December 1873, Financial Department No 1850, requesting opinion on the advisability of the change of procedure in sanctioning the results grants. Proposed by S. Venkata Gopalrow Naidugar that power should not be given to the

Director of Public Instruction to enquire into cases of fraud and malversation &c. and that he should however watch and give information of any such practices that come to his knowledge. Not carried.

The Local Fund Board consider.

I. That the Director of Public Instruction should not have the power of ordering Expenditure from Local Funds without the sanction of the Local Fund Boards.

II. That no grants should be made except on the recommendation of the Educational Department.

III. That it should rest with the Educational Department to withhold such recommendation in cases of irregularity &c.

IV. That, in cases of fraud, malversation &c, the Director of Public Instruction cannot have the disposal of the matter legally, that belonging to a Magistrate. The results of such irregularities can be duly reported to the Director and the Local Fund Boards".

8. The Cocanada municipality also passed the following resolution on February 12th 1874.

"Read Proceedings of Madras Government Nos 154-155 dated 19th December 1873, requesting the opinion of the Board in certain changes of procedure advocated in the management of results grants, &c.

Resolved that the Government be informed that in the opinion of the Board the change suggested by the acting Collector of Cuddapah is very advisable, but that this Board would not so far as it concerns themselves, press the matter, as they are in a different position to some Boards, as regards the custody of Funds."

I will first consider the question of taking action in cases of fraud. It seems to me plain that it is the duty of every member both of the Educational Department, and of the different Boards to bring to notice any case of fraud: it does not matter to whose notice he may bring it: if the

Director.

Director of Public Instruction heard of it, he should be bound to communicate it to the President of the Board and vice versa.

The only action that can be taken by either party will lie either the prosecution of the offending person before a Magistrate, or the refusal to make the grant.

Either party could prosecute, and I think either party should be able to refuse the grant.

10 And now I come to the question of sanctioning these grants. I do not think that any result to grants should be given, except on the usual bill countersigned by the Director of Public Instruction; but this countersignature should not be considered an order to the Board to pay this amount, but only as an intimation that the rules of his Department justify the Director in recommending the grant.

11 It is for the Board to decide whether the funds at their disposal will allow any grant to be made: the Director cannot know this always: and it would be absurd to suppose that he should have the power of ordering a Board to pay 50 Rupees, when it has only got 20 Rupees.

12 I think then that no results grants should be given except on the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction: he should have the power of refusing any grant, and the Board, to whom such refusal should be immediately communicated with the reason for it, should have no power to over rule this refusal: that in cases of fraud, the Board should have the power of refusing grants, giving the Director the reasons for the refusal, but not being subject in this matter to the Director's control: that if the Board see no reason to suppose any fraud has been committed, it should be bound to give the grant recommended,

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if its funds will admit this: that the Boards should pay these grants at one time in each year, not at any time as they happen to be received from the Director: that at that time all the bills countersigned by the Director should be laid before it, and if there are sufficient funds, the Board should pay the whole: that if there are not enough funds, the amount of the budget grant should be divided among the different persons recommended in proportion to the amount recommended for each by the Director

13 Copies of Mssrs Forsyth's and Pearse's letters are also enclosed.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

W Porter
President.

Recd and read 5th November
Sheriff

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Kistna District Collectors office
(On circuit – Gudivada, Gudivara
Taluq – 6th April 1874.)
Masulipatam office. 15th April 1874

No 596

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From,

G. D. Lemain Esquire,
President of Local Fund and
Municipal Boards Kistna District,

To, The Honorable D. F. Carmichael
acting Chief Secretary to Government.
Financial Department.
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Sir,

I have the honor to reply to G.O. No. 1850 dated 19th December 1873, F.D.

2. The Masulipatam Local Fund Board think that the Bills should be submitted through them "as the present system of exhibiting results-" "grants – charges in a lump sum in the accounts" "gives them no idea what schools and for what" "amounts grants have been made. They would" "also remark that the Regulation of Local Fund" "Expenditure falls within their province: if funds" "are not enough for all, the Board should have" "the power of selecting which School should receive" "the grant."

The

Fin. 1874 Dept.
Rec'd "15/4/74"
From Mr. President
of Local Fund Boards
of Kistna District
Forwarding Quarterly
Bills of Establishment
& Contingent
Charges &c.
Dated 20th March 1874
Recd 24 —
Enclosures 27 No 720
Subject –
Forwarding the opinions
of the Local Fund Boards
& Municipal Commissioners
on the subject of Education
as regards grants & the Bills
Local & Municipal Boards
with his remarks –

No 44.

3. The Counties Local Fund Board and Municipality propose no alteration in the present system.

4. As far as the Municipalities are concerned it does not seem to me that any change is needed.

5. The certifying memoranda are laid before the Boards before payment, and they are in that way made acquainted with the names of the schools that have obtained them. The number of schools is so few that there is seldom any selection to be made; but if there is, the Commissioners have it in their power to make it.

6. The only change I do consider necessary is as regards the grants made from Local Funds, but only to this extent — that the Boards should be informed of the schools for which certifying memoranda have been sent in.

7. There

7. There are no pet Towns or Talys in this district that I know of; but it seems, if there are, that the Director of Public Instruction is quite as capable of seeing that the grant has been unfairly distributed as the Local Fund Board, and that he would most certainly listen to a remonstrance from the Board on the subject. I do not think that either he or the Board could prevent unfairness, and at the same time pay the grants as the memoranda are received, as it is not till all Talys have been visited, that it can be said that the excess given to one Taly was wanted in another.

8. I cannot claim any special local knowledge for many of the members of either of the Local Fund Boards here.

9. In regard to enquiries about fraud I think they may be safely left in the hands of the Director of Public Instruction. I fail to see why his Deputies are not to be trusted to make a true report on the simple cases that

that come before them.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most ob't. Serv't.

J. D. Canada

President.

Comp.
J. M. Abrahamson

Nallore Collr's Office 65

No 139 Camp Engole 16

From, 22d January 1874

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G Vans Agnew Esqr
President of the
Municipal Commissioners
Nellore.

To

The Honble W Hudleston,
Chief Secretary to Govern
Financial Department
Fort Saint Georg

Sir,

Adverting to Government
Order, Financial Department,
dated 19th ultimo, No 1850, I
have the honor to state that
the Municipal Commissioners of
Nellore are not interested in
the question, because they maintain
only the schools they have
established, and give no result
grants.- Where results grant
schools exist, the principle

Financial 1874 Department
From
The President of the
Local Fund and Municipal
Boards. Hissar District
To Revenue Secretary
Submitting Chief Secretary
to Government
Financial Department
Retrenchment
Dated 15th April 1874.
Received 21st -82-
No 596
Submitting his opinion on the
suggestion of an alteration
in the present system of
sanctioning results grants
to Local Funds and Municipal
Schools, and countersigning
bills for the same.

No 44.—

contended for by the Ciddapah Local Fund Board should be conceded.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt

Asst Secy & Actg Collector
for President

Fort 1874 No 1120
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From the Collector of Tellore

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department
Fort St George

No 1120

Dated 22 January 1874
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States that the Municipal Commissioners of Tellore are not interested in the question of the results system ——

Tellore Local Fund Office
Camp Ongole
No 41 dated 22d January 1874.

From,

G Vane Agnew Esquire
President of the Local Fund
Tellore

To,

The Honble W Hudleston
Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

Adverting to Government Order, Financial Department dated 19th Ultimo, No 1850, I have the honor to state my opinion that the procedure in regard to results' grants, advocated by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, is obviously more expedient and more correct than that at present obtaining.

2 There can be no doubt but that the results' grant system is

is a most dangerous one to work, being liable at any time to degenerate, in the hands of needy and unscrupulous Deputy Inspectors, into a system of wholesale robbery of public funds.

3 Everything depends upon the personal honesty of the Deputy Inspector. In this circle we are fortunate in having two thoroughly trustworthy men of that class, but I would certainly not extend general confidence to the sort of men ordinarily available for these appointments. The temptation to falsify returns and pocket large sums of money with almost certain impunity, whether the control lie with the Director of Public Instruction

or

with the Local Fund Board, is enormous, and I am satisfied that many Deputy Inspectors will not resist it. There is absolutely no check to be relied upon. The Deputy Inspector would have no difficulty in satisfying and silencing the master — the only other interested person — and no one else would consider it sufficiently his business or interest to complain even if he knew that cheating had taken place.

4 With perfect integrity on the part of Deputy Inspectors, the present grant system is really very well adopted to the country, but the rock upon which it splits is the impossibility of confiding in the integrity of Deputy Inspectors in general.

5. The control at present exercised

by the Director of Public Instruction is worthless, and that of most Local Fund Boards would be of slight value.

6 What I desire to guard all concerned against is believing that absence of complaint is valid evidence of the proper appropriation of public money by Deputy Inspectors in general. This sort of belief seems to be growing in popularity in the present day, but it is none the less groundless and dangerous.

I have the honorable
Sir
Your most obedient Servt

Vice President
for President

Published by Smith

No 167 Municipal Commissioner's Office
Cuddapah 24th February 1874

From

The President
Municipal Commission
Cuddapah

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

With reference to G. O. dated 19th December 1873, No 1850, I have the honor, at the desire of the Municipal Commissioners, to inform you, that they consider that the alteration suggested by the President of the Local Fund Board, Cuddapah Circle in the present system of sanctioning results grants to the Local Fund and Municipal Schools and of countersigning bills for the same is desirable.

I have the honorable
Sir,
Your most obed^t Servant

W Nuttall
President

Fwd 10/74 Dpbh
From Pres^t Municipal Commissioners
Cuddapah
Rec^d 26 Feb^y
Read Mad^s Gaz^e 4 Mar^h
Rec^d 22 Jan^y 74
Dep^t Mad^s Gaz^e 26 Feb^y 74
Rec^d 1120
Enclosures to
Financial Department
Dated 22 Jan^y 74
Rec^d 26 Feb^y 74
Entered. Rec^d

Stating his opinion regarding the Result of Grant System with reference to G. O Financial Department Dated 19 Feb^y 1874

No 46.

