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Local Funds—Education.

No. 209. 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, 25th February 1875, No. 431 :—

In connection with paragraph 2 of G.O., Financial Department, No. 67, of the 14th ultimo, I have the honor to submit a letter from Mr. Fowler, No. 145, of the 13th instant, in which the Inspector furnishes the explanation called for.

2. It appears to me that the Collector of South Arcot was not justified in making the complaint he did regarding Mr. Fowler.

3. I have not yet received any explanation from the Deputy Inspector.

From J. T. FOWLER, Esq., F.R.G.S., Inspector of Normal Schools and Presidency Division, to E. B. POWELL, Esq., M.A., C.S.I., Director of Public Instruction, dated Tranquebar, 13th February 1875, No. 145.

I have the honor to forward the remarks called for in Proceedings, No. 219, of the 29th ultimo, in connection with G.O. of the 14th January, No. 67.

2. I received said Proceedings some three hours before I started on my present tour. I had selected my South Arcot letter-books and certain papers to take with me ; one of the latter I will revert to. From the first I here give the list of my communications to the President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot, from the beginning of 1874 up to date. They are as follow :—

Number and Date.	Substance.
149, February 16th, 1874.	Bringing to notice what I thought a clerical error of Rupees 25 for 35 in an Inspecting Schoolmaster's pay ; also that batta should be definitely provided for.
279, March 5th, ,,	Tabular Statement of Results Schools in the district for three quarters, with remarks, suggesting the appointment of an Inspecting Schoolmaster recently sanctioned, and saying "I shall be prepared to make a recommendation for this appointment when desired."
762, June 30th, ,,	With statistical statement for the official year 1873-74.
986, September 7th, ,,	Requesting early notice of any meetings at which educational questions were to be discussed, as I would try to be present.
1004, ,, 9th, ,,	Asking what, if any, steps the Board proposed to take to further the development of Female education, and what provision it was proposed to make for the purpose.
1112, ,, 22nd, ,,	Offering remarks on the educational portion of the Budget for 1875-76.
1332, November 12th, ,,	With statistics of Results Schools on September 30th as compared with 31st March, and remarking briefly on the same.
1335, ,, 13th, ,,	Recommending increase of pay to an Inspecting Schoolmaster.
1362, ,, 20th, ,,	Bringing to notice that grants certified for had not been paid, and that "the Budget provision for Results grants for 1873-74 had been Rupees 6,900, while for 1874-75 it was only Rupees 3,500, the reduction having been made in the anticipation that a large number of Results Schools would be superseded by Local Fund Board Schools, for the maintenance of which latter the sum of Rupees 10,000 was provided ; that, as these schools had not been started, of course there had been no expenditure from this provision and the Results Schools had not been superseded ; that I had,

therefore, the honor to request that payment of certified Results grants might be made from this fund up to the amount required."

I added : "I fear that, even the temporary stoppage of payment may have been already injurious, and beg to request that, if the course I suggest meets with your approval, orders may be issued as soon as possible."

[There was also an important communication regarding the establishment of Local Fund Schools which I cannot now refer to by number and date ; as, being to some extent on general principles, it is entered in another book. It, however, contains the following :—

"I am by no means convinced of the wisdom of the policy that would open a large number of Elementary Schools supported entirely from Local Funds. Such schools should not and will not differ in the subjects and standards of instruction from the better class of the schools that are being raised under the stimulus applied by the system of payment for results, while these latter cost but a fraction of what the former do. A Local Fund School can hardly cost less than between Rupees 20 and 30 per mensem, say Rupees 25 on an average, or Rupees 300 a-year, while a Results grant of Rupees 100 for a year proves sufficient to keep going a very good Elementary School. And it is evident that a system of schools that is to become so general as to reach the mass of the people must be on the most economical plan possible.

"The comparative cost of the proposed Local Fund Schools and Results Schools will be seen when I state that, in 1873-74, in the Virdachellam Circle, 124 schools are aided at a total cost of Rupees 4,050, or for 400 Rupees less than sixteen Local Fund Schools are entered to cost.]

2. During the same period, there were numerous other communications to yourself, to the Vice-President, Virdachellam, to the Deputy Inspectors of Schools, to School Managers, and one to the Vice-President of the Municipality of Chedambram, regarding education in South Arcot, but I make no further reference to these than to mention that in number and bulk they greatly exceed those just enumerated.

