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Municipal—Education.

No. 217. Read the following letter from Colonel R. M. MACDONALD, Director of Public Instruction, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 14th May 1875, No. 1062:—

I have the honor, in submitting the accompanying letter, No. 181, of the 7th instant, from the President of the Municipal Commission, Tinnevelly, to recommend, with reference to G.O., No. 2053, of the 8th December 1874, that the Municipal School be retained on the footing now proposed.

From W. H. COMYN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Tinnevelly, to Colonel R. M. MACDONALD, Director of Public Instruction, dated Tinnevelly, 7th May 1875, No. 181.

With reference to G.O., No. 2053, dated 8th December 1874, paragraph 2, I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, copies of the correspondence between the Vice-President of the Tinnevelly Municipality and the Inspector of Schools regarding the Tinnevelly Municipal School, and to recommend the retention of the Municipal School, as alterations have been made with a view to placing the institution on a better footing.

2. The following arrangements have been made:—

(1.) The second master, an unpassed man, will be replaced by a matriculated or other passed student as soon as possible.

(2.) The exemption from school fees allowed to poor boys and formerly granted by any three Commissioners will, in future, be granted only by the Commissioners at a Meeting. The Commissioners desire the sanction of Government to this course.

(3.) The school fees shall be paid at the regular rates.

3. The Native Commissioners have always taken great interest in the school, and as the masters are now paid on the result system, I think that the school may well be retained, and that it may be left to the masters to fix the standard up to which the boys are to be taught, and from which the greatest pecuniary benefit is likely to be derived in the form of result grants.

4. In reference to paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Inspector's letter, embodied in the above Proceedings, I have the honor to report that the question therein mooted was fully considered by the Commissioners of the Tuticorin Municipality, in communication with the Educational Officers, and that all have agreed that it is not necessary to employ the services of the Headmaster of a Principal School to supervise the operations of the Pial Schoolmasters, but that the quarterly visits of the Inspecting Schoolmasters are quite sufficient.

From A. T. ARUNDEL, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Tinnevelly, to T. MARDEN, Esq., Inspector of Schools, 5th Division, dated Tinnevelly, 25th January 1875, No. 4.

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a resolution of the Municipal Commissioners of Tinnevelly regarding the Municipal School which was animadverted on by the Deputy Inspector of Schools in his letter quoted in G.O., No. 2053, dated 8th December, and to request that you will be good enough to favor me with your opinion regarding the retention of the school after such reference to the Deputy Inspector as you may think necessary.

2. In consequence of the unfavorable report of the Deputy Inspector last year, the Municipal School was placed under the result system. The cost to the Municipal Funds now includes the rent of the school-house at Rupees 7 a-month, and the charges for contingencies and sundries at Rupees 5 per month. In addition to this, a sum of Rupees 15 a-month is paid to the masters as

an advance to be deducted hereafter from the amount of result grant payable after the examination. This advance will be discontinued at the close of the current year.

3. The charges are now reduced to a moderate sum, and, as the Native Commissioners and a large number of the residents are particularly anxious to retain the school, I am disposed to encourage their interest in education by concurring with their wish, although I should otherwise think that the school is not specially required.

Proceedings of the Commissioners of the Tinnevelly Municipality at a Meeting held on the 19th January 1875.

3. Read G.O., No. 2053, dated 8th December 1874. Read also letter from the Native Commissioners to the Vice-President, and petition from 144 inhabitants of Tinnevelly, urging the retention of the Municipal School.

Resolved that as the school is now paid on the result system, with the slight additional expense of house-rent and sundries, it is no longer open to the objections stated by the Deputy Inspector, and that it may therefore be retained on its present footing.

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL,
Vice-President.

From T. MARDEN, Esq., Inspector of Schools, 5th Division, to A. T. ARUNDEL, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Tinnevelly, dated Palamcottah, 10th February 1875, No. 94.

In reply to your letter, No. 4, of the 25th January 1875, I have the honor to inform you that on visiting the school in question I found several anomalies about it:

(1.) Whilst there are many passed candidates available, both the masters here are unpassed men, at least the Headmaster only passed a few days ago, and the second has not passed at all, and does not appear to have had any experience as a teacher.

(2.) The second master receives as much pay as the first without the slightest claim that I could discover to such exceptional treatment.

(3.) The school is to a great extent a charity school supported by the Municipality not at their own cost, be it observed, but out of the Provincial Funds. Of seventy-five boys, no less than twenty-four were free scholars.

