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(Education)

READ—the following papers:—

I

Memorandum No. 33-1 M/O., dated 18th May 1916.

The Collector of Tanjore is requested to obtain from the Divisional Officer and submit to Government an estimate of the cost of acquiring the open spaces which were considered suitable for play-grounds by the deputation of the Negapatam public which waited on the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar, K.C.S.I., C.I.E.

(By Order)

V. T. KRISHNAMA ACHARI,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Tanjore.

II

Letter—from M.R.Ry. C. R. KUNJITHAPATHAM AYYAR AVARGAL, B.A., B.L., Chairman, Municipal Council, Negapatam.

To—the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department (through the Revenue Divisional Officer, Negapatam, and the Collector of Tanjore).

Dated—the 27th April 1916.

No.—R.C. 183.

I have the honour to request that Government may be pleased to sanction a grant of Rs. 8,000 for providing a play-ground for the school-going population of this town. The site chosen for the purpose is the maidan lying between the public office buildings and the hospital road and the total area of the land available is 4.82 acres.

2. The land belongs to Nilayathatchi Amman temple of this town. Attempts have been made from time to time to build on it but the Council has refused to grant license as it considered it desirable that the land should be kept vacant. Recently I received an application for license to build a theatre on it but this also has been disallowed.

3. There seems to be a proposal also to acquire a portion of this land for constructing quarters for the Police Inspector. It is undesirable to allow this site to be built upon as it is very near the hospital and the public office buildings.

4. In view of the necessity for free perfilation of sea air to this part of the town, the Council resolved on 9th October 1886 that the site should be kept open and that no buildings should be allowed to be constructed on it. Now that the population of the town has increased considerably, the necessity for pure air is more urgent at present than it was thirty years ago and the Council thinks that this land should be maintained as a maidan. Besides, there are in this town twenty elementary schools, and two high schools and the number of the school-going children is over 5,000. There are no facilities for these boys to meet in a common place for sports and out-door games and this want will be satisfied if the site referred to herein is converted into a play-ground for boys and girls of school-going age. The Civil Surgeon approves of this proposal.

5. The estimated cost of the available land is Rs. 6,000 and a sum of Rs. 2,000 is required for fencing and making other improvements, in order that the site may be converted into a play-ground. The Council will be willing to maintain the site as a

play-ground after it is acquired and necessary improvements made to it. I have the honour therefore to request that Government will be pleased to sanction the proposal and make a free grant of Rs. 8,000 required for it. A sketch of the site is enclosed in duplicate.

ENCLOSURE

Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Negapatam, dated the 9th October 1886.

Read memorandum by H. Moberly, Esq., objecting on sanitary among other grounds to the erection of huts on the maidan in front of the Jesuit College buildings and moving that a special meeting be called to consider the question of cancelling the resolution No. 2, dated 22nd September 1886, granting permission to put up huts.

Resolution—Proposed by H. Moberly, Esq., and seconded by M.R.Ry. T. K. Annaswami Ayyar Avargal, Rao Sahib, that the resolution No. 2, dated 22nd September 1886, allowing the erection of thatched huts on the maidan in front of Jesuit College buildings be cancelled.

Proposition is carried by a majority of 11 against 3. The resolution No. 2, dated 22nd September 1886, granting permission to erect thatched huts on the maidan in front of the Jesuit College buildings stands cancelled.

Endorsement N. Dis. No. 1320-S.R., dated 16th May 1916.

Forwarded.

The large space opposite, between the Nagore road and the railway line on which the new reservoir is to be built, has been leased by the municipality for 99 years and is used as a recreation ground. I am greatly in favour of keeping this site (i.e., the one referred to in this letter) as an open space. Whether it is advisable to spend money on it, before the site opposite has been improved, is another matter.

J. C. STODART,
Revenue Divisional Officer.

Endorsement R.C. No. 714 Ml., dated the 5th July 1916.

Forwarded.

I kept the file till I was able to go to Negapatam myself as the District Superintendent of Police had applied for part of the very ground as a site for two bungalows for the Town Police Inspector and Police Sergeant. Another and better site has now been chosen for them. I quite agree with the municipal council that this land should not be built upon and if it could be improved and the deep depression in it filled up it ought to serve as a play-ground very conveniently.

R. B. Wood,
Collector.

III

Letter—from J. R. HUGGINS, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of Tanjore.

To—the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department.

Dated—the 2nd October 1916.