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Proceedings of the Local Fund Board
Madanapalle Circle dated 17th February 1854.

Present

The Vice President
Mr T. Ward apothecary incharge of Madanapalle Dispensary
Tahsildar of Madanapalle
M.R.R.A. Appadow Garoo
M.R.R. Maloor Krishna Row Garoo
The Range officer

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Read G.O No 1850 dated 19 "December 1853 calling upon — Local Fund Boards for their opinion regarding the advisability of changing the present system of the sanctioning of results grants and counter-signing bills on that account and taking action in cases of fraud &c items performed by the Director of Public Instruction.

The Board are unanimously of opinion that the system should be changed and that the Local Fund Board should be the medium through which all such matters should pass. At present the only information with which the Local Fund Board is furnished regarding the state of Education in their Circle is to be derived from the Annual report.

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/ True Extract /

M Ramaswammy
Mg Dy Collector
For President

No 43

Proceedings of the Local Fund Board Madanapalle Circle dated 17th February 1854.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort St George

Dated 22d February 1854
Received 28th " "

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith the proceedings of the Local Fund Board of Madanapalle Circle in which the Circle is included for the purpose of obtaining the orders of Government upon the subject discussed in the proceedings.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
M Ramaswammy
Mg Dy Collector
For President

No 43

Rid 6317/74.

Encls No 61

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Lr a letter from the
President L.F. Bds
Cuddapah District
Cuddapah No 175 dated 13th March
1874.

No 175

Cuddapah District

Local Fund Board's Office
Gurramkondah
Dated 13th March 1874.
Despd 16 " "

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From W D Horsley Esquire
President Local Fund Board
Cuddapah

To The Honorable D F Carmichael
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

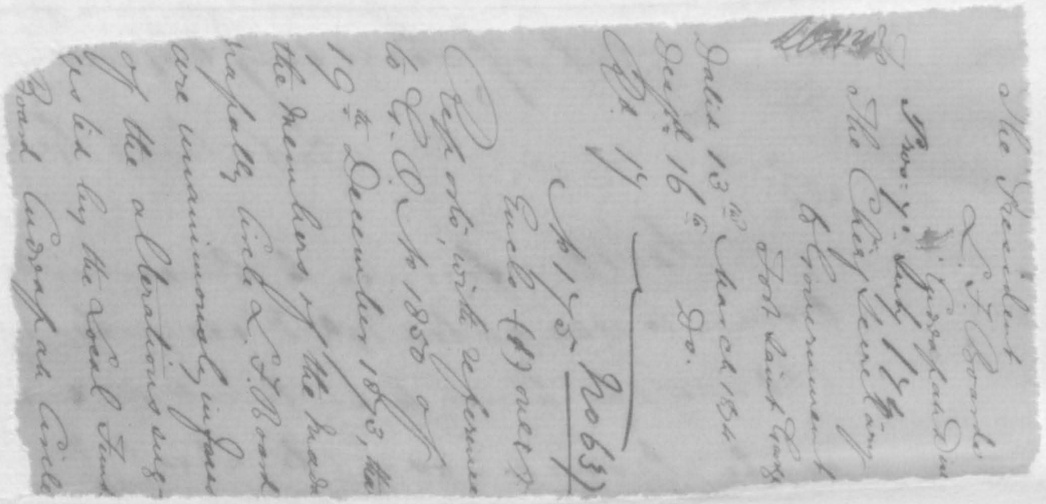
With reference to Government
Order No 1850 dated 19th December 1873
I have the honor to submit an extract
of the Proceedings of the Local Fund
Board Madanapalle Circle dated
9th February 1874 and to report that
the members of the Madanapalle
Local Fund Board are unanimously
in favor of the alterations suggested
by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant

W Horsley
President

Ex d. L Narasimhaswamy
Clerk

No 18.



The Secretary
Local Fund Board
Kachcheri
Batticaloa

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Colonial Secretary has sanctioned the Government Grant to the Fort Point Pedro Girls' School for the year 1874.

Dated 13th March 1874.
Despt 16th Do.
Ex. 1/

No 1/58 Rs 2063
Encls (3) each

Despatched, with reference to G.O. No 1850 of 19th December 1873, the Members of the Local Board are unanimously of opinion that the Resolution of the Board should be left by the Local Fund Board Caddapah Circle

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board Bellary Circle, dated 17th February 1874.

Present.

H. T. Rop Esquire Vice President. Assistant Collector.
J.G. Firth Esquire Member Inhabitant of Bellary
D. Abraham Esquire do
T. Coomaraswamy Iyer Esquire do.
S. Kanadappa Esquire — do.

Resolution No III. Read G.O. No 1850. dated 19th December 1873, referring for opinion a Resolution of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, in which they propose an alteration in the existing system of sanctioning Result Grants to rural Schools & of countersigning bills thereon.

The Board are of opinion that the change of procedure proposed by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board is desirable.

True Extract (Signed) H. T. Rop
Vice President

Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Bellary Circle at a Meeting held on the 16th of March 1874.

Resolution No IX. Read footnote by the President appended to G.O. No 1850 dated the 19th of December 1873, regarding the revision of the system of paying Village School results grants.

The Board are in favor of the change advocated by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board.

(Sd) C. J. Crosthwaite
Vice President.

Extract

Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Pennakondah Circle, held at Pennakondah on the 7th February 1874

Present.

Y. Hanumantha Row Garu Tahsildar of Pennakondah	Member
D. Sreenivas Row Garu Deputy Tahsildar of Bukkapatam	do
Kunda Sakrappah Garu	do
Vahamiah Saib - - - - - -	do

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Read G.O. No 1850 of 19th December 1873 forwarding for opinion the letter from the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning results grants to Local Fund & Municipal Schools & of issuing bills for the same.

The Board concur in the views of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board & consider the alteration proposed in the above letter to be advisable.

(Sd) Y. Hanumantha Row.
Member L.F.B.

True Extract

(Sd) [illegible]
Acting President.

Rec'd 23 Mch 74. H.L.H 47.

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BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

No. 76

Dated 27 March 1874.

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From,

Acting President L.F. Boards
THE COLLECTOR OF BELLARY.

To,

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government dated 19th December last, No 1850, I have the honor to inform you that the Circle Boards are unanimous as to the advisability of the alteration proposed by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, that Educational Results Grants should in future be sanctioned by themselves & not by the Director of Public Instruction as at present.

2 I have in my letter recorded in the above Proceedings expressed my views on this subject in detail.

3 Copies of the Resolutions passed by the Circle Boards are enclosed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

(Sd) [illegible]
Acting Collector & President

Rd. H.L.H 47.

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MISCELLANEOUS No. 181

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 21st February 1874.

No. 43 Read the following

From

The President
Local Fund Board
Cuddapah

To

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,

In reply to Government
Order No. 1850 dated 19th December 1873
referring for the opinion of the Local
Fund Boards a letter from the
Cuddapah Local Fund Board
suggesting an alteration in the
present system of sanctioning results
grants I have the honor to state
for the information of Government
that this Local Board concur with
the Cuddapah Local Fund Board in

GOVT. OF INDIA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
Received 27 March 1874
Dated 27 March 1874 No. 76

To,
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Enclosure, one
Received 28 March 1874

Transmitted 25th
Chief Secretary to
Govt. 7.3.
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Madras 1874
No. 119

in thinking that the results
grants of Local and Municipal
schools should be passed by the
Boards concerned.

Kerwood Local Fund
Board's Office 6th February 1874

I have &c
(Sd) James Hope
President

Submitted to Government.

True copy & Extract

J Grose
Secretary

To,
The Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department

C. A. Murphy
Co. Mc Narasima Charry

No. 5

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L.F.B.'s Conjeeveram Municipality

Chingleput District ~~Collector's~~ Office,
on Circuit, Vandiopollium
~~Saidapet~~, 23 January 1874.

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From R. W. Barlow Esqre.
President, ~~COLLECTOR~~ OF THE Local Fund Board
& Conjeeveram Municipality,
CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT.

To
The Honorable W. Budleston
Chief SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
MADRAS.

Sir,

With reference to the Proceedings of Government F. D. dated 19th Ultimo No. 1870, I have the honor to state, that I fully acquiesce in the arguments addduced by the Cuddapah Board for altering the present system of sanctioning Results grants, and countersigning Bills for their payment. The change proposed seems calculated, in my opinion, to improve the administration of the Educational Grant.

2 The subject will be brought before

15 Jan 1874 Mad Rev Proc

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 21st
Dsepd. 21 } February 1874.
Recd. 23

Memo

SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government a letter from President L.F.B. Conjeeveram forwarding statement showing Results granted by the Board during the month of Calendar Month ending the 31st January 1874 and requesting that the Results granted by the Local & Municipal Boards may be countersigned by the Board as heretofore.

No. 50.

before the Saidapeth Circle Board
at their next meeting, and shall
requested the opinions of the Vice
President of the Chingleput Board,
and the Conjeveram Municipality,
and will communicate the result
hereafter, but I answer now, as
an "early" expression of opinion was
ordered in the Proceedings under
reply.—

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

W. Barlow

President of the Local Fund Board
and the Conjeveram Municipality.

Cy. Z.P.

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Extract from the Proceedings of a meeting of the Local Fund Board for the Saidapet circle, dated 2d February 1874.

Present

R. W. Barlow Esquire, President.

Shah Abbas Khan Sahib.

