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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

## Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 168 Press Mis.

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No. 299. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st December 1869, No. 8,848 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 28th October 1869, No. 333 :—

Letter to Sub-Collr., dated 3rd April 1869, No. 331.
Do. from do. ,, 9th ,, ,, ,, 140.
Do. to do. ,, 5th May ,, ,, 442.
Do. from do. ,, 18th Oct. ,, ,, 423.
Do. to Managing Committee, dated 19th June 1868, No. 130.
Translation of Arzi from do., dated 10th July 1868.
Letter to do., dated 5th August 1868, No. 169.
Translation of Arzi from do., dated 19th September 1868.
Letter to do., dated 5th October 1868, No. 195.
Translation of Arzi from do., dated 21st January 1869.

ADVERTING to the Orders of Government, dated 7th May 1868, No. 1,254, I have the honour to enclose transcript of the correspondence noted in the margin, which has taken place between the Acting Sub-Collector and myself and the Managing Committee of Arcot, regarding the attempted reform in the management of the Mussulman Orphan School at Arcot.

2. As the matter now stands, the only course open seems to be some such alternative arrangement as that recommended in paragraph 12 of Mr. Comyn's letter, dated 18th instant, No. 423.

3. No effort has been spared in giving these tentative arrangements a full trial, and it is idle to expect any more successful result from prolonged negotiation on the present basis. I concur with Mr. Comyn in thinking that this Orphan School cannot be regarded as a religious institution, and that it is therefore open to Government to provide for its administration under such bye-laws as may, on their general acceptance of Mr. Comyn's proposition, be eventually adopted by Government.

4. Another great obstacle to any settlement of the matter on the existing basis is, the fact that the office of Darogah is hereditary, and that any Committee of Management, however constituted, would, as has already been the case, insist on the exercise of patronage being vested in their hands.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Acting Sub-Collector, to the Collector of North Arcot, dated camp at Perungatur, 18th October 1869, No. 423.

WITH reference to your letter of the 5th May 1869, No. 442, to the address of my predecessor, and to the correspondence noted in the margin,

Letter from the Collector, No. 523, dated 26th May 1869.
,, ,, ,, 579, ,, 9th June ,,

I have the honour to inform you that I took the opportunity of my recent visit to Arcot to convene a meeting of the Committee appointed, in pursuance of Government Order, dated 7th May 1868, No. 1,251, to manage the Orphan School at Arcot, and in personal discussion with them, suggested measures for the more efficient management of the institution.

2. The Committee expressed themselves generally as approving of my suggestions, but requested time to consider them and frame rules for the future administration of the institution, which they promised to submit at an early date. I have not, however, heard again from them on the subject, though nearly a month has passed by.

3. You will recollect that the intention of Government was that the Committee should consist of "not more than five respectable and influential Mahomedan inhabitants of Arcot." It

was thought that these qualifications could not be better secured than by the nomination of the Members of the Mussulman Religious Committee, and these gentlemen were accordingly selected.

4. A great deal of correspondence, as you are aware, has passed between your predecessor and the Committee on the subject, but without any satisfactory result; the rules submitted by the Committee not meeting with the approval of Mr. VansAgnew, as they involved, in several respects, a departure from the intention of the original grant.

5. In their letter, dated 19th September 1868, the Committee requested to be informed whether they were appointed as Members thereof under Section 7 of Act XX. of 1863, and whether the school comes within the scope of Section 3 of that Act. To these queries Mr. VansAgnew, in his letter, dated 3rd October 1868, No. 195, replied in the negative.

6. The Committee, however, express themselves as not satisfied with this reply, and state that they desire to have an authoritative ruling of Government on the point, contending that if they are not already appointed under *the Act* to manage the affairs of the school, they *ought to be*, as the institution is of a purely religious nature.

7. From the terms of the Sunnud, however, it seems clear that the institution is an *educational* and *charitable* one; the grant being made for the subsistence of orphans, and for the education of Mussulman boys in the *Persian language*. The fact of the Koran forming one of the subjects of tuition does not make the school an exclusively religious one.

8. I do not think that any object would be gained by referring the question of the Committee to Government: for, in reference to their Proceedings, dated 7th May 1868, No. 1,254, though it was not expressly so stated, it would appear, from the absence of all mention of Act XX. of 1863, that the Government did not contemplate the appointment, under that Act, of a Committee to manage the institution.

9. I notice that Mr. VansAgnew left a remark on record for your information. "This "Committee seem never likely to settle anything," and that, in your letter under reply, you, to a certain extent, endorse this opinion by saying: "Their whole attitude has been so supine and "unsatisfactory as to raise grave doubts respecting their competency to fulfil the trust, which as yet they have only nominally assumed." In the opinions thus expressed I entirely concur; and I am convinced that, unless the school in question be held to be a *religious* one, the Committee will take no interest in it, and that with their obstinate adherence to the pre-conceived and erroneous views they entertain regarding the nature of the institution, they will never manage its affairs in a satisfactory manner.

