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Local Funds—Education.

No. 63. Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot District, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Merkanam, 17th May 1875 :—

I have the honor, in obedience to the orders of Government contained in paragraph 2 of G.O., of the 22nd March 1875, No. 631, to report regarding the rules in connexion with grants to Schools under the Results System, published in the *South Arcot Gazette* of the 23rd January 1875.

2. The publication of those rules in that Gazette was the result of a mistake. I first saw the rules in the *North Arcot District Gazette* of the 8th January last, and thinking it would be a good thing to have similar rules in force in this district, I marked them, intending that they should be laid before the Local Fund Board at their next meeting for consideration. My mark was the one I usually employ when selecting extracts from other District Gazettes to be republished in the *South Arcot Gazette*, so that it was taken for granted that I wished the rules published, and they appeared in the Gazette quoted by Mr. Fowler. As soon as I saw the Gazette, I ordered the discontinuance of the publication until the Local Fund Board had approved of the rules, and at the Board Meeting in February I laid the rules before the members, and they were all discussed, and with a few slight modifications, adopted. I enclose a copy of the rules so adopted, and have the honor to state that directly on receipt of the Government Order already quoted, I ordered the rules to be kept in abeyance.

3. The Government have not in their order made any remarks on Mr. Fowler's criticisms of those rules, so that I am uncertain whether they approve of his views or not ; but they remark that Local Fund Boards are bound by the Result Grant Rules of the Educational Department, except where modification has been approved by Government, and consider that the rules go far beyond anything which has ever received the sanction of Government.

4. Mr. Fowler takes exception to the rules because they assume a power in the Local Fund Boards to control the work of Educational Officers, which he apprehends is entirely inadmissible, and because the effect of the rules will be "exactly to reverse the policy of Government and its educational exponent this (the Educational) Department." That policy he considers to be to try and bring under improvement all schools that can be reached, while the rules he considers have for their object to bring under improvement no more schools, and to shut out all hitherto aided which do not conform to an impossible regulation.

5. Mr. Fowler has quite mistaken the object of the Local Fund Board in passing the rules. They had no wish whatever to reverse the policy of Government, or to exclude any school from the possibility of improvement, and they considered they were only acting up to the powers conferred on them by law and admitted by Government to belong to them in passing the rules. Whether they were right or wrong in this view is a point on which I respectfully solicit the orders of Government.

6. It was ruled by the Government of India, and their ruling is embodied in G.O., of the Madras Government of the 24th July 1871, No. 213, that "a District

Officer is responsible for the state of education generally in his district, and the Educational Department is the instrument in his hand for carrying out this responsibility just as the Police is the instrument in his hand for carrying out his responsibility for the peace of his district;" that the District Officer is "to require the advice and assistance of the Educational Department *over which in his District he is to exercise a general control*," and that the District Officer is to have a voice in all such matters, as the appointment of Schoolmasters, the choice of the curricula of study, and the prescription of forms or statistics, and that if unsuitable studies are introduced, and anything done which, in his opinion, is likely to injure the cause of education, he is to represent the matter to Government; and on this order of the Government of India, the Madras Government point out in paragraph 5 of their order that Local Fund Boards now hold the position of the District Officer with regard to elementary education, and they further add that under the Local Fund Rules some of the functions which under the Government of India Order would be vested in the Educational Department (such as the appointment of Masters, the settling the rate of schooling fee, &c.,) will be discharged in respect of elementary education by Local Fund Boards; while in Madras G.O., of the 8th November 1873, No. 1626, the Government acknowledge the right of Local Fund Boards to put a limit on the number of schools which shall be allowed to place themselves under inspection. Again, in G.O., of the 14th January 1875, No. 67 (Financial Department), they left it to the Cuddalore Local Fund Board to adopt the modifications suggested by the Director of Public Instruction in his letter of the 28th November 1873, No. 2395 (embodied in Government Proceedings of the 11th April 1874), in which Mr. Powell recommended that unless the Local Fund Schools proposed to be established were to be purely vernacular they should be disallowed, and stated his opinion that "measures should be adopted to limit the area of instruction in English." Again, in G.O., of the 29th January 1875, No. 171, the Government in disposing of a proposition from the Virdachellam Local Fund Board relative to the establishment of certain schools in that Circle, and of the letter of the present Director of Public Instruction remarking thereon, recommend the Local Fund Board "to consider whether under the circumstances it would not be advisable to abandon the teaching of English in Local Fund Schools." Colonel Macdonald gave it as his opinion on that occasion that it was preposterous to teach English in the schools proposed to be established.

7. Bearing the above orders in mind, the Cuddalore Local Fund Board determined to abolish the teaching of English in all their Elementary Schools, and being of opinion that it would be bad policy to pay two different kinds of elementary schools in the same village to compete against each other, they resolved that where they established a "salary and result" school in a village, they would not give money to any purely "results grant" school in it. In this they were to some extent following the example of the late Director in discontinuing the grant to the St. Joseph's College Institution at Cuddalore which competed with the Zillah School, and not quite on equal terms.

8. As to requiring Managers to send in applications in a certain form, I respectfully submit that Rule LII. of the Local Fund Rules which has the force of law says that "on application from Managers of Private Elementary Schools"

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salary grants *may* (not *shall*) be sanctioned by Local Fund Boards, but such grants *shall not* be paid unless provided for in the Budget; and, under these circumstances, it becomes absolutely necessary that applications should be sent in in time to admit of their being included in the Budget.