3. Among Mr. Garstin's remarks are the following : "I consider Mr. Fowler should have remembered that he was the Chief Educational Adviser of the two Boards of this district, that the Budget Meetings are always held in September, and that all information to be laid before the Boards should be furnished them in a clear and succinct shape and in good time, and on these points I consider he failed to give as much assistance as I had a right to expect."

I can only say that if Mr. Garstin had written to me I should have been most willing to do all he here suggests and more. But, as a matter of fact, I received no communication whatever from him regarding the Budget till I asked in my letter of the 7th September for information as to when any educational question was to be discussed.

4. On the 22nd of the same month, seeing that the state of the weather rendered it very doubtful whether I could reach Cuddalore, I volunteered suggestions, which it may be desirable to quote *in extenso*, as follows :—

"Government is very anxious for the establishment of Elementary Normal Schools. Departmentally I have lately had occasion to go into the matter carefully and estimate the outside necessary annual expenditure on such a school at Rupees 2,000. It seems very probable that this measure will be urged on the Boards within the next two months. I would, therefore, venture to suggest that provision for a training school should be made to the extent of Rupees 2,000, one-half being provided by each of the two Circles of the district.

"Some provision for furniture, &c., to the extent of Rupees 100 would also be necessary.

"On the provision to be made for Inspecting Schoolmasters I would only suggest that the maximum of Rupees 1,854 for the year for the three be provided.

"Provision of money for the purchase of books for sale is necessary. Rupees 500 might be entered, and Rupees 200* as commission on the sales of the year.

* That is on the sales of the year, not on the sale of Rupees 500 worth.

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22*nd March* 1875.

"For the expenditure on Local Fund Schools I need make no remarks as the Board will doubtless have considered this point.

"The amount paid as Results grants is the largest item of the Board's educational expenditure. Excluding the Cuddalore Municipality, some 170 schools received Results grants for 1873-74, amounting to Rupees 6,200 (in round number), or an average of Rupees 36½. If we take the same average, and allow for an increase of eighty schools (which I think near the probable number), a provision of Rupees 250 × 36½ = Rupees 9,125 should be made, which amount I, therefore, beg to recommend to be entered.

"I still hope to be present at the meeting, but beg your support of the propositions herein contained in case the state of the Palar should (as I fear) prevent my putting in an appearance."

Mr. Garstin says of the contents of this letter : "He made a bold proposition that 2,000 Rupees should be entered in the Budget for a Normal School, without any detailed information whether the money was for a building, for teachers' salaries, or for students' stipends."

I venture to think this calculated to convey a wrong impression as to the real nature of my letter. In it I distinctly said "Government is very anxious for the establishment of Elementary Normal Schools. I have lately had occasion *to go into the matter very carefully*," &c., &c. It might surely be inferred from this that the amount was not a mere offhand entry, as, I venture to think, any one might conclude from the President's remark ; but was arrived at after careful consideration. I gave no details, not because I had them not, but simply because I thought them unnecessary. It does not seem unreasonable to expect further details to be asked for when they are desired, and had the President asked for them they would of course have been furnished at once, and only too gladly.

5. It will be observed that I proposed setting aside Rupees 9,125 for Results grants. Whether that was approved or disapproved of by the Local Fund Board I did not know till I got the *South Arcot Gazette* on the 19th October, from which I found that only Rupees 6,000 had been provided for Results grants. This deviation from my proposal becomes the more striking when it is observed that the provision for Results grants for the year 1874-75 has fallen so far short of the demand on it as to call forth my proposal given above, in 1362 of November 20th.

6. I may here revert to one of the papers I had selected to bring with me, mentioned in paragraph 2. I had intended to speak to the President on it ; but on reaching Cuddalore I found he was out in the district. The paper is the *South Arcot Gazette*, dated January 23rd, 1875, and contains "Rules in connexion with grants to Schools under the Results System." Till I received this Gazette I was unaware that the President had any intention of modifying the Rules, and was much surprised to find radical changes ordered. As already said, I put the paper aside. I have since asked the Deputy Inspector of Schools, and he informs me that he was not previously consulted, and that the notice he received of any meeting at which these rules may have been passed contained no mention of them as a subject for consideration.

7. I enclose the Rules, but quote some to show the radical nature of the changes ordered :—

(1.) No School will be eligible for a grant under the Result System which has not received the sanction of the Local Fund Board for examination by the Inspector or Deputy Inspector as such.

