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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

I

G.O., No. 702, Educational, dated 2nd November 1906.

ABSTRACT.—Informing the Accountant-General that as the Government Girls' School, Rajahmundry, was not included in the scheme for the reorganization of the Government girls' schools, the teachers employed therein are eligible for result stipends, and requesting the Director of Public Instruction to expedite his proposals for the conversion of the school into a training school for mistresses.

II

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. T. T. LOGAN, B.A., Acting Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—the 17th December 1906.

No.—Ref. on Cur. No. 8227/06.

With reference to G.O., No. 702, Educational, dated 2nd November 1906, and reminders thereto, dated 30th November 1906 and 10th December 1906, I have the honour to state that the consideration of the question of the conversion of the Government girls' school at Rajahmundry into a training school for mistresses was allowed by Dr. Bourne to lie over pending the selection of a suitable site for the construction of a building for it. It has been found difficult to determine upon a site, especially on account of the prohibitively high cost of suitable sites. If for this purpose an expenditure of about Rs. 10,000 may be incurred I can easily formulate the proposals for a training school. Before, however, advising Government to spend so large a sum on the acquisition of a site for the school, I wish to make sure that it is not possible to secure a less expensive and, at the same time, suitable site or that the training school cannot with equal advantage be located at either Cocanada or Bezwada; I am making enquiries on both these points.

III

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. T. T. LOGAN, B.A., Acting Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—the 21st June 1907.

No.—Ref. on Cur. No. 8227/06.

In continuation of my letter Ref. on Cur. No. 8227/06, dated 17th December 1906, I have the honour to state that I am of opinion that for the further development of female education in the Telugu districts of the presidency the Government girls' school at Rajahmundry should be converted into a training institution for women and that it should be located at Rajahmundry.

2. The Telugu country is still without a Government training school for mistresses. There are mission training schools at Rajahmundry and Guntur, but the extent of their usefulness is limited to the wants of the mission and few caste women teachers seek admission to them. There are about 400 girls' schools in the districts under the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Northern Circle, of which 100 are maintained

by Government with 300 teachers employed in them. But only 19 of these teachers are caste women, nearly all the rest being men. It is my opinion that the opening of a training school for mistresses would considerably raise the proportion of female teachers employed in the girls' schools.

3. More than two-thirds of the total number of girls' schools in the Northern Circle are to be found in the Northern Circars; and Rajahmundry, by reason of its central position with regard to them, is best suited for the location of the proposed training school though the cost of the acquisition of a site for it is extremely high.

4. If the proposals to open a Government training school for mistresses for the Telugu country and its location at Rajahmundry meet with the approval of Government, the next question to be considered would be the construction of a building for it which, if the school is to be started, should be taken in hand at once. A site has been selected near the present girls' school and the Town Hall. The Executive Engineer, Gódvári Northern division, states that it is the best that can be got, seeing that the choice has to fall on a site near the centre of the town. The cost is estimated at Rs. 6 or Rs. 7 a square yard. Roughly speaking, the cost may amount to 8 or 9 thousand rupees. This is very high; but in view of the circumstances already submitted, the exceptionally high cost of site should not prejudice the consideration of the scheme.

5. The staff may be on the scale sanctioned for the school at Coimbatore with the modification that the lowest pay should not be less than Rs. 20 which has not been found adequate enough to attract qualified teachers; but these are details which may be worked out after the scheme has been approved.

IV

Memorandum No. 1497-2, Educational, dated 6th August 1907.

The Director of Public Instruction is requested to state whether it is proposed to purchase the site and building now occupied by the practising school, Rajahmundry, for the purposes of the proposed training school at that place, and whether that site would afford sufficient accommodation for the training school. If this is not likely to be so, the Director of Public Instruction is requested to report whether it would not be cheaper in the end to find a new and less expensive site for both the institutions.

H. D. TAYLOR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

V

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—the 5th October 1907.

No.—Ref. on Cur. No. 8227/06.

