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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. No. 863 W., dated the 29th April 1913.

ABSTRACT.—Approving the proposal to acquire at a cost of Rs. 26,000 a portion of the buildings and lands known as the “Johannes Gardens,” Saidapet, and adapt them for the purposes of a training school.

II

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, M.A., F.R.H.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 15th September 1914.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 5104.

I have the honour to submit herewith for the fresh administrative approval of Government revised plans and estimates amounting to Rs. 56,900 in lieu of the ones sanctioned in G.O. No. 863 W., dated 29th April 1913, for acquiring the buildings and lands known as the “Johannes Gardens” at Saidapet and for altering and improving the existing buildings so as to adapt them to the requirements of a Government training school.

III

Memorandum No. 2410-Wks, B-1, dated 12th November 1914.

It is observed that a note to the following effect has been added by the Executive Engineer, South Presidency Division, to the comparative statement showing differences between the original and the revised estimates for the work. “The above proposals are made on the assumption that the existing roof timbers are good enough to be retained, but this requires verification by examination of the roof timbers especially the ends which are built into the walls.” It also appears from the Executive Engineer's valuation report of the buildings in the Johannes Gardens that the buildings are not in good order. The Superintending Engineer, V Circle, is therefore requested to have the roof timbers examined and to submit at a very early date a report as to the provision, if any, to be made for their repairs.

S. B. MURRAY,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

IV

Letter—from J. M. LACEY, Esq., A.M.I.C.E., Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

To—the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

Dated—Madras, the 4th February 1915.

No.—162-W.

With reference to your Memorandum No. 2410-Wks, B-1, dated the 12th November 1914, I have the honour to report that the roof timbers of the buildings standing on the site known as “Johannes Gardens” at Saidapet in Chingleput district have been completely examined and a statement showing their condition is enclosed. The estimate has now been revised to Rs. 58,960 and it includes necessary provision for supporting the roof timbers and beams.

ENCLOSURE.

CONDITION of roof timbers of Johannes Gardens buildings, Saidapet.

Serial number.	Names of rooms.	Number of beams.	Number found rotten.	Number of joists.	Number found rotten.	Remarks
1	Drawing hall	4	..	96	47	All joists and beams new and built-up portions and bearings.
2	No. 3, class room	2	2	48	30	
3	No. 2	2	2	51	28	
4	No. 1	2	2	48	46	
5	Hall and museum	3	2	44	42	
6	Office room	..	..	26	26	
7	Rear verandah and front verandah all round	..	..	All are rotten.		

J. J. O'REILLY,
Executive Engineer, South Presidency Division.

V

Memorandum of the Consulting Architect to Government, Madras, dated 19th March 1915.

The proposal to alter the existing building should not, I submit, be approved. The existing building does not appear to be suited for use as a school and the alterations and additions which it is proposed to make on the house would not materially improve the arrangement. Some of the rooms will have no light. The amount which it is proposed to expend in effecting the alterations is more than sufficient to cover the cost of a new and well-arranged building, and Educational may perhaps be informed that a new building is under the circumstances preferred. A sketch plan C.A. 71/1915 is submitted for guidance. Please see comparative statement according to which a saving of about Rs. 4,000 could be made if an entirely new building were erected, but provided the new building does not exceed the cost of the proposed unsatisfactory alterations, it would be much the best scheme.

Order—No. 1435, Educational, dated 18th December 1915.

The papers read above relate to the question of the adaptation of the buildings in Johannes Gardens at Saidapet for the purposes of the Government lower elementary training school at that place. In their Order No. 863 W., dated the 29th April 1913, the Government, while sanctioning the acquisition of the site and the building, approved proposals for the improvement of the latter at an estimated cost of Rs. 11,000. With his letter read above the Director of Public Instruction submitted for approval revised plans and estimates for these improvements the cost of which, including the additional provision to be made for ensuring the safety of the roof, is estimated at Rs. 35,915. The Consulting Architect, to whom these proposals were referred for remarks, observes that the existing building does not appear to be suited for use as a school and that the alterations and additions proposed would not materially improve the arrangement, while they would leave some of the

rooms without any light at all. In his opinion, the amount proposed to be spent on improvements is more than sufficient to cover the cost of a new and well-arranged building and he accordingly submits a sketch plan for a new building at a net approximate cost of Rs. 33,210.

