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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
30th May 1874.

Read the following papers:—

No. 297. From J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Nilgiris, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 17th April 1874, No. 6.

I have the honour, with reference to the annexed resolution of the Nilgiri Local Fund Board passed at a meeting held on the 30th ultimo, to inquire what sum Government are prepared to allot to this circle annually for educational purposes.

2. With the amount sanctioned in G.O., 11th July 1873, No. 971, the Local Fund Board purpose establishing schools in some of the villages enumerated by the late Mr. Breeks, but before attempting to do so it becomes necessary to ascertain if Government will repeat the grant annually, as, after the present allotment is expended, there will be a difficulty in providing funds for the maintenance of the schools without Government aid.

EXTRACT from Proceedings of a Meeting of the Nilgiri Local Fund Board held at Ootacamund on Monday the 30th March 1874.

Present.

J. R. Cockerell, Esq., *President.*
F. Graves, Esq.
H. Wapshare, Esq.
W. C. Rhode, Esq.
Gool Mahomed Saib.
Pada Gounden.
H. B. Grigg, Esq., *Honorary Secretary.*

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Read letter from the Inspecting Schoolmaster, submitting a scheme for establishing schools in this district.

2. Resolved that the scheme prepared by the late Mr. Breeks, and which was put in abeyance for want of funds, be adopted with such modifications with regard to the localities, &c., selected for schools as the experience acquired may suggest. Before opening the schools the Board desire to ascertain whether Government will be prepared to give an annual grant for their maintenance, as, unless the House-tax is revived, there is no probability of there being funds availably for the object after the present allotment is expended.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. R. COCKERELL,
President.

No. 298. MINUTE by the Hon. W. ROBINSON, C.S.I., dated 30th April 1874.

There are few places in the country where instruction is more earnestly coveted by the labouring classes than amongst the Badugahs of the Kotagiri District and eastern parts of the Neilgherry Hill Plateau. A few years ago night-schools were established in five or six of the large villages—the schools were supervised by the Rev. Mr. Metz—about that station by some of the residents, and the attendance of the labouring men and children many of whom had been out all

day on distant coffee estates, &c., was very remarkable. The scholars worked far into the nights; and the residents were constantly solicited to extend their operations. I think that village-schools would be well attended in some parts of the Hills and become popular.

2. But there are no indigenous popular or village-schools on the Hills *to aid.* They have to be created; and the suspension of the local provision made by law in this behalf, seems to me, to make any movement in execution of a scheme—such as Mr. Breeks's costly one—out of the question.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON.

No. 299. MINUTE by the Right Hon. the PRESIDENT, dated 2nd May 1874.

We gave last year out of an "available surplus" of Rupees 4,96,112 Rupees 35,530 for elementary education, of which Rupees 3,850 were given to the Neilgherry Hills. The President of the Local Fund Board (Neilgherries) very naturally remarks that, while the Board propose with this sum of Rupees 3,850 to establish some elementary schools, they cannot do so unless they know that the grant will be annual. In fact, unless the Government intended to make the grant annual, there was very little use in allotting it at all to any of the districts to which this sum of Rupees 35,530 was assigned. For my own part, I had every intention that the grant should be annual. If it be said that it came out of an "available financial surplus," on which we cannot always count, I reply that I think we can count, as a rule, upon an annual surplus which will admit of this very small expenditure. And if we could not, I should urge as strongly as possible the continuance of the grant; because I consider that we ought in that improbable case to inflict upon the higher education (by whatever retrenchment in that respect might seem most expedient) this very insignificant sacrifice. I can never consent to withdraw the grants—amounting as they do to a very inconsiderable aggregate amount—which we made last year deliberately to elementary education, so long as such a preponderating portion of our educational expenditure is given to higher-class instruction. Their withdrawal, besides being itself in the highest degree undesirable, would involve something very like a breach of faith. I consider, too, that the Neilgherry District has a special claim to consideration in this respect.

(Signed) HOBART.

No. 300. MINUTE by the Hon. J. D. SIM, C.S.I., dated 5th May 1874.