With reference to your Memorandum No. 1497-2, dated 6th August 1907, I have the honour to submit that it is not proposed to purchase the site and building now occupied by the Government girls' school (practising school) at Rajahmundry for the purpose of the proposed training school at that place and that the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Northern Circle, reports that she has selected a site near the Town Hall which, it is stated, is considered by the Executive Engineer to be the best that can be secured.

2. The Inspectress further proposes that the school be built in two stories, the ground floor being intended for the practising school and the upper storey for the training section.

3. Government will be addressed in due course regarding the acquisition of the above site.

VI

Memorandum No. 2488-1, Educational, dated 21st October 1907.

Before passing final orders on the proposal, the Government desire that the Director of Public Instruction should inspect the site selected for the construction of the proposed training school and ascertain and report in consultation with the Collector what its probable cost will be, whether objections exist to its acquisition and whether no other suitable and less costly sites are available.

H. D. TAYLOR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

VII

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—the 13th August 1908.

No.—Ref. on Cur. No. 8227/06.

With reference to Mr. Logan's letter, Ref. on Cur. No. 8227/06, dated 21st June 1907, and the correspondence ending with the Memorandum of Government, No. 2488-1, Educational, dated 21st October 1907, I have the honour to submit that the proposal to establish a training school for mistresses at Rajahmundry was made by Mrs. Rhenius soon after she became an Inspectress. I now learn that after more experience, she no longer recommends such a school. She is convinced that on the one hand the right sort of women will not come forward to be trained and that on the other the male teacher, especially if a Brahman, will be much more suitable for the majority of the schools in her circle than any woman teacher who could be secured for many years to come. She wishes to have the scheme indefinitely postponed, and as there are so many other demands upon the money available, I have no hesitation in recommending this course.

Order—No. 616, Educational, dated 29th August 1908.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 616, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 29TH AUGUST 1908.

[SUBJECT.—Conversion of the Government Girls' School at Rajahmundry into a Training School for Mistresses.]

Previous papers.

G.O., No. 203,	Educational,	dated 29th March	1904.
" "	642	" "	22nd October "
" "	372	" "	2nd June 1905.
" "	576	" "	23rd August "
" "	702	" "	2nd November 1906.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 17th December 1906, No. 8227.

In their order, dated the 2nd November 1906, No. 702, Educational, the Government requested the Director of Public Instruction to expedite his proposals for the conversion of the Government Girls' School at Rajahmundry into a training school for mistresses.

2. The Director reports that the question of the conversion of the school into a training school for mistresses was allowed by Dr. Bourne to lie over pending the selection of a suitable site for the construction of a building for it, and that it has been found difficult to determine upon a site, especially on account of the prohibitively high cost of suitable sites. The Director, however, states that if an expenditure of

We have been complaining of the cost of acquisition. C. G. MACKAY. about Rs. 10,000 may be incurred for the purpose he can easily formulate the proposals. But he does not advise Government to spend so large a sum on

the acquisition of a site unless he makes himself sure that a less expensive and at the same time, suitable site cannot be had or that the school cannot, with equal advantage, be located either at Cocanada or Bezvada.

3. Submitted that the question may for the present lie over pending receipt of further communication from the Director of Public Instruction.

P.R.—21-12-06.

P. T. THARYAN—22-12-06.

Yes. Wait.

C. G. MACKAY—1-1-07.

Submitted to the Secretary with reference to his remarks in the Call Book :—

"What action is being taken?"

2. For orders whether the Director may be asked u.o. to state in what stage the matter now is.

P.R.—5-6-07.

Will Director of Public Instruction please say how the matter stands?

C. A. SOUTER—5-6-07.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Proposals are being submitted officially.

T. T. LOGAN—15-6-07.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the file may lie over pending receipt of the proposals promised by the Director of Public Instruction.

P.R.—18-6-07.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—18-6-07.

C. A. SOUTER—18-6-07.

Submitted to the Secretary for information.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—18-6-07.

Yes; but remind on 1st August.

H. D. TAYLOR—19-6-07.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 21st June 1907, No. 8227.

For the further development of female education in the Telugu districts of this Presidency, the Director of Public Instruction now makes two proposals—

(1) to convert the Government girls' school at Rajahmundry into a training school for women; and

(2) to locate it at Rajahmundry.