2. The Government have carefully considered the various proposals and they agree with the Consulting Architect that no alterations or improvements to the existing building will render it suitable for the purposes of the school and that a new building should be erected in place of the existing one. The design for the new building prepared by the Consulting Architect does not, however, appear to be adequate for the requirements of the school. The Government would prefer that the design adopted for the Government training school at Tinnevely should be followed with such modifications as local conditions may necessitate. The Director of Public Instruction will be requested to have regular plans and estimates prepared accordingly and to submit them to Government.

(True Extract.)

C. G. TODHUNTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Public Works Department } with copy of notes.
" Financial Department }

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 1435, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 18TH DECEMBER 1915.

[SUBJECT.—*Revised plans and estimates for the acquisition and adaptation of the "Johannes Gardens", Saidapet, for the purposes of the Training school.*]

Previous papers:

G.O.	863 W.,	29th April	1913.
"	R. 993 W.,	25th October	"
Memo.	4293-C.,	20th May	1914.
"	1814-C.,	8th March	1915.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 15th September 1914, No. 5104.

Please see G.O. No. 863 W., dated the 29th April 1913, in which the Government approved of the proposal to acquire a portion of the buildings and lands known as the "Johannes Gardens" at Saidapet and to adapt the buildings for the purposes of the Training school at a total estimated cost of Rs. 26,000. In March 1914 the Collector of Chingleput reported that the total cost of acquisition and improvements would amount roughly to half a lakh against the original estimate of Rs. 26,000 and enquired whether in these circumstances the acquisition should be proceeded with. In view of the want of other suitable sites, he was directed to proceed with the acquisition and complete it at an early date.—vide Public Works Memorandum No. 4293-C., dated 20th May 1914. The Director of Public Instruction now submits for fresh administrative approval of the Government revised plans and estimates amounting to Rs. 56,900.

2. The excess of Rs. 30,900 over the original rough estimate is made up of Rs. 6,540 under acquisition and Rs. 24,360 under alterations and improvements. Vide Collector's letter in Public Works Memorandum 4293 C., 20th May 1914. The increase under the former head has already been foreseen; and it is to be noted that the revised estimate under this head, viz., Rs. 21,540, is below the sum of Rs. 25,000 originally demanded by the owner and which the Government were then prepared to meet.

3. The increase under the charges for improvements is chiefly due to the following items.—

- (1) improvements to the examination hall newly provided (Rs. 1,200) necessary to exercise proper supervision during examinations;
- (2) provision newly made for ventilators, sunshades, iron bars, a verandah, a passage and security roof to the terrace to prevent leaks, etc. (Rs. 4,244);
- (3) construction of a new block, in the place of the existing block at a cost of Rs. 17,308, against the original proposal for improvements at a cost of Rs. 4,800, which it is proposed to abandon owing to the fact that the building is too old and dilapidated for school purposes; and
- (4) the putting up of a carpentry class shed (Rs. 2,270).

P.R. All the above items seem necessary and the excess may be approved.

The third item above is the most expensive of the alterations now proposed. When proposing the acquisition of the property in August 1912, the Director stated that the buildings seemed "to be quite substantial and capable of being adapted to school purposes at a moderate cost", and the Public Works estimate of the improvements was only Rs. 10,950. This (as against the construction of new school premises at a heavy cost) was one of the reasons which induced the Government to accept the scheme of acquiring the property. As it is, there seems to be no course open but to accept the revised estimate as proposed by the Director of Public Instruction. If approved, the plans and estimates may be forwarded to the Public Works Department for further action, through the Financial Department, as the cost exceeds Rs. 50,000.

We have no other go.

P.R.

C.R.—23-9-14.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—25-9-14.

To the Financial and Public Works Departments.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The variations between the revised estimate of Rs. 56,900 now proposed and the original estimate of Rs. 26,000 approved in G.O. No. 863 W., dated 29th April 1913, are fully explained in Educational Department note ante. As Educational support the revised estimate, Financial may, it is submitted, accept it.

