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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. No. 7, Educational, dated 6th January 1912.

II

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 6th June 1912.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 7143/11.

In their Order Press No. 7, dated 6th January 1912, Government were pleased to sanction a grant of Rs. 2,266 towards the cost of extending and improving the buildings occupied by St. Joseph's European Middle school, Tellicherry. In his letter No. 11, dated 25th April 1912, the correspondent has now requested approval for certain alterations in the approved plan and has submitted revised plans and estimates. His proposals have the support of the Inspector of European and Training Schools.

The revised estimate comes to Rs. 5,058 and it is recommended that a further grant of Rs. 1,105, i.e., a two-thirds of Rs. 1,658—the difference between the original and the revised estimates—may be sanctioned. The original and the revised plans and estimates are submitted.

III

Memorandum No. 1622-2, Educational, dated 5th July 1912.

With reference to the Director of Public Instruction's letter R.O.C. No. 7143/M, dated 6th June 1912, requesting sanction to certain alterations in the approved plan for the extension and improvement of the St. Joseph's European Middle school, Tellicherry, it is observed that there appears to be no *prima facie* justification for the revised estimate; nor is it clear what the object of the proposed alterations is. The Director of Public Instruction is requested to furnish Government with detailed information in regard to the necessity for the change in the approved plan.

(By Order.)

M. S. MASCARENHAS,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

IV

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 26th July 1912.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 7143/11.

With reference to the Memorandum of Government, No. 1622-2, dated 5th July 1912, requesting the Director to furnish them with detailed information explaining the necessity for the changes in the approved plan of the buildings relating to St. Joseph's European Middle school, Tellicherry, I have the honour to submit a copy of the correspondent's letter No. 11, dated 25th April 1912, which fully sets forth the circumstances which have necessitated the alterations and additions for which approval is sought.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter—from the Correspondent, St. Joseph's European Middle school, Tellicherry.

To—the Inspector of European and Training Schools.

Dated—the 25th April 1912.

No.—11.

I have the honour to state that while giving effect to the plan for extension and improvements to St. Joseph's school, we have found that several omissions of vital importance have been made in the original plan, to which we call your kind attention.

1. The sliding windows all along the western portion of the school have been entirely omitted. The school being only about seven yards from the sea, it is inadequately protected against the rain and strong wind that prevail during the monsoon. The bamboo mat hurdles hitherto used are insufficient, and the rain splashes through them even to the class rooms to the great inconvenience of both pupils and teachers. Moreover, if the verandahs are well protected, they may be utilized for drawing and other kindergarten work, as no other special room has been provided for.

2. In the first plan, flooring tiles have been provided for only the new portion of extension, while for the rest of the building as well as for the verandahs no provision has been made. In order to keep the school decent, it is advisable to have flooring tiles throughout, not to say that the smearing of the school with dung, hitherto done, makes the place untidy.

3. On scrutinizing the plan more closely, it will be found that the building, in spite of improvements, will still be crooked, and different portions of the building will be of different sizes. Provision has therefore been made in the revised plan to retain the same breadth throughout. The walls have therefore to be dismantled. Moreover we doubt whether the present walls, being in a poor condition, will be able to bear the extra weight of the improvements.

4. No sufficient ventilation has been provided for; we have therefore introduced more doors as well as arches over the doors to supply this want.

5. Lastly, trusses have been provided for the whole building and the arches have been omitted. This will render the school more airy and spacious and the hall may be used to advantage on occasions of school entertainments.

The revised estimate for the suggested changes comes up to Rs. 5,058 and I hope you will strongly recommend the suggestions and the required grant of two-thirds of the amount.

As the Government is encouraging the education of the European domiciled community, we are incurring large debts and putting ourselves to great inconvenience to co-operate with the efforts of Government in raising the status of the community. No one will deny that the first requisite to improving a school is to have a decent-looking building. That this school requires every encouragement may be deduced from the fact that the boys are intelligent (*vide* Report C. No. 279-E, dated 23rd March 1912) and belong to middle classes. Moreover there are sanguine hopes that the number of boys will increase in the near future. Tellicherry being a quiet little town and salubrious, many from Manantody and the environs will send their children here as soon as we start a boarding house.

Our sole end in suggesting these changes is to render the building decent and worthy of a European school.

I would like to know whether we could proceed with the building, making such changes as are suggested, so that the building might be completed within the time allotted for it.

V

**Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department,
No. 3212 C., dated 10th April 1913.**

The Director of Public Instruction submits through the Educational Department for sanction to a grant-in-aid a plan (in duplicate) to scale $\frac{1}{8}$ inch = 1 foot and a revised estimate amounting to Rs. 5,058 for extensions and improvements to St. Joseph's European Middle school, Tellicherry.

2. The Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to whom the plan and the revised estimate were forwarded in Chief Engineer's Memorandum No. 7455 C., dated 14th August 1912, for report on the desirability of the proposed improvements and on the structural soundness of the old walls, has modified the plan and estimate and recommends that they may be accepted as suitable.

3. The modified plan bearing No. W.C. 65/12 and the estimate amounting to Rs. 5,200 have been scrutinized in the Chief Engineer's office and are recommended in supersession of the original estimate amounting to Rs. 3,400 connected with G.O. No. 7, Educational, dated 6th January 1912.

C. A. SMITH,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

Order—No. 348, Educational, dated 22nd April 1913.

In modification of G.O. No. 7, Educational, dated 6th January 1912, the Government are pleased to sanction a grant not exceeding two-thirds of the actual expenditure, nor Rs. 3,467, towards the cost of extending and improving the buildings occupied by the St. Joseph's European Middle school, Tellicherry, according to revised plans and estimates, 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; and

(2) that all the conditions prescribed in the Code of Regulations for European Schools have been duly complied with.

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

(True Extract.)

L. DAVIDSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction, with plans,
estimates and Chief Engineer's note.

Accountant-General.
Public Works Department.
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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

**NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 348, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 22ND APRIL 1913.**

[SUBJECT.—*Revised plans and estimates for improvements to the St. Joseph's European Middle school, Tellicherry.*]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 6th June 1912, No. 7143/11.

The comparative statement on pages 10 and 11 of current file shows the difference between the original estimate and the revised estimate, and the new plan shows the alterations now proposed. It is not stated why the alterations were considered necessary. The revised plans and estimates may be forwarded to the Public Works Department for scrutiny and for favour of remarks as to whether the revised plan may be accepted.

P.R.—13-6-12.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—14-6-12.

M. S. MASCARENHAS—14-6-12.

To the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

There appears no *prima facie* justification for the revised estimate now submitted, nor is it clear what object is intended to be served. The Educational Department may be requested to obtain full information on the point. In the absence of such information, it appears that it is now proposed to make straight a wall which may just as well remain crooked.

M.K.T.—28-6-12.

D. MARSHALL—1-7-12.

To the Educational Department.

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A draft memorandum is submitted for approval.

P.R.—5-7-12.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—5-7-12.

M. S. MASCARENHAS—5-7-12.

[Memorandum No. 1622-2, Educational, dated 5th July 1912.]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 26th July 1912, No. 7143/11.

The Director of Public Instruction's letter may be forwarded to the Public Works Department with reference to that department's note *supra*.

P.R.—30-7-12.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—31-7-12.

M. S. MASCARENHAS—1-8-12.

To the Public Works Department.

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