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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

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G.O. No. 192, Educational, dated 20th February 1915.

ABSTRACT.—Sanctioning a grant not exceeding one-half of the actual expenditure nor Rs. 8,550 towards the cost of purchasing a site and constructing a building for the Sri Saraswati Patasala for girls, Kumbakōnam.

II

Letter—from R. B. Wood, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of Tanjore.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—the 27th October 1915.
No.—R. Dis. 1408/Rev.

At the instance of the Hon'ble Mr. V. K. Ramanuja Achariyar, correspondent of the Sri Saraswathi Patasala for girls at Kumbakōnam, I have the honour to submit, for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, a draft notification under section 6 of the Land Acquisition Act, in respect of 1.02 acres of land in Ullur, Kumbakōnam taluk, required for the construction of the above school.

2. The land belongs to two persons, one of whom states that he requires the land to build a free boarding house for four non-Brahman students and the other states that he will be deprived of his seed bed land, if he gives it up. Some of the residents of Kumbakōnam object to the location of the Girls' school near the Theosophical buildings. I have herewith submitted copies of the objections raised by all these people and of a plan of the site. The Divisional Officer, Kumbakōnam, reports that the objections do not deserve serious consideration and may be overruled. I agree with him.

3. Necessary funds will be provided by the correspondent from the grant of Rs. 8,550 sanctioned in G.O. No. 192, Educational, dated 20th February 1915.

4. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Government Order referred to *supra*, the correspondent states that the alternative sites are not suitable for the purpose in view of the probable future extension of the school and are not available for private purchase. The fact is that no land in the locality is available for private purchase: and that if the extension of the school in this neighbourhood is to wait till land can be bought privately, it may have to wait for a very long time. I have been over the land and consider that the site now selected is the best available: and as Government is making a grant for the purchase, the acquisition of the land under the Act is allowable under section 6 (1) and I recommend that it may be sanctioned.

ENCLOSURE.

Draft Notification.

Under section 6, Act I of 1894, His Excellency the Governor in Council hereby declares that the land mentioned in the following schedule and measuring 1.02 acres be the same a little more or less, is needed for a public purpose, to wit, for the Saraswathi Patasala for girls, Kumbakōnam; and, under sections 3 and 7 of the same Act, the Divisional Officer, Kumbakōnam, is appointed to perform the functions of a Collector under the Act and directed to take order for the acquisition of the said land.

2. A plan of the land is kept in the office of the Divisional Officer, Kumbakōnam, and may be inspected at any time during office hours.

SCHEDULE.

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Order—No. 1334, Educational, dated 6th December 1915.

In the circumstances now represented, the Government consider that, in modification of paragraph 3 of G.O. No. 192, Educational, dated 20th February 1915, the plot of land measuring 1.02 acres required for the Sri Saraswathi Patasala for girls, Kumbakōnam, should be acquired under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894. The draft notification submitted by the Collector will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. Towards the estimated cost of the acquisition, viz., Rs. 2,416, a grant-in-aid of Rs. 1,208 or one-half of the actual expenditure will be payable from Provincial funds under the sanction conveyed in G.O. No. 192, Educational, dated 20th February 1915. The Collector will be requested to call upon the correspondent of the school to deposit in the treasury the balance of Rs. 1,208 or such larger amount as may be found necessary on actual determination of the award and to debit to Government in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction, an amount equal to the grant specified above.

3. After acquisition the land should be conveyed to the manager of the school by a formal deed of conveyance to be drawn in consultation with the Government Solicitor.

(True/Extract.)

C. G. TODHUNTER,
Ag, Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Tanjore.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Accountant-General.
" Superintendent, Government Press, with notification for publication in the Gazette.
" Revenue Department.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 1334, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
THE 6TH DECEMBER 1915.

[SUBJECT.—*Acquisition of land for Sri Saraswati Patasala for girls, Kumbakōnam.*]

From the Collector of Tanjore, dated 27th October 1915, R. Dis. No. 1408 Rev.

The general principles governing the application of the Land Acquisition Act to acquire land for aided schools are contained in G.O. No. 599. Educational, dated 27th June 1913. When the correspondent of the Sri Saraswati Patasala, Kumbakōnam, applied to Government in January 1914 for the acquisition of a site for the school, the Director of Public Instruction was asked to report in consultation with the Collector of Tanjore whether there was no other suitable site in or near the locality which the school is intended to serve, which could be secured for it by private negotiation and whether it was absolutely essential that the site chosen should be acquired under the Land Acquisition Act. The Collector appears to have then reported to the Director of Public Instruction that sites equally convenient but situated about 100 yards away from the one under reference were available for private purchase and that there was no necessity for compulsory acquisition under the Act. On that ground the Government declined to apply the Act to the case.