2. *Funds*.—There is no provision in the current year's budget for the expenditure, and it is not known * whether any expenditure will be incurred this year. If, so, funds will have to be allotted by re-appropriation.

S.V.—5-10-14.

A.H.—5-10-14.

B. LAVILLE—7-10-14.

The Collector objected to proceed with acquisition and I should like to see the original papers connected with official memorandum, dated 20th May 1914, in order to see what the reason for overruling him was. Acquisition is not complete I understand and the present current gives a reason for backing out of the affair.

A. BUTTERWORTH—10-10-14.

The Public Works Department may be requested to be so good as to put up the original of Official Memorandum No. 429 3-C., dated 20th May 1914.

S.V.—12-10-14.

A.H.—12-10-14.

B.L.—12-10-14.

To the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The original of Memorandum No. 4293-C., dated 20th May 1914, is put up as requested by the Financial Department. The file may now be returned to that department.

V.K.K.—20-10-14.

A.S.N.—20-10-14.

D. MARSHALL—21-10-14.

To the Financial Department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted with reference to Chief Secretary's note on page 2 ante.

Attention is solicited to the Director of Public Instruction's note on pages 4-5 of notes to Memorandum No. 4293-C., dated 20th May 1914, which was also accepted in Financial (page 8 *ibid*).

A.H.—23-10-14.

B. LAVILLE—24-10-14.

Having in view what appears in the correspondence under Memorandum No. 4293-C., dated 20th May 1914, I think that Financial may accept; but, in view of the magnitude of the estimate, Honourable Member, Financial, had better see.

A. BUTTERWORTH—24-10-14.

To the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

[Memorandum to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, No. 2410 Wks./B-1, dated 12th November 1914.]

From the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, dated 4th February 1915, No. 162 W.

After scrutiny of the plans and estimates submitted by the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, with his letter last read above the Consulting Architect remarks as follows:—

"The proposal to alter the existing buildings should not, I submit, be approved. The existing building does not appear to be suited for use as a school and the alterations and additions which it is proposed to make on the house would not materially improve the arrangement. Some of the rooms will have no light. The amount which it is proposed to expend in effecting the alterations is more than sufficient to cover the cost of a new and well-arranged building, and Educational may perhaps be informed that a new building is under the circumstances preferred. A sketch plan C.A. 71/1915 is submitted for guidance when the new design is being prepared by the Superintending Engineer—or if preferred, the design and estimate will be done in Consulting Architect's office. Please see comparative statement according to which a saving of about Rs. 4,000 could be made if an entirely new building were erected, but provided the new building does not exceed the cost of the proposed unsatisfactory alterations, it would be much the best scheme."

The Consulting Architect has, it is submitted, clearly shown that it would be a waste of money to tinker at and repair the old buildings and that it would be better in every way to have a new building. Educational may be asked if they agree to the construction of a new building and if so, to say if the plan proposed will suit them.

T.M.G.—26-3-15.

R.K.—29-3-15.

D. MARSHALL—29-3-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The file may, it is submitted, be sent to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks on the point at A in the Public Works Department note *supra*.

S.A.—1-4-15.

C.R.—8-4-15.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—12-4-15.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

I approve of the proposal of the Consulting Architect to construct a new building, but the design prepared by him is not suitable. Nine class-rooms have been provided for the model school and only five or six are required. Six of them measure $12' \times 16'$, and two of them $15\frac{1}{2}' \times 16'$. According to rule 33 (1) of the Madras Educational Rules a room $12' \times 16'$ will accommodate 24 pupils while a room $15\frac{1}{2}' \times 16'$ will hold 31 pupils. It would be desirable, I think, to provide for the accommodation of 40 pupils in each class-room. The normal maximum strength of a class is 40—vide rule 29 of the Madras Educational Rules.

Provision should also be made for holding criticism lessons and for a library. I should prefer to have a separate shed for the carpentry and storeroom, so that the ordinary classes in the school may not be disturbed by the noise of the carpentry classes.

I have instructed the Inspector of European and Training Schools to prepare a rough dimensional sketch indicating what he would suggest in the matter of accommodation and shall shortly submit a further note.

H. S. DUNCAN—24-7-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the dimensional sketch indicating the accommodation required called for from the Inspector of European and Training schools may be awaited before any further action is taken. Meanwhile the file may be sent to Public Works Department for perusal as that department has been issuing reminders in respect of it.

