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Order—No. 125, Educational, dated the 7th February 1916.

The Director of Public Instruction will be informed that the Government have decided that the building known as "Kernan castle" or "the Ice house" on the south beach now rented for the Brahman widows' hostel attached to the Government girls' school, Triplicane, should be acquired for purposes of the Government Secondary and Training School for Mistresses, Triplicane.

2. Further orders will issue in the Public Works Department in regard to the acquisition of the building.

(True Extract.)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

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

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 125, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
THE 7TH FEBRUARY 1916.

[SUBJECT.—Government girls' school, Triplicane.]

Two cuttings from "The Hindu," dated the 21st and the 30th September 1915, headed the "Government Girls' School at Triplicane" are submitted for perusal.

C.R.—24-9-15.

To the Director of Public Instruction for favour of remarks, if any.

C. G. TODHUNTER—25-9-15.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The Inspectresses always hold that girls' schools must be near the pupils' homes particularly near the homes of the younger pupils. The question of a site on the Beach has been considered but it has so far been thought that it would be too far off for the younger girls of Triplicane. The pupils in the Ice House are Brahman widows and Miss Lynch seems to have solved the difficulty in their case. A good proportion are of course grown up girls. They presumably walk under effective supervision between the Ice House and the school.

I have however written to Miss Lynch asking her to reconsider the question of placing the high school on some open ground, e.g., on Lloyds Road or Beach while retaining the lower classes in Triplicane and shall be addressing Government if I find I can make any practical proposals.

J. H. STONE—28-9-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted to the Secretary.

2. The report promised may be awaited.

Paragraph 2, page 3 of G.O. 586, Educational, 21st June 1913.

3. The original intention was to establish the school "in the heart of a caste quarter."

C.R.—30-9-15.

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

To—the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—the 5th October 1915.

No.—3331-1, Educational.

Government understand that you are at present renting Kernan Castle as a hostel for Brahman widows, also that your are in difficulties about the site for the Triplicane girls' school. It is also understood that Kernan Castle is in the market at a price of Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 33,000 and it has been suggested that it would be well to purchase it on behalf of Government and that, if so purchased, it might perhaps be used for the elder girls of the Triplicane High school (including the widows now living there), the existing building being retained for the younger ones. I am to ask you to favour Government with your views on these proposals.

Submitted to His Excellency the Governor for information. We are now paying Rs. 150 a month for the Ice House or Kernan Castle. The Director of Public Instruction has been asked to report demi-officially whether he recommends purchase. It is understood that the property is in the market at a price of Rs. 50,000—35,000.

C. G. TODHUNTER—6-10-15.

I am at present disposed to favour this purchase. Mr. Stone spoke to me about it this morning.

P[ENTLAND]—7-10-15.

A draft order is submitted. It is proposed to *acquire* the building in order to secure for Government an indefeasible title to the property. If approved, the draft may be forwarded to the Financial and Public Works departments for acceptance.

E.A.V.—12-10-15.

T.K.—12-10-15.

C.G.T.—12-10-15.

To the Public Works } Departments.
" Financial }

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Submitted.

2. Attention is invited to paragraph 906 of the Public Works Department Code, Volume I, under which a proposal for the purchase of a building should be accompanied by a survey and valuation report by the Executive Engineer of the division in which the property is located. Information as to whether the building is in a sound condition at present seems also necessary before sanctioning its purchase. For orders whether the above may now be called for from the Superintending Engineer, V Circle. If not the draft may be accepted and the file passed on to Financial.

R.K.—20-10-15.

This is obviously necessary; urgent memorandum to the Superintending Engineer.

D. MARSHALL—21-10-15.

A draft memorandum is submitted.

T.M.G.—21-10-15.

T.P.S.—21-10-15.

R.K.—21-10-15.

D.M.—21-10-15.

[Memorandum No. 3046Wks./B-1, dated the 22nd October 1915.]

Demi-official—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. Stone, C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction.

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

Dated—the 10th November 1915.
No.—168.