2. Mr. Logan observes that besides the Mission training schools at Rajahmundry and Guntūr, the extent of whose usefulness is limited to the wants of the Mission and in which few caste women teachers seek admission, the Telugu country is still without a Government training school for mistresses. There are, he says, about four hundred girls' schools, including one hundred schools maintained by Government, under the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Northern Circle. The number of teachers employed in the Government girls' schools is three hundred, of whom only 19 or 6·3 per cent. are caste women, the rest being men. In Mr. Logan's opinion, the opening of a training school for mistresses would considerably raise the proportion of female teachers employed in the girls' schools.

3. As regards the location of the school at Rajahmundry, Mr. Logan points out that more than two-thirds of the total number of girls' schools in the Northern Circle are to be found in the Northern Circars, and says that Rajahmundry, "by reason of its central position with regard to them, is best suited for the location of the proposed training school, though the cost of the acquisition of a site for it is extremely high."

4. If the two proposals above made meet with the approval of Government, namely, that the Government girls' school at Rajahmundry should be converted into a training school for mistresses and that this institution should be located at Rajahmundry, the Director desires that the question of the construction of a building for it should be taken in hand at once. He says that a site has been selected near the present girls' school and the Town Hall at an estimated cost of about eight or nine thousand rupees, i.e., at Rs. 6 or Rs. 7 a square yard. The Executive Engineer, Gódvári Northern division, states that it is the best site that can be got, seeing that the choice has to fall on a site near the centre of the town. The Director admits that the cost is very high, but urges that, in view of the necessity pointed out for the opening of a school at Rajahmundry, the exceptionally high cost of site should not prejudice the consideration of the scheme.

5. The details as to establishment and the scale of pay will be worked out by the Director of Public Instruction after the scheme has been approved by Government. P.R.—14-7-07.

Besides the Hobart Training School, and the Gunairbeed Training School, now removed to Bellary, which are both intended exclusively for the training of Muhammadan mistresses, there are three Government Training Schools for Mistresses, namely—

(1) The Presidency Training School for Mistresses (Upper Secondary).

Page 10, volume II, of Public Instruction Report for 1905-1906.

(2) Coimbatore Training School (Lower Secondary).

(3) Calicut Moyan Training School (Lower Secondary).

2. The needs of the Presidency town and of the adjoining districts as regards the training of mistresses are met by the Presidency Training School for Mistresses, while the Coimbatore and Calicut schools serve the southern and western parts of the Presidency. The Director of Public Instruction appears to have made out a case for the opening of a Training School for Mistresses at Rajahmundry, which will meet the requirements of the northern districts.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—17-7-07.

The Director of Public Instruction certainly seems to have made out a case and doubtless Rajahmundry is the most suitable place for the Training School. But could not the present site of the Government girls' School be utilized and simply extended? The site chosen seems quite separate.

C. A. SOUTER—17-7-07.

Is any information available as to the number of girls attending the Government girls' school at Rajahmundry? Is it an elementary or Lower Secondary School?

Are model or practising schools attached to the other training schools for mistresses in the Presidency?

2. It seems not improbable that the missionary bodies would think Government encroaching on their field of recruitment if a Government school were established at Rajahmundry. The same objection applies to Guntūr, which otherwise would be suitable as being the head-quarters of the Inspectress.

But I do not see why Waltair should not be suitable. Were there Government buildings attached to the Gunairbeed school, before it was moved to Bellary?

The cost of site at Rajahmundry is prohibitive.

H. D. TAYLOR—18-7-07.

The Government Girls' School at Rajahmundry is a Lower Secondary School. The total number of girls attending this school on 31st March 1906 was 201.

2. There are five Government Training Schools for Mistresses, namely—

(1) The Presidency Training Schools for Mistresses, Madras.

(2) The Hobart Muhammadan Training School, Madras.

(3) Coimbatore Training School.

(4) Calicut Moyan Training School.

(5) Gunairbeed Muhammadan Training School.

Cf. page 10 of Appendix C., volume II of Public Instruction Report for 1905-1906.

