GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

Petition from M.R.Ry. P. VENKATASUBBA RAO, and others, to His Excellency the Governor in Council, dated Ongole, 6th May 1889.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—We, the humble memorialists of Ongole, beg most respectfully to submit to your Excellency's kind consideration, the following facts :—

Prior to 1869, there was in this place one Anglo-Vernacular school supported by the people of this town. In 1869 your Excellency's Government issued notice that they would take it under their support if the people of this town should contribute Rs. 1,000 towards the expenses of a building which they were going to erect for the school. We then readily subscribed and gave to your Excellency's Government Rs. 1,000. So the school with its furniture was transferred to your Excellency's Government and it was under their support till 1883. In that year the school was transferred to the Municipality of this town. The latter maintained it till the end of last year, when the Government issued orders that either the expenditure of the school should be reduced or it must be transferred to some private body.

As we had already opened a Hindu High school (for which we appointed a Board of Managers) we applied to the Director of Public Instruction to get the school transferred to us. Upon which he referred our application to the Municipal Council of this place. The Council recommended to your Excellency's Government that the school building with its furniture might be transferred to us.

But to the greatest disappointment of us all, we hear that proposals are made to give the school building to any of the Government offices, taking no notice of the recommendation of the municipal councillors made in our favor.

We therefore request your Excellency to give us back our old school with its building, towards which we contributed one thousand rupees and with its furniture, part of which is our own.

It will not be out of place to represent to your Excellency that the late Government school at Guntúr has been first transferred to the Municipality and then to a private body.

For this act of kindness we shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

From C. D. MACLEANE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Nellore, 5th March 1889, No. 262.

I have the honor to forward a file of papers ending with Ongole Municipal Chairman's letter No. 861, dated 31st January 1889.

2. Prior to 1869, there was a grant-in-aid Anglo-Vernacular school in Ongole.

3. About 1869 a school building was constructed at Ongole by Government at a cost of Rs. 10,000, and the Anglo-Vernacular school was converted into a Government school. It is alleged that the residents of Ongole contributed Rs. 1,000 towards the construction of the school, and this is probably correct, but there is no record to support it.

4. In 1884 the school was converted into a Municipal Middle school and the Government (G.O., Financial, No. 1430, dated 28th June 1884, not to be found in this office records, and searching for it has delayed this paper) made over the building to the Municipality, on the understanding that it should be used rent-free, maintained in good order and retransferred to Government whenever Government required it or when the school ceased to exist.

5. In 1888 the Government found the Municipality unable to maintain the school and (G.O., No. 1170 M., dated 22nd October) ordered it to be closed.

6. On the 1st December 1888, the Council resolved, in their resolution No. 283, to close the institution from the 1st January 1889, and to transfer the school to the American Baptist Mission Agent at the station, Dr. Clough, and to utilize the building temporarily as a hospital.

7. On the 1st January 1889, the school was abolished.

8. Dr. Clough intimated to the Municipal Council that he did not require the school furniture; thereupon the Council passed resolution No. 312, dated 21st January, resolving to address Government as to the disposal of the furniture.

9. In the meanwhile, a body of residents of Ongole, styling themselves Managers of a Hindu High school, which was opened only six months back at that station by a graduate, petitioned the Council on the 21st January 1889, to make over the vacant building to them for their High school, urging that they had a right to it being residents of the town, and inasmuch as certain residents in the beginning contributed a portion of the expense of construction, and promising to tender security for the safety of the same and its retransfer to Government. Thereupon resolution No. 332 was passed by the Council, resolving to address Government with a view to making over the building to that body together with its movables. The Sub-Collector and Chairman dissented from this resolution.

10. In forwarding the last said resolution for transmission to Government, the Sub-Collector gives his opinion that the building cannot as of right be claimed by the new High School Managers; that the town is too small for two high schools, as there is already a Mission school; and that there is no guarantee that the Hindu High school will be a permanent institution as it is entirely dependent on fees and private assistance.

11. I think the Sub-Collector's view is correct. I have called on him to furnish some alternative plans for the utilization of the building. To avoid delay, the present documents are submitted.

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ENCLOSURES.

From C. J. WEIR, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector and Chairman, Municipal Council, Ongole, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Collector of Nellore), dated Ongole, 31st January 1889, No. 861.

I have the honor to forward, for your consideration and orders, a resolution of the Ongole Municipality passed at their meeting held on 16th January 1889, regarding the disposal of the building recently occupied by the Municipal Middle school. I also enclose a memorandum prepared on behalf of the majority who voted in favor of the resolution.

2. I have been unable to obtain in the records of this office definite information regarding the construction of this building, but I am informed that it was originally erected by Government at a cost of about Rs. 10,000 and that towards that amount the inhabitants of Ongole subscribed Rs. 1,000. The building was heretofore occupied by the Municipal Middle school, but this institution has ceased to exist since the 1st January 1889—*vide* resolution of Municipal Council,

dated 1st December 1888, No. 283. It would therefore seem that in accordance with G.O., Financial, No. 1430, dated 28th June 1884, the building must now be retransferred to Government, and I do not think the fact that Rs. 1,000 were originally subscribed by the inhabitants will affect this order as the building was to all intents and purposes constructed by Government.

3. It remains therefore for Government to determine whether they will accede to the request of the Municipal Council contained in their resolution No. 332, dated 16th January 1889. It will be observed that in the resolution No. 283, dated 1st December 1888, the Council expressed an opinion that the building should be temporarily used as an hospital, it being decided at the same time that the school should be transferred to the American Baptist Mission. The use of the word "transfer" in the resolution was somewhat unfortunate, the phrase was adopted from G.O., No. 1259 M., dated 7th November 1888. What I understood was the intention of the Council was that the good will of the school, so to speak, should be transferred to the Mission and Dr. Clough undertook on behalf of the Mission to endeavor to find employment for the masters thrown out of employ. The building was not to be transferred and, of course, the boys could not, and the only transfer that was decided on was that of the furniture and library.

The later resolution of the Municipal Council has cancelled the transfer of the furniture and library, and it is now recommended that they should be made over along with the building to the body calling itself the Board of Managers of the Hindu High school.

4. As regards this Hindu High school the only information I have is that it is a private institution which was started some six months ago by a graduate named Seshagiri Aiyar, who was formerly employed in the American Baptist Mission High school. The Board of management consist of three local pleaders and a merchant of the town. I myself dissented from the proposal to make over the building to this body on the following grounds:—

(*a*) That there was no security whatever for the permanence of the body calling itself the Hindu High school as it would be impossible to assist it from Municipal Funds and it would thus be dependent on fees and private assistance.

(*b*) That there was no room in Ongole for two high schools, the American Baptist Mission school being amply sufficient for the educational needs of the locality.

Of this, I think, there cannot be any doubt, and the complaint that that school is situated in a remote part of the town is not entitled to much consideration as the building is not one mile distant from any part of Ongole. The dislike of the inhabitants to sending their boys to this school rests of course on entirely different grounds which were freely enough expressed at the meeting, and there is no doubt that many of the townspeople would prefer that their children should not be educated under the auspices of a Christian Mission. The repugnance is not unnatural and is entitled to consideration, and the question now seems to be whether in deference thereto Government will assist that portion of the community who wish for a Hindu school by making over to them the building lately occupied by the Middle school.

The transfer of the furniture and library also require the sanction of Government—*vide* G.O., dated 28th June 1884, No. 1430, Financial; the same consideration will apply in this case as in that of the transfer of the building.

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From the Acting Sub-Collector and Chairman, Municipal Council, Ongole, to the Deputy Inspector of Schools, dated Ongole, 7th April 1879, No. 279.

With reference to your No. 343, dated 29th March 1879, I have the honor to submit my report on the progress of the Government institution in this place from the 13th February 1869, when it was converted into a Government one, having prior to that been a grant-in-aid school. When it was aided, the records connected with the school were kept with the Secretary or so. Though I endeavored to find out some of them, I could only come across certain letters written on routine work, &c. Thus the information I could gather would not have a bearing on the progress. So I shall confine myself to the period during which it has been a Government one. Even as such, I do not see on record the reviews upon the results of inspection for several years previous to 1875. So the progress of the school during that time may, to a certain extent, be judged from the number on the rolls on the last day of each of those years. The annexed is a table exhibiting the numbers on the last days of the years in question and those following down to the current year:—

—	On the 31st March.										
	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.
Number on the rolls	87	68	58	46	61	59	48	70	74	75	96

From O. V. NARASIMHA SASTRY, Pleader, and others, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Ongole, dated Ongole, 21st January 1889.

HONORED SIR,—We, the undersigned, most respectfully beg to bring the following facts to your honor's kind consideration.

We have been appointed a Board of Managers by the inhabitants at large of the town of Ongole to superintend and manage the Hindu High school in charge of N. Seshagiri Iyer, B.A., the Headmaster of the institution, and patronised by the Hindu community. We are therefore in charge of the said institution.

2. Prior to the year 1869, there was, for a period of four years, a grant-in-aid Hindu Anglo-Vernacular school at Ongole, under the management of a private body. In the year 1867 the Government of Madras issued a notification that they have in view to open a school either at Ongole or at Gooty, and that they would establish that school in either of the places which is the foremost in sending up the sum of Rs. 1,000 for the construction of the school building by private contribution. No sooner was this notification issued, than the people of Ongole earnestly subscribed and paid Rs. 1,000 to the Government.

3. The Government of Madras, in accordance with their promise, sanctioned a school for Ongole and converted the grant-in-aid Hindu Anglo-Vernacular school then existing into a Government one. Thus the benches, boards, maps and other property which belonged to the Anglo-Vernacular school became transferred to this new institution.

4. The school above established continued to be in charge of Government till 1884, when it was transferred to the Ongole Municipality, who maintained it till the beginning of the year 1889; and being unable to support it further on, were obliged to abolish it, though reluctantly, under the orders of Government.

5. The inhabitants of Ongole, about the middle of the year 1888, established a High school department under the management of N. Seshagiri Iyer, B.A., as their children could not receive their higher education in the Municipal Middle school. In the course of the year, these children were well taught, and twelve of them were sent up for the Matriculation examination held in December 1888.

6. When the inhabitants became aware of the order of the Government that the cost and standard of the Municipal Middle school must be reduced or the school should be transferred to a private body, they appointed the undersigned managers to take up the school under their management and presented also a memorial to the Municipality to hand over the school to us. But, before this could be laid in the meeting, the question of the school came before the Council, and they resolved to transfer it to Dr. Clough, Manager of the Baptist Mission High school, Ongole. Dr. Clough, however, declined to take up the management of the school, and claimed only the property attached to the school to be transferred.

