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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O., No. 373, Educational, dated 15th May 1908.

ABSTRACT.—Accepting the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction regarding the establishment of a students' hostel in connection with the Government College, Mangalore, and stating that the Government will be prepared to acquire the land and building required for the hostel on receipt of a formal application from the Committee of the hostel.

II

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

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 16th March 1909.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 4972/07.

With reference to G.O., No. 373, Educational, dated 15th May 1908, regarding the establishment of a hostel in connection with the Government College, Mangalore, I have the honour to report as follows:—

When, in my letter Ref. on Cur. No. 4972/07, dated 27th March 1908, I submitted proposals for the acquisition of a building for the proposed hostel at Mangalore, I was given to understand by the Principal of the College that a sum of Rs. 5,519 had then been collected by public subscriptions and that a further sum of Rs. 2,500 was expected to be realized out of the promised subscriptions. I was further informed that, out of this probable amount of Rs. 8,000, a sum of about Rs. 7,000 would be contributed by the members of the Saraswath community and that in consequence they claimed certain special privileges to their children in the matter of allotment of hostel quarters. I then suggested to Government that the question of granting the special concessions asked for might lie over pending the approval of the general proposal by Government. The Principal, Mangalore College, now informs me that the Secretary, Hostel Committee, has lately expressed his inability to get from the Saraswath community anything more than a sum of Rs. 5,000 collected up to date and that they are prepared to hand over this sum to Government on condition that a certain number of Saraswath students should be allowed to live in the hostel rent free, the rent foregone being equal to the amount of interest on Rs. 5,000 at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. If this condition be not accepted by Government, the Sub-Committee, it is reported, propose to invest the collections in the hands of that community in Government paper or some other Government security and to use the interest realised therefrom towards paying rent for the quarters that might be occupied by the students of that community. A further sum of Rs. 574 is also reported to have been collected from outside the Saraswath community and this amount the Secretary is prepared to hand over to Government unconditionally.

Taking all the circumstances into account, I am of opinion that it would be preferable, on the whole, not to accept the contribution of Rs. 5,000 from the Saraswath community with the condition attached to it, viz., of reserving a portion of the hostel accommodation for students of the community, so that the governing body of the hostel may have unrestricted freedom in the allotment of quarters. The object of the Saraswath community being that a number of their students should be admitted

to the hostel rent free, the collection of Rs. 5,000 may as well remain with the community, the interest thereon being utilized for the payment of rent under any rules they may like to frame.

In these circumstances, I beg to submit for the early orders of Government the question of the acceptance of the above sum of Rs. 5,000 as well as of the sum of Rs. 574 stated to have been collected from outside the Saraswath community and proposed to be made over to Government unconditionally.

Order—No. 257, Educational, dated 30th April 1909.

The Government are not prepared to accept the contribution of rupees five thousand, offered by the Saraswath community towards the establishment of a hostel in connection with the Government College, Mangalore, subject to the condition specified by that community, namely, that a certain number of Saraswath students should be allowed to live in the hostel rent free, the rent foregone being equal to the amount of interest on Rs. 5,000 at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The Government are also not prepared to provide a hostel, in a comparatively wealthy town like Mangalore, entirely at the cost of Provincial funds unless the Director of Public Instruction can show that the rents to be charged for accommodation will give a return to Government on the initial cost of the hostel equivalent to the rate charged by the Public Works Department for official buildings.

(True Extract.)

A. BUTTERWORTH,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 257, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
30TH APRIL 1909.

[SUBJECT.—*Acquisition of site for a hostel for the Government College, Mangalore.*]

Previous papers.

G.O., No. 286, dated 10th May	1904.
" " 29 " 18th January	1906.
" " 392 " 5th June	"
" " 500 " 27th July	"
" " 373 " 5th May	1908.
" " 25 " 15th January	1909.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 16th March 1909, No. 4972.

