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6th October 1875.

Local Funds—Education.

No. 43. Read the following letter from E. 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, 24th September 1875, No. 2191:—

With reference to paragraph 2 of Order of Government, 30th August 1875, No. 1748, Financial, I have the honor to forward a letter received from the Inspector of Schools, Fifth Division.

2. It will be observed that the strange expression which attracted the notice of Government is due to Mr. Wedderburn's having taken parts of two sentences referring to two different classes of persons and joined them together, and to his having changed "or" into "and" in one of the phrases.

From T. MARDEN, Esq., Inspector of Schools, Fifth Division, to E. THOMPSON, Esq., M.A., Acting Director of Public Instruction, dated Kodicanal, 21st September 1875, No. 541.

I was much surprised on reading paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1748, of 30th August 1875, to find that the Deputy Inspector of South Coimbatore had made a statement reflecting so severely on men whose schools he had made himself passed for grant, and I was not much less surprised that I had not myself noticed the remark. The solution of the matter is however simple, and merely arises from Mr. Wedderburn's having misquoted the Deputy-Inspector's report, extract of which I give in extenso below. It will be observed that the Deputy Inspector expressly says "as to Masters of Schools *which are not under the* (Results) *system, &c.*" It should be further observed that whilst Mr. Wedderburn makes the Deputy Inspector say that about 40 per cent. of the aided village-schoolmasters are "untrained *and* incapable," what he really said was that they are either "untrained *or* incapable," which is a very different statement.

2. In the first portion of paragraph 3 of Mr. Wedderburn's letter, No. 464, of 4th August 1875, he says: "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." Probably Mr. Wedderburn alludes to a portion of paragraph 28 of the Deputy Inspector's last report which is as under: "There is one very great and to me insurmountable difficulty in testing the accuracy of entries in village-school registers. True that it is the business of Inspecting Schoolmasters to see that the attendance of every school is entered in its register day after day, and not the whole register filled up in a couple of days just before the examination. This is not in all cases practicable."

3. It seems to me that this hardly bears out the interpretation Mr. Wedderburn has put upon it. Mr. Wedderburn intimates that the Deputy Inspector expressed a doubt of the regular keeping of school registers *in general*, whereas all that he has said is that it is not *in all cases* practicable for the Inspecting Schoolmaster to see that the attendance is entered in the register day after day. According to the one statement there is as a *rule* an imperfect check, according to the other the imperfect check is the *exception*.

Extract.

"About 40 per cent. of the Masters employed in aided schools are men who are either untrained or are incapable of improvement. As to masters in schools which are not under the system, I may say that the great majority of them are illiterate imposters, who purposely give their pupils a sort of showy education and keep them in utter ignorance of all knowledge worth the name, with a wiew to lengthen the period of their boys' school-life, and thereby ensure the payment of monthly fee, annual presents, and other perquisites."

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No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 6th October 1875, No. 1960.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue. No orders are called for.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Director of Public Instruction.
,, all Presidents of Local Fund Boards.

Exd. J. Wright.

No 2191.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, 24th October, 1875.

From

The Acty: Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To

The Acty: Chief Secretary to Government, Public Dept.

Sir,

With reference to para: 2 of Order of Government, No. 1948, dated 30th August 1875, Financial, I have the honor to forward a letter received from the Secretary to the Committee of Selection for the Gold Medal, and to state that I will be obliged if the Government will kindly intimate to me the decision arrived at on the application of Government Pleader, Madura, for the Gold Medal.

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

(Signed) E. Thurston,

Acty: Director of Public Instruction.

Encl: 1 to 2.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

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From C. Brandis Esqr. Conservator of Forests, Pegu.

Dated Pegu 25th Sept. 1875.

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Reporting certain proceedings of Mr. Inspector Mackenzie in Division on the Pegu Circle, & offering certain remarks on the same, & on the necessity of the Forest Department being represented on the Committee for the Examination of candidates for Forest appointments.

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