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Local Funds—Education.

Read the following papers:—

No. 10. From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore (through the Director of Public Instruction), to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Coimbatore, 8th September 1875, No. 15.

I have the honor to refer to the G.O., dated 12th June 1875, No. 1269, whereby the "formality" of countersigning the certifying memoranda for *results grants* in elementary education is transferred from the Director of Public Instruction to the President of the Local Fund Board.

2. As I do not feel justified in affixing even a "formal signature" to what becomes a draft on the public treasury without some scrutiny, I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Government the defective principle on which these result grants are drawn.

3. It is supposed that public education will be stimulated thereby, but when a random specimen of the returns is examined, it is evident that schools either of such attenuated dimensions or so imperfectly taught that in one only *two pupils were examined* have received grants (Rupees 12, one of them only passing in one subject, and failing in all else).

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4. Under the present rules there is nothing to prevent a private tutor or several of them in one village obtaining result grants.

5. Then there seems no uniformity of teaching required; in one so-called school one boy passes in one subject out of three in first standard, and another boy in all except two in fourth standard, and not another is even presented.

6. The Local Fund money seems absolutely to be frittered away in paying for such results.

7. Also new schools are reported to be *opened*, and a demand is made for additional money for result grants, and the Deputy Inspector reports that the prudential action of the Local Fund Board has a deleterious effect on "public education."

8. I would, on the other hand, submit that education, extended (say rather schools got up) with such results, are apparently deleterious to the true cause of education.

9. For instance, out of the first instalment of results certificates for the Northern Circle of Coimbatore, out of twenty-one schools thirteen had only an average of six boys presented, and the remaining eight had only thirteen. The boys presented ranged from two per school to twenty, the amount claimed Rupees 516-8-0, which was less than half of what might have been earned, so even those passed were below par.

Enclosure No. 2.

10. To prevent an abuse of public money through the Result Grant system, I would confine it to schools of some size, and that in small villages (population 200 to 1,000) not less than twelve boys in all should be presented, in an

Ordinary village	(1,000 to 2,000)	20	}	per school,
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and that out of those presented 75 per cent. should pass, or that three-fourths of the maximum grant should be obtained by those presented.

11. Although the fourth standard is above that for elementary results, yet it may be observed that in four schools Rupees 10 is to be given to ten boys who *only* can write; Rupees 18 to six boys who *only* can read and write Tamil; and Rupees 11-8-0 to one boy in the school which only presents two for examination at all. This exceptional youth earns Rupees 11-8-0.

12. As I wrote before this last is a specimen of a "failed" Middle-class School which is saddled on the Local Fund Board, but why we should pay for such results seems to me unaccountable.

13. I hope that Government will soon issue orders to amend the waste of funds which apparently results from the want of rules restricting result grants to schools where both the attendance and the teaching should exhibit more creditable results.

14. An increase in number of schools instituted, and of money paid for result grants, is by no means synonymous with extended true education, and unless some safeguards against abuse are introduced it would be better to give up the Result Grant system, even though a stimulus be thereby taken away, and to develope education by a Salary grant to village schools which were not notoriously defective on being examined.

15. Until the subject is disposed of by Government, I think it would be advisable if the Educational Department were requested not to examine for result grants till rules are framed for the amendment of the defects pointed out.

Enclosure No. 3.

16. A further list of certificates for payment by results only confirms the above remarks.

No. 10-A. From E. THOMPSON, Esq., M.A., Acting Director of Public Instruction, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 10th September 1875, No. 2112.

I have the honor to forward a letter, with enclosures, from the President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore.

2. It seems to me that Mr. Wedderburn's remarks and suggestions would be worthy of serious consideration if the question of remodelling the Grant-in-aid Rules were under discussion, and if written in answer to Colonel Macdonald's letter of the 8th June every attention would no doubt be paid to them, but I cannot see that his arguments affect the present question, *viz*, the payment of grants to schools already examined.

3. The Managers of these schools are to be presumed to have complied with all the rules laid down for their guidance. Nothing is said in those rules about a minimum number of boys on the rolls. Of course it was open to the Inspector to refuse an examination on the score of small attendance, but the fact that the examination has been held shows that he did not think it necessary to do so, and now that applications have been duly made, examinations held, and results

calculated, I must confess that it seems to me too late to say, "You have got such a small number of boys, that we will not give you what those boys have earned under the rules."

4. Mr. Wedderburn does not mention the dates on which the examinations were held, but the single certifying memorandum which he forwards is dated the 30th June, so that it is probable that the other schools also had been examined before it was known in the district that the countersignature was transferred from the Director of Public Instruction to the President of the Local Fund Boards.

5. Mr. Wedderburn's proposal in paragraph 10 that no grants should be awarded unless 75 per cent. of those presented passed, or three-fourths of the maximum grant were obtained, would be fatal to the Results system altogether, for no schoolmaster would risk a year's work upon so uncertain a chance. A school is generally considered to have done fairly if half the possible maximum is obtained. In paragraph 11 it is stated that Rupees 10 are given to ten boys who *only* can write. It is to be borne in mind, however, that writing in this case includes spelling. As to the suggestion made in paragraph 15, I have only to observe that I believe examination for grants has been suspended for the present in Coimbatore, on account of the resolutions passed by the Local Fund Board.

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, 1st October 1875, No. 1937.

The Governor in Council concurs with the remarks contained in paragraph 2 of the Director's letter, and the President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore, is referred to G.O., dated 30th August 1875, No. 1748.

2. The suggestions of the President with regard to the Rules for Results Grants can be again brought before Government in the communication which is awaited from the Acting Director of Public Instruction in continuation of his letter, dated 8th June 1875.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Director of Public Instruction.
" the Board of Revenue.
" President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore,
with four enclosures returned.

Exd. J. Wright.

Thro' the Director of Public Instructions -

Coimbatore L. F. Board's office,
8th September 1875.

No. 15

From,

A. Wedderburn Esquire,
President L. Fund Board,
Coimbatore.

To,

The Honorable D. F. Carmichael,
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Enclosures - 4.

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To

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF
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Dated October, 1st.

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G.O., 1st October 1875, No. 1937.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 10—11.

Local Funds—Education.—The Director of Public Instruction's remarks that the suggestions of the President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore, would be worthy of consideration if the question of remodelling the Grant-in-aid Rules were under discussion, concurred in.

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No. 10

1875.

From

The President Local Fund Board
Coimbatore.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Ootacamund.

Dated 8th September 1875
Rec'd 13th ditto

No. 15

Enclosure. 1.

Requesting for reasons given that the Educational Dept. may be requested not to examine schools for result grants till rules are framed for the amendment of the objected points contained.

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No. 2112.

From

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras.

To

THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Fort Saint George.

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Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
MADRAS, 10*th September* 1875.

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

Acting Director of Public Instruction.

Financial Department
Local Funds - Circle 1875.

From

The Acting Director of Public Instruction,

To

The Acting Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 10th September 1875.

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