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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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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 1st April 1910.

No.—R.C. 1338.

I have the honour to submit the enclosed plans with estimate amounting to Rs. 13,897 for the construction of a building with a kitchen and a latrine for the Madras Sanskrit College and Swaminath Sastrial Vedanta Patasala, Mylapore, and to recommend that a grant of Rs. 4,632 or one-third of the estimated cost as approved by the Public Works Department may be sanctioned to be paid when funds are available.

2. The necessity for the proposed building is explained in column 12 of the application for aid which together with a short history of the institution is submitted.

3. The management is anxious to commence the work before the question of grant is decided, and I beg to recommend that the request may be granted as was done in the case of the Tirukkattupalli High school (Memorandum No. 48-1, Educational, dated 13th January 1908).

ENCLOSURE.

History of the Madras Sanskrit College and Swaminath Sastrial Vedanta Patasala.

The condition of Sanskrit education in this Presidency is (as we all recognize) far from being satisfactory. The efforts of the University are confined to the imparting of a modicum of knowledge of the ancient literature of this land. Instances of high scholarship as a result of University education, comparable to that of Pandits trained in the old methods of instruction, are exceedingly rare. The class of Pandits is diminishing in numbers and fast deteriorating in the depth of their learning and the profundity of their scholarship. Sanskrit schools imparting any high degree of instruction in the various branches of knowledge peculiar to Sanskrit literature are nowhere in the Presidency maintained whether by public or private benefactions. The founding of a Sanskrit College with a staff of teachers representing all the branches of Sanskrit knowledge guided and controlled by English educated Sanskritists was therefore resolved upon as the best means of preserving all that is good and noble in the ancient literature of the east.

2. To make a beginning, Mr. V. Krishnaswami Aiyar, Rao Bahadur A. Krishnaswami Aiyar and Mr. A. S. Balasubrahmani Aiyar formed themselves into a provisional committee and started the Madras Sanskrit College from the 1st of February 1906. The constitution of the College was placed on a legal basis by the Deed of Trust, dated the 27th October 1907.

3. The deed of trust declares the object of the College to be :—

(a) to encourage and promote the specialised study of the several branches of knowledge in the ancient literature of India together with some knowledge of the English language and literature ;

(b) to promote and maintain a high standard of culture in the various departments of oriental Sanskrit learning ;

(c) to encourage and promote research and investigation into the several departments of oriental knowledge ;

(d) to protect and promote the interests of the Indian oriental scholars ;

(e) to convene from time to time meetings of Sanskrit pandits and scholars for the discussion of questions of religious and social importance ;

(f) to encourage oriental learning by rewards to pandits and scholars and by publication of books and pamphlets.

4. The members of the provisional committee were declared first members of the committee with the Hon'ble Mr. (now Justice) V. Krishnaswami Aiyar as President and Mr. A. S. Balasubrahmani Aiyar as Secretary, Mr. T. Gopalaswami Aiyar, B.A., Retired Deputy Collector, was added as member of Committee in the year 1908-1909.

5. The Hon'ble Mr. (now Justice) V. Krishnaswami Aiyar and Mr. A. S. Balasubrahmani Aiyar were declared first trustees and the properties were vested in them and their successors. On his appointment as Judge of the High Court of Judicature, Madras, the Hon'ble Justice V. Krishnaswami Aiyar resigned his trusteeship and Mr. C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar was appointed trustee in his place.

6. The institution is a college imparting instruction in the Sastras and does give instruction in the Sanskrit language, as it is done in most of the Sanskrit schools in this Presidency. The college would admit only students who have undergone at least five years' course in any of the well-known schools of the Presidency or possess such knowledge of the Sanskrit studies recommended for adoption by the Director of Public Instruction in the Madras Educational Rules. The college will thus be an institution for continuing higher Sanskrit studies at a point where the Sanskrit schools in the Presidency stop. Every student is taught the rudiments of Vyakarna, Tarka and Mimamsa in addition to the special Sastra or branch of study selected by the student, in addition to these every student would be enabled to acquire a decent knowledge of English language (Metric Standard) and of the methods and results of Oriental Research hitherto conducted by European scholars, that they may assimilate the results of the modern scholarship and appreciate and utilize and help in their humble way the onward march and progress of human thought both in the east and in the west.

