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17th March 1874.

Read the following papers:—

No. 158. From W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddapah, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cuddapah, 20th February 1874, No. 159.

I have the honour, at the desire of the Municipal Commissioners of Cuddapah, to request that the Commissioners may be permitted to purchase books, &c., from the Central or District Book Depôt, for the use of their school at a discount of five per cent. A similar indulgence has been granted to the Local Fund Board.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for opinion.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
23rd February 1874.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 159. From E. B. POWELL, Esq., M.A., C.S.I., Director of Public Instruction, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 2nd March 1874, No. 326.

I have the honour to return the accompanying letter from the President of the Cuddapah Municipality, referred to me for the expression of my opinion by endorsement, dated the 23rd ultimo; and I beg to remark that there is no ground whatever for complying with the request put forward in that communication.

2. When the present arrangements in regard to elementary education were brought into play, the work of distributing books to the lower-class schools of each circle had to be undertaken by the Local Fund Board of the Circle, the Educational Department being required to maintain a steady supply of books in the Government District Depôt.

3. Under this system each Local Fund Board has to keep up a depôt of some sort, and to employ men as colporteurs to distribute books throughout the area of its circle; the arrangements in force are laid down in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue on which G.O., Financial Department, No. 1489, of the 1st November 1872, was passed. In consideration of the trouble and consequent expense incurred by Local Fund Boards in distributing books, it was settled that each Local Fund Board, when purchasing books at the corresponding Government District Depôt, should have a discount of five per cent.; and this privilege is evidently a fair and reasonable one, being nothing more than a "*quid pro quo.*"

4. The circumstances of the Cuddapah Municipality are altogether different from those of a Local Fund Circle, as neither need a separate depôt be maintained nor colporteurs employed; all that is necessary is for the boys in the municipal schools to go to the Government Depôt in the town and buy their books. To give a discount in such a case would be simply irrational.

5. It is scarcely necessary for me to observe that, by the orders of Government, the Book Department is to be self-supporting; this was completely attained only in 1872-73 after strenuous efforts continued during the three or four previous years, and it is most important that no measure should be adopted of a nature to disturb the equilibrium which has been established.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
17th March 1874.

No. 160. ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1874, No. 448.

The Government agree with the Director of Public Instruction in considering that there is no sufficient ground for complying with the application.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddapah.
,, Director of Public Instruction.

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

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

Dated March, 17th.

Read.

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G.O., 17th March 1874, No. 448.

MARCH.
Nos. 158—160.

Cuddapah Municipality.—The opinion of the Director of Public Instruction agreed with that there is no sufficient ground for complying with the application of this Municipality for permission to purchase school books from the Government Book Depôt at a discount of five per cent.

No 159. Municipal Commissioner's office
Cuddapah 20th Febuary 1874.

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From

The President
Municipal Commission
Cuddapah.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor, at the desire of the Municipal Commissioners of Cuddapah, to request that the Commissioners may be permitted to purchase books &c^a from the central depot at Madras for the use of their school at a discount of 5 per cent. A similar indulgence has been granted to the Local Fund Board.

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

W O Brumley
President
Municipal Commission

Respectfully Yr. Obt. Servt.

Fort A. Gause
23rd February 1874

L. Hardaker
Chief Secretary

No. 326.

From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

To

THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

I have the honor to return the accompanying letter from the President of the Cuddapah Municipality, referred to me for the expression of my opinion by endorsement dated the 23rd Ultimo ; and I beg to remark that there is no ground whatever for complying with the request put forward in that communication.

2. When the present arrangements in regard to elementary education were brought into play, the work of distributing books to the Lower class schools of each Circle had to be undertaken by the Local Fund Board of the Circle, the Educational Department being required to maintain a steady supply of books in the Government District Depot.

3. Under this system each Local Fund Board has to keep up a depot of some sort, and to employ men as colporteurs to distribute books throughout the area of its Circle ; the arrangements in force are laid down in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue on which Government Order, Finanical Department, No. 1489 of the 1st November 1872, was passed. In consideration of the trouble and consequent expense incurred by Local Fund Boards in distributing books, it was settled that each Local Fund Board, when purchasing books at the corresponding Government District Depot, should have a discount of 5 per cent ; and this privilege is evidently a fair and reasonable one being nothing more than a "*quid pro quo.*"

4. The circumstances of the Cuddapah Municipality are altogether different from those of a Local Fund Circle, as neither need a separate depot be maintained nor colporteurs employed ; all that is necessary is for the boys in the Municipal schools to go to the Government depot in the town and buy their books. To give a discount in such a case would be simply irrational.

5. It is scarcely necessary for me to observe that by the orders of Government the Book Department is to be self-supporting ; this was completely attained only in 1872-73 after strenuous efforts continued during the three or four previous years, and it is most important that no measure should be adopted of a nature to disurb the equilibrium which has been established.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
MADRAS, *2nd March* 1874.

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

Director of Public Instruction.

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters from the
President Municipal Commission Cuddapah
dated 20th February 1874 No. 159
Director of Public Instruction dated
2nd March 1874 No. 326.

Order thereon 17th March 1874 - No. 448

The Government agree with the Director of Public Instruction in considering that there is no sufficient ground for complying with the application.

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To The President Municipal Commission Cuddapah
The Director of Public Instruction

The Cuddapah Municipality wish to get school books at a discount from the depôt. This discount is granted to all persons as they undertake distribution among the district - but as municipal schools can go to the depôt and buy for themselves

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Stating that no grounds exist for allowing the Cuddapah Municipality specially favorable terms in their purchases of Government Books.

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To

The Presdt. Muni. Commr.
Cuddapah.

Dated Mar. 17. }
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Nos. 158. 160.

Cuddapah Munv. The opinion of the Dir. of Pub. Instruction that there is no sufficient ground for complying with the application of this Munv. for permission to purchase School Books from the Govt. Book Depôt at a discount of 5 per Cent.