No.—D. Dis. 4214/Rev.

With reference to Government Memorandum No. 33-1 M/O., dated 18th May 1916, I have the honour to submit herewith estimates of the cost of acquiring the open spaces considered suitable for play-grounds in Negapatam town by the deputation of the Negapatam public which waited on the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar, K.C.S.I., C.I.E.

2. It is reported that three sites in Town Survey Nos. 2836-A, 2855 and 2857 were inspected by the Honourable Member and the extent of the vacant sites available in each of these is 4.49 acres, 6.1 acres and 8.10 acres respectively, which are marked in red line in the enclosed sketch. It is also stated that of these three sites Survey No. 2836 A was specially referred to as suitable for play-ground.

3. A valuation statement showing the cost of the acquisition in each of the three cases referred to above is enclosed.

Order—No. 1260, Home (Education), dated the 27th November 1916.

As a very special case the Government are pleased to sanction a grant not exceeding Rs. 6,000 to the Municipal Council of Negapatam towards the acquisition of land (Survey No. 2836 A) required for the provision of a play-ground for the school-going population of the town.

2. The amount will be met from the anticipated savings in the lump provision of 1.24 lakhs under 22-E. EDUCATION—Government Schools—General for additional capitation allowances, etc. The Accountant-General is requested to place the amount at the disposal of the Municipal Council of Negapatam which will take early steps for the utilisation of the grant.

(True Extract)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" the Collector of Tanjore.
" Accountant-General, through Financial Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Chairman, Municipal Council, Negapatam.
Copy to the Financial Department.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 1260, HOME (EDUCATION),
DATED THE 27TH NOVEMBER 1916.

[SUBJECT.—Acquisition of a play-ground Negapatam.]

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Extract from memorandum submitted by the deputation of Negapatam public to the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., Member of Council.

IV. Parks and play-grounds.—At present there is practically no open space available in any part of the town for use either as play-ground or gymnasium, for the steadily increasing number of school boys. There are absolutely no places available as evening resorts for people generally. The foreshore is practically useless for the purpose on account of its being used for purposes of trade and perhaps it may be very costly to construct a marina. We request that the council may be directed to acquire the open spaces in front of the public offices and adjacent to the municipal hospital and reserve them for the purposes mentioned. It is desired that a few of such places may be reserved as parks to help people to sit in the open and breathe pure air.

V. Girls' schools.—There is not one non-sectarian girls' school in this town. The Municipal Council, we understand, has proposed to open only one school in a corner of the town. We need hardly say, that one school is utterly insufficient for the population of this town. The two gosha schools that exist are not useful for non-Muhammadans. Of course there are about four mission girls' schools which at present meet the requirements of the town but owing to the fact that in these schools the Holy Bible is taught in some form or other non-Christian parents feel very reluctant to send their children to the mission school and feel the want of a non-sectarian school very keenly. We request that the Government may be pleased to open girls' schools at convenient centres in the town and to direct the Municipal Council to open more schools. It will not be an exaggeration to say that many young girls are wasting their time at home for want of suitable educational institutions.

Extract from the Honourable Member's tour notes.

4. *Play-ground.*—In the special circumstances of Negapatam, the acquisition of the open spaces in front of the public offices and adjacent to the municipal hospital for being used as play-grounds is very desirable. The National high school, which has some 800 students on its rolls, has no suitable play-ground attached to it. This request deserves sympathy; but, I am afraid that nothing can be done during the war. We may, however, ask the Divisional Officer what would be the cost of acquiring the open spaces referred to by the deputation at which he was present.

5. *Girls' school.*—The request of the deputation for a Government girls' school at a convenient centre in the town is also reasonable and may be commended to the Educational Department.

4. *Play-grounds (paragraph 4 of the Honourable Member's note).*—The National high school at Negapatam is a private institution and the question of providing a play-ground for it at the expense of Government is one for consideration in the Educational Department in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction. An extract of this paragraph may therefore be sent to that department for necessary action with reference to the Honourable Member's orders.

5. *Girls' school (paragraph 5 of the Honourable Member's note).*—Submitted that an extract of this paragraph also may be sent to Educational for consideration.

K.K.—7-4-16.

V.S.—7-4-16.