All these training schools appear to have practising sections attached to them.

3. There is no information as to whether the Gunairbeed Training School was held in a Government building, but as the Director of Public Instruction has recently proposed to retain the practising section of this Training School, as an elementary school, the building even if it were a Government building, may not be available for the proposed new Training School.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—19-7-07.

C. A. SOUTER—19-7-07.

The Government girls' School at Rajahmundry seems to be an important and flourishing institution. It seems doubtful whether, if the school be converted into a training school for Mistresses, it would be possible to keep up a school of this strength as the practising section. Seeing that there are already Mission training schools for

I doubt if this matters much?

G. S. F[ORBES].

women at Rajahmundry and Guntur, I should be inclined to select Waltair for the proposed new training school for Mistresses, or at any rate to give Guntur, which is the head-quarters of the Inspectress, the preference over Rajahmundry. The latter place is no doubt the most central but the cost of site is prohibitive.

H. D. TAYLOR—20-7-07.

The notes may go back u.o. to the Director of Public Instruction?

Has Guntur been finally fixed as the head-quarters of the Inspectress or is there any proposal to move her to Rajahmundry. The latter I believe is much healthier?

A | Mr. Souter suggests the extension of the site of the present Government girls' school. Would this be cheaper and is it practicable? Will not this school become the practising school for the training school?

G. S. F[ORBES]—25-7-07.

To the Director of Public Instruction for further remarks.

H. D. TAYLOR—26-7-07.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The head-quarters of the Inspectress of Girls' schools, Northern Circle, are at Waltair and not at Guntur and there is no proposal to move her to Rajahmundry.

The Government Girls' school at Rajahmundry is located in a private building for which a rent of Rs. 25 is being paid. This school will form the practising section of the proposed Training school.

T. T. LOGAN—30-7-07.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The quarterly Civil List (page 199) does not specify the head-quarters of the Inspectress. The Director of Public Instruction may be asked to supply the omission. From page 207 *ibid* it seems that the Assistant Inspectress resides at Guntur while there is a Sub-Assistant Inspectress at Waltair and Rajahmundry.

G. S. F[ORBES].

2. Mr. Logan does not reply to the Honourable Member's query at A but it is clear that if Rajahmundry is selected, the present girls' school building will be required for the practising section and its acquisition may be necessary. Based on 20 years' purchase at the rental paid, it would not cost more than about Rs. 4,000 to acquire. For the training school the site which is stated to be near the present girls' school building is likely to cost Rs. 8,000 or Rs. 9,000. It is a question whether, in order to secure a central locality, the Government are prepared to acquire so costly a site.

H. D. TAYLOR—31-7-07.

The Director of Public Instruction should give further information about the site. Is the practising school to be bought up and would the purchase of that site give room for the training school. If not would it not be cheaper in the end to find a new and less expensive site for both institutions.

G. S. F[ORBES]—1-8-07.

Please draft reference accordingly.

H. D. TAYLOR—2-8-07.

A draft reference to the Director of Public Instruction is submitted below for approval. A draft demi-official with reference to the Honourable Member's remarks above is also submitted.

[Memorandum No. 1497-2, dated 6th August 1907].

Demi-official from H. D. Taylor, Esq., Secretary, Educational Department, to T. T. Logan, Esq., Director of Public Instruction, No. 1497-3, dated 6th August 1907.

I am directed to invite your attention to page 199 of the Quarterly Civil List for July 1907, which contains the list of Inspectresses of Girls' Schools, but does not specify their head-quarters. I am to ask you to see that this omission is supplied in future lists.

[Memorandum No. 1497-2, Educational, dated 6th August 1907.]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 5th October 1907, No. 8227.

The Director of Public Instruction reports that it is not proposed to purchase the site and building now occupied by the practising section of the Government girls' school, Rajahmundry, for the purpose of the proposed Training school. He adds that the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Northern Circle, has, in consultation with the Executive Engineer, selected a site near the Town Hall, where the Inspectress proposes to erect a building in two stories for accommodating both the sections* of the school. It is stated that the Government will be addressed regarding its acquisition in due course; probably, when the proposals to convert the Government girls' school at Rajahmundry into a training school for women and to locate it at Rajahmundry has been approved by Government.