I certainly understood the grant made last year to the Neilgherry Circle, and several other circles, to be for the year only. The Government found when the Provincial accounts were closed that they were richer than they supposed by Rupees 2,84,471. Out of this unexpected surplus they granted Rupees 35,530 to seven circles, "being the amount estimated to be expended from the House-tax" then doomed "in the current year on schools to be *newly* opened." These circles owed their good fortune to the circumstance of their Collectors having been more active than others in starting schools. The Government could not be

sure of having any surplus at all in the following year, nor if I had thought that the grants were to be permanent could I have concurred in such a very hap-hazard style of appropriation.

2. I am not disposed, however, to stand in the way of attaining a real good, on such an argument.

3. But I submit that if the Neilgherry Board may naturally inquire whether we mean to give the money again, we may as naturally inquire how they propose to spend it. In fact the latter should come first; they should tell us what they think necessary in the way of schools, and we could then determine what assistance should be afforded from State Funds. All that we are told is that the late Mr. Breeks' scheme is to be followed "with such modifications as to the localities, &c., of the schools as experience acquired may suggest." But Mr. Breeks' scheme was considered by the Government to be too extensive, even when the House-tax was in force, and, in consideration of that tax, the education was otherwise to be gratuitous. Mr. Breeks' scheme was something over 4,000 Rupees. The Land-cess of the circle is only Rupees 2,000; so that the share available for Education, Sanitation and other like purposes is under Rupees 700.

4. I would call on the Local Fund Board to submit their scheme, and request them in framing it to bear in mind that the abolition of the House-tax renders it necessary that school fees be insisted on. The inhabitants of the Hills cannot claim gratuitous education any more than the inhabitants of the plains.

(Signed) J. D. SIM.

No. 301. MINUTE by the Right Hon. the PRESIDENT, dated 20th May 1874.

The Board asks whether we shall continue the grant, and in reply we may ask them to submit their scheme, which of course will imply that if we approve it we shall continue the grant. I think it would be better to leave any such question as that of fees for consideration when we have the scheme before us. We need not say anything which would lead them to suppose that we intend to treat them more favourably in this respect than other Local Boards.

(Signed) HOBART.

No. 302. ORDER THEREON, 30th May 1874, No. 933.

The scheme prepared by the late Mr. Breeks and which the Local Fund Board now propose to carry out with certain modifications had for its basis the imposition of special local taxation concurrently with the establishment of the schools and was of a somewhat extensive nature even under such conditions. In the present state of things where the Board admit that the establishment of the schools is entirely dependent on the aid to be given from Provincial Funds, it is obvious that such a scheme cannot be brought into force without such modifications as to render it practically a new scheme, and this the Government desire to have

submitted to them before they decide upon giving a grant for the purpose which must be annually recurring.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

Extract from Procedings of a meeting of the Nilgiri Local Fund Board held at Ootacamund on Monday the 25th March 1874.

Present. I. K. Cockerell Esqre. President
F. Groves Esqre.
H. Rapsher Esqre.
D. C. Rhode Esqre.
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Pada Gounden.
H. B. Grigg Esqre. Hony: Secy:

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Read letter from the Inspecting Schoolmaster, Submitting a Scheme for Establishing Schools in this District

Resolved that the Scheme prepared by the late Mr. Brooks and which was put in abeyance for want of funds be adopted with such modifications with regard to the localities &c. Selected for Schools as the experience Acquired may suggest. Before opening the Schools the Board desire to ascertain whether Government will be prepared to give an annual grant for their maintenance as unless the Annual Cess is revived there is no probability of there being funds available for the object after the present allotment is expended.

(True extract)

H. Cockerell
President

No. 298
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No. 302

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

The BOARD of REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated May, 30th.

Recd.

Read.

G.O., 30th May 1874, No. 133.

MAY.
Nos. 297–302.

Nilgiri Circle.—With reference to the inquiry of the President as to what sum the Government are prepared to allot to the circle annually for educational purposes, the Commissioners desired to submit a new scheme distinct from that prepared by the late Mr. Brooks before Government decide upon giving a grant.

Enclosure to Letter Dtd
6 Augt 17 April 1874

Encl. 2 to No 17

No. 6.

Bilgiri Local Fund Bds Office
Ootacamund 17 April 1874

From.

J. R. Cockerell Esqre
President Local Fund Board
Bilgiri

To.

The Chief Secretary to Government
Ootacamund.

Sir.