7. On this the Municipal Council, in their subsequent resolution, cancelled the resolution passed on the 1st ultimo, transferring the school, and resolved to recommend to Government in consideration of our superior claims, to hand over to us the school building and all property appertaining to it.

8. On the face of these facts, your honor will observe that we, as a Board of Managers of the Hindu High school, have better right to the building occupied by the late Middle school, Rs. 1,000 having been paid by the inhabitants towards its construction, and to the property attached to it, much of it consisting of the old benches, &c., which belong to the late grant-in-aid school; and some portion of it having been furnished during the management of the school under the Municipality.

9. No doubt there is an American Baptist Mission High school at Ongole which is intended for Christian converts, but our children cannot resort to it, which is located in a very distant part out of the town and, for numerous reasons, we must have our own institution. Even the Municipality have abolished the school, not because it was not required, but because it could not support it. We trust therefore that there would be no objection to transfer the building, &c., to us when we undertake to support this institution.

10. We also assure your honor that we are prepared to give due security for the restoration of the property when we no longer require the school building or the property belonging to the school.

11. Your honor will also observe that our attempt in the present case is no novel one, and that the Government of Madras have effected a transfer to a private body under similar circumstances in the case of Municipal High school at Guntúr, formerly Government school.

12. In conclusion, we request your honor to represent these facts to the Government and get the transfer effected to us.

For which act of kindness we, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Ongole, passed at a meeting held on the 2nd and continued to 16th January 1889.

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332. Read petition presented by Gottipati Veerayya and several others, inhabitants of Ongole, requesting to transfer the Municipal Middle school with its building, furniture and teaching staff to a board of managers appointed by them, and another petition presented by the managing board for the same and the Educational Sub-Committee's report thereon.

Resolution.—The majority of the Council resolve to request the Government to make over the building lately occupied by the Municipal Middle school to the body styling itself the Hindu High school, and also the movables belonging to building, furniture, library, &c.

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(True Extract.)

ONGOLE,
31*st January* 1889.

(Signed) C. J. WEIR,
Ag. Sub-Collector and Chairman.

MEMORANDUM in connection with the building lately occupied by the Municipal High School at Ongole.

Municipal Council as suggested by Government in their Order, No. 1170 M., dated 22nd October 1888, and Proceedings, No. 1259 M., dated 7th November 1888, Miscellaneous, abolished the Municipal Middle school from 1st January 1889 in their resolution No 283, dated 1st December 1888, and resolved in their resolution No. 332, dated 16th January 1889, to request the Government to make over the building lately occupied by the Middle school, together with its movables, to a body of managers of the Hindu High school. Copies of the two resolutions are herewith submitted.

2. The managers of the Hindu High school claim the building and the movables attached to it on three grounds, viz., firstly, that the inhabitants of Ongole contributed a sum of Rs. 1,000 towards the construction of the building; secondly, that the movables partly consist of property formerly owned by the managers of the Anglo-Vernacular school at Ongole which was subsequently converted into a Government school; and thirdly, that they must have their institution which was formerly a grant-in-aid school, because the Government and the Municipality are unable to support it. The accompanying letter addressed by the managers to the Chairman, dated 21st Janunry 1889, gives an account of the school.

3. There is nothing to show in the municipal records that any sum was contributed by the inhabitants of Ongole towards the construction of the Middle school building or what property was taken charge of by the Headmaster of the Government school when the grant-in-aid school was converted into a Government institution. In the records of the school, however, a report is found in the letter book of 1879, from which it appears that there was a grant-in-aid school at Ongole prior to 1869 and it was converted then into a Government school. An extract of para. No. 1 in the said report No. 279, dated 7th April 1879, addressed by the Headmaster to the Deputy Inspector of Schools herewith submitted, throws some light on the point.

4. Though the school, before the petition of the managing body of the Hindu High school was laid in the meeting, was transferred to the American Baptist Mission in their resolution No. 283, dated 1st December 1888, Dr. Clough, the Secretary to the Board of Managers of the A. B. High School, having declined to take up the school and having required only the furniture attached to it in his letter to the Chairman, dated 3rd January 1889, the Council resolved to make a reference to Government on the subject (*vide* resolution No. 312, dated 16th January 1889).

5. The Government of Madras in G.O., No 1430, dated 28th June 1884, Financial, declared "that in case of schools transferred to Municipalities such buildings as are the property of Government will be placed at the disposal of the commissioners for use rent-free, on condition that they are maintained in good order" and that "they will be retransferred if the school cease to exist or if the premises are required by Government." It is now to be determined whether the inhabitants or the Board of Managers can claim any right to the building or can have any other relief.

6. The question of the abolition of the Middle school came for discussion already twice, but the school was not abolished in spite of the existence of a Mission High school.

7. If the Government be pleased to make over the building and the movables as prayed for by the Board of Managers of the Hindu High school, they undertake to have the property on giving due security for its restoration when it is no longer required.

ONGOLE,
31*st January* 1889.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Ongole, passed at a meeting held on the 1st December 1888.

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283. Read G.O., No. 1170 M., of 22nd October 1888, reviewing the Ongole Municipal Report for 1887-88.

Resolution.—The Municipal Council resolve that the Middle school be transferred to the American Baptist Mission with effect from 1st January 1889, and that all expenditure from Municipal Funds upon the school should cease from that date. The Council consider that the school building should be utilized temporarily as an hospital.

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(True Extract.)

ONGOLE,
31*st January* 1889.

(Signed) C. J. WEIR,
Ag. Sub-Collector and Chairman.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Ongole, passed at a meeting held on the 2nd instant and continued to 21st January 1889.

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312. Read letter No. 52, dated 5th December 1888, from Rev. J. F. Clough, D.D., Manager, A. B. M. High school, Ongole, to the Director of Public Instruction, requesting sanction for giving over to the Mission all furniture, &c., of the Municipal Middle school, Ongole, as per the Council's resolution on its abolition from January next, and the endorsement of the Director of Public Instruction thereon.

Resolution.—Dr. Clough having intimated to the meeting that he does not require the furniture, resolved that the disposal of furniture be referred to Government.

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(True Extract).

ONGOLE,
31*st January* 1889.

(Signed) C. J. WEIR,
Ag. Sub-Collector and Chairman.

No. 347.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
16*th April* 1889.

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

From H. B. GRIGG, Esq., M.A., Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 18th June 1889, No. 341-O.

In returning the papers referred to me under endorsement No. 347, I have the honor to forward, for the perusal of Government, the report * of the Assistant Inspector (Mr. Vijiaranga Mudaliar) with the Inspector's endorsement thereon. The Assistant Inspector states the circumstances of the case so fully that it is unnecessary for me to recapitulate, but I generally endorse his views except that if it is the wish of the committee that Upper Secondary classes should be opened under the provisions of the notification about to issue, I see no reason why their request should not be complied with. I suggest that the building, furniture and library be handed over to the committee referred to under the usual conditions as regards repair and maintenance and return to Government, if the

* Dated 21st February 1889.

building, &c., be required for a public purpose, and on the additional condition that they register themselves as a company—not working for profit—under the Indian Companies Act before they are placed in possession. The constitution of the committee seems so unstable that I do not think it would be prudent to place them in possession without the guarantees for the proper conduct of their affairs which the Act provides. This condition will, if fulfilled in the long run, prove very much to the interests of the school.

ENCLOSURE.

From the Assistant Inspector of Schools, Fourth Sub-Circle, to the Inspector of Schools, Central Circle, dated Kávali, 21st February 1889, No. 574.

I have the honor to submit a report upon the following references :—

1. Letter to the Director of Public Instruction, No. 153, dated 2nd January 1889, from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Ongole, forwarding an extract from the proceedings of the Council, passed at a meeting held on the 1st December 1888, recommending that the Government building vacated by the late Municipal Middle school " should be utilized temporarily as an hospital," and referred to me by your office endorsement No. 250, dated 19th January 1889.

2. Two petitions to the Director of Public Instruction from the Board of Managers of the Hindu High school, Ongole, and the inhabitants of Ongole, dated the 7th December 1888, and the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, No. 332, dated 21st January 1889, recommending that the building above referred to be made over " to the body styling itself the Hindu High school and also the movables belonging to building, furniture, library, &c.," referred to me by your office endorsement No. 613, dated 10th February 1889.

3. Since arriving at this place I had an interview with Mr. C. J. Weir, the Sub-Collector, who is also the Chairman of the Municipal Council, and learnt that he had forwarded to Government, through the Collector of the district, the proceedings of the Council about the building in question, together with his own views on the subject. I applied to him for, and he was kind enough to furnish me with, copies of the papers forwarded by him to Government. I enclose them for your perusal. I return also the papers referred to me.

4. It will be seen from these papers that there was originally a grant-in-aid school at Ongole and that the Government took over the institution and constituted it a Government school. The Government is said to have taken charge also of all the furniture belonging to that school. Subsequently the Government erected the building now under discussion at a cost of Rs. 10,000, towards which the inhabitants are said to have contributed the small sum of Rs. 1,000 ; when the Government closed their school, the building with all the furniture, books, maps, &c., was handed over to the Municipality and the school itself was maintained by that body as a Middle school.

5. The Government having in their review of the Municipal report suggested the transfer of the Middle school to a local private body, the Council at their meeting held on the 1st December 1888, resolved to transfer their Middle school to the American Baptist Mission from 1st January 1889 and considered that " the school building should be utilized temporarily as an hospital." On the 7th December 1888, a body styling itself the board of managers for the Hindu High school and the inhabitants of Ongole, applied to the Director of Public Instruction, by two separate petitions, for the transfer of the building and furniture to the Hindu High school started by them. These petitions were referred to the Municipal Council. Upon these petitions and also upon two similar ones received by the Council, a resolution was passed by the majority of the Commissioners, dated the 16th January last, by which " the Council resolves to request the Government to make over the building lately occupied by the Municipal Middle school to the body styling itself the Hindu High school and also the movables belonging to the building, furniture, library, &c." The history of the formation of this Board and the High school under its management may be stated briefly. On the 29th January 1888, one Seshagiri Aiyar, a graduate, was sent for from Madras by the American Baptist Mission at Ongole, to serve as an Assistant Master in the High school at that place on Rs. 50 per mensem. On the 31st May of the same year his services were dispensed with, evidently owing to some misunderstanding between the manager and himself. On the 4th July, with the assistance of some of the Vakeels of the local Munsif's Court, he opened at Ongole a High school with 6th and 5th classes only. This High school is now taught by Seshagiri Aiyar as Headmaster, assisted by a Matriculate, T. V. Subba Rau. The Headmaster gets Rs. 40 and the assistant Rs. 28 per mensem. The school-fee rates are Rs. 4-12-0 and Rs. 4 by instalments. I visited the school on the 14th instant, and there were 9 out of 11 present in the Matriculation class and 15 out of 20 in the 5th. No separate account is kept for the school-fee receipts and disbursements. The receipts are said to be sent to the managers who pay the teachers. 11 of the pupils of the High school appeared for and 4 passed the Matriculation examination held in December last.

