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## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

## I

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 10th May 1909.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 1551.

I have the honour to submit the enclosed two applications, together with the

Plans, 4.

Estimates, 4.

marginally-noted plans and estimates, received from Miss Askwith, Manager, Sarah Tucker Blind School, Palamcottah,

praying for a half grant of Rs. 15,550 towards the cost of—

|                                                                | RS.          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| (1) Constructing a building for the Blind Boys' school ... ..  | 12,000       |
| (2) Digging a well for the use of the above school ... ..      | 500          |
| (3) Constructing a building for the Blind Girls' school ... .. | 18,100       |
| (4) Digging a well for the use of the above school ... ..      | 500          |
|                                                                | <hr/> 31,100 |

2. The present buildings are reported to be not only insufficient but also unsuitable; and the inconvenience has been recently increased by the closure of the Blind school at Pannaivilai and its amalgamation with the one at Palamcottah.

3. Some work of the new building seems to have been already begun. Miss Askwith says:

"As a new home was indispensably necessary, I began to erect a building on the newly purchased site with an idea of using it for the Industrial department only in August last; but finding that under the new Code what had been taught separately could now be amalgamated with the school as occupations, I decided to have one set of buildings for the whole of the boys which will in future be one school for blind boys and youths.

"As it is not in accordance with the Educational Rules to apply for a grant after a building has been begun, I took the opportunity of the visit of His Excellency Sir Arthur Lawley, Governor of Madras, to Palamcottah to ask him graciously to pay an informal visit to the site of the new building, and His Excellency told me to apply for a grant without delay as he fully approved of the work being done among the blind both boys and girls."

4. The Manager's request for a half grant being inadmissible under the provisions of the Grant-in-Aid Code, I recommend that a third grant of Rs. 10,366 may be sanctioned to be paid from the allotment for building grants. If the Government consider that more can be given on the ground that the institutions are not merely educational, such additional grant as the Government may be pleased to give may be ordered to be paid as was done in the case of the Young Women's Christian Association, Madras (G.O., No. 857, Financial, dated 15th December 1905) from the head "32-A. Miscellaneous—Donation for Charitable Purposes—Charitable Institutions" or from any other source where savings may be available.

## II

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 9th June 1909.

The Director of Public Instruction submits, for sanction in connection with an application for a Government grant, estimates amounting to Rs. 31,100 for constructing buildings for schools for the blind at Palamcottah.

By the correction of errors in the estimate and minor alterations made in the Chief Engineer's office, the estimates have been increased by Rs. 951.

2. It would be better to place the clerestory ventilators in the girls' school higher up close under the wall plates, as indicated in the tracings attached to the plans.

The lower one foot or so of the foundations may with advantage be of concrete over the rock.

3. With these remarks, the estimate, as altered by the Chief Engineer, amounting to Rs. 32,051, is recommended for sanction.

F. J. WILSON,  
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

Order—No. 365, Educational, dated 19th June 1909.

The Government are pleased to sanction a grant not exceeding one-third of the actual expenditure, nor exceeding Rs. 10,684, towards the cost of constructing a building for the Sarah Tucker Blind School, Palamcottah, subject to the following conditions :—

(1) That in carrying out the work the suggestions of the Chief Engineer in his note read above are adopted;

(2) that the work is completed before the 30th June 1910;

(3) that a certificate of actual expenditure incurred on the work is submitted before the 30th September 1910;

(4) that all other conditions prescribed in the Grant-in-Aid Code have been duly complied with.

2. On the above conditions being fulfilled, the grant will be paid as funds become available.

(True Extract.)

L. M. WYNCH,  
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.  
" Accountant-General.  
" Financial Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 365, EDUCATIONAL, DATED  
19TH JUNE 1909.

[SUBJECT.—*Application for grant-in-aid of the construction of building for the  
Sarah Tucker Blind School at Palamecottah.*]

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

*To*—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

*Dated*—Guindy, the 13th March 1909.

*No.*—317.

His Excellency is informed that Miss Askwith is applying for a grant towards the erection  
of the new buildings for her school for the blind at Palamecottah. I am to ask you to circulate  
the papers to His Excellency after they have been seen by the Honourable Member.

Note this please.

A. BUTTERWORTH—15-3-09.

No application for grant has yet been received from Miss Askwith. This paper  
may lie over pending receipt of the application.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—16-3-09.

Yes. Note carefully His Excellency's instructions.

C. A. SOUTER—16-3-09.

*Remarks in the arrear list.*—Better ask the Director of Public Instruction if it  
has been received.

C. A. SOUTER—1-5-09.

Yes.

A. BUTTERWORTH—5-5-09.

Withheld as the application has since been  
received.

P.R.—12-5-09.

The draft memorandum placed below  
is submitted for approval.

P.R.—10-5-09.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—10-5-09.

C. A. SOUTER—11-5-09.

*From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 10th May 1909, No. 1551.*

The Director of Public Instruction submits two applications from Miss Askwith,  
together with the plans and estimates amounting to Rs. 31,100, for a grant-in-aid of  
constructing a building for the Blind boys' school and another building for the Blind  
girls' school at Palamecottah and for digging a well attached to each of them.

2. It is submitted that the plans and estimates may, in the first instance, be  
forwarded to the Public Works Department u.o. for urgent scrutiny. The question of  
the amount of grant that may be paid may be decided after the file has returned from  
the Public Works Department.