S.A.—28-7-15.

C.R.—28-7-15.

As matters now stand we have spent Rs. 21,380 on a site, which the Collector * declared to be inconvenient, and buildings, which the Consulting Architect condemns, and it is proposed that we should pull down the buildings and replace them at a further cost of Rs. 36,210

I venture to think that this is a mistake. It is on the buildings that we have spent the bulk of the money. The site with trees and well was valued at only Rs. 6,200. The Collector called it † inconvenient. I know it well and, with due respect to the Director, would use a stronger term. It is on the outskirts of the town, adjacent to the rubbish and night-soil depots and at the corner of the road down which all the carts going to them pass.

Its great merit, according to the Director, is that it is on the opposite side of the town to the Teachers' College so that the school is less likely to compete with that institution for pupils than it would be, if situated within the town. If it is really so very desirable to keep the two institutions apart, it would seem to be the proper course to transfer the training school, say, to St. Thomas' Mount, where there are plenty of children and there may be a Government building available. If the school is to be kept in Saidapet, the field next north of the property acquired would have all its advantages, be further from the rubbish and nightsoil depots and cost a quarter as much.

I would suggest, therefore, that, since the buildings have been condemned, the Director be asked to consider, in consultation with the Collector, whether the school might not with advantage be moved elsewhere and, if not, to select an alternative site. The Collector might meanwhile be asked to enquire whether the late owner would be ready to take back his property for the price paid less 15 per cent.

C. G. TODHUNTER—30-7-15.

Demi-official—from H. G. STOKES, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S., Acting Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

To—the Hon'ble Mr. C. G. TODHUNTER, I.C.S., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—the 2nd August 1915.

His Excellency desires that you will bring this case and discuss it with him at Ootacamund. He observes that the acting Director of Public Instruction agrees with the permanent Director of Public Instruction and he is inclined to doubt whether there is sufficient reason now to upset the whole scheme.

As personally directed by the Secretary, a draft demi-official to the Director of Public Instruction is submitted for approval.

C.R.—5-8-15.

I have amplified the demi-official somewhat.

C. G. TODHUNTER—6-8-15.

Demi-official—from the Hon'ble Mr. C. G. TODHUNTER, I.C.S., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

To—the Hon'ble Mr. H. S. DUNCAN, Acting Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—the 6th August 1915.

No.—2899-3/1914.

In your un-official note of the 24th July, you approved of the proposal of the Consulting Architect to construct a new building for the Government Elementary Training school at Saidapet instead of retaining and altering the existing buildings at Johannes Gardens.

As we have paid over Rs. 15,000 for these buildings it seems to be worth while considering, before we knock them down, whether we could not find an equally suitable site with no buildings on it for the new school it is now proposed to construct, and resell the existing buildings to the previous owner or to some one else.

One reason that has greatly limited the choice of sites in Saidapet is the desirability of keeping the school from competing with that at the Teachers' College, though I am personally very doubtful whether a matter of a few hundred yards would materially affect a parent's choice. If it is really desirable to prevent the two schools competing, it would seem to be better, now we are erecting a new building for the Government Elementary Training school, to move it to some other centre of school-going population such as St. Thomas' Mount.

Will you kindly let me have your opinion on the above two points as early as possible?

The Director of Public Instruction has not yet replied to the demi-official above. The following draft telephonic reminder is for approval.

S.A.—16-8-15.

C.R.—16-8-15.

C.G.T.—17-8-15.

Telephonic message—from the Hon'ble Mr. C. G. TODHUNTER, I.C.S., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—the 17th August 1915.

Please see my demi-official No. 2899-3/1914, dated the 6th instant, regarding the adaptation of Johannes Gardens at Saidapet for the purposes of a training school. Will you please let me know when I may expect a reply.

Demi-official—from the Hon'ble Mr. H. S. DUNCAN, Acting Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Hon'ble Mr. C. G. TODHUNTER, I.C.S., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Ootacamund, the 16th August 1915.

No.—110.

