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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
8th May 1874.

Read the following papers :—

No. 78. 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, 17th February 1874, No. 264.

I have the honour to submit for the information of Government copy of a letter, No. 76, of the 11th instant, from the Inspector of Schools, 5th Division.

2. It is no doubt unfortunate that a large number of results grants earned in 1873-74 should not be paid till 1874-75; but I doubt if the suggestions made by Mr. Marden in paragraph 6 of his letter could be conveniently carried out.

3. I consider, however, that every Local Fund Board should consult the Inspector of the division regarding the adequacy of the provision proposed for education before sending in the budget for the circle. In theory this is done now; but I fear the communication which takes place between Local Fund Boards and Inspectors of Schools is far from being either sufficiently timely or sufficiently free.

4. It is a very faulty arrangement that 75 per cent. of the total allotment for grants should go to a single taluq, and that the greater portion should fall to the share of Mission schools; but I presume the fact arises from Mission schools, owing to their organization being better, meeting the requirements of the grant-in-aid rules with greater facility than schools under ordinary pial teachers.

From T. MARDEN, Esq., Inspector of Schools, 5th Division, to E. B. POWELL, Esq., M.A., C.S.I., Director of Public Instruction, Madras, dated Palamcottah, 11th February 1874, No. 76.

I have the honour to report to you that the allotment of Rupees 11,250 made by the Tinnevelly Circle for results grants was exhausted as early as the beginning of this month, and all persons presenting bills have since that period been directed to apply again for their money on and after 1st April.

2. On hearing of this unfortunate occurrence, I wrote to the President pointing out the severe check which we should experience in our work if confidence in the stability of our plans were thus early and rudely shaken, and begged of him to consider whether the mischief could not be averted by a supplemental allotment or a draft on general funds. I also requested that, in case no such allotment could be made, he would inform me whether he could authorize me to promise that all grants for the current year should be paid on 1st April without prejudice to grants for the ensuing year. In reply, he informs me that "want of funds prohibit any addition being made to the educational allotment for the current official year," but that "all grants passed for and during the remainder of this year will be paid on and after the 1st April next."

3. I find on inquiry that the amount of grants due and postponed is about Rupees 2,600, distributed over eighty schools, and that grants to the amount of Rupees 3,000 more are likely to fall due in the current official year.

4. It seems that about a year ago the Local Fund Board passed a Resolution that all the lower-class schools of the Circle should be placed on the results system, and the fact that the schools have thus drawn a larger sum than they would have drawn on the salary-grant system is no doubt one cause of the present dead lock. It seems to me, however, that this is a consequence that the Local Fund Board might easily have foreseen and should have made some more adequate

provision against. It would even have been better to tell the Inspecting Schoolmaster to stop at home and do nothing than to have employed him in organising schools only to disappoint the teachers and make them think either that the educational officers are themselves ill informed or that they are wilfully misleading others.

5. This case and the case of the Coimbatore Municipality show, I think, pretty clearly that some alteration in our plans is required. The present arrangements, under which educational budgets are prepared on no fixed principles, are fast leading us to a regular scramble. "First come, first served" will be the order of the day, and Deputy Inspectors will be beset with hungry applicants, all eagerly seeking his "favour" to get them a grant whilst there is still something to divide. Anything less just in itself or less dignified as the result of Government action it is difficult to imagine.

6. If asked what remedy I would propose, I would respectfully suggest that Boards should receive instructions to allot not less than a certain proportion (which would have to be fixed after due inquiry and consideration) of their whole revenue to elementary education. They should then consider how this could most equitably be divided amongst the different taluqs of the Circle, and promulgate their arrangements accordingly. And I think there should be a rule regarding education as there is regarding roads, to the effect that twenty-five per cent. of the money raised in any taluq should be expended therein. In Tinnevelly, at the present time, I suppose that of the whole allotment nearly seventy-five per cent. is given in the Tenkarai Taluq alone, and almost all of it to *Mission* schools.

Referred to the President of the Tinnevelly Local Fund Boards for explanation. It is observed from the Revenue Board's Proceedings of 27th January 1874, No. 141, on the budgets for 1874-75, that the Tinnevelly opening balances are estimated at Rupees 20,200, and that it is proposed in the year to transfer Rupees 18,270 from the General Fund to the Road Fund, so that there would appear to be no lack of funds to allow of immediate payment of grants due.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
18*th February* 1874.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 79. From R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Tinnevelly, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Tinnevelly, 25th February 1874, No. 133.

With reference to your endorsement, dated 18th February 1874, on a letter, No. 266, dated 17th February, from the Director of Public Instruction, I have the honour to inform you that the opening balances for the year 1874-75 will fall very considerably short of the amounts estimated in October last, when the budget was prepared, and that there is at present no balance of General Fund from which the educational bills now overdue can be met.

2. The Local Fund Board in a resolution, a copy of which is enclosed, have resolved to request permission to withdraw from the Road Fund the sum of Rupees 4,000 out of the appropriation of land cess already made, as the only mode of meeting the educational charges without further delay.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
8th May 1874.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board of the Tinnevelly Circle, dated 25th February 1874.