Please see your demi-official 3331-1, Educational, dated 5th October 1915. I enclose some extracts from a letter from Miss Lynch about a habitation for the Triplicane school which I think show that that school must be situated in Triplicane itself.

2. I do not think however that this disposes of the question of acquiring the Ice House. It is now used as a widows' hostel and there are 34 widows in it. I think we ought to aim at increasing this number and developing the hostel, or home, as Miss Lynch calls it into a boarding school where the widows could receive systematic education at any rate up to the third form. The Ice House would give us admirable scope for doing this and our experience of renting houses in Triplicane for girls' school purposes makes me welcome the idea of our being provided

once for all with a suitable building on the beach. I do not think I need enlarge on other aspects of the case, such as the advantage of Government's securing another portion of the beach frontage.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter—from the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Central Circle.

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—the 2nd October 1915.

I have already made an attempt to transfer the high school classes to the Ice House, but the difficulties brought forward by Miss Prager were such that I abandoned it. The teachers of the training school work both in the training school and high school and if some of the classes were removed to the Ice House it would mean that they would have to go backwards and forwards several times a day. The second difficulty is that of allowing Sudra and Christian girls to go to the Ice House and thus introduce once more the caste question and at the same time take forth the privacy of the Brahman hostel which is now working so smoothly. However I shall tackle it again on my return to Madras next Thursday (7th) and see if some temporary arrangement can be made until we can get the house that has been promised in Triplicane.

2. With regard to building in the Wenlock Park or Lloyd's Road for the high school classes or better still on the Ice House Road near the hostel, the proposal is feasible as far as the attendance of the Brahman widows and Christians is concerned but none of the Brahman girls from Triplicane will attend it. The Triplicane school gives educational facilities mainly to the daughters of middle class Brahmans whose income or pay ranges from Rs. 30 to Rs. 250 and who live in the area round the present school. These people are not rich enough to send their daughters in handies and rikshaws to school as is done at Egmore and if the school is taken away from them, their children will cease to attend any school. In any case a site has to be acquired in Triplicane itself for the model school and training department and once this is done the cost of putting up one block for both high school and training schools will probably be cheaper than building in two places. The same difficulty arose many years ago regarding the location of the Egmore school which was originally situated in Georgetown and no doubt some European Superintendent who pined for fresh air and an open space got it removed to Egmore and as you know the girls who go there now are the daughters of High Court Judges, wealthy vakkils, etc., who require an English education and it is not much use repeating this experiment in the case of Triplicane. Continuity in work and a spirit of unity and co-operation are secured by having the entire school located in the same block of buildings but all this will be lost if we permanently separate the two schools and the children of the middle class Brahmans will be effectually prevented from continuing their education beyond the fourth standard.

From the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, No. 8-Confdl., dated 24th December 1915.

No. 2-Confdl., dated 15th January 1916.

Please see memorandum No. 3046-Wks./B-1, dated 22nd October 1915, to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, and his reply thereto. The plans received from the Superintending Engineer are placed below.

2. For orders as to whether the acquisition of the building known as the "Kernan Castle" or the "Ice House" may be agreed to at a cost not exceeding Rs. 32,000.

T.M.G.—15-1-16.

T.P.S.—15-1-16.

The file came to this department from Educational with a draft order for acceptance. Before accepting the draft order it was considered necessary to obtain a valuation statement and survey of the building from the Executive Engineer. These have now been received, and the file has to be returned to Educational with the remarks of this department.

R.K.—15-1-16.

D. MARSHALL—17-1-16.

I have had the building examined and valued, and from a structural point of view it is well worth Rs. 32,000. If it is otherwise suitable, without alterations, for the purpose for which it is intended, I recommend its purchase for about the sum mentioned above.

S. B. MURRAY—17-1-16.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The file has not yet gone to the Financial Department as ordered by the Secretary on page 2 ante. It may now be forwarded to that department.

P.R.—20-1-16.

T.K.—20-1-16.

