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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

I

Memorandum No. 1859-1, Educational, dated 14th June 1913.

The Government understand that a proposal to rent certain premises close to the Madras Club for holding classes in domestic economy, manual and physical training has been forwarded to Government by the Director of Public Instruction. The Accountant-General is requested to state whether the papers have reached his office and if they have, to expedite their transmission.

(By Order.)

C. S. ANANTARAMA AYYAR,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General.

Copy to the Director of Public Instruction.

II

Letter—from the Hon'ble Sir ALFRED GIBBS BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., K.C.I.E.,
Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department (through the
Accountant-General).

Dated—Madras, the 29th May 1913.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 2566/12.

A building is required for holding the classes in domestic economy, manual and physical training for European schools. The domestic economy and the physical training classes may be expected to be at work next term. But it is difficult to say when the manual training classes can be started as it depends on the arrival of the experts from home. In regard to the building required for these classes, the Inspector of European and Training schools suggests the renting of the building near the Madras Club described in the enclosed copy of his letter R.C. No. 268-E/13, dated 8th May 1913, and shown in the accompanying plan. Mr. Stone, who inspected the building, considers it very suitable both as regards accommodation and situation. It is centrally situated and on the tram line. There are some small rooms upstairs with a separate entrance which may be assigned as quarters for the physical training instructor as it seems necessary to provide him with quarters in order to secure a suitable man. I have therefore the honour to request sanction for renting the building on a two years' lease with effect from the 1st July 1913. The Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, has been asked to state whether the rent demanded, viz., Rs. 175 per mensem, is reasonable.

It must be admitted the whole of the building will not be immediately utilized. But in view of the extreme difficulty of securing suitable accommodation in Madras, I do not think that this opportunity should be lost.

2. I further request that sanction may be accorded as a temporary measure for the entertainment of the following menial establishments in connection with the domestic economy and physical training classes:—

Domestic economy class.

One kitchen boy on Rs. 10 per mensem.

One peon on Rs. 9 per mensem.

Physical training class.

One peon on Rs. 9 per mensem.

In regard to the menial establishment required in connection with the manual training classes, I shall submit proposals on the arrival of the experts.

3. The charges can be met from the special allotments for European schools.

4. It is requested that the plan submitted may be returned when no longer required.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter—from the J. H. MELVILLE, Esq., Inspector of European and Training schools, Madras.

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—the 8th May 1913.

No.—Ref. on C. No. 268-E of 1913.

With reference to Proceedings Ref. on C. No. 2566 of 1912, dated 24th April 1913, I have the honour to state that I have been making enquiries for a building suitable for holding the classes in domestic economy, manual and physical training, and herewith submit a plan of the left wing of a large building recently erected on the site of the old Castle Hotel in the large compound bounded by Mount Road, the road leading to the Madras Club, Wood street, and the Club compound. The premises were inspected yesterday by the Hon'ble Mr. Stone and myself and would, I think, do very well, at all events for the present. If additional accommodations were later on required for the three centres a shed could no doubt be erected in the compound. The building consists of two floors and on each floor there are two rooms 40' x 15' in addition to other rooms.

The remainder of the block is rented by the Postal Accounts department. Electric lights and fans are being fitted. This building has the great advantage of being centrally situated and within a few yards of the tram lines. This is an important point as pupils and teachers attending these classes will have to come from schools situated in districts so far apart as San Thome, Georgetown, Vepery and Kilpauk.

The rent is Rs. 175 per month for not less than a year's lease. The owner's name is A. M. Khaleel Shirazi. I recommend that the sanction of Government be obtained as early as possible for renting the building from 1st July next in order that the classes may be started as soon as possible after the re-opening of the schools. I am now corresponding with various applicants for the post of instructor of physical training and hope to procure a man by that date. I have also seen Mrs. Deighton and informed her that she will be required from the 1st September in order to get everything in order for starting the domestic economy classes not later than the 1st October. Furniture and equipment will, of course, be needed and I propose to consult the instructors with regard to these matters. I would suggest that a two years' lease of these premises be taken as we are unlikely to secure any other place so suitable in Madras.

It must at all events be sometime before a building is erected by Government for the purpose and it would perhaps be advisable to wait until the classes are firmly established before any large expenditure on buildings is incurred. The cost of erecting a suitable building would probably be not less than Rs. 50,000, the interest on which would be only slightly less than the rent now asked.

