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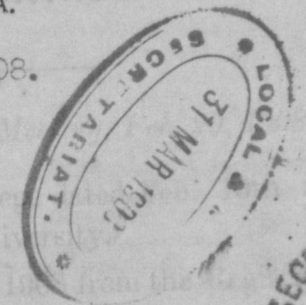
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The American College,
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March 27, 1908.



SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
29. MAR.-1908
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

To

The Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George, Madras,

From

The Manager,
The American College, Madura,

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith for your information a certified copy of the minute passed by the Council of the American College, Madura, at the meeting held on Feb. 29th., 1908, in reply to the letter of the Registrar of the Madras University, dated 28th. Jan., 1908, with reference to the American College.

Under another cover I am sending you copies of enclosures Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5 referred to in the minute. I regret that, owing to delay in receiving copies, I am unable at present to send you a copy of enclosure No. 3. This will be forwarded as soon as received.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. M. G. S. S. S.
Manager.

however on plans for new buildings.

American College, Madura.

Extract from the Minutes of the Council Meeting, Feb. 29, 1908.

2. Read letter from Manager of the College dated Feb. 10th transmitting letter from the Registrar of the Madras University.

3. Read letter No. 310 dated 28th Feb. 1908 from the Registrar of the Madras University to the Manager of the College.

Voted, to send through the Manager the following reply to the letter of the Registrar.

The letter of the Registrar raises two questions with reference to the College:—

1. Efficiency.
2. Rules for fee collection.

EFFICIENCY.—The Registrar says, "The Syndicate takes this opportunity of inviting the serious attention of all concerned to the determination on the part of the University to see that its affiliated colleges are maintained in an efficient condition."

"In view of this and of the opinion as to the state of your college formed by the Commission, the Syndicate would earnestly request the authorities to consider whether the expenditure they are now incurring or may propose to incur to remedy these defects affords any well grounded hope that the contemplated improvements will meet the requirements of the University; expenditure incurred which fails to effect this will amount to a waste of money in the event of the Syndicate being obliged to recommend the disaffiliation of the college."

The Council would point out that a determined attempt has been and is being made to remedy all the deficiencies pointed out in the communication of the Registrar dated Feb. 19, 1907. It has been the opinion of the Council that when the work now in hand is completed these deficiencies would be satisfactorily remedied. The Council recognizes however that the Syndicate is the final judge in these matters and respectfully requests that in case the Syndicate does not agree with the Council in this opinion that they would be good enough to point out concisely just what additional improvement they consider to be necessary.

The Council wish to call the attention of the Syndicate to the fact that the commission which visited us in 1906 could not possibly have come in a worse time so far as our college is concerned. We were then developing plans for the improvement of our college but had not matured them far enough for anything to be shown to the commission. The quarters then occupied by the college, being a part of the high school building, were, as the Council is free to admit, altogether inadequate. The college authorities were already at work however on plans for new buildings.

In addition to what is noted in the letter of the Manager dated 12th April, 1907, the Council would call the attention of the Syndicate to the following with reference to grounds and buildings. The new college premises comprise a tract of land more than 18 acres in extent, lying across the Vaigai river and adjoining the large public park of Madura. This ground is about one and one-half miles distant from the American Mission High School and from the Madura College. In accordance with the recommendations of the University Commission appointed by Lord Curzon this ground is to be reserved for the exclusive use of the College, the High School to remain where it is. Enclosed (*see enclosure 1*) is a map showing the location of the new grounds.

The new college building, when furnished, is to cost about Rs. 50,000. The corner stone was laid by His Excellency, Sir Arthur Lawley, in Nov. 1906. The work is now well under way and the building is to be completed before the end of 1908. A copy of the Architect's plans for this building is herein enclosed. (*See enclosure 2*).

The foundation has also been laid for a hostel which when completed will accommodate 72 students. This building is to cost Rs. 20,000, and it is expected that the first story at least will be completed before the end of 1908. A copy of the Architect's plans for this building are also enclosed. (*See enclosure 3*).

With reference to the staff of teachers the following shows the present staff with qualifications and work done:—

Rev. W. M. Zumbro, M.A., Principal. 10 years' experience in India.
Work:—VIII Class, Eng. Poetry, 4 periods, (50 minutes each) per week.
" " " Composition, 1 period.
VII " " Poetry, 4 periods.

Mr. Zumbro has just returned from America where he took one year of special training in Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City.

Rev. D. S. Herriek, M.A., Associate Principal. 10 years' experience.
Work:—VIII Class, Ancient History, 3 periods per week.
VII " " " 3 " " "
" " English Prose, 4 " " "
" " " Composition 1 " " "

Mr. J. M. Hensman, B.A., 37 years' experience.
Work:—VIII Class, Geom. and Trig. 4 periods.
" " Eng. Prose, 4 "
" " Gen. English 2 "
VII " " " 2 "

Mr. Hensman was formerly Principal of the Kumbakonam College.
Mr. Peter Isaac, B.A., L.T. 18 years' experience.