With reference to your demi-official No. 2899-3/1914, Educational, dated 6th August 1915, I understand that the unbought portion of the Johannes Gardens site to the north of the part acquired by Government is still available, but whether there is sufficient space for a training school and hostel I cannot say until I have inspected it. There is also a site to the west of the present building, but I am informed that the ground is low-lying.

In considering whether it is desirable to move the training school to the Mount or some other centre, I have looked into the question of the existing facilities in Saidapet for pupils seeking an elementary education. I find that there is only one elementary school and that is a teacher-manager school which cannot compare favourably with the model school attached to the Government Elementary Training school. If, therefore, the training school is moved from Saidapet, the parents of pupils attending the model school would be deprived of a school conducted on sound lines and would have, I consider, just cause for complaint. There are at present 150 pupils on the rolls of the model school, of whom a few could be admitted into the school attached to the Teachers' College, while the rest would have to gain admittance into the teacher-manager school, which probably could not accommodate them all. It would be necessary, in the event of the Government school being moved, to start a board elementary school to take its place.

The Mount is fairly well provided with schools and the opening of a school under Government management would in all probability affect the strength of the existing schools. It might be possible of course to make use of one of these schools as a practising school for the students under training, but the consent of the manager would have to be obtained. Taking all these points into consideration I am not in favour of moving the elementary training school from Saidapet. If the matter could lie over for three weeks Mr. Stone's views could be ascertained; he will probably take charge on the 6th proximo.

Mr. Stone wishes to consider this matter further with reference to the developments since he saw the papers last. Have Financial any objection to their notes going to him.

C. G. TODHUNTER—15-9-15.

To the Financial Department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

None.

A. BUTTERWORTH—15-9-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

C.G.T.—15-9-15.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The Consulting Architect's criticism that some of the rooms are ill-lighted is just, but this defect could be removed by sky-lights at a small additional cost.

I could not accept the Consulting Architect's plan for a new school. I should want a building on the type-design for training schools like that at Tinnevely which would cost anything up to 50,000 and even then a carpentry shed would have to be added.

I have often visited Johannes Gardens and have never noticed any inconvenience from the rubbish and night-soil depots nor has there so far as I know been any complaint. The situation in regard to Saidapet is admirable, the school supplying educational facilities for that part of the town. This moreover makes it possible to get a decent model school together. This is a constant difficulty in regard to training schools and I should therefore strongly deprecate anything being done which would deprive us of this advantage.

There are about as many students under training as pupils in model schools in the Presidency.

If we go after a new site it must be remembered that we must have room for hostel as well as the school building; a great advantage of the present site is that it has trees and garden facilities. The adjoining site lacks these and it would be years before it offers similar amenities.

I feel sure that if the present scheme is now abandoned, there will be considerable more delay, possibly years more, and eventually a much larger expenditure of money.

The Consulting Architect in drawing up his plan has simply supplied the same accommodation as the improved Johannes gardens will give or rather not even that as the model school rooms are of a different shape. Moreover we can't have the carpentry in the main building.

The cheapness of the plan is largely due to the narrowness of the rooms, I imagine, as this make roofing cheap and easy.

J. H. STONE—20-9-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Am I right in supposing that the Director of Public Instruction's proposal is to retain and improve the existing buildings and that he rejects the idea of a new construction? If so perhaps he could come and talk over the plan of the improvements with the Public Works Secretariat.

My chief objection to the scheme was of course to purchasing buildings only to knock them down. If they are to be utilized, I withdraw it though I believe there are trees on the adjacent site.

C. G. TODHUNTER—24-9-15.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Yes, my proposal is to retain and improve the existing buildings.

Perhaps the matter might wait till we get down to Madras when I could go and see the site adjoining Johannes gardens.

J.H.S.—5-10-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the papers may lie over till the * 1st of November. If no further report from the Director of Public Instruction is received by then, the file may be sent again to him.

C.R.—5-10-15.

Approved.

C.G.T.—6-10-15.

Demi-official—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To—the Hon'ble Mr. C. G. TODHUNTER, I.C.S., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—the 28th October 1915.

No.—150.

I went to Johannes gardens yesterday and considered the whole question of the accommodation on the spot.