Present:

A. T. Arundel, Esq., Vice-President.
J. W. Rundall, Esq., District Engineer.
Ramier, of Suthamalli.
Darmarajah, of Strivilliputtur.
Ramakristnier, of Tenkarai.
Subba Row, of Sattur.
Kumarasami Naik, of Ottapidaram.

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Educational.

10. Read letter, No. 264, dated 17th February 1874, from the Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, on the lack of funds to meet educational charges, forwarded to the President for explanation.

Resolved that, as there is no available balance of General Fund to meet the results-grant bills already due, application be made to the Board of Revenue for permission to withdraw the sum of Rupees 4,000 out of the appropriation of land cess already made to the Road Fund, that the results-grant bills now due may be paid at once.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL, *Vice President,*
for *President.*

No. 80. ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1874, No. 795.

The action now reported to have been taken by the Local Fund Board is approved, and the Government trust that more care will be taken in future to provide sufficient funds to meet all legitimate claims, as any failure to do so cannot but have a disastrous effect on the working of the results-grant system, which the Local Fund Board have resolved to adopt in preference to any other. As, however, the funds available for the purpose must have some limit, the attention of the Local Fund Board is drawn to G.O., dated 8th November 1873, No. 1626, paragraph 5, in which it is stated that, under certain circumstances, a limit should be put on the number of schools allowed to place themselves under inspection. To permit of this being done in a satisfactory manner, the Local Board should place themselves in unreserved communication with the Inspector of Schools.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Govt. of Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated May. 8th.

Read.

Ditto.

G.O., 8th May 1874, No. 795.

MAY.

Nos. 78—80.

Tinnevelly Circle.—The action reported to have been taken by the Local Fund Board in the matter of the payment of results grants due approved, and the hope expressed that more care will be taken in future to provide sufficient funds to meet all legitimate claims. The attention of the Board drawn to the limit to be put on the number of schools allowed to place themselves under inspection.

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Office of the Director of
Public Instruction,

No. 264. MADRAS, 17th February 1874

From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

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I have the honor to submit for the information of Government Copy of a letter, No. 76 of the 9th instant, from the Inspector of Schools, 5th Division

2. It is no doubt unfortunate that a large number of Results grants in 1873/74 should not be paid till 1874/75; but I doubt if the suggestions made by Mr. Marsden in para 6 of his letter could be conveniently carried out.

3. I consider however, that every Local Fund Board should consult the Inspector of the Division regarding the advisability of the provision proposed for education before sending in the Budget for the Circle. In theory this is done now; but I fear the communication which takes place between Local Fund Boards and Inspectors of Schools is far from being either sufficiently timely or sufficiently

4. As a very fourth arrangement that 75 per cent of the total allotment for grants should go to a single Tribe; and that the greater portion should fall to the share of Mission schools; but I presume the fact arises from Mission schools among the most organization being better meeting the requirements of the Department and able to operate [illegible] than schools under ordinary local teachers.

I have the honor to be
Very
Your most obedient Servant

No 76

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From

The Inspector of Schools

5th Division

To

The Director of Public Instruction

Madras.

Memo

I have the honor to report to you that the allotment of Rupees 11.250 made by the Tirunelly Circle for Remitter grants was exhausted as early as the beginning of this month and all persons presenting bills have since that period been directed to apply again for their money on and after 1st April.

2 On hearing of this unfortunate occurrence I wrote to the President pointing out the Levere check which we should experience in our work if confidence in the stability of our plans were thus early and rudely shaken and begged of him to consider whether the mischief could not be averted by a supplemental allotment or draft on general funds. I also requested that in case no such allotment could be made he would inform me whether he could authorize me to promise that all grants for the current year should be paid in 1st April without prejudice to grants for the ensuing year. In reply he

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From

The Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Fort Saint George.

Dated 15th March 1874.

Received 18 — 3 — 1874.

No. 214.

Enclosures, one

No.

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to move Government to sanction the transfer of the sum of Rupees 11.250 from the Provincial Fund, Division of Municipal Councils, Revenue Allotment, to the Provincial Fund, Division of Public Instruction, Revenue Allotment, for the purpose of meeting the demands that will be made on the Tirunelly Circle for Remitter grants during the current year.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

for Director of Public Instruction

Madras.

Ans. 795.

Dated 18th March 1874.

Received 19 — 3 — 1874.

No. 1.

Enclosures, one

No.

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter noted in the margin and to request that you will be pleased to move Government to sanction the transfer of the sum of Rupees 11.250 from the Provincial Fund, Division of Municipal Councils, Revenue Allotment, to the Provincial Fund, Division of Public Instruction, Revenue Allotment, for the purpose of meeting the demands that will be made on the Tirunelly Circle for Remitter grants during the current year.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

for Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Director of Public Instruction

Madras.

Memo

Copy of the above forwarded for information.

By order

for Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Inspector of Schools

5th Division.

of the Circle and proceed to make arrangements accordingly. But I think there should be a rule regarding education as there is regarding Roads to the effect that 25 per cent of the money raised in any Taluq should be expended therein. At present at the present time I suppose that of the whole Assessment nearly 75 per cent is given in the Tankaid Taluq alone, and almost all of it to Mission schools.

