Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 2174 M

DATED 6-10-97

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DESPATCHED

[Despatch Abstract.]

Schools.

Informing the Munl: Council of Vellore. That, for reasons stated, the grants to the American Mission High school & the Srimahant Hindu Union middle school, withheld from, should be continued; and that the resolution of the Council, suspending the payment should be cancelled without delay.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

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[G./24.]
500—23-7-95.

L & M DEPARTMENT.

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Again G.O., No. dated 189 .
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" " 2299-M " 1897, " 18th June 1897, " the Director of Public Instruction
" " 2339-M " 1897, " 19th June 1897, " Rev. W. I. Chamberlain M.A., manager, American M. H. S. Vellore
" " 141/C " 1897, " 6th July 1897, " The Chairman M-C Vellore

Misc ORDER. No. 2174 M. mis. dt 6.10.97.

Vote. C. no. 141/C. Flag. C.

The Government considers that sufficient grounds have not been shown by the municipal council of Vellore for discontinuing the payment of grants to the American Mission High school and the Sri Mahant's Hindu Union Middle School. The plea that the actual receipts from the sale of all leases have fallen below the estimated receipts of the current year and the actuals of the previous year, is exaggerated ~~in no way sustainable~~. According to the details furnished by the Chairman, the total decline in the revenue will be only Rs 1,652 and not Rs 2,51 as stated by him, the municipality having only a half-share in the tolls and the municipal council will have still left an ample working

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proposal of

accumulated receipts, after providing for the grant of Rs 1600 to the schools above referred to. The grants to these schools should therefore be continued. The budget estimate of the municipality having been sanctioned by Government, the Municipal council had no authority to alter it without its previous approval.

2. The resolution of the municipal council, No 15, dated 25th May 1897, suspending the payment of grants to these schools was irregular, as under article 19 of Chapter VII of the Grant-in-aid Code, no grants can be stopped or materially reduced without six months' previous notice to the managers of the schools concerned. This resolution should therefore be cancelled without delay.

(From orders)

V.R.
29/7/97

To The Chairman. M.C. Vellore
.. Director of Public Instruction
.. Rev. W. J. Chamberlain.

Despd. 9/10/97

[G./24.]
500—23-7-95.

L & M DEPARTMENT.

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Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

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Current No. 2286 of 1897, dated 17/6/97 from Chairman M.C. Vellore
" " 2799 " 1897, " 19/6/97 " Dir: of Pc. Instn.
" " 1410 " 189 , " 6/7/7 " Chairman
with Collr's Endt. D. 10.7.97

Hon Sir H Bliss
Hon W Rose

For ORDERS

H.M.

This appears to me to be a ~~susp~~ .icious case.

In submitting the budget for 1897/98 the M.C. of Vellore proposed (an influential minority dissenting) to establish a High School of its own, withdrawing the grants from the American Mission High School, wh. grants had been paid for many years, & from a Hindu Union Middle School.

G.O. no. 398. M. d/26/3/97
page 5 (Flag A)

In submitting the educational portion of this budget the D.P.I. strongly disapproved the proposal, pointing out that it was directly opposed to the policy of the despatch of 1854, ~~wh~~ the Govt. had ever since followed, ~~since~~ inasmuch as there was alread

ibid. p. 7

a flourishing High School maintained by private agency. Moreover the D.P.I. reported that he wd. be unable to sanction the grants from provincial funds, for wh. the M.C. took credit, to establish their High School.

The Govt. accordingly in passing orders on the budget struck out the provision for the proposed High School, & repeated the current year's allotments for grants. ibid p. 10, para. $\overset{4}{8}$(3) of G.O.

The budget, as revised by Govt., closed with a balance of R5670 or 9.5% of the estimated receipts. ibid. para. 5

On receipt of the Govt. Order, the M.C. at a meeting on the 25th May last, passed by a majority a resolution to this effect:—

"that in view of the threatening attitude of famine &
"plague towards this town, & also of the frequent visitations
"of cholera in the town, the Mty. shd. be prepared to grapple with
"them successfully by laying out large sums of money in mitigating
"their evil effects. The Council therefore resolves
"to husband its resources in all possible
"ways."

This specious and high sounding resolution was merely ~~put~~ the prelude to the following—

"That the actual receipts from
"sale of all leases having fallen below the estd. receipts
"of the current year, & the actuals of the previous year,
"the Mty. cannot afford to allot funds for the
"grants of the primary & lower secondary depts. of
"the American Mission School & the Sri Kakanto's Hindu
"Union Middle school. Further the fee receipts of
"the American Mission H. School are large
"enough to make it self supporting"

From this Resoln., the Chairman and two others dissented on the ground that ~~the~~ it wd. be a blow to primary & secondary education.

