

Local & Munl. (1895) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 724/m

DATED 1st May 1895.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition.

Informing the Revd. W. Robinson that the Governor
interfere on his behalf in the matter of his request
recting the Salem Municipal Council to render the
mended by the Inspector for the mission school.

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Local & Municipal Dept.

CURRENT No. 2127

CHIEF SECRETARY
4 SEP-1894
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To

His Excellency the Governor in Council,

MADRAS.

The humble petition of the REV. W. ROBINSON,
Manager, London Mission High School, Salem.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH.

THAT the Salem London Mission High School is a Missionary institution of long-standing, having been started in 1829 as a Primary school and more than twenty years ago as a High School.

2. That it conforms to all the rules laid down in the *Madras Educational Rules* having been "recognized" under those rules by the Director in his Proceedings No. 13505 dated 26th November 1891.

3. That it is aided under the Salary-Grant system and that the proportion of aid due to the Upper Secondary department of it and payable from the Provincial funds was sanctioned by the Director in his Proceedings No. 7546 dated 6th July 1893.

4. But that, though the application was strongly backed up by the Inspector of schools, the grant due to the Lower Secondary department and payable from the "Local Funds" was refused by the Salem Municipality on the ground of want of funds. (*vide* copy exhibit A.)

5. That the petitioner renewed his application in 1894 and this having been again recommended and sent by the Inspector, to the Salem Municipality, was referred by it to its Sub-Committee on Education, and that though the Sub-Committee recommended the grant, the Municipality has for a second time refused it. (*vide* copy exhibit B.)

6. That this petition is an appeal against the action of the Salem Municipality in its repeated refusal to sanction the grant.

7. That it is for His Excellency to Judge how far the Municipality was just in refusing grants for want of funds when the amount applied for in 1893 was so small as the sum of Rs. 6-4-10 per mensem and in 1894 a trifle more than Rs. 25 *WR*.

8. That even if the Municipal allotment on account of Education happened to have been under-estimated in 1893, the Councillors having discovered their mistake ought to have seen that the amount for 1894 was such as to meet local requirements, if the Municipality had at heart the improvement of the institution in question, and the development of Secondary Education in Salem.

(1) *WR*

9. That it is unnecessary to show how aided Secondary Education will suffer in Salem, if the London Mission High School, the only aided Upper Secondary institution in the Town be refused the help asked for. (The Salem College is a Municipal institution and the rest Primary schools).

10. The urgency of the aid sought is apparent from the remarks of the Inspector. In his report of the school for 1892-93, which is the latest, he states,

"The expenditure on gymnasium, furniture, library &c., was all necessary and the result is that the institution has become a fully-equipped and well managed High School, an institution more deserving of aid either from Provincial or Municipal Funds or both I do not know."

11. The Petitioner prays in conclusion that the Salem Municipality may be ordered to render the aid recommended by the Inspector with retrospective effect from 1st April 1894.

SALEM, 31st August 1894.

William Robinson

MANAGER,

L. M. High School,
Salem.

(2) WR

(A)

Extract from the Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Municipal Council of Salem,
held on the 13th October 1892-

2. Read endorsement of the Inspector of Schools, Southern Circle, recommending for sanction a grant of Rs6-4-10 on behalf of the Tamil and Sanscrit Munshies and the Gymnastic Instructor of the London Mission High School, Salem.

Resolved by 8 votes against two that the grant be disallowed.

(Signed) W. VEERASAWMI AIYAR,
Chairman.

(A)

Extract from the Proceedings of a special meeting of the Municipal Council of Salem,
held on the 27th July 1893.

7. Read application from the Manager, London Mission High School, Salem for salary grant on behalf of certain teachers with the endorsement thereon by the Inspector of Schools, Southern circle.

The Council regret to say that they are unable to sanction the grant asked for in respect of the Middle and High School department of the London Mission High School on financial grounds.

(Signed) W. VEERASAWMI AIYAR,
Chairman.

(B)

Extract from the Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Municipal Council of Salem,
held on the 28th June 1894.

4. Read report of the Educational Sub-Committee, recommending that salary grants applied for by the Manager of the London Mission High School Salem, and recommended by the Inspector, may be paid.

Resolved by a majority of 4 that the Manager be informed that the Council regrets its inability to sanction the grant applied for, one member voted against, and 2 not voting.

(Signed) W. VEERASAWMI AIYAR,
Chairman.

(True Copy.)

