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Local Funds—Education.

No. 216. Read the following letter from F. THOMPSON, Esq., M.A., Acting Director of Public Instruction, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 12th August 1875, No. 1892:—

In the Order of Government, Financial Department, No. 1269, dated the 12th June, Government were pleased to direct that certifying memoranda need not be countersigned any longer by the Director of Public Instruction.

2. With regard to grants payable from Local Funds, the Presidents of Municipalities and Local Fund Boards have been requested to endorse the duplicate certifying memoranda which reach them from Inspecting Officers with the amount paid thereon, and to return them to the Inspector of the Division.

3. It will be observed, however, from the enclosed correspondence, that the Collector of Coimbatore wholly declines to countersign the memoranda referring to examinations already held, and that the Local Fund Board have desired the Deputy Inspector not to hold any more examinations until further notice.

4. It was not, I venture to think, intended by Government to place in the hands of Presidents of Local Fund Boards such unlimited discretion as is now claimed by Mr. Wedderburn. The Presidents no doubt have more facilities for discovering fraud than the Director of Public Instruction, and this consideration seems to have had weight with Colonel Macdonald when writing his letter of the 12th April. But in the case reported by the Deputy Inspector of North Coimbatore there appears to be no imputation of fraud, and payment has been refused (1) because the grant earned is large, (2) because the master has had grants in previous years, and (3) because a proposal for the education of the neglected classes is now before Government.

5. It appears that in June last year it was resolved, as the Budget provision was probably not large enough for all schools, to examine schools in order, giving the preference to the older ones. This school was so examined, earned, as before, a good sum, and now suddenly payment is refused, or at least indefinitely postponed. I greatly fear that this proceeding will be regarded by the natives of Coimbatore as a breach of good faith, and that when it becomes generally known it will sadly interfere with the progress of elementary education in that and the neighbouring districts. As I had the honor to observe in a former letter we can hardly expect teachers to take pains to improve either themselves or their schools if their prospects are liable to be suddenly blasted by what must appear to them the caprice of those in authority.

6. I have the honor to solicit the early orders of Government both upon this particular case, and upon the general question as to the extent of discretion vested in Presidents of Municipalities or Local Fund Boards with regard to the countersignature of certifying memoranda.

7. In my opinion countersignature and subsequent payment should only be refused or delayed in cases of suspected fraud, or when the Budget Estimate is exhausted; that in all other cases the certificates of the Inspectors or Deputy Inspectors should be accepted as proof that the grant has been fairly earned, and that no changes of system should be adopted in future without giving ample notice to all concerned.

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President, Local Fund Board, Coimbatore, to E. THOMPSON, Esq., M.A., Acting Director of Public Instruction, dated Coimbatore, 4th August 1875, No. 464.

With reference to your Proceedings, No. 1628, forwarded with your Circular letter, No. 1634, of 14th July 1875, on the subject of countersigning certifying memoranda, and the Deputy Inspector of Schools, North Coimbatore, forwarding eight certifying memoranda for my counter-signature, I have the honor to inform you that a form has been drawn up to be filled in for the purpose of affording some check to the Local Fund Board as regards the attendance, and other particulars, which seem to have been taken on trust by the Deputy Inspectors.

2. From recent disclosures in Cuddapah, and doubts entertained elsewhere, it is necessary that the Local Fund Board should have some check on the disbursement of such large sums as are budgeted for, and drawn by Deputy Inspectors for Elementary Schools.

3. The Deputy Inspector of Schools, South Coimbatore, reports that there is a doubt whether School Registers are regularly kept, and not merely written up against the expected date of Inspecting Schoolmaster's arrival. His recent report for 1874-75, dated 13th April 1875, No. 144, containing his opinion that 40 per cent. of the aided village-schoolmasters are "untrained and incapable of improvement, and the great majority illiterate impostors," seems also to raise a doubt as to the value of their tuition.

4. I have consequently, in the interest of Local Funds, to defer countersigning certifying memoranda for results grants obtained by schools, taught by persons, as above described.

From T. MARDEN, Esq., Inspector of Schools, Fifth Division, to E. THOMPSON, Esq., M.A., Acting Director of Public Instruction, dated Dindigul, 5th August 1875, No. 463.

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the Deputy Inspector of Schools, North Coimbatore.

2. It does not appear to me that the grounds put forward by the President are sufficient to justify his withholding a grant from a teacher who has earned it under the rules.

3. With regard to the latter part of the resolution of the Municipal Board, I should be glad to know whether the Deputy Inspector is to carry out the request of the Board and suspend all further examinations. In my opinion this will be to inflict a great hardship on teachers who have been working for grants. Moreover changes of this description inaugurated without due notice tend to shake all confidence in the representations of Educational Officers.

From A. CACHAPESWARIAH, Deputy Inspector of Schools, North Coimbatore, to T. MARDEN, Esq., Inspector of Schools, Fifth Division, dated Coimbatore, 2nd August 1875, No. 108.