(Of the grants amounting to R1000 proposed to be withdrawn as much as R1040 were paid to the primary depts. alone — vide para. 18 p. 5 of G.O. 398 d. 6/3/97

Flag A

Finally a resolution was passed holding the grants in question in abeyance "pending the settlement of the matter of discontinuance of grant by govt."

With regard to this last resolution the D.P.I. has already pointed out (his no. 6513 d. 18/6/97) to the M.C. that the grants cannot be stopped or materially reduced without 6 mos. previous notice to the managers — quoting art. 19 of Chap III of the Grant in aid Code. So far as this point is concerned, probably no harm has yet been done: but the irregularity may be pointed out & the M.C. required to cancel their resolution suspending the payt. of the grants.

Flag C

But the more serious question remains, as to what is to be said or done in regard to the action & conduct of the M.C.

It is difficult if not impossible to believe that the M.C. was actuated by straightforward & honest motives in adopting the course they have followed.

When the resolution as to husbanding resources was passed, only a few weeks of the official year had passed. The budget just sanctioned showed a balance of R5670, & the proposal to withdraw the grants wd. add R1600 to this, making a budgeted balance of R7270 or 12% of the estimated receipts of the year. The only ground alleged for concluding that the estd. figures hat he realized was that the sale of all leases had fallen below the estd. receipts".

A reference was made for the figures with regard to this, & the Chairman has sent a statement showing a loss of R2500 on tolls & leases as compared with the budget estimates. This amount is however in-correct as the Mty. has only a half share in the tolls: so that the total estimated deficit on these items shd be only R1652. The budgeted balance is R5670 so that the loss wd. reduce this to R4018 or nearly 6·7 per cent of the estimated receipts. This is an ample working balance; & the reduction in no way justifies or necessitates the withdrawal of the grants proposed.

They may be told this & that the budget having been sanctioned by Govt. the Mty. has no authority to alter it without the previous approval of Govt.

S.H. 17/8/97

Quite so
H.S.
25/8/97

J.G.
29/8/97

Urgent

[1,000/ -96.]

Local & Munl. (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 2286 m

Current No. [illegible] 1233 [illegible]

Urgent

From Muhammad Habibullah Sahib
chairman, muni-council
Vellore

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT * LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT * 13 JUL 1897

No. 7[illegible] 97

Dated 17. 6-97

Received 18. 6. 97

Registered 18-6-97

Enclosures one

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Reference No. 710 dated 2nd July 1897.

Returned to the chairman for resubmission through the collector.

2. The chairman is requested to state the amount by which the sales of leases referred to in the Resolution 4(7) had fallen below the estimate.

Secretary to Government

SUBJECT.

Stating with reference to G.O. No. 398 m of 6th March 1897 that the council has by a majority resolved to withdraw the ~~S~~ salary grants hitherto paid to American mission High School & Sri Mahants Hindu Union middle school & requesting the further orders of Govt. on

To The chairman, muni. council, Vellore

Meeting No 7

Extract from Proceedings at a GENERAL ~~SPECIAL~~ Meeting of the Municipal Council for the Town of Vellore,

dated 25th May 1897.

PRESENT.

Muhammad Habibullah Saheb Chairman
Reverend D. Wilson Kidd
M.R.Ry V. Nadamuny Mudaliar avergal
„ P. Camoo chettiar avergal
„ A. Selvaperumal chettiar avergal
„ T. Punniakoti Mudaliar avergal
„ R. Rajagopal Naidu Garu
„ V. Subroya chettiar avergal
„ T. Govinda Reddiar avergal
Zakir Haji Azeezullah Saheb
Subadar-Major Hussain Khan Saheb

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4. Read G.O. No 398 M dated 6th March 1897. Reviewing the Vellore Municipal Budget for 1897-98.

(a) Proposed by M.R.Ry A. Selvaperumal chettiar avergal and seconded by M.R.Ry P. Camoo chettiar avergal that in view of the threatening attitude of famine and plague towards this town and also of the frequent visitations of cholera in the town, the municipality should be prepared to grapple with them successfully by laying out large sums of money in mitigating their evil effects. The council therefore resolves to husband its resources in all possible ways.