C. G. TODHUNTER—9-4-16.

P. S. S[IVASWAMI AYYAR]—11-4-16.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

As regards the play-ground, it is submitted that on the recommendation of the Finance Committee of 1914 the Government set apart a sum of Rs. 1 lakh for the acquisition of sites for play-grounds for institutions in the mufassal—page 2 of notes to G.O. No. 47, Educational, dated the 15th January 1915. This sum was distributed after ascertaining the requirements of all the public and private institutions throughout the Presidency. It is not known whether the National high school, Negapatam, was one of the institutions whose need in this respect was brought to the notice of the Director of Public Instruction at the time and if so, why it was not selected and included by the Director of Public Instruction in the list submitted to Government and approved in G.O. No. 47, Educational, dated the 15th January 1915.

2. This, however, does not affect the eligibility of the school to get a grant for the purpose under Chapter VIII of the Grant-in-aid Code. Nor is there any objection to the acquisition of the land under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, if the conditions laid down in G.O. No. 599, Educational, dated the 27th June 1913, are satisfied. The only difficulty appears to be that owing to the present financial situation the Government may not find it possible to give any grant until the war is over.

3. With reference to the question of opening a girls' school at a convenient centre in Negapatam, it is submitted that the general question of girls' schools was discussed at a conference of Inspectresses which met in December last and that in that connection the need of Negapatam also might have been considered. No report of the proceedings of the conference has yet been submitted to Government.

4. Submitted that the file may be forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks in the first instance.

P.R.—1-5-16.

T.K.—2-5-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—4-5-16

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

As regards a play-ground for the National high school the applications for grants from the Rs. 1,00,000 given by Government for play-grounds far exceed the amount available and those applications which were sent in complete were given preference. The National high school application was incomplete. From my knowledge of the financial position of the school, I can say that it is very unlikely that they will be able at any near time to apply for a grant-in-aid under the Code, i.e., that they will be able to provide their share of the cost of acquisition even if Government are in a position to give a grant. The further provision of play-grounds I am afraid must wait for better times.

2. In a town containing so many mission schools, one would say *a priori* that a Government girls' school is less necessary than in many places that have no girls' school at all but I will consult the Inspectress.

J. H. STONE—4-5-16.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

As far as the National high school, Negapatam, is concerned, owing to the inability of the school to find its share of the cost of providing a play-ground and also owing to the inability of the Government to sanction any grant at present, the proposal may be allowed to lie over. The deputation's request, however, does not appear to have been confined to the National high school. The play-ground appears to have been suggested for the use of the school boys of Negapatam generally. Their request was that the open spaces in question should be acquired by the municipality for a common play-ground, evening resort and park. The reference

I agree.

P.R.—10-5-16.

suggested by the Honourable Member on page 1 ante might therefore more appropriately be made by the Local and Municipal Department.

X | 2. A draft memorandum to the Director of Public Instruction regarding the opening of a girls' school in Negapatam is submitted for approval. After its issue the file may be forwarded to the Local and Municipal department, for perusal, with reference to paragraph 1 above.

P.R.—8-5-16.

T.K.—8-5-16.

X—Mr. Stone says that he is consulting the Inspectress. Where is the need for the reference please?

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—10-5-16.

Submitted that in the present case the Director of Public Instruction has to submit a report to Government after consulting the Inspectress, not on his own initiative but in reply to an un-official reference made by Government. As un-official references are not quoted in official communications, a formal official reference was thought necessary, to enable the Director of Public Instruction to submit his report with reference to it. Further, it will be a safeguard against the Director of Public Instruction and the Government overlooking the pendency of the report. This is the practice usually followed in such cases—cf. Memorandum No. 3800-2, Educational, dated the 22nd November 1915.

2. If, however, it is considered that an official reference is not required in this

That should suffice.

P.R.—15-5-16.

case, the file may lie over pending receipt of the report promised by the Director of Public Instruction. In the meanwhile it may be forwarded to the Local and Municipal Department with reference to paragraph 1 of the office-note above.

P.R.—12-5-16.

T.K.—12-5-16.

P.R.—15-5-16.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

A draft memorandum to the Collector of Tanjore is submitted for approval. After its issue the file may be returned to the Educational Department.

T.B.R.—17-5-16.

V. T. KRISHNAMA ACHARIYAR—18-5-16.

[Issued as Memorandum No. 33-1-M.O., dated the 18th May 1916—I.]

II

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Negapatam, dated the 27th April 1916, No. 133.

Endorsement of the Collector of Tanjore R.C. No. 714 M.L., dated the 5th July 1916.

