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Read the following papers:—

No. 51. From W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Camp Sathiavigia Nagaram, 25th February 1874, No. 12.

I have the honour, with reference to paragraph 2 of the Order of Government, dated 2nd May last, No. 147, Educational Department, to report on the Yeomiah School at Arcot.

2. The grant to the school is Rupees 105-15-8 a-month: out of this Rs. 43 is spent in salaries as follows—the Darogah gets 20, three masters 20 between them, and a cook Rupees 3; the remaining Rupees 62-15-8 is spent in feeding the boys twice a-day. There are now only thirty-two boys in the school. The Darogah says he would be unable to feed a larger number, but this is hardly to be credited as the food-grain given is of the cheapest and commonest description. There were originally more than double the number in the school, which seems to be even less appreciated than in former days. Only the children of very poor people appear to be sent to it, and in their case it is probably on account of the food dispensed.

3. The boys are divided into three classes—the first class read various parts of the Koran, the Chekal Sabak, a book of reading lesson on miscellaneous subjects, the Iliya Materoma, a religious work, and Farse Karima, a book of poetry by Sadi; the second class read the first and third parts of the Koran; and the third class are only learning the alphabet. This seems to be the sole instruction given, except perhaps a little arithmetic, which, however, is taught in a rather desultory fashion. There are only some three or four boys who can do any easy sums in addition and multiplication.

4. I have lately received a petition from the three schoolmasters complaining that the Darogah has appropriated to himself the Rupees 600 due to them under the terms of G. O., No. 1647, dated 27th October 1870, and this I am now inquiring into. If the charge against the Darogah is substantiated I think it will be advisable to remove him for I do not regard the condition of the school as now conducted by him in at all a satisfactory light.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for any remarks he may have to make.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
5th March 1874.

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Under Secretary.

No. 52. From E. B. POWELL, Esq., M.A., C.S.I., Director of Public Instruction, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 11th March 1874, No. 396.

I have the honour to return the accompanying letter from the Collector of North Arcot referred to me for remarks by endorsement dated the 5th instant.

2. I believe the schools to be of no value whatever in an educational point of view, and I fear no improvement will be introduced except under compulsion. It is, of course, for Government to say whether it would be right to exercise compulsion in regard to the schools.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Educational Department,
20th March 1874.

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1874, No. 85.

Ordered that these papers be communicated to the Revenue Department and that the Collector of North Arcot be instructed to forward the result of his inquiry into the charge preferred against the Darogah direct to that department.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Collector of North Arcot.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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To

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

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Dated March, 20th.

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G. O., 20th March 1874, *No.* 85.

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Yeoniah School for Mahomedans at [illegible]. Letters from the Director and Collector of North Arcot reporting on this school, communicated to the Revenue Department in view to the Collector being instructed to forward the result of his inquiry into the charge preferred by the [illegible] schoolmasters against the Darogah of the school direct to that department.

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