(4.) The admission of these free students appears to be conducted in the loosest possible manner, any one of the Commissioners having the power to nominate as many free scholars as he pleases, without his selection being submitted to the general body, and without even stating his grounds. This, I saw, from one of the admission orders shown to me. Moreover, those who do pay contribute only about half what they would have to pay at an ordinary grant-in-aid school. Under these circumstances, I do not wonder that a numerously-signed requisition was sent in to you not to abolish the school. Government have, however, deliberately decided that certain fees shall be exacted from those who desire more than an elementary education, and though the Municipality are technically at liberty to charge what they please, the school being on the result system, still as a public body they should, I consider, adopt the policy of Government and levy the fees prescribed for aided schools.

2. The wisest plan appears to me to be to endeavour to work all our schools when aided on different systems in harmony rather than in opposition, and I would therefore deprecate the maintaining any school of a higher standard when there are already existing schools that can do the work. In a former letter on this subject, I mentioned that the Hindu Anglo-Vernacular School and the Church Missionary Society's Anglo-Vernacular School were full, but if a proper understanding were arrived at, these schools would break up their lower classes and thus make room for a larger number of advanced pupils.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
26th May 1875.

3. I have written the above on the supposition that the school should be kept up in some form though on a reduced scale, but in view of the large number of private schools existing in Tinnevelly, I do not myself see what necessity there is for the Municipality to maintain a school at all. The masters are doing nothing but what is done in each and every of the thirty or forty schools in the town, and the result of maintaining this school is simply to enable certain lads to obtain their education either for nothing or at a reduced rate instead of paying the usual charge.

From A. T. ARUNDEL, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Tinnevelly, to T. MARDEN, Esq., Inspector of Schools, 5th Division, dated Tinnevelly, 23rd March 1875, No. 8.

With reference to your letter, No. 94, dated 10th February, I have the honor to inform you that the Commissioners have made the following alterations in the arrangements of the Municipal School, and beg to be informed whether they meet with your concurrence:—

(*a.*) The present second master will be replaced by a matriculated student without delay.

(*b.*) The exemption from payment of school fees has hitherto been given by three Commissioners jointly. It will in future be given only by the Commissioners at a Meeting. It is given only to such boys as are unable through poverty to pay the fees, and the Commissioners desire, with the approval of Government, to be permitted to exercise this discretion.

(*c.*) As the result grant is paid out of Provincial Funds, the school fees shall be paid at the regular rate.

(*d.*) As all the schools are under the result system, the Commissioners think it may be left to the masters or managers in every case to decide what standard of teaching shall be aimed at.

2. The result of concentrating all the advanced pupils in the two Anglo-Vernacular Schools and breaking up the elementary classes of those schools would be to throw on Municipal Funds the payment of all result grants made on account of elementary classes.

3. The majority of the Commissioners have always taken a great interest in the Municipal School from the time of its establishment, and are anxious to profit by your suggestions to put it into good working order.

From T. MARDEN, Esq., Inspector of Schools, 5th Division, to A. T. ARUNDEL, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Tinnevelly, No. 168.

In reply to your No. 8 of the 23rd March 1875, I have the honor to observe that I concur in the arrangements made so far as they correspond with my recommendations in my No. 94 of the 10th February 1875.

No. 218. ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1875, No. 1155.

Sanctioned accordingly.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
,, President of the Municipal Commissions, Tinnevelly.

Exd J. Wright.

Govt. of Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To The DIRECTOR of PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, &c., &c., &c.

Dated May 26th.

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Municipal Education.—The retention of the Tinnevelly Municipal School on its present improved footing, sanctioned.

Tinnevelly 7th May 1875.

No. 181.

From

W. H. Comyn Esquire
President Municipal Commission
Tinnevelly

To, The Director of Public Instructions
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to Government Order No. 2056 dated 8th December 1874, para 2, I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government, Copies of the correspondence between the Vice President of the Tinnevelly Municipality & the Inspector of Schools regarding the Tinnevelly Municipal School, & to recommend the retention of the Municipal School, as alterations have been made with a view to placing the institution on a better footing.

2. The following arrangements have been made:

I The second master, an unpassed man will be replaced by a Matriculated or other passed Student as soon as possible.

II The exemption from School fees allowed to poor boys and formerly granted by any three

Commissioners will, in future, be granted only by the Commissioners, at a meeting - The Commissioners desire the sanction of Government to this Course

III The School fees shall be paid at the regular rates.

3. The native Commissioners have always taken great interest in the School and as the Masters are now paid on the Result System, I think that the School may well be retained and that it may be left to the masters to fix the standard up to which the boys are to be taught and from which the greatest pecuniary benefit is likely to be derived in the form of Result Grants.

