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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers :—

I

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

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—the 14th April 1915.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 961/14.

I have the honour to submit a copy of a letter from the Bursar, Madras Christian College, No. 130, dated 29th October 1914, and an application for grant together with plans bearing Nos. 177 (a) to 177 (d) and estimates for the construction of a hostel at Kilpauk for the college students. The proposed hostel is intended to provide accommodation for 52 students and is to be erected on the site known as "College Park" which is a free gift to the college by Dr. Miller and the value of which together with the house of the Principal of the college is estimated by the college authorities at Rs. 80,000. The total cost of the scheme including the cost of the site and of construction is shown as Rs. 1,57,000 and the college contributes the site as its share and requests that the balance of Rs. 77,000 may be given as grant. The Principal of the college has already stated that the erection of this hostel would not materially affect the number of students of the college who would require accommodation in the General Hospital buildings in the event of these buildings becoming available for hostels for Madras students. I beg, therefore, to recommend that a grant not exceeding Rs. 77,000 may be sanctioned subject to the condition that the title of the management to the whole property is pronounced valid by the Government Solicitor and that the proposed new buildings are erected according to plans approved by the Public Works Department and at a cost not less than the amount of the grant made by Government, the cost being considered as inclusive of the fee to the architect.

2. The site is valued at Rs. 56,578 by the Collector and the buildings thereon at Rs. 32,000 by the Executive Engineer. The valuation statements furnished by these officers are herewith submitted.

3. The grant if sanctioned will be met from the provision under "Hostels" in the current year's budget.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter—from Rev. W. MESTON, Bursar, Madras Christian College.

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—the 29th October 1914.

No.—130.

I have the honour to submit to you, on behalf of the College Council, the plans and estimates for a new hostel which it is proposed to erect in connection with the college, and to request that you will be pleased to recommend Government to sanction a grant in aid.

2. The plans have been prepared by Mr. S. D. Pears and were submitted by me to you on the 7th September when they received your approval. They are now submitted to you in detail, the plans in triplicate, the specifications and estimates in duplicate. They provide for a hostel which will accommodate 52 students. The building is in three floors. The ground floor contains manager's quarters, common room, store room, bicycle room, and office; the first and second floors contain 28 rooms for one student each and 8 rooms for three students each. The dining rooms, bathing rooms and latrines are situated at the back.

3. The hostel is estimated to cost Rs. 72,300 to build. To this has to be added the architect's fee, say, Rs. 3,700, and the sum of Rs. 1,500 already paid by the college for plans which, after a personal interview with you, were departed from. The cost of the site is estimated at Rs. 80,000. Thus the total cost of the scheme is Rs. 1,57,000; towards which the

college is enabled, by the generosity of Dr. Miller, to contribute the site as its share. The site is College Park, Kilpauk, Madras. It contains in addition to a compound of about 12 acres a house which is occupied by the Principal of the college. The hostel on this site will thus have the benefit of considerable space for purposes of recreation and the residence of the Principal who will be in close touch with its inmates. The college desires to build at least one other house which will afford additional quarters for professors of the college sharing in the supervision of the hostel; and it trusts to be in a position to make application for a grant in connection with this part of the scheme later.

4. In view of what is stated in this letter and in the accompanying form, I would express the hope that the scheme may be approved by you and recommended to Government for a half grant of the total cost.

II

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated
27th September 1915, No. 533-D.

The Director of Public Instruction submits through the Educational Department four plans and detailed estimates amounting to Rs. 72,320 for constructing a hostel with out-houses for the Madras Christian College in the compound of College Park, Kilpauk.

The particulars of the plans and estimates are as follows :—

		Rs
(1) Hostel main building—	D.P.I. No. 177 (a)	61,400
(2) Kitchen and dining rooms—	D.P.I. No. 177 (b)	5,900
(3) Bathing rooms—	D.P.I. No. 177 (b)	1,900
(4) Three latrines of six seats each—	D.P.I. No. 177 (c)	3,120
(5) Site plan—	D.P.I. No. 177 (d)	
	Total ..	72,320

2. The plans and estimates have been scrutinized in the Chief Engineer's office, and the sizes of rolled steel girders and timbers supporting the floors and roofs have been altered where necessary.

As the pressures on piers marked "A" and "B" on the plan of ground floor exceed the permissible limit for brick in lime mortar, provision has been made for constructing them in cement from the floor level up to the top of arches.

The total amount of the estimates remains unaffected by these alterations.

