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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Informing Sivaramaiah Thandavaraya
Pillai, Manager, Upper Primary School,
Palamcottah, that the Govt cannot interfere
with the action of the M.L. Council, in
withholding the grant earned by the
school in the year 1893-94.

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From Sivaranthandavaraya Pillai
Manager of the Primary School
Palamcottah

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Order No. 1767 M. mis. d. 13.8.97.

The Government cannot
interfere on behalf of the petitioners

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SUBJECT.

Praying that in the circumstances
stated ^{the} Palamcottah Municipality
may be ordered to disburse the grant
of Rs 75- passed in the Municipal
Proceedings No 1 of 10th April 1896.

To

The petitioners ✓ *Qd*

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LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT 2870 M

To



His Excellency the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council
Fort Saint George.

The humble memorial of Sivananthandavaraya Pillai,
Manager of the Upper Primary School, Sivan Coil
South Car Street Palamcottah, Tinnevely Taluq.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

That your Excellency's poor Memorialist most respectfully begs to approach your gracious Excellency with the following few lines with hope that full justice will be done to them.

1. That the above school which is now under his management has been in existence for more than a century; and it was placed under the inspection of Government Inspectors continuously from the year in which the Grant-in-aid Code system was brought into force.
2. That on the 19th November 1892, it was examined for results grant for 1892—93, when the Assistant Inspector of Schools, 9th Division, recommended to the Municipal Council, Palamcottah that a part of the grant earned by the school should be withheld for marking attendance against a blank name in the Attendance Roll of May 1892 in the Infant Standard but the council passed the whole grant on the ground that the entry was only clerical. The Assistant Inspector was not pleased with the decision of the Municipal Council.
3. That again on 19th December 1893, the school was examined for grant for 1893—94, when owing to an accident and misfortune happened to the school on 6th November 1893 as explained below, the memorialist was unable to produce the Attendance Register above that date and requested the Inspecting officers to refer to the Monthly Returns which were filed by the Inspecting School Master who monthly checked and signed in them.
4. That the misfortune referred to in para 3 supra relates to the loss of of Register. The loss was not caused by want of attention or carelessness on the part of the memorialist or any other fault which imposes penalties enumerated in article 28, Chapter IV of the Code. But on the other hand, on the night of 6th November 1893, this and other registers together with pass list were stolen away. The matter was duly reported to the Municipal Inspecting School Master and to the Assistant Inspector of Schools, 9th Division and a complaint lodged in the Police and Magisterial Courts.
5. That the monthly returns are intended by the Department as permanent records which help the teachers in the matter of reference at the time of grant examinations in case of loss by fire or some other accident to school records. For example, when registers were lost by Chattram Pudukulam School, 4 years ago and by Kotoor School in the Tinnevely Taluq in 1893, the monthly returns were consulted and grants were passed to them.

6. That the Municipal Inspecting School Master deposed in the ^{Sub-}Magistrate's Court that he had examined the Register up to 4th November 1893, that no bad remarks were recorded in the Register which could affect the grant and that the registers had been stolen away on the 6th November 93 which was a holiday.

7. That in the town, there were some schools which were rival to this school. In 1893, the teachers of those schools wrote anonymous petitions against this school to the Assistant Inspector who enquired into the matter fully and found them all false. The teacher of the Chettiakudy School who was a monitor in this school and who had a school of his own at the time, did much mischief to ruin this school and most probably the theft of registers in this school might have been perpetrated through his instigation.

8. That although the memorialist convinced the Assistant Inspector of Schools of the loss of the registers, yet to recommended to the Municipal Council that the grant should be withheld altogether and the Municipal Council supported the recommendation.

9. Thereupon the memorialist appealed to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, on 16th June 1894 stating everything in detail and requesting him to fully and strictly enquire into the matter and to order the Inspecting Officers to accept the monthly returns in ^{lieu} of the lost registers, to recommend to the Municipal Council to reconsider the case and to pass grants in consideration of the school having been in existence for more than a century and having done much good to the public.