Paragraph 3 of G.O. 192, Educational, 20th February 1915.

2. The statements in paragraph 4 of the Collector's current letter are opposed to the report he made to the Director of Public Instruction in April 1914, but it seems possible to reconcile the views expressed on the former occasion with those contained in the current letter. The owners of the lands which were available for sale in 1914 might have been subsequently influenced by the petitioners who were against the location of the school near the Theosophical Lodge and consequently lands are not now available for private purchase. There seems therefore to be sufficient reason for putting in operation the Land Acquisition Act in the present case. But, before sanctioning the acquisition of land, the case may, it is submitted, lie over pending receipt of advice from the Revenue Department in regard to the procedure to be adopted on the general question of conveyance of land to managers of schools after acquisition by Government.

P.R.—19-11-15.

T.K.—23-11-15.

I have consulted Mr. Stone who considers that the site in question may be approved. There is no need to postpone action pending settlement of the purely formal question of manner of transfer of the land. Draft may be put up and circulated to Revenue for acceptance.

C. G. TODHUNTER—23-11-15.

A draft order is submitted for approval. It may be sent to the Revenue Department for acceptance.

For a precedent, please see G.O. 943, Educational, 11th August 1914.

2. Pending settlement of the question of manner of transfer of the land, paragraph 3 of the draft order has been put in following the present practice.

P.R.—24-11-15.

T.K.—24-11-15.

C.G.T.—25-11-15.

To the Revenue Department.

NOTES TO G.O. No. 1334, EDUCATIONAL, 6TH DECEMBER 1915.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

In G.O. No. 192, Educational, dated 20th February 1915, a grant not exceeding one-half of the actual expenditure, nor Rs. 8,500 towards the cost of purchasing a site and constructing a building for the school in question was sanctioned. The draft order may, it is submitted, be accepted in this department.

R.V.—1-12-15.

M.R.N.—1-12-15.

A. H. A. TODD—2-12-15.

L. DAVIDSON—3-12-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the draft may now issue.

T.K.—4-12-15.

Issue.

C. G. TODD—5-12-15.

[G.O. No. 1334, Educational, dated the 6th December 1915.]

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

under the Land Acq. Act
1894

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Approving the proposal to acquire plot
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publication in the Fort St George Gazette of a
notice for the purpose.

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To

The Tahsildar of

Kumbakonam.

Sir,

With reference to the notice served upon me by the Rev. Inspector, Kasba Range, calling upon me to state whether I have any objection to the acquirement of the land bearing Municipal Survey No. 233 on behalf of the Saraswathi Patasala, I beg to state as follows:--

The land proposed to be acquired from me by Government is 70 cents. It has been my intention to use it for charitable purposes and has been practically reserved in my family therefor. I have made provisions for erecting thereon a set of buildings for giving free boardings and lodgings to 4 poor non-Brahmin students. Should necessity arise the No. of free boarders in it would be increased. It was my father's dying wish that a chattram should be erected on the site and my resolve to make it a free boarding house for non-brahmin students is only an improvement upon his wish. I fear that the acquisition of the site by Government as ^{now} proposed will be a death blow to a measure which must be admitted on all hands to be a very real want and will prove a necessary adjunct to the hostel contemplated for the Town High School.

In this connection, I beg to submit that a similar proposal was made during the regime of Mr. C.G. Austin with the result that it was declared that Government would not interfere.

Before I close I feel myself called upon to say a word on the proposal to acquire the site for the Saraswathi Patasala. The Secretary of the Theosophical Lodge at Kumbakonam who is virtually managing the Girls's schools approached me on several occasions with negotiations for the purchase of the site for the Lodge as accommodation in it was inadequate. I could not comply with the request. I am led to think that in his desire to get it he has approached the authorities with his

present proposal which is now urged on behalf of the girls' school. The school under reference is sectional being more or less under the auspices of the society and is intended for girls of tender age. The site now proposed is ill-suited for the purpose and its isolated position and its environments rendering the sending of girls to it unsafe.

Its close proximity to the Theosophical Lodge and the proposed hostel for the Town High School and the playground attached thereto is likely to render the location of the girls' school in the site extremely undesirable.

A more central position will, I feel, sure, tend to make the institution well attended attractive and popular and enhance its value and usefulness. I am certain that in giving expression to these views, I am voicing the feelings of many.