Early in 1908, the Director of Public Instruction (Dr. Bourne) submitted proposals for the establishment of a hostel to be attached to the Government College at Mangalore to accommodate 35 or 40 students. The cost of acquisition of the land and buildings amounted to Rs. 11,600, the cost of improvements to Rs. 2,500 and the cost of furniture and fittings to Rs. 1,000, or a sum of Rs. 15,100 in the aggregate. Towards this expenditure it was stated that a sum of Rs. 5,519 had been actually collected from private persons, that a further sum of Rs. 2,500 out of the promised subscriptions of Rs. 3,095 would be realised, so that a total sum of Rs. 8,000 could be counted on from subscriptions. The balance of Rs. 7,100 was to be met by Government, who were requested to acquire the land and buildings under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894. The hostel was to be incorporated with the College and worked as a Government institution.

2. The Director of Public Instruction (Dr. Bourne) further pointed out that some preferential right of admission should be given to the students of the Saraswath community as their subscription would

amount to nearly seven-eighths or Rs. 7,000 out of a total of Rs. 8,000, and as their subscriptions were made on condition that their children should be given special privileges in the allotment of hostel quarters; but this question, he suggested, might be left to be taken up after Government had approved the general proposals for the establishment of a hostel.

3. The Government accordingly accepted the recommendations of the Director of Public Instruction and said that "they will be prepared to acquire the land and buildings required for the hostel on receipt of a formal application from the Committee of the hostel undertaking to hand over to Government the funds now in their hands and all future collections to the extent of not less than Rs. 8,000 in the aggregate."

4. In the present letter, the Director of Public Instruction (Dr. Bourne) reports that the Secretary to the Hostel Committee has expressed his inability to collect anything more than a sum of Rs. 5,000 from the Saraswath community who are prepared to hand over this sum to Government only on condition "that a certain number

"of Saraswath students should be allowed to live in the hostel rent-free, the rent foregone being equal to the amount of interest on Rs. 5,000 at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent." If this condition be not accepted by Government, the hostel sub-committee propose to invest the collections in the hands of the Saraswath community in Government paper or other security and to use the interest realised therefrom towards paying rent for the quarters that might be occupied by the students of that community. A further sum of Rs. 574 is also reported to have been collected from outside the Saraswath community, and this amount the Secretary to the Hostel Committee is prepared to hand over to Government unconditionally.

5. The Director of Public Instruction (Dr. Bourne) does not recommend the acceptance of the offer of Rs. 5,000 with the condition attached to it on the ground

Certainly.

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Nothing to do with Government

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that the governing body of the hostel should have unrestricted freedom in the allotment of quarters. If the sum of Rs. 5,000 is not handed over to Government unconditionally, it is submitted that the Government need not concern itself much as to how it is invested and utilised.

The sum of Rs. 574 collected from outside the Saraswath community and offered unconditionally may be accepted by Government.

6. If the sum of Rs. 5,000 is not accepted, the entire cost of the building will have to be borne by Government, and this will amount to Rs. 7,100 + 7,400 (Rs. 8,000 - 600) = Rs. 14,500, instead of Rs. 7,100 as originally calculated.

7. Having regard to the advantages of providing a hostel it does not appear desirable that the execution of the scheme should be deferred or abandoned on the score of cost.

C.R.V.—20-3-09.

In the case of the Victoria Students' hostel, Madras, the Victoria Jubilee hostel,

G.O., No. 721, dated 18th November 1898.
G.O., No. 251, Financial, dated 22nd March 1897.
G.O., No. 286, Educational, dated 10th May 1904.
* G.O., No. 391, dated 4th June 1894.
" " 64 " 28th January 1897.
" " 693 " 10th October 1899.
G.O., No. 72, Educational, dated 11th February 1903.
G.O., No. 2693 W., dated 2nd October 1902.
" " 3022 W. " 14th " 1904.

Kumbakonam, and the Metcalfe hostel, Rajahmundry, the funds for their construction were provided partly by private subscriptions and partly by Government. The hostels attached to the Teachers' College, Saidapet, * the Madrasa-i-Azam, and the Medical School, Rayapuram, have, however, been provided entirely at the cost of Government. There seems to be no objection to the cost of the hostel at Mangalore being met entirely from Provincial funds as suggested by the Director of Public Instruction.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—26-3-09.

The Director of Public Instruction seems correct in thinking that Government should not accept the Rs. 5,000 subscribed by the Saraswath community on the condition mentioned. The hostel authorities should have full power to admit any one they please. The sum can be invested by the community and the proceeds given to indigent students residing in the hostel. But this is not a matter for Government.

