

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Educational Department,
1st April 1863.*

No. 1. Read the following letter from E. B. POWELL, Esq., Director of Public Instruction; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Trichinopoly, 9th March 1863, No. 454.

I have the honor to submit the following letter for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

2. A school, which it appears was intended for the children of resident East Indians, was established at Pulicat in 1819 by the Netherlands Government, and has been maintained by the British Government since the transfer of the settlement. Till the institution of the Educational Department, the school was under the control of the Cathedral Chaplains, who visited the station from time to time; also, since the appointment of a Director of Public Instruction, this officer seems to have deferred to the opinion of the Senior Chaplain in the selection of a teacher. The actual cost of the school has of late been Rupees 32 per mensem, a master drawing Rupees 27 and a mistress the remainder of the allowance.

3. The East Indian population of Pulicat has steadily diminished and is now utterly insignificant. For some time therefore it has been a question whether the school should not be abolished, or, if maintained, whether it should not be modified and rendered suitable for native children.

4. When reporting on the school at the close of the official year 1861-62, the Educational Inspector of the division remarked that there was but one girl, the master's daughter; and of the boys, that one was the master's son, another his grandson and the rest natives. The master and mistress, who were East Indians, taught every thing in English, and the teaching was of very little value to the great majority of the children.

5. Notwithstanding the unfavorable state of things above described, I determined to defer taking steps for the abolition of the school, as at the time I had only just taken temporary charge of my present office. A vacancy also occurring in the Mastership towards the close of 1862, I left the filling up of the appointment in the hands of the Cathedral Chaplains, merely confirming the nomination made by them as reported to me by the Reverend Mr. Shutie, the resident Minister of Pulicat.

6. The Inspector has now again inspected the school; and, from his report, I am led to the conclusion that the school should be abolished without further delay. It appears that the new master is a person who conducted a bakery at Pulicat for the last ten years; and Mr. Fowler observes that "the notion he has of giving a lesson about corresponds with what might be expected from such a preparation for the work of a school master." It certainly appears to me to be clear that no injustice will be committed in terminating the employment of the person referred to, who is evidently altogether unfit for his present post, and who probably owes his nomination merely to the absence of a qualified teacher.

7. As to the girls there were but two on the roll at the late inspection; their ages were 4 and 6 years respectively, and one of them was the master's daughter. Under these circumstances the mistress's salary must be viewed simply as a gratuity. In case of the school being abolished, perhaps the Cathedral Chaplains could find some work for the mistress.

8. I may mention that there are no fewer than four other elementary schools at Pulicat affording christian instruction, two for boys and two for girls.

9. I now beg to recommend that the Government school at Pulicat be abolished at the close of the present official year. In case of Government approving of this measure, I propose to issue a grant, not exceeding the sum saved by the closing of the existing school, to any institution which, under the grant-in-aid rules, may put forward a valid claim for Government assistance.

From J. TOWNSHEND FOWLER, Esq., Inspector of Normal Schools and Presidency Division; to E. B. POWELL, Esq., M. A., Director of Public Instruction, dated Pulicat, 26th February 1863, No. 132.

Referring to Proceedings, No. 165 of the 24th ultimo, I have the honor to report that I have this day inspected and examined the Government school at this station.

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2. The master now in charge of the school was placed in charge about a month ago. In answer to my inquiry as to his previous occupation, he tells me he has "conducted a bakery in Pulicat for the last ten years," and the notion he has of giving a lesson about corresponds with what might be expected from such a preparation for the work of a school master.

3. There are now 25 boys and two girls on the books; of whom 19 boys and one girl were present. The school is roughly divided into 3 classes thus:—

	Present.	On the book.
(Highest) iii class..	3	5
" ii "	5	5
" i "	11	15
	19	25

The little girl present was a mere infant, said to be 4 years old, and is the daughter of a Catechist of the London Mission. The girl absent is the master's daughter, and 6 years of age.

4. The following Statement will show the class and religion of the boys:—

No. of Pupils.	Parents' Occupation	Parents' Religion.	Remarks.
3 (brothers)	Catechist.....	Christian.	
2 do.	Doctor... ..	do.	{ The father lives in Madras: the boys are with an uncle.
2 (brothers).....	Fish dealer... ..	do.	
3	Boatman.....	do.	
1	Fisherman... ..	do.	
1	Toddy and Arrack seller.	do.	
2 (brothers)....	Police Inspector...	Hindu.	
2	Boat owner. . . .	do.	
1	Bricklayer... ..	do.	
1	Boatman	do.	
1 East Indian.....	Uncle, owner of pro- perty.	Christian... ..	Father died.

5. It will thus be seen that only one boy is an East Indian, of the 18 natives present, 12 are christians, three of these being the sons of a Catechist of the London Mission, and brothers of the little girl.

