

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 6. Read the following letter from the Director of Public Instruction, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 18th October 1865, No. 2210.

At the request of Mr. Caldwell, Inspector of Schools, I have the honor to submit the accompanying letter to your address from that gentleman, dated the 17th instant.

2. It is perhaps scarcely necessary to remark that, as only a single copy of the Proceedings of Government referred to was forwarded to me, instead of there being two spare copies as usual, and as I was directed merely to communicate the decision of Government to the Inspector, I did not consider myself at liberty to do more than forward a copy of the Order of Government to Mr. Caldwell.

From E. C. CALDWELL, Esq., Inspector of Schools, 4th Division, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 17th October 1865.

Adverting to the Order of Government of the 7th instant, which was communicated to me by the Director of Public Instruction, I have the honor respectfully to request that I may be furnished with a copy of the Proceedings, on which that order is based, including Colonel Temple's Report and the papers which were laid before Government in the case.

2. My reason for making this request is that Colonel Temple informed me, at the close of the inquiry, that my statement in defence was to go through him, and that he would cut out from it, before forwarding it to Government, any portions which he considered irrelevant. I am desirous to ascertain to what extent this may have been done.

3. I am likewise anxious to know whether Government had before them two protests which I made during the inquiry, against the limited character of that inquiry, and pointing out that I was prohibited from putting any questions to the witnesses who appeared against me, having reference to their antecedents and character, or to their relations with the persons involved in the investigation, and that substantive evidence which I offered to contradict witnesses, by means of matter in their own hand-writing, was not received. All evidence of this character, and all evidence tending to show the animus of parties making the charges, and all questions having a tendency to test the veracity or to impugn the character, of the accusers was rejected, as being irrelevant.

4. That this is so will sufficiently appear on reference to the record of the inquiry before Colonel Temple—Proceedings of Government, Public Department, 1865 pages 5 and *Seq.*—and from page 8 it appears that in some cases the questions put were not even recorded. Considering that the inquiry was so restricted in its character, that it could not be a satisfactory instrument for determining the truth in a disputed case, and that it was not permitted to subject the witnesses to the usual tests, which are recognized and acted on by all properly constituted tribunals for eliciting the truth, the conclusion at which the Government have arrived is not surprising, however adverse.

5. As the opinion which has been formed of my character is likewise based upon the evidence taken at the inquiry, I cannot say that I am surprised at, however I may regret, the strictures which have been passed on me. But if it should appear that any portions of the statement which I made in defence were withheld from the Government, the result would be still less unexpected. As the matter seriously affects my character, I trust the Governor in Council will not deem it unreasonable that I should ask to be furnished with a copy of all the Proceedings upon which the opinion of Government has been formed.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1865, No. 1142.

The Governor in Council declines to comply with Mr. Caldwell's request.
(True Extract).

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

From

J. B. Powell Esq.

Director of Public Instruction.

McIntosh Secretary
of Government.

Sir,

Wm. McGeorge

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Office of the Director
of Public Instruction
18 October 1885

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Yours Most Obedt Servt.

J. B. Powell

Director of Public Instruction

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