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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th March 1883, Mis. No. 2327.

Read—the following letter from W. LOGAN, Esq., President, Local Fund Board, Malabar, to E. GIBSON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd March 1883, No. 1568 :—

With reference to Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 606, dated 28th February 1882, communicating G.O., No. 84, dated 23rd January 1882, I have the honor to enclose an extract of the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Malabar, at their meeting held on the 14th ultimo, and to request that the Board may be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government to utilize the funds placed at the disposal of the Local Fund Board for educating females in the manner suggested in the resolution, in place of the scheme already sanctioned of opening two female schools—one in Chirakkal Taluk, and one in Ponani Taluk. I found when I endeavoured to procure female teachers for the two schools proposed by Mr. McWatters that female teachers acquainted with Malayalam were not to be had either at Madras or in Travancore. On consulting Mr. Garthwaite, I came to the conclusion that our best course was to train teachers for schools, and this resolution had the unanimous support of the Board at their last meeting.

2. To save references, I am forwarding copy of this letter and of the Board's resolution to the Director of Public Instruction, who will doubtless address Government on the subject.

3. A copy of the notice which I propose to circulate on the subject is also enclosed.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT of the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Malabar, at their Meeting held on the 14th February 1883.

19. Read G.O., No. 84, dated 23rd January 1882, sanctioning the proposal for the transfer of the surplus sale proceeds of the estate left by the late Moyan Kunhi Raman Nair, declared an escheat to the Local Fund Board, for endowment of two female schools. The Board accepts the results of the conference held between the President and the Inspector of Schools as detailed below :—

- (1.) To promote female education trained female teachers are necessary.
- (2.) Trained female teachers who know Malayalam are not at present to be found in the Presidency.
- (3.) Therefore the Board's efforts should first of all be directed towards providing a supply of trained female teachers.
- (4.) And this can only be done by applying the funds placed at the Board's disposal towards educating and training females who are willing to go out as teachers.
- (5.) To this end certain females will, if necessary, be educated up to the Middle School Examination, or up to the Higher Examination for women as circumstances dictate, and will be trained at the Government Female Normal School, Madras, on condition of serving the Board as teachers for a period of years as may be agreed upon; and every effort will at the same time be made to start a Female Normal School directly under the Board.

- (6.) The Government should be addressed to sanction the above scheme in place of that sanctioned in G.O., dated 23rd January 1882, No. 84.
- (7.) The Board ought further to insist at once in Government Promissory Notes the balance of funds now in their hands.

(Signed) W. LOGAN,
President.

Resolution—dated 15th March 1883, No. 2527.

Submitted for the early sanction of Government.

2. The Director of Public Instruction is requested to forward his remarks direct to Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. A. DAVIES,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
with the notice.

" Director of Public Instruction.
" President of the Local Fund Board, Malabar.

From H. B. GRIGG, Esq., M.A., Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 20th March 1883, No. 1788.

I have the honor to submit a letter from the Inspector of Schools, Sixth Division, dated 15th March 1883, No. 987, and the correspondence therein referred to, and to request that the sanction of Government may be given as early as possible for the establishment of a Female Normal School at Calicut on the scale recommended in paragraph 11 of the Inspector's letter. Mr. Garthwaite goes fully into the details of the scheme, and therefore it will suffice for me to say that I fully approve the course proposed by the Board as well as the organization of the school recommended by Mr. Garthwaite. The project is compassed with special difficulties among a people whose social life is so peculiarly constituted, but the rules indicate that these difficulties have been carefully weighed, and, so far as is at present feasible, provided for.

2. The charge will be met from the "Moyan Fund" and from the Provincial grant which the institution when started may be found to be entitled to under the provisions of the Grant-in-aid Code.

ENCLOSURE.

From L. GARTHWAITE, Esq., B.A., Inspector of Schools, Sixth Division, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated Coimbatore, 15th March 1883, No. 987.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 1421, of the 5th instant, calling for detailed explanations regarding Memorandum, No. 1563, dated 2nd March 1883, from the President, Local Fund Board, Malabar, communicating copy of his letter, No. 1568, to the Board of Revenue, on the scheme proposed for utilizing the Moyan Fund for female education in Malabar, I have the honor to submit the following.

2. The "Moyan Fund," the proceeds of an estate which has lapsed to Government, having been placed at the Malabar Local Fund Board's disposal for employment in the extension of female education in that district, that Board originally contemplated establishing therewith two girls' schools, large, well organized, and under superior female teachers. This design, however, it was not found practicable to carry out, female teachers such as were required not being forthcoming. Malayali women sufficiently well educated and trained to be efficient teachers are a class at present simply non-existent. Girls' schools under male teachers or incompetent female teachers were not considered desirable.

3. Under these circumstances, the President conferred with me, and, after careful consideration, it appeared to both of us that the interests of female education in Malabar would be best consulted by beginning with a really good Normal School that should supply the want, at present so crying, of efficient female teachers, and which should in time be the parent of a number of well-conducted female schools, Vernacular and Anglo-Vernacular.

4. It was accordingly proposed to the Local Fund Board to establish at Calicut a Female Normal School instead of the two girls' schools originally intended. This proposal was unanimously approved of by the Board.