Under these circumstances I beg that the proposal to acquire the site be dropped so as to enable me to carry out my proposal which is likely to give to a great impetus to the cause of the education of the backward classes.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- * * *

Whatever compensation may be paid by the Government, I am not willing to part with the land, under the circumstances stated above.

Sd/- * * *

(True copy)

For Collector.

A.V.N.

Statement of U. Lalkhan Sahib, delivered to the
Tahsildar of Kumbakonam.

T.S. Nos. 234 and 235 are seed bed lands. I am using the land in question as seed bed for 4 velis to the east of it. I have no other seed bed land. The land is well suited for seed bed purposes and there is a tank to the north of it. If I give up this land, I have no other seed bed to serve the 4 velis referred to above; nor do I have any other land which can be converted into seed bed land. If the land in question is acquired I will be put to much damage.

Sd/-U. Lalkhan Sahib.

(True Translation)

For Collector.

A.V.N.

Kumbakonam,
14th June 15.

To

The Sub Collector,
K u m b a k o n a m.

Sir,

We, the undersigned parents and guardians of the girls attending the Saraswathi Patasala Kumbakonam, beg to request that the Theosophical Educational Trust which manages the institution now may be prohibited from establishing it in any place except in inhabited centres, as we understand that the Trust proposes to acquire some land near the Theosophical Lodge and build a school house there for the girls.

2. The object of the Trust seems to be to instil Theosophic ideas into the minds of the girls, so that when they become mothers, they may serve the Theosophic cause.

3. The location of the school in an inhabited centre must ~~be~~ certainly let the cat out of the bag and it is therefore sought to locate the building in a remote corner where there are no houses at all and where it is easy to inoculate the minds of children with impunity.

4. It is for completely theosophising the school, that it was removed from a busy centre to the lonely Theosophical Lodge.

5. We do not wish that our children's minds should be perverted by the Theosophical Society.

6. The Saraswati Patasala was originally a Municipal School. When, for want of funds, the Council was about to abolish it, the local Branch of the Theosophical Society stepped in, took up the management and had all the furniture transferred to it for nothing in 1908, November.

7. Till 1914, fees, grants and public subscriptions - -

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maintained the institution. Even now about Rs. 100 is collected both from theosophists and non-theosophists monthly for the maintenance of the school and Government grant is nearly Rs. 900. The Theosophical Educational Trust has now come forward with a promise of financial help to the school.

8. We anticipate danger in removing the school to a secluded spot in the town and we are sure Government will not encourage the Theosophical Society in its insidious attempts to pervert Hindu Girls.

9. The Government Girls' School is situated in the most densely peopled part of the town and the Theosophical Educational Trust should be compelled to select a site for their school in a similar place. Sites are available and at moderate prices.

We therefore pray that you will be so good as to issue strict orders to the Trust to have the proposed building erected in an inhabited centre, failing which the recognition of the school - should be withdrawn and the building grant of Rs. 8000^{only} sanctioned by Government for the proposed school-house withheld.

We beg to remain,

Your most obedient servants,

S. Ramamurthi Ayyar,
1st grade Pleader, Kumbakonam.
etd. etc. etc.

(True copy)

For Collector.

A.V.N.

88 DEPARTMENT.

Abstract: - Sanctioning a grant not exceeding one-half of the actual expenditure, viz Rs 8,550 towards the cost of purchasing a site & constructing a building for the Sri Saraswati Palasala for girls, Humberkonam.

READ AGAIN G.O. No. 192 208, dated 20. 2. 1915

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 3749, From the Collector of Tanjore, No. 1408 B, dated 27. 10. 1915

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ORDER.

No. 1334, dated 6-2-1915

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In the circumstances now represented the Govt. consider that, in modification of para. 3 of G.O. No. 192 Est, dt 20.2.15, the plot of land measuring 1.02 acres required for the Sri Saraswati Patasala for girls, Kumbakonam, should be acquired under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894. The draft notification submitted by the Collector will be published in the Fort St George Gazette.

2. Towards the estimated cost of the acquisition, viz. Rs 24 lb, a grant-in-aid of Rs 1,208 ^{or one half of the actual expenditure} will be payable from Provincial funds under this

Sanction conveyed in G.O. 192 S.H.D.

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3. After acquisition the land should be conveyed to the manager of the school by a formal deed of conveyance to be drawn in consultation with the Gov. Solicitor.

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Sept. 11. 15
as per 11/2/15

To,

the Collr. of Tanjore

" S.P.

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" S.G.P. with notification

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- Revenue Dept.

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