C. Nazmuddin Sahib.

V. Bashum Iyengar.

6. Read G.O dated 19th December 1873 No 1850, referring for opinion a letter from the Cuddapah Local Fund Board suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning Results Grants to the Local Fund and Municipal Schools, and countersigning bills for the same.

The Board are unanimously of opinion, that the change advocated is one in the right direction, as tending

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From

Secretariat

THE COLLECTOR OF Chingleput.

and Cuddapah Municipality

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Dated 23 January 1874

Received 26

Enclosure. Report

No. 6

Stating that the expenses with the Municipal Schools for the year 1873-74 on the present system of Results Grants, Board and countersigning bills for these payments should be added.

No 57 —

to the better utilization of the Local Fund grants for education.

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/Sgnd/ R. W. Barlow
President

/True Extract/

W W Barlow
President.

Encd W.G.

No 13 95 Chingleput District 26
Local Fund Board's office
Saidapet 13th February 1874.

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From.

R. W. Barlow Esqre,
President of the L. F. Boards,
Chingleput District

To

The Honorable W. Huddleston,
Chief Secretary to
Government.

Sir.

In continuation of my letter of the 23d Ultimo No 5, I have the honor to forward for the information of Government, the enclosed resolution of the Saidapet Circle Board; who it will be seen fully approve of the change, advocated by the Cuddapah Board, in regard to the system of Sanctioning Results grants, and countersigning Bills for their payment.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servant,

W W Barlow
President.

Encd W.G.

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Ltr w letter from the President R.F.B.s
to Chingleput Dist. dated
13th Feby 1874 No 13.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Conjeveram Municipal Commissioners dated 23d February 1874 No 2.

Present.

V. Doraswamy Iyer Avergal Vice President
N. Kistna Row Gauroo Commissioner.
V. Runga Row Gauroo ——— Do.

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2. Read and discussed G.O. No. 1850 dated 19th December 1873.

The Commissioners are of opinion that in consequence of their close situation to the location of the Schools in the Municipalities, they have by far the greater facilities of checking them than the members of the Local Fund Board, and that the arguements contained in the Proceedings of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board applies a[gainst] portion

No 52.

Encl 1874 Deliberations
Municipal Commissioners
Conjeveram
From
The Secretary to Municipal Commissioners
Conjeveram
To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
No 344
Dated 13 Dec 1874
Received 15 Dec 1874

No 13

Deliberations

Forwarding thus the Municipal Commissioners Board, Conjeveram's opinion of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board in regard to the question of sanctioning Local Funds.

portion to the Municipal bodies.

Resolved therefore that the President be informed in reply to his foot note on the above Proceedings, that the power of granting the result system bills should be entirely vested in the Commissioners.

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/True extract/.

/Sgnd/ V Dorasawmy Ayr.
Vice President.

Municipal Commissioners Office
Conjeveram
28 Febry 1874

/True Copy/

W M Barlow
President.

Conjeveram Municipal Commissioners

Chingleput District Collector's Office,
on circuit Kabalore
Saidapet, 12th March 1875.

No. 24

From R. W. Barlow Esqre
President
Collector of the Conjeveram Municipality
Chingleput District.

To The Honorable D. F. Carmichael
Ag Chief Secretary to Government
Madras.

Sir, In continuation of my letter of the 13th ult.o No 13 as President of the Local Fund Board, I have the honor to forward an extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Board of Conjeveram, from which it will be observed that the Commissioners there, are of the same opinion as the Saidapet Circle Board, and desire to sanction Results Grants themselves. I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obdt. Servant.

P. A. Dorian
President.

Encl. 1 to 4.

Sir, I have the honor to forward the Proceedings of the Conjeveram Municipality dated 12th March 1874 No 24.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obdt. Servant.

P. A. Dorian
President.

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No. 24. 105 North Arcot 30

Collector's Office

Camp Ganipetta March 28 1874

From,

H. S. Whitesides Esquire,

President Local Fund

Board North Arcot.

To

The Honorable D. F. Carmichael,

Offg Chief Secretary

to Government

Fort St. George.

Sir,

Adverting to the Proceedings of Government in the Judicial Department No. 1850 dated 19 December 1873, calling on the Local Fund Boards for an expression of their opinions as to the advisability of the change of procedure advocated by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, respecting the sanctioning of reallotments, I have the honor to inform you that the Members of the Vellore Local Fund Board, at a meeting held on the 17 Ultimo, expressed their unanimous opinion

Fin. Dept. 1874

Secretary's Office

From

THE COLLECTOR OF North Arcot

Chingleput.

To

Chief

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Dated 12 March 1874

Received 13

Enclosure one/17

No. 600 No. 24

Forwarding Proceedings

of Municipal Commissioners

& Correspondence regarding

Reallotments

that the proposals of the Cuddalore Local Fund Board is a very salutary one. They observed that by the proposed measure, their local knowledge could be brought to bear upon the operations of the Inspecting school masters and Deputy Inspectors as to whether outlying villages receive their due share of attention or not, that they would be more able to detect and enquire into cases of fraud than the Director of Public Instruction and that lastly school masters would receive their grants speedily.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obed. Servant,

E. V. Whitehill

President

North Arcot
Collector's Office
Vaniyambadi 28
March 1874

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George.

Copy.

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North Arcot

Magistrate's Circuit Office

Camp Palamaneir 16th April

1874

From

W. S. Whiteside Esqre.

President Municipal Commissioners

Vellore & Wallajapet

To

The Honble D. F. Carmichael

Chief Secretary to Govt

Fort Saint George

Sir,

With Reference to the Proceedings of Government No 1850 dated 19th December last and in continuation of my letter No 24 of the 28th Ultimo, I have the honor to state that the Municipalities of Vellore and Wallajapet are unanimously of opinion that the change advocated by the Local Fund Board in the present System of Sanctioning Results Grants to Local Funds and Municipal Schools is desirable in order that the Board may have a partial control over the money which it spends on Educational purposes.

I have

Revd 19th April 1874

Local Fund & Municipal Chief Secretary

Dated 28-3-74

Recd 30-3-74

No 24 of 74

Informs that the Members of the Collectorate Local Fund Board have expressed their opinion that the Inspector of Schools should be the Ex-officio Secretary to the Board

No 54.

Thanethechonorable
Lords
Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

Synthe Street
Master Cr Office
Parliament
16 April 1874

I am
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
W. J. Whitbread
Secretary Parl. Comm.
Millers & Walbyshire

To
The Honble. D. F. Carmichael
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort William Bengal

Minute (1874) Bengal
Home Dept. No 1/15
The Secretary
Agricultural & Commercial
Department

Sir
I am directed by the Secretary
of State in Council
to forward for the information
of the Government of India
Dated 10th June 1874
Rec'd 20th Do
Read 1st Do
Rec'd 20th Do No 899

Copies of Petition and
Memorial which are presented
to Parliament praying that
the Charge of Advocates
for the Candidates at a
late Election for
Two Burgesses in the
Parliament of Scotland
may be defrayed
out of Public Funds

No 355

At a meeting of the Local Fund Board Vri-
dachellam Circle held on the 26th January
1874 at Vridachellam.

Present

H. R. H. Sharp Esquire Dy. President
M. R. R. Parthasarathy Iyengar
Tahsildar of Vridachellam
Appala Sastri Dy Inspector of Schools
" Nataraja Pillai
" Venkatasubba Reddiar
" Ayakannu Pillai
" Krishnasamy Udeyar
" Patel Mahomed Ismail
Merkair.

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Read Government Proceedings No. 850 dated 19th Oct. last Financial Department

II. The Board fully approve of the alteration proposed by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board in the present

present System of Sanctioning
results grants and countersign-
-ing Bills in connection
with the results Schools.

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/Signed/ F. R. H. Sharp
Vice President

/True Copy/

J. H. Garstin
President L.F.B.

Fd. 201/74

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At a meeting of the Local Fund Board
Cuddalore Circle held at Cuddalore on
the 28th January 1874.

Present.

J. H. Garstin Esquire, President
J. S. F. Lister Esquire A. Asst Collector
G. E. Wilfew Esqr. Officer in charge of
No 1 Range
M. R. R. C. Sree Balaiah Dy Collector
on General Duty
P. Varadachary Treasury
Dy Collector
" Othiathoor Krishna Row
" Lakshmana Reddiar
" C Eliathamby Pillai
Dy Inspector of Schools

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Read Government Order
Financial Department dated
19th December 1873 No. 1850
referring for the opinion of
Presidents of the several Local
Fund Boards a suggestion
of

of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board regarding an alteration in the present System of Sanctioning results grants to Local Fund Schools.

9. The Board are unanimously of opinion that it is very desirable that the change advocated should be introduced.

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Signed, J. H. Garstin
President L.F.B.

True Copy

J. H. Garstin
President L.F.B.

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SOUTH ARCOT.

LOCAL FUND OFFICE,

No. 10 Cuddalore 4th February 1874.

From J. H. Garstin Esqre.
President Local Fund Boards,
South Arcot District.

To The Honorable H. Hudleston
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

Adverting to the Proceedings of Government, Financial Department dated 19th December last. No. 1350, I have the honor to submit herewith copies of the resolutions passed by the Cuddalore and Vridachelam Local Fund Boards in regard to the proposed alteration in the present System of Sanctioning Results Grants to Local Fund Schools.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt Servant
J. H. Garstin
President L.F.B.

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No. 16 117 35

Municipal Commissioners Office

Cuddalore 22d January 1874.

From

H. E. Sullivan Esquire

President of the Municipal

Commission. Cuddalore.

To

The Honorable W. Budleston.

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George.

Sir.

I have the honor to annex

copy of a Resolution passed at a

Meeting of the Commissioners held

on the 20th Instant, wherein they ex-

press their opinion regarding the

alteration proposed by the Cuddapah

Local Fund Board in regard to the present

System of payment of results grant

to lower class schools.