William Robinson

(3) WR

CHIEF SECRETARY'S
4 SEP-1894
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Local & Municipal Dept

CURRENT No. 3127

Petition

From

The Rev W. Robinson
Manager, London Mission
High School, Salem

No. 876

Referred to the municipal council,
Salem for remarks.

(By order)

Francis
22/9/94
a. assistant Secretary

No.

Dated 31-8-94

Received 7-9-94

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Praying that, under the circumstances stated,
the Salem Municipality may be ordered to
render the aid recommended by the Inspector
of Schools with retrospective effect from
1st April 1894.

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The chairman, municipal council, Salem.

Extract from the Proceedings of a General Meeting of
the Municipal Council of Salem held on the 8th Nov. 1894.

PRESENT.

Chairman
M. Ry. W. Visasami Aiyar Aiyar
Official Councilors

Muhammad Ayyazuddin Hussain Sahib Bahadur,
M. Ry. P. D. Ganesapathi Aiyar Aiyar
" H. Radhakrishna Aiyar Aiyar
Town Officials.

M. Ry. J. Narasinga Rau Rau
" M. Musun Rameswami Aiyar Aiyar
S. Muhammad Sahib
A. Ahmad Sahib.

M. Ry. P. A. Palakurthi Aiyar Aiyar

Para 2. Read and endorsement of the
Government referring to the Municipal
Council of Salem, for remarks petition
from the Revd. W. Robinson, Manager
L. Dr. High School Salem, requesting
grant-in-aid for the above school.

Proposed by Muhammad Sahib
and seconded by M. Ry. M. Ramaswami
Aiyar. That the Government be informed
that this Council adheres to its former
resolution for the reason that the
Council already makes a grant for the

which the Council is bound to promote and also for the reason that the Council is spending more than 15 per cent of its income on education and that a College is maintained by the Council wherein provision is made for higher education.

The proposition was lost by 4 against 5.

The following amendment which was proposed by Mr. P. S. Ganapathi Aiyar Avelal and seconded by Mr. D. A. Balakrishna Aiyar Avelal and which was ruled out of order was then brought in as a substantive proposition:-

That the Council considers that it is morally bound to aid such institutions as the Salem L. M. High School, which, at its sole cost imparts high school education which the Council is legally bound to promote, if the state of its funds permits it. The Council further considers that after providing for primary education the Council should aid higher education rather by grants-in-aid than by maintaining high schools wholly at its costs, and that in this view the application of the Manager

supported by the Educational authorities should be complied with.

The following members voted for:-
Mr. P. S. Ganapathi Aiyar Avelal
" D. A. Balakrishna Aiyar Avelal
Muhammad Arifuddin Hussain Sahib Bahadur
Ahamed Sahib.

The following members voted against:-

Mr. T. Narasinga Chakravarti
Muhammad Sahib
Mr. M. Ramasami Aiyar Avelal
and the Chairman.

One member not voting.

The proposition was lost by the Chairman's casting vote.

(I read Extract)

D. Venkataswami
Chairman.

No. 1592

Salem Municipal Office.
Dated 9th November 1894

FROM

M. R. Ry.

W. VIRASAMI AIYAR AVERGAL,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Salem.
Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 2897 M

TO

THE Chief Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Department
Madras.

Enclosures 2

SIR,

With reference to the endorsement
No: 876 dated 25th September 1894 herewith
returned, I have the honor to submit
herewith a copy of the resolution of
the Municipal Council of Salem passed
at its meeting held on the 8th instant,
for the information and orders of
Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours Most Obedient Servant

W. Virasami Aiyar
Chairman.

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Local and Municipal Department.

Local & Municipal Dept.

PR. 925 CURRENT No. 2807 M

From
THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
SALEM.

To
THE CHIEF SECRETARY
TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT,
MADRAS.
(through the Divisional Officer, Salem.)

Dated, 9th November 1894

No. 1592.

ENCLOSURE

SUBJECT.

Submitting a copy
of the resolution of the
Council on the appeal
petition from Reverend
W. Robinson Manager
L. Mission High School
Salem, requesting grant
of aid for the same.

R. No. 14,590/94.

CNo. 2127 + 2807

no. 1331 d/26-11-94

Referred to the Director of
Public Instruction for remarks

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MADRAS

(By order)

[Signature]

Ag. Assistant

13/11/94

Fort St. George.
23 November 94

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To, The Director of Pub

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L.M. DEPARTMENT.