10. The Committee are also at variance with the Darogah; and from the correspondence it would appear that their object is to remove him from his post, which, by the way, is a hereditary one, and to appoint some person to succeed him in the joint capacity of Darogah and Head Master at their will and pleasure. It is not likely that the Committee, as at present constituted, will come to a settlement with the Darogah. Their views and his regarding the school are entirely antagonistic. The Darogah, too, is a pure Mussulman, while the majority of the members of the Committee are Lubbays.

11. I observe that in your letter to the Board, No. 326, dated 25th November 1867, you proposed the nomination of a Mahomedan Committee to manage the school, as "by some such "arrangement all collision with religious feelings and usages would be avoided, and the institution "would continue as absolutely Mahomedan in its character as the strictest of its creed could desire." From what I hear, the appointment of the present Committee is not popular, and the Mahomedan Community of Arcot would prefer the institution being placed under the control and management of the Revenue authorities as heretofore; certainly they are averse to its being managed by Lubbays. I am unable to fix upon any respectable and influential Mussulmans of the pure sect in Arcot, who are sufficiently intelligent to manage the institution in an efficient manner. The present Committee, among whose members there is only one man who is possessed of ordinary intelligence, have already afforded sufficient proof of their incapacity for the post.



12. Under these circumstances, I would venture to recommend that their nomination be cancelled, and that the institution be placed under the control of the Sub-Collector for the time being, who, with the assistance of the Tahsildar, will be able to manage its finances in a satisfactory manner, and at the same time to adopt measures for the efficient performance of the conditions of the original grant. If necessary, the assistance of the Educational Department also might be obtained.

13. This, I feel sure, will give satisfaction to all parties concerned, and if my proposal be approved, I am ready to frame and submit rules for the management of the institution.

14. In your letter under reply, you assume that the purposes of the institution are not being fulfilled, owing to the withdrawal of the Endowment Funds. The Darogah, however, continues to take an independent interest in the progress of the school, for he still educates the boys, though he has not received any remuneration since the Committee were appointed. The funds, however, having been withheld, the subsistence of the boys has, as a matter of course, been discontinued.

15. The correspondence connected with this subject is herewith returned.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Correspondence.

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THE Collector of North Arcot submits copies of correspondence regarding a school for Mussulman boys at old Arcot, supported by the Yeomiah allowance payable to one Gholam Moortuza Gotalee, who is entitled Darogah of the school. In 1867, on the occasion of the last lapse, the Government continued the Yeomiah to the present holder, and directed inquiry to be made into the mode in which the school was conducted. On the report of the Sub-Collector, the Government directed that the management of the school and charity should be placed under a Committee of respectable Mussulmans.

2. The Committee for religious endowments was chosen for this purpose, and they were ordered to look after the school, but *not* as a religious institution.

3. This management has now been proved to be an utter failure, and the Sub-Collector in his letter, dated 18th October, proposes that the connection of the school with the Committee be discontinued, and that the school be placed under the Revenue authorities; he points out that the course will be acceptable to the Mahomedan Community which the existing plan is not.

4. The Collector supports this view.

5. The Board resolve to submit to Government with their recommendation that Mr. Comyn's proposal be adopted. Mr. Comyn should provide rules for the management of the school, and the Educational Department should be asked to look after it also.

6. The Collector should have sent up a short abstract of the whole case, and not have left the Board to wade through all the correspondence.

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No. 300. ORDER THEREON, 27th January 1870, No. 148.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government resolve to adopt the recommendation of Mr. Comyn which is supported by the Board of Revenue.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th January* 1870.

2. The endowed school at old Arcot will therefore be under the control of the Sub-Collector for the time being, and subject to the inspection of the Educational Department. The Director of Public Instruction will be requested, through the Educational Department, to place the Divisional Inspector of Schools in communication with Mr. Comyn, in order that a suitable curriculum of study and a set of rules for the management of the school may be prepared. If the Masters at present employed are inefficient, they should be replaced by others; but as the office of the Darogah is hereditary and attached to the Yeomiah, he should not be dismissed except for fraud or gross negligence.

3. A system which shall place some check on unauthorized disposal of the school funds is evidently much needed. From the report of the Committee it would appear that the Darogah, when called upon by them, was unable to account for his expenditure of the monthly allowance entrusted to him. Mr. Comyn will doubtless provide against the possibility of similar irregularity for the future.