The school is much larger now than when I used to know it, having 105 teachers under training and 150 boys in the model school. This latter number would be very largely increased if there were accommodation for them. My visit was entirely unexpected, but I found out-door things, football, badminton and gardening in full swing and was more than ever convinced that the present site is admirably suited for the purposes of the school. The other portion of it is decidedly smaller, being cut up by extensive brick-making excavations.

If I had known how the school was going to expand, I do not think I should have ever proposed the attempt to adapt the present building to school purposes. Certainly the building the Consulting Architect proposes to erect on its site would not do. However I have explained this in a un-official note.

The building moreover appears thoroughly dilapidated and I am surprised the Public Works Department authorities let us buy it as a building at all: it is rather a heap of very indifferent material; perhaps it deteriorated between the time the purchase was first proposed and the actual purchase.

Be this as it may, I think we should be throwing away good money by having it put in order and my opinion is that it will be well to pull it down and put up in its place a building on the type-design with such modification as local conditions may be found to necessitate.

Please see the Director of Public Instruction's demi-official above. The Director of Public Instruction has now changed his opinion and states that it won't do to adapt the present building to school purposes, but that a new building should be put up in its place. The Consulting Architect's plan for a new building is not accepted by him. What he recommends is a building based on the type-design with such modifications as local conditions may be found to necessitate. It is therefore for consideration whether the file may be forwarded to the Public Works Department with a view to ascertaining the cost of such a building.

B.A.V.—8-11-15.

C.R.—9-11-15.

His Excellency the Governor will like to see this in the first instance with reference to Mr. Stokes's demi-official on page 5.

Mr. Stone's final recommendation that we retain the site we have acquired and construct a new building on it following the standard plan may be adopted.

It is unfortunate that we should have spent over Rs. 15,000 on "a heap of very indifferent material". Sir A. G. Bourne in 1912 reported that the buildings

Page 2 of G.O. 863 W., 29th April 1913. seemed to be quite substantial and capable of being adapted to school purposes at a moderate cost. The Public Works Department at that stage valued the building and site at Rs. 10,000 more than we ultimately paid. (G.O. No. 863 W., dated 29th April 1913.)

C. G. TODHUNTER—10-11-15.

A new building is evidently necessary: and we may now proceed upon that basis.

P[ENLAND]—11-11-15.

A draft order is submitted for approval. If approved, it may be sent to Financial and Public Works Department for acceptance.

S.A.—12-11-15.

C.R.—24-11-15.

C. G. TODHUNTER—28-11-15.

To the Public Works } Departments.
" Financial! }

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The extract from Consulting Architect's notes on page 3 ante has been referred to as "memorandum by the Consulting Architect" and read at the head of the draft order. The draft also freely refers to Consulting Architect's views. It is submitted that in such matters it is usual to regard Consulting Architect's views as those of the Public Works Department or of the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, the Consulting Architect being only a technical assistant to the Chief Engineer. No objection to the draft order need perhaps be raised in the present case. It may therefore be accepted and the file passed on to Financial.

K.G.—6-12-15.

R.K.—6-12-15.

Accepted.

D. MARSHALL—6-12-15.

To the Financial Department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Please see the Chief Secretary's note, dated 24th October 1914, on page 3 supra. Financial accepted an estimate of Rs. 56,900.

2. The amount of compensation for acquisition of the Johannes gardens is Rs. 21,380 and the cost of demarcating the lands, etc., is Rs. 120. Total Rs. 21,500. What it will cost to demolish the existing buildings and to erect a building on the design adopted for the Government training school at Tinnevely with such modifications as local conditions may necessitate is not known. Very probably it will not be less than the estimate of Rs. 35,915 framed by the Superintending Engineer, V Circle. The total estimate is very likely to be more than Rs. 56,900 mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

3. It is submitted that the Director of Public Instruction may proceed with the preparation of fresh plans and estimates but the work does not seem to be of a very pressing nature. The provision of funds if found necessary in 1916-17 must be decided between the Public Works Department and the Educational Department.

T.H.R.—9-12-15.

We need not object to the draft which calls for fresh plans and estimates, but should, I think, at once say that we cannot alter our budget for 1916-17 to provide specifically for this work. If it is considered of pressing urgency it must be financed from the budget provision that will be fixed under 45. Civil Works—Public Works Department.