Early in 1916, when the Honourable Member went on tour to Negapatam a deputation of the Negapatam public requested that the municipal council might be directed to acquire the open spaces in front of the public offices and adjacent to the municipal hospital, and reserve them for use as a play-ground for the school-going population. Thereupon the Honourable Member remarked in his tour notes that the request deserved sympathy and the Divisional Officer might be asked what would be the cost of acquiring the open spaces referred to by the deputation. The question is under consideration in the Educational Department and the Collector of Tanjore has been asked to ascertain and report the value of the lands referred to. The reply is awaited.

Vide paragraph 4 on page 3 of G.O. 719-M., 15th April 1916.
Vide paragraph 4 on page 8 of G.O. ibid.
Vide page 14 of the Government Order ibid.

The Municipal Chairman's present request for a grant of Rs. 8,000 is in regard to the acquisition of the same open spaces as were referred to by the deputation and the proposal is for the provision of a play-ground not for the pupils of the municipal schools alone, but for the school-going population of the town as a whole. The question is, it is submitted, therefore, one for consideration in Educational with the proposal they have already on hand. It may accordingly be transferred to that department.

K.K.—20-7-16.

C.V.K.—20-7-16.

V. T. KRISHNAMA ACHARIYAR—22-7-16.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

In Memorandum No. 33-1-M/O., dated the 18th May 1916, the Collector of Tanjore was requested to submit an estimate of the cost of acquiring the land in question. The Collector's reply has not yet been received. The Chairman of the Negapatam Municipal Council reports that the estimated cost of the land is Rupees 6,000 and that a sum of Rs. 2,000 is required for fencing and making other improvements. In the present financial condition it seems out of the question to sanction the grant of the full amount required, viz., Rs. 8,000. Nor does it appear that the scheme is of an urgent nature. Attention is also solicited to the Director of Public Instruction's note, dated the 4th May 1916. Submitted that the Director of Public Instruction may again be consulted on the present file.

S.V.—31-7-16.

T.K.—31-7-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—1-8-16.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Although one cannot but sympathise with Negapatam's desire for a play-ground the scheme is not urgent and I do not see where money is to be found for it.

As regards urgency is not the maidan available for school game? There is also a lot of open ground between Negapatam and Nagore.

J. H. STONE—2-8-16.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The Director of Public Instruction agrees with this department in the view that the scheme is not urgent. He is unable to find the money also for the grant. It is submitted the Chairman of the Municipal Council, Negapatam, may be informed that the Government regret they are unable at present to sanction the grant towards the provision of play-grounds for the school-going population of that town.

2. If this is approved, the draft put up below may be circulated to His Excellency the Governor and the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar.

S.N.P.—8-8-16.

T.K.—8-8-16.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—10-8-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—11-8-16.

P[ENTLAND]—17-8-16.

I know the site in question. The Chairman says that attempts have been made from time to time to build on the site but they have been so far frustrated merely by arbitrary and high-handed action on the part of the municipality. We cannot assume that such action will always be possible or successful to keep the land in its present condition till the financial stringency disappears. The Collector and the Divisional Officer support the Municipal Council. I shall be glad if the Secretary will please re-examine the question of funds for acquisition at least.

P. S. S[IVASWAMI AYYAR]—25-8-16.

Director of Public Instruction,—please see the notes subsequent to the Director of Public Instruction's note at page 4 ante. It will be seen that the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar has seen the site in question and considers that building on the site cannot be indefinitely put off and that therefore the land should be acquired without delay for a play-ground for the several schools in Negapatam. The cost of the acquisition is put by the Council at Rs. 6,000; it may be a little more or less, but I take it that it is not likely to vary largely from that figure. Cannot the sum of Rs. 6,000 be found from any of the heads in the Educational budget, so that it may be granted to the municipality for acquiring the land?

P.R.—28-8-16.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Under subsidies to local bodies there is an allotment of Rs. 1,24,000 for capitation allowances, opening new schools and strengthening existing schools. As local bodies take their time in making proposals for expenditure of this kind, there will be savings amounting to more than Rs. 8,000 under this head, some of which might be devoted to the acquisition in question, i.e., from elementary education to secondary education (chiefly the National high school) and general municipal improvement in Negapatam.

J. H. STONE—4-9-16.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The Director of Public Instruction who was asked, at the instance of the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar, whether he will be able to find the sum of Rs. 6,000 required for acquisition of land in this case states that the amount can be met from the savings under the provision for subsidies to local boards.