"Read Proceedings of Government

"dated 19th December 1873. No. 1850, inviting

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No. 50.

First Class (1874.)

LOCAL FUND DEPARTMENT.

SOUTH ARCOT.

From

The President,

Local Fund Boards,

South Arcot District.

Dated 4th February 1874.

Received 9th February 1874.

ENCLOSURES No. (1) to 2 (2)

Subject,

Enclosing copies of the proceedings of the Cuddalore Municipality regarding the alteration proposed in the system of payment of results grant to lower class schools.

"an expression of opinion of the Com-
"missioners on a letter from the Cuddal-
"pah Local Fund Board, suggesting
"an alteration on the present System
"of sanctioning results grant to lower
"class schools, and Countersigning bills
"for the same."

"Elayathumbi Pillai is of opinion
"that the views of the Inspector of the
"Division be obtained on the matter."

"The other Members present are of
"opinion that the alteration proposed
"by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board
"is most salutary, and is calculated
"to promote the success of the Elementary
"schools in the Municipality, and they
"accordingly recommend the alteration
"being carried out."

I have the honor to be.
Sir
Your most Obed. servant

A Lucas

President.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board at a Meeting held on the 28th January 1874.-

Present

J. B. Pennington Esqre. President
L. Moore Esqre. Vice President
Official Members
J. Bradshaw Esqre. M. R. Inspector of Schools 4th Division
M. R. R. V. Pattabiramu Pillangaru

Non-official Members
M. R. R. C. Venkatasamy Naidugaru
" M. Subramania Iyen Avergal
" Sooria Rowgaru
" Iyah Pillangaru

VII . . . . . Read G. O. No. 1850 dated 19th December 1873, referring for opinion the letter from the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning results grants to Schools and countersigning bills for the same.-

The Board unanimously-

Concur

concern with the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, and would only suggest that all certifying Memoranda should be submitted to the Local Fund Board through the Inspection of Schools for any Remarks he may have to offer.—

/Signed/ J. B. Pennington
President

/True Extract/

J. B. Pennington
President.

Compared by
[illegible]
[illegible]

Trichinopoly Local Fund Board Office
3rd February 1874

No. 7

From

The President
Local Fund Board
Trichinopoly

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government Finance Deptt
Fort Saint George

Sir,

Adverting to Govt Order No. 1850 dated 19th December 1873, I have the honour to enclose an Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board at a meeting held on the 28th January 1874, from which you will observe that the Local Fund Board of this Circle unanimously concur with the Cuddapah Local Fund Board regarding the alteration in the present system of sanctioning results grants and suggest in addition that all certifying Memoranda should be submitted to the Local Fund Board thro' the Inspector of Schools, so as to avail themselves of his personal knowledge of the circumstances of each School

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Letter from the President Local Fund Board Trichinopoly dated 3rd July 1874 R.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board at a Meeting held on the 28th January 1874.

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Have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant

J. S. Cunningham
President

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government Financial Deptt.
Fort St George

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board at a Meeting held on the 28th January 1874

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Read G.C. No. 1850, dated 19th December 1873, referring for opinion the letter from the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning Result Grants to Schools and Countersigning bills for the same.

The Board unanimously concur with the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, and would only suggest that all certifying Memoranda should be submitted to the Local Fund Board through the Inspector of Schools for any remarks he may have to offer.

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(Signed) J. B. Pennington
President

True Copy

J. B. Pennington
President

Fwd. 1874 Sept. Proc. Local Fund Board Nos 1 to 11

To the Presidents Local Fund Board

Sir

I am directed to forward herewith for the consideration of the Local Fund Board the accompanied Bill for Rs 1120

Dated Madras Office 7th January 1874

I have the honor to be Sir Your most obedient Servant

Secretary

Rec'd 7 Jan 1874 No 274

Endorsed

Endorsed Directing Bill to be forwarded to the Board of Revenue

Read Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No 138 dated 19th December 1873 and Letter from the Board of Revenue No 2350 dated 17th December 1873 and the Circular Memorandum regarding the allowance in the Result Grant Rules, and requesting that all Vouchers may be submitted to the Local Fund Board through the Inspector of Schools for any remarks he may have to offer

Resolved that the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue be communicated to the Presidents Local Fund Boards for information

No 38.

Jud. 549/74

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Trichinopoly Municipal Office
23d April 1874

No 87
From,

The President
Municipal Commission
Trichinopoly

To,

The Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort St George
Ootacamund

Sir.

Adverting to G. O. No 1859, dated 19th December 1873, referring for opinion the letter from the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, suggesting an alteration in the present System of sanctioning Results grants to Schools and Countersigning bills for the same, I have the honor to state that the Commissioners of this Municipality agree with the Local Fund Board of this Circle, a Copy of whose Resolution I have herein enclosed for convenience of reference

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed t Servant

J. H. Cunningham
Pres. Mun. Com.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Commissioners for the Town of Trivangam at the Meeting held on the 23rd of January 1874.

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Read Government Order No: 1850 dated the 19th of December 1873 calling for an expression of the opinion of the Presidents of Municipalities as to the advisability of the change advocated by the Local Fund Board, Cuddapah, in the procedure, at present in force, in sanctioning results grants to Schools and Countersigning bills on that account.

The change advocated was long felt by Commissioners to be a great desideratum inasmuch as they found themselves left much in the dark on that portion of Municipal expenditure which they voted on account of elementary education.

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From The President Municipal Commissioners To The Superintendent of Police Trivandrum

Dated 23rd April 1874
Rec'd 25th April 1874
Reg. No. 1087

Enclosure (1)

Subject Expenses on opinion of the Commissioners as to G.O. No. 1850, dated 19th December 1873

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in the Government Order No. 1850, dated 19th December 1873, I have the honor to submit herewith the opinion of the Commissioners of this Municipality on the subject.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
President

No. 59.

The Commissioners have further felt themselves unwilling to enter into any scrutiny or call in question. Bills prepared and passed by a distinct Department and countersigned by its controlling Head in accordance with a system prevailing throughout the Presidency, they fully endorse the views expressed by the Local Fund Board, and wish for early sanction to introduce the changes sought for.

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/True Extract/

J. H. Cunningham

President.

Compd. [illegible]

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Trichinopoly, Munpl. Commrs Office,
Srirangam 19th February 1874.

No. 73

From

The President of ~~of Trichinopoly~~, the
Municipal Commission for the
Town of Srirangam Trichinopoly

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Financial Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

Adverting to Government Order No. 1850 dated the 19th of December last I have the honor to submit the accompanying Extract from the Proceedings of the Commissioners expressing their opinion that the change advocated by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board in the procedure at present in force, in sanctioning results grants to schools and countersigning Bills on that account, is very desirable.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obed't Servant.

J. H. Cunningtom
President.

Compd by
R.K.

R. Fund 437/74

No 11

President's Office
Madura
26th January 1874.

From

W. McLuhae Esquire
President Local Fund Board
Madura

To

J Crosse Esquire
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the Order of Government in the Financial Department dated 19th December 1873 No 1850, I have the honor to enclose copy of a resolution passed by the Dindigul Circle Board, in which they express their opinion that the duty of sanctioning results grants, taking action in cases of fraud &c should be transferred to them. Considerable difference of opinion exists on this question, and the Madura Circle Board have not recorded a formal resolution though the matter has been discussed by them at one Meeting.

2. My own opinion is that too much must not be expected from the Local Fund Boards in this District. All the working members are busy men with much business of their own to attend to, and they cannot undertake to supervise the whole elementary education of the country. At the same time they must have more local knowledge than the Director of Public Instruction

Rec'd 10th Feb
From Secretary Local Fund Board
The Revenue
Board
Transmitting Correspondence
Regarding
The Chief Security Bond
Of Municipal Officers

Dated 26th January 1874
Received 2nd February 1874

No 437. Enclosure
No 3

Submits Extract from the
Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioner
Of Madura expressing their
opinion as to the change
in rules laid down by the Local Fund
Board in connection with
Results Grants to Schools and
Requesting that the Municipal
Boundaries

No 10.

Instruction and I would gladly see them empowered to Sanction Results grants and to take action in cases of fraud &c; provided it be distinctly understood that the responsibility of the Educational Department is in no way weakened.

3 Too much reliance must not be placed on the local knowledge which the members of the Local Fund Boards posses of the Taluqs and Villages of the Circle. Each member knows a village or two - but the working members are those who have European ideas. Such persons are chiefly found in large towns, and if I say that rural districts are not represented at the Board Meetings, I do not think I can be contradicted. I would use what-ever energy and local knowledge these Boards posses, but I would not imagine that Sanitation, Vaccination, Elementary education and such matters can all be provided for simply by holding the Local Boards responsible for them.

I have the honorable Sir
Your most Obed.t Servt.

W. W. Duke
President

Proceedings Nos of 1874 of the Local Fund Board, Dindigul, Circle.

Read Government Order No. 1850 of 19th December 1873, Financial Department, submitted for an expression of the Board's opinion.

A majority of the Boardare of opinion that it is desirable that the Board, instead of the Director of Public Instruction should have the power of sanctioning results grants to Schools, countersigning bills and taking action in cases of fraud &c as recommended by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board. They Consider that it will vastly improve the Supervising agency over the Schools by associating with the Inspector of Schools the whole strength and local knowledge of the Board and they are unable to see why the arrangement should lead to any interference with the ordinary working of the Educational Department more than their existing Control interferes with the action of the Department of Public Works.

W. W. Duke
President

No. 96 Tinnevelly 11th February 1874.

From R K Puckle Esqre
President Local Fund Board

To The Honourable W Hudleston
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to Government Order No. 1860 dated 19th December 1873, I have the honour to inform you that I quite concur with the opinions expressed by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board as to the advisability of transferring to the Local Fund Board the duty of sanctioning grants and transacting other business connected with the Result System in Education.