L. E. KERSHAW—10-12-15.

The cost as originally estimated was—

	Rs.
For acquisition	15,000
For improving the building	11,000
	26,000

The site has actually cost Rs. 21,500 and the cost of improving the building has run up to Rs. 35,915 or Rs. 57,415 in all. The original estimating was evidently very careless. Financial may readily agree that it would be poor economy to improve a building at such cost and that it would be better to build a fresh building provided that the cost does not largely exceed Rs. 36,000. We can accept the draft reserving the right to criticize later.

A. BUTTERWORTH—15-12-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the draft may now issue.

C.R.—16-12-15.

Issue.

C. G. TODHUNTER—17-12-15.

[G.O. No. 1435, Educational, dated 18th December 1915.]

[F. & L.]
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G.O., No. 1435 dated 18.12.1915.

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Public Works Department

1.12.14

Journal Branch

182 REMINDER

REPLY

To

The Superintending Engineer
Fifth Circle

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THE *Brief Engineer*
D.W.

The undersigned has the honour to invite
~~is directed to invite~~

attention to the communication noted in the
margin and to
No. 24/00423-1, dated 12-11-14
request that
this reminder may be returned at once with
information as to—

- (1) the stage at which the matter now is, *and*
- (2) the date by which a reply may be expected, *and*
- (3) ~~the circumstances which have caused the~~
~~delay.~~

2. It is requested that the reply to this reminder may be sent not later than ~~14/11/2019~~ 14/11/2019.

(By order)

Office

Station

Dated

Signature.

Signature.
Superintendent - P. H. Scantland
Designation.

we
26.11.14

SUBJECT.
Re the acquisition of Johannes Gardens for the purpose
of a Job. Training School at Laidapet.

Information is still
awaited from the Eco-
logist N. P. Division. He
has been reminded to
expedite it.

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C. No. 2899 Eq1. From the D.P.L., No. 5104, dated 15-9-1914

Memorandum by the Consulting Architect, " 19th March 1915.
(omitted contents in brackets)
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No. 1435E, (dated 18-12-1915)

The papers read above relate to
 the adaptation of the buildings in ~~the~~
 Johannes Garden, at Saidapet for the
 purposes of the Government Lower
 Elementary Training School. In their
 order No. 863 W., dated the 29th April
 1913, the Government, while sanctioning
 the acquisition of the site and the
 building, approved ~~the~~ proposals ~~to~~ ^{for the}
 improve ^{the} ~~the~~ building ^{with} at an estimated
 cost of Rs. 11,000. With his letter
 read above the D.P.I. submitted ^{for}
 approval revised plans and estimates
~~for~~ these improvements ~~and their~~
 cost, together with the additional
 provision to be made for ensuring the
 safety of the roof, is estimated at
 Rs. 35,915, ~~or Rs. 24,915 more than~~

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the original estimate. The Consulting Architect, to whom these proposals were referred for remarks, observes that the existing building does not appear to be suited for use as a school and that the alterations and additions proposed would not materially improve the arrangement, ~~but would~~ while leaving some of the rooms without any light at all. In his opinion, the amount proposed to be spent on improvements is more than sufficient to cover the cost of a new and well arranged building and he accordingly submits a sketch plan for a new building at a ~~and~~ ^{net} approximate cost of Rs. 33,210.

(W)

2. The Government have carefully considered the various proposals and they agree with the Consulting Architect that no alterations or improvements to the existing building will render it suitable for the purposes of the school and that a new building should be erected in place of the existing one. The design for the new building prepared by the Consulting Architect does not ^{however} appear to be adequate for the requirements of the school. ^{The Govt would prefer that} The design adopted for the Government Training School at Tinnevely should be followed ~~for the~~ ^{for the} Saidpet school, with such modifications as local conditions may necessitate. The

The D.P.I. will be requested to ¹³ have regular plans and estimates prepared accordingly and submit them to Government.

S.A.
CR
24.11.15

28.11.15

Notes in CB
22/12/15
D.P.I. in hand to D.P.I.
24/1/16
Sign & forward
24/1/16
To
The D.P.I.
" P.W.D.
" Financial Departt.) with copy of notes.

Notes in hand
to P.W.D.
24/1/16

24/1/16