2. The Director has however noted in another file that the balance of the Provincial grants amounting to Rs. 6,051 which it is proposed to ask the Tanjore Municipal Council to surrender to Government may be made available for the Negapatam Council for the acquisition of play-ground. Submitted that *this* course may be followed.

3. A draft order is submitted. It may, if approved, issue with the concurrence of Local and Municipal.

E.A.V.—13-9-16.

C.R.—14-9-16.

P.R.—14-9-16.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

It is for consideration whether the draft order may be accepted and the case returned to Home (Education) Department. In the revised draft in another case, it is proposed to ask the Tanjore Municipal Council to refund the unspent balance of the grant for educational buildings amounting to Rs. 6,051.

B.M.—28-9-16.

V. T. KRISHNAMA ACHARIYAR—29-9-16.

The Honourable Member will, I think, like to see this.

C. G. TODHUNTER—30-9-16.

Thanks.

P. S. S[IVASWAMI AYYAR]—3-10-16.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the draft may be sent to Financial before issue.

E.A.V.—6-10-16.

N.K.—6-10-16.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—7-10-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—9-10-16.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The proposal of the Home (Education) Department is to sanction a grant of Rs. 6,000 to the Municipal Council of *Negapatam* for the acquisition of certain land required for a play-ground in the town. The amount represents the full estimated cost. In G.O. No. 47, Educational, dated 15th January 1915, the Government distributed a sum of Rs. 98,900 as grants towards the acquisition of play-grounds for schools. In that case, some of the institutions offered to pay half the cost or more, some less than half the cost, and the rest contributed nothing. It was at first proposed to restrict grants to those institutions which offered to contribute half the cost or more, but as money was available, it was finally decided to sanction the proposals *en bloc*—vide pages 2 and 4 of Notes to G.O. No. 47, Educational, dated 15th January 1915. In the present case, the play-ground is intended for all the schools in the town of Negapatam and not for a single institution. Moreover, the site is proposed to be acquired for this purpose, because it is considered undesirable to allow buildings to be constructed on the site.

Orders are solicited whether a full grant may be accepted as a special case.

2. The Director of Public Instruction does not consider the expenditure imperative urgent. The Honourable Member (Local and Municipal) has, however, noted on page 5 ante that the acquisition of the site cannot be postponed until the financial stringency disappears.

The Local and Municipal Department propose to meet the cost (Rs. 6,000) from the sum of Rs. 6,051 being the unspent balance of Provincial grants given in the past to the Tanjore Municipal Council which is being asked to refund the amount. The refund will be credited in the accounts as receipts and will not therefore be available for expenditure. The Home (Education) Department may therefore be requested to consider the suggestion of the Director of Public Instruction to reappropriate the amount from the savings he anticipates in the lump provision of 1.24 lakhs for subsidies to local bodies for opening new schools, etc.

T.A.S.—11-10-16.

I feel very doubtful about this case. I am not at all sure that Financial would be justified in accepting this expenditure when we are endeavouring to economise at every turn. It might be convenient to acquire this special piece of land, but it certainly does not appear to be absolutely necessary that we should do so, and after all this is the criterion that Financial has to apply. Judging from the Director of

Public Instruction's note, dated the 3rd August 1916 (page 4 ante), there are other vacant spaces available for recreation. It looks very much as if the play-ground plea has been put forward by the Council in order to get Government to pay for the amenity of an open space. It is urged in the Chairman's letter that repeated applications have been made to build on the land but the Council has refused to grant the necessary license. It is further pointed out that "in view of the necessity for free perfilation of sea air to this part of the town the Council resolved . . . that the site should be kept open." From these observations it is perfectly clear what the real object underlying the proposal is. The Council want to keep this space open; this may be a very laudable object, but if perfilation of sea air, is wanted by the good people of the town they should pay for it, and not ask that the amenity should be obtained at the expense of the general tax payer. I have not overlooked the fact that the Chairman also states that there are no facilities for school boys to meet in a common place for schools, but in view of what the Director of Public Instruction says in his note to which I have previously referred one may be permitted to be sceptical about the exactitude of this statement. In my humble opinion therefore the case for acquisition by Government on the ground that the site is wanted for a play-ground is extremely thin, and in view of the fact that we are enjoined to exercise the strictest economy at the present juncture I think Financial must advise against the proposal.