Reverend D. Wilson Kidd proposed an amendment to omit the whole of the first portion of the resolution and retain th sentence on

Amendment when put to the meeting was lost.

The original proposition was therefore put to the meeting & was carried by a majority.

(b) Proposed by M.R.Ry A. Selvaperumal Chettiar avergal and seconded by Zakir Haji Azeezullah Saheb that the actual receipts from sale of all leases having fallen below the estimated receipts of the current year and the actuals of the previous year, the municipality cannot afford to allot funds for the grants of the Primary & Lower Secondary Departments of the American Mission High School and the Sri Mahant's Hindu Union Middle School. Further the fee receipts of the American Mission High School are large enough to make it self supporting.

Carried by a majority

Reverend D. Wilson Kidd, M.R.Ry V. Nadamuny Mudaliar avergal, Sub-Assistant Inspector of schools, and the Chairman dissent on the ground that this will be a blow to Primary and Secondary Education.

(c) M.R.Ry A. Selvaperumal Chettiar avergal proposed & M.R.Ry T. Punnakoti Mudaliar avergal seconded that the despatch of 1854, & the Education Commission recommend the encouragement of Primary Education; that there are already 8 Primary Salary-Result schools placed at different centres of the town and supported from [illegible] funds and that a sum of [illegible] [illegible] in the

Under such circumstances it is not possible to continue grants to other Primary and Lower Secondary schools.

Carried by a majority

Reverend D. Wilson Kidd, M.R.Ry V. Nadamuny Mudaliar avergal, Sub-Assistant Inspector of schools and the Chairman dissent.

(Signed) Muhammad Habibullah
Chairman

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15 M.R.Ry A. Selvaperumal Chettiar avergal proposes and M.R.Ry P. Ramoo Chettiar avergal seconds that pending the settlement of the matter of discontinuance of grant by Government, the grants payable to the American Mission High School and the Sri Mahant's Hindu Union Middle School be held in abeyance.

Carried by a majority

(Signed) Muhammad Habibullah
Chairman

(True Extract)

by Sd Chairman

1/2286 M of 1897

VELLORE MUNICIPAL OFFICE:
Dated, 17th June 1897

No. 724 of 97 FROM

MUHAMMAD HABIBULLAH SAHEB,
CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
VELLORE.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS,
FORT ST. GEORGE.

LOCAL & [illegible] DEPT.
[illegible] 228 M

Enclosures. one

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice, that when G o No 398 M dated 6th March 1897 reviewing the Vellore municipal Budget for 1897-98 was placed before the Council it has by a majority resolved to with draw the grants hitherto paid to the American mission High school and the Sri Mahants Hindu union middle school subject to the approval of Government. It has further resolved that, pending the receipt of orders from Government regarding its proposal, the payment of grants to the aforesaid Institutions be held in abeyance.

2. You will be pleased to observe that the proposal is a repetition of that contained in the covering letter to the Budget, and the reasons urged by me in paragraph 18 of that letter and those mentioned by the Director of Public Instruction in para 2 of his letter forwarding the Budget Estimate still hold good. The matter was finally disposed

by Government in their order quoted above. I doubt if it is open to the Council to re-open the matter once more, seeing that no substantial grounds have been urged by it in support of the measure.

3. For my part I must repeat that the interests of primary and Lower Secondary education will seriously suffer by the entire withdrawal of grants that have been paid to the aforesaid Institutions for a number of years. Further the total expenditure on Grant II is not so high as to necessitate such extreme measures being resorted to. If the Council is anxious to curtail its expenditure in view of the reasons adduced in its resolution, I would respectfully submit that it can profitably introduce economy in other directions where expenditure is large. That Grant II alone should be always pitched upon as the only available department for retrenchment is certainly unfair and disastrous to the interests of education.

4. I have the honor to request the favor of a very early reply as the payment of grants has been held in abeyance as stated above.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Chairman

L & M

~~Educational~~ (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 2299 M

From

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

Order.

No. 6514

Dated 18 June 1897
Received 19 JUN. 1897
Registered 19-6-1897
Enclosures One
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SUBJECT.

Submitting remarks on the resolution of the Municipal Council, Vellore, withdrawing grants from the American Mission and the Sri Mahant's Hindu schools in the Municipality.

DESPATCHED
18 JUN. 97

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
Ed	398	[illegible]	6-3-97

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction
Madras, dated 18th June 1897.

No. 1513.