6. On the 1st January last, the Municipality closed their Middle school and the managers of the High school opened one themselves. The High and the Middle schools are now in two different parts of the same building; but this is said to be only a temporary arrangement; the Middle school department is to be removed to a separate building as soon as a suitable building is secured. This Middle school is under a separate Headmaster assisted by three other teachers. On the 14th instant, the attendance was as follows:—

—	Present.	Absent.	Total.
Upper 4th	15	8	23
Lower 4th	12	1	13
Third class	12	3	15
Second class	8	1	9
First class	3	..	3
Total ..	50	13	63

The school-fee rates are said to be the following:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Upper 4th by instalment	2	12	0
Lower 4th „	2	6	0
Third class „	1	14	0
Second class per mensem	1	0	0
First „ „	0	12	0

Beyond entries of the receipts of fees against the names of the pupils, no separate account is kept of the receipts and disbursements; but an entry in the letter book was shown for a remittance of the total receipts from this source in January last to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Managing Committee.

7. The following gentlemen have formed themselves into a committee and call themselves the "Board of Managers":—

1. R. Ramanuja Chetty—Merchant.
2. K. Ranga Chari—Pleader.
3. C. V. Narasimma Sastrulu—Pleader.
4. B. L. Narayana Rau—Pleader, Secretary and Treasurer.

This Board is said to have been founded in November 1888.

8. I had interviews with the above gentlemen and also with the Municipal Councillors and Government officials of Ongole. There is no doubt but that the inhabitants sympathise with the movement and wish for the continuance of the Middle school opened in lieu of the one closed by the Municipality. There is no doubt also that the Municipal Councillors did not like the closing of their Middle school and would not have done so, but for the orders of Government on the subject. None of the Municipal Councillors have connected themselves with the Board above mentioned under the impression that their connection with it would weaken their advocacy of the cause in the Municipal Council.

9. The American Baptist Mission at Ongole has a High school and Upper Primary school of its own. The former is held in a splendid building built for the purpose, but about a mile distant from the town; and the latter has also a building of its own, but situated a little nearer to the town than the other. It cannot be denied that both the institutions are intended for the education of native converts who are also boarders living in the Mission compound. The Primary school has an attendance of 72 boys, and all of them are native Christian boarders. The High school has an attendance of 175 boys, of whom 91 are native Christian boarders, the remaining 84 being admitted as day-scholars. Mr. Martin, the Headmaster of the High school, informed me that Seshagiri took away some boys from his 6th and 5th classes, but that the opening of the new Middle school did not affect the attendance in his Middle department. It cannot be denied that the people of Ongole have a general dislike to send their boys to the Mission schools; but this is not so much on account of any religious instruction being given them as on account of the native Christians attending these schools belonging to what the Hindus consider to be the very lowest classes, viz., Malas, Mathigas or as they are called in the south, Parayas and chucklers. If Dr. Clough had accepted the offer of the school by the Municipality and maintained it as a branch of his High school in the heart of the town, I do not think that this movement on the part of the people would have taken place at all. Dr. Clough refused to accept the furniture, maps, &c., on the terms proposed by the Director—*vide* resolution of the Council, dated the 16th January 1889.

10. Again, I understand that funds have been raised for the erection of a hospital; and when the Municipal Councillors, in their resolution of the 1st December 1888, considered that the Government school building should be utilized temporarily as a hospital, it was to be so used only till the hospital building was erected.

11. Under these circumstances, the Municipal Council recommend that the Government school building, vacated lately by the Municipal Middle school, be handed over to the High school committee.

12. I do not approve of the opening of another High school in Ongole. There is no necessity for it. The few boys attending are old enough to walk to the Mission High school and attend that institution. I would therefore discourage it altogether. I would advise the committee to give up all their connection with the High school.

13. I am strongly of opinion that the Middle school, lately opened, should be brought under Government inspection and encouraged with Government assistance. If the Educational Department does not take it under its control, the school would still exist but do a great deal of mischief. The school-fee notification would be set at defiance, and the teaching would degenerate. It would be a pity to allow a school like this to work against Government and the existing institutions and be a source of mischief. I would therefore recommend that the Government building with all the furniture, maps and books be placed in charge of the managers under certain restrictions. Before this step is taken, I would require the committee to be strengthened and call upon them to undertake the maintenance of the school for at least five years. The teaching staff requires also to be strengthened; at least an F. A. should be placed at the head of it.

14. I should have mentioned that the managers informed me that when they applied for the building they wanted to remove into it the Middle school only and not the High school.

15. When I received the papers connected with the building, it first struck me that it should be handed over to either the Government Girls' school or the Board Normal school. On visiting the different localities, I find that the building would not do for either of them. The Government Girls' school would be broken up and would suffer considerably by its removal from its present locality. I think also that the Normal school, if removed into the building in question, would suffer in its Practising branch, weak as this branch is at present. The building is on the western border of the town.

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No. 892.

Submitted to the Director of Public Instruction with his endorsements No. 9261, dated 11th December 1888, and No. 338, dated 16th January 1889, returned.

2. The Assistant Inspector has stated the case so fully, that I have only to add that I concur in his recommendations in paragraphs 10 to 14, and recommend the building be handed over to the High school committee for such term and on such conditions as may be laid down by the Director of Public Instruction.

(Signed) J. BRADSHAW,
Inspector of Schools, Central Circle.

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No. 525.

Transferred to the Educational Department for disposal.

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
Assistant Secretary.

Fort St. George,
3*rd July* 1889.

To the Educational Department.

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Order—dated 24th July 1889, No. 441, Educational.

The Government sanctions the loan to the Hindu High School Committee, Ongole, for use as a school, rent-free, of the Government building at that station lately occupied by the Municipal Middle school, on the conditions that the building shall be maintained in good order and repair and shall be retransferred to Government, if required. The Government will not interfere with the discretion of the committee as to the opening of a High school on the premises, but in such case the Director will prescribe such further conditions as to the management of the institution as will prevent unwholesome competition with the existing High school. The conditions should be those at present necessary to secure recognition, including conformity to the school-fee notification.

2. The Director's proposal that the committee should be required to register themselves as a Company not working for profit under the Indian Companies Act does not commend itself to Government.

3. If the furniture and library of the late Middle school are the property of the Municipality, the Government will raise no objection to their being made over to the committee, should the Council see fit. In this case the value of the property should be reported and sanction obtained to the gift.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Petitioners.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Collector and District Magistrate, Nellore.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. W. H. French.

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School Building at Ongole.

Passing orders regarding the loan to the Hindu High School Committee, Ongole, for use as a school, rent-free, of the Government building at that station lately occupied by the Municipal Middle school on the conditions stated.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers :—

Petition from M.R.Ry. P. VENKATASUBBA RAO, and others, to His Excellency the Governor in Council, dated Ongole, 6th May 1889.

May it please Your Excellency,—We, the humble memorialists of Ongole, beg most respectfully to submit to your Excellency's kind consideration, the following facts :—

Prior to 1869, there was in this place one Anglo-Vernacular school supported by the people of this town. In 1869 your Excellency's Government issued notice that they would take it under their support if the people of this town should contribute Rs. 1,000 towards the expenses of a building which they were going to erect for the school. We then readily subscribed and gave to your Excellency's Government Rs. 1,000. So the school with its furniture was transferred to your Excellency's Government and it was under their support till 1883. In that year the school was transferred to the Municipality of this town. The latter maintained it till the end of last year, when the Government issued orders that either the expenditure of the school should be reduced or it must be transferred to some private body.

As we had already opened a Hindu High school (for which we appointed a Board of Managers) we applied to the Director of Public Instruction to get the school transferred to us. Upon which he referred our application to the Municipal Council of this place. The Council recommended to your Excellency's Government that the school building with its furniture might be transferred to us.

But to the greatest disappointment of us all, we hear that proposals are made to give the school building to any of the Government offices, taking no notice of the recommendation of the municipal councillors made in our favor.

We therefore request your Excellency to give us back our old school with its building, towards which we contributed one thousand rupees and with its furniture, part of which is our own.

It will not be out of place to represent to your Excellency that the late Government school at Guntúr has been first transferred to the Municipality and then to a private body.

For this act of kindness we shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

From C. D. MACLEANE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Nellore, 5th March 1889, No. 262.

I have the honor to forward a file of papers ending with Ongole Municipal Chairman's letter No. 861, dated 31st January 1889.

2. Prior to 1869, there was a grant-in-aid Anglo-Vernacular school in Ongole.

3. About 1869 a school building was constructed at Ongole by Government at a cost of Rs. 10,000, and the Anglo-Vernacular school was converted into a Government school. It is alleged that the residents of Ongole contributed Rs. 1,000 towards the construction of the school, and this is probably correct, but there is no record to support it.

4. In 1884 the school was converted into a Municipal Middle school and the Government (G.O., Financial, No. 1430, dated 28th June 1884, not to be found in this office records, and searching for it has delayed this paper) made over the building to the Municipality, on the understanding that it should be used rent-free, maintained in good order and retransferred to Government whenever Government required it or when the school ceased to exist.

5. In 1888 the Government found the Municipality unable to maintain the school and (G.O., No. 1170 M., dated 22nd October) ordered it to be closed.

6. On the 1st December 1888, the Council resolved, in their resolution No. 283, to close the institution from the 1st January 1889, and to transfer the school to the American Baptist Mission Agent at the station, Dr. Clough, and to utilize the building temporarily as a hospital.

7. On the 1st January 1889, the school was abolished.

8. Dr. Clough intimated to the Municipal Council that he did not require the school furniture; thereupon the Council passed resolution No. 312, dated 21st January, resolving to address Government as to the disposal of the furniture.

9. In the meanwhile, a body of residents of Ongole, styling themselves Managers of a Hindu High school, which was opened only six months back at that station by a graduate, petitioned the Council on the 21st January 1889, to make over the vacant building to them for their High school, urging that they had a right to it being residents of the town, and inasmuch as certain residents in the beginning contributed a portion of the expense of construction, and promising to tender security for the safety of the same and its retransfer to Government. Thereupon resolution No. 332 was passed by the Council, resolving to address Government with a view to making over the building to that body together with its movables. The Sub-Collector and Chairman dissented from this resolution.