2. Under the existing rules the connection of the Local Fund Board with Schools which have been placed on the result system is limited to entering in the annual budget a lump sum for result-grants. The Local Fund Boards are ignorant of the number, character, and standard of the Schools that are to be examined, and have no power to encourage Schools in neglected parts of the district by giving them the preference, or lack of funds for wants the claims of all from being met, but have merely to pay the sanctioned bills

Enclosure with letter
From
The President
L. F. Board
Madura
To the Secy to the
B2 of Revenue
Madras
Dated 26th January 94
No 11
Subject Appointment
Copy of Proceedings
Directing Local Fund
Board No 5 of 1874
L. Fund 2.13 / 74.

in the order in which they are received until the whole allotment is exhausted.

3. The working of the present system may be illustrated by the actual state of affairs in the Tinnevelly Circle. Out of the total allotment for Education, the sum of Rupees 10,410 (being the whole amount available to meet the bills of the current year) has already been expended in result-grants for 222 Schools. Bills lately received, amounting to Rupees 2271 for 39 Schools, have been disallowed for want of funds, & cannot be paid till next official year, and other bills are steadily coming in, and payment must in like manner be deferred.

4. No less than Rupees 8,764 out of the total amount thus paid or payable, are absorbed by 162 Schools in the Tenkarai taluq alone, leaving only Rupees 3,917- or little more than a third of the whole allotment,- for distribution over the remaining five taluqs of the Circle.

5. With every desire to effect a general diffusion of Education over the district, the Local Fund Board are at present powerless to do so, and the proposed alterations, though in the right direction, seem inadequate to effect a thoroughly satisfactory change.

6. The Educational inequality which has been developed in this District, seems to require

a much greater modification of the rules than has been proposed by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board. When lower Class Education has attained a State so flourishing as that of the Pinkarei taluq, it can well afford to dispense with some of the assistance which was needed in its earlier Stages, and which is now essential to the progress of less favored parts of the District.

7. This might be effected by regarding the present rates of result-grants as the maximum (vide Schedule marginally quoted) & by permitting the Local Fund Board to make such a reduction, as the condition of Education in any particular village, town or taluq might show to be expedient.

8. Until the close of the official year, the total amount required for result-grants during the year remains unknown, but it is already clear that with the present rates for result-grants, were moderate progress in Education throughout the district would impose on the Local funds a strain they would be unable to bear.

9. I have taken the opportunity to consult with Mr. Inarden, the Inspector of Schools for this division, who is now on a tour through the district & have given expression to views with which he coincides.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obed Servt
R. K. Puckle
President

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Schedule B.
Grants to Pupils passed Lower Secondary Standards.

Standards	Reading	Writing	Arithmetic	Grammar	Geography	Elementary Science	Total	Reading	Writing	Arithmetic	Grammar	Geography	Elementary Science	Total
	1	2	3	4	5			6	7	8				
	R	R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R				
1st Class Pass	½	½	½	½	½	2½	4	½	½	½	½	½	2½	6
2nd Do.	1½	1½	2	2	2	4	13½	1½	1½	2	2	2	4	13½
3rd Do.	2	2	3	3	3	6½	19½	2	2	3	3	3	6½	19½
4th Do.	3	3	4½	4½	4½	9	28½	3	3	4½	4½	4½	9	28½

1874 Sept. 22 Received
Read
Recorded
Answered
R. K. Puckle
Madura

To Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Dated 20th Sept 1874
Rec'd 22nd Sept 1874
No 1120

Encl. Copy of Rules for Grants to Pupils passed Lower Secondary Standards.

Sir,
I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the Rules for Grants to Pupils passed Lower Secondary Standards, which I propose to introduce into the Madura District, with the sanction of the Board of Revenue.

2. The Rules are framed on the model of those in force in the Tinnevelly District, with such modifications as seem necessary to suit the circumstances of this District.

3. I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
R. K. Puckle
President

Madura
30th Sept 1874

Transmitted to the Chief Secretary to Govt with 23 enclosures
Bth 19 Dec 73 1850

R. Sewell

Rules for Grants to Pupils passed Lower Secondary Standards.

1. Grants will be given to Pupils passing the Lower Secondary Standards in Schools under the management of the Local Fund Board, subject to the following Rules.

2. The Grants will be given to Pupils passing the Lower Secondary Standards in Schools under the management of the Local Fund Board, subject to the following Rules.

3. The Grants will be given to Pupils passing the Lower Secondary Standards in Schools under the management of the Local Fund Board, subject to the following Rules.

4. The Grants will be given to Pupils passing the Lower Secondary Standards in Schools under the management of the Local Fund Board, subject to the following Rules.

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7. The Grants will be given to Pupils passing the Lower Secondary Standards in Schools under the management of the Local Fund Board, subject to the following Rules.

8. The Grants will be given to Pupils passing the Lower Secondary Standards in Schools under the management of the Local Fund Board, subject to the following Rules.

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No 1

Coimbatore Local Fund Board Office
Showany, 19th January 1874.

From

A. Wedderburn Esqre
President Local Fund Board
Municipalities, Coimbatore.—

To

The Honorable H. Hudleston
Chief Secretary to
Government.

Sir,

In reply to Proceedings Madras Government, F. D., 19th December 1873 No 1850, I have the honor to state that the suggestion of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board, in regard to the proposed check on results grants to primary schools, supported by the Local taxation, is likely to have a good effect— both as a superior check in itself, and also in conferring interest, and actual responsibility on the members of the Local Fund Board, in regard to such elementary schools.

2. Division Officers who are all Members of the Local Fund Board will feel a personal responsibility in the matter of elementary education,

No 62.

1874 Jan 6
Read
Ordered
To Revenue Board
To Revenue Secretary
To each Local Fund Board
Municipality.
To Chief Secretary to
Government
To Inam Commissioner
To Civil Surgeon

Dated 11th Dec 1873
Rec'd 16th January 1874
No 96
Revenue Service
No 349

Suggesting that the Triennially Revised Registers of Inams with the Minutes explaining the Cubdahs by the Collectors & Boards & the abandonment of the Boards & transferring to them the duty of Inam Settlement & Commutation with other Settlements & Collection of Peishcush

and their example will react on
the Taluq revenue officers whose interest
in the subject is to be desired.

3. I am not aware of any fraud having occurred in passing schools for result grants - but one of the Deputy Inspectors was of opinion that it was possible under the present system.

4. Further it will lead to a better distribution of funds - One of the Taluqs, Collegal had never been visited by an educational officer, till I brought the same to notice.

5. And some rate schools (now transferred to Local funds) had been allowed to dwindle to the verge of extinction, which would not have happened if the check and responsibility had been a local one.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt

A Meddelaton
President

Commissioners Office
Colaccamund 25th February 1874.

No 10

From.

J. R. Cockerell Esq
President - Municipal
Commissioners - Belgaum

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government.
Fort Saint George.

Sir

I have the honor to submit a resolution passed by the Municipal Commissioners of Colaccamund at a meeting held on the 31st January in the current year at which I was present.

"I Read again G.O. 19th December 1873 No 850 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 directors and the Presidents of all Municipalities and Local Boards."

"The Commissioners are of opinion that the present practice of submitting bills to the Director of Public Instruction for countersignature serves no useful purpose. They would authorize all

Fwd. 19 Dec 1873 No 152.53:
" - 2d. Oct. 1874 " 102-105
" - 24. August 1874 " 115-116.

No 53 -

Finance 1874 Dept. No.

To Native Fund Branch Office
Secretary's Office

Dated 19th January 1874

From,

The Accountant-General
Local Fund Branch
Commissariat
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Public Works Dept.

Rec'd 20/1/20

Rec'd 22

Subject:

Sanctioning Establishment for the Local Board Engineering Establishment for the Coimbatore District.

Ans. 23/1 No 53.

all Municipal Commissions to pay on their discretion on the signature of the Inspector or Deputy Inspector of Schools alone, but they consider in all cases where grants are to be required a copy of the report of the Inspector or Deputy Inspector in the School concerned should be submitted to the Municipal Commissioners."

2. The Commissioners of Honor think that Municipal bodies should have the power to check bills and sanction expenditure from Municipal Funds.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant
W. McCorkell
Commissioner

Nilgiri Local Fund Board Office
Ootacamund 28th February 1874

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No. 6.

From.

The President
Local Fund Board
Nilgiris

To.

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to Government Order 19th December 1873 No. 1850 referring for opinion of Presidents of Local Fund Boards, letter from the President Cuddapah Local Fund Board suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning results grants to Local Fund Schools and Counter-signing bills for the same, I have the honor to submit the following resolution of the Nilgiri Local Fund Board:-

"The Board consider that the powers referred to in the above Proceedings and now exercised by the Director of Public Instruction might advantageously be transferred to the Local Fund Board."

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

J. M. Connell
President
Nilgiri Local Fund Board.

Recd 25 Feb 1874.
No. 419

Recd 25 Feb 1874.
No. 10

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Commissioner's Office,
Ootacamund.

Enclosures.

SUBJECT.

I transmit the Minutes of the Nilgiri Municipal Commissioners of the Proceedings & Orders in reference to the clauses in the present system of sanctioning results grants to Schools & Counter-signing bills for the same, which the Local Fund & Municipal Boards & Committees consider should be transferred to the Director of Public Instruction.

No. 614. —

Fort St George, 3rd March 1874.

Municipal Commrs Office
Salem 27th February 1874

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No 142.

From

The Acting President
Municipal Commission
Salem.

To,

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George.

Sir,

In acknowledging receipt of G. O. No 1850 dated 19th December 1873, I have the honor to inform you that the Commissioners express their concurrence in the views put forward by the Cuddapah Local Fund Board and are of opinion that the intervention of the Director of Public Instruction in the matters of the payment of the Results grants and in that of inquiry into cases of fraud &c is unnecessary.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Fredrick Price
Ag: President.

