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[Despatch Abstract.]

Grant.

Recording notes relating to the ----- hospital
ward for the blind school at Palamcottah.

CURRENT NO.

4019

SECRET
 30 JUN 1916
 LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT
 In the PUBLIC
 Palamcottah
 June 28th 1916
 Rs. 1716

Dear Mr. Toddhunter,

I spoke to Mr. Hemmingway last Saturday about a matter in which I need the help of Government; & he told me to write to you about it, as you would possibly be able to help me.

When I built these Schools for the Blind I was not able to complete what was needed, & had to postpone putting up a little Hospital for the girls. Now that the numbers have doubled since that time, it is most necessary that we should have such a building, & I sent plan & estimate to the Inspectress of Girls' Schools asking ^{Directly} them to sanction at least half the cost, but they were returned to me with a refusal.

I have been thinking that though the educational department cannot help me, perhaps there may be some other fund from which some help might be obtained, & I am taking the liberty of troubling you to ask you to use your influence, in my behalf. The amount of the estimate is only Rs. 3282. which perhaps might be met from a Government Medical Fund.

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or a Charitable Fund. I have now more than
150 blind people on this compound, 10 being under
five years old. - The blind are often delicate
& among so many young people there are
always some ailing as you know, & it is
really wonderful how we have managed so
long - but it is now absolutely necessary
to erect a small hospital, or sick rooms. -

Will you kindly say if I may send you
the proposed plan & estimates which have
been prepared by a professional man, or
whether I should send them to any other
Government Department to have them
approved. -

Trusting that you will be able to help
me in this necessary & urgent matter

I remain
Yours sincerely
(Miss) A. J. Askwith

Chinese Missionary

Pub Dept

Sanatorium

Attention is referred to the correspondence and notes in 19. 25 36 Educational of 19.6.409 in which the Govt approved of the payment of a building grant of Rs 10,600 to the Sarah Jacob Blind School, Palamcottah. It was therein decided that any grant to be given to this institution, beyond what is ordinarily permissible to charitable institutions under the grant in aid Code, should be given in view of the philanthropic character of the work apart from its merely educational value. Accordingly a special grant of Rs 5000/- was subsequently sanctioned in 19. 25 36.

In connection with the request of the Lady Superior of the French Sisters of Kumbakonam for a grant towards the maintenance of their dispensaries, it was pointed out that such a grant would be desirable ^{only} if the dispensaries were an essential part of the local machinery for medical relief. ^{Eventually} a grant for the dispensaries was refused, their claims would be the attention.

In the present case, the projected hospital for the blind at Palamcottah will not be open to the public at large.

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but will merely form an annex to a local philanthropic institution.

It does not appear that a grant from the medical budget would be permissible.

3. Part of the hospital is to be considered to form an integral part of the blind school, the propriety of making a grant to the institution may perhaps be considered in the

Educational Dept. The question of subsidizing ^{the school} in view merely of its charitable spirit is one for consideration in Financial. I submitted that the remarks of Educational & Finl Dept. may be invited (and)

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The school receives blind children from all over the Presidency and, owing to the delinquency of these children, a ward is a necessary adjunct to it. Whether a contribution towards this would be a medical, educational or charitable charge it is difficult to say. I should have thought it would have stood as the

Attention is solicited to rule 14 of the Grant-in-aid Case. If the rule does not admit of the payment of a grant in the present instance

of subsidizing is not admissible in the present case. The rule does not admit of the payment of a grant in the present instance

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same footing as a contribution to a mission, hospital, or asylum. Will ask and Fin. kindly say whether they can find the money asked for or at least the 2000 towards it? Even if the charge were in a medical way, the hospital grant. All distributed equally of making a grant to 8 institutions may perhaps be considered in the

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Please see rule 4 of the Grant-in-aid Code which enumerates the purposes for which grants can be paid from the funds at the disposal of the Educational department. This rule does not admit of the payment of any grant on account of the hospital in question. The D. P. I. may ~~not~~ be consulted w. before passing the file on to the Financial department.

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10.7.16.

CN. 2533-2
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What does the D. P. I. think please?
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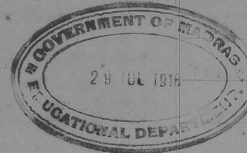
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I was unable to consider this question
 owing to financial stringency. I understood
 that the hospital was ^{located} ~~located~~ in the same
 school and ^{expended} ~~expended~~ under a special
 fund. I have no objection to ^{the} ~~the~~ fund
 being ^{used} ~~used~~ under the same rules. I under-
 stand ^{the} ~~the~~ Government are now considering the
 possibility of raising their ^{own} ~~own~~ funds
 for this purpose. It might cover a
 period of 27.

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Encl. Dept.

Subord this may lie over till the
 receipt of the general file ^{referred to at A} ~~referred to at A~~ now with the
 Finl. Dept.