Inspector's Office
Trichinopoly
11th February 1874

I have &c
Lyd. Thos. Handley
Inspector of Schools
5th Dist.

True Copy

J. B. Powell
Director of Public Instruction

No 183.

From

D. K. Puckle Esqre
President Local Fund Board
Tinnevelly

To

The Honorable W. Huddleston
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Tinnevelly
25th February 1874.

Sir,

With reference to your Endorsement dated 18th February 1874 on a letter No 266 dated 17th February from the Director of Public Instruction, I have the honor to inform you that the opening balances for the year 1874-75 will fall very considerably short of the amounts Estimated in October last, when the Budget was prepared, and that there is at present no balance of General Fund from which the Educational bills now overdue can be met.

2. The Local Fund Board in a Resolution, a Copy of which is Enclosed, have Resolved to Request permission to withdraw from the Road Fund the Sum of Rs 4000 out of the appropriation of Land-Cess already made, as the only mode of meeting the Educational charges without further delay.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed Servt
A Arundel
Vice Pres.t
for President.

Comp.d

Exctract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board of the Tinnevelly Circle, Dated 25th February 1874.

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Present.

A. J. Arundel Esquire Vice President.
J. W. Rundall Esquire District Engineer
Ramier of Suthamalli
Sarmarajah of Srivilliputtur.
Ramakristnier of Sankaran
Subba Row of Sattur.
Kumarasami Naik of Ettapidaram.

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Educational.

10. Read letter No 264, dated 17th February 1874, from the Director of Public Instruction to Chief Secretary, to Government on the lack of funds to meet Educational charges for which the President for Explanation.

Resolved that as there is no available balance of General Fund to meet the Result Grant bills already due, application be made to the Board of Revenue for permission to withdraw the sum of Rs 4,000 out of the appropriation of land cess already made to the Road Fund, that the Result Grant bills now due may be paid at once.

(True Extract)

A. J. Arundel
Vice President
For
President.

From Com. S. Francisco 1874
No 795

I think that the
letter of the Inspectors
of schools which forms
an enclosure to the
Director of Public Instruction
– it should be printed
with the Proceedings of
Govt – merits most Careful
Consideration – the Complaints
that the Budget is prepared
on no fixed principles,
& I urge that some
rules for the guidance
of Local Fund Boards
should be laid down.
It seems done that the
Complaints are just and
require urgent attention

The question is too great
to be left to accident
and changeful decision
of Local Boards

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S-O-Wk 795 28th May 1874

Inspectors
Enclosure in a Letter from
the Resident Engineer S.R.R.
Forwarding Petition
from Inhabitants
of Kandy Sept
dated 18th & 20th
May 1874

Secretary from the Resident Engineer S.R.R. forwarding Petition from Inhabitants of Kandy Complaining of Irregularities in the Distribution of Grants in Aid of Education

Recd 28 May 1874

No 795/74

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Director of Public Instruction, dated 9th February 1874 No. 764
President Local Fund Boards, Chingleput, dated 25th February 1874 No. 220.
Enclosure

the letter of the 8th Order thereon & dated 8th May 1874
Inspector of Schools, should be No. 795.
forwarded to the G.O. and
placed on my table along
with the Report called for
to this case.

The petitioners were reported to have been taken
by the Local Fund Board,
as appeared and the Govt.
trust that more care
will be taken in future
to provide sufficient
funds to meet all legiti-
mate claims, as any
failure to do so cannot
but have a disastrous
effect on the working
of the Boards System which the Local
Fund Board has now
introduced

preferred to a desk in preference to any other.

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As however the funds available for the purpose must have some limit, the attention of the Local Fund Board is drawn to G.O. of 8th June 1873 No 1626 para 5 in which it is stated that under certain circumstances a limit should be put to the number of schools allowed to place themselves under inspection. To permit of this being done in a satisfactory manner the Local Board should place themselves in communication with the Inspector of schools

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I would add "If in addition to the fee, to restrict the number of schools in any place."

It is evident that what is required is (1st) Local Board's deliberate, before admitting their Report, how many

"by Board of Gov. 14
Trustees of Pub. Schools"
" Director of Pub. Instruc."

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they can pay for the education, and should therefore in proportion to their means, be admitted to the privileges of schools in any place. Under these two schools may come forward on the part of the Parents, Results proofs, with claims which the Local Board is unable to satisfy...

I therefore to add words to this effect

in the present case, to be included for the words first proposed

To be added after Sec.

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Govt. of 187 } Madras.

Circle

To

The Board of Revenue.

Dated 8th June } 1874. No. 78.
Recd. }

Nos. 78-80.

Tinnevelly Circle - The action reported to have been taken by the Local Fund Board in the matter of the payment of Result grants direct to Schools and the hope expressed that more care will be taken in future to provide sufficient funds to meet all legitimate claims. The attention of the Board draws to the limit to be put on the number of school allowed to place themselves under inspection.

Dated 27th Aug 74
Rec'd 1st Sept 74

Aug 16
Nil