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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
12th May 1874.

Read the following papers :—

No. 116. From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Coimbatore, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Coimbatore, 5th December1873 :—

As requested in G. O., No. 1693, dated the 20th November 1873, I have the honour to report on the Brahmin and Caste Girls' School established last year in the town of Coimbatore, which obtained a result certificate, but which, as the Municipal Budget allotment for the year had been expended in previous grants, the Municipality were unable to pay.

2ndly.—Government trust that the claim may be admitted, and remark that funds (whether Municipal or Provincial is not stated) are available.

2. I have several times visited this school, at present established in a place little better than a hut. The average attendance for seventeen months was thirty-one out of a nominal roll of forty-nine, composed of the *elite* of the native classes of the Coimbatore town, chiefly Brahmins and some Sudras. Tamil and Telugu are taught by two masters. The little girls are bright and intelligent, and come, if not as clean and neat as might be desirable, decorated with a profusion of valuable ornaments. In the back row, on a separate form, sit three or four young girls of the "dancing" class, who are considered not to be fit associates with that of good family. The teaching is fairly good, the meaning of words well comprehended, and the school is fairly entitled to a results grant under the rules.

3. The Results' Grant Rules are irrespective of all ability to maintain private or caste schools. If they had reference to helping those without pecuniary resources this school would be excluded as it belongs to the aristocracy of the town—persons who have found no difficulty in erecting a handsome school-house.

4. It is not the only girls' school in the town which I am in the habit of visiting.

5. Mrs. Joss, the wife of a Missionary, has a girls' school with three classes under three female teachers in a large building, attended by all castes except Brahmins, who doubtless would not be excluded if they chose to attend. There are five Mahomedan girls in regular attendance. The education is of a much higher order, up to the third standard. The school is almost entirely supported by friends of education and the results grants. The actual attendance for the past four months out of a nominal roll of seventy has been sixty in the morning and forty in the afternoon ; the falling off is in the lower classes, the higher ones attend regularly. It does not, therefore, appear that the case of the private caste school first referred to, which owes its existence a good deal to official influence, is so very exceptional as to induce the Municipality to exceed their resources.

6. But the question of the results' grants system is one which calls for settlement.

7. If the Budget allotment is to be exceeded in one case, considered exceptional, there are others where elementary schools are frequented by the poorer classes, who have qualified for results grants, but for whom funds are not available. The parents and friends of such children, including, in some cases,

girls as well as boys, could never afford to build a fine school-house as has been done in the case of the Brahmins' school. But, as the results' grant system has no distinction between rich and poor and is a hard-and-fast rule—of so many Rupees for so many passed children,—the question arises who is to find the money for all this. The Municipality are of opinion that they are unable to find the money without either fresh taxation or the abandonment of vital improvements.

8. It is an absolute necessity for the health and welfare of a large portion of the community that the shallow tank which surrounds the fort, and whose miasma of drying mud and weeds is at present and recurrently pestiferous, should be embanked and drained. The scheme is with the Sanitary Commissioner for recommendation to Government.

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9. We have fortunately not imposed a trade-tax, which in other Municipalities has been much complained of and is consequently in course of abolition. Our house-tax has been recently carefully revised and is at its highest limit. The tolls, owing to the through traffic of the Railway, are more likely to decrease than to increase; taxation or revenue cannot, therefore, be added to.

10. It may appear a small matter, the extra payment of Rupees 93-12-0 to the Brahmin Girls' School; but it involves the whole question as to whether a community with limited means is to be expected to meet illimited expense, and I wish I could offer a suggestion on the subject. If we take the ryots' 1-Anna cess to supplement Municipal shortcomings it will scarcely be considered just, though the Local Fund Board, indeed, contribute to the support of the dispensary; but this seems the only solution, though the Local Fund Board may remonstrate that the unlimited support of elementary education* (a thing which pays in itself) is taking away the money for the repair of roads, in which the tax-payers are chiefly interested.

* Originally intended to be met from a union house-tax.

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12. If Government would fix some such rate then the Educational Department could assign the amount rateably, if insufficient for the whole, which, though at present illegal, would be, if sanctioned, the fairest mode of distribution.

