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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st March 1866.

No. 449. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Educational Department :—

Requesting to be informed whether the whole body of the Subscribers to the Namakul School-house Fund assent to the transfer of Rupees 2,000 of that fund towards the enlargement of the Salem Zillah School-house. } (Here enter 13th March 1866, No. 68.)

No. 450. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1866, No. 914.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 50.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Educational Department,
13th March 1866.

Read the following papers :—

No. 15. From the Collector of Salem, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Salem, 20th February 1866, No. 7.

I have the honor to bring to your notice the insufficiency of accommodation in the Zillah School-house at Salem, and to request that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the transfer of a portion of the funds raised for the Taluq School-house at Namakal, to the enlargement of the Salem Zillah School-house.

2. The Salem building was erected two years ago, and it was intended to accommodate only 200 boys. You will see, from the enclosed letter from the Head Master, that the strength has increased to 270 boys, and that Mr. Small is obliged to refuse further admission, although the applications are not few. It will also be observed that two classes have only the verandahs to accommodate them ; and this, during the rainy season, is attended with great inconvenience.

3. A sum of 4000 Rupees has been subscribed by the inhabitants of Namakal for the construction of a building for the Taluq School there. The Government grant, which in such cases is equivalent to the local subscriptions, raises the funds available for the Namakal Taluq School-house to Rupees 8000. For a small town like Namakal, a building costing so large a sum as 8000 Rupees is unnecessary; three or four thousand Rupees would be ample, and I beg, therefore, strongly to recommend that 4000 Rupees may be transferred to the Salem Zillah School-house, for its enlargement. I have consulted on this subject with the wealthy and influential inhabitants of Namakal, and they fully approve of the proposal I have now the honor to lay before you. It should be remembered that the Namakal Taluq School is a feeder to the Salem Zillah School, to which the Namakal people should look when their boys attain the highest standard in the Namakal School.

From the Head Master, Zillah School, Salem, to the Collector of Salem ; dated Salem, 26th September 1865, No. 51.

I have the honor to bring to your notice the great want of accommodation in the Zillah School-house, in consequence of the increase in the number of pupils.

2. The building, I believe, was erected to accommodate only 200 boys. At present we have 270, and I am obliged to put two classes in the verandah, and stop further admission into the lower classes, notwithstanding the many applications received. This is a matter to be regretted, as there are no elementary Schools in the Town, excepting a small Infant School for both sexes established by Paul Pillai, the Sheristadar.

3. I gave you a full account of the condition and progress of the School when we last met, and the warm interest you then evinced has encouraged me now to request you will suggest some measure by which the enlargement of the building can be effected. An additional room to accommodate about 100 boys will cost between 2 and 3000 Rupees ; and if the inhabitants were to subscribe half the sum, Government would give the other half.

4. I enclose a plan of the School-house, showing the addition that might be made.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction, for his remarks.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Fort Saint George,
1*st March* 1866.

No. 16. From the Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 5th March 1866, No. 430.

In returning the accompanying letter from the Collector of Salem, No. 7, of the 20th ultimo, together with its enclosure from the Head Master of the Salem School, dated the 2nd October 1865, I have the honor to submit the office copy of Proceedings I addressed to Mr. Caldwell, on the 10th of January last, upon the matter in question.

2. It will be seen that I am decidedly in favor of the course proposed to be pursued; but I hold it to be necessary, before the sum of Rupees 2000 is transferred from the Namakul School-house fund to the Salem Zillah School, that the subscribers to the fund shall give a formal consent to the step. I remark that Mr. Arbuthnott, in his letter now returned, merely says "I have consulted on this subject (*i. e., the transfer*) with the wealthy and influential inhabitants of Namakul, and they fully approve of the proposal." It is clear that the approval of the measure should come from the subscribers, and the subscribers alone.

3. I beg to recommend that the Collector be requested to assist in ascertaining, in a formal manner, whether all the subscribers are prepared to agree to the transfer, and, on a favorable report being furnished, that the measure receive the sanction of Government. Subsequent arrangements may be left to be made in the ordinary way.

4. The Educational Department is under an obligation to the Collector of Salem for his kindness in seeking the improvement of the Zillah School; but I must say I consider it was irregular in Mr. Small to take upon himself to move the Revenue authorities in the matter. The Head Master's intention was no doubt good; but it was for the Inspector or myself, and not for him, to seek the assistance of another Department.

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, dated Madras, 10th January 1866, No. 62.

Read letter from the Inspector of Schools, 4th Division.

(Here enter 8th December 1865, No. 748.

The Director of Public Instruction observes that he approves of the course proposed to be followed in regard to the money raised at Namakul for the erection of a School-building at that Station. Before, however, Government will sanction the transfer of Rupees 2000 for the enlargement of the Salem School-house, they will no doubt require good evidence of the willingness of the subscribers to have the funds diverted to this new object. The Inspector is, therefore, requested to adopt measures to elicit a formal and explicit consent on the part of the subscribers.

2. Supposing the consent spoken of is obtained, the Director will be prepared to secure the necessary sanction for enlarging the Salem School-house and erecting a School-house at Namakul, on receiving the necessary Plans and Estimates from Mr. Caldwell. The enlargement of the former building will be managed by the Department Public Works, and the erection of the Taluq School-house will be entrusted to the subordinate revenue authorities, if they will be good enough to undertake the work. Of course, before applying to Government, the land required in each case will have to be made over to this Department.

(Signed) E. B. POWELL,
Director of Public Instruction.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, 13th March 1866, No. 68.

Before adopting the course proposed by the Collector, the Governor in Council desires to know whether the whole body of the subscribers to the Namakul School-house fund assent to the transfer of Rupees 2000 of that fund towards the enlargement of the Salem Zillah School-house.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Salem.
" Director of Public Instruction, with enclosures returned.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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