Can Financial kindly find the money? I had no idea the file had not reached them.

C. G. TODHUNTER—21-1-16.

To the Financial Department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

[Please see His Excellency the Governor's note and demi-official from the Director of Public Instruction on page 2 ante.]

Submitted that before sanctioning the allotment of Rs. 32,000 required in the present case, from the reserve with Financial, the Public Works Department may be requested to state whether the amount cannot be met by re-appropriation within the total sanctioned grant for 1915-16 under the head 45. Civil Works—Public Works Department.

V.G.K.—25-1-16.

Yes. Public Works Department may be able to find the money. The amount is small.

L. E. KERSHAW—25-1-16.

To the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

There are no funds now available with Public Works Department. It is however very unlikely that debits on account of the site will be adjusted in the current year as the draft notification for the acquisition of the building has yet to be called for and published in the Gazette. No provision has been made for the purpose in the budget for 1916-17 (First edition).

In a similar * case recently sent to Financial, they have suggested that the amount required for 1916-17 should be found from the grant under 45. Civil Works—Provincial. In the present case, the acquisition seems to be "very urgent" as the building is at present rented by Government and is said to be in the market for sale. The necessary provision for the acquisition of site will be worked into the second edition of the budget. **K** With these remarks, the file may be returned to Educational through Financial. Educational may be requested to communicate a copy of the notes along with the order in this case.

V.K.G.—1-2-16.

A.S.N.—1-2-16.

To the Educational Department (through Financial).

S. B. MURRAY—2-2-16.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

In regard to funds, please see portion **K** of Public Works Department note above.

The draft may, it is submitted, be accepted.

V.G.K.—4-2-16.

L.E.K.—4-2-16.

Yes. Money can be found in 1916-17 by excising, if necessary, from the Public Works Department budget, the provision for the female jail which Honourable Member is ready to defer if more urgent works are in sight. But Honourable Member, Financial, should see the draft.

A. BUTTERWORTH—4-2-16.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

In the file relating to the acquisition of a site for the Government Girls' school, Triplicane, the Hon'ble Sir Harold Stuart remarked as follows:—

"If Kernan Castle also is to be acquired proceedings should similarly be expedited. We have some money now but we shall be very tight next year."

2. In the same file His Excellency the Governor has directed that "Kernan Castle" should be acquired without delay.

3. It will be seen from the above that both His Excellency the Governor and Honourable Member (Financial) are in favour of acquisition proceedings being completed and money being paid for before the end of the current year. It is for orders whether the file may be forwarded to the Financial Department for further consideration with reference to the above remarks.

P.R.—4-2-16.

T.K.—4-2-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—5-2-16.

To the Financial Department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

I am not certain that it will be possible to push the acquisition proceedings through this year. But whether the award is made this year or next we shall be able to get the money from some source.

L. E. KERSHAW—5-2-16.

Yes. Honourable Member, Financial, has apparently consented to acquire the Ice House. So the draft need not go to him.

A.B.—5-2-16.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The draft order already submitted is for approval.

T.K.—7-2-16.

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P.R.—7-2-16.

[G.O. No. 125, Educational, dated the 7th February 1916.]

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Dated 21-9-15

Government Girls' School at Triplicane.