(3.) No School will receive any grant for English.

(4.) All Masters desirous of having their Schools registered in the Local Fund Board Office for examination during the official year 1875-76 must send in their applications to the President, Local Fund Board, through the Deputy Inspector not later than the 15th January 1875.

(5.) The application for examination is to be of the following form :—

Application for Examination under the Result System.

To

THE PRESIDENT,
LOCAL FUND BOARD,
Cuddalore.

I, ——————, the Manager of the Vernacular School at ——————— attached

to ———— Taluq, desire to have my School examined for Result grant, and I bind myself to abide by the conditions laid down by the Local Fund Board and Educational Department :—

Teacher's			How long School established.	Whether received grant before or not.	Whether visited by Inspecting Schoolmaster.	Number of Pupils.	Standard.
Name.	Grade.	Age.					

Signature.

(7.) No School will be examined for grant before the 1st June 1875.

(10.) The name of any School for which the Monthly Attendance Register is one month overdue, will be struck off the list of schools eligible for examination.

(12.) The Schools are to be open and at work for at least twenty days in each month.

The following holidays are recognised :—

Rama's Birthday	1
New Year's Day	1
Sravanam Full Moon	1
Kistna's Birthday	3
Vinayaka Chathoorthy	1
Mahaliya Amavasai	1
Saraswathi Pujah	1
Sangaranthi or Pongal	2
Deepavalee	3
Vykunta Yecadasi	2
Sivarathree	1
Thirucarthicai	1

The earliest Gazette in which I have seen the rules is dated *the 23rd January*, and it provides that all schools are to be registered by *the 15th January !*

Rule 7 assumes a power in the Local Fund Board to control the work of Educational Officers, which is, I apprehend, entirely inadmissible (some of the other rules do the same).

Rule 5 supersedes the Inspector of Schools.

The effect of Rules 1, 4, and 6 will be exactly to reverse the policy of Government and its educational exponent, this department. That policy is, as I have taken it, to extend primary education to the widest limit, by bringing under improvement *all* schools that can be reached. The apparent object of these rules is to bring under improvement no more schools, and to shut out all hitherto aided which do not conform to *an impossible regulation*, that is to say, *all schools*.

8. The President would have found me as ready to advise on these Rules as I am on any question of education in his district, but of course I cannot offer opinions on a proposal of the existence of which I am in ignorance.

9. That advice ready to be proffered has not always been required my letter, No. 279, of 5th March 1874, showed. I therein said, as already stated, "I shall be prepared to make a recommendation for this appointment when desired." I was not, however, desired to make any recommendation, and the only reply to my letter was the appointment of an Inspecting Schoolmaster in the local Gazette. It was only because there is a distinct order that the President is to consult Educational Officers before making educational appointments that I had said I was ready to make a recommendation. On seeing the appointment I wrote to the Deputy Inspector, and he replied that

he knew nothing of the matter. I should, perhaps, have reported the matter to you at once, as the action taken was a distinct official slight on myself. I did not, however, as I was unwilling to cause any want of cordiality in the action of the President with myself. It is, however, obvious that, after such a procedure, I should be unwilling to trouble Mr. Garstin with advice unsolicited. At the same time, I have always written when I thought it necessary ; and I have been sorry not to have been consulted on questions that have arisen. In the case of the Rules enclosed, for instance, these are of most radical and material import ; and yet the first I learnt of them was from their formal promulgation as being in force.

10. Mr. Garstin points out that I was in error in assuming that the Local Fund Board was expected to incur any expense on account of Female education. It was, however, after the issue of the Government Order to which he refers that I was directed to reply to proceedings issued before, which necessitated my consulting Local Fund Boards. You have made more than one reference on this matter ; and I may perhaps be excused if I was not quite clear as to the extent to which Government had assumed the cost and direction of Female education.

11. The Deputy Inspector will, I conclude, reply to the remarks on himself. I need only say that he was entirely in the wrong in not submitting the information asked for and attending the Board Meetings when he knew educational questions were coming up. As regards my blaming him, I did so, since there is a distinct order that Inspectors of Schools are to furnish copies of the Deputy Inspectors' reports to Presidents. I believe also that *all* communications from a Deputy Inspector should go through his superior officer ; of course exception might be made when information was urgently required

12. In conclusion, I can only repeat that I am most willing and anxious to render all assistance in my power ; but when measures are initiated by the Board and passed, and come to my knowledge only after everything is settled, I hardly see how I can render any assistance. I must, at least, be made acquainted beforehand with what is contemplated or wished.