9. It seems to me therefore that Mr. Fowler's objections to the rules are invalid, and are founded on a misapprehension of his position towards the Local Fund Board in respect of elementary schools. He is, I consider (according to the terms of the order of the Government of India already quoted), under the orders of the Board just as much as the District Superintendent of Police is under the District Magistrate's orders, and, I trust, I have shown that the Local Fund Board in adopting the rules they did were only animated by a sincere desire to promote the elementary education of the Circle in the manner most conducive to the interests of the people, and most in accordance with the views and policy of Government, and I therefore venture most respectfully to request to be informed in what respects the Board have gone beyond that policy.

Rules in connexion with Grants to Schools under the Results System.

No School will be eligible for a grant under the Result System which has not received the sanction of the Local Fund Board for examination by the Inspector or Deputy Inspector as such.

2. No School will be taken on the Result System in any village where a mixed salary and result grant school has been established by the Local Fund Board.

3. No School will receive any grant for English.

4. All Masters desirous of having their Schools registered in the Local Fund Board Office for examination during any official year must send in their applications to the President, Local Fund Board, through the Deputy Inspector, not later than the 15th January preceding.

5. The application for exmination is to be in the following form:—

Application for Examination under the Result System.

To

The PRESIDENT, Local Fund Board,

Cuddalore.

I,——— Manager of the Vernacular School at ——————— attached to ——— Taluq, desire to have my School examined for Result Grant, and I bind myself to abide by the conditions laid down by the Local Fund Board and Educational Department.

TEACHER'S			How long School established.	Whether received grant before or not.	Whether visited by Inspecting Schoolmaster.	Number of Pupils.	Standard.
Name.	Grade.	Age.					

Signature.

6. A list of all Schools selected by the Board for examination will appear in the first District Gazette in the month of February; no others will be examined for grant during the year to which the lists refer.

7. No School will be examined for grant before the 1st June of each year.

8. The Manager of each school is to submit to his Inspecting Schoolmaster before the 5th of each month a copy of the monthly attendance register of his school, showing the names of the pupils and their daily attendance for the previous month.

In this list the name of the father of each boy is to be given.

9. The Inspecting Schoolmaster will forward an abstract of this return to the Deputy Inspector not later than the 10th of each month.

10. The Deputy Inspector will compile all the information contained in these abstracts into a return which will be submitted by the 16th of each month to the President, Local Fund Board.

11. The name of any school for which the monthly attendance register is one month overdue, will be liable to be struck off the list of schools eligible for examination.

12. The Schools are to be open and at work for at least 20 days in each month.

The following holidays are recognized:—

Rama's birthday	1
New Year's day	1
Sravanam full moon	3
Kistna's birthday	1
Vinayaka Chathoorthy	1
Mahaliya Amavasai	1
Sarasvathi Poojah	2
Sankaranthi or Pongul	3
Deepavali	2
Vygunta Yekadasi	1
Sivarathree	1
Thirucarthecai	1

13. At the time of examination the Master of each Result Grant School shall present to the Deputy Inspector a certificate in his own handwriting that Rule 2 of the Special Regulation in connexion with the system of payment of results prescribed by Government with regard to the attendance of the examinees has been observed.

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
President, Local Fund Board.

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1875, No. 1222.

The Governor in Council accepts Mr. Garstin's explanation and approves of the attention of the Local Fund Board to elementary education.

2. The Rules in preparation by the Director of Public Instruction will be circulated to Local Fund Boards for remark.

3. All other Rules prepared by Local Fund Boards will be kept in abeyance.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot District.
,, Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
LOCAL FUND BOARDS,
South Arcot District,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated June, 4th.

Issued

Recd. *End.*

G.O., 4th June 1875, No. 1222.

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LOCAL FUND DEPARTMENT
SOUTH ARCOT.

From

The President,
Local Fund Boards,
South Arcot District.

No. 1222

Dated 17 May 1875
Received 22 May 1875

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Subject.

Financial Department.

No. 1213

From The President L.F. Boards, South Arcot.

Dated 17 May 1875.

FOR ORDERS.

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Bd. accept Mr Jacksons explanation & express satisfaction at the attention devoted by the L.F. Bds to the important subject of Elem. Educn.

Intimate the sanction Bd. framing on the lines laid down in G.O. No 52.

Bd. to question Mr Jackson as to salary grants and state the result.

Ordered. 4th June 1875
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Existing rules" &c. i.e.
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Grants.

In this Standing
Govt. after the L.G.B.
has made its Enquiries. observing
that the Govt. in duty
appears the Gen. Recognition
of English. in Ireland

Send B.T. for remark
and keep all these
Rules in prepared by
L.G.B. in abeyance.
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To the Secy of the L.G.Board
S.A. Arnot Esqre
Dublin Castle

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We as a body are heartily
sick of dealing
at this time with Govt. &
Gen. Govt. Fin.
& Govt. Fin. or that Govt.
of schools must remember
that the amt. available
for Grants in aid of the
Irish system is
limited to the Budget
Estab.t & that it is simply
useless to admit
unlimited claims - or
appl.ns to the Treas.y for
such Grants.

L.B.

Mr Gaston is given
to meddling - but I wanted
accept the disclaimer of
intention to interfere - and
record the Govt.s

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The Govt of India order is obsolete and need not be looked on as our guide though right in spirit.

I would submit that it is needless to refer the erroneous rules to the Director of Public Instruction. The Recall's grant Rules are in course of revision and I would not multiply correspondence & suggestions and Calls for reports, but, if necessary, refer the new draft for the Remarks of Mrs Gavatin & Thurs- when received from the Director of Public Instruction.

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