The question of the provision of quarters has been raised by several applicants for the post of physical training instructor. It might, perhaps, be possible to allow him the use of two or three rooms in this building if space permits.

I am addressing you separately with regard to the menial establishment that will be required in connection with these classes.

The plan may kindly be returned when no longer required.

III

Endorsement of the Accountant-General, No. P.A. 5-5196, dated 18th June 1913.

Forwarded.

2. There is no audit objection to the proposals of the Director of Public Instruction being sanctioned by Government.

3. Necessary reappropriation of grants should be sanctioned by Government to meet the expenditure involved from the lump provision of Rs. 23 lakhs under "22. Education."

K. L. DATTA,
Accountant-General.

To the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

IV

Letter—from the Hon'ble Sir ALFRED GIBBS BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., K.C.I.E.,
Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 26th June 1913.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 2566/12.

With reference to my letter R.C. No. 2566/12, dated 29th May 1913, submitted through the Accountant-General, regarding the renting of a building for holding the classes in domestic economy, manual and physical training for European schools, I have the honour to state that the Executive Engineer, South Presidency Division, considers that the rent of Rs. 175 per mensem demanded by A. M. Khaleel Shirazi for the building is reasonable and may be accepted.

Order—No. 668, Educational, dated 19th July 1913.

The Government approve the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to rent the building referred to in his letter read above at Rs. 175 per mensem for two years for the purpose of holding classes in domestic economy, physical and manual training for European schools. The Director will be requested to expedite the nomination for the appointment of instructor of physical training, which is apparently still pending with the Inspector of European and Training schools.

2. As regards the menial establishments proposed for the domestic economy and physical training classes, the Government consider that one peon should suffice for both the classes since they are to be held in the same building and that it will be enough to pay him Rs. 8. They accordingly sanction the employment, as a temporary measure for a period of two years, of a kitchen boy on Rs. 10 per mensem for the domestic economy class and a peon on Rs. 8 per mensem for both the domestic economy and physical training classes.

3. The charges on this account will be met from the lump provision of 23 lakhs made in the Civil Budget Estimate under "22. Education".

(True Extract.)

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

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

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 668, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 19TH JULY 1913.

[SUBJECT.—Renting of a house for the location of the domestic economy and physical and manual training classes.]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 29th May 1913, No. 2566/12.

" " " " 26th June " " 2566/12.

* Since disposed of in G.O. No. 706, Educational, dated 31st July 1913. This is the proposal referred to in Mr. Melville's demi-official on page 5 of the notes in the linked file.*

2. Domestic economy is a subject for the middle school and scholarship, and high school and scholarship, examinations for European schools—vide articles 95 and 97 of the Code of Regulations for European Schools. There is, however, no information in this office as to the nature of the special class in domestic economy, which the Director of Public Instruction is going to form and to which reference is made in his current letter. In connection with

See page 2 below.

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the proposals for the utilization of the Imperial grants for European education, the Director of Public Instruction has suggested this class for domestic economy as one of the objects. But even there he has only promised to submit detailed proposals later on.

As regards the other two classes, application has already been made to the Government of India for the recruitment of experts in manual training—vide G.O. Nos. 845-845A, dated 20th September 1912. That Government have called for further information; and the file* on the

* Since disposed of in G.O. Nos. 626-27, Educational, dated 4th July 1913. subject is separately under consideration. Efforts are also being made to secure a

physical training instructor—please see linked file. (Since disposed of in G.O. No. 706, Educational, dated 31st July 1913.)

3. It may be pointed out that in defining the duties of the manual training instructor to be attached to the Inspector of European Schools, it was stated that he was required "to organize and instruct classes in European aided schools in the city of Madras and at mufassal centres."

It is not clear that it was originally contemplated that he should hold any central class in the city. Later on while proposing the opening of a physical training class, the Director incidentally mentioned that it was proposed to start "manual training and physical training centres for European pupils." Perhaps it has since been decided to open a central class for this purpose also in the city. It seems also desirable to hold such a class for teachers as a preliminary to organizing separate classes for each school. No

specific information has, however, been placed before Government. Of the three classes referred to, while the necessity for two, viz., the manual and physical training classes, may be presumed, the need for the third, the domestic economy, has yet to be explained in detail. It is for consideration whether for present purposes this also may be assumed.

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4. In the absence of definite information as to the number of students that are likely to attend each class, it may not be possible to say whether the building which

It is impossible to foresee what [size] the classes will be.