3. It is recommended that for supporting the Poilite partitions provision should be made for two joists placed side by side. The joists which are shown next to the walls on section AB in D.P.I. No. 177 (a) and which are considered unnecessary may be utilised for this purpose.

4. The sizes of verandah posts in the second floor may be reduced from 5" × 5" to 4" × 4".

5. The kitchen and dining rooms are intended for three sects of students. The common verandah may, if necessary, be partitioned off so that caste scruples will not be interfered with.

6. It is reported that "the soil consists of fat clay, probably liable to violent expansion and contraction under varying conditions of humidity;" and it is calculated that the pressure on the soil is 1.2 tons per square foot. The Superintending Engineer should satisfy himself about the suitability of the foundations.

7. With these remarks, the estimates, as altered in the Chief Engineer's office, amounting to Rs. 72,320, are recommended for approval.

S. B. MURRAY,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

Order—No. 1443, Educational, dated 20th December 1915.

The Government are pleased to sanction a grant not exceeding one-half of the actual expenditure or Rs. 38,760 towards the cost of constructing a hostel with out-houses for the students of the Madras Christian College in the compound of College Park, Kilpauk, and also a grant not exceeding one-half of the value of so much of the land as is required for the hostel and its appurtenances, which should be ascertained by the Director of Public Instruction, subject to the following conditions :—

(1) That the title of the management to the land is pronounced valid by the Government Solicitor;

(2) that in carrying out the work the suggestions of the Chief Engineer in his note read above are adopted; and

(3) that all the conditions prescribed in the Grant-in-Aid Code are duly complied with.

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

3. The Government regret that they cannot take into consideration the value of the Principal's house or of the land not required for the purposes of the hostel in calculating the share payable by the college authorities towards the cost of the scheme.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Director of Public Instruction
with plans, estimates and copy of Chief Engineer's note.
" Accountant-General (through Financial Department).
" Public Works Department.
" Collector of Madras.
Copy to the Financial Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 1443, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 20TH DECEMBER 1915.

[SUBJECT.—Grant towards the cost of constructing a hostel at Kilpauk for the Madras Christian College.]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated the 14th April 1915,
R.O.C. No. 9661/14.

The plans and estimates may be forwarded to the Public Works Department for scrutiny in the first instance.

E.A.V.—22-4-15.

B.G.—23-4-15.

E. A. HARVEY—27-4-15.

To the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, No. 533-D., dated
27th September 1915.

The plans and estimates have been scrutinized in the office of the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, and the remarks thereon are embodied in the note read above. The file may now be returned to Educational for necessary action.

T.M.G.—21-9-15.

T.P.S.—22-9-15.

R. KRISHNAMA ACHARI—22-9-15.

D. MARSHALL—27-9-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The estimate for the construction of the hostel as altered by the Chief Engineer amounts to Rs. 72,320. To this has to be added the Architect's fee which is put at Rs. 3,700 as also the sum of Rs. 1,500 paid already by the college authorities for plans. These two items can, under article 52 (ii) of the Grant-in-Aid Code, be included in the estimate. Thus the total estimate for the building alone comes to Rs. 77,520.

2. The Director recommends that, subject to the conditions mentioned in paragraph 1 of his letter, a grant not exceeding Rs. 77,000 may be sanctioned, the contribution from the management being the site of the "college park" which is a gift to the college from Dr. Miller and the value of which as well as of the building occupied by the Principal thereon is estimated at Rs. 88,578 by the Revenue and the Public Works Department authorities. The circumstance that it is gift property does not, it is submitted, affect the question of Government grant. For,

in certain cases the management's contribution, at least a portion of it, is raised by public subscriptions and the amount so collected is recognized by Government for purposes of calculating the grant. The real point now for consideration is whether for a hostel of the dimensions proposed, which will accommodate only 52 students, the estimate of Rs. 80,000 which represents the value of so large an area as 12 acres of land and the building should be taken into account for purposes of the proposed hostel.

3. The Director's recommendation is virtually to make a grant of almost the whole cost of constructing the hostel against the usual half-grant admissible under article 54 of the Grant-in-Aid Code. In G.O. No. 448, Educational, dated the 15th May 1913, however, the Government approved the principle that applications for assistance from the hostel grant may be considered upon their merits without strict regard to the provisions of the Grant-in-Aid Code which govern ordinary building grants. In pursuance of that policy the half-grant rule was departed from in a number of cases, the Government contribution having varied from 58 to 88 per cent and in one case having been equal to the full cost of the building. Later on however in view of the financial situation it was thought expedient to discourage applications for more than the half-grant.