P.R.—12-5-09.

The Manager asks for a grant of Rs. 15,550, equal to one-half of the estimated cost of the proposed buildings. As observed by the Director of Public Instruction, the maximum grant admissible under article 51 of the Grant-in-Aid Code is one-third of the total cost. Dr. Bourne points out that, if Government consider that more than one-third of the cost can be given on the ground that the institutions are not merely educational, such additional grant may be given outside the Educational budget, as was done in the case of the Young Women's Christian Association, Madras—*vide* G.O., No. 857, Financial, dated 15th December 1905. But before this question can be considered, it seems to be necessary to get the plans and estimates scrutinized by the Public Works Department.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—12-5-09.

The plans and estimates must be scrutinized first before a grant can be given. The Public Works Department may be asked to treat the matter as urgent.

C. A. SOUTER—12-5-09.

The school for blind boys was under construction and in fact nearly completed before I left Tinnevely at the end of November 1908.

Will the Public Works Department kindly treat the matter as *very urgent*?

L. M. WYNCH—13-5-09.

*To the Public Works Department.*

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The plans and estimates have been scrutinized by the Chief Engineer, and his remarks are embodied in the accompanying note.

This file may now, it is submitted, be returned to Educational u.o. with the Chief Engineer's note.

P.V.—8-6-09.

P. HAWKINS—8-6-09.

F. J. WILSON—9-6-09.

*To the Educational Department.*

#### EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The question of grant should be dealt with now at once please.

L. M. WYNCH—10-6-09.

The estimate as submitted by Miss Askwith, Correspondent of the Sarah Tucker Blind School, Palamcottah, amounted to Rs. 31,100. The estimate as revised by the

Paragraph 3 of the Chief Engineer's note. Chief Engineer amounts to Rs. 32,051. Miss Askwith applies for a grant of Rs. 15,550 equal to one-half of the cost of the buildings as originally estimated. But as the maximum grant admissible under article 51 (i) of the Grant-in-Aid Code is only one-third of the total cost, the Director of Public Instruction recommends that a

Paragraph 4 of the Director's letter.

third grant of Rs. 10,366 may be sanctioned.

*Ibid.*

2. The Director observes that "if the Government consider that more can be

"given on the ground that the institutions are not merely educational, such additional grants as the Government may be pleased to give may be ordered to be paid as was done in the case of the Young Women's Christian Association, Madras (G.O., No. 857, Financial, dated 15th December 1905) from the head '32-A. Miscellaneous—Donation for charitable purposes—Charitable institutions' or from any other source where savings may be available".

3. It is for consideration whether the Director's recommendation may be accepted.

P.R.—10-6-09.

T. KANAKASUNDARAM PILLAI—10-6-09.

So far as Educational is concerned, a grant of one-third of the cost, viz., Rs. 10,366, or perhaps Rs. 10,684, may be given.

The latter figure includes the extra cost added by the Public Works Department. If anything further is considered necessary, it may be given by Financial.

C. A. SOUTER—10-6-09.

Submitted that a grant of Rs. 10,684, being one-third of the cost of the buildings, etc., may be granted from "Educational".

It is for consideration whether this grant may be supplemented from general revenues in view of the special philanthropic character of the work apart from its merely educational value.

L. M. WYNCH—11-6-09.

*To the Financial Department.*

#### FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Attention is invited to pages 3-4 of K.W. G.O., 857, Financial, dated 15th December 1905, and to Financial Department notes on pages 1 and 2 of K.W. G.O., 366, Financial, dated 8th August 1908, in which it was decided that a grant from Provincial revenues to the Young Women's Christian Association, Madras, was justifiable with reference to rule 11 of the rules under article 283 of the Civil Account Code.

2. Submitted that there is no account objection to the sanctioning, in addition to the grant of Rs. 10,684 which the Educational Department propose to give to the Sarah Tucker Blind School, Palamcottah, according to the Grant-in-Aid Code, of a grant\* from general Provincial funds.

The reserve with Financial now stands at 67 lakh.

V.G.K.—12-6-09.

The proposal to supplement the grant admissible under the Grant-in-Aid Code by a further grant is not opposed to rule 11 under article 283 of the Civil Account Code, as the building is for a school for the blind at Palamcottah, which may be regarded as a *bona fide* public object.

C. REILLY—12-6-09.

G.O., No. 857, Financial, dated 15th December 1905. In 1905 a general grant of Rs. 5,000 was given to the Young Women's Christian Association, Madras.

In 1908, Rs. 10,000 was similarly granted to the same institution. A number of other grants of like nature are quoted at page 1 of the K.W. G.O., 210, Financial, dated 15th March 1904.

The Sarah Tucker Blind school is a most deserving institution. There can be no objection to giving it a general grant, say, Rs. 5,000.

J. N. ATKINSON—12-6-09.

I agree.

G. S. F[ORBES]—14-6-09.



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incurred on the work is submitted  
before the 30th Sept. 1910  
(4) that all other conditions prescribed  
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2. On the above Conditions being  
fulfilled the grant will be paid as funds  
become available.

PM  
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To,  
The S.P.D with plans and estimates  
" A.G. ✓  
" Financial Department with  
copies of the notes.

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