10. In forwarding the last said resolution for transmission to Government, the Sub-Collector gives his opinion that the building cannot as of right be claimed by the new High School Managers; that the town is too small for two high schools, as there is already a Mission school; and that there is no guarantee that the Hindu High school will be a permanent institution as it is entirely dependent on fees and private assistance.

11. I think the Sub-Collector's view is correct. I have called on him to furnish some alternative plans for the utilization of the building. To avoid delay, the present documents are submitted.

ENCLOSURES.

From C. J. WEIR, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector and Chairman, Municipal Council, Ongole, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Collector of Nellore), dated Ongole, 31st January 1889, No. 861.

I have the honor to forward, for your consideration and orders, a resolution of the Ongole Municipality passed at their meeting held on 16th January 1889, regarding the disposal of the building recently occupied by the Municipal Middle school. I also enclose a memorandum prepared on behalf of the majority who voted in favor of the resolution.

2. I have been unable to obtain in the records of this office definite information regarding the construction of this building, but I am informed that it was originally erected by Government at a cost of about Rs. 10,000 and that towards that amount the inhabitants of Ongole subscribed Rs. 1,000. The building was heretofore occupied by the Municipal Middle school, but this institution has ceased to exist since the 1st January 1889—*vide* resolution of Municipal Council,

dated 1st December 1888, No. 283. It would therefore seem that in accordance with G.O., Financial, No. 1430, dated 28th June 1884, the building must now be retransferred to Government, and I do not think the fact that Rs. 1,000 were originally subscribed by the inhabitants will affect this order as the building was to all intents and purposes constructed by Government.

3. It remains therefore for Government to determine whether they will accede to the request of the Municipal Council contained in their resolution No. 332, dated 16th January 1889. It will be observed that in the resolution No. 283, dated 1st December 1888, the Council expressed an opinion that the building should be temporarily used as an hospital, it being decided at the same time that the school should be transferred to the American Baptist Mission. The use of the word "transfer" in the resolution was somewhat unfortunate, the phrase was adopted from G.O., No. 1259 M., dated 7th November 1888. What I understood was the intention of the Council was that the good will of the school, so to speak, should be transferred to the Mission and Dr. Clough undertook on behalf of the Mission to endeavor to find employment for the masters thrown out of employ. The building was not to be transferred and, of course, the boys could not, and the only transfer that was decided on was that of the furniture and library.

The later resolution of the Municipal Council has cancelled the transfer of the furniture and library, and it is now recommended that they should be made over along with the building to the body calling itself the Board of Managers of the Hindu High school.

4. As regards this Hindu High school the only information I have is that it is a private institution which was started some six months ago by a graduate named Seshagiri Aiyar, who was formerly employed in the American Baptist Mission High school. The Board of management consist of three local pleaders and a merchant of the town. I myself dissented from the proposal to make over the building to this body on the following grounds:—

(*a*) That there was no security whatever for the permanence of the body calling itself the Hindu High school as it would be impossible to assist it from Municipal Funds and it would thus be dependent on fees and private assistance.

(*b*) That there was no room in Ongole for two high schools, the American Baptist Mission school being amply sufficient for the educational needs of the locality.

Of this, I think, there cannot be any doubt, and the complaint that that school is situated in a remote part of the town is not entitled to much consideration as the building is not one mile distant from any part of Ongole. The dislike of the inhabitants to sending their boys to this school rests of course on entirely different grounds which were freely enough expressed at the meeting, and there is no doubt that many of the townspeople would prefer that their children should not be educated under the auspices of a Christian Mission. The repugnance is not unnatural and is entitled to consideration, and the question now seems to be whether in deference thereto Government will assist that portion of the community who wish for a Hindu school by making over to them the building lately occupied by the Middle school.

The transfer of the furniture and library also require the sanction of Government—*vide* G.O., dated 28th June 1884, No. 1430, Financial; the same consideration will apply in this case as in that of the transfer of the building.

From the Acting Sub-Collector and Chairman, Municipal Council, Ongole, to the Deputy Inspector of Schools, dated Ongole, 7th April 1879, No 279.

With reference to your No. 343, dated 29th March 1879, I have the honor to submit my report on the progress of the Government institution in this place from the 13th February 1869, when it was converted into a Government one, having prior to that been a grant-in-aid school. When it was aided, the records connected with the school were kept with the Secretary or so. Though I endeavored to find out some of them, I could only come across certain letters written on routine work, &c. Thus the information I could gather would not have a bearing on the progress. So I shall confine myself to the period during which it has been a Government one. Even as such, I do not see on record the reviews upon the results of inspection for several years previous to 1875. So the progress of the school during that time may, to a certain extent, be judged from the number on the rolls on the last day of each of those years. The annexed is a table exhibiting the numbers on the last days of the years in question and those following down to the current year:—

—	On the 31st March.										
	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.
Number on the rolls	87	68	58	46	61	59	48	70	74	75	96

From O. V. NARASIMHA SASTRY, Pleader, and others, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Ongole, dated Ongole, 21st January 1889.

HONORED SIR,—We, the undersigned, most respectfully beg to bring the following facts to your honor's kind consideration.

We have been appointed a Board of Managers by the inhabitants at large of the town of Ongole to superintend and manage the Hindu High school in charge of N. Seshagiri Iyer, B.A., the Headmaster of the institution, and patronised by the Hindu community. We are therefore in charge of the said institution.

2. Prior to the year 1869, there was, for a period of four years, a grant-in-aid Hindu Anglo-Vernacular school at Ongole, under the management of a private body. In the year 1867 the Government of Madras issued a notification that they have in view to open a school either at Ongole or at Gooty, and that they would establish that school in either of the places which is the foremost in sending up the sum of Rs. 1,000 for the construction of the school building by private contribution. No sooner was this notification issued, than the people of Ongole earnestly subscribed and paid Rs. 1,000 to the Government.

3. The Government of Madras, in accordance with their promise, sanctioned a school for Ongole and converted the grant-in-aid Hindu Anglo-Vernacular school then existing into a Government one. Thus the benches, boards, maps and other property which belonged to the Anglo-Vernacular school became transferred to this new institution.

4. The school above established continued to be in charge of Government till 1884, when it was transferred to the Ongole Municipality, who maintained it till the beginning of the year 1889; and being unable to support it further on, were obliged to abolish it, though reluctantly, under the orders of Government.

5. The inhabitants of Ongole, about the middle of the year 1888, established a High school department under the management of N. Seshagiri Iyer, B.A., as their children could not receive their higher education in the Municipal Middle school. In the course of the year, these children were well taught, and twelve of them were sent up for the Matriculation examination held in December 1888.

6. When the inhabitants became aware of the order of the Government that the cost and standard of the Municipal Middle school must be reduced or the school should be transferred to a private body, they appointed the undersigned managers to take up the school under their management and presented also a memorial to the Municipality to hand over the school to us. But, before this could be laid in the meeting, the question of the school came before the Council, and they resolved to transfer it to Dr. Clough, Manager of the Baptist Mission High school, Ongole. Dr. Clough, however, declined to take up the management of the school, and claimed only the property attached to the school to be transferred.

7. On this the Municipal Council, in their subsequent resolution, cancelled the resolution passed on the 1st ultimo, transferring the school, and resolved to recommend to Government in consideration of our superior claims, to hand over to us the school building and all property appertaining to it.

8. On the face of these facts, your honor will observe that we, as a Board of Managers of the Hindu High school, have better right to the building occupied by the late Middle school, Rs. 1,000 having been paid by the inhabitants towards its construction, and to the property attached to it, much of it consisting of the old benches, &c., which belong to the late grant-in-aid school; and some portion of it having been furnished during the management of the school under the Municipality.

9. No doubt there is an American Baptist Mission High school at Ongole which is intended for Christian converts, but our children cannot resort to it, which is located in a very distant part out of the town and, for numerous reasons, we must have our own institution. Even the Municipality have abolished the school, not because it was not required, but because it could not support it. We trust therefore that there would be no objection to transfer the building, &c., to us when we undertake to support this institution.

10. We also assure your honor that we are prepared to give due security for the restoration of the property when we no longer require the school building or the property belonging to the school.

11. Your honor will also observe that our attempt in the present case is no novel one, and that the Government of Madras have effected a transfer to a private body under similar circumstances in the case of Municipal High school at Guntúr, formerly Government school.

12. In conclusion, we request your honor to represent these facts to the Government and get the transfer effected to us.

For which act of kindness we, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Ongole, passed at a meeting held on the 2nd and continued to 16th January 1889.

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332. Read petition presented by Gottipati Veerayya and several others, inhabitants of Ongole, requesting to transfer the Municipal Middle school with its building, furniture and teaching staff to a board of managers appointed by them, and another petition presented by the managing board for the same and the Educational Sub-Committee's report thereon.

Resolution.—The majority of the Council resolve to request the Government to make over the building lately occupied by the Municipal Middle school to the body styling itself the Hindu High school, and also the movables belonging to building, furniture, library, &c.

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(True Extract.)

ONGOLE,
31*st January* 1889.

(Signed) C. J. WEIR,
Ag. Sub-Collector and Chairman.

MEMORANDUM in connection with the building lately occupied by the Municipal High School at Ongole

Municipal Council as suggested by Government in their Order, No. 1170 M., dated 22nd October 1888, and Proceedings, No. 1259 M., dated 7th November 1888, Miscellaneous, abolished the Municipal Middle school from 1st January 1889 in their resolution No 283, dated 1st December 1888, and resolved in their resolution No. 332, dated 16th January 1889, to request the Government to make over the building lately occupied by the Middle school, together with its movables, to a body of managers of the Hindu High school. Copies of the two resolutions are herewith submitted.

2. The managers of the Hindu High school claim the building and the movables attached to it on three grounds, viz., firstly, that the inhabitants of Ongole contributed a sum of Rs. 1,000 towards the construction of the building; secondly, that the movables partly consist of property formerly owned by the managers of the Anglo-Vernacular school at Ongole which was subsequently converted into a Government school; and thirdly, that they must have their institution which was formerly a grant-in-aid school, because the Government and the Municipality are unable to support it. The accompanying letter addressed by the managers to the Chairman, dated 21st Janunry 1889, gives an account of the school.

3. There is nothing to show in the municipal records that any sum was contributed by the inhabitants of Ongole towards the construction of the Middle school building or what property was taken charge of by the Headmaster of the Government school when the grant-in-aid school was converted into a Government institution. In the records of the school, however, a report is found in the letter book of 1879, from which it appears that there was a grant-in-aid school at Ongole prior to 1869 and it was converted then into a Government school. An extract of para. No. 1 in the said report No. 279, dated 7th April 1879, addressed by the Headmaster to the Deputy Inspector of Schools herewith submitted, throws some light on the point.