Of the list of cases enumerated on page 2 of the notes with G.O. 1193, Educational, 23rd October 1914.

G.O. 1046, Educational, 7th September 1914.

Notes on page 3 of G.O. 1193, Educational, 23rd October 1914.

4. In these circumstances it is for consideration whether the grant of Rs. 77,000 may be sanctioned as a special case. If so, the draft order submitted below is for approval. If approved, it may be forwarded to Financial for acceptance.

E.A.V.—2-10-15.

In view however of the recent letter from the Government of India emphasizing the necessity for strictest economy in all directions, it is for consideration whether the Director of Public Instruction may be requested to reconsider his proposal and to state whether the question of giving a grant in the present case may be postponed until the war is over.

T.K.—25-10-15.

I doubt if we ought to make this large grant in any case.

2. According to the Public Works Department's latest calculations, the General G.O. 1133, Educational, 11th October 1915. Hospital buildings will accommodate 974 students as against 665 for whom provision is at present required, so that, presuming that that scheme will go through, there will ultimately be no need for this additional hostel for the Christian College.

3. The scheme is enormously expensive if regarded as a hostel scheme alone, costing over Rs. 3,000 per student. Government are asked to pay Rs. 1,491 per head whereas the type-plan hostel at page 80 of "Educational buildings in India" works out at less than Rs. 200 a head.

4. The grant asked for for these 52 students is more than half the grant for the year for the whole Presidency. This seems hardly fair on other institutions.

5. The Government of India have instituted a régime of rigid economy.

6. Will the Director of Public Instruction please consider the above?

C. G. TODHUNTER—26-10-15.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

In 1911, the question arose of keeping the Victoria Hostel, Chepauk, exclusively for Presidency College students. I suggested that to effect this the Madras Hostels registered company which owns it should sell it to Government and with the proceeds build a new hostel in Georgetown.

Paragraph 5, page 2 of notes to G.O. 559, Educational, 25th June 1912.

Pages 6-8 *ibid.*

for the colleges there—i.e., Madras Christian College, Pachaiyappa's College, Medical College and Law College. This plan was eventually given up in favour of a proposal of Sir A. G. Bourne's to give, I think, out of the Rs. 4,00,000 of the Government of India grant in 1913, a substantial sum to each of the two aided colleges mentioned above.

About Rs. 70,000 was earmarked for the Christian College and they were told more than once that this was a sum they could definitely rely upon, that it was so to speak waiting for them to pick up for hostel purposes. If then this grant is refused they will have, I think, a very tangible grievance. I do not know that these facts appear in any record in your office but I know that this was the understanding between Bourne and the Christian College and that it had the approval of the Honourable Member who had the Education portfolio. Mr. Davidson would probably remember the matter.

2. It will, I presume, be a good many years before the General Hospital is available for hostel purposes and by the time it is, there is every reason to expect that the demand for hostel accommodation will have outgrown even the maximum it will afford and this proposed hostel in addition.

3. The hostel certainly seems expensive. I have looked at the plans again and I am unable to see how the building could be cheapened. I see that Government gave Rs. 33,283 for the Wesley College Hostel which accommodates only 35 students and this was only a half grant.

4. I don't follow the office objection that the site, etc., cannot be reckoned as contribution of half the total cost because it was a gift to the Christian College.

5. Perhaps the strongest argument for the grant is however, that we have in the current budget included in the hostel grant of 1,46,000 (revised 1,05,800), Rs. 96,000 Government of India recurring grant for hostels of which only 18,000 has been spent up to date.

6. Of course all this does not weigh very much against the need to husband resources, but if the grant is not to be given now and paid in advance as was intended in 1912 or 1913 they might be told that it is only postponed.

J. H. STONE—27-10-15.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The Director of Public Instruction's note has been referenced. It is for consideration whether, in the circumstances stated by the Director, the grant may be sanctioned, or whether, in view of the recent instructions of the Government of India to restrict expenditure unless it is absolutely necessary, it may be stated that the Government are unable at present to sanction the grant applied for.

T.K.—7-11-15.

Mr. Stone's account of the past negotiations (of which there is little record in the office) answers the obvious criticisms on the proposal, though I still think the cost per head is high. Have Financial any objection to the proposed expenditure?

