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Local Funds—Education.

No. 40. Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Coimbatore, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Coimbatore, 4th May 1875, No. 8:—

Enclosure.

One copy of letter from Sub-Collector, No. 97, of 26th April 1875.

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3. As in the Municipality of Coimbatore, and as I have always thought for the past twenty years, since the Educational Establishment has been sanctioned, the aid from taxation to Elementary Schools should be to the indigent only. Education does not spread downwards, at least such has not been the result as yet, the education of the hitherto neglected and degraded classes will act as a spur to those above them; as it is, the upper classes try to get their boys educated at the least cost to themselves, and to consume as much of the public funds as they can get. Schools which ought to be self-supporting are largely aided by Government, and Provincial Funds are wholly absorbed in aiding the higher education of the country.

4. Local Boards, however, have not much concern with that question, as the burden of elementary education has been thrown entirely on their very limited resources; getting a small tax from the land revenue payers, they have to do everything with this money. It is impossible that they can spend as they like on education, when the other wants of the country must be met; roads must be repaired, disease combatted, and life preserved.

5. But unless Government will rule that it be within the competency of the Local Fund Board to determine whether they will pay for elementary education of the neglected classes, or adopt result grants, no change can be introduced, for there are no funds for both.

From G. McWATTERS, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Coimbatore, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore, dated Kangayam, 26th April 1875, No. 97.

I have the honor to return the report† of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, South Coimbatore, forwarded for my remarks.

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2. South Coimbatore, as it is called, embraces the taluqs of Caroor, Darapooram, Pollachy, Palladum, and Udumalpettah. It contains 568 inhabited villages, and 112,298 boys between the ages of five and fifteen, or of a school-going age. The number of girls between the same ages is about 88·2 of the boys, or in round numbers 98,000.

3. The number of aided schools in 1874-75 in this extent of country was 249, and the number of unaided schools was 224, making a total of 473 schools. The number of pupils attending these schools was 7,151, or about 300 less than the number reported as receiving elementary education in aided and unaided schools in 1873-74.

4. The amount expended from Local Funds in 1874-75 in the shape of results grants was Rupees 7,047, and Rupees 2,283 were paid from Provincial Funds in respect of [illegible] schools ranked as middle class.

5. It will be thus seen that irrespective of the quality of the elementary instruction imparted in aided and unaided schools only about six out of every hundred of the boys of a school-going age are receiving instruction at all, and this must be considered as very unsatisfactory.

6. With regard to the number of pupils attending school in 1874-75 compared with the previous year, there was a decided decrease which would rather tend to show that the present system of results grants is not popular in the Coimbatore District.

7. I object to the system myself, and would prefer having Village or Union Schools supported out of Local and Provincial Funds.

8. The sum expended at present from Local Funds in South Coimbatore could support sixty permanent schools allowing 10 Rupees a-month for the salary of the Village Schoolmaster. The expenditure, however, from Local Funds should be doubled to effect any real good, and this again should be supplemented largely from Provincial Funds until such time as it is deemed advisable to impose a house-tax solely for educational purposes. With 200 Union Schools properly located with regard to the more populous of the 568 villages in South Coimbatore, I think a majority of the school-going class would be reached and much lasting good accomplished. But until each village has a good school within its reach, any system of elementary education must be more or less defective.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, 3rd June 1875, No. 1205.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Coimbatore Sub-Collector's

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Financial DEPARTMENT.

No. 1110

From the President of the Local Fund B'd, Coimbatore

Dated 4 May 1875.

FOR ORDERS.

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I do not accept Mr W's principle that expenditure of [illegible] on the education of the indigent only should [illegible] follow him as to the proposed withdrawal of result-grant - tho' I sympathize with his view of the system.

W.

29/5

I would for the present Record.

M.L.

1 June 75

I would simply "Record" this. The abstract is incorrect. There is no "request" for a ruling by Govt. on the subject.

Mr. Wedderburn is opposed to the "Results" grant system - & would rather apply the L.F.s available for Educ. purposes to the direct

Establishments of Elementary
schools for "the indigent
classes".

I do not consider that
it w.d be equitable to
limit the applic.n of funds
subscribed by all classes.
but by restricting their application
to Elementary Educ.n
as it stands. the Govt.
object wd in some measure
be attained -

The Govt have deliberately
disowned the results of such
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.s.c. is available for

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this purpose. and Govt
do not let the Govt free
as to an opposite
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of the Principles
objections to the system
but the question is -
not whether this is the
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FOR ORDERS.

in aid of other sources of income, is to the system which I have the honor to support thoroughly.

The first we admit to take up the Work subject and meanwhile Coin Rs can pass - as the Rs are Dowg = Rs 24.5.75.

Rd 3 June 75 - N 1215

c 13/5/76.

Coimbatore Sub-Collector's Office, Kangayam, 26th April 1875.

No 97.

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I have &c.a.

/ Signed / G. Mc. Watters.-
Ag: Sub-Collector.

True Copy.

A Venkatarow
President

1875

On a letter from the
President of the Local
Fund
Board to the Chief Secretary
to Government, Madras,
No 8 of 4th May 1875.

Enclosure No 1
Copy of the Sub Collector's letter.
Submitting certain re-
-marks on the report
of the Dy. Inspector of
Schools, South Coimbatore

Encl 1 to 1/5/75.

No 8 Coimbatore L. F. Board's office
4th May 1875.

From,

A. Wedderburn. Esquire,

President - L. F. Board - Coimbatore.

To,

The Honorable D. F. Carmichael,

Ag Chief Secretary to Government

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A Mudaliar
President -

Name & Office (Capt) Hawes. Bombay
Mark
The President of the Board of Examinations
Madras
&
The Chief Secretary to Government
Madras.

Date 4th May 1875
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No 110 Enclosure - I -

Requesting the Govt to sanction a Grant to be contributed by the Committee of the Schools mentioned in the Margin for Elementary Education, and to adopt Result Grants, no change can be introduced, for there are no funds for both -

Acknowledged 3rd June 1875. No 1205.

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