No. 2807 M

From

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FOR ORDERS.

The Manager, London Mission High school,
Salem, asks Govt. to compel the
Salem Municipal Council to pay his
school the grants in aid recommended
by the Educational Dept. in the last two
years.

I am not posted in Educat.
Jargon, but I understand
that the Council already maintains
a school of grade equivalent to present
that for which the Missionary
seeks a grant - If so, I must
say I don't quite see why
it should aid a competitor -
But the Educat. Dept. should
have the opportunity of remarking
on the question, I think -

RS
22/11/94

It is clear from the extracts at the
end of the printed petition itself that the
Educational Dept. considers that the
school is worthy of assistance. (vide
also para 10. of the pet.). The Sub-
Committee of the Council itself
recommended payment of the grant.
The Council has however consistently
refused to sanction it on the ground of want of funds.
When asked for remarks on this
pet. they send what is called a copy
of two resolutions on the point. It will
however be seen that of the two resolutions
one was in favour of making the
payment, the other for refusing it,
that both were lost. The only in-
ference is that the Council are
divided among themselves upon the
matter.

The question for decision is whether
the Govt. should advise the Council
to make the payment.

The Council now spends over Rs. 7000
or all but 15 per cent of its income
on free education, & maintains a second-
grade college at a cost of over Rs. 1000
per annum.

The sum asked for is (Rs 6.4.10) x 12
for '92-'93 and (Rs 25) x 12 for '93-'94,
or Rs. 375.10.-

The Mission cannot in any way
claim this amount as of right.

[Signature]

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Payment of grants to
Mission High School
Salem Municipal Council.

Am. ...
(for order)

It is indeed enough for what the
Council's real reason for refusing
aid is "lack of funds" has nothing
to do with the matter. ~~That~~ What
the Council does not want is
upper secondary education in opposition
to what it provides. It truly argues
a false reason and then when
pushed into a corner tells the truth.
It is submitted that Gov. cannot
force the Council into giving the
aid sought. "Adieu" would
be all that truly be thrown
away

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 Payment of grants to
 Mission High School by
 the Salem Municipal Council

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
 PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
 Madras, 4 February 1895.

& Municipal Dept
 CURRENT No. 399 m

No. 1146.

From

THE HONORABLE MR. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc.,

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

To

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIR,

Encl.

I have the honour to reply to the
 enclosed G.O. No. 1331, dated, 26 November
 last, referring for remarks a petition from the
 Rev. W. Robinson, Manager, London
 Mission High School, Salem.

2. The Municipal Council, Salem, states
 in its enclosed resolution that it has
 already been spending on education more
 than 15 per cent of its income, and that
 it is, therefore, unable to aid the
 lower secondary department of the
 Mission

Mission school. But the London Mission School is a long standing one, which has uniformly been doing excellent work. It is well equipped and well managed. As such it deserves encouragement.

3. Again a grant-in-aid in behalf of lower secondary schools or departments forms a legitimate charge on Municipal funds.

4. I would, in the above circumstances, recommend that the Council be requested to aid the lower secondary department of this school in accordance with the grant-in-aid code to such an extent as the Council may find it practicable, taking into account the

the claims of the other schools in the town. I propose to advert to this point again when I submit my final recommendations in connection with the ensuing year's budget of the Municipality.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. D. Duman

Director of Public Instruction

Local Municipal Dept.
R.S. CURT 1895. 399m
Educational Department.

C No. 399m

From
THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras,

CAO? 2127 & 2807m/94 & 399m/95

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

To
THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY
TO GOVERNMENT,
Fort St. George.

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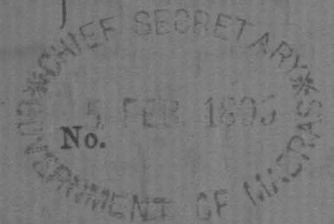
The Director's remarks will be communicated to the Municipal Council, Salem.



No. 1146

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Dated 4th
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ENCLOSURE 1. CAO 2127 & 2807m/94 & 399m/95

Subject.

Recommending that the Salem Mub. Council be requested to aid the Lower Secondary Dept of the London Mission High School in accordance with the grant-in-aid code to such an extent as the Council may find it practicable.

To
The Chairman M.C. Salem.
Rev. W. Robinson, Salem.
Director of Public Instruction

But what I wanted was the view of the Educat dept (i.e., of the Govt.) - I did not contemplate any to the D.P.I. but wanted to know whether those who knew more about Educat than I do thought the view I took, that the C. had room for further action, reasonable.