L. E. KERSHAW—12-10-16.

L. DAVIDSON—18-10-16.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

III

From the Collector of Tanjore, dated 2nd October 1916, No. 4214.

Please see memorandum No. 33-1 M.D., dated 18th May 1916, in which the Collector of Tanjore was requested to submit an estimate of the cost of acquiring the open spaces suitable as play-grounds at Negapatam.

2. The Collector's reply to this reference has now been received and the Collector estimates the costs of the three sites No. 2836-A, No. 2855 and No. 2857 at Rs. 6,202, Rs. 8,984 and Rs. 4,278 respectively. The Collector adds that, of these three sites No. 2836-A costing Rs. 6,202 was specially referred to by the deputation of the Negapatam public which waited on the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar as suitable for play-ground.

3. As regards the above site (No. 2836-A) the Chairman of the Municipal Council, Negapatam, has already addressed this Government. It will be seen from this department's note on page 5 ante that it was proposed to give to the Negapatam Council, for the acquisition of No. 2836-A, a sum of Rs. 6,000 out of the unspent balance of Provincial grants which it is proposed to ask the Tanjore Municipal Council to surrender to the Government. This was approved of by Honourable Member (Local and Municipal) on page 6 ante.

4. Attention is requested to the Financial Department's note above. Financial observe that the refund of Rs. 6,051 will be credited in the accounts as receipts and will not therefore be available for expenditure and they advise against the proposal.

5. It is for orders whether, in view of the objections raised by Financial, the proposal to give a grant to the Municipal Council, Negapatam, for the purposes of a play-ground may stand over for the present.

S.N.P.—25-10-16.

T.K.—26-10-16.

Please see the Secretary's note on page 5 ante. It may also be mentioned here that Financial have consented to provide from their funds in the current year a sum of 1.50 lakhs for grants to aided schools for the construction of school buildings irrespective of the application of the test of imperative necessity. Apparently expenditure like the present, if it is decided to undertake it in the current year, is to

be justified on the ground of easing the outlay of succeeding years, provided it could be undertaken with funds available. In the present case no additional allotment is needed; and it is only a case of adjustment.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—26-10-16.

The objections of Financial to the acquisition of the site hinge on the Director of Public Instruction's note, dated the 3rd August 1916. But the Honourable Member having personally inspected the sites and recorded that the acquisition is necessary to serve as a play-ground at least for one of the schools, it was thought that the question of need will have to be taken as settled.

As regards the question whether the matter should be regarded as *urgent*, the Honourable Member's note on page 5 gives the reasons for such treatment. That the municipal council cannot long continue its present methods to prevent the site from being built upon seems admitted, as the Municipal Act does not authorize the council to withhold sanction to build absolutely. If the site is built upon, the cost of acquisition will become considerably heavier; and it would therefore be desirable to acquire the site *before* steps are actually taken to put up buildings thereon. The likelihood of having to pay heavily, if acquisition proceedings are not taken immediately, would seem to justify a very early acquisition of the site.

C.R.—31-10-16.

Will Financial please reconsider?

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—1-11-16.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

I am afraid Financial cannot assent to the proposal without the explicit orders of the Honourable Member in charge of the department. There is of course no objection to Home (Education) circulating the case to the Hon'ble Sir Alexander Cardew.

L. DAVIDSON—2-11-16.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

Will the Honourable Member (Financial) kindly sanction the expenditure? It appears to be really necessary.

P.R.—3-11-16.

In the peculiar circumstances, and as a special case, I do not wish to oppose the transaction but I hope Educational will recognize that this is an altogether exceptional occurrence, and that the Assistant Secretary's note, dated 12th October, states the objections quite correctly.

A. G. C[ARDEW]—3-11-16.

It is presumed that the sanction of the Financial Department now accorded is in respect only of plot No. 2336-A and not of the three plots referred to by the Collector.

2. This plot is estimated to cost about Rs. 6,200. As regards provision of funds, Financial have already noted that the refund of Rs. 6,051 which will be made by the Tanjore Municipal Council will be credited in the accounts as receipts and will not be available for expenditure. Financial suggested that the expenditure can be met by reappropriation from the savings which the Director of Public Instruction anticipated in the lump provision of 1.24 lakhs for subsidies to local bodies for opening new schools, etc. The Director of Public Instruction has now, in his letter R.C. No. 4562, dated the 31st October 1916, submitted proposals for utilising the full amount of 1.24 lakhs and has made no provision therein for a grant of Rs. 6,000 to the Negapatam Municipal Council. A draft u.o. note is submitted for approval and it may go to the Director of Public Instruction.

