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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

Memorial—from the American Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Rajahmundry.
To—His Excellency the Governor of Madras.
Dated—the 15th January 1909.

The memorial of the American Evangelical Lutheran Mission at Rajahmundry setteth forth that as long as fifteen years ago the said Mission began to contemplate the erection of new buildings for the institution which forms the central school for the training of the native assistants in its work. Delays caused by various reasons, such as the departure of missionaries on account of circumstances beyond their control, and the consequent lack of men here, together with the scarcity of funds, retarded the beginning of the erection of the new buildings until a few years ago, when all these difficulties were happily overcome, and the work taken in hand; and, with the exception of a few minor details, they were recently completed and now form a part of the educational equipment of the Presidency that is not to be despised. When the erection of the buildings was originally contemplated, the question of applying to Government for a building grant was discussed, and the hope of obtaining one was cherished. But during the years, that elapsed before the work could finally be undertaken, the old buildings, which until recently formed the home of the institution, became so dilapidated and insanitary that no further delay in erecting the new ones could be permitted, as was believed to be inevitable, had the application for grant been submitted then and action on it been waited for. The men in control of the work were well aware of the Government regulation that applications for grants of this character must be made, and its sanction and permission to build obtained, before the work be begun, but necessity compelled them to proceed without further delay, even if it should ultimately result in the loss of aid from the Government; and for this reason the work was begun and completed without having first applied for aid, though the hope of obtaining such aid, and the intention of applying for it, were never abandoned,—the more so, because of the substantial character of the buildings, and because, with one single exception, the Government had never before been asked for grants of this character by this Mission.

2. There are two buildings—a school house and a hostel. The former is of stone, the latter of brick. Both are substantially built, iron girders and teakwood having been used throughout. The plans were drawn by an engineer of many years' service in the department of Public Works. The actual cost of the school building is Rs. 26,240 and that of the hostel Rs. 18,361-10-0. An official of the Public Works Department has expressed the opinion that if his department had built them the cost would have been twice as great. The Inspector of Schools for the I Circle (Mr. Yates) has seen them and will therefore be in a position to express a reliable opinion.

3. As to the necessity for the buildings, it is found in the fact that they are the home of the central educational activities of this Mission, which is large, and which brings education to thousands that thus far have not been reached by any other agency, and presumably would not be for years to come.

4. It may also be added that this Mission has property in the territory which it occupies worth, at a conservative estimate, Rs. 3,05,000, in the acquisition of which the Government has never been asked for assistance, nor given any, with the exception of Rs. 3,000 or Rs. 4,000 for our Central Girls' school about ten years ago.

5. The memorial further setteth forth that the foregoing presentation was laid before the Director of Public Instruction last October, who was pleased to say that, according to the regulations of his department and the Government, he could not recommend the Mission for the grant desired, but suggested that an application be made to the Governor in Council who might give it favourable consideration.

6. Your petitioners beg to state that the hope is cherished that the Government will see its way clear to overlook the omission, through a merely fortuitous circumstance, to make application for aid in accordance with the regulations prescribed, and that a grant may be given perhaps from the unexpended balance at the end of the fiscal year, in March next. The buildings are a credit to the Mission, to the community, and, it is believed, to the cause of education in the Presidency, and a great and useful work is being accomplished in them.

7. Plans, estimates and the accounts of the actual cost of construction will be cheerfully submitted at any time the Government may specify.

8. In conclusion, the memorial setteth forth the earnest request that His Excellency the Governor will be pleased to visit the buildings and inspect them in person on the occasion of his visit to Rajahmundry in the near future.

Order—No. 256, Educational, dated 29th April 1909.

The Government regret that they are unable to give a grant under the provisions of the Grant-in-Aid Code towards the cost of the building constructed for the American Evangelical Lutheran Mission school, Rajahmundry, and the hostel attached thereto. Under rule 51 (ii) of the Grant-in-Aid Code, grants are not permissible unless the Director of Public Instruction has been consulted previously regarding the building and unless aid has been promised. The Mission has failed to observe this condition, and inasmuch as the erection of new buildings was in contemplation fifteen years ago, but was begun only a few years ago, His Excellency in Council is unable to accept the contention that there was no time in which to consult the Director of Public Instruction and to get the plans and estimates approved by him.

2. It may further be pointed out that the amount of money at the disposal of Government for the payment of building grants is limited and that, if aid is given in respect of buildings which have actually been completed without any help from Government, the construction of other buildings which are really in need of Government help may have to be deferred for want of funds and this would be undesirable in the interests of education in general.