I have the honor to inform you that, with reference to his Proceedings, No. 1628, of the 14th ultimo, the Director of Public Instruction has returned unpassed a certifying memorandum payable from the Coimbatore Municipal Funds, but the President declines to countersign it on the grounds (1) that the amount certified to is nearly a fourth of the Budget allotment, (2) that the proposal to educate the neglected classes is before Government, (3) and that "the school in question has had a large grant for four years." I enclose an extract from the Proceedings of the Commissioners on the subject.

Firstly.—I cannot see why the Commissioners, after having paid a large grant for four years, should not continue it for the fifth year. The allotment of 1,000 Rupees not being sufficient to meet the claims of all the schoolmasters, the Committee, in No. 3 of their Proceedings of 11th June 1874, resolved that the schools should be examined in the order of their age, *viz.*, old established schools which had received grants for upwards of two years to be first examined, and those in receipt of grants for two years only to be examined afterwards, and those in receipt of only one year's grant to be the last in the order of examination. The certifying memorandum in question has been furnished in *order* of examination, and if the schools which are first in order consume the whole allotment, those which are last in order will not be examined. Moreover, I

represented to the Committee when this matter was before them that the school in question was the only one that had been in receipt of large grants, and there was no fear of other schools also claiming equally large grants.

2ndly.—If Government sanction the transfer of the whole allotment for results grants for the education of the neglected classes, the proposed schools will not likely be established before the 1st October next, and half of the Budget amount, *viz.*, 500 Rupees, may therefore be safely spent on the existing Results Schools. The masters have been teaching the results subjects during the current official year in hopes of getting grants in the *order* of examination, and I therefore think it better to give due notice to the existing schools and carry out the sanction of Government if received, in 1876-77.

3rdly.—The teacher in question was never told that grants to his school would not be given after four years, and he has as usual taken pains with his boys and passed them. I am therefore unable to see the justice of refusing him payment now that he has obtained a certificate under the Grant-in-aid Rules. The Revenue Board in their Proceedings, No. 1577, of 10th June last, said that "the Order of Government is clear that no school once admitted is to be excluded by the Local Board without the concurrence of the Director of Public Instruction." In the Draft Rules of the Director of Public Instruction, the first step proposed, in the case of a school of five years (not four), is a mere reduction in the rate of payment after *due* notice being given to such school.

I beg that you will be good enough to refer the matter to the Director of Public Instruction for orders of Government.

No. 217. ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1875, No. 1748.

The Governor in Council directs that the President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore, be informed that, pending the sanction of Government to any new appropriation of funds allotted for educational purposes, he must give effect to arrangements previously sanctioned (so far as funds are available) and not disappoint reasonable expectations.

2. It is observed that the Inspector of Schools, 5th Division, does not notice the statement of the Deputy Inspector of Schools quoted in Mr. Wedderburn's letter "that 40 per cent. of the aided village-schoolmasters are untrained and incapable of improvement, and the great majority illiterate impostors."

3. Copy of these Proceedings will be communicated to all Local Fund Boards.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Accountant-General.
" Presidents of all Local Fund Boards.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

The Board of Revenue,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 30th.

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G.O., 30th August 1875, No. 1748.

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Nos. 216-217.

Local Funds—Education.—The President, Local Fund Board, Coimbatore, informed that, pending sanction to any new appropriation of funds allotted for educational purposes, he must give effect to arrangements previously sanctioned for the payment of result grants.

No. 1892.

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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras.

To

THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

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Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, 12*th August* 1875.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Acting Director of Public Instruction.

No 2216

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From

The Acting Director of Public Instruction, *Madras.*

To

The Acting Chief Secretary to Government, *Fort Saint George.*

S.O. 1748

Dated 12th August 1875.

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No. 2216

Sending certain correspondence connected with the subject of withholding passed Results grants for orders.

For orders

Coimbatore L. F. Board's
Office, 4th August, 1875.

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No 464.

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President L. F. Board,
Coimbatore.

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A Wedderburn
President—

No 2084/1875

From
The Secretary,
Local Fund Board,
Coimbatore

To
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

Dated 4th August 1875.

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Sir,

Meeting that I have the honor to forward herewith certificate memoranda for Rs 50 and Rs 25 respectively, duly signed by the President and countersigned by myself.

Yr. O. S.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commission, Coimbatore 29th July 1875. 6 J

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Para 5. Read letter from the Acting Director of Public Instruction, 14th July 1875, No 1634, regarding Presidents of Municipalities, and Local Fund Boards, to endorse certain certifying Memorandum and to return them to Inspectors, under G.O. 12th June 1875 No 1269.

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Resolved, with one dissident, that payment be deferred pending a reply from Government, and that the Deputy Inspector be requested not to examine more schools until further notice.

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(Signed) A Wedderburn
President.

(True extract.)

(Signed) J. Bashiakarlos
Vice President.

(True extract.)

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Financial Department.

No. 1920.

From The Lg. Director of Public Instruction.

Dated 12 August 1875.

FOR ORDERS.

W. Loddoken Esq. to
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Govt. of {1875} Madras.

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To

Dated 20th August 1875. No.
Recd. 1748

Nos. 216-217

Local Funds - Education -

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