An esteemed Correspondent writes:-

I understand that, at the instance of the Educational Department, the special Deputy Collector is taking steps to acquire for the use of the Government Girls' School in Triplicane, a number of houses between the great Gangukondan Mandapam and the house of the late Rajah T. Rama Rao, in the western road of the Thulasisingaperumal Cowl Street, in Triplicane. The houses in this street, on account of their proximity to the pagoda of Sree Parthasarathy Swamy and on account of all the temple processions passing through it, fetch higher prices than those in other parts of Triplicane. According to the present ideals, a school requires a very large extent of ground for the main building, play grounds, hostels, garden, etc. The acquisition of the required extent of ground in this street, as well as in Singarachary Street, Car Street, and four Madras Streets, will be very costly. In the face of the enormous expenditure which the present great war (greatest known to history) has necessitated the primary concern of the Government must be economy in every direction. The British Cabinet Ministers have been trying to reduce expenditure on proposals other than the war and preaching to the Britons the necessity of saving, money by reducing domestic expenses to the possible extent. India is indirectly affected by the war as much as other parts of the great British Empire. Governments in India cannot therefore afford in this great crisis to be unmindful of the expenditure they are incurring. The proposed acquisition in the Thulasisingaperumal Cowl Street will not only cost many thousands of rupees, but also inconvenience beyond measure, many families. If no other site in a convenient and even in a better locality can be had, the proposed acquisition may be justifiable. But there is a very good extensive site lying waste, on the beach near Triplicane, between the road leading to the sea from the Sankaravari Street and the lady's club house built by the late Rajah Sir Sivalay Ramaswamy Mudaliar and between the Buckingham Canal and Beach road. This site is much nearer to the "Ice House" in which a large number of girls attending the school reside, than the rented building in the Thulasisingaperumal Street belonging to late Rajah T. Rama Rao, in which the school is at present held. The proximity of this site to the sea and its capacity for extension which the ever progressive ideals of education may demand, point to it as the best site in point of health and convenience. The distance between the Thulasisingaperumal Cowl Street and the Beach site we recommend, may not exceed two furlongs.

Moreover one of the houses to be acquired is used for sacrifices (Bali) in the annual festivals in honor of Sree Parthasarathy Swamy and Sree Narasimha Swamy. Its acquisition for girls' school will absolutely prevent its use for sacrifice, as a public school is open to all classes and crowds. This circumstance will not fail to wound the religious feelings of the Hindu community. The authorities should pay particular attention to this aspect of the case. When they have at their disposal, other and better sites, it is not prudent to insist upon the acquisition of a portion of the Thulasisingaperumal Street for the Girls' School.

I hope and trust that H. E. Lord Pentland and Mr. Stone (the Director of Public Instruction), will in the interests of finance and out of regard for the feelings of the Hindu subjects of His Majesty the Emperor, order the special Deputy Collector to stay proceedings for the acquisition of houses in the Thulasisingaperumal Street, Triplicane.

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24-9-15

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DEPARTMENT.

CUTTINGS FROM NEWSPAPERS.

1. Name of Paper—

The Hindu

2. Published at—

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3. Dated—

*30-9-15*Government Girls' School
at Triplicane.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HINDU."

"SIR,—I regret very much to hear that a strong protest is being prepared to be sent to the Government against the existence of the Government Girls' High School at Triplicane.

I hear it is stated in the protest petition that the agraaharam is being polluted by its existence. Is not the agraaharam polluted when Panchamas, Scavengers pass through it? Is it polluted when there is an excellent Girls' High School well managed by efficient staff consisting of lady teachers? There was a time I remember when there was a loud cry for a separate High School for Hindu girls. When one is opened now at an enormous cost people, even educated men of high talents take all sorts of objections to its very existence.

It seems a few days ago a friend of mine was asked to sign the protest petition; but he flatly refused to do so.

But the people do not at all realise the advantages and they always want to find fault with those who do good work for the country. They do not like at all to co-operate either with the educational department to further the cause of sound education to boys and girls or with the Corporation to improve the sanitation, etc. But their business is to find fault with them. Your esteemed correspondent wrote in the "Hindu" recently that it is not prudent to insist upon the acquisition of a portion of the Tholasinga Perumal street for the girls' school. I ask which is prudent? The place which he has mentioned is far away from Triplicane. Is this prudent? I as a tumble and silent worker for the cause of female education for the last 15 years, hope therefore that H. E. Lord Pentland and the Hon'ble Mr. Stone will in the interest of the progress of Female Education have a permanent building at Triplicane for it and make it a model High School for girls in the Presidency.

I further hope the educated gentlemen of Madras and of Triplicane in particular will also co-operate with the Educational Department for the further improvements of the said school.

C. S. RAMASWAMY IYER.