5. Here again, however, the difficulty presented itself of finding mistresses with whom to start the school. In a Normal School, it is essential that those who preside over it should possess, not only the attainments and tone that shall command the respect of the students under them, but also a certain moral and intellectual force that shall be capable of impressing itself and stamping a suitable character on those whom they are forming for the important office of instructors and trainers of youth. And this is the more essential at the first starting of such a school, when its character has to be determined and its traditions formed, and when the difficulties incident to all new undertakings have to be overcome.

6. In addition to all other qualifications, a knowledge of the Malayalam language would be required in the mistresses of the proposed school.

7. No one such as was required could be found on the Western Coast, and for a time it was thought—as mentioned in the Board's Proceedings accompanying Mr. Logan's letter—that we should be reduced to select some otherwise eligible Malayalam-speaking candidates and send them up to Madras for higher education and normal training—a step to be deprecated as it would involve such long delay before the school could be opened. After further consideration, it seemed that there would be less delay, and that we should obtain mistresses of a better class, if we could succeed in getting some one already well educated and thoroughly trained—even though she might have the Malayalam language to learn, as such a young lady—with the native assistance (untrained of course) we could provide—would probably be able to manage the school in its very elementary initial stage, while, if she worked hard at Malayalam, her practical acquaintance with that tongue could be made to keep pace with the growing requirements of her school, especially if she were required to pass examinations at regular intervals.

8. It was at this stage that I conferred with you, and you were good enough to show me a number of applications you had received in reply to an advertisement for a lady Superintendent for the Maharaja of Vizianagram's Girls' Schools. Amongst these applications was one from a Miss A. Rodrigues, who you thought might be suitable for the proposed Normal School. Miss Rodrigues is an East Indian young lady, who has passed the Higher Examination for women, and was for six years under training at the Madras Female Normal School, by the late Superintendent of which she is very highly spoken of as an able and conscientious teacher, and a good disciplinarian. As Miss Rodrigues has a knowledge of Tamil she probably would have no difficulty in acquiring Malayalam, of which language she has already begun the study. This young lady would, I thought, eventually make a very good second mistress for the school and might with the assistance of a native female Christian (at present teaching in a Lower Primary Girls' School at Calicut) open without delay a small class of Normal students that would form the nucleus of the normal branch of the school. I have accordingly recommended these two to the President, and should sanction be given for the establishment of the proposed school, he is prepared to appoint them, and to begin at once the work of the Normal School proper, as distinct from the Practising Branch. That, of course, cannot be formed till there are available students who have learned enough to teach others. To produce the first batch of such students will be the work of Miss Rodrigues and her Native Assistant, should they be appointed. As second mistress it will be her duty to prepare all the students for their examinations in general knowledge, and this will be quite work sufficient. When the Practising Branch is opened, and the students have to be trained in it, the work of the Head Mistress will begin; but as this will not be for some time, it is not in contemplation to appoint a Head Mistress for some time to come.

9. A site has been selected at a place called Arilchavattam, and has been approved of by the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission and other native gentlemen consulted, as well as by Mr. Logan. A plan of the school-house has been prepared.

10. A notice inviting candidates for scholarships is ready for publication. Competent judges consider its terms judicious, and likely to call forth a sufficient number of applications from a suitable class of candidates.

11. The monthly expenses of the school will for the present be as follows:—

	Rs.
Salary of Second Mistresses in charge	100
Salary of temporary Native Assistant	20
Scavenger	4
Servant	55
Five Scholarships of Rs. 11 each	110
Eleven " " 10 " "	20
Four " " 5 " "	— 185
Contingencies, &c.	7
Total	320

12. Out of this Rs. 320 application will be made to this department for grants as follows:—

	RS.	S.	P.
Half Second Mistress' salary	50.	0	0
Do. Assistant's do.	10	0	0
Do. Scholarships	93	8	0
Total	152	8	0

leaving Rs. 167-8-0 to be met from the fund. As the Moyan Fund is estimated to yield an income of nearly Rs. 300 per mensem, there will be ample margin to provide for the salary of a good Head Mistress, supposing a proportionate grant is given.

13. There are also ample funds in hand to meet the expenses of building, furniture, &c.
 14. The enclosures to the above memorandum are herewith returned.

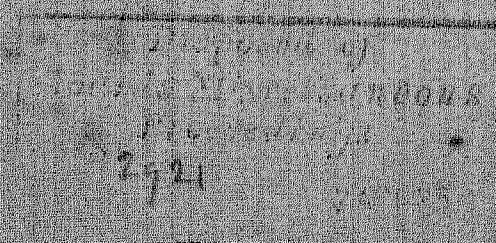
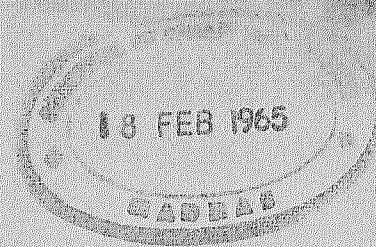
ORDER—dated 31st March 1883, No. 663, Financial.

The proposal is sanctioned.
 (True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
 " Director of Public Instruction, with enclosures.
 " Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.



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G.O., 31st March 1883, No. 663.

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Local Fund—Schools.

Approving the proposal to establish a Female Normal School at Calicut from the surplus sale proceeds of the estate left by Moyan Kunhi Raman Nair in lieu of the arrangements previously sanctioned for opening two female schools in the district.