Work:—VIII Class, Physiology, 4 periods.
VII " " " 4 "

Mr. S. Mahadeva Iyer, B.A., L.T. 15 years' experience.
Work:—VIII Class, Algebra, 3 periods.

VII " " " 3 "
" " Geom. & Trig. 4 "

FEES.—The Registrar's letter states that "The Syndicate considers that the rules for the fee collection are still far from satisfactory and should be made more strict." After reading again all the correspondence on this matter the Council is unable to decide as to whether the present objection of the Syndicate is on the ground of the No. of scholarships awarded or the method of collecting fees by monthly instalments. The Council would be glad therefore if the Syndicate would be good enough to indicate more definitely just what the present ground of objection is.

The Council beg leave to make the following further statement to the Syndicate. For some years the college authorities as representatives of the American people, have been convinced that they might well make some larger and better contribution to education in this country than they have been doing. We recognize that the Government is doing much and that the people are becoming more and more able to provide for themselves in these matters. We rejoice in this and wish to do nothing that will in any way interfere with this desirable development. We believe however that the educational needs of this country are not yet fully met, and we further believe that the American people ought to be and are willing to make further helpful contribution toward meeting these needs.

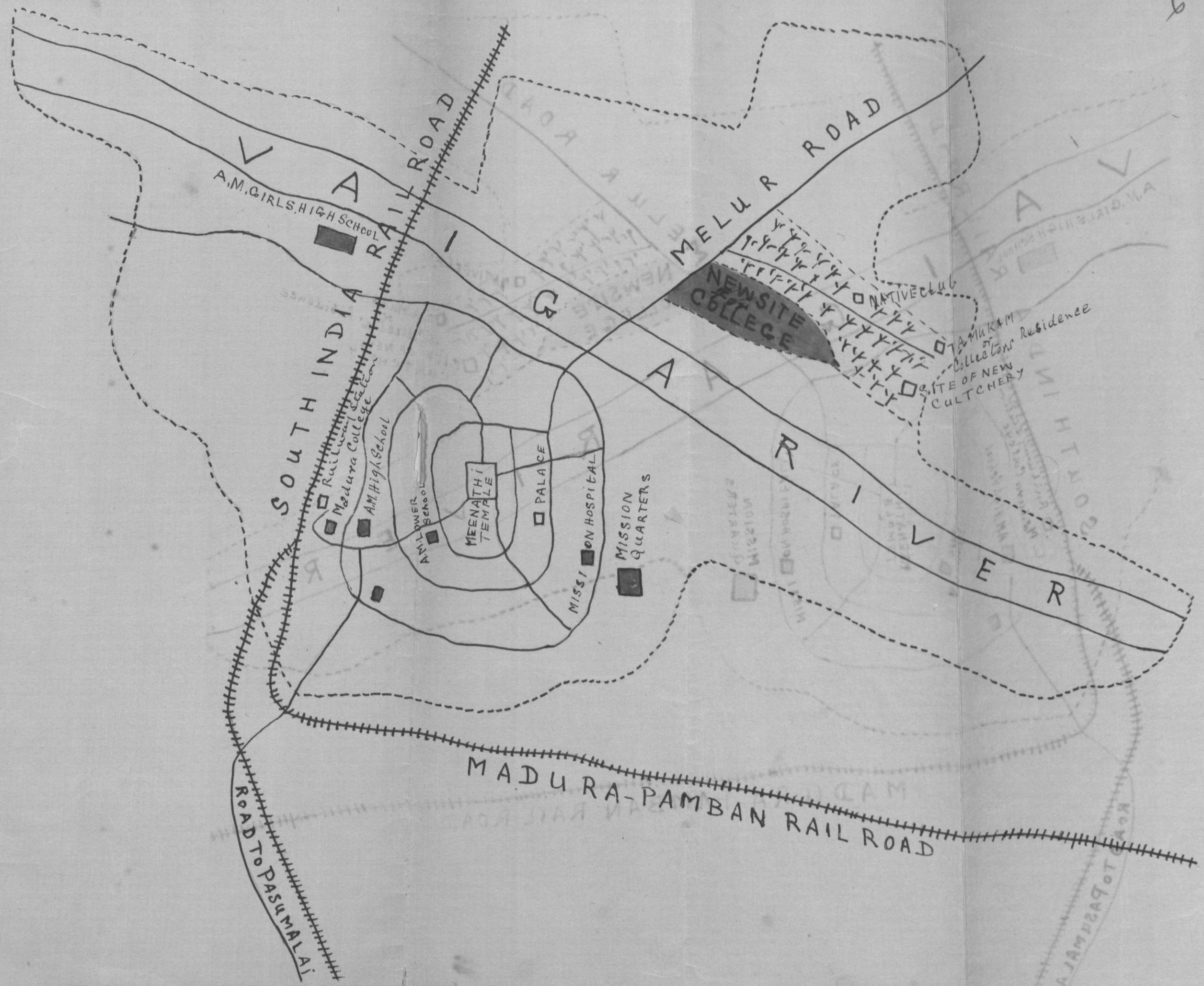
Since little attention is being given in India to scientific education as compared with that given to the liberal arts, we have had under consideration for some years the question of turning our attention in part at least towards some line of scientific education. In 1906 a formal resolution was passed looking toward the carrying out of this plan. We believe that India is at present greatly in need of such education and that a contribution along these lines would be especially appropriate from the American people. We wish to give further consideration to the details of this question before finally deciding what particular work we would wish to undertake, and are desirous of being advised by Government and by the University as also by representative men from the Indian community before final decision is made. In considering this matter we wish to keep in mind the most urgent needs not being met or likely to be met by other agencies, at the same time having regard for such things as we might appropriately and with some hope of success attempt to do.