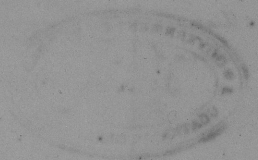
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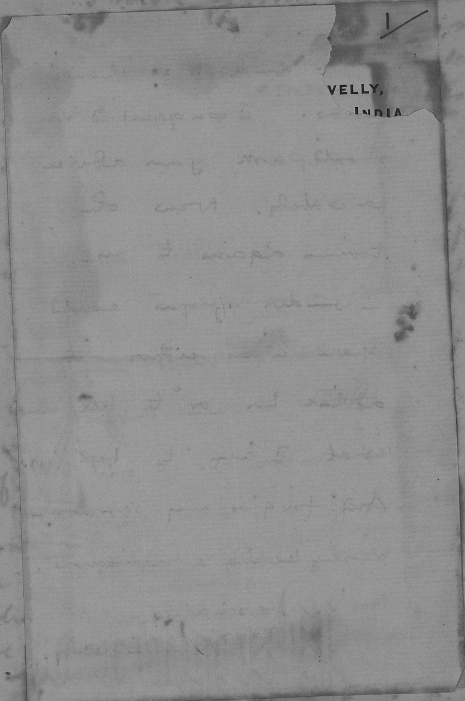
I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of the sum of Rs. 100/-

Yours faithfully,
[Signature]

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CURRENT NO. 4728
PUBLIC
Regd 31-7-66

Dear Mr. Harrington,
I made up my mind to write to you some time ago but I have been so busy that I have not had time to do so.

I am now in the hospital and I am not feeling very well. I have been in the hospital for some time now and I am not feeling very well. I have been in the hospital for some time now and I am not feeling very well.



Yours faithfully,
A. J. Ashworth

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Schools for the Blind
Palameottah.
July 26th 1916

Dear Mr. Hemmingway,

I wrote to Mr. Todhunter, as you advised me, to ask if he could help me in obtaining a grant towards building a school hospital in connection with the blind girls' school, but I have received no reply, though it is 3 or 4 weeks since I wrote.

We are now rather in straits as measles has broken out & there are already 8 patients, so I am having a temporary shed made for them, so that if possible the disease may not spread.

If I could have a promise of a grant when the war is over, I would try to advance the money now & so begin the work at once.

If our Engineer (D.W.) approves of the plans now I suppose Government would not disapprove of them afterwards, it is such a small affair, only a little over Rs. 3000. As I receive children from all parts of the Presidency I feel I have some claim on the Government's help.

I remain

Yours sincerely,
R. J. Ashmith

Has not this matter started?

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U.S. - The original communication was referred to the
EDL & Finl Dept. 24.10.16. It is understood that the file

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docket below.

referred to above is now in the Educational Dept. Submitted that that Dept may be requested to state in what stage the matter is at present.

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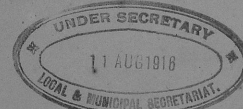


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Home Dept.

(Educational) Dept.

The file referred to related to the question of a building grant for a hospital for the blind attached to the Sarah Thacker blind school at Palamcottah. It has been decided ^(at the meeting of the) in the main file that the question should lie with the general attitude of Govt. in respect of building grants is decided upon. - file placed below for reference.

With the above remarks the case may be returned w/o to the Medical Section.

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dom (Mr. J. J. J.)Ms.

Please see the O.P.I.'s note on page ante on the subject of a grant to the hospital for the blind at Palamcottah. The O.P.I. has no objection to a grant being paid from Educational funds, but the question has been held in abeyance until the general attitude of Govt in regard to these grants ~~has~~ is settled.

2. Sub^d for orders as to the reply to be given to Miss Askwith + Mr. Hemmings.

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Intermediate replies have been sent to Mr. Hemmings + Miss Askwith. The file may now be returned to the Educational Dept.

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These are under consideration
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A reply may perhaps be sent as soon as the general question is decided

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11th August 1916.

Dear Miss Askwith,

I am very sorry that your letter of June 28th has gone so long unanswered. As you know, the Government office is divided into water-tight compartments and the question to which of them belongs a hospital ward attached to ~~the~~ ^a school, and that not a school of an ordinary kind, is one of some difficulty. Meanwhile there is very little money to spare in any of them. I will get you ^{the} orders of Government as soon as I can. ^{I am} Sorry I cannot promise more at present.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

8/ 11.8.16

To Miss A.J. Askwith,

Schools for the Blind,

Palamcottah.

Ootacamund.

11th August 1916.

My dear Hemingway,

Yours of 29th July.

I enclose copy of ^a letter to Miss Askwith on the subject of a grant for a hospital ward for the blind school. You need not have apologised for not knowing what department the application belongs to, for none of us here are any wiser on the subject.

Yours sincerely,

8/ 11.8.16

F.R. Hemingway, Esq., I.C.S.

Collector of Tinnevely.

Home (Eo) Dept

For Regr.

This may die over the receipt
of a reply to the recpt. that has been
^{proposed} ~~issued~~ ^{to} the D. P. J. about the
amount that will be required by
him this year for building ~~over~~ ^{new} gaols.