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From J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th October 1874, No. 91.

Para. 17. *Grant* II., *Education.*—The Local Fund Board, at the instance of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, have increased the allotment for Inspecting Schoolmasters from Rupees 1,840 to Rupees 3,180, and have thus made provision for the entertainment of three more Inspecting Schoolmasters on Rupees 25 each, and their allowances as shown in the margin. The Deputy Inspector stated that the number of schools under inspection was more than the existing staff could manage to inspect in the year ; that every school ought to be examined at least once a quarter ; that not more than two schools could be well examined in the day after making allowances for travelling ; and that at that rate, taking 200 days in the year on which examinations could be held, it was not possible for an Inspecting Schoolmaster to examine more than 100 schools four times in the year, and that, as the number of schools under inspection is over 400 and is on the increase, at least one Inspecting Schoolmaster was required for each taluq, and an extra one for the Cuddalore taluq, where the work was heaviest. Mr. Fowler, the Inspector of Schools, in a letter he wrote to me, which was considered by the Board, made no suggestion for increasing the Inspecting Schoolmaster Staff, but proposed an allotment of Rupees 2,000 for a Normal School to be divided between the two Circles of the district, and an allotment of Rupees 9,125 for Results grants over and above the provision in the current year's Budget for Local Fund

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
22nd March 1875.

No. 210. ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1875, No. 631.

The Government consider Mr. Fowler's explanation satisfactory, and Mr. Garstin's observations open to remark.

2. The President will report regarding the Rules published in the *South Arcot Gazette* of the 23rd January 1875, which must be held in abeyance for the present. Local Boards are bound by the Result Grant Rules of the Educational Department, except where modification has been approved by Government. The Rules quoted seem to go far beyond anything which has ever received the sanction of Government.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Board of Revenue.
" President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright.

Local Fund Budget

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Office of the Director of
Public Instruction,

No. 431. Madras, 25th February 1875.

From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Fort Saint George.

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Sir
Your most obedient servant

W. Boswell
Director of Public Instruction

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Govt. of Madras.

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To

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March 22nd.

Read.

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G.O., 22nd March 1875, No. 631.

MARCH.
Nos. 209-210.

South Arcot Local Fund Boards.—The explanation furnished by Mr. Fowler, Inspector of Normal Schools, in regard to certain remarks made by Mr. Garstin, considered satisfactory. The "Rules in connection with grants to Schools under the Results System," published in the District Gazette of 23rd January 1875, to be held in abeyance, and the President directed to report regarding them.

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From J. H. Garstin Esquire, President of the Local Fund Boards South Arcot to J. Grose Esq. Secretary to the Board of Revenue Madras dated 9th October 1874. No. 91.

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From The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To The Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

Dated 25th January 1875.
Received 26th — —

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Enclosures 1

No. 427

Memorandum

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From No 1043/155
The Inspector of
Normal Schools and
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To
The Director of
Public Instruction
Madras.

Dated 13th February 1875.
Received 20th do

No 148
1 Enclosure.

Sending remarks called for in proceedings No 219 of the 29th ultimo, in connexion with G.O. of the 14th January No 67/19

Ex. Inst. 67/19 1875

Local

22nd Inch ps. No 63 & Mr Garstins observations upon remark

11 The Govt consider Mr Fowler's explanation satisfactory ~~but he ought to have known that Govt had Boards but no Meetings~~ of charges on account of Normal schools or want of Female education.

Omit Mr Garstins remarks

The Govt will report regarding the rules published in the Fort St George Gazette of the 23rd Jany 1875 which must be held in abeyance for the present. Local Boards are bound by the Revised Grants rules of the Educational Dept except where modifications have been approved by Govt. The rules quoted seem to go far beyond any which has ever received the sanction of Govt.

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Suit

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S. Arcot L. F. 1875. Rec explanation furnished by Mr Fowler - Inspr. of Normal Schools - in regard to certain remarks made by Mr Garstin, considered satisfactory. Rules in connect: with grants to Schools under the Results System" published in the St. Gazette of 28th Jany/75, to be held in abeyance, & the Board directed to report regarding them.