We believe that we have a site that will lend itself admirably to such a general scheme. We enclose herewith (*see enclosures 4 and 5*) a copy of the Architect's plans for the grouping of building on our new grounds. These plans were made by Messrs. Stoughton and Stoughton, Architects, of New York City, and have been adopted by the College Council. From the plans it will be seen that three groups of buildings are arranged for. The first group in front provides for the Liberal Arts courses and includes the college hall now being built, the library and the chapel. Back of this is the group for pure science with provisions for the Natural Sciences; back of this is the group for applied science and industries; at the rear are the hostels and athletic field.

Our being able to carry out our plans for making the contribution that we would wish to make to the cause of education in India depends in part at

The American College, Madura.
Map of Madura City showing location of new college premises
in relation to the Madura College, and the A.M. High School.

Enclosure 1.



least on what encouragement we receive from Government and from the University. It will require time to develop our plans and secure the funds to finance them, but we have good ground for hope that with a fair degree of encouragement we will be able within a few years to secure a considerable endowment for the college so as to put it in a position permanently to render efficient and helpful service to the people of India.

In view of the tone of the Registrar's letter we have felt it necessary to make this lengthy statement not only of what we have done and are doing but also of our thought for the future. It is for the Syndicate to say whether this "affords any well grounded hope that the contemplated improvements will meet the requirements of the University."

In view of the large interests involved the Council would be glad of some early intimation from the Syndicate as to their probable answer to this question.

The Council further requests that, if agreeable to the Syndicate, they be allowed to be represented by a committee when the matter next comes up before the Syndicate for consideration.

(True copy.)

D. S. Henick

Secretary to Council.

Copies for

The Registrar.

Each Member of the Syndicate.

The Director of Public Instruction.

His Excellency the Governor in Council.

The Collector of the Madura District.

The Secretary of the Madura Mission.

The Foreign Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

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NOTES.

C. No. 806 From the Manager, American Coll No. _____, dated 27-3-1908.
Madura

SUBJECT

The American College, Madura,

The Manager, American College, Madura, submits for the information of Govt. a copy of his reply to the letter from the Registrar of the Madras University, no 310 dated 28th January 1908 on the subject of the efficiency of the College and its rules for fee collection.

2. The Manager encloses also

(1) a map showing the location of the College grounds.

(2) Plans for the College buildings &

(3) 2 plans showing the arrangement of the College buildings and grounds.

3. The plans for the Students' hostel which, the Manager says in his letter, will be forwarded as soon as received have not been received yet.

4. The American College, Madura, received no grant from the funds placed at the disposal of this Govt. by the Govt. of India in aid of University education. vide G.O. no. 810 Edl dated 3rd December 1907. The College also does not receive any aid from Prov. Funds. Please see G.O. no 367 Edl & 25th May 1906.

5. The current may, it is submitted, be merely record. A draft is submitted for approval.

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The remarks of the Commission on the inspection of affiliated Colleges, on the American ^{mission} College, Madura, will be found on pages III to IV of the report placed below. Attention is invited to the remarks under the head IV. College Building, Hostels and II - Strength. The two points in respect of which the Commission considered the College defective were in regard to the accommodation of the College & the Collection of School fees. The minutes of the Council of the College, are a reply to the ^{University} Registrar's letter dated 28th January 1908, Copy of which has not however been submitted. This is probably sent up to Govt. so that Govt may be in possession of the facts in the event of the Syndicate recommending the disaffiliation of the College.

* Copy has also been sent to the D.P.I.

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The Manager,
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