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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Local Municipal DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1105 Local	Press Mis.
Dated	17th May	1893.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From H. FARRER, Esq., Postmaster-General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 5th April 1893, No. 238.

I have the honour to state for the information of Government that an Assistant Inspector of Schools recently drew my attention to G.O., No. 1850 L., dated 24th July 1890, under which, as he expressed it, "Schoolmasters should be appointed as Branch Postmasters only with the special approval of Government," and enquired whether there was any objection to that procedure. As the Government Order to which he referred had not been communicated to me, I addressed the Director of Public Instruction and enquired whether the order had been issued at his instance and, if so, what had necessitated its issue, and he has replied to my enquiry in his letter, No. 2545, dated 10th March 1893, a copy of which is attached.

2. I have since procured a copy of the Government Order in question and find that Government have ordered that sanction should be obtained for the employment of Local Fund schoolmasters as Postmasters and that this order was passed on the suggestion of the Inspector of Local Fund Accounts who in his report on the inspection of the Local Fund accounts of the Nilgiri district remarked—

"Schoolmasters are also Postmasters. The order of Government under Article 183 of the Civil Service Regulations sanctioning the arrangement was not forthcoming."

I would submit, however, that there has been some misconception of the conditions under which schoolmasters are employed in the management of rural Post offices. In a case of this kind the schoolmaster does not hold a second *appointment* in the sense intended in Article 183 of the Civil Service Regulations, as this department only pays him an *allowance* for conducting the duties, and he is liable to be removed at any moment. He is only an agent of the department, not a regular employé; and, under Article 532, clause 1, the allowance is not reckoned as part of the schoolmaster's emoluments for the purpose of determining his pension.

3. Under these circumstances I beg to enquire whether the order in question cannot be withdrawn, especially as the procedure it directs will be attended with much inconvenience in actual practice, and will hamper a system which has been attended with great advantage to schoolmasters as well as to this department.

ENCLOSURE.

From H. B. GRIGG, Esq., Director of Public Instruction, to the Postmaster-General, dated Madras, 10th March 1893, No. 2545.

Referring to your letter No. C. 1400, dated the 30th December last, I have the honour to state that G.O., dated 24th July 1890, No. 1850 L., clause (4), requiring the sanction of Government for the employment of Local Fund schoolmasters as Postmasters, was passed on a report of the Inspector of Local Fund Accounts, and seems to have been based on the provisions of Article 183 of the Civil Service Regulations. The order was not issued at the suggestion of the Director. As remarked by you, the employment of village schoolmasters as Branch Postmasters is attended with advantage to both the departments, and the system has worked well in Bengal as will be seen from Sir Alfred Croft's note printed with the Director's Proceedings, No. O-529, dated 16th July 1889. It is therefore necessary that as little restriction as possible should be placed on the extension of the system. In the case of Municipal and Local Fund schools, I should consider the sanction of the Chairman and the President, respectively, as sufficient authority. I beg you will be good enough to address Government on the subject.

No. 235.

Referred to the Accountant-General for remarks.

(By order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
14th April 1893.(Signed) A. T. PRINGLE,
Assistant Secretary.

No. 36—L.F.D.

Returned to the Chief Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, with the following remarks.

2. The word "appointments" in Article 183 of the Civil Service Regulations clearly includes posts paid otherwise than by a fixed pay, and in fact embraces all posts which carry any "emoluments" whatever, in which term all allowances are included.

3. The liability of such Postmasters to removal "at any moment" does not in any way affect the question.

4. The distinction drawn by the Postmaster-General between agent and employé is not understood. In their capacity as Postmasters, Local Fund schoolmasters are presumably as much the subordinates of the Postal Department as they would be if they held the Postmasterships alone.

5. The fact that the "allowance" paid to the schoolmasters cannot be taken into account in determining their pension does not affect the question. The allowance is included in determining the emoluments referred to in Article 183, and that is sufficient to indicate its character.

6. It is not understood why applications for Government sanction to such appointments need be attended by any special difficulties.

7. In view of the above facts the undersigned is of opinion that under Article 183 of the Civil Service Regulations, the sanction of Government is necessary for the appointment of Local Fund schoolmasters as Postmasters.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th April 1893.(Signed) T. W. RAWLINS,
Accountant-General.