(True Extract.)

A. BUTTERWORTH,
 Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the memorialists, through the Director of Public Instruction.
 „ Director of Public Instruction.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 256, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 29TH APRIL 1909.

[SUBJECT.—*Grant in aid of the cost of the building constructed for the American Evangelical Lutheran Mission School, Rajahmundry and the hostel attached thereto.*]

Previous papers.

G.O., No. 285, Educational, dated 4th May 1898.

" " 577 " " 5th August 1908.
" " 366, Financial " 8th " "

Memorial from the American Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Rajahmundry, dated 15th January 1909.

Demi-official—from A. Y. G. CAMPBELL, Esq., I.C.S., Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

To—the Acting Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department.

Dated—Guindy, the 9th March 1909.

No.—279.

I enclose herewith a copy of the memorial which has been sent to Government by the American Evangelical Lutheran Mission at Rajahmundry. His Excellency would like to see the papers before orders issue after they have been seen by the Honourable Member in charge of the department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

In its memorial, dated 15th January 1909, the American Evangelical Lutheran Mission at Rajahmundry requests that a building-grant may be given to the Mission

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26,240	0	0
18,361	10	0
44,601	10	0

in respect of a school house and a hostel, both of which have already been completed. According to the Mission, the actual cost of the school buildings is Rs. 26,240 and that of the hostel, Rupees 18,361-10-0 or a total of Rupees 44,601-10-0.

2. Under article 51 (i) of the Grant-in-aid Code "grants not exceeding one-third of the total cost may be given towards the erection, or enlargement, or purchase of school buildings and hostels or boarding houses for students attached to educational institutions." But under article 51 (ii), "grants shall not be given for a building regarding which the Director has not been consulted and for which aid has not been promised and the plans and estimates approved previously to its erection, enlargement or purchase." The Mission is therefore not eligible for a grant under the Grant-in-aid Code.

3. In explanation of the omission to consult the Director of Public Instruction before the erection of the buildings and to comply with the provisions of article 51 (ii) of the Code, the Mission states that the "men in control of the work were

"well aware of the Government regulation that application for grants of this character must be made, and its sanction and permission to build obtained before the work be begun, but necessity compelled them to proceed without further delay, even if it should ultimately result in the loss of aid from Government." It is also stated that the old buildings "became so dilapidated and insanitary that no further delay in erecting the new ones could be permitted, as was believed to be inevitable, had the application for grant been submitted then, and action on it been waited for."

Page 10 of Subsidiary Tables Volume II of Public Instruction Report for 1907-1908.

the school on 31st March last was 144 composed of 1 European, 59 Native Christians,

Vide column (10-a) of Subsidiary Tables Volume II of Public Instruction Report for 1907-1908.

4. The American Evangelical Lutheran Mission School at Rajahmundry, is a Secondary school. The strength of the school is 1 European, 59 Native Christians, 1 Muhammadan, 49 Brahmans, 30 non-Brahmans and 4 others. The school is not at present getting any aid from provincial funds.

5. It is for consideration whether an exception may be made in the case of the Mission and a grant may be sanctioned. The Director of Public Instruction whom the Mission consulted in October last has informed the latter that, according to the regulations of the department, he could not recommend the Mission for a grant from Government.

6. In this connection, attention is solicited to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 577, dated 5th August 1908, in which the Government declined to sanction any grant to the Young Women's Christian Association, Madras, towards the cost of a site and building which the Association had purchased prior to consultation with the Director of Public Instruction or receipt of sanction of Government as required by article 51 (ii) of the Grant-in-aid Code.

P.R.—16-3-09.

The Lutheran Mission, Rajahmundry, admit that, at the time the construction of the building in question was undertaken, they were aware of the regulations of the department, and that the work was commenced, in view of its urgency, without obtaining the previous sanction of the department, the Mission taking the risk of losing the Government aid which they might otherwise have got. In the case of the Young Women Christian Association disposed of in G.O., No. 577, Educational, dated 5th August 1908, the Government held that no grant could be given under the Grant-in-Aid Code to the Association towards the cost of the site and buildings which it had provided previous to making the application for grant. The Government however made a grant of Rs. 10,000 from Provincial funds to the general funds of the Association in view of the excellent work it was doing—*vide* His Excellency the Governor's remarks on page 1 of K.W., G.O., No. 366, Financial, dated 8th August 1908.