4. The Collector should inform the present Managing Committee of the decision of Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Educational Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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# Govt. of {1870} Madras.

## REVENUE.

*To*

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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*Dated January, 27th.*

*Recd.* Encl.

*G. O., 27th January 1870, No. 148.*

## JANUARY.

## Nos. 299-300.

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*Mahomedan School at Arcot.*—Passing orders on the subject of placing it under the control of the Sub-Collector and on its future management.

language to certain Mussul-
man boys, and for the sub-
sistence of sixty orphans
in Arcot."

3. By G.O. dated 17th August 1867, No. 1920, the Govt sanctioned the continuance of the Ypo-
-rish in the name of Bada Sahib Gotaloo, Daro-
-gah, the present holder, but desired that the Head Asstt Collector should make a personal and unexpected inspection of the orphan-school & report as to its conditions

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the Asst Collector to make
the Education in so far
as the funds permit, as
good primary education
such as will be really useful
to the Mahomedan boys
I am interested & I
will be a voluntary
welcome inspector

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I must please ask
that under the
management of the Asst
Collector and under
the instructions of the
Education Dept. the Pai Institution
should be instructed to
place the boys in the Schools
for the purpose in the
examination with a view

with this order, Mr. Gangu paid a visit to the school. His report is embodied in Proceedings of Government dated 7th May 1868, No. 1254. He found the school in a most unsatisfactory state. Only thirty-five boys were in attendance, of whom only two were orphans. The boys were not provided with raiment according to the Fund. The education professedly

professedly imperfect means of mere smattering, and Mr. Conyers describ-ed the effect produced on him by seeing the boys at school to be "ridiculous in the extreme". Few of the boys could do more than write their names and a few sentences in the Koran.

5. In consequence of this unfavourable report, the Govt. by an Order dated 7th May 1868 No. 1254 directed that a Managing Committee "composed of not more than five respectable & influential "Mahomedan inhabitants of "Arcot" should be nominated by the Collector. This Committee was to submit rules for

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for the future manage-ment of the school in ac-cordance with the intent-ion of the grant and ge-nerally to supervise the proceedings of the Darogah.

5. Accordingly Mr. Vans Agnew appointed a Committee composed of the members of the "Mus-sulman Religious Com-mittee".

6. They at once entered on their office, but al-though they have now occupied it for nearly eighteen months they do not appear to have work-ed any reforms. They have wasted their time in correspondence. They complain of the Darogah's conduct & state that he is quite unable to con-der on account of the fund suspended by him. They therefore desire that he may be removed, but this is objected to by the Collector inasmuch as the post

port is hereditary. As an instance of their stupidities, it may be mentioned that upto the 5th May 1869, they had not returned an answer to a letter from Wd. Vans Agnew dated 15th October 1868 Elgarden, the Superintendent of the Institution. Indeed all expenditure on the Institution has ceased, for in consequence of the failure of the Committee to frame a suitable set of rules for its management, no funds have been disbursed to them since their appointment in June 1868. However, this appointment does not seem to have been wholly without fruit, for they have brought to



to light the fact that the Darogah keeps no regular account of the money expended by him.

7. The Collector "now reports that it "is idle to expect "any more successful "result from prolonged "negotiation on the "present basis;" and

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vernment should
frame rules for
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in which the latter
reports as follows
regarding the school-
8. Having visited Arcot
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to convene a meeting of
the Committee. They
expressed themselves satis-
fied with the measures
which he proposed, but
requested time to consider
them and frame rules
for the future guidance
of the Institution. Above
a month has
elapsed, Mr Comyn has
not heard from them
up to the time of his
writing. The Committee
requested that they
might be appointed
under Act XX of 1863
for the management
of religious institutions
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but Mr. Comyn negatived their request on the ground that the Jeomiah was charitable and educational and not religious. In this he is probably right. Mr. Comyn considers that the present Committee are not popular with the inhabitants of Aeotin inasmuch as they are Sub-bays, and he thinks that the management of the School by the Roume authorities would be more popular. Finally he recommends that the nomination of the



the Committee be cancelled and that the Institution be placed under the guidance of the Sub Collector for the time being. He observes that the assistance of the Educational Department might be obtained, and offers to frame a set of rules for the School.

9. The Board endorse his recommendation.

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Revenue

Establishment
of Mussulman
Orphan School
in North Arcot

Revenue Department.

No. 148.

**PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.**

Under date the 27th January 1870.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Recommending that connection of the Mussulman Orphan School at Arcot with the Mussulman religious Committee appointed to manage it, be discontinued, and that it be placed under Revenue authorities.

H.L. 1st Decr 1869 No 8848.

The Govt resolve to adopt the recommendation of Mr Comyn which is supported by the Board of Revenue.

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