7. The staff consists at present of a Principal (Mr. S. Kuppuswami Sastrial, M.A.), an English tutor and four pandits (i) Brama Sri Mahamahopadhyaya R. Chandrasekara Sastrial, Veda Bhashya, Professor ; (ii) Pandit V. Venkatasubba Sastrial, Mimamsa Professor ; (iii) Pandit V. Srinivasa Sastrial, Dharma Sastra Professor ; and (iv) Pandit P. V. Panchapagesa Sastrial, Vedanta Adwaita Professor.

8. There are now 23 students, of whom 20 are free boarders and two are stipendiary students and one is a free student, 20 are Smarthas and three are Vaishnavas. Besides these there are three free students in the M.A. class—two Vaishnavas and one Smartha. The strength is not likely to increase till the present batch appear for the University Titles examination in 1915.

9. The hostel is worked and the routine of the life of the students in hostel is prescribed on strictly orthodox lines. Each student free boarder now costs about Rs. 10 a month. The free boarding students are also supplied with books, stationery, clothing, and trainage to and fro during the vacations to go home and return. Supervision of the arrangements for the comforts of the students by a representative chosen by the students themselves has worked satisfactorily and relieves the Principal from care and anxiety to some extent.

10. The endowments now invested in the name of the trustees amount to Rs. 69,000 and are as follows :—

(a) Endowed by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice V. Krishnaswami Aiyar Rs. 45,000.

(b) Endowed by Mr. C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar in memory of his father Mr. C. R. Pattabhirama Aiyar, B.A., B.L., Rs. 5,000.

(c) Endowed in memory of Mr. S. Swaminatha Sastrial, B.A., B.L., Rs. 19,000.

(N.B.—Mr. Amlae Annayya Pandit of Mysore maintains two scholars at a cost of Rs. 200 per annum.)

11. The library now has the whole of the Kavyamala, Anandasrama, Bibliotheca Indica, Chowkamba, Pandit, Sastra Mukthavali, Adwaita Manjari, the Palghat Dharmachara, and all other well-known serial publications. The reading table of the library has all the Sanskrit journals and periodicals published in India. The number of books (some of them including many volumes) in the library is 1,127. The preparation and publication of a catalogue has been commenced.

12. The college was recognized by Director's proceedings, Dis. No. 1920, dated 13th March 1908, and is enjoying a grant-in-aid of Rs. 1,000 per annum from Government.

A. S. BALASUBRAHMANI AIYAR,
Secretary and Manager.

II

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 6th May 1910.

The Director of Public Instruction submits for sanction, with an application for a building grant, an estimate, amounting to Rs. 13,897 for a new building in connection with the Madras Sanskrit College. The estimate and plans have been scrutinised in the Chief Engineer's Office and necessary alterations have been effected.

2. The lower storey walls should be constructed of brick in lime mortar instead of brick in mud as proposed.

3. Cut stone bed stones have now been provided under the rolled steel beams and trusses.

4. The segmental arches of the verandah on the ground floor may all be made 5' 6" span.

5. The pitch of the kitchen roof should be increased to one-third span instead of one-fourth span as provided. A lump sum of Rs. 100 has been added to the estimate to cover this.

6. With these remarks, the estimate, as altered by the Chief Engineer, amounting to Rs. 14,160, is recommended for sanction.

F. J. WILSON,
Chief Engineer.

Order—No. 258, Educational, dated 14th May 1910.

The Government are pleased to sanction a grant not exceeding one-third of the actual expenditure, nor exceeding Rs. 4,720 towards the cost of constructing a building for the Madras Sanskrit College and Swaminath Sastrial Vedanta Patasala, Mylapore, 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 1st December 1910;

(3) that a certificate of the actual expenditure incurred on the work is submitted before the 1st February 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, with plans and estimates and
with Chief Engineer's note.

.. Accountant-General.
Editors' Table (order only).

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 258, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 14TH MAY 1910.

[SUBJECT.—*Building grant for the Madras Sanskrit College and Swaminatha Sastrial Vedanta Patasala, Mylapore.*]

Previous papers.

G.O., No. 136, Educational, dated 24th February 1908.

" " 205 " " 18th March "

" " 209 " " 19th " "

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 1st April 1910, No. 1338.