2. The sum of Rs. 574 may be accepted, if it is decided to spend about Rs. 15,000 on the hostel.

C. A. SOUTER—26-3-09.

The offer really comes to this, that, if Government accept the Rs. 5,000, they must pay interest upon it perpetually in the form of remission of rent. The arrangement does not appear to be a suitable one, so the first question to be decided is

whether Government are prepared to lay out about Rs. 15,000 on acquiring the old Mangalore Club and fitting it for use as a hostel.

Unless the building in question has been much enlarged since I knew it 20 years ago, it is not well suited for a hostel, for it was then a single-floor building containing only three or four rooms. The Principal of the College, however, says that it can conveniently be used for a hostel and it is certainly very conveniently situated.

Before passing definite orders on this point, Government had better perhaps call for a plan showing the existing building with the proposed additions. The age of the building should also be stated. I believe it is an old one. It is apparently intended to divide two of the existing rooms by partitions into four rooms and to put four or five boys into each of the rooms so formed.

I doubt whether such an arrangement is suitable for a hostel.

As to the Saraswati subscription, enquiry may perhaps be made whether the

I should take no concern with this.

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subscribers are willing to have the money treated as a charitable endowment, the interest being paid to Government to

meet the rent and other charges due by Saraswath boys occupying the hostel.

I mark for the Hon'ble Mr. Hammick also as he dealt with the previous papers.

A. BUTTERWORTH—28-3-09.

I am inclined to do nothing more about the hostel unless the Director of Public Instruction can show that the rents he will charge for accommodation will give a return to Government to cover the cost at the rates charged by the Public Works Department for official buildings. I see no reason why College students should be provided at the rate-payers' expense with quarters—the more especially in a wealthy part of the country like Canara.

G. S. F[ORBES]—30-3-09.

I am in agreement with the Hon'ble Mr. Forbes as regards Mangalore. I do not think here that the construction of a hostel is of any very great importance and the people are rich enough to erect one themselves.

I am not however ready to accept, as a general rule, the principle that Government should not contribute towards the erection and maintenance of hostels.

The country will, if such institutions are properly managed, get its full value in the shape of improvement in the standard of education, and in this country I consider public funds may and should be devoted to this end, on the same principle as Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyar justifies spending public money on a Mylapur Girls' School.

M. H[AMMICK]—7-4-09.

Draft please, but I will show the papers to His Excellency at Ootacamund.

A. BUTTERWORTH—8-4-09.

A draft order is placed below for approval. The Secretary has noted that he would show the papers at Ootacamund to His Excellency.

C.R.V.—19-4-09.

It seems to be unnecessary to put in paragraph 2 of the draft order at the present stage, as the question of the acceptance of the contribution of Rs. 574 will arise only in the event of Government's deciding to provide a hostel.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—19-4-09.

For approval.

C. A. SOUTER—22-4-09.

His Excellency has seen and drew attention to this point and after speaking to the Chief Engineer, I have altered the draft.

Issue.

A. BUTTERWORTH—29-4-09.

[G.O., No. 257, Educational, dated 30th April 1909.]

Erect DEPARTMENT.

READ AGAIN G.O., No. 373⁴, dated 15-5-1908 - 7

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 577 From the D.P. 9., No. 4972/0 dated 16. 3. 1909.

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ORDER.

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No. 257, dated 30-4-1909

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~~are also not prepared to provide a hostels~~ ^{comparatively} necessary that in a wealthy town like Mangalore, a hostel should be provided entirely at the cost of Provincial funds unless the Director of Public Instruction can show that the rents to be charged for accommodation will give a return to Government ~~sufficient~~ ^{on} ~~to cover~~ the initial cost of the hostel ^{equivalent to} at the rates charged by the Public Works Department for official buildings. ~~At~~ ^{As} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~question~~ ^{question} ~~of the acceptance~~ ^{of the acceptance}

~~of the contribution of Rs 574 which the Hostel Committee propose to make over unconditionally to Government for the purposes of the hostel will be considered when a final decision has been arrived at in regard to the construction of the hostel~~

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To the D.P.I.V
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