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I have the honor, with reference to the annexed resolution of the Bilgiri Local Fund Board passed at a meeting held on the 30th Ultimo, to enquire what sum Government are prepared to allot to this Circle annually for Educational purposes.

With the amount sanctioned in G.O. 11th July 1873 No 941 the Local Fund Board purpose Establishing Schools in some of the villages enumerated by the late Dr. Brooks but before attempting to do so it becomes necessary to ascertain if Government will repeat the grant annually, as after the present allotment is expended there will be a difficulty in providing funds for the maintenance of the Schools without Government aid.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt. Servant
J R Cockerell
President

No 294.

Recd (1874) Rec'd from Kilgoris Local Board
Sent Pro: to the President
to the Director
Kilgoris to Boards.
&
to the Chief Secy: to Govt
Acknowledged
Recd 18th April 1874
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No 933

Enclosures one

No 880

Requesting Bro to inform the Local Board Kilgoris that Government does not propose to allow Grants in Aid Annually for Schools
" Final Correspondence.
PLC 16/4/74 C & P 9/933
Rec'd 20/4/74

No 298

Letter from the President Kilgoris Local Board
Board of 17th April 1874 No 6.

There are few places in the Country where instruction is more earnestly Courted by the labouring classes than amongst the Badugho of the Kilgoris District and Eastern parts of the Kilgoris Hills Plateau. While my family were resident there, I established night-Schools in 5 or 6 of the large Villages - the Schools were Superintended by the Revd Mr Metz - about that Station, and others were doing the same. The attendance of the labouring men & children many of whom had been out all day on distant Coffee Estates, of was very remarkable and

thus

the Scholars worked far into the night. We were constantly solicited to extend our aid. I think that Village Schools would be well attended on the Hills & become popular.

S.O. 933.

But there are no indigenous popular or village Schools in the Hills to aid. They have to be created and the exposition of the local provision made by Law in this behalf shaken any movement in Execution of a Scheme such as Mr Brick's out of the question.

No further charge on Provincial Funds for the Hills should be admitted.

Sd/ W. Wrasse

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year last year out of an available surplus of Rs 496,112 Rs 35,530 Rs
in addition to the Annual Grant of about 3850
was given to the Kalimpong Hills.
The Secretary of the Local Road Board
(Kalimpong) very naturally remarks that
while the Board persevere with the
sum of Rs 3850 to establish some elementary
schools - they cannot do so unless
they know that the grant will be
annual: he fears, unless the Govt

intended to make the grant annual,
there was very little use in now allotting
it at all, & any of the Districts to
which this sum of Rs 35,000 was
appropriated. In your part, I had
every intention that the grant
should be annual. If it be said that
it came out of an 'available surplus,'
on which we cannot always count —
I reply that I think we can count,
that — as a rule, after an
unusual surplus which will
admit often very small reductions.

And if we could not, I should prefer
urge an increase or perfect the continuance
of the grant: because I consider that
we ought in most improbable case to do without
what does obtain resist upon the
higher education (by which I do not
mean what passes current for it)
expedient / this very disagreeable
sacrifice. I cannot count / can
never consent to withdraw the
grants — amounting as they do
to a very inconsiderable aggregate
amount, — which we made last
year deliberately to elementary

Education, so long as we are spending such a preponderating portion of our Educational ~~Revenue. This additional burden~~ expenditure being itself in the highest degree ~~objectionable~~ open to serious objection. This withdrawal, besides being in itself ~~objectionable~~ in the highest degree undesirable, would involve something very like a breach of faith. I consider too, that the Wellington District has a special claim on consideration in this respect

S.O. 933.

I request that, should the Attorney General, the decision of H.E. the Commander in Chief may be taken in this question.

Herbert

May 6/74

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certainly understood the grant made last year to the Wellington Circles and Levuka Circle, to be for that year only. The [illegible] Provincial Accounts have closed that they have risen than they anticipated by Rs 284.471. At this time last year they granted Rs 35.530. to 7 Circles. "being the amount estimated to be expended from the Native Fund"

Herbert

May 6/74

then Dorcas " in the car
kept you on schools She newly
opened." There Cecilia owed
them forty-five Otto circum
stances of their Colds having
been more active than usual
in starting schools. She just
could not be sure of having any
Sovereigns at all in the following
year - Like if I had thought
that the Aunts were to be
permanent until I was "Ca

-ccried in such a very back-handed
style of abbreviation.