4. In reference to paras 4 & 5 of the Inspectors letter embodied in the above Proceedings, I have the honor to report that the question therein mooted, was fully considered by the Commissioners of the Sutie-in Municipality, in communication with the Educational Officers, and that all have agreed that it is not necessary to employ the services of the Head Master of a

Principal School to supervise the operations of the Rial School Masters, but that the Quarterly visits of the Inspecting School Masters, are quite sufficient.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt. Servt

W. H. Lower.
President

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No 4. Municipal Office Tinnevelly.

From The Vice President
Municipal Commission
Tinnevelly

To. The Inspector of Schools.
5th Division

Sir,

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2. In consequence of the unfavorable report of the Deputy Inspector last year, the municipal school was placed under the result system. The cost to the Municipal Funds now includes the rent of the school house at Rs 7 a month

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From The President
Municipal Commissioners
Tinnevelly

To. The Director of
Public Instruction
Madras

Dated 7th
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To

the Committee's copies of correspondence between the Vice President Tinnevelly Municipality & Deputy Inspector of Schools regarding the Municipal School and recommending that it may be retained

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and the charges for contingencies & sundries at Rs 5 per month. In addition to this a sum of Rs 15 a month is paid to the masters as an advance to be deducted hereafter from the amount of result grant payable after the examination. This advance will be discontinued at the close of the current year.

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I have &c

(Signed) A. J. Arundel
Vice President

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Resolved that as the school is now paid on the result system with the slight additional expense of house-rent & sundries, it is no longer open to the objections stated by the Deputy Inspector, and that it may therefore be retained on its present footing.

(Signed) A. J. Arundel
Vice President.

(True Copy)
(Signed) A. J. Arundel
Vice President

No: 94

From The Inspector of Schools 5th Division

To The Vice President
Tinnevelly Municipality.

Sir,

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(1) Whilst there are many passed Candidates available, both the masters here

are unpaid men at least the Head Master only passed a few days ago, & the second has not passed at all & does not appear to have had any experience as a teacher.

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schools that can do the work. In a former letter on this subject, I mentioned that the Hindu Anglo Vernacular School and the Church Missionary Society's Anglo Vernacular School were full - but if a proper understanding were arrived at, these schools would break up their lower classes and thus make room for a larger number of advanced pupils -

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Inspector's Office
Tn Circuit Palamcottah
10 February 1875

I have &c
(Signed) Thom. Marden
Inspector of Schools 5 Dn

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Municipal Office
No 8 Tinnevelly

From The Vice President
Municipal Commission
Tinnevelly

To The Inspector of Schools
5 Division

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 94 dated 10 February, I have the honor to inform you that the Commissioners have made the following alterations in the arrangements of the Municipal School & beg to be informed whether they meet with your concurrence -

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at a Meeting. It is given only to such boys as are unable through poverty to pay the fees, and the Commissioners desire, with the approval of Government, to be permitted to exercise this discretion.

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The result of concentrating all the advanced pupils in the two Anglo Vernacular Schools & breaking up the elementary classes of those schools would be to throw on Municipal Funds the payment of all result Grants made on account of elementary classes.

9. The majority of the Commissioners have always taken a great interest in the Municipal School from the time of its establishment, and are anxious to profit by your suggestions to put it into good working order.

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I have &c

(Signed) A. J. Arundel
Vice President

No. 168.

From The Inspector of Schools 5 Division

To, The Vice President
Municipal Commission
Tinnevelly

Sir,

In reply to your No. 8 of 23 March 1875, I have the honor to observe that I concur in the arrangements made so far as they correspond with my recommendations in my No. 94 of 10 February 1875.

I have &c

(Signed) Thom: Marden
Inspector of Schools 5 Division

(True Copies)

H. Morgan
President

A.J.A./K.C.

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Office of the Director of
Public Instruction,
Madras, 4th May 1875.

No. 1062.

From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit-
ting the accompanying letter No. 181 of
the 7th instant from the President of
the Municipal Commission, Tinnevelly,
to recommend with reference to G.O.
No. 2053 of the 8th December 1874 that
the Municipal School be retained
on the footing now proposed.

I have the honorable,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

P. N. Maclean

Director of Public Instruction

R. Board No. 2453 Dated 10th 1875.
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The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

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Dated 14th May 1875.
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Recommending that the Tinnevelly Municipal School be retained on the footing now proposed.

Sanctioned upon condition

To The Director of Public Instruction
Rend. Munl. Commr. Tinnevelly

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The attention of the Inspector of Municipal Schools on its present improved footing, is drawn.