From
The Director of Public Instruction, Madras,
To
The Chairman, Municipal Council, Vellore,

Sir,

With reference to the resolutions Nos. 4 and 5 passed by the Municipal Council, Vellore, at its meeting held on the 25th May 1897, copies of which were furnished to me by Rev. Mr. Chamberlain of the American Arcot Mission, Vellore, I have the honour to forward herewith for the Council's information, a copy of para 2 of my letter No. 3201 dated 16th March 1896 to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Mannargudi, which deals with the question of the requisition of local boards and municipal councils to examine the accounts of schools aided by them on the salary grant system. I ~~be~~ beg also to observe that the council's resolution to stop all grants to the primary and lower secondary departments of the American Mission High school and the Sri Mahant's Hindu Union Middle school is opposed to Article 19 of Chapter III of the Grant-in-aid code under which grants to an institution continuing to do work of the same standard cannot be stopped or materially reduced without six months previous notice to the manager. I take this opportunity to say that resolutions such as those passed by the Vellore Municipal Council are not conducive to the healthy ~~gre~~ growth of primary and secondary education in the municipality.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) D. Duncan

Director of Public Instruction.

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(True Copy)

D Duncan

Director of Public Instruction

Copy to Government.

1/2299 [illegible] Oct 1897

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras, 18 June 1897

No. 6514

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT
CURRENT No. 2299 M

From

THE HONOURABLE MR. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D.,
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,

SIR,

Before going on leave I wish to refer to the action of the Municipal Council of Vellore at a meeting held on the 25th May in the matter of grants to the American Mission and the Sri Mahant's schools in that municipality. I understand that the Chairman is addressing Government on the subject, but probably his letter will not be referred to this office until after my departure.

2. With regard to resolution 15 I have to remark that it is in contravention of article 19 of chapter III of the Grant-in-aid code which requires that six months notice must be given of a material reduction or a withdrawal of grants. An exception is taken ~~of~~ in cases falling under article 6 of the same chapter. But this means only that when it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Department that a school is making a profit, the grants may immediately be reduced. It does not empower a local board, or a municipal council, or the Department, to stop grants pending enquiry whether, or on the mere suspicion that, an institution has been working at a profit. The Municipal council of Vellore should therefore, I submit, be informed that their action is irregular and they should be required to cancel the order suspending ~~the~~ payment of grants and to conform to the regulations of the Grant-in-aid code.

3. With regard to the council's resolution No.5 requesting the manager, through the Inspector of schools, to produce the original accounts and registers, &c., in support of the Financial Statement B for the scrutiny of the council; this resolution is also, in my opinion, ultra vires. Only the officers of this Department have a right to call for and scrutinize the accounts and registers of a school. The council has a right to request this Department to report on the financial condition of a school aided from its funds; and this the Department is always ready to do. My view of the matter will be seen from the enclosed copy of my letter to the Chairman of the Vellore Municipal Council.

4. The action of ~~this~~ the municipal council is most prejudicial to the cause of education and if persisted in will be disastrous. I may, in conclusion, draw attention to the change of front on the part of the majority of the council. In the proposals dealt with in G.O.No. 39C,M, dated 6th March 1897, the council wished to withdraw the grants from the two schools in question for the purpose of opening and maintaining a school of its own. It now proposes to withdraw the the grants " in view of the threatening attitude of famine and plague towards the town, and also of the frequent visitations of cholera."

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

D Duncan

Director of Public Instruction.

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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 2339 M

From Rev. W. I. Chamberlain M.A
Manager American Mission
High School Vellore

No.

Dated 19-6-1897
Received 24-6-1897
Registered 24-6-1897
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For **Orders**

This may be read and disposed of with C nos 2286 and 2299 M sent up to Ooty on the 23rd Instant.

V.R.
29/6/97

SUBJECT.

Praying that early orders may be passed on the question of Municipal grants to the American Mission High School Vellore.

C no 2286/97
C no 2299/97
C no 2251/97
C no 1536/97

Endorsement of Inspector of Schools on Financial Statem
Am. Miss. High School - Low. Sec. and Primy Dep. 96.97.

No 573 N
" 10. 5. 97.

Forwarded to the Chairman Municipal Council, Vellore.

2. As the total receipts of the Lower Secondary and Primary Departments do not exceed the total expenditure (the fee income having been calculated by applying the standard rates with a reduction of 10 per cent.) the grants to those Departments may continue from 1st April 1897.

(Signed) C. Nagoji Rao
Inspector of Schools
S. C.