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

No. 117. From R. RICE, Esq., Manager of the Caste Girls' School, Coimbatore, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Coimbatore, 28th February 1874.

In November last, I addressed a letter to the Hon. W. Hudleston soliciting that Government might be moved to pay a sum of Rupees 93, being the amount of results grant earned by the Coimbatore Caste Girls' School under my management at an examination held by the local Deputy Inspector, and also that they might be pleased to make an annual grant of Rupees 300 to cover the teachers' salaries and sundries.

2. As I have not as yet received any reply to that application I am under the apprehension that my letter may have miscarried or have been overlooked.

3. Since then I have received the notification by the Director of Public Instruction to the effect that all grants to such schools will in future be paid from Provincial instead of from Local or Municipal funds.

4. I beg, therefore, to renew my application as also the favour of a reply.

No. 118. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1874, No. 823.

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3. Mr. Rice ought not to have addressed Government otherwise than through the Collector.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
,, Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of {1874. Madras

FINANCIAL.

To THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, &c., &c.,

Dated May, 12th.

Read.

G. O., 12th May 1874, No. 833.

MAY.
Nos. 116—118.

Caste Girls' School, Coimbatore.—Mr. Rice's application for payment of the results grant-in-aid earned by the school as also of an annual grant of Rupees 300 to cover teachers' salaries and sundries, forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction for report and his opinion specially desired on certain points. Payment of the sum of Rupees 93-12 due in arrears as a result grant directed to be paid from Provincial Funds as a special case, and Mr. Rice informed that he ought not to have addressed Government otherwise than through the Collector.

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Coimbatore
28th February 1874.

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With the Hon'ble Mr Sinclair 15 Dec 73

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

J. Rice
Manager, Castle Girls school
Caambetone.

A "Caste" school - i.e. one which excludes certain sections of H. Majesty's subjects because they are of no "caste" or [redacted] a caste "top caste" admittance, can only be considered in the form of results — The pupil enters and departs — The pupil enters and departs in strict accordance with the ruling principles of one of the existing castes.

Mrs Rice should be thanked for and informed that there is [redacted] Thanks but Caste this being the usage of

[illegible]

I do not approve of Mixed
Girl Schools - they must have Separate
- from the caste Schools - Had Mr Chamberlain
a large Girls' School at Harrogate some
years ago. and only last week 20 of
the Scholars were Jewish girls (do
Throw our Schools open to all) - the
- Sides Miss would be desirable
Companions - after life for Jewish
women in good & respectable circum-
- friendship to be extended -
Was no objection

Lower class Girls' School in the Coimbatore Municipality – Coimbatore District.

Examined on the 9 October 1873.

MEMORANDUM UNDER SCHEDULE A. AND B OF THE GRANT-IN-AID RULES. for the year 1873/74.

STANDARD.	Number of pupils presented for examination.	Number passed in Reading.	Amount due.	Number passed in Writing.	Amount due.	Number passed in Arithmetic.	Amount due.	Number passed in Grammar.	Amount due.	Number passed in Geography.	Amount due.	Total amount.	REMARKS.
	Girls		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
1st Standard	11	10	15 - -	11	8 4 -	11	16 8 -	-	- - -	-	- - -	39 12 -	
2nd Standard	3	3	6 12 -	3	4 8 -	3	6 12 -	-	- - -	-	- - -	18 - -	Rupees Ninety three and annas twelve only.
						Capitation grant for 36 girls						36 - -	
										Total Rupees.		93 12 -	

Name of Manager R. Rice Esquire.

Office of the Dy Inspector of Schools Coimbatore 9 October 1873

Certified that the Regulations of the Results' System have been strictly followed, and that the school is of the Lower class.

(Signature) Dy Inspector of Schools. North Coimbatore.

No.

Coimbatore Municipal
Commissioners office
3rd December 1873.

From.

A. Wedderburn Esqre.
President Municipal
Commission Coimbatore

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
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Inclosure
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dated 3rd December
1873 No 539.

Madras Govt.

Encl: to Municipal Proc: No 2 dated 22/1/74

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Alexander
President

Fin. Dy 20th Nov. 73. Read 26th

No 1119 —

Fin. Dy 5th Dec. 73. Read 10th

Communication from the Director of Public Instruction, dated 3rd May 1873.