No 65.

true copy
Finally Noted & Recorded
this precedent
Sig. in to Board
to
From Dr. Lusk 1/5
the Secretary to the Board of
Revenue
Board's Office
Dated 26th Feby 1874
Copd. & Examd
Asst. Secy.

Rec'd 5-2-74
Rep. 6-2-74

Submitting a resolution by the Local Board on the Chairman's proceedings above noted on the Local Fund Board's order on the Cuddapah Circle in regard to the powers which the Director of Public Instruction should exercise in the matter of the payment of the Results Grants and in that of inquiry into cases of fraud &c connected.

Forwarded to the Chief Secy to Govt
Rec'd 5-2-74
4/3/74

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Salem Circle, dated 27th February 1874

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Present

The Acting President
" " Vice President
" Lila Langdon Esq
" Tahsildar of Salem

(Present 4 absent 2 0)

Read G.O. No 1850 dated 19th December 1872 Communicating to Residents of Local Fund Boards for an expression of their opinions the formation of the Local Fund Board of the Cuddalore Circle, suggesting an alteration in the present system of remitting Results grants to the Lower Class Schools, and Considering Bills for the same.

File 1074 Rec'd 27 Feb 1874
From The Secy to Govt Revenue & Agrl Depts
Madras
To The Chief Secretary to Govt Fort St George
Dated 27 Feb 1874
Rec'd 2 March
No 1452
Enclosure
Informing that the Commissioners Expenditure from the Local Fund Board Cuddalore Board Circle, will be regarded by the Board of Revenue as the Results Basis.

Resolved that this Board fully concurs in the opinions expressed by the Cuddapah Circle Local Fund Board.

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for Chairman

Acting V. President.

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No 2426
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Salem Local Fund
Board's Office 10th March 1874

From

The Ag President Local
Fund Board's Salem
District.

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government Fort St. George
(F. D.)

Sir,

With reference to G. O. No. 1850 dated 19th December 1873. calling upon the Presidents of Local Fund Boards for an expression of their opinions on the proposition of the Local Fund Board of the Cuddapah circle suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning Results grants to Lower class schools

and

and countersigning bills for
the same, I have the honor
to inform you that the Local
Fund Board of the Salem Circle
are in favor of the change
proposed.

2. A copy of their Resolution
on the Subject is enclosed for
the information of Government.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

Fredrewshee

Ag President

Comptr
G.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, ~~Salem~~ Ootacamund Circle, dated 28th March 1874.

Members Present

PARA.

1 F. Wilkinson Esq:
by Vice President.

2 C. Thamikachella Asst:
Salem Local Division Shevaroys

3 S. N. Subbakuyar Esq
Deputy Inspector of Schools
Ootacamund Circle

4 Honorary Assistant Surgeon
S. Wells M.D.

5 Rao Saheb Subba Chetty Garu

6 Venkappah

Read Government Order (Finance Department) No 1850 dated 19th December 1873 referring a letter from the Ootacamund Local Fund

From the Secretary Salem Local Fund Board
To
The Chairman
Local Fund
Ootacamund

Sir

In reply to your letter No 246 dated 13th instant I am directed to inform you that the Salem Local Board has no objection to your proposal to transfer the Ootacamund Circle Board expenditure to the Salem Local Fund Board on the condition that the Ootacamund Local Fund Board undertakes to pay the Salem Local Fund Board the amount of the Ootacamund Circle Board expenditure for the year 1874-75 as per Government Order No 1850 dated 19th December 1873.

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Board who suggest an alteration
in the present system of Bench marks
Results from the Local Funds, and
Municipal Schools, and consider
ing bills for the same.

The Board are unanimously
in favor of the Change of procedure advocated
by the Cuddalore Local Fund Board

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Salem Local Funds
Board's Office
31st March 1874.

[illegible]

By Direction
[illegible]
Vice President
Salem Circle

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No 334

Salem Local Funds
Board's Office
31st March 1874.

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From

The Acting President
of the Local Fund Boards
Salem Division

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government

Sir

I have the honor, in continuation of my letter No 246 dated 10th instant, to forward herewith a copy of a Resolution of the Local Fund Board of the Coimbatore Circle of this Division passed at their meeting held on the 20th idem from which it will be observed that they are also in favor of the Change of system proposed by the Local Fund Board of the Cuddapah

Circle.

I have the honor
to
be your most obedient
servant
Arthur V. President
for the President.

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12th Mich.

8 Dec 1875
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Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners held on the 4th February 1874.

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IX Read Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, dated the 9th December 1873 No 1850, referring for opinion to the Revenue Board, the Director of Public Instruction, and all Local and Municipal Boards, a letter from the Cuddapah Local-Fund Board, suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning Rescetts-Grants to the Local-Fund and Municipal Schools and countersigning bills for the same.

Resolved that the Government be informed that the Commissioners unanimously agree with the views expressed by the Cuddapah Local-Fund Board in their letter above referred to.

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True Extract

Dr. Thomas.

President

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Municipal Commissioners' Office
Mangalore, 6th February 1874

No. 27

From

H. S. Thomas Esquire,
President of the Municipal Commissioners
Mangalore

To

The Honble W. Andleston
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to Government Order No. 1850 dated the 19th December 1873, I have the honor to forward herewith an Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners held on the 4th February 1874 for the information of Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

H. Thomas.
President

Rd Paid 3/8/74

No. 455.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd March 1874.

Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Canara Circle, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 4th February 1874, No. 57 :—

Adverting to the marginally noted orders of Government, I have the honour to submit copies of the Resolutions passed by this Board on the 2nd instant, recording their opinions on the three subjects referred to them for consideration.

1. G. O., Financial Department, 9th October 1873, No. 1,055, referring for opinion the question of the detailed supervision over the staff of vaccinators being entrusted to Local Fund Boards.
2. G. O., Financial Department, 19th December 1873, No. 1,850, referring for opinion, a letter from the Cuddapah Board, suggesting a modification of the present system of sanctioning result grants.
3. G. O., Financial Department, 4th November 1873, No. 1,611, requesting opinion with regard to establishing a fixed scale of fees for the services rendered by Hospital Assistants to out-patients at their own houses.

Enclosure No. 1.

Extracts from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Canara Circle.

Present:—

H. S. THOMAS, Esq., President.
A. C. LAWFORD, Esq., Officiating District Engineer.
B. C. LEGGATT, Esq., Treasury Deputy-Collector.
E. H. PRINGLE, Esq., Executive Engineer.
Mr. S. S. MASCARENHAS, Honorary Secretary.
M. R. R., K. SANTAPPA, Deputy Inspector of Schools.
Dr. D. McALLUM, Civil Surgeon.

Read Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, dated 9th October 1873, No. 1,055, referring the question of the detailed supervision over the vaccinators, etc., being entrusted to Local Fund Boards, for the consideration of those bodies, and calling for a report on the subject through the Board of Revenue.

This Board do not think they have the means of making a detailed supervision of work superior to or so good as that of the present professional head of the Vaccine Department, and that as regards the result grant proposal, they think it would be impracticable as well as unfair to make the vaccinators pay dependant on the chances of local prejudice.

2. Read Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, dated 19th December 1873, No. 1,850, referring for opinion to the Revenue Board, the Director of Public Instruction, and all Local and Municipal Boards a letter from the Cuddapah Local Fund Board suggesting an alteration in the present system of sanctioning results grants from the Local and Municipal Funds.

The Board concur with the Cuddapah Board. They would, for expedition sake, depute the sanctioning of the result grants to the President, who will lay before the Local Fund Board the accounts and questionable cases, as well as frauds.

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4. Read Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, dated 4th November 1873, No. 1,611, requesting the opinion of Local and Municipal Boards with regard to establishing a fixed scale of fees to be paid for Medical or Surgical Service rendered to out-patients at their own houses by the subordinate Medical officer attached to the Hospitals and Dispensaries under the control of these Boards.

Read also letter No. 9, dated 15th January 1874, from the Civil Surgeon of Mangalore, expressing his opinion on the subject in reply to the Board's reference, dated 1st December 1873.

Read also the President's remarks on Dr. McAllum's letter.

The Board are unanimous that the proposed rate of 8 Annas a visit, would be too low. The majority are in favour of fixed rates of remuneration and would place them at Rupee 1 a visit by day, Rupees 2 at night, and Rupees 3 on a wet night on this coast, at houses within the immediate charge of the Hospital Assistants summoned. The rate beyond their charge should be left open, no Hospital Assistant being bound to attend beyond his charge.

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(True Extracts.)

(Signed) H. S. THOMAS,
President.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the second and third orders quoted by the President.

2. The opinion of the Local Fund Board on the subject of Controlling Vaccinators will be noticed in disposing of the general subject.

(True Copies and Extract.)

J Grose
Secretary.

To the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.
,, the President of the Local Fund Board, Canara Circle.
,, the Director of Public Instruction.
,, the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Fin. Dept. Proc. 5 Feb 1874.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 2ND MARCH 1874, No. 455.

Read Dup 24 Dec 1873. Encl.

Received 5 March

MARCH.
No. 455.

Results Grants to schools—Letter from President, Local Fund Board, Canara Circle, forwarding copy of Resolutions passed by Local Board on questions referred to them by Government regarding modification of present system of sanctioning—from Local and Municipal Funds, establishment of a fixed scale of fees for service rendered by Hospital Assistants to out-patients at their own houses, and transfer to Local Fund Boards of detailed supervision over staff of Vaccinators, submitted to Government.

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Financial Department

Memorandum for Orders.

In October 1871 the Director of Public Instruction asked the Orders of Govt. on the following points.

(1). Who is to be considered the authority to sanction Results grants to lower class schools?

(2) Who has the power to inquire into and dispose of cases of fraud, &c., in lower class schools on the result systems?