10. That the Director forwarded this petition with his endorsement to the Municipal Council, Palamcottah, who on 28-1-95 referred the matter to Councillor Mr. Kristnasamy Aiyangar for report after due consideration of all the papers connected with the matter.

11. That on the receipt of the report from Councillor Mr. Kristnasamy Aiyangar which was favourable to the school, the council in their proceedings dated 16-3-95 passed final order in which they requested the Assistant Inspector of Schools to let the council know the amount of grant apportioned to the school and on the Assistant Inspector forwarding the required information, the Council in their Proceedings No. 1 of 10-4-96 sanctioned the estimated amount of Rs 75 and requested the Assistant Inspector to send a necessary bill for payment.

12. That thereupon, the Acting Assistant Inspector in his letter No. 4513 of 1896 requested the Council to reconsider their Resolution No. 1 of 10-4-96 referred to in para 11 supra and to pass final resolution. The Council thereupon resolved in their Proceedings No. 1 of 22-8-96 that it would not be justifiable to pass grant for the school for 1893-94.

13. That the reasons set forth in the letter of the Acting Assistant Inspector of Schools to the council were that entries have been made in the Registers on the 31st June, instead of on the 30th, there being only 30 days for June and to avoid this mistake it has been urged that the Registers were lost. Here the memorialist begs to state that this mistake was clerical. For, the dates of all the months have been printed in the Register beginning from 1st and ending with 31st. The wrong entry was found out by the memorialist and corrected in red ink under his initials.

The correction was also shown to the Inspecting School Master who in the enquiry before the Sub-Magistrate deposed that entry was erroneously made against the 31st June, but recorded no bad remarks about this.

14. That the council was again moved for the reconsideration of their resolution referred to in para 12 supra, in the meeting held on 13-2-97 by three councillors and they finally decided that the majority considered that there were not sufficient grounds for reconsideration.

15. That it is not understood how the Resolution of the Council No. 1 of 10-4-96 passing final orders in the case and sanctioning the grant on the report of the fellow councillor Mr. Kristnasamy Aiyangar who was deputed to enquire into the matter after due consideration of all the records connected with the case and after the perusal of the Assistant Inspector's letter about the school had to be revoked for the reasons set forth in the Assistant Inspector's letter which was seen and recorded once for all by the Council.

16. That further, the memorialist most humbly begs to submit to your excellency that a resolution once passed in full meeting of the members cannot be revoked unless there were better and more substantial reasons for doing so. Whereas, the memorialist's case was simple and closed once for all on due consideration.

17. That he also begs to submit that when the council asked the Assistant Inspector of schools to send in the bill as per their resolution dated 10-4-96, the Assistant Inspector Mr. Krishnasamy Aiyar in whose time the calamities happened, did not make any mention of disallowance of the grant but simply reported the grant due. But in the meeting held on 22-8-96, the acting Assistant Inspector Mr. Subbramaniam Aiyar who joined his duty very lately, referred his letter to the council recommending that the grant should not be sanctioned. His motive in doing so is not understood.

18. That the above fact was again brought to the consideration of the Director of Public Instruction in petition dated 3-5-97, who in his endorsement No. 6939 dated 24-6-97 said that he had no reason to interfere with the decision of the Municipal council.

19. That it is unjust and illegal to withhold the whole of the grant earned by the school in the year 1893-94 even supposing that the school has erred and it is very discouraging to the pial and indigenous schools which are supported throughout the year on the small income of school fees, expecting at the end of the year a good remuneration in the shape of Government grant for their hard labour throughout the whole year.

20. That in conclusion, the poor memorialist most humbly and respectfully prays that your excellency may be graciously pleased to consider the above facts and the several Municipal Proceedings ^{and} quoted enclosed herewith and to order the disbursement of the grant of Rs. 75 passed in the Municipal Proceedings No. 1 of 10-4-96, and to encourage and favor the school which has been in existence for more than a century.

For which act of charity and kindness, the poor memorialist shall as in duty bound ever pray.

Palamcottah }
26th July 1897.

Sivanan Thandavaraya Pillay
Manager of the Upper Primary School,
Palamcottah.