4. Though the school, before the petition of the managing body of the Hindu High school was laid in the meeting, was transferred to the American Baptist Mission in their resolution No. 283, dated 1st December 1888, Dr. Clough, the Secretary to the Board of Managers of the A. B. High School, having declined to take up the school and having required only the furniture attached to it in his letter to the Chairman, dated 3rd January 1889, the Council resolved to make a reference to Government on the subject (*vide* resolution No. 312, dated 16th January 1889).

5. The Government of Madras in G.O., No 1430, dated 28th June 1884, Financial, declared "that in case of schools transferred to Municipalities such buildings as are the property of Government will be placed at the disposal of the commissioners for use rent-free, on condition that they are maintained in good order" and that "they will be retransferred if the school cease to exist or if the premises are required by Government." It is now to be determined whether the inhabitants or the Board of Managers can claim any right to the building or can have any other relief.

6. The question of the abolition of the Middle school came for discussion already twice, but the school was not abolished in spite of the existence of a Mission High school.

7. If the Government be pleased to make over the building and the movables as prayed for by the Board of Managers of the Hindu High school, they undertake to have the property on giving due security for its restoration when it is no longer required.

ONGOLE,
31*st January* 1889.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Ongole, passed at a meeting held on the 1st December 1888.

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283. Read G.O., No. 1170 M., of 22nd October 1888, reviewing the Ongole Municipal Report for 1887-88.

Resolution.—The Municipal Council resolve that the Middle school be transferred to the American Baptist Mission with effect from 1st January 1889, and that all expenditure from Municipal Funds upon the school should cease from that date. The Council consider that the school building should be utilized temporarily as an hospital.

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(True Extract.)

Ongole,
31*st January* 1889.

(Signed) C. J. WEIR,
Ag. Sub-Collector and Chairman.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Ongole, passed at a meeting held on the 2nd instant and continued to 21st January 1889.

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312. Read letter No. 52, dated 5th December 1888, from Rev. J. F. Clough, D.D., Manager, A. B. M. High school, Ongole, to the Director of Public Instruction, requesting sanction for giving over to the Mission all furniture, &c., of the Municipal Middle school, Ongole, as per the Council's resolution on its abolition from January next, and the endorsement of the Director of Public Instruction thereon.

Resolution.—Dr. Clough having intimated to the meeting that he does not require the furniture, resolved that the disposal of furniture be referred to Government.

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(True Extract).

Ongole,
31*st January* 1889.

(Signed) C. J. WEIR,
Ag. Sub-Collector and Chairman.

No. 347.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

(By Order.)

Fort St. George,
16*th April* 1889.

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

From H. B. GRIGG, Esq., M.A., Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 18th June 1889, No. 341-O.

In returning the papers referred to me under endorsement No. 347, I have the honor to forward, for the perusal of Government, the report * of the Assistant Inspector (Mr. Vijiaranga Mudaliar) with the Inspector's endorsement thereon. The Assistant Inspector states the circumstances of the case so fully that it is unnecessary for me to recapitulate, but I generally endorse his views except that if it is the wish of the committee that Upper Secondary classes should be opened under the provisions of the notification about to issue, I see no reason why their request should not be complied with. I suggest that the building, furniture and library be handed over to the committee referred to under the usual conditions as regards repair and maintenance and return to Government, if the

* Dated 21st February 1889.

building, &c., be required for a public purpose, and on the additional condition that they register themselves as a company—not working for profit—under the Indian Companies Act before they are placed in possession. The constitution of the committee seems so unstable that I do not think it would be prudent to place them in possession without the guarantees for the proper conduct of their affairs which the Act provides. This condition will, if fulfilled in the long run, prove very much to the interests of the school.

Enclosure.

From the Assistant Inspector of Schools, Fourth Sub-Circle, to the Inspector of Schools, Central Circle, dated Kávali, 21st February 1889, No. 574.

I have the honor to submit a report upon the following references :—

1. Letter to the Director of Public Instruction, No. 153, dated 2nd January 1889, from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Ongole, forwarding an extract from the proceedings of the Council, passed at a meeting held on the 1st December 1888, recommending that the Government building vacated by the late Municipal Middle school " should be utilized temporarily as an hospital," and referred to me by your office endorsement No. 250, dated 19th January 1889.

2. Two petitions to the Director of Public Instruction from the Board of Managers of the Hindu High school, Ongole, and the inhabitants of Ongole, dated the 7th December 1888, and the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, No. 332, dated 21st January 1889, recommending that the building above referred to be made over " to the body styling itself the Hindu High school and also the movables belonging to building, furniture, library, &c.," referred to me by your office endorsement No. 613, dated 10th February 1889.

3. Since arriving at this place I had an interview with Mr. C. J. Weir, the Sub-Collector, who is also the Chairman of the Municipal Council, and learnt that he had forwarded to Government, through the Collector of the district, the proceedings of the Council about the building in question, together with his own views on the subject. I applied to him for, and he was kind enough to furnish me with, copies of the papers forwarded by him to Government. I enclose them for your perusal. I return also the papers referred to me.

4. It will be seen from these papers that there was originally a grant-in-aid school at Ongole and that the Government took over the institution and constituted it a Government school. The Government is said to have taken charge also of all the furniture belonging to that school. Subsequently the Government erected the building now under discussion at a cost of Rs. 10,000, towards which the inhabitants are said to have contributed the small sum of Rs. 1,000 ; when the Government closed their school, the building with all the furniture, books, maps, &c., was handed over to the Municipality and the school itself was maintained by that body as a Middle school.

5. The Government having in their review of the Municipal report suggested the transfer of the Middle school to a local private body, the Council at their meeting held on the 1st December 1888, resolved to transfer their Middle school to the American Baptist Mission from 1st January 1889 and considered that " the school building should be utilized temporarily as an hospital." On the 7th December 1888, a body styling itself the board of managers for the Hindu High school and the inhabitants of Ongole, applied to the Director of Public Instruction, by two separate petitions, for the transfer of the building and furniture to the Hindu High school started by them. These petitions were referred to the Municipal Council. Upon these petitions and also upon two similar ones received by the Council, a resolution was passed by the majority of the Commissioners, dated the 16th January last, by which " the Council resolves to request the Government to make over the building lately occupied by the Municipal Middle school to the body styling itself the Hindu High school and also the movables belonging to the building, furniture, library, &c." The history of the formation of this Board and the High school under its management may be stated briefly. On the 29th January 1888, one Seshagiri Aiyar, a graduate, was sent for from Madras by the American Baptist Mission at Ongole, to serve as an Assistant Master in the High school at that place on Rs. 50 per mensem. On the 31st May of the same year his services were dispensed with, evidently owing to some misunderstanding between the manager and himself. On the 4th July, with the assistance of some of the Vakeels of the local Munsif's Court, he opened at Ongole a High school with 6th and 5th classes only. This High school is now taught by Seshagiri Aiyar as Headmaster, assisted by a Matriculate, T. V. Subba Rau. The Headmaster gets Rs. 40 and the assistant Rs. 28 per mensem. The school-fee rates are Rs. 4-12-0 and Rs. 4 by instalments. I visited the school on the 14th instant, and there were 9 out of 11 present in the Matriculation class and 15 out of 20 in the 5th. No separate account is kept for the school-fee receipts and disbursements. The receipts are said to be sent to the managers who pay the teachers. 11 of the pupils of the High school appeared for and 4 passed the Matriculation examination held in December last.

6. On the 1st January last, the Municipality closed their Middle school and the managers of the High school opened one themselves. The High and the Middle schools are now in two different parts of the same building; but this is said to be only a temporary arrangement; the Middle school department is to be removed to a separate building as soon as a suitable building is secured. This Middle school is under a separate Headmaster assisted by three other teachers. On the 14th instant, the attendance was as follows:—

—	Present.	Absent.	Total.
Upper 4th	15	8	23
Lower 4th	12	1	13
Third class	12	3	15
Second class	8	1	9
First class	3	..	3
Total ..	50	13	63

The school-fee rates are said to be the following:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Upper 4th by instalment	2	12	0
Lower 4th „	2	6	0
Third class „	1	14	0
Second class per mensem	1	0	0
First „ „	0	12	0

Beyond entries of the receipts of fees against the names of the pupils, no separate account is kept of the receipts and disbursements; but an entry in the letter book was shown for a remittance of the total receipts from this source in January last to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Managing Committee.

7. The following gentlemen have formed themselves into a committee and call themselves the "Board of Managers":—

1. R. Ramanuja Chetty—Merchant.
2. K. Ranga Chari—Pleader.
3. C. V. Narasimma Sastrulu—Pleader.
4. B. L. Narayana Rau—Pleader, Secretary and Treasurer.

This Board is said to have been founded in November 1888.

8. I had interviews with the above gentlemen and also with the Municipal Councillors and Government officials of Ongole. There is no doubt but that the inhabitants sympathise with the movement and wish for the continuance of the Middle school opened in lieu of the one closed by the Municipality. There is no doubt also that the Municipal Councillors did not like the closing of their Middle school and would not have done so, but for the orders of Government on the subject. None of the Municipal Councillors have connected themselves with the Board above mentioned under the impression that their connection with it would weaken their advocacy of the cause in the Municipal Council.

9. The American Baptist Mission at Ongole has a High school and Upper Primary school of its own. The former is held in a splendid building built for the purpose, but about a mile distant from the town; and the latter has also a building of its own, but situated a little nearer to the town than the other. It cannot be denied that both the institutions are intended for the education of native converts who are also boarders living in the Mission compound. The Primary school has an attendance of 72 boys, and all of them are native Christian boarders. The High school has an attendance of 175 boys, of whom 91 are native Christian boarders, the remaining 84 being admitted as day-scholars. Mr. Martin, the Headmaster of the High school, informed me that Seshagiri took away some boys from his 6th and 5th classes, but that the opening of the new Middle school did not affect the attendance in his Middle department. It cannot be denied that the people of Ongole have a general dislike to send their boys to the Mission schools; but this is not so much on account of any religious instruction being given them as on account of the native Christians attending these schools belonging to what the Hindus consider to be the very lowest classes, viz., Malas, Mathigas or as they are called in the south, Parayas and chucklers. If Dr. Clough had accepted the offer of the school by the Municipality and maintained it as a branch of his High school in the heart of the town, I do not think that this movement on the part of the people would have taken place at all. Dr. Clough refused to accept the furniture, maps, &c., on the terms proposed by the Director—*vide* resolution of the Council, dated the 16th January 1889.

