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No. 145. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th November 1871, No. 4858 :—

Read the following letter from the President of the Local Fund Board, Nellore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th November 1871, No. 50 :—

Referring to the Board's Proceedings, No. 4253, dated 4th October 1871, I have the honour to submit a copy of the Local Fund Board's resolution on the subject, from which it will be seen that they are entirely averse to the levy of any school fee whatever for the present in schools, for the support of which the house-tax is to be levied.

2. The Accountant-General, at the instance of the Director of Public Instruction, having directed Treasury Officers to pay no bills of Educational Institutions from the month of September, unless accompanied by certificates to the effect that school fees, agreeably to Government Order, notified at page 1057 of the Gazette, under date 27th June last, have been realized, I have the honour to request that the Board of Revenue will take steps to have the prohibitory order above referred to rescinded in respect to the Local Fund Schools in this district.

3. I can assure the Board that local public opinion is unanimous and very strong upon this point, and I believe that the whole popularity, and, therefore, the success of the union system depends upon its concession. Were this obstacle removed, I begin to feel hopeful regarding the acceptance of the union system, as it is now being judiciously presented to them with something like cordiality by the people. I trust that we in Nellore may be credited with knowing what we are about, and that we may not be judged by results obtained in any other locality in regard to the acceptance of the fee system, and thus be made the victims of an empty uniformity.

Enclosure No. 1.—Proceedings of Local Fund Board.

From the same Officer, dated 13th November 1871, No. 54.

With reference to the annexed extract* from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, dated 30th October 1871, I have the honour to request that the Board of Revenue will be pleased to move the Government to sanction the formation of unions in the villages of Naidupett and Venkatagiri under the special circumstances stated therein.

*Vide Local Fund sheet sent with letter No. 50, dated 13th November 1871.

2. The schools in both the localities have been so very useful, that it would be a sad misfortune if they were now to be allowed to collapse.

3. As the schools have already been prejudicially affected by the announcement of the Rajah's intention to abandon them, an early declaration that they will be supported from Local Funds is very desirable. I recommend that the schools should be taken charge of by the Local Fund Board from January 1872, up to which date the Rajah has agreed to continue his support, due provision being made for the levy of the house-tax.

4. A report as to the areas of the unions to be formed will be shortly submitted.

These letters will be submitted for the orders of Government in the Educational Department.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. B. PENNINGTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 146. Order thereon, 6th April 1872, No. 469.

The Government sanction the proposal to form, as a special case, unions for the support of the middle class schools at Venkatagiri and Naidupett, and request the President to submit, through

the Board of Revenue, draft notifications specifying the limits of the incidence of the house-tax, accompanied by supplemental Union Budgets.

2. It appears that the Local Fund Board desire to dispense altogether with the levy of fees in Local Fund Schools. The Government request the opinion of the Director of Public Instruction as to such total exemption of pupils in such schools from the payment of fees.

3. The Government resolve to lay down as a rule that where, for special reasons, Local or Municipal bodies are allowed to take over existing schools of the middle class for which grants other than on the results system have been sanctioned, the Government grants will be continued, whether special taxation is imposed or not; provided with reference to G. O., 22nd September 1871, No. 271, Educational Department, that fees at rates approved by the Director of Public Instruction are levied. But when *new* schools of the middle class are opened by Local or Municipal bodies (cases which will also be special) State aid as a general rule will not be given. As laid down in G. O., 17th August 1871, No. 342, results grants will not, under any circumstances, be given to Local Funds Schools of the middle class.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Director of Public Instruction.
,, Accountant-General.

Revenue Dept.
No. 1366.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 6th.

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G. O., 6th April 1872, No. 469.

APRIL.
Nos. 145-146.

Sanctioning the proposal to form, as a special case, unions for the support of the middle class schools at Venkatagiri and Naidupett in the Nellore Circle, and requesting the President to submit through the Revenue Board, draft notification specifying the limits of the incidence of the house tax, accompanied by supplemental Union Budgets. Requesting the opinion of the Director of Public Instruction as to the total exemption of pupils in Local Fund Schools from the payment of fees.

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