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No. 115. Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cuddalore, 22nd May 1875:—

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., Financial Department, dated 1st April last, calling on the Presidents of Local Fund Boards to record any practical suggestions on the subject of Mr. Wedderburn's letter regarding the examination of schools for results grants, I have the honor to submit, herewith, a copy of the resolution of the Cuddalore Local Fund Board on the subject, passed at their last meeting held on the 30th of April 1875.

2. I also enclose the opinion* of the Vice-President of the Virdachellum Circle on the subject for the information of Government.

* *Vide* letter, No. 80, dated 1st May 1875.

3. In my opinion there is not sufficient supervision of an efficient character. A better stamp of Inspecting Schoolmasters is required, and more of them, and they should be authorized to examine for grants-in-aid subject to the supervision of a District or Circle Inspector; the Deputy Inspectors might then be done away with and an Inspector appointed to every district or circle. In this district, where there are upwards of 600 elementary schools under inspection, and where the number will probably increase, there would be plenty of occupation for such an officer. Certifying memoranda would then only need to be checked by the District Inspector and passed by the President, and the Director would be relieved of a duty which is "a mere formality" as Mr. Wedderburn says.

4. It seems evident that if all the schools in a district which apply to put themselves under inspection are not examined and reported on within the year the supervising staff is insufficient, and the late Deputy Inspector of the Cuddalore Circle recently informed me, if I understood him rightly, that he was only able to examine about 200 schools in the year, which is only about fifty per cent. of the number existing in the circle.

At a meeting of the Local Fund Board, Cuddalore Circle, held at Cuddalore on the 30th day of April 1875.

PRESENT.

J. H. Garstin, Esq., *President.*
C. Robertson, Esq., M.D., Zillah Surgeon.
W. G. Ma[illegible]zie, Esq.
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Read G.O., dated 1st instant, No. 698, forwarding Director's remarks on [illegible] letter regarding the examination of schools for results grants, in view to the Local Fund Board recording any practical suggestions on them they may have to offer.

27. The Local Fund Board agree with Mr. Wedderburn that the countersignature of the Director of Public Instruction to certifying memoranda not only constitutes no real check on the expenditure, but is a grave obstacle to any inquiry into the propriety of the grant being passed.

The Local Fund Board would suggest that the best remedies for the existing state of affairs are the introduction of the mixed salary and results-grant system where practicable, and, if funds are available, the relieving of the Director of Public Instruction of the task of countersigning certifying memoranda; the appointment of more Deputy Inspectors or of Taluq Inspectors of Schools, who should be bound to examine every school at its own village and be qualified to pass it for results grants subject to the countersignature of the certifying memoranda by the Divisional Inspector and the President; and, lastly, that the Inspector of Schools be required annually to examine personally at least five per cent. of all the elementary schools in the circle.

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(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
President.

From G. D. IRVINE, Esq., Vice-President, Local Fund Board, Virdachellum Circle, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot, dated Virdachellum, 5th May 1875, No. 80.

With reference to your foot-note on G.O., No. 698, dated 1st April 1875, I have the honor to state that I doubt whether the plan proposed by Mr. Wedderburn could have any practically good effect. As to Revenue Inspectors, they are not, as a rule, men of much education, and Tahsildars, though educated, would be scarcely competent, I think, to conduct the examination of a school themselves, *a fortiori* to check the examination by a Deputy Inspector. Besides, they have quite enough to do already without following Deputy Inspectors about their taluqs.

2. Under the present system of examination it does not appear to me that any efficient check can be held over a Deputy Inspector, disposed to act unfairly, by the presence of a revenue official. What is wanted, I would suggest, is more supervision *in their own department*. I am, of course, aware that an Inspector of Schools has manifold duties, which make it very difficult for him to devote much of his time to looking after his subordinates; but I think that, if it were possible, the occasional visit of an Inspector to a results-grant school, and personal examination thereof, might act as a wholesome check; the Inspector would have far better opportunity than any revenue official possibly can have for ascertaining whether the examination of the school by his subordinate, and his report thereon, were *bonâ fide* or mere fudge.

No. 116. ORDER THEREON, 10th June 1875, No. 1261.

Communicated to the Director of Public Instruction with reference to G.O., dated 1st April 1875, No. 698.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

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Erd. A. S. Rodgers.

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LOCAL FUND DEPARTMENT

SOUTH ARCOT.

From (Local Funds - Schools)

The President,
Local Fund Boards,
South Arcot District.

To

The Acting Chief
Secretary to Govt.
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