2. Following the precedent in G.O., No. 577, Educational, dated 5th August 1908, it is submitted that no grant can be sanctioned to the Mission at Rajahmundry for construction of buildings commenced without the previous approval of the department. The remarks of the Director of Public Instruction may first be obtained on the memorial u.o.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—16-3-09.

The explanation of the Mission for not asking the Government for a grant before commencing work does not sound ingenuous. It is admitted that the necessity for new buildings was felt 15 years ago and yet it was only a "few years" ago that they were begun. In comparison with this delay, the delay in getting a Government grant must have been insignificant. The Director of Public Instruction may be asked for remarks.

C. A. SOUTER—17-3-09.

Yes. The Director of Public Instruction should be asked for his views.

A. BUTTERWORTH—18-3-09.

To the Director of Public Instruction u.o.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The grant for the Girls' school to which memorialist refers was Rs. 1,900—*vide* G.O., No. 285, Educational, dated 4th May 1898.

I do not know which school this building is intended for. After receiving this file I wrote to Mr. Harpster asking him this but his reply is as vague as the memorial.

There is very little to be said; the proposal is clearly contrary to the existing rules.

I sympathise in this case with the memorialists as they have behaved with such child-like simplicity. They have been moreover absolutely straight forward in the matter.

The Government can of course grant exemption from their own rules but if it is proposed to do so in this case, I should wish to make further enquiries so as to make sure that no other more important rule has been violated and find out exactly to what use the building is to be put.

A. G. BOURNE—2-4-09.

Submitted for orders on the last portion marked A of the Director of Public Instruction's note above.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—6-4-09.

It seems clearly necessary that, before a grant is considered, the Director of Public Instruction should make further enquiries.

C. A. SOUTER—6-4-09.

I think it would be an awkward precedent to comply with this request. Doubtless the application is quite genuine in every respect but the point is that

Precisely the point.

G. S. F[ORBES].

the Mission was, as a fact, able to complete its buildings without Government help and that it felt so indifferent as to Government help that it did not care to delay building for a few months in order to get a grant. If the present application were entertained, hosts of similar applications might come in and it would be difficult to refuse to consider them. In any case, grant cannot be sanctioned without further enquiry.

A. BUTTERWORTH—7-4-09.

I am altogether opposed to the application.

No institution is entitled to a grant. Nor is a grant of any claimable amount. Our rules merely state the *maximum* grant which Government may give in their discretion if they do decide to give a grant. The theory of a *claim* was exploded long ago and it has been constantly reiterated and appears in the Code.

Any grant is dependent on the fact that the claimants *cannot* build without its aid. Here, they have built.

G. S. F[ORBES]—8-4-09.

I am afraid that we cannot accede to this request. We may point out that the condition antecedent to any grant has been ignored, *viz.*, "grants shall not be given for a building regarding which the Director has not been consulted and for which aid has not been promised, etc., etc."

Also that inasmuch as 15 years ago the erection of new buildings was in contemplation, it can hardly be urged that there was no time in which to ask for Government aid.

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Also that Government have only a certain amount of money to devote to Educational buildings so that if Government aid is given to this school which is actually built and completed, some other building for which Government help is wanted must be deferred, and in the interests of Education *generally* which is what we are really concerned with, this is undesirable.

A. L[AWLEY]—22-4-09.

Draft please.

A. BUTTERWORTH—23-4-09.

The draft order placed below is submitted for approval.

P.R.—26-4-09.

T.K.—26-4-09.

Type and submit to Secretary.

C. A. SOUTER—26-4-09.

Typed and submitted to Secretary.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—27-4-09.

Issue.

A. BUTTERWORTH—28-4-09.

[G.O., No. 256, Educational, dated 29th April 1909.]

C.No. 504, from the P.S.G., No.279, dated 9--3--1909.

ORDER:
P.S.

No. 256 of 29-4-9

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 construction of other buildings which
 are really in need of Government help
~~may have to~~ *for want of funds and*
~~must be deferred.~~ *must be deferred.* The Government con-
~~sider that~~ this would be undesirable
 in the interests of education in
 general, which it is their care to
 foster.

C.A.S.
 26-4-09.

*Ans
 28/4*

To the memorialists,
 thro' the D.P.I. ✓

" D.P.I. ✓

*Despd
 29-4-09*

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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

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G.O., No. 256 dated 29-4 1909.

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