6. I have ascertained that there are 4 other christian schools in Pulicat; two boys' and two girls', one of each kind being maintained by the London Mission and the Colonial Society respectively; every educational want of the christian population must be fully met by these four: I should therefore strongly recommend that the Government school be at once discontinued. As I have mentioned in former reports on this school, it was, I believe, started for the christian education of the children of East Indian residents; and as there are now no such children, the school is not required.

7. Besides the master, there is a mistress who receives Rupees 7 a month; which may be regarded simply as a gratuity, since there is nothing done for the money; and, in fact, nothing to be done.

8. As regards the instruction given in the school, the most striking anomaly is that a number of little native boys are taught entirely with English books, there not being a vernacular book in the school; the consequence of course is that they know little or nothing further than to spell and read English words; only one boy was able to translate into Tamil a short sentence or a word even; and most absurd answers are sometimes given as, for instance, when the most intelligent boy in the school in answer to, "Whom did Christ call to be his disciples," said:—"fishes."

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9. As I approached the school all the boys were bawling at the top of their voices like what one sometimes hears on the pial of a house; and when I afterwards asked what the boys were doing when I came, the master said they were learning their lessons.

10. There seemed to be no attempt at order; boys talked and laughed and went to any part of the room while I was there, exactly at their will.

11. If the school were required it would be useless so conducted; but it does not seem to me to be required, and as I have already proposed to abolish it, I make no suggestion for its improvement.

12. I find on reference to my last annual report, No. 458 of the 15th May last, paragraphs 66 and 67 that my conclusion on the then preceding inspection, was exactly that now arrived at. Then, however, I thought it possible that a Taluq school might advantageously replace the one under report. On further inquiry, however, as to the schools now in existence, and the constant decline of the place, I find there is no demand for any school, so that the Rupees 32 a month which the closing of the school would give, would be available for any quarter where it might be wanted.

(A true Copy.)

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

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 1st April 1863, No. 98.

The Governor in Council sanctions, as recommended, the abolition of the Government School at Pulical and authorizes the Director of Public Instruction to appropriate the allowance thus saved, viz., Rupees 32 per mensem, as a grant-in-aid of any other School or Schools entitled to such a grant.

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 3 OF 1863.

To
THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.
RIGHT HONORABLE SIR,

We have the honor to forward the accompanying Petition* to your address from
Mrs. M. M. Carmichael, late Schoolmistress of the Government School at Pulicat, praying, on the grounds therein set

* Dated 29th August 1863.

forth, that the salary, viz., Rupees 7 per mensem, which she had been receiving prior to the abolition of the Institution, may be continued to her.

2. The School was established in 1819 by the Netherlands Government, and, on the transfer of Pulicat to the British Government, maintained by the latter Government. In consequence of the unfavorable report received by us in March

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last on the condition of this School, we were induced, on the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction, to direct its abolition. We at the same time authorized Mr. Powell to appropriate the allowance thus saved, viz., Rupees 32 per mensem, as a grant in aid of any other School or Schools entitled to it, giving the preference to Pulicat.

3. With reference to the present Petition, we have only to add that we see no grounds for recommending a compliance with its prayer.

We have the honor to be,
Right Honorable Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servants,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
6th October 1863.

/Signed/ H. J. Denison
" C. Maltby

FORT SAINT GEORGE.
EDUCATIONAL (1863) DEPT.

*Letter to the Right Honorable
the Secretary of State for India.
Dated 6th October
No. 3 of 1863.*

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late Schoolmistress of the Government School at
Pulicat, praying that the salary, viz., Rupees 7
per mensem, which she had been receiving prior to
the abolition of the Institution, may be continued
to her.*

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 9th December 1863, No. 8.

I have had before me in Council your letter of the 6th of October last, No. 3, with its enclosed petition from Mrs. M. M. Carmichael, late Schoolmistress of the Government School at Pulicat, praying for the continuance of the salary she received prior to the abolition of that institution.

2. I am of opinion that in consideration of Mrs. Carmichael's destitute circumstances, and the long services of herself and her husband, a small compassionate allowance should be made to her, and I have to request that you will give orders accordingly.

ORDER THEREON, 27th January 1864, No. 28.

Under the authority conveyed in the foregoing Despatch, the Governor in Council is pleased to confer on Mrs. M. M. Carmichael a compassionate allowance of Rupees (5) five per mensem, to take effect from the 8th instant, the date of the receipt of the Despatch.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To Mrs. M. M. Carmichael.
To the Civil Paymaster.
„ Accountant General.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

445 of 1864.

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Mrs Carmichael
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kett. *W.H.*

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W. H. Kerr Esq^r
Deputy Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George.