C. G. TODHUNTER—8-11-15.

To the Financial Department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

It is apparently the intention that no reduction is to be made in the grant of Rs. 77,000 recommended by the Director of Public Instruction towards the construction of the hostel at Kilpauk for the Christian College students—please see paragraph 4 of Director of Public Instruction's note on page 3 *ante* and Educational Secretary's note on page 3 *ante*.

With reference to India's recent orders* it is submitted for consideration whether the expenditure in the present case may not be postponed till after the conclusion of the war, as the item does not appear to be one of pressing urgency.

* Finance department letter 1488 F., 13th October 1915, in G.O. 690, Financial, 1st November 1915.

V.G.K.—13-11-15.

There is more than one objection to this proposal. In the first place the college authorities take credit for the value of the whole plot plus the value of the Principal's bungalow, and offer this as their share of the contribution. I question the correctness of this procedure. All that they can take credit for is the value of the land on which it is proposed to build the hostel and any additional amount of land that would ordinarily be required as a compound or recreation ground. I don't think they are entitled to set off the value of the Principal's house against their share of the cost. The proper procedure to adopt is to take the value of the land required for the hostel and its appurtenances, and to add to this the cost of the building. We then get the total cost of the project.

2. The second objection is the expensiveness of the design which Educational Secretary has drawn attention to. It ought to be possible to reduce the estimate.

3. Yet another, and perhaps a vital objection, is we cannot spend Rs. 77,000 lightly in these days. The fact that the Director of Public Instruction has the money, and that it comes from the Government of India assignment does not justify the lavish expenditure of money. We have to exercise the strictest economy, and I venture to disagree with the Director of Public Instruction when he says that the strongest argument is that we have budget provision which we have not fully utilised.

4. I therefore venture to suggest that the scheme should be postponed for the present and that in intimating this fact to the Director of Public Instruction he should be told that Government cannot agree to the whole of the land and the Principal's house being taken as a set off against the share payable by the college. He may also be told that the design is expensive, and calls for revision.

L. E. KERSHAW—13-11-15.

As to the design being too expensive I am not prepared to express an opinion. I am inclined to agree with the Assistant Secretary that in spite of budget provision this work should be postponed in view of the present financial position.

I quite agree with the Assistant Secretary that we ought not to take into consideration the value of the Principal's house or of the land not required for the use of the hostel.

Honourable Member (Financial) should see.

A. BUTTERWORTH—16-11-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

A draft order is submitted for approval. If approved it may be circulated to His Excellency and the Honourable Member (Financial).

P.R.—18-11-15.

T.K.—18-11-15.

The Honourable Member (Financial) has noted elsewhere that we need not take Government of India's orders of retrenchment too literally.

2. The Director of Public Instruction has explained, in answer to criticisms which I made in ignorance of past negotiations which are not on record, that the money has been earmarked for the Christian College, in pursuance of an arrangement of long standing. There is budget provision.

3. The Director of Public Instruction says he cannot cut down the cost and I gather that it has not been the practice to interfere in the details of the spending of such grants. I think a grant should be made.

4. Whether we should decline to recognize the value of the Principal's house and part of the site as part of the mission's contribution is for orders.

C. G. TODHUNTER—18-11-15.

I agree, but I should like to know what is to be said on the last point.

P[ENTLAND]—20-11-15.

I regard the provision of more hostel accommodation as a matter of great urgency and I would give the half grant now instead of waiting till after the war—if we can possibly find the money.

2. I agree with the Assistant Secretary that the value of the Principal's house and grounds cannot properly be included. It has been in existence for years and used by the college. We give grants in aid to encourage new development, not for old buildings. Indeed we refuse grants, I believe, for new buildings if they are completed before application is made for the grant. Possibly when the College Council knows that it must pay half the cost of the hostel it will be able to make economies and reduce what seems to be an extravagant rate per student.

H. A. S[UART]—5-12-15.

A revised draft order is submitted for approval. It may be circulated to His Excellency the Governor.

P.R.—7-12-15.

T.K.—7-12-15.

C.G.T.—8-12-15.

P[ENTLAND]—12-12-15.

I am afraid this draft should have gone through Financial. It is forwarded for their acceptance now.

C.G.T.—14-12-15.

To the Financial Department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the draft may be accepted in Financial.

V.G.K.—15-12-15.

L. E. KERSHAW—15-12-15.

A. BUTTERWORTH—16-12-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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T.K.—18-12-15.

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C.G.T.—18-12-15.

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Note by the Chief Engineer P.W.D., No.533 D dated 27th September 15

Order:- No. 1443 E.S. 27-20-15

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