

# BURSTON SCHOOL STRIKE & EVICTED GLEBE TENANTS' COMMITTEE.

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Committee

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Dear Mr. Bowerman:

I am directed by my Committee to approach you with reference to Burston affairs.

For some time a dispute in the village was carried on without any control from a responsible body. In March this year a few sympathisers met and decided to set-up a Committee. The first step taken was to try and induce the National Agricultural Labourers' Union to take over the responsibility. This they found themselves unable to do; but at the same time, as you will see from the list of members of the Committee, were willing to place all available officers and E.C. members <sup>on</sup> the Burston Committee.

Endeavours have been made to bring about a conference of the parties, with a view to settlement, but this broke down owing to the Norfolk Education Committee declining to be represented. Personal efforts have also been made with The Rt. Hon. A. Henderson and others, unfortunately with no

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result—at present.

An appeal has been made for funds, and over £500 has at present been subscribed. Land has been purchased, and a new school building is about to be commenced.

My Committee now feel that it is essential, owing to the great issues involved in the fight centred in this small village, that the whole of the organised workers should be asked to give support: moral or otherwise. It is now a question of freedom for those who have to live in the countryside.

May I, therefore, ask whether the T. U. Congress Parliamentary Committee can receive a députation from the Burston National Committee, who would like an opportunity of stating their views on the subject.

I remain

Yours faithfully

Fredk. O. Roberts

The Secretary  
Parliamentary Committee. T. U. C.