10. Again, I understand that funds have been raised for the erection of a hospital; and when the Municipal Councillors, in their resolution of the 1st December 1888, considered that the Government school building should be utilized temporarily as a hospital, it was to be so used only till the hospital building was erected.

11. Under these circumstances, the Municipal Council recommend that the Government school building, vacated lately by the Municipal Middle school, be handed over to the High school committee.

12. I do not approve of the opening of another High school in Ongole. There is no necessity for it. The few boys attending are old enough to walk to the Mission High school and attend that institution. I would therefore discourage it altogether. I would advise the committee to give up all their connection with the High school.

13. I am strongly of opinion that the Middle school, lately opened, should be brought under Government inspection and encouraged with Government assistance. If the Educational Department does not take it under its control, the school would still exist but do a great deal of mischief. The school-fee notification would be set at defiance, and the teaching would degenerate. It would be a pity to allow a school like this to work against Government and the existing institutions and be a source of mischief. I would therefore recommend that the Government building with all the furniture, maps and books be placed in charge of the managers under certain restrictions. Before this step is taken, I would require the committee to be strengthened and call upon them to undertake the maintenance of the school for at least five years. The teaching staff requires also to be strengthened; at least an F. A. should be placed at the head of it.

14. I should have mentioned that the managers informed me that when they applied for the building they wanted to remove into it the Middle school only and not the High school.

15. When I received the papers connected with the building, it first struck me that it should be handed over to either the Government Girls' school or the Board Normal school. On visiting the different localities, I find that the building would not do for either of them. The Government Girls' school would be broken up and would suffer considerably by its removal from its present locality. I think also that the Normal school, if removed into the building in question, would suffer in its Practising branch, weak as this branch is at present. The building is on the western border of the town.

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No. 892.

Submitted to the Director of Public Instruction with his endorsements No. 9261, dated 11th December 1888, and No. 338, dated 16th January 1889, returned.

2. The Assistant Inspector has stated the case so fully, that I have only to add that I concur in his recommendations in paragraphs 10 to 14, and recommend the building be handed over to the High school committee for such term and on such conditions as may be laid down by the Director of Public Instruction.

(Signed) J. BRADSHAW,
Inspector of Schools, Central Circle.

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No. 525.

Transferred to the Educational Department for disposal.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
3rd July 1889.

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Educational Department.

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ORDER—dated 24th July 1889, No. 441, Educational.

The Government sanctions the loan to the Hindu High School Committee, Ongole, for use as a school, rent-free, of the Government building at that station lately occupied by the Municipal Middle school, on the conditions that the building shall be maintained in good order and repair and shall be retransferred to Government, if required. The Government will not interfere with the discretion of the committee as to the opening of a High school on the premises, but in such case the Director will prescribe such further conditions as to the management of the institution as will prevent unwholesome competition with the existing High school. The conditions should be those at present necessary to secure recognition, including conformity to the school-fee notification.

2. The Director's proposal that the committee should be required to register themselves as a Company not working for profit under the Indian Companies Act does not commend itself to Government.

3. If the furniture and library of the late Middle school are the property of the Municipality, the Government will raise no objection to their being made over to the committee, should the Council see fit. In this case the value of the property should be reported and sanction obtained to the gift.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Petitioners.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Collector and District Magistrate, Nellore.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. W. H. French.

Govt. of {1889} Madras.

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G.O., 24th July 1889, No. 441.

JULY.

School Building at Ongole.

Passing orders regarding the loan to the Hindu High School Committee, Ongole, for use as a school, rent-free, of the Government building at that station lately occupied by the Municipal Middle school on the conditions stated.

No 2326 dated 23rd August 1889

Communicated to

the Supty Engineer II

Circle for information

Sd/ P. Rb. D. B.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

Petition from M.R.Ry. P. VENKATASUBBA RAO, and others, to His Excellency the Governor in Council, dated Ongole, 6th May 1889.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—We, the humble memorialists of Ongole, beg most respectfully to submit to your Excellency's kind consideration, the following facts:—

Prior to 1869, there was in this place one Anglo-Vernacular school supported by the people of this town. In 1869 your Excellency's Government issued notice that they would take it under their support if the people of this town should contribute Rs. 1,000 towards the expenses of a building which they were going to erect for the school. We then readily subscribed and gave to your Excellency's Government Rs. 1,000. So the school with its furniture was transferred to your Excellency's Government and it was under their support till 1883. In that year the school was transferred to the Municipality of this town. The latter maintained it till the end of last year, when the Government issued orders that either the expenditure of the school should be reduced or it must be transferred to some private body.

As we had already opened a Hindu High school (for which we appointed a Board of Managers) we applied to the Director of Public Instruction to get the school transferred to us. Upon which he referred our application to the Municipal Council of this place. The Council recommended to your Excellency's Government that the school building with its furniture might be transferred to us.

But to the greatest disappointment of us all, we hear that proposals are made to give the school building to any of the Government offices, taking no notice of the recommendation of the municipal councillors made in our favor.

We therefore request your Excellency to give us back our old school with its building, towards which we contributed one thousand rupees and with its furniture, part of which is our own.

It will not be out of place to represent to your Excellency that the late Government school at Guntúr has been first transferred to the Municipality and then to a private body.

For this act of kindness we shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

From C. D. MACLEANE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Nellore, 5th March 1889, No. 262.

I have the honor to forward a file of papers ending with Ongole Municipal Chairman's letter No. 861, dated 31st January 1889.

2. Prior to 1869, there was a grant-in-aid Anglo-Vernacular school in Ongole.

3. About 1869 a school building was constructed at Ongole by Government at a cost of Rs. 10,000, and the Anglo-Vernacular school was converted into a Government school. It is alleged that the residents of Ongole contributed Rs. 1,000 towards the construction of the school, and this is probably correct, but there is no record to support it.

4. In 1884 the school was converted into a Municipal Middle school and the Government (G.O., Financial, No. 1430, dated 28th June 1884, not to be found in this office records, and searching for it has delayed this paper) made over the building to the Municipality, on the understanding that it should be used rent-free, maintained in good order and retransferred to Government whenever Government required it or when the school ceased to exist.

5. In 1888 the Government found the Municipality unable to maintain the school and (G.O., No. 1170 M., dated 22nd October) ordered it to be closed.

6. On the 1st December 1888, the Council resolved, in their resolution No. 283, to close the institution from the 1st January 1889, and to transfer the school to the American Baptist Mission Agent at the station, Dr. Clough, and to utilize the building temporarily as a hospital.

7. On the 1st January 1889, the school was abolished.

8. Dr. Clough intimated to the Municipal Council that he did not require the school furniture; thereupon the Council passed resolution No. 312, dated 21st January, resolving to address Government as to the disposal of the furniture.

9. In the meanwhile, a body of residents of Ongole, styling themselves Managers of a Hindu High school, which was opened only six months back at that station by a graduate, petitioned the Council on the 21st January 1889, to make over the vacant building to them for their High school, urging that they had a right to it being residents of the town, and inasmuch as certain residents in the beginning contributed a portion of the expense of construction, and promising to tender security for the safety of the same and its retransfer to Government. Thereupon resolution No. 332 was passed by the Council, resolving to address Government with a view to making over the building to that body together with its movables. The Sub-Collector and Chairman dissented from this resolution.

10. In forwarding the last said resolution for transmission to Government, the Sub-Collector gives his opinion that the building cannot as of right be claimed by the new High School Managers; that the town is too small for two high schools, as there is already a Mission school; and that there is no guarantee that the Hindu High school will be a permanent institution as it is entirely dependent on fees and private assistance.

11. I think the Sub-Collector's view is correct. I have called on him to furnish some alternative plans for the utilization of the building. To avoid delay, the present documents are submitted.

ENCLOSURES.

From C. J. WEIR, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector and Chairman, Municipal Council, Ongole, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Collector of Nellore), dated Ongole, 31st January 1889, No. 861.

I have the honor to forward, for your consideration and orders, a resolution of the Ongole Municipality passed at their meeting held on 16th January 1889, regarding the disposal of the building recently occupied by the Municipal Middle school. I also enclose a memorandum prepared on behalf of the majority who voted in favor of the resolution.

2. I have been unable to obtain in the records of this office definite information regarding the construction of this building, but I am informed that it was originally erected by Government at a cost of about Rs. 10,000 and that towards that amount the inhabitants of Ongole subscribed Rs. 1,000. The building was heretofore occupied by the Municipal Middle school, but this institution has ceased to exist since the 1st January 1889—*vide* resolution of Municipal Council, dated 1st December 1888, No. 283. It would therefore seem that in accordance with G.O., Financial, No. 1430, dated 28th June 1884, the building must now be retransferred to Government, and I do not think the fact that Rs. 1,000 were originally subscribed by the inhabitants will affect this order as the building was to all intents and purposes constructed by Government.

3. It remains therefore for Government to determine whether they will accede to the request of the Municipal Council contained in their resolution No. 332, dated 16th January 1889. It will be observed that in the resolution No. 283, dated 1st December 1888, the Council expressed an opinion that the building should be temporarily used as an hospital, it being decided at the same time that the school should be transferred to the American Baptist Mission. The use of the word "transfer" in the resolution was somewhat unfortunate, the phrase was adopted from G.O., No. 1259 M., dated 7th November 1888. What I understood was the intention of the Council was that the good will of the school, so to speak, should be transferred to the Mission and Dr. Clough undertook on behalf of the Mission to endeavor to find employment for the masters thrown out of employ. The building was not to be transferred and, of course, the boys could not, and the only transfer that was decided on was that of the furniture and library.

The later resolution of the Municipal Council has cancelled the transfer of the furniture and library, and it is now recommended that they should be made over along with the building to the body calling itself the Board of Managers of the Hindu High school.

4. As regards this Hindu High school the only information I have is that it is a private institution which was started some six months ago by a graduate named Seshagiri Aiyar, who was formerly employed in the American Baptist Mission High school. The Board of management consist of three local pleaders and a merchant of the town. I myself dissented from the proposal to make over the building to this body on the following grounds:—

(*a*) That there was no security whatever for the permanence of the body calling itself the Hindu High school as it would be impossible to assist it from Municipal Funds and it would thus be dependent on fees and private assistance.

(*b*) That there was no room in Ongole for two high schools, the American Baptist Mission school being amply sufficient for the educational needs of the locality.