I am not disinclined however
to stand in the way of attain
ing a real good - no matter an
argument.

But I do think that if
the Neighbourly Dorcas in any
literally enquire whether we
mean to pinch the Money of our
Uncle in any unnaturally enquire
how they are to spend it.
Let just the letter should come
first - they should vote as what
they

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they think it necessary in the way of schools & we could then determine what attendance should be a standard from State funds. All that we are told is that the late Mr Greer's scheme is to be followed "in the main" as regards the qualifications of the teachers & the experience of the schools as experience may suggest." But Mr Greer's scheme was condemned by the present Director of Education. Even when the Hunter Jones scheme was in force. and - in consideration

of that Jones, the education Minister to be practicable. Mr Greer's scheme was drawn during the Boom Rs - The basis of the circle is only Rs 2000 - & that the share available for Education - Sanitation & other similar purposes is only under Rs 900 -

I would call on the L. F. Club & the Municipal Union scheme and in framing it to keep in

Yours &c May 20/29

mind that the abilities
of the Hindu Race renders it
necessary that a check should
be in the hands of the inhabi-
tants of the Hills cannot
claim preferential Education
any more than the inhabitants
of the Plains.

L. B. Reid

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30/ The Board after discussion we shall endeavour

Read the following 15 (7) Passed 25

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the grant: and in reply we may ask
them to reduce their scheme - which of
course will easily be if we disapprove
it we shall continue the grant.
I think it will be better to leave a
such practice as that of fees pre-
cisely when we have the
scheme before us. We need not say
anything about it. Lead them to suppose
that we intend to treat them
in this respect
different from more favorably than
the Local Boards.

May 21/74

S.O. 933.

Read the following
Minute by the Hon. R. R. Lewin 30 May 74
" Hon. R. Brooks 2nd June 74
" Hon. J. D. Sim 3 June 1874
" Act. Hon. the Regt 20th June 1874

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The scheme prepared by the late Hon. Brooks and which the Local Fund Board now propose to carry out with certain modifications had for its basis the imposition of special local taxation concurrently with the establishment of the schools and was of a somewhat extensive nature even under such conditions. - In the present state of things the Board do not admit that the establishment of the

Orders

The Belize Local Fund Board propose to carry out Hon Brooks educational scheme - if Govt will pay the cost.

Hon Brooks scheme was considered too extensive even when the House tax was in force and the views of Govt seemed to be that it would suffice if advantage were taken of existing Russian schools and perhaps new schools established in Corozal and the Cayes Vazaars. The

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down to the
Corozal Office

scheme was eventually
decided with all the
Otes when the House-
tax was discontinued.

It is submitted that
most Otes districts have
~~a claim~~ claim a better
claim than the Belgaum
and Poona Provincial funds
for elementary education
which would hardly be
appreciated by the ratte-
payers even if offered to
them free of charge.

J.L.

schools
is entirely dependent on the
aid & by grant from Provincial
funds, it is obvious that such
a scheme cannot be
brought into force without
such ~~a~~ large modification
as would in effect be
~~it~~ a new scheme and
this the Govt desire to have
~~before them~~ submitted to
them before they decide
upon giving a grant
for the purpose which
must be annually re-
curring. - Supplies

In reconsidering the
scheme the Local Board

should bear in mind that
the discontinuance of the
House tax has rendered
it necessary that fees
should be insisted on
and it might also be well
to give a trial to the
system of ~~fix~~ a com-
bination of fixed stipends
and results grants re-
commended in the letter
of the Director of Public
Instruction circulated
with G. O. 2/sec.[4] April 1874
No 746.

J.L.

The Hon'ble Rev.
President & Members
of Belgaum
& Poona Datos

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Volpini School
Volpini 2

~~Capt Childs~~ C/S-R 2 5/5

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

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To
The Board of Revenue.

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G.O. May. 30, 1874. No. 933.

Nos. 297. 302.

Nailgiri Circle - With ref. to the Enquiry of the Presd. as to what Sum the Govt. are prepared to allot to the Circle annually for Edl. purposes, the Collr. desired to submit a new Scheme. distinct from that prepared by the late Mr. Breeks - before Govt. decide upon giving a grant.

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