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a few rooms upstairs as quarters for the physical training instructor. With regard to this it is submitted that it has been till now assumed that the instructor will not

Yes; the absence of free-quarters seemed likely to be an obstacle.

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to the instructor or not, the building selected would obviously be needed for the three classes. It is stated to be centrally situated and suited to the purpose in view. It is for consideration whether the proposal to lease the building for two years may be approved; the Executive Engineer has certified as to the reasonableness of the rent demanded for the house.

5. As regards the menial establishments proposed the consideration of that portion relating to the domestic economy class may be deferred pending receipt of detailed proposals. A peon seems necessary for the physical training instructor and may be sanctioned. It will, however, be observed that the pay proposed is a

Cf. Civil Budget Estimate for 1913-14.

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it is proposed to rent is needlessly large or inadequate. Here also the Director's statement may be accepted. The Director of Public Instruction proposes to assign the physical training instructor. With regard to that have been made so far seem to show that free quarters will be needed by the officer. Whether a few rooms are assigned to the instructor or not, the building selected would obviously be needed for the three classes. It is stated to be centrally situated and suited to the purpose in view. It is for consideration whether the proposal to lease the building for two years may be approved; the Executive Engineer has certified as to the reasonableness of the rent demanded for the house.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—28-6-13.

Sir A. Bourne telephones that this Mrs. Deighton, who is a qualified lady, has been giving classes for a couple of years or so, as a Government lecturer, on domestic economy and that they have been so successful that it is desired to extend them. His Excellency the Governor knows about her and approves the idea, so that as he is still indisposed the papers need hardly await his recovery. Domestic economy classes will be for European and Eurasian girls only and will include all that a woman in charge of a household should know, such as the general management of the house, hygiene thereof, cooking, purchase of food and economy therein, upbringing of children, etc., etc. These seem excellent subjects for study and this part of the scheme may be passed. The rest of it has already been approved.

Considering what rents are in Madras this Rs. 175 is not an extravagant price to pay for a building which satisfies the first and essential requirement of being central. The proposal may be approved.

W. FRANCIS—30-6-13.

To the Financial Department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Please see Educational department notes on page 2. In the circumstances stated therein, the renting of a building on a two years' lease at a monthly rent of Rs. 175 for holding classes in domestic economy, manual and physical training for European schools may, it is submitted, be accepted. The question of allotting a portion of the building to the instructor of physical training as his quarters may be considered in connection with the question of grant of free-quarters to him. The proposal to sanction the employment of a peon on Rs. 8 to the physical training instructor may be accepted. The Director of Public Instruction points out the source from which the charge can be met during the current year.

T.R.N.N.—4-7-13.

T.H.R.—4-7-13.

C. REILLY—14-7-13.

The proposal to rent the house at Rs. 175 *per mensem* for two years is accepted, as is the proposal to provide a peon on Rs. 8 *per mensem*. It is not clear why one peon should not suffice both for the physical training class and the domestic economy class which are to be held in the same building. I do not see any proposal in the Director of Public Instruction's letter to supply a peon to the physical training instructor.

A. G. CARDEW—15-7-13.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Draft and send to His Excellency for perusal.

W. FRANCIS—17-7-13

Approved.

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A draft order is submitted for approval. After its issue the file may be submitted to His Excellency for perusal.

With regard to the proposals relating to the domestic economy class, the Secretary noted that "this part of the scheme may be passed." The scheme includes, besides the renting of the building, the employment of a kitchen boy on Rs. 10. Financial has not made any remarks about this, either assenting or dissenting. That

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department's silence has been taken to mean consent to the employment of the kitchen boy on Rs. 10 *per mensem*.

P.R.—17-7-13.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARI—17-7-13.

His Excellency the Governor—

For perusal.

W. FRANCIS—18-7-13.

P[ENTLAND]—22-7-13.

Seen.

W. FRANCIS—23-7-13.

[G.O. No. 668, Educational, dated 19th July 1913.]

C.No.1947, from the D.P.I., No.2566/12, dated 29-5-13.

Endorsement of the A.G., No.P.A.5-5196, dated 18-6-13.

ORDER :- No 668. Sol dated 18/7/57

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3. The charges on this account will be met from the lump provision of 23 lakhs made in the Civil Budget Estimate under "22 Education".

To the D.P.I. with plan. (Q + Ags with)
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