W 12 295
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Even the D.P.I. is not very strong in his recommendation. He thinks the lower secondary Dept. of the school shd. be aided in accordance with the G. in A. Code "to such an extent as the Council may find it practicable, taking into account the claims of the other schools in the town".

The Inspector of schools made a stronger recommendation than this (vide the printed petition) and the Council taking into ^{account} ~~consideration~~ the claims of the other schools of the town did not "find it practicable" to ^{help} ~~grant~~ the Mission school to any extent at all.

It is submitted that the order proposed may go, as it does not compel the Council to do anything, & the grounds for overruling the Council's resolution are not strong.

W 12 295
I don't see how Govt. ^{can} if so disposed could overrule the Council's Resolution. The only means by which it could force the Council into doing anything would be by inserting provision in the Budget for doing this. There does not seem to be any sufficient justification.

15/2/95

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Aid to Mission school
Salem from Salem
Municipal Council.

Am.
/ (for order)

From the Director of Public Instruction, Madras
dated 12th February 1895 N^o 1574.

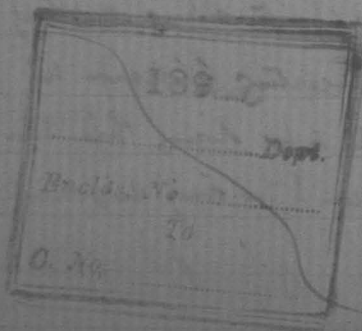
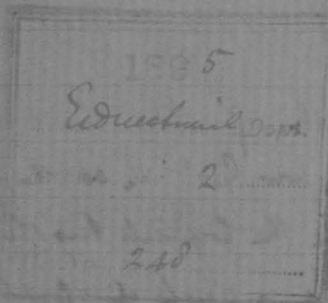
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6. In my letter to Government N^o 1146,
dated 4th instant, I promised to make final
recommendations with regard to the question of giving
aid to the middle department of the London
Mission High School, Salem, from Municipal
funds. As the Municipality is spending on
Education more than the usual proportion and as
the allotments proposed under the several heads
are not susceptible of any reduction, I regret that
I do not see any way in which aid from Municipal
funds can be made available for the London
Mission School. The closing of the Lower
Secondary department in the Municipal College
would not set free Municipal funds to any appreciable
extent, as it is almost self-supporting from fees,
the net cost last year being only about Rs. 70.

(True Extract)

Rancis

Ag. Assistant Secretary
for Chief Secretary



Educational Dept.

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FORT ST. GEORGE,

Date 21st February 1895

OFFICE NOTE.

From

Ag. Assistant

THE ~~SECRET~~ SECRETARY TO GOVT.,

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT,

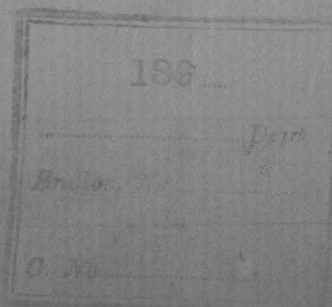
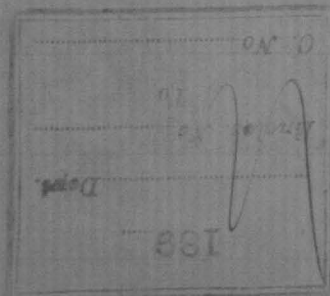
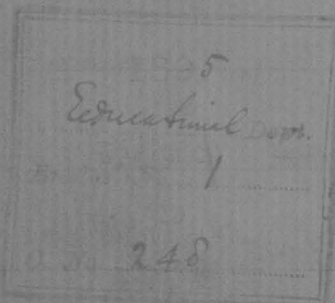
To

The Under Secretary
Educational Department.

The undersigned ^{SECRETARY} has the honor to forward in original Local and Municipal Currents Nos. $\frac{2127}{94}$, $\frac{2807}{94}$ and $\frac{399}{95}$ with the notes of the Honorable Mr. Bliss C.S.E. thereon, as also an extract from para. 5 of the Director of Public Instruction's No. $\frac{1574}{12-2-95}$ with the request that action may be taken on Honorable Member's note on the last named Current dated 16th February 1895 and the papers thereafter returned.

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Ag. Assistant Secretary.



Current No. 248

Educational DEPARTMENT.