Of this, I think, there cannot be any doubt, and the complaint that that school is situated in a remote part of the town is not entitled to much consideration as the building is not one mile distant from any part of Ongole. The dislike of the inhabitants to sending their boys to this school rests of course on entirely different grounds which were freely enough expressed at the meeting, and there is no doubt that many of the townspeople would prefer that their children should not be educated under the auspices of a Christian Mission. The repugnance is not unnatural and is entitled to consideration, and the question now seems to be whether in deference thereto Government will assist that portion of the community who wish for a Hindu school by making over to them the building lately occupied by the Middle school.

The transfer of the furniture and library also require the sanction of Government—*vide* G.O., dated 28th June 1884, No. 1430, Financial; the same consideration will apply in this case as in that of the transfer of the building.

From the Acting Sub-Collector and Chairman, Municipal Council, Ongole, to the Deputy Inspector of Schools, dated Ongole, 7th April 1879, No 279.

With reference to your No. 343, dated 29th March 1879, I have the honor to submit my report on the progress of the Government institution in this place from the 13th February 1869, when it was converted into a Government one, having prior to that been a grant-in-aid school. When it was aided, the records connected with the school were kept with the Secretary or so. Though I endeavored to find out some of them, I could only come across certain letters written on routine work, &c. Thus the information I could gather would not have a bearing on the progress. So I shall confine myself to the period during which it has been a Government one. Even as such, I do not see on record the reviews upon the results of inspection for several years previous to 1875. So the progress of the school during that time may, to a certain extent, be judged from the number on the rolls on the last day of each of those years. The annexed is a table exhibiting the numbers on the last days of the years in question and those following down to the current year:—

	On the 31st March.										
	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.
Number on the rolls	87	68	58	46	61	59	48	70	74	75	96

From O. V. NARASIMHA SASTRY, Pleader, and others, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Ongole, dated Ongole, 21st January 1889.

HONORED SIR,—We, the undersigned, most respectfully beg to bring the following facts to your honor's kind consideration.

We have been appointed a Board of Managers by the inhabitants at large of the town of Ongole to superintend and manage the Hindu High school in charge of N. Seshagiri Iyer, B.A., the Headmaster of the institution, and patronised by the Hindu community. We are therefore in charge of the said institution.

2. Prior to the year 1869, there was, for a period of four years, a grant-in-aid Hindu Anglo-Vernacular school at Ongole, under the management of a private body. In the year 1867 the Government of Madras issued a notification that they have in view to open a school either at Ongole or at Gooty, and that they would establish that school in either of the places which is the foremost in sending up the sum of Rs. 1,000 for the construction of the school building by private contribution. No sooner was this notification issued, than the people of Ongole earnestly subscribed and paid Rs. 1,000 to the Government.

3. The Government of Madras, in accordance with their promise, sanctioned a school for Ongole and converted the grant-in-aid Hindu Anglo-Vernacular school then existing into a Government one. Thus the benches, boards, maps and other property which belonged to the Anglo-Vernacular school became transferred to this new institution.

4. The school above established continued to be in charge of Government till 1884, when it was transferred to the Ongole Municipality, who maintained it till the beginning of the year 1889; and being unable to support it further on, were obliged to abolish it, though reluctantly, under the orders of Government.

5. The inhabitants of Ongole, about the middle of the year 1888, established a High school department under the management of N. Seshagiri Iyer, B.A., as their children could not receive their higher education in the Municipal Middle school. In the course of the year, these children were well taught, and twelve of them were sent up for the Matriculation examination held in December 1888.

6. When the inhabitants became aware of the order of the Government that the cost and standard of the Municipal Middle school must be reduced or the school should be transferred to a private body, they appointed the undersigned managers to take up the school under their management and presented also a memorial to the Municipality to hand over the school to us. But, before this could be laid in the meeting, the question of the school came before the Council, and they resolved to transfer it to Dr. Clough, Manager of the Baptist Mission High school, Ongole. Dr. Clough, however, declined to take up the management of the school, and claimed only the property attached to the school to be transferred.

7. On this the Municipal Council, in their subsequent resolution, cancelled the resolution passed on the 1st ultimo, transferring the school, and resolved to recommend to Government in consideration of our superior claims, to hand over to us the school building and all property appertaining to it.

8. On the face of these facts, your honor will observe that we, as a Board of Managers of the Hindu High school, have better right to the building occupied by the late Middle school, Rs. 1,000 having been paid by the inhabitants towards its construction, and to the property attached to it, much of it consisting of the old benches, &c., which belong to the late grant-in-aid school; and some portion of it having been furnished during the management of the school under the Municipality.

9. No doubt there is an American Baptist Mission High school at Ongole which is intended for Christian converts, but our children cannot resort to it, which is located in a very distant part out of the town and, for numerous reasons, we must have our own institution. Even the Municipality have abolished the school, not because it was not required, but because it could not support it. We trust therefore that there would be no objection to transfer the building, &c., to us when we undertake to support this institution.

10. We also assure your honor that we are prepared to give due security for the restoration of the property when we no longer require the school building or the property belonging to the school.

11. Your honor will also observe that our attempt in the present case is no novel one, and that the Government of Madras have effected a transfer to a private body under similar circumstances in the case of Municipal High school at Guntúr, formerly Government school.

12. In conclusion, we request your honor to represent these facts to the Government and get the transfer effected to us.

For which act of kindness we, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Ongole, passed at a meeting held on the 2nd and continued to 16th January 1889.

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332. Read petition presented by Gottipati Veerayya and several others, inhabitants of Ongole, requesting to transfer the Municipal Middle school with its building, furniture and teaching staff to a board of managers appointed by them, and another petition presented by the managing board for the same and the Educational Sub-Committee's report thereon.

Resolution.—The majority of the Council resolve to request the Government to make over the building lately occupied by the Municipal Middle school to the body styling itself the Hindu High school, and also the movables belonging to building, furniture, library, &c.

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(True Extract.)

ONGOLE,
31*st January* 1889.

(Signed) C. J. WEIR,
Ag. Sub-Collector and Chairman.

MEMORANDUM in connection with the building lately occupied by the Municipal High School at Ongole.

Municipal Council as suggested by Government in their Order, No. 1170 M., dated 22nd October 1888, and Proceedings, No. 1259 M., dated 7th November 1888, Miscellaneous, abolished the Municipal Middle school from 1st January 1889 in their resolution No 283, dated 1st December 1888, and resolved in their resolution No. 332, dated 16th January 1889, to request the Government to make over the building lately occupied by the Middle school, together with its movables, to a body of managers of the Hindu High school. Copies of the two resolutions are herewith submitted.

2. The managers of the Hindu High school claim the building and the movables attached to it on three grounds, viz., firstly, that the inhabitants of Ongole contributed a sum of Rs. 1,000 towards the construction of the building; secondly, that the movables partly consist of property formerly owned by the managers of the Anglo-Vernacular school at Ongole which was subsequently converted into a Government school; and thirdly, that they must have their institution which was formerly a grant-in-aid school, because the Government and the Municipality are unable to support it. The accompanying letter addressed by the managers to the Chairman, dated 21st Janunry 1889, gives an account of the school.

3. There is nothing to show in the municipal records that any sum was contributed by the inhabitants of Ongole towards the construction of the Middle school building or what property was taken charge of by the Headmaster of the Government school when the grant-in-aid school was converted into a Government institution. In the records of the school, however, a report is found in the letter book of 1879, from which it appears that there was a grant-in-aid school at Ongole prior to 1869 and it was converted then into a Government school. An extract of para. No. 1 in the said report No. 279, dated 7th April 1879, addressed by the Headmaster to the Deputy Inspector of Schools herewith submitted, throws some light on the point.

4. Though the school, before the petition of the managing body of the Hindu High school was laid in the meeting, was transferred to the American Baptist Mission in their resolution No. 283, dated 1st December 1888, Dr. Clough, the Secretary to the Board of Managers of the A. B. High School, having declined to take up the school and having required only the furniture attached to it in his letter to the Chairman, dated 3rd January 1889, the Council resolved to make a reference to Government on the subject (*vide* resolution No. 312, dated 16th January 1889).

5. The Government of Madras in G.O., No 1430, dated 28th June 1884, Financial, declared "that in case of schools transferred to Municipalities such buildings as are the property of Government will be placed at the disposal of the commissioners for use rent-free, on condition that they are maintained in good order" and that "they will be retransferred if the school cease to exist or if the premises are required by Government." It is now to be determined whether the inhabitants or the Board of Managers can claim any right to the building or can have any other relief.

6. The question of the abolition of the Middle school came for discussion already twice, but the school was not abolished in spite of the existence of a Mission High school.

7. If the Government be pleased to make over the building and the movables as prayed for by the Board of Managers of the Hindu High school, they undertake to have the property on giving due security for its restoration when it is no longer required.

ONGOLE,
31*st January* 1889.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Ongole, passed at a meeting held on the 1st December 1888.

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283. Read G.O., No. 1170 M., of 22nd October 1888, reviewing the Ongole Municipal Report for 1887-88.

Resolution.—The Municipal Council resolve that the Middle school be transferred to the American Baptist Mission with effect from 1st January 1889, and that all expenditure from Municipal Funds upon the school should cease from that date. The Council consider that the school building should be utilized temporarily as an hospital.

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ONGOLE,
31*st January* 1889.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. J. WEIR,
Ag. Sub-Collector and Chairman.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Ongole, passed at a meeting held on the 2nd instant and continued to 21st January 1889.

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312. Read letter No. 52, dated 5th December 1888, from Rev. J. F. Clough, D.D., Manager, A. B. M. High school, Ongole, to the Director of Public Instruction, requesting sanction for giving over to the Mission all furniture, &c., of the Municipal Middle school, Ongole, as per the Council's resolution on its abolition from January next, and the endorsement of the Director of Public Instruction thereon.

Resolution.—Dr. Clough having intimated to the meeting that he does not require the furniture, resolved that the disposal of furniture be referred to Government.

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ONGOLE,
31*st January* 1889.

(True Extract).

(Signed) C. J. WEIR,
Ag. Sub-Collector and Chairman.

No. 347.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
16*th April* 1889.

(By Order.)

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

From H. B. GRIGG, Esq., M.A., Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 18th June 1889, No. 341-O.

In returning the papers referred to me under endorsement No. 347, I have the honor to forward, for the perusal of Government, the report * of the Assistant Inspector (Mr. Vijiaranga Mudaliar) with the Inspector's endorsement thereon. The Assistant Inspector states the circumstances of the case so fully that it is unnecessary for me to recapitulate, but I generally endorse his views except that if it is the wish of the committee that Upper Secondary classes should be opened under the provisions of the notification about to issue, I see no reason why their request should not be complied with. I suggest that the building, furniture and library be handed over to the committee referred to under the usual conditions as regards repair and maintenance and return to Government, if the

* Dated 21st February 1889.

building, &c., be required for a public purpose, and on the additional condition that they register themselves as a company—not working for profit—under the Indian Companies Act before they are placed in possession. The constitution of the committee seems so unstable that I do not think it would be prudent to place them in possession without the guarantees for the proper conduct of their affairs which the Act provides. This condition will, if fulfilled in the long run, prove very much to the interests of the school.