ORDER—dated 19th May 1893, No. 1105 L. Local and Municipal.

The Government resolves to accord a general sanction under Article 183 of the Civil Service Regulations for the appointment of Local Fund schoolmasters as Postmasters.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.
„ the Director of Public Instruction.
„ the Postmaster-General.
„ all Presidents of District Boards.

Gobt. of {1893} Madras.
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 19th May 1893, No. 1105 L.

MAY.

Postmasters.

According general sanction, under Article 183 of the Civil Service Regulations, for the appointment of Local Fund schoolmasters as —.

No. 228.
36.

Endorsement

Returned to the Chief Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department with the following remarks —

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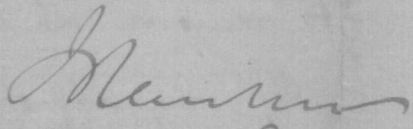
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applications for government sanction
to such appointments need be attended
by any special difficulties.

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undersigned is of opinion that under
Article 183 of the Civil Service Regulations,
the sanction of government is necessary
for the appointment of Local Fund
Schoolmasters as Postmasters.

Account: Genl. of Fin.
25th April 1893


Accountant General.

Ref

103 is founded on the
Receipts & 840 in the Dist
Court in the case of J. of S. P.
No 2876, dated 7th July 1884.

Called for
and 11/5

238

48

360

212

Local & Municipal
CURRENT No. 1106 L

From
The Postmaster General,
MADRAS.

No. 238

Dated 5th April 1893.
Received

No. of Enclosures
CHIEF SECRETARY
26 APR 93

SUBJECT.

Inquiring whether the
Order that schoolmaster
should be appointed
as B.P.s only with the
special approval of Govt.
cannot be withdrawn.

Form No.

5a.

appointments, with a fixed
pay assigned to each, rather
than one appointment with
fixed pay, & which other
duties, remunerated by a
special allowance, are tacked
on.

The case is eminently one in
which Govt. should not have
hesitated time after time
if it can be helped. Of
course the S.F. audit dep't.
advises separate sanction
whenever anyone is made the
agent of the post office.

It is proposed to draft
accord a general sanction,
& if the Secy. Genl. will
not accept it & forces a
reference, to address the
Govt. of India.

approved
125
15 May

Order: - 419-5-93 No 1105

The Govt. resolves to
accord a general sanction
under Article 183 of the
C.R. for the appointment
of local school
masters or postmasters.

from order

LOCAL FUND (1893) DEPARTMENT.

CURRENT No. 1317 L

From

THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,
MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government,
Local & Municipal Department,
Fort Saint George.

No. L.F.D.
86

Dated 25th } April. 1893.
Received 26 APR. 93

Enclosure No. 1.

Subject.

Stating that under art. 183. If
the C.S. Regulations the sanction of Govt.
is necessary for the appointment
of Local School Masters and
Post Masters.

(With order)

Current Nos 1106 L and 1317 L

H.M.
Mis

Order.

In the circumstances set
forth by the Accountant-General,
the Government is not prepared to
withdraw the order alluded to by the
Postmaster General.

P.P.
15/93

Note.

In the event of the
order being withdrawn, the addition was
in Addenda and Corrigenda No 127 in G.O.
dated 24-6-92 No 1487 L should be struck
out.

For order.

There is much force in the
P.M.G.'s remarks, and the Res.
of the G.O. of S. which was the
basis of art. 183 of the C.S.R.
(This Res. is recorded in G.O.
1st Sept. 1884, No. 2051 Mis.) seems
to contemplate two sanctioned
in the Postmaster General's appointment
Accountant-General

BACK PAPER, No.

OF 15

READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
18, No.

FURTHER PAPER, No.

OF 15

ENCLOSURES.

CURRENT Nos 1106 L & 1317 L

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ORDER, &c., OF GOVERNMENT- A.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

G.O., DATED 19-5-93

No. 1105L

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Post Masters.

According general
sanction, under Art. 183 of
the G.O. R., for the appoint-
ment of Local School. School
masters as —.

8-4-18 ✓
30-9-18 ✓
4-9-28 B.I. ✓
27-6-29 B.III ✓
11-10-28 L ✓
2-8-40 I ✓
5-2-41 I ✓