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Local Funds—Education.

No. 74. Read the following letter from E. B. POWELL, Esq., M.A., C.S.I., Director of Public Instruction, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 28th January 1875, No. 207:—

I have the honor to submit Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 43, of the 11th instant.

2. I am inclined to think that either the schools referred to should not be permitted to teach English, or much higher fees should be charged in these classes in which that language is taught.

3. I fear that elementary education is not sufficiently attended to by some Local Fund Boards owing to the desire of native officials to secure an English education for the children of themselves and their relatives.

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I have the honor to submit the special report called for in paragraph 1 of the G.O., dated 1st May last, No. 754, in regard to the cost of education in the Local Fund Schools of the Bellary Circle.

2. The Vice-President reports that at the close of 1872-73 there were 174 pupils in the six Local Fund Schools in this Circle, and that the cost of education, per pupil, was Rupees 20½, a figure higher than that which the Board have already considered as great.

3. The Circle Board are aware that the result is not commensurate with the expenditure incurred, but yet they consider it not to be "unsatisfactory" when taken in connection with the fact that the sons of local officials only were educated at these institutions, while the bulk of the population, consisting of merchants and ryots, were insensible to the advantages to be derived from Anglo-Vernacular education. They appear to be quite content with a smattering of Canarese.

4. The Board are of opinion that the admission and school-fees acted as barriers to the admission of the poorer children, and with the view of making the school more attractive, Canarese was introduced last year as an additional language, and a reduction in the scale of fees was also effected. The result is to be seen; but considering that by the end of March there were 184 pupils, it may be supposed that it will be successful.

5. The introduction of Canarese into the school at Kumply has already been ordered; there are no changes in the school at Raidroog that call for special notice.

6. The school at Pennacondah is the old Rate School of 1870, which, at the beginning of 1871-72, was converted into a Local Fund School. Previous to its transfer the attendance was said to have been as high as seventy-seven, but since then the attendance has fallen to thirty. The cost of each pupil for the year was Rupees 9.

7. The Vice-President attributes the fall in the attendance to the introduction of the fees system. The demand of fees in this remote part of the district appears, he says, to be rather premature. The scale is very moderate ranging from 2 to 8 Annas. But even this was considered high, so that they have now been reduced to 1 and 4 Annas respectively for the 1st and 2nd classes. Since then the attendance has risen to 45, an increase of 50 per cent. The Vice-President is sanguine of its still increasing. Considering the low rate of fees, the Board have prohibited the teaching of English in the lowest class.

8. The report of the Deputy-Inspector is not very favorable as to the standard of instruction, but the Vice-President remarks that later reports both of the Inspector of Schools and his Deputy are more satisfactory, and the Sub-Committee are satisfied with the progress made by the boys.

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10. I would again respectfully state my opinion that the teaching of English is not the duty of the Local Fund Boards, as the study of that language cannot possibly be called a part of the elementary education of the mass of the natives of the country.

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O., dated 1st May 1874, No. 754.

2. The results attained by the six middle class (old rate) schools in the Bellary Circle and the Pennacondah School are very unsatisfactory as compared with the expenditure, but the attention of the Local Fund Boards seems to be devoted to the matter, and the Board do not know that any thing more can be done. It may be that the number of masters or the scale of instruction in some of the schools should be reduced, but the report affords no data for practical conclusions of this kind.

3. The statement in paragraph 3, that the schools in the Bellary Circle are attended only by the sons of local officials, is suggestive.

4. These Proceedings will be submitted to Government through the Director of Public Instruction.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 75.

ORDER THEREON, 6th March 1875, No. 516.

The Government agree with the views expressed in paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Director of Public Instruction.
Exd. T. O'Connor.

Office of the Director of
Public Instruction,

MADRAS, 28th January 1875

No. 207.

From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Fort Saint George.

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

W. Bourke
Director of Public Instruction

Govt. of Madras.
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No. 43.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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Secretary.

To the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
through the Director of Public Instruction.
To the President of the Local Fund Boards, Bellary District.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

1875.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 11TH JANUARY 1875, No. 43.

Received

Encl.

JANUARY.
No. 43.

Education.—Report of President of Local Fund Boards, of Bellary District, on results attained by the Middle Class Schools of Bellary and Pennacondah Circles, considered unsatisfactory, and submitted to Government through the Director of Public Instruction, with remark that the number of Masters or the scale of instruction in some of the schools may be reduced.

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with reference to the remarks
of H. E. The Governor it is
submitted that there is
as yet nothing before
Govt. to show that more
money will be available
from Provincial funds
for Elementary Education
in 1875-76 than in
1873-74. But should
it have been called on to
specify his reply to
G. O. of 18th June 1874 No
219 asking for in-
formation in connection
with Local schools of the
higher and Middle Class

working side by side
with Private Institutions

No action was taken
on the proposals made
in Mr Powells letter of
1st Sept 1873 to 1922
beyond sending a copy
of it to the Managers
(Chief Minimanies) of
certain aided Schools for
remarks. Their reply was
received in March last and
in May it was sent to
Mr Powell for report
at an early date.

No reply has as yet
been received.

There are several

important subjects in
connection with which
the submission of definite
proposals has been delayed
for some unusually long
time

1/ Reduction of expenditure
on Higher and Middle
Class Schools so as to
set free funds for Elementary Education, and
the question which has
arisen from time to time as to the cases
which can be made in Schools
under Direct Govt Management.

2/ The establishment of
training Schools for
Elementary Schoolmasters

3/ The revision of the
present Grant Rules.

It is submitted

that as soon as a new Director of Public Instruction has been appointed he may be directed to give his immediate attention to these subjects.

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yes: entered

Mr 28/2

& the practicability

of the Measure

28 Feb 75 Sent to

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Financial Dept.

No. 187.

From The Director of Public Instruction

dated 28 January 75

For orders.

Mr Powell can throw no light on the matter.

Fees have emptied the Schools of all save local officials sons. Several such institutions. We may lose others. Educational progress is charged to higher fees. In fact the old attraction - the fact -

Simply his fees will often drive children away when taxation will fill the School a parent who paid a Dpt. a year School fees will claim his money's worth. Such the careless claim of 2 or 4 an? a mo: will lead to non-attendance in month of hard-times & gradually & cessation — the fact before us Simply shows what is inevitable in Rural Agricultural parts.

Most respectfully

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in circulation for the Seventh and ninth Dists by Com. & to note the same & do.

Supt

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Rec'd accordingly

Sec Bd of Education

28/2

Dear Mr Powell (pressed)
& what I will gain
by the Alumni
for Lower Schools
at the Exposure
of Mystics?
Yours truly
[illegible]

Mrs Ripon the journal enclosed —
I think we have had no answer to our
letter application to Mr Powell, & you
would do, Mr Abbott would see to
see if we c.d not save money by economy
for Lr. Education into aided. We asked
for information — Mr Powell did not
reply at once.
I did like to know what amount will be
available for elementy educn Xmas 1875-6
as compared with 1874-5. How are we
the Boyle bursaries Schools, been absolved.

Govt. of {1875 Madras.

Jail

G. O., 6th March, 1875, No. 516.

Nos. 74-5.

Bellary & Punnacondah Circles. Concurrence expressed in the opinion of the Bd. of Revenue that the results attained by the middle class schools in these Circles are very unsatisfactory as compared with the expenditure.