End

Vellore
23-6-97

(True copy)
J. A. Franck
Manager of Municipal Council

Office of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
No. 6513.
dated 18th June 1897.

From
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To
The Chairman, Municipal Council,
Vellore.

Sir,

With reference to the resolutions Nos. 4. and 5 passed by the Municipal Council, Vellore, at its meeting held on the 25th ~~May~~ May 1897, copies of which were furnished to me by Rev. Mr. Chamberlain of the American Arcot Mission, Vellore, I have the honor to forward herewith for the Councils information, a copy of para 2 of my letter No 3201 dated 16th March 1896 to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Mannargudi, which deals with the question of the requisition of local boards and municipal councils to examine the accounts of ~~the~~ Schools aided by them on the Salary Grant System. I beg also to observe that the Councils resolution to stop all grants to the Primary and Lower

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Inspector of Schools on Financial Statement
eb. 26.97.

Secondary Departments of the American Mission High School, and the Sri Mahants Hindu Union Middle School, is opposed to Article 19 of Chapter III of the Grant-in-Aid Code, under which grants to an institution continuing to do work of the same standard cannot be stopped, or materially reduced, without six months previous notice to the Manager. I take this opportunity to say that resolutions such as those passed by the Vellore Municipal Council are not conducive to the heathy growth of Primary and Secondary Education in the Municipality.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
(Sd) D. Duncan
Director of Public Instruction.

True copy
(Sd) D. Duncan
Director of Public Instruction.

To
Rev. Mr. Chamberlain, with copy of para 2 of the letter No. 3201 of 16-3-96.

(True copy.)

Wm. I. Chamberlain
Manager, A. M. High School
Vellore.

2/ 2339 M of 1897

24 JUN 1897

Vellore.
June 19. 97.

2339 M

From
Revd. W. I. Chamberlain M.A.
Manager. Am. Mission High School.
Vellore.

To
The Secretary to Government.
Local and Municipal Departments
Madras.

Sir:

I have the honour to say that I regret the necessity, which has again arisen, for my addressing Government on the question of Municipal Grants to the American Mission High School, Vellore. The necessity arises from certain Resolutions passed by a majority of the Vellore Municipal Council at its meeting on the 25th May, 1897, which, I am informed, have been communicated to Government by the Chairman; the object of these Resolutions being to withdraw all Municipal Grants from the High School, with immediate effect.

2. To avoid unnecessary correspondence, and, at the same time, with a view to placing all the facts before Government, I beg to request that reference be made to my letter addressed to the Secretary to Government, through the D.P.I., dt. 7-1-97, and relating to the same question, as affected by similar Resolutions passed by the Council in Dec. 96, and which were opposed by the Divisional Officer and by the Director, and which failed of sanction by Government; the G.O. being the occasion of the present Resolutions.

3. With reference to Resolution 4-(a), wherein the Famine, Plague and Cholera are assigned as reasons for the necessity of the "husbanding of its resources", I desire to present a simple commentary of facts, and thereby distinctly to call in question the sincerity of the members of the Council, responsible for these Resolutions. ~~and~~

and who have advanced these as grounds of their action.

a.) As a member of the District Executive Committee and of the Sub-Divisional Committee of the I.F.C.R. Fund. The list of subscriptions being collected under the auspices of the latter is now before me. I note that the total amount of subscriptions promised by the people of the Town of Vellore is Rs. 208-8-0 of which amount there has been paid up to date Rs. 114-8-0. I note also that the members of the Municipal Council, exclusive of the Chairman, myself and the Official members - i.e. the members responsible for the Resolutions have subscribed - Rs. 26-0-0 of which amount there has been paid up to date Rs. - Nil. whereas the subscriptions promised and paid into the Govt. Treasury on account of the management, Staff and pupils of the Am. Mission High School, whose Grants these members of the Municipal Council would withhold, amount to Rs. 179-15-6. This is a simple statement of facts affecting one of the reasons alleged.

(b.) With reference to the "threatening attitude of the Plague": I venture to observe that when the returns from Bombay report only one death in the day, as on the 18th inst. this reason is too absurd to call for comment.

(c.) With reference to the "frequent visitations of Cholera": there is no Cholera in the Town at present. Furthermore, every-one conversant with the matter well understands that every Municipal Budget provides a Reserve from which extraordinary and unexpected expenses are met - such as this.