In reply the Govt. directed that the Director of Public Instruction should, as heretofore, continue to sanction the grants and that all questions connected with the working of the Results grants system which would have been dealt with by the Director of Public Instruction, under arrangements hitherto in force (i.e. before Local Fund Boards were constituted or Municipalities dealt with Education) should continue under his orders, his action

I can see in the Code clause Bd. At present as I understand matter - any one can start a schl and claim the grants - on fulfilment of the conditions in the rules.

The Inspector or Dep. Inspector in the Circle &c.

action in cases of fraud, being of course communicated to the Local or Municipal body concerned.

In October 1873 the President of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board submitted for orders a resolution of the Board to the effect that the Govt should be moved to cancel so much of the G.O. above referred to, as authorised the Director of Public Instruction to sanction results grants to lower class schools, and to take action in cases of fraud.

The arguments in support of the resolution were,

(1) The Local Board is the custodian of the Local fund money, and 'prima facie' the proper channel — for sanctioning expenditure.

(2). The members of the Board possess local knowledge which no one else can attain to, and therefore are more capable of exercising a preventive check than the Director of Public Instructions.

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-dvances the School Cess to. pies that it is entitled to a certain sum - where upon the Director sanctions it.

And also thus is done in the matter of reference by the Municipal Cmrs & Local Fund Boards where by law the Managers & Custodians of the Funds.

This clearly is

way. The object of the Legislature should be to the M. Cmrs & Local Fund Bds who should sanction thing. ment. in accordance with the rules.

& also with funds - the Municipal Cmrs or the L.F.B. are clearly the better bodies entrusted a Distant authority like

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(5). The proposed arrangement would enable the schoolmaster to get his money quicker than he does at present.

By G.O. dated 19th December 1873, No 1850, the resolution of the Cuddapah Local Fund Board was forwarded to the Board of Revenue, the Director of Public Instruction, and all Presidents of Municipal and Local Fund Boards for an early expression of their opinion on the advisability of the change of procedure therein advocated.

The Board of Revenue, twenty two Local Fund Boards, and sixteen Municipal Boards have reported in favor of the change advocated by the Cuddapah Board. Some would go farther and give the Boards power to reduce the rates where schools are abundant and funds limited, but this seems a question which can be more satisfactorily dealt with

when

when the revision of the Result grant Rules is under consideration.

One Municipality and two Local Fund Boards see no call for any change.

The Madras Local Fund Board discussed the matter but recorded no formal resolution. The President would like to see them empowered to sanction grants but would not like to see the responsibility of the Educational officers weakened, as the individual members of the Local Fund Board have plenty of private business, and their local knowledge is usually limited to a very small area.

As might be expected the Director of Public Instruction is strongly opposed to any change of the kind, though he admits that full information should be given to the local boards regarding the grants sanctioned, and would also authorize them to enquire into such cases of fraud, &c., as the Director found himself unable to deal with. To do more, he thinks, would be to transfer to local Boards a portion of the "direction" of Education and this, he presumes, has not yet been contemplated. He also doubts whether the change would really be beneficial to education on the grounds advocated by the Tuddapah Board, as though local knowledge is very well in its way, local interest is not always an unmixed good.

The evils foreseen by him may be shortly specified.

(1) Unity of action, on part of Local Boards and Educational Officers, endangered.

Duty

(2). Duty of judging educational merits would cease to be confined to professional judges.

(3). Difficulties in the way of the transfer of schools from lower to middle class and consequently from Local to Provincial funds (and vice versa) being determined by the Director alone.

(4). The continuance of a uniform system throughout the Presidency would be endangered.

(5). The Director's Inspecting staff would be partially removed from his control.

The Director concludes his letter by saying that it may be that the system he deprecates proposes a superiority over existing arrangements. In that case he thinks that the Office of

I think that this practice requires modification, in the same regards to Bombay — Sanction the Director of P. I. should (as at present) the conducting. the "certifying" Inspector "

the "certifying" officer, with his countersignature, should be sent to the Local Fund Board. I.e.: the officer who represents them — also will of course deal with it under the

educational rules: in as it is subject to Bombay in para 4 of this letter) * that "the certifying " Inspector " "countersigned by the " Director of P. I. should " be sent to the Local " Boards for payment."

Under the arrangement, the Board could of course take such measures as it might think fit, in regard to suspected payments of irregularities of any kind, before payment of the grant. ×

of Director of Public Instruction might be abolished, the inspecting staff being placed under a Secretary to Govt. as regards Government schools, and under Collectors or Presidents of Local Fund Boards as regards all other schools.

A more detailed précis is annexed.

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× In giving this order, I would call the attention of the L.F. Boards, & the explanation & full correspondence and understanding as between the Bombay Govt. & the Director of P. I. — with a view to a correspondence between the applications for Results grants & the ordinary allowances of the Boards.

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Receipts grants to
L. Fund & Inam Schools

To H.S. the Govt

Fin. Dept. 4th Feb. 74 — 1120

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Financial Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters from

	The Pres.t L. F. B.d Coimbatore	No. 1.	dated	19th Jan.y 74.
1	Secy to the B.d of Rev.e	438.	dated	22d — " —
	" Collr of Nellore	139	dated	22d — " —
	Pres.t L. F. B.d Nellore	41	dated	22d — " —
17	" — M. C. Cuddalore	16	dated	22d — " —
11	" — L. F. B.d Honjeeram Mans. Chingleput	35	dated	23d — " —
3	" — L. F. B.d Ganjam	282	dated	23d — " —
21	" do — Madura	11	dated	26 — " —
2	Director of Pub. Instn.	140	dated	29 — " —
16	Pres.t L. F. B.d Trichinopoly	7	dated	3d Feb — 74.
15	" — L. F. B.d S. Arcot Dt.	10	dated	4th — " —
4	" — M. C. Mangalore	27	dated	6 — " —
22	" — L. F. B.d Tinnevelly	96	dated	11th — " —
12	" — " Chingleput Dt.	13	dated	13th — " —
	Pres.t B.d of Rev.e Canarese Circle	1181	dated	21 — " —
	Pres.t M. C. Nilgiris	10	dated	23d — " —
20	" — Srirungum	73	dated	24th — " —
7	" — Cuddapah	167	dated	24 — " —
	Ag Pres.t M. C. Salem	142	dated	27 — " —
	Pres.t Nilgiri L. F. B.d	6	dated	28 — " —
	Pres.t B.d of Rev.e Canarese Circle	455	dated	2d Mar. 74.

27	Ag Prest L. F B.d Salem Dt	No. 246	Rs. 10	8th Mar 74.
13	Prest Conjeveram Municipality	24	Rs. 12 —	
8	— " L. F B.d Cuddapah Dt.	175	Rs. 13 —	
4	— " — " Godavery — "	—	Rs 20 —	
9	Ag Coll. & Prest L. F. B.d Bellary	76.	Rs. 27 —	
14	Prest L. F. B.d N. Arcot.	24	Rs. 28 —	
28	Ag Prest L. F B.d Salem Dt	334	Rs. 31 —	
5	Prest L. F & Municl B.d Kistna Dt	596.	Rs. 15	4th Apl 74
15	Prest M. C, N. Arcot	27	Rs. 16 —	
19	— " — " Trichinopoly	87	Rs. 23 —	

Order thereon of 26th and 4th July 1874 No 1120

The Govt consider that the existing practice requires modification ~~in the details~~ but only to the extent suggested by the Director of Public Instruction, namely, that the countersigned certifying memoranda should be sent to the President of the Local Fund Board or Municipality concerned,

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instead of to the Treasury officer. It will then be open to the Local Board to order payment forthwith or to hold it in abeyance pending any further enquiry they may deem necessary in cases of suspected fraud or irregularities, but payment of a Countersigned memorandum must not be finally withheld except with the concurrence of the Director of Public Instruction.

In G.O. of 20th Oct 1871, it was pointed out that the certifying officers must regulate their proceedings by the limit of the budget allotment, and in G.O. of 8th Nov. 1873 No. 1626, the Govt have recognized the

Note — This instruction appears to have been habitually ignored by the Educl officers. JL

the right of Local Boards to fix a limit on the number of Schools which shall be allowed to place themselves under inspection. The Educational officers must therefore take care that no Certifying Memorandum is issued on account of a School which has not been recognized by the Local Boards under the provisions of the order last quoted, while the Local Boards on the other hand will remember that it is a matter of the greatest importance that there should be a frank & full communication and understanding between them & the educational officers in the matter of the selection of the Schools to be inspected, and no School once admitted should be excluded by the Board without the Concurrence of the Director of Public Instruction.

Mr. Buckle's letter will be forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction with a view to his giving his opinion on the proposals therein made in para 3 and 7, when submitting his recommendations for the revision of the result grant rules.

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This clause is suggested in lieu of the Govt. Dr Robinson's proposal to circulate it to all Local Govt and Municipal Bodies as the proposals for the revision are expected very shortly and it may be possible to settle the question & means of the inspection which Govt will submit with his proposals for revision. The delay of a general reference will thus be obviated. H

The Board of Rev: } 17/7
Dr Pub Instn } 17/7
Presidents of all Local Govt Boards } 20/7
Presidents of all Municipalities } 20/7

Précis.

Report received in reply to a reference made by Govt. in G. O. 19th Dec. 1873, No. 850, Fin., on a letter from W. A. Sewell, Esq. President, L. F. Board, Cuddapah District, advocating such an alteration in the procedure obtaining at present in the case of results' grants, as will admit of the Circle Board sanctioning such grants to Local Fund Schools and countersigning bills for their payment, and taking action in cases of malversation, in lieu of the Director of Public Instruction.

Director of Public Instruction.