ENCLOSURE.

From the Assistant Inspector of Schools, Fourth Sub-Circle, to the Inspector of Schools, Central Circle, dated Kávali, 21st February 1889, No. 574.

I have the honor to submit a report upon the following references :—

1. Letter to the Director of Public Instruction, No. 153, dated 2nd January 1889, from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Ongole, forwarding an extract from the proceedings of the Council, passed at a meeting held on the 1st December 1888, recommending that the Government building vacated by the late Municipal Middle school "should be utilized temporarily as an hospital," and referred to me by your office endorsement No. 250, dated 19th January 1889.

2. Two petitions to the Director of Public Instruction from the Board of Managers of the Hindu High school, Ongole, and the inhabitants of Ongole, dated the 7th December 1888, and the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, No. 332, dated 21st January 1889, recommending that the building above referred to be made over "to the body styling itself the Hindu High school and also the movables belonging to building, furniture, library, &c.," referred to me by your office endorsement No. 613, dated 10th February 1889.

3. Since arriving at this place I had an interview with Mr. C. J. Weir, the Sub-Collector, who is also the Chairman of the Municipal Council, and learnt that he had forwarded to Government, through the Collector of the district, the proceedings of the Council about the building in question, together with his own views on the subject. I applied to him for, and he was kind enough to furnish me with, copies of the papers forwarded by him to Government. I enclose them for your perusal. I return also the papers referred to me.

4. It will be seen from these papers that there was originally a grant-in-aid school at Ongole and that the Government took over the institution and constituted it a Government school. The Government is said to have taken charge also of all the furniture belonging to that school. Subsequently the Government erected the building now under discussion at a cost of Rs. 10,000, towards which the inhabitants are said to have contributed the small sum of Rs. 1,000 ; when the Government closed their school, the building with all the furniture, books, maps, &c., was handed over to the Municipality and the school itself was maintained by that body as a Middle school.

5. The Government having in their review of the Municipal report suggested the transfer of the Middle school to a local private body, the Council at their meeting held on the 1st December 1888, resolved to transfer their Middle school to the American Baptist Mission from 1st January 1889 and considered that "the school building should be utilized temporarily as an hospital." On the 7th December 1888, a body styling itself the board of managers for the Hindu High school and the inhabitants of Ongole, applied to the Director of Public Instruction, by two separate petitions, for the transfer of the building and furniture to the Hindu High school started by them. These petitions were referred to the Municipal Council. Upon these petitions and also upon two similar ones received by the Council, a resolution was passed by the majority of the Commissioners, dated the 16th January last, by which "the Council resolves to request the Government to make over the building lately occupied by the Municipal Middle school to the body styling itself the Hindu High school and also the movables belonging to the building, furniture, library, &c." The history of the formation of this Board and the High school under its management may be stated briefly. On the 29th January 1888, one Seshagiri Aiyar, a graduate, was sent for from Madras by the American Baptist Mission at Ongole, to serve as an Assistant Master in the High school at that place on Rs. 50 per mensem. On the 31st May of the same year his services were dispensed with, evidently owing to some misunderstanding between the manager and himself. On the 4th July, with the assistance of some of the Vakeels of the local Munsif's Court, he opened at Ongole a High school with 6th and 5th classes only. This High school is now taught by Seshagiri Aiyar as Headmaster, assisted by a Matriculate, T. V. Subba Rau. The Headmaster gets Rs. 40 and the assistant Rs. 28 per mensem. The school-fee rates are Rs. 4-12-0 and Rs. 4 by instalments. I visited the school on the 14th instant, and there were 9 out of 11 present in the Matriculation class and 15 out of 20 in the 5th. No separate account is kept for the school-fee receipts and disbursements. The receipts are said to be sent to the managers who pay the teachers. 11 of the pupils of the High school appeared for and 4 passed the Matriculation examination held in December last.

6. On the 1st January last, the Municipality closed their Middle school and the managers of the High school opened one themselves. The High and the Middle schools are now in two different parts of the same building; but this is said to be only a temporary arrangement; the Middle school department is to be removed to a separate building as soon as a suitable building is secured. This Middle school is under a separate Headmaster assisted by three other teachers. On the 14th instant, the attendance was as follows:—

—	Present.	Absent.	Total.
Upper 4th	15	8	23
Lower 4th	12	1	13
Third class	12	3	15
Second class	8	1	9
First class	3	..	3
Total ..	50	13	63

The school-fee rates are said to be the following:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Upper 4th by instalment	2	12	0
Lower 4th „	2	6	0
Third class „	1	14	0
Second class per mensem	1	0	0
First „ „	0	12	0

Beyond entries of the receipts of fees against the names of the pupils, no separate account is kept of the receipts and disbursements; but an entry in the letter book was shown for a remittance of the total receipts from this source in January last to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Managing Committee.

7. The following gentlemen have formed themselves into a committee and call themselves the "Board of Managers":—

1. R. Ramanuja Chetty—Merchant.
2. K. Ranga Chari—Pleader.
3. C. V. Narasimma Sastrulu—Pleader.
4. B. L. Narayana Rau—Pleader, Secretary and Treasurer.

This Board is said to have been founded in November 1888.

8. I had interviews with the above gentlemen and also with the Municipal Councillors and Government officials of Ongole. There is no doubt but that the inhabitants sympathise with the movement and wish for the continuance of the Middle school opened in lieu of the one closed by the Municipality. There is no doubt also that the Municipal Councillors did not like the closing of their Middle school and would not have done so, but for the orders of Government on the subject. None of the Municipal Councillors have connected themselves with the Board above mentioned under the impression that their connection with it would weaken their advocacy of the cause in the Municipal Council.

9. The American Baptist Mission at Ongole has a High school and Upper Primary school of its own. The former is held in a splendid building built for the purpose, but about a mile distant from the town; and the latter has also a building of its own, but situated a little nearer to the town than the other. It cannot be denied that both the institutions are intended for the education of native converts who are also boarders living in the Mission compound. The Primary school has an attendance of 72 boys, and all of them are native Christian boarders. The High school has an attendance of 175 boys, of whom 91 are native Christian boarders, the remaining 84 being admitted as day-scholars. Mr. Martin, the Headmaster of the High school, informed me that Seshagiri took away some boys from his 6th and 5th classes, but that the opening of the new Middle school did not affect the attendance in his Middle department. It cannot be denied that the people of Ongole have a general dislike to send their boys to the Mission schools; but this is not so much on account of any religious instruction being given them as on account of the native Christians attending these schools belonging to what the Hindus consider to be the very lowest classes, viz., Malas, Mathigas or as they are called in the south, Parayas and chucklers. If Dr. Clough had accepted the offer of the school by the Municipality and maintained it as a branch of his High school in the heart of the town, I do not think that this movement on the part of the people would have taken place at all. Dr. Clough refused to accept the furniture, maps, &c., on the terms proposed by the Director—*vide* resolution of the Council, dated the 16th January 1889.

10. Again, I understand that funds have been raised for the erection of a hospital; and when the Municipal Councillors, in their resolution of the 1st December 1888, considered that the Government school building should be utilized temporarily as a hospital, it was to be so used only till the hospital building was erected.

11. Under these circumstances, the Municipal Council recommend that the Government school building, vacated lately by the Municipal Middle school, be handed over to the High school committee.

12. I do not approve of the opening of another High school in Ongole. There is no necessity for it. The few boys attending are old enough to walk to the Mission High school and attend that institution. I would therefore discourage it altogether. I would advise the committee to give up all their connection with the High school.

13. I am strongly of opinion that the Middle school, lately opened, should be brought under Government inspection and encouraged with Government assistance. If the Educational Department does not take it under its control, the school would still exist but do a great deal of mischief. The school-fee notification would be set at defiance, and the teaching would degenerate. It would be a pity to allow a school like this to work against Government and the existing institutions and be a source of mischief. I would therefore recommend that the Government building with all the furniture, maps and books be placed in charge of the managers under certain restrictions. Before this step is taken, I would require the committee to be strengthened and call upon them to undertake the maintenance of the school for at least five years. The teaching staff requires also to be strengthened; at least an F. A. should be placed at the head of it.

14. I should have mentioned that the managers informed me that when they applied for the building they wanted to remove into it the Middle school only and not the High school.

15. When I received the papers connected with the building, it first struck me that it should be handed over to either the Government Girls' school or the Board Normal school. On visiting the different localities, I find that the building would not do for either of them. The Government Girls' school would be broken up and would suffer considerably by its removal from its present locality. I think also that the Normal school, if removed into the building in question, would suffer in its Practising branch, weak as this branch is at present. The building is on the western border of the town.

No. 892.

Submitted to the Director of Public Instruction with his endorsements No. 9261, dated 11th December 1888, and No. 338, dated 16th January 1889, returned.

2. The Assistant Inspector has stated the case so fully, that I have only to add that I concur in his recommendations in paragraphs 10 to 14, and recommend the building be handed over to the High school committee for such term and on such conditions as may be laid down by the Director of Public Instruction.

(Signed) J. BRADSHAW,
Inspector of Schools, Central Circle.

No. 525.

Transferred to the Educational Department for disposal.

Fort St. George,
3rd *July* 1889.

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Educational Department.

Order—dated 24th July 1889, No. 441, Educational.

The Government sanctions the loan to the Hindu High School Committee, Ongole, for use as a school, rent-free, of the Government building at that station lately occupied by the Municipal Middle school, on the conditions that the building shall be maintained in good order and repair and shall be retransferred to Government, if required. The Government will not interfere with the discretion of the committee as to the opening of a High school on the premises, but in such case the Director will prescribe such further conditions as to the management of the institution as will prevent unwholesome competition with the existing High school. The conditions should be those at present necessary to secure recognition, including conformity to the school-fee notification.

2. The Director's proposal that the committee should be required to register themselves as a Company not working for profit under the Indian Companies Act does not commend itself to Government.

3. If the furniture and library of the late Middle school are the property of the Municipality, the Government will raise no objection to their being made over to the committee, should the Council see fit. In this case the value of the property should be reported and sanction obtained to the gift.

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To the Director of Public Instruction.
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" Local and Municipal Department.
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