No 2270.

From
The Director of Public Instruction
Madras
To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Madras

Dated 3rd March 1873.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith the Report of the Collector of Coimbatore on the application of the Manager of the Caste Girls' School at that station for a grant in aid.

2. The Collector recommends that the application be granted, and I am of opinion that the school is deserving of encouragement.

3. I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servt

Alexander
President

No 823

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters from the

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JL

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Note

The arrear Results grant should, strictly speaking, be paid by the Municipality, but it was earned before any definite instructions had been issued to Municipalities with reference to grants earned in excess of the budget allotment, and the Municipality are neither willing nor very well able to meet all the cases of the kind. As Taluk Schools are now being aided from Provincial funds it seems the simplest method to take over the slight additional liability.

JL

To

The ~~Asst to the Mun. Comrs~~
Collector of Coimbatore
&
The Director of Public Instr.

~~R Rice Esqr. Manager of~~
~~The Taluk Girls School, Coimbatore~~

43-2-80

There is a Mission Female School in Coimbatore, in opposition to which this Taluk Female School has been organized by Mr Price, and Mr Wedderburn is evidently not cordially in favor of the movement.

Mr Price proposes a grant (apparently from Provincial funds) of Rs:300 or Rs:5 a head which I think excessive. I would be disposed to give an annual grant of Rs:60 for 5 years and

and Require fees to
be charged.

As regards Results
Grants I would insist
on these being given
in this case. The very
small saving can be
made and female
Education needs
Special Encouragement.

But it is Evident
that the whole question
is arising as to whether
or not the rapidly
increasing charges
for Results Grants in
Towns can be met
from existing taxation.
It obviously cannot
long be met at present
rates. The rates may,
I think, be reduced.
They do more than
Supplement

Supplement the efforts
of parents and are
out of proportion to the
taxation paid by them.

I cannot help
foreseeing ~~xx~~ reason
to regret the suspension
of the trades & profession
tax – the well understood
Native Motive for taxation
Towns, in the interest
of these most important
objects

As regards the
admission of dancing
girls – they Everywhere
need & receive instruction
to enable them to learn
the lewd songs they
use – into female
Labour, I am inclined
to prohibit it. Early
friendship of this
kind

kind are civil and sources of future [illegible] sorrow and should be made impossible so far as aided schools are concerned. The boards should be required to do as they now do, viz, teach themselves and at their own cost.

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Coimbatore, to the Municipality dated 5th December 1873, cannot be rejected No. 39.

I should be disposed to dispose of the Rs 300 as proposed by the Municipality and to grant the amount prayed for, but I think we have no power to do so. The only important question here is whether we should compel a Municipality to give grants to schools for the "aristocracy" i.e. those who can pay but would rather not. It does not appear

wise

have stated that it is obviously impossible to admit unlimited claims on a limited fund, but at the same time they consider that every effort should be made by a Municipality to meet applications for results grants unless it is clear that sufficient provision has otherwise

claims. 8th November 1873, No. 1626, the Govt.

Order thereon

Female Education has

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up to date, the estimated
receipts before the end of
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Municipality cannot
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the 31st March 1874. When
it is proposed to make any
outlay as yet unsanctioned,
the necessity for doing so
must be clearly demon-
-strated, and ~~explanation~~
~~submitted of~~ the reason
why it was not considered
necessary when the
budget was submitted.

J K

Sir

I am directed to request that
you will cause to be
furnished, in accordance with
the rules of the annexed
statement, a return of the
receipts & disbursements of the Municipal Council, Coimbatore,
for the year 1873-74
Dr Pub Instruction.

Secretary
26/12

Caste Girls' School at Coimbatore

Govt. of {187 } Madras.

To _____

Dated
Recd. } 187 , No.

Nos.

Since the letters
have been received,
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Fund Boards of
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incident with Funds
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entire expenses
of the school will
therefore devolve on
Govt. and the only
Question for settlement
now is whether
Fees should be charged
& if so at what rates.
Mr. Parker's last
letter &c requested
Sir Francis in to submit
his views on the subject for

Read Mr Sim on 12/4/81

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Govt. of {1874} Madras.

Financial

To

The Dir. of Pub. Instruction

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Dated May. 12
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