P.R.—16-10-07.

Orders are solicited whether the above proposal may be approved.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—16-10-07.

C. A. SOUTER—16-10-07.

Resubmitted to the Honourable Member with reference to his note of 1st August 1907. It is stated that the site selected by the Inspectress is considered

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by the Executive Engineer to be the best that can be secured, but no information has been furnished as to probable cost and whether the owners object to acquisition. Being near the Town Hall, the land is presumably *central or costly*. Inspectresses are not prone, in selecting sites, to pay attention either to pecuniary considerations or to the rights of private individuals. I submit that orders on the main question may lie over until the Director of Public Instruction has inspected the site and ascertained, in consultation with the Collector, what its probable cost will be and whether objections exist to its acquisition, and whether no other suitable and less costly sites are available. Rajahmundry is, however, a congested town and there are not likely to be many sites suitable for the purpose.

H. D. TAYLOR—17-10-07.

Very well.

G. S. F[ORBES]—18-10-07.

Draft please.

H. D. TAYLOR—19-10-07.

The draft memorandum placed below is for approval.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—19-10-07.

C. A. SOUTER—19-10-07.

Issue.

H. D. TAYLOR—21-10-07.

[Memorandum No. 2488-1, Educational, dated 21st October 1908.]

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

I have not yet been; when I could have got away the Inspectress was on leave and I thought it useless to go without her being there.

I propose to tour in that direction in July-August and unless a special visit is necessary will attend to this matter then. There is not much demand for the school at present.

A. G. BOURNE—8-3-08.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

For perusal.

C. A. SOUTER—13-3-08.

Submitted.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—16-3-08.

Inspectresses are always fastidious in their selection of sites, and I do not think it essential that she should be present when the Director of Public Instruction makes his visit. The question may lie over as proposed; but that will defer any action towards the construction of a suitable building till 1910-1911, as the estimates are not likely to be approved before the end of March 1908.

H. D. TAYLOR—17-3-08.

Approved.

H. B[RADLEY]—19-3-08.

To lie over till July.

H. D. TAYLOR—19-3-08.

Submitted for orders as to whether the Director of Public Instruction may now be reminded.

P.R.—30-6-08.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—1-7-08.

The Director of Public Instruction is to tour this month or next. He can't possibly reply yet. He might however be reminded that the case is pending.

C. A. SOUTER—1-7-08.

Director of Public Instruction may see u.o.

H. D. TAYLOR—2-7-08.

Noted. I will report in due course.

I am becoming more and more convinced that there are many matters which have stronger claims upon any money available than a Government Training School for Mistresses in the Northern Circars. There are Mission Training Schools for Mistresses at Rajahmundry, Guntur, Ongole and Nellore with 3, 20, 19, and 10 pupils under training, respectively.

A. G. BOURNE—9-7-08.

To lie over till 25th August.

H. D. TAYLOR—10-7-08.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 13th August 1908, No. 8227.

The Director of Public Instruction reports that the proposal to establish a Training School for Mistresses at Rajahmundry was made by the Inspectress of Schools, Northern Circle (Mrs. Rhenius), soon after she became an Inspectress, but that after more experience, she no longer recommends such a school. The Director adds that the Inspectress is convinced that, on the one hand, the right sort of women will not come forward to be trained and that, on the other, the male teacher especially, if a Brahman, will be much more suitable for the majority of the schools in her circle than any woman teacher who could be secured for many years to come. The Inspectress accordingly wishes to have the scheme indefinitely postponed and as there are many other demands upon the money available, the Director recommends that course.

2. In these circumstances the papers may, it is submitted, be recorded. The draft order placed below is submitted for approval.

P.R.—22-8-08.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—22-8-08.

C. A. SOUTER—22-8-08.

H. D. TAYLOR—22-8-08.

G. S. F[ORBES]—28-8-08.

Issue.

H. D. TAYLOR—29-8-08.

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