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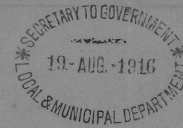
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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.



Schools for the Blind
Palamcottah
Aug. 16. 1916.

Dear Mr. Todhunter.

I thank you in your letter of the 11th inst. To support my claim in a grant towards a school hospital for the blind girls, may I say that I saw the para. in the "Madras Mail" a few days ago where it was said that the Government feel the time has come to further the cause of the Blind & Deaf & dumb, & that it should be done by Charitable Societies with the help of Government. This Institution has now been established for some years, & the present buildings were erected from 6 to 8 years ago with the help of Government, but at that time I had to postpone the building of the needed Hospital as I had not means to meet the half cost. The numbers of blind girls has so increased now, that there is no doubt of the urgency of the case, & also on account of the Blind

being many of them very delicate ~~because~~^{in account of}
of previous neglect, the work in the Institution
suffers much from not having suitable
provision for those who need medical care.
This is the only Institution where the Blind
are entirely cared for in the Madras Presi-
-dency, & I do earnestly beg of the Government
to help me all they can that I may do
for these poor children all that ought to be
done for them. Last month measles broke
out among them & I had to erect a Segrega-
-tion pandal by the Government-doctors
orders, causing expense which would have
been avoided if we had had proper accom-
-modation. - Trusting that you will most
kindly lay the urgent-necessity of my plea
before Government.

I remain

Yours sincerely

A. J. Arundell



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The Home Dept (etc) may be requested to add this to the main file now with them.

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Home Dep^t (Ed^l) u.o

Home Dept - Ed^l

Miss Asquith's proposed communication has been added to the main file. It will be seen that the question of aid to the hospital is held in abeyance till the additional amount that will be required for payment of building grants in the current year is ascertained from the Director. - vide page 12 ante.

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For Regr.

Home (Con) Dept.

Please see portion marked A in the D.P.'s note on p. bante. ^(in connection with) the general file relating to Building Grants ~~has been~~ ^{have not} ~~been~~ Financial ~~noting~~ a definite liability of 1.50 lakhs from reserve towards building grants ^{in the currency}. The D.P. was requested to state as to what amount he would require out of this immediately. His reply D.O. No 177 d/ the 21st Sept. 1916 does not furnish any details as regards the aodl. amount of Rs 33,000 which the D.P. states could be utilised this year for payment of building grants to non-European schools under private management. It is subd. the D.P. may now be requested u.o. to state whether he has made provision for the school for the blind in his d.o. letter referred to above or whether if a grant is sanctioned for the school, he would require an aodl. allotment ^(in the currency) to meet this liability ^{if so how much}.

*note File at Top p. 26 of 1916

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Nothing for the Moul school hospital was included in the Rs 33,000.

Hospital is a misnomer it should be called a Sanatorium and since all hotels should have Sanatoria there is no reason why we should not include Sanatoria in hotel parts.

I think there are good grounds for treating this case exceptionally and for asking the extra cost of the Sanatorium i.e. Rs 3282. If however this is not provided under the ordinary rules it is not very likely that the work will be finished & payment become due this year. If however Government is prepared to pay in advance in view of the exceptional circumstances, on approval of plans and estimates then being Rs 3282 can be added to the Rs 33,000.



for 18.10.16

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For Regr.

Home (Ed.) Dept.

Please see the D.P.'s note on the previous page. The D.P.'s states that there are special grounds for treating this case exceptionally and the Govt. paying the whole cost of the sanatorium i.e. Rs 3282. He also observes that unless an advance is given, the payment in case of a grant is not likely to be due this year. As in the general question regarding buildings grants Financial have noted that there should be no question of advances, it is submt. Miss Askwith may be informed D.O. that she might submit a formal application for a grant through the Dir. of Pub. Hlth. Draft subd for approval

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18.10.16

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The D.O. is in approval.

The question of foot meeting the full cost need not be raised, as

Miss Askwith herself asked for only

Half grant, please see page 14 to supra.
 The difficulty was due to the fact that
 the D.T. was asked to entertain no fresh
 applications for grants owing to financial
 stringency.

At
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[Issued as D.O. No 2533-3 Est, of the
 25th October 1916]

Home (Ec) Dept

Dear Madam D.O. No. 2533-3
20.10.16

I am to refer to the Honble Mr. Toohunter's d.o. dated the 11th August 1916 and to inform you that any formal application for grant towards the construction of a hospital for the blind, which you may submit through the Director of Public Instruction, will receive due consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs. A. J. Askwith,
School for the Blind
Palamcottah.

19.10.16

P.T.O.

For Regr.

Home (Ed) Dept.

The case may be
remitted to I. M. u. o. for
perusal and return.

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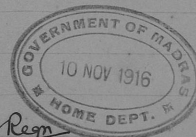
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Home Dept. u. o.



For Regr.

Home (Ed) Dept.

These papers may be recorded
for future reference.
(Draft subd for approval.

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Grant

Home (Ed) DEPARTMENT

Recording notes relating to
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the blind ^(school) at Palamcottah

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