The Director objects to the adoption of the proposed scheme. He states that interference with the system in force is likely, unless the entire administrative policy in Education is changed, to terminate in injurious consequences, and that if concession to the full extent suggested is now made, the line of demarcation between financial and Educational functions will be obscured. He is willing to acquiesce in any

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

To

The Board of Revenue

Dated 7 Feby 1874, No. 1128

Recd.

Nos. 40-71.

Local Funds & Municipal Schools - Re Executive Engineer's proposals regarding grants to Taluk schools and countersigning bills for same made by Circle Boards.

Submits copy of correspondence with the Director of Public Instruction and the Local Fund Board & requests their opinion.

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plan which would confine the Circle Board's action & matters relating to Elementary Education strictly within its province without giving further, and conferring functions, not purely legislative, on the Board. In modification of the alternative proposed, he suggests:—

(a) that the Inspector and his deputy (both Members of the Board) should be furnished with such information as the other Members might possess, in order that they might distribute their attention over the whole Circle, or concentrate it temporarily on certain points therein;

(b) that after the Examination of a result School the Inspector or his deputy should furnish the Board with a statement of particulars, and send the certificating Memo: as usual, to him;

(c) that he should countersign and send the Memo: to the Board

Board for an order for payment;

(d) that the Board, if it suspects any malversation might suspend payment of the grant;

(e) that the Board should at once state the action taken by it to him in order that he might adopt such steps as should seem called for;

(f) finally, that on receipt by him of a report of suspected fraud he should dispose of the case, or send it to the Board for investigation.

He observes that the Board should not enquire into cases of fraud and irregularity with which he finds himself able to deal and that the plan proposed appears to him to be decidedly weak on one point. viz. the extra delay which would arise in the payment of a grant against which no objection is forthcoming. He lastly points out some evils which he foresees would result from

from the adoption of the scheme. viz.

(a) that unity of action in the part of the Educational dept. and Boards would run the risk of being destroyed.

(b) that the duty of judging of the Educational work of a school would not be confined to professional authorities.

(c) that schools might be transferred from the lower to the middle class, and from local to provincial funds, without the knowledge or consent of the Educ. dept.

(d) that he would thus be constrained into practically acting as a Recorder of the decisions of Boards.

(e) that his decisions regarding the transfer of schools from one class to another would run the risk of being set aside.

(f) that no guarantee would exist for the continuance of the System prescribed;

(g) and lastly, that his inspecting staff would be to a certain extent removed from his control —

Local F. Bd. Cuddalore circle
" " Vizachellam circle
" " Nellore District
Muni. Comrs. Cuddapah.
Local F. Bd. Madanapalli circle.
Muni. Comrs. Mangalore.
Local F. Bds: Canjam Dist.
" " Bellary circle.
" " Gooty circle
" " Pennakonda circle.
" " Chittoor circle.
Muni. Comrs. Vellore.
" " Wallajapett.
" " Salem.
Local F. Bd. Salem circle.
" " Cossor circle
" " Nilgiri circle.
" " Kistna District.
" " Chingleput Dist.
" " Saidapett circle
Muni. Comrs. Chingleput
" " Srirangam.
" " Coimbatore
Local F. Bds. Coimbatore Dist.
Muni. Comrs. Rajahmundry.
" " Ellore.
" " Cocanada

All these Local Fund Boards, and Municipalities are in favor of the scheme proposed.

Extracts & true.

Board of Revenue

The Revenue Board are of opinion that L.F. Boards should be empowered to sanction results' grants and countersign bills for such grants, provided that the sanction is immediately communicated to the Director of Public Instruction. If the Director finds that the rules have been transgressed or the scale for results' grants departed from, he should report the matter to them.

L.F. Board. Madras Circle

This Board has not recorded a formal resolution though the matter has been discussed by the members at one meeting. The President however, remarks that too much must not be expected from the Local F. Boards in this district but that he would like to see the Board empowered to sanction results' grants on the distinct understanding that the responsibility of the Educ. Dept is in no way weakened.

Local F. Board. Madras Circle.

A majority of the Board are in favor of the alteration suggested and consider that it will vastly improve the supervising agency over the Schools by associating with the Inspector of Schools the whole strength & local knowledge of the Board.

Local F. Boards. Tinnevelly District

The President states that the alteration proposed, though in the right direction seems inadequate to effect a thorough satisfactory change and that a much greater modification of the rules than that proposed, is required. He suggests that the present rates of results' grants may be considered as the maximum and the Circle Board permitted to make such a reduction as the condition of Education in any particular village town, or taluq might show to be expedient.

Mun.l Comm.rs. Tonyevendan.

The Commissioners approve of the system proposed but consider that the power of passing the results' grants bills should be entirely vested in them in consequence of their close situation to the locality of the schools in the Municipalities, instead of in the Members of the Local Land Board.

These Boards are in favor of the scheme proposed and suggest that all certificates should be submitted to the Local Land Board through the Inspector of Schools for any remarks he may have to offer

Mun.l Comm.rs. Richmond Hill

Local L. Board. Richmond Hill Dist.

The Commissioner is of opinion that the views of the Inspector of Schools of the Division should be obtained on the matter, but the others approve of the alteration proposed

Mun.l Comm.rs. Cuddalore.

The Board approve of the suggestion, and state that they would, for expedition sake,

Local L. Board. Canard Circle.

sake, depute the sanctioning of the results' grants to the President who will lay before them the accounts and questionable cases, as well as grants.

Mun.l Comm.rs. Kellore.

The Commissioners state that they are not interested in the question, because they maintain three schools only which they have established, and give no results' grants; but where results' grant schools exist, the alteration suggested would prove salutary.

Mun.l Comm.rs. Ootacamund.

The Commissioners recommend that all Municipalities should be authorized to pay bills on account of results' grants at their discretion on the signature of the Inspector or Deputy Inspector alone and they consider that, in all cases where grants are required, a copy of the report of the Inspector or Deputy Inspector on the school concerned, should be submitted to them

The Commissioners consider that Municipal bodies should have the power to check bills and sanction expenditure from Municipal funds.

Mun.l Com.rs Coonoor.

The only change the President considers necessary is as regards the grants made from Local funds, but only to this extent. that the Board should be informed of the schools for which certificate memoranda have been sent in.

Mun.l Com.rs Kistna.

(President's opinion not the opinion of the Board)

The Board are of opinion that the bills for payment of results' grants should be submitted through them, and that in case of a deficiency of funds for all the schools, they should have the power of selecting which school should receive the grant.

Local F. Board Masulipatam Circle.

Here Boards propose no alteration in the present system.

Local F. Board. Guntur Circle
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Mun.l Com.rs Guntur

The Board consider that any change in the present

Local F. Board. Ellore Circle.

Local F. Board. Cocanada Circle.

present system is uncalled for and that it will be sufficient if they had the power, when framing the annual budget, to raise or lower the scale of payments, according as they are able to afford a larger or smaller grant

The Board consider:-

(I) that the Director should not have the power of ordering expenditure from Local Funds without their sanction,

(II) that no grants should be made except on the recommendation of the Educl. Dept;

(III) that it should not rest with the Educl. Dept. to withhold such recommendations in cases of irregularity

(IV) that in cases of fraud &c., the Director cannot have the disposal of the matter legally, thus belonging to a Magistrate & that the result can be only reported to the Director and the Local Fund Board.

Local Govt Boards Jodrell Dr.

The President observed that it is the duty of every Member both of the Educt. Dept, and of the different Boards to bring to notice any case of fraud, and that the only action that can be taken by either Body, will be either the prosecution of the offending person before a Magistrate or the refusal to make the grant. He thinks that results grants should not be given except in the usual bills countersigned by the Director, but that this signature should not be considered an order to the Board to pay this amount, but only as an intimation that the rules of this Dept. justify the Director in recommending the grant. He states that it is for the Board to decide whether the funds at their disposal will allow any grant to be made. He considers that no results grants should be given except on the recommendation of the Director

he should have the power of refusing any grant, and the Board should have no power to overrule this refusal. that in cases of fraud, the Board should have the power of refusing grants, giving the Director the reasons for the refusal, but as being subject in this matter to the Director's control; that if the Board see no reason to suppose any fraud has been committed it should be bound to give the grant recommended if its funds will admit this; that the Boards should pay their grants at one time in each year; that at that time all the bills countersigned by the Director should be laid before it, & if there are sufficient funds, the Board should pay the whole; that if there are not enough funds, the amount of the budget grant should be divided among the different persons recommended, in proportion to the amount recommended for each by the Director

Derby
27th May 1874

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Results' Grants
L. Fund & Municipal Bkgs

Note
Prepared by M
J. Pemberton
27/5/74

The singular uniformity which pervades the answers of Local Fund Boards and Municipal Commissions on the subject of this reference is evidently due to a prevailing feeling of distrust as to the manner in which the Results Grants Rules are working under the Directors' Controls and the certainty that his check ones too possible fraud

fraud is practically nil. While all feel that the stimulus of management on the part of the Local School Boards is indispensable & sustained interest. The G.O. clause should be cancelled and the concession made.

There can be no question that the positions of the Director under the G.O. in question is not in keeping with the spirit of the Law. The Law gives him no power - nor can the Government delegate to him any - to draw what are practically drafts on the Municipal or Local Rural Boards treasuries. It is further sufficiently obvious that the practice has become a serious difficulty, which there is no way of overcoming save by calling the local bodies bons aid. Mr Pickles' letter shows that the utmost confusion has arisen - its occurrence almost everywhere is a mere question of time - in that District in consequence of the Director passing certificates which cannot possibly be met from the funds at disposal. and I think that besides making the concession this opportunity should be taken of referring Mr Pickles' letters

letter to the Directors
of Public Instruction
Board of Revenue and
all Municipal
Commissions and
Local Fund Boards
praying as to how
the difficulty may
be met and for consideration
of Mr. Puckle's proposal

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