

Teacher, Complaining of Alleged Libellous
Letter from one of the Parents

Public School at Gowrie

May 14th 1886

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose letter from
Mr. H. Whitten in reply to this insulting and libellous
communication I have written to Mr. Whitten informing
him that I will request you to investigate the matter.

Taking into consideration the fact that you will probably
soon visit my school to inspect it, I respectfully beg
you to fully inquire into the allegations contained in Mr.
Whitten's letter. Impartial investigation will, I am sure,
elicit facts which should be known to the Department.

With Mr. Whitten's letter before you, it would be needless
to remark that he is either vindictive or has been very
much misled by idle tales - he has never visited the
school to inquire into the truth, or otherwise expressed
dissatisfaction & just simply written the appended abusive
missive.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

L. D. Hunter Esqr
Inspector of Schools
Jamestown

John P. Calk
School Teacher

Wagon Field
14th May 1866

Mr. P. D. [unclear]

Did it has only come to my knowledge yesterday the way you have been talking my children at school lately it seems you blame our child since for not working her own head in her book and excused and denied the child with threats of dismissal from the school and other punishment that she actually said she did not do what she really did do. Now, Sir, spare her book and can prove that the child done every part of the sum herself. You have marked her as a liar in the presence of all the pupils and wrongfully to and now Sir I want you to undo the wrong that you have done her and restore her truthfulness in the presence of the

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Public School at Ennis,

Ennis Town,

14.5.86.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of today and in reply thank, regret my inability to comply with your request. I have, however, forwarded your letter to the Inspector together with my request that he will investigate the matter.

I have also to add that I never willingly everget any child out, making all allowance for a father's feeling, try to point out that your letter is wholly and entirely in the extreme. Your proper course would have been to come to the school and inquire personally of the teacher. As it is I can come only to one of two conclusions: either you have been grossly misled, or your action was one of obstinacy.

Your investigation will enlighten you on all the

To H. Martin Esqr
Spring Bank
Ennis Town

short. I find a gain you will see
children they were a long way to the
school. That stands rather hard after
ten two years or more and in constant
attendance under your influence and
we have never had a complaint from
you in any way. Not as a rule our
children are perfectly kind and
obedient you have told me so yourself
and I hold with some punishment for
misbehavior. but you were easily angry
our child and by the truth is not
explained to the school school take
all my children from under your charge
and I think I can give just cause for
taking my two eldest boys as
I hope you will put this matter right
without further interference on my
part

Henry Miller

matter is settled. Nevertheless you can remove your
children if you think proper - in any case they will
never be wronged by me. I would be deeply grieved if
I unwittingly wronged the humblest child in my school.
But I think you must be aware of the error you are
taking, and it only remains for me to defend myself and
reputation from the attacks of you and others, which, rest
assured, I will do to the utmost of my ability.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

John P. Key

Protest Charges against Teachers:

Scrivener School

22 May 1886

to the District
of Public Schools

Sir

I wish to make a com-
-plaint against Mr. F. Riley the teacher
of the Public School at Scrivener on two accounts
that he is very unfaithful to our children
and treats them in a manner undermining
the position of a school teacher using
languages which tends to create a dislike
on the part of the children towards him
and so believe that his conduct negates
on immorality and in fact considers
that he is quite unfit to teach our
children. I hope you will hold an investi-
-gation as soon as possible that you may
see the correctness of my statements and
I appeal to you for protection for my children
as I believe you have the welfare of all

Young Creek

15th May 1886

Source

We the Parents of children
attending ^{the public} school at Scrivener
do hereby protest against Mr
Flem Riley as a fit and proper
person to have charge of our
children and ~~to have~~

Henry Whitton 5

Patrick Hough 5

Edmund Birch 4

William Shivers 3

John McManis 3

The children at heart

Believe me
your obedient servant

Henry Waller

Dear Sir the reason I ask you to fill
the investigation as soon as possible is
that I depend chiefly on the truthfulness
of the papers to prove the correctness
of my statements

I am Sir your
Obedt servant Henry Waller