The Director of Public Instruction recommends—

(1) that a building grant of Rs. 4,632 may be sanctioned towards the cost of constructing a building for the Madras Sanskrit College and Swaminatha Sastrial Vedanta Patasala, Mylapore, and

(2) that the authorities of the college may be permitted to commence the work prior to approval of the plans and estimates after scrutiny by the Public Works Department as required by paragraph 51 (ii) of the Grant-in-aid Code.

2. Similar permission has been granted in the case of the Tirukkattupalli High

school * and the Mylapore Girls' school † —memorandum No. 48-1, Educational, dated 13th January 1908, on page 3 of G.O., No. 136, Educational, dated 24th February 1908, and memorandum No. 2954-1, Educational, dated 24th

December 1907, on page 2 of G.O., No. 205, Educational, dated 18th March 1908. Permission to commence the work in anticipation of approval of plans and estimates has, however, been refused in the case of the Pithapuram Rajah's College, Cocanada, and the Kallikóta College, Berhampur—G.O., No. 66, Educational, dated 25th January 1908, and memorandum No. 262-1, Educational, dated 20th February 1908, on page 2 of G.O., No. 209, Educational, dated 19th March 1908.

3. It is for consideration whether, following the precedents relating to the Tirukkattupalli High school and the Mylapore Girls' school, the authorities of the Sanskrit College may be permitted to commence the work in anticipation of approval of the plans and estimates by Government and their scrutiny by the Chief Engineer.

P.R.—5-4-10.

It seems to be undesirable to multiply the number of cases in which an exception is made to the rules in article 51 (ii) of the Grant-in-aid Code, and no special circumstances have been urged which would justify a departure from the procedure laid down by the Grant-in-aid rules. The Sanskrit College was started in February 1906, and from column 12 of the application it appears that the college is now located in a rented building. The usual procedure under which the plans and estimates are referred to the Public Works Department for scrutiny, before the grant is sanctioned, may, it is submitted, be followed in this case.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—6-4-10.

Government have been careful not to bind themselves to anything when they have allowed work to be started in anticipation before. I should think it would be advisable to give permission freely when work is in charge of a builder or designer of good reputation. In this case the designer one Appadurai Mudaliyar is not known to me.

A. GALLETTI—7-4-10.

No special reason, beyond the statement that the management are anxious to commence work at once, is assigned for departing from the usual rule that plans and estimates should first be scrutinized by the Public Works Department. This of course is the building season, but Public Works Department may be asked to expedite the scrutiny.

L. M. WYNCH—8-4-10.

I think the ordinary procedure laid down in the rules should be followed. The building should not be long delayed in consequence.

M. H[AMMICK]—14-4-10.

To the Public Works Department for scrutiny of plans and estimates with the request that the file may be treated as *urgent*.

L. M. WYNCH—15-4-10.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Scrutinized and returned with a note by the Chief Engineer.

The estimate, as altered, amounts to Rs. 14,160.

P. HAWKINS—6-5-10.

To the Educational Department.

L. M. WYNCH—7-5-10.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The amount of the estimate, as originally submitted by the Director of Public Instruction, was Rs. 13,897. On scrutiny by the Chief Engineer the amount has been raised to Rs. 14,160.

2. A draft order sanctioning a grant not exceeding one-third of Rs. 14,160 = Rs. 4,720 is submitted for approval—*vide* article 51 of the Grant-in-aid Code.

3. The Public Works Department may be requested to state the time required for the completion of the work.

P.R.—9-5-10.

The draft below may be sent u.o. to the Public Works Department with the request that the time within which the work in question could be completed may be specified.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—9-5-10.

Will Public Works Department please fix a date for completion?

S. H. SLATER—9-5-10.

To the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The work can be completed within six months from the date of commencement.

P. HAWKINS—12-5-10.

To the Educational Department.

L. M. WYNCH—13-5-10.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The dates have been entered in the draft order which may, it is submitted, issue.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—13-5-10.

May issue.

S. H. SLATER—13-5-10.

Issue.

L. M. WYNCH—14-5-10.

[G.O., No. 258, Educational, dated 14th May 1910.]

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- (3) that a certificate of the actual expenditure incurred on the work is submitted before the 1st February 1911
- (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.

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To The Director of Public Instruction with plans and estimates. *and with*
" Accountant-General. *15-1-20*

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