+ Dated 27 January
1864. No 28.

Sir,
I beg most respectfully to acknow-
ledge the receipt of the Extract from
the Minutes of Consultation conferring
on me an allowance of Rupees Five per
mensem - and in expressing my
grateful thanks for the same - I beg
you will be pleased to give the necessary
order that the amount may be made
payable to me at this station, through
the Collector of Sydapett. - I beg to remain
Sir

Pulicat 3
14th February 1864 3

Your Most Obedient Servant
Mary M. Carmichael.

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No 445 of 1864.

returned
here

This petition, and a copy of the
Government order referred to will be forwarded
to the Collector of Madras who will be request-
ed to prepare and submit to Government in the
Pension Department a descriptive Roll in
the usual form, on behalf of the Petitioner, in
with a view to the issue of a Pension certificate.

Fort St George
25th Feby 1864 - }

By order.

W. A. M.
Dry Secy to Govt

gave to the Collector of Proctor's
Nov 25 1864 of 1864.
From Mary M. Car-
michael. Pulicat.

Dated 19 July 1864.
Recd of 19 July 1864.

At 10.10.

We acknowledge the
receipt of the extract
from the Minutes of
Consultation dated 29th
July 1864, & to 28. Rays
that an order may be
issued for the payment
of the amount at the above
station through the
Coll^y of Agents for the

Recd. 1864 & 1865
In 1864 & 1865

Proctor's.

There is no what
necessary.

Ch.

July 27.

Descriptive Roll of M^{rs} Mary M. Carmichael.

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Name	Supposed Age		Height		Caste Particular Marks	Country or Village	Date of granting the stipends.	Monthly stipends		Remarks.
	Years.	Months	Feet	Inches				R ^d	A. P.	

M^{rs} Mary M. Carmichael. } 36 1 5 3
Eurasian Somewhat low fore head
 and slight indent under
Protestant upper lid of the right
 eye.

Pulicat.

27th January 1864
 No 28.

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Madras District -
 Collector's Office
 Saidapet 18th March 1864.

Seetharam
 Acting Collector

No 20

Official Memorandum.

With reference to the
Memorandum of the Deputy Secretary
to Government Public Department
dated 23rd Ultimo No 33 the Acting
Collector of Madras has the honor
to state that the pensioner Mrs
Mary M. Carmichael, late
School Mistress of the Government
School at Pulicat, is to be dis-
bursed from the Ponnery Taluk
Treasury of the Madras District.

Madras Collector
Office on Circuit
Pondicherry 6th April 1864.

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Acting Collector

To

The Deputy Secretary to
Government Public
Department Madras

Ent. Madras
1864

18th April

In a letter from
the C^o Collector of
Madras
Dated 18th March 1864

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From
The C^o Collector
of Madras
To The Deputy Secretary
to Govt of Madras

Deputy Secretary to
Govt of Madras

Pass. 1864 20th April
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Madras Collector's Office
Saidpet 18. March 1864.

No. 17.

From,

G. Baubury Esq^r
Collector of Madras.

To, The Honorable A. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

Fort St. George.

As requested in the Endorsement of the Dy. Secretary to Government, dated 23. Ultimo on Petition No. 445^{of 1864}, I have the honor to forward herewith the Descriptive Roll of Mrs. Mary W. Carmichael of Pulicat in order that a Pension Certificate may be issued to her.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed^t. Servant.

G. Baubury.

Collector.

Received 1864 Dec 14

From
No. 249

The Dy. Secy to Govt

Fort St. George

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No. 20.

Order that the Pension of Mrs. Mary W. Carmichael of Pulicat is to be paid from the Government Grant to the Madras District.

Order of the Court, Nov. 12: 57
 Order of the Court, Jan. 27: 229
 Order of the Court, Jan. 27: 229



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Order 1864 Dept
 From No 217
 The Collector
 of Customs
 to
 The Chief Clerk
 to the Government
 Storehouse
 dated 1864
 Recd 27th March
 1864.
 No 17

Forward the rec-
 eipting bill of
 the charge of the
 of the receipt in view
 of issuing a receipt
 Certificate to her

168-125

William Adams No 186

18.

Order No 2048

Order

Order No 8: April 1864 No 168

Ordered accordingly with

reference to the order in the Educational Dept
 of the 27th January last No 28 that a Certificate
 be issued in the name of Wm. W. W.
 Cambridge late School Master's Certificate
 granting her a monthly Compensation Allowance
 with effect from the 8th January last, the date
 of the receipt of the Certificate from the Secretary
 of State.

W. W. W.

To The Collector of Customs
 with original by Certificate No 1864
 to the Civil Paymaster's Office
 with copy to the Civil Paymaster's Office
 12-1-64. 16. 16. 16.