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From the L L K Dept

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(L L K Cms 2127/1, 2507/2
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding certain L L K papers in original together with an extract from the L L K's 12/10/94 for opinion with reference to the Hon Mrs Bliss' notes on the question of the Missionaries at Salem Seeking aid from the Municipal Council of that locality.

Ed DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 248 of 95

FOR ORDERS.

The London Mission High School, ^{Salem} is an aided institution. It has been recognized under the Madras Ed. Rules and its Upper Secondary Dept is aided from Provincial Funds. The School is reported to be a well-equipped and well-managed institution and to be deserving of encouragement.

The manager of the school applied for aid on behalf of the Lower Secondary Dept to the Salem Municipality in 1892, 93 & 94 and all his applications have been refused on financial grounds. The manager appeals against this refusal and asks Govt to compel the Municipality to pay the grant recommended by the Inspector of Schools.

The Hon Mrs. Bliss notes on this in the L & M dept. that the municipality already maintains a school of grade equivalent to that for which the Rev. Mr. Robinson seeks a grant and that the municipality is therefore not bound to aid a competitor and asks whether this view of the matter is correct. In other words the question is whether the municipality was justified in refusing aid to the Lower Secondary dept of the London Mission School on the ground that it maintains a school of its own of equivalent grade.

In speaking of the Local and Municipal Boards in relation to private effort, the Education Commission in para 499 of its report notes that in this point of view the Boards "have a double aspect". They may manage schools of their own, and in that capacity may receive aid from the Department, and thus be regarded as themselves examples of private effort. On the other

FOR ORDERS.

* The paragraph ends
"when they take the place of the Department as administrators of funds for grant-in-aid their action should be regulated by the same principles" - i.e. not by considerations as to how the grant will affect schools of their own.

hand, they may like the Department disburse grants from public funds in aid of private effort in the stricter sense. In very many cases they will, no doubt, have to act in both of these capacities.

It will be seen that the Salomun Municipality acts in a double capacity and the fact of its maintaining a school in one of its capacities cannot be adduced as a reason for refusing aid in another of its capacities.

As a fact the Salomun Municipality did not refuse aid to the Lower Secondary dept of the London Mission School ^{on the ground that} because it maintains a Lower Secondary dept in the Municipal College; it refused aid ^{on the ground that} because it had no funds. And the aid that Govt or a Board can give is necessarily limited to the funds at its command. In the same way the aid that a school can claim under the grant in aid code is limited to its financial needs and curiously enough neither the manager nor the Educational Officers in this case say anything about the

financial condition of the school.

From the Appendix A to the petition it appears that Mr Robinson applied, in 1892 for a grant on behalf of a Tamil Pundit, and, in 1893, for grants for the High School dept. Under the Grant in aid code no grant can be allowed for a vernacular Pundit in the Lower Secondary & Primary depts of Schools and a Municipality is not liable for grants for the High School dept. Thus the Municipal Council seems to have had other than financial reasons also for refusing the grants applied for.

The D.P.I. notes that the Municipality is already spending on Education more than the usual proportions and that the allotments proposed under the several heads in the budget not being susceptible of any reduction he does not see any way in which aid from Municipal Funds can be made available for the London Mission School.

Grants from Municipal Funds to the London Mission School Salems.

H.M.

(For orders)

On these grounds we cannot interfere

Jg
29/3

I consider that Govt. cannot interfere in this matter. There can I venture to think be no doubt as to the reason for refusing aid.

Jg
22/3/95

From London Mission & Baptist

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Hall

10721 d/10 April 1895

Transferred to the Local and Municipal Department with ref to the Assistant Secretary's office note of 21 February herewith returned

Local Division
of Under Secretary

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The L.M. Dep't with office note & Enclosures returned.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers re in Proceedings:-

Again G.O., dated 28, No.

Current No. 2127 of 1894, dated 12 August 94 from the Rev W Robinson, Salem
" 2807 of 94 9 November 94 .. Chairman and Salem
" 399 of 95 18 February 95 .. Director of Public Insts.

Order. d/1-5-95 No 724

The Rev: W. Robinson will be informed that the Government cannot interfere on his behalf.

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V.R
4/4/95 M. Briggs (from order)
H.P.

2374/95

Note

Please see the notes & orders on the 2nd and 3rd currents read above and the note from the Educational Dept.

To

The Rev. W. Robinson. Salem
" Chairman and, Salem.

Order 4/5/95

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Commissioner of the General Land Office

San Francisco, California

General Council

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