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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 3rd November 1875.

Local Funds—Education.

No. 11. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th October 1875, No. 9247 (Miscellaneous):—

Read the following letter 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, 29th September 1875, No. 2240:—

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3. This is in direct violation of the Grant-in-aid Rules according to which these Masters who are unpassed men are only entitled to a grant of 3 Rupees each, so that the Mission at present receives Rupees 14 a-month more than it ought. As far as the records of this office go there is no Order of Government to justify this deviation, or to put these schools on any peculiar footing.

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5. I would suggest that all aid beyond what is allowed by the Grant-in-aid Rules should be withdrawn at the close of the present official year, and of course strongly deprecate the extension to an indefinite number of schools of the present system of giving salary grants which are in excess of the salaries actually paid to the teachers.

From the Manager of the German Mission Schools, Nilgiris, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated Kaity, 22nd September 1875.

With reference to your letter, dated 21st June, I have the honor to represent the conditions under which the two schools of the Basel Evangelical Society on the Niligiris, at Kaity and Nerckamby, received the salary grant of 240 Rupees, and to point out the peculiar circumstances with which the Manager of the Schools has to deal.

2. The Honorary Secretary of the Local Fund Board was kind enough, at the beginning of the present year, to remind the Manager that an allotment of Rupees 120 had been made in the budget for each of the abovementioned schools; and this grant should be applied for without delay. This was done; and after the local Inspecting Schoolmaster had examined the schools and reported upon them, the grant was paid for April 1874 and ten months following. Subsequently, we have been drawing a monthly grant of 20 Rupees, which has enabled us to pay our teachers (I do not of course include the Manager) and so far to defray the expenses of the schools, that it has devolved upon us to bear only the cost of school building and school material.

3. Our Home Committee being very desirous to increase, if sufficient funds are forthcoming, the number of their schools on the Hills, have sent out a regularly-trained man to superintend and direct the working of these schools. The Inspector of our Mission Schools in Malabar, on being informed of the liberal grant made by Government, authorized me to open a third school at Adhi Karhatti, a village between Kaity and the Koondhas; at the same time, application was made to the Home Committee to sanction the establishment of a fourth school. But as now, quite unexpectedly, the prospect of a continuation of the grant appears doubtful, we have been compelled to circumscribe our operations, till the issue of this appeal is known. Should it appear desirable to Government to withdraw their aid, the abandonment of these schemes of usefulness must follow, our Home Committee not being prepared to establish new schools entirely at their own cost.

4. Regarding the peculiar difficulties with which the Manager of these schools has to deal, and which plead for an exceptional mode of treatment, I take the liberty of submitting the following to your favorable consideration. The Hills are thinly peopled, the villages being few and far apart. A love of knowledge has yet to be created among the Badagas, whose sole pursuit is that of gain. Boys of nine years of age find employment in the plantations on good wages and older lads on the roads, and the assistance of the children is in frequent demand for tending cattle and agricultural work. Thus, it will be seen, how difficult we find it to fill our schools or to secure regularity of attendance.

5. Under these circumstances, the system of payment by results, well adapted as it is to densely-populated districts, and to a people inquiring after knowledge, would not be favorable to our Hill Schools. A desire for educating their children has yet to be awakened among the Badagas, and until this exists, the system of result grants would not, for us, have the effect for which it was intended, *viz.*, to encourage the opening of additional schools. The Honorary Secretary of the Local Fund Board, who is aware of the difficulties with which we have to contend, has, in consideration of them, refrained from enforcing the result system, and endeavored to encourage us to open new schools, by granting us an exceptional position and sanctioning a liberal salary grant.

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SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. In the circumstances stated by the Acting Director of Public Instruction, the Board are of opinion that the Local Fund Board should reduce the grants to the authorized scale.

(True copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 3rd November 1875, No. 2143.

This correspondence will be referred for report to the President of the Nilgiri Local Fund Board. The Government regard the case of the Badaga Schools referred to as quite exceptional, and, should the Local Fund Board be willing to continue their present contribution, see no objection to this being done.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, President of the Local Fund Board, Nilgiris.

Exd. J. Wright.

Revenue Department

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Miscellaneous No. 9247.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 12th October 1875

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Submitted for the orders of Government.

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H. Stokes
Ag Secretary

To, The Chief Secretary to Government Financial Department
with 4 Enclosures to be returned and Copy of Director's letter.

Govt. of Madras
FINANCIAL.

To

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

Dated November, 3rd.
Issued
Recd.

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G.O., 3rd November 1875, No. 2143.

NOVEMBER
Nos. 11-12.

Local Funds—Education.—The correspondence respecting certain Badaga Schools on the Nilgiris referred to the President of the Nilgiri Local Fund Board for report with the remark that, should the Local Fund Board be willing to continue their present consideration to these schools, there is no objection to their doing so, the case of the Badaga Schools being quite exceptional.

The Governor in Council agrees with the Board of Revenue.

To the Board of Revenue
" " Dir: of Pub: Instn.
15/12/75

No. 2143

Submitting for perusal & favorable consideration letter from the Director of Public Instruction, Basle Mission Press, Mangalore, forwarding Carnatic Books for Schools.

Rec'd 15 Dec 1875
Ans'd 21 Dec

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Through the Board of Revenue.

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No. 2240.

From

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

To *Madras.*

THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

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Office of the Director of
Public Instruction,
MADRAS, *29th September* 1875.

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

Sd/ E. Thompson

Acting Director of Public Instruction.

1875.
From
The Acting Director of Public Instruction,
To
The Acting Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 29th September 1875.
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No. 2240.

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Sending with remarks, &c., correspondence in connexion with certain Badaga Schools.

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Your most obedient Servant
J Layer
Manager of German Mission Schools

Copy sent to
the Inspector of Schools, 6th Division, Calicut
the Hon. Secretary of the Local Fund Board, Ootacamund

No 5157/75
From
The Manager of German Mission School Nilagiris
Dated 26 September 75
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Stating certain circumstances about the education of Badagas and requesting continuance of present grant to the schools etc.

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Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, 23rd Octr. 1875
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My dear Mr Robinson
When the Badaga schools were originally started sixteen years ago by the German Missionaries, it was on condition that they should spend on the schools a sum equal to the Government grant, exclusive of the salary of the missionary in charge.

I have not seen the Manager's recent letter about these schools, as it has been sent to Govt. with Mr. Thompson's letter No 2240 of the 29th Sept. 1875, but I should think that if we want

to this condition, we should be doing as much as can reasonably be expected. This would enable a conscientious teacher being employed on Rs. present salaries.

The examination for the fifth grade is very easy and as the schools are beginning to pay for this grade, I should think it ought to be dropped, if properly enquiry might do so too. Of course if a beginning receives a salary grant of Rs. 10 and finds he can spend Rs. 9 of it in paying an inspector man, he has no more incitement to try & make

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Badaga Schools
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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Board of Revenue 7/12th
October 1875. Inis. No
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Order thereon 3rd Nov. 1875 No. 2143.

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To
The Board of Revenue. 14
Pres.t of the Local 6
Fund Board, Nilgiris 17/12/44 Dispd 11/11

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Sub Govt. No. 2143

Desire the Pres.t of the Local Fund Board to favour Govt. with his opinion

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Govt. of {1875} Madras.

To Genl

Dated 30 Nov 1875. No.
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Local Funds - Educatn

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