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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
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From

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

To

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIR,

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With reference to G.O. no. 1319, dated 21st May 1894,

recording with remarks Mr. Monro's review of the report on the
working of the Reformatory school for 1893. I have the honour
to offer the following remarks.

2. Clause 2 of the order. The textile fabrics manufactured
in the school consist of good durable checks with fast colours
chintz, strong towelling, napkins, cotton kummerbands, pones
belts, and tapes of sizes. The articles turned out are reported
to be of a superior kind to those manufactured by
native weavers, woven as they are on cheaply made
French hand-looms and on improved native loom

Clause 5. The Superintendent and the Visiting Committee are at one as regards the advantage of separating the elder and younger boys. Such a separation has already been effected, as will be seen from the following particulars

(1) The cubicles in the smaller barrack have been reserved for the junior section consisting of 36 boys, their ages being below 13.

(2) A portion of the play ground adjoining the smaller barrack has been fenced off for the exclusive use of the younger boys and it has been so fenced as to include the latrine reserved for them.

As soon as Government comes to a decision as to the site of the institution and the necessary accommodation is provided, more effective arrangements will be made so that the two sections may be kept quite distinct from each other. I am addressing Government on the subject of the sites proposed for the school.

Clause 6. English is at present taught only as an optional subject for the Primary Examination, and three hours a week are devoted to it. The Government is aware that some of the former pupils have been appointed in various capacities, as peons, Compounders, sappers,

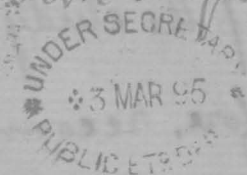
and miners, etc., and very satisfactory reports as to the work and conduct of these pupils have been received. A knowledge of English is of great advantage to the pupils who obtain such appointments and it would be a pity to deprive them of this help in securing appointments in Government or other offices. The language is taught only as an optional subject for three hours a week, and care will be taken to keep the study of it within due limits. I would, therefore, recommend that no more be made in the direction of removing English from the curriculum of the school.

Clause 7. The master tailor in question resigned and an acting appointment was made. This change has not proved successful, and the instruction has not improved, but rather the opposite. Every effort has been made to get a better instructor, but the salary offered has failed to attract a suitable man. I have, therefore, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, been compelled to give the tailor who resigned and to whom Government refers, a further trial.

I have the honour to be,
sir,
your most obedient servant,
J. G. S. S. S.

Director of Public Instruction

To
The Honble the chief secretary to
Government
Fort St George
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Dated 18th March 1895

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Reply to Gov. 31 May 1895
Western Reformatory School
Adm.

A. M.

Order 13 March 1856

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Submitting remarks in connexion
with the G.O. reviewing report on
the — for 1893.

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