4. In regard to the Resolution - 4(b), the concluding statement is directly opposed to the facts, and to the Endorsement of the Inspector of Schools on the Financial Statement - 96-97 - of Low. Sec. and Primary departments, which were both before the Council at the same meeting at which the Resolutions were passed. A copy of the Inspector's Endorsement is herewith enclosed.

5. In regard to the Resolution 4(c) I beg to point out the inconsistency between this action and the proposal of the same Councillors in Dec. 96, looking to the establishment of a Municipal High School, and to simply refer to the fact that Lower Secondary, as well as Primary Education, is a charge upon Municipal Funds by an Act of Government; and that by the proposed withdrawal of all Salary Grants from the Am. Mission High School and the Mahant's Middle School the Municipality contributes nothing whatever to the maintenance of Low. Secondary Education in this large City.

6. In enclosing herewith a copy of the letter of the Director (No. 6573 of 18.6.97) to the Chairman of the Council, on receipt of these Resolutions, I beg to emphasize, with the force of experience, the concluding statement of the Director that "Resolutions such as those passed by the Vellore Municipal Council are not conducive to the healthy growth of primary and Secondary Education in the Municipality". And I beg also to add that such action does injury and that injustice, to a large and well established Institution of long and honourable standing in the Community; temporarily, it may be, but the repetition of such action is certainly calculated to do permanent injury to the Institutions affected and to the general cause of Education. In my view therefore, such Resolutions call not only for disapproval, but also for condemnation. That the Council, or a temporary majority should have rendered such injustice once, ~~and~~ as in Dec. 96, was to me surprising; but that the action should be repeated so soon, and after disapproval, is even more surprising.

7. By further action of the Council it was resolved that "pending the settlement of the matter, of a discontinuance of grant, by Government, the Grants payable to the Am. Miss. High School be held in abeyance". The monthly Salary Grants drawn by the School are Rs. 126-12-6, this being considerably less than the School is entitled to under the Grant-in-Aid Code, but all that the Budget allotment allows. By the above quoted action this Grant has ceased to be paid from May 1st 97, and that without notice.

As pointed out by the Director in his letter to the Chairman this action is opposed to Art. 19 - Chapter III of the Grant-in-aid Code. Furthermore no ground recognized by the Madras Educational Rules or by the Grant-in-aid Code is advanced in justification.

8. I have the honour to request, therefore, that Government will be good enough to pass early orders upon this action of the Council, referred to it by the latter itself for settlement but, in the meantime, put into effect.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedt. Servt.

Wm. J. Chamberlain

Manager.

Arc. Miss. High Sch. Vell.

Despatched 12.2-97

Dated

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Urgent

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

Subuitted. Notwithstanding the real reduction of income, I think this may be taken as a retort to the negative given to the former resolution. That being so as I do not fully understand the Govt. policy under which the Council was compelled against its wish to hand over large sums to private institutions over which it has no control when it wished instead to organise an institution of its own I do not feel in a position to offer any remarks.

7.7.97

Order. Kuppam. 10.7.97 } S. H. Wynne. Colr.

CURRENT No. 141/6

7- JUL. 1897

From Mahomed Habibullah Saheb Chairman Municipal Council Vellore

No. 773 of 97

Dated 6th July 97.

Received } 14/7/7

Registered } 14.7.97

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding information called for in Ref No 710 dated 2nd July 97 as to the amount by which the sales of leaves have fallen below the estimate.

Financial Statement

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Urgent

L&M-No. 141/6 ~~Reference on~~ Current No. 14368

~~Dated~~ 7.7.97

Yellore Municipal Office.

Dated, 6th July 1897

No. 773 of 97 From

MUHAMMAD HABIBULLAH SAHEB,
Chairman, Municipal Council,
Vellore.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Departments,
Fort St. George.

Enclosures.

(Through the Collector
North Arcot District)

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement no 710 dated 2nd Instant on my letter no 724 dated 17th June last, I have the honour to furnish the information called for:—

	Budget allotment 1897–98.	Amount for which actually leased out.	Amount by which sales of leases have fallen below the estimate
but munl. share is only 1/2 8½ Tolls. Rs	16500–8250– "	7390 14780– " – "	1720– " "
Income from markets	9000. " – "	8640– " – "	360– " "
Do from Slaughter House	2600 " – "	2462– " – " 11102	138– " – "
		600– " – "	100– " – "
Do Cartstand fees	700– " – "	816– " – "	84– " – "
Do Rent of lands	900– " – "	1090– " – "	110– " – "
Sale of nightsoil	1200– " – "		
		Total loss in income	Rs 2512– " – "

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