S.N.P.—9-11-16.

T.K.—9-11-16.

C.R.—12-11-16.

In his u.o. note No. C. 32, dated the 4th September 1916, the Director of Public Instruction stated that in the allotment of Rs. 1,24,000 made in the budget for 1916-17 for capitation allowances, opening new schools, etc., there would be savings amounting to more than Rs. 8,000, some of which might be devoted to the acquisition of land for purposes of a play-ground to the school-going population of Negapatam. In his letter No. 4562, dated the 31st October 1916, the Director of Public Instruction has however submitted proposals for utilising the full budget provision of Rs. 1,24,000 and has not taken into account the provision that has to be made to the Municipal Council of Negapatam for the purposes of a play-ground. As the Government have since decided to give a grant of Rs. 6,000 to the Municipal Council towards the acquisition of land for the above purpose, the Director may be requested u.o. to point out the source from which reappropriation of funds required for the purpose may be made.

S.N.P.—9-11-16.

T.K.—9-11-16.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—12-11-16.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The balance from the Rs. 1,24,000 is Rs. 8,704. This is to be devoted to recurring expenditure; only a fourth of which can now be spent this year leaving (Rs. 8,704 — $\frac{8,704}{4}$) Rs. 6,528 which or Rs. 6,000 of it, may be devoted to the non-recurring expense of purchasing the Negapatam play-ground.

J. H. STONE—15-11-16.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

A draft order is submitted for approval. It may be sent to Financial for acceptance and then circulated to His Excellency the Governor and the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar.

S.N.P.—17-11-16.

T.K.—17-11-16.

C.R.—18-11-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—20-11-16.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Accepted in Financial.

L. E. KERSHAW—21-11-16.

L. DAVIDSON—21-11-16.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

For orders as to circulation.

C.R.—22-11-16.

Draft for approval.

P.R.—23-11-16.

P[ENTLAND]—25-11-16.

P. S. S[IVASWAMI] AYYAR—26-11-16.

Issue.

P.R.—27-11-16.

[G.O. No. 1260, Home (Education), dated the 27th November 1916.]

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(EDUCATION)

For approval

Julius Wille

G.O. No. 1260, 27th November 1916

I have the honor to request that Government may be pleased to sanction a grant of Rs. 5000 for providing a playground for the school-going population in this village. The life span for the purpose is the median lying between the public school buildings and the hospital road and the total area of the land available is 4-52

There seems to be a proposal also to appoint a person to be in charge of the public office building. It is undesirable to allow this person to be in charge of the public office building.

Grant

Grant

Sanctioning a — not exceeding Rs. 6,000 to the Municipal Council, Négapatam, for the acquisition of land required for a playground in the town.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
HOME DEPARTMENT
(Education)

READ—the following papers:—

I

Memorandum No. 33-1 M.O., dated 18th May 1916.

The Collector of Tanjore is requested to obtain from the Divisional Officer and submit to Government an estimate of the cost of acquiring the open spaces which were considered suitable for play-grounds by the deputation of the Negapatam public which waited on the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar, K.C.S.I., C.I.E.

(By Order)

V. T. KRISHNAMA ACHARI,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Tanjore.

II

Letter—from M.R.Ry. C. R. KUNJITHAPATHAM AYYAR AVARGAL, B.A., B.L., Chairman, Municipal Council, Negapatam.
To—the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department (through the Revenue Divisional Officer, Negapatam, and the Collector of Tanjore).
Dated—the 27th April 1916.
No.—R.C. 183.

I have the honour to request that Government may be pleased to sanction a grant of Rs. 8,000 for providing a play-ground for the school-going population of this town. The site chosen for the purpose is the maidan lying between the public office buildings and the hospital road and the total area of the land available is 4.82 acres.

2. The land belongs to Nilayathatchi Amman temple of this town. Attempts have been made from time to time to build on it but the Council has refused to grant license as it considered it desirable that the land should be kept vacant. Recently I received an application for license to build a theatre on it but this also has been disallowed.

3. There seems to be a proposal also to acquire a portion of this land for constructing quarters for the Police Inspector. It is undesirable to allow this site to be built upon as it is very near the hospital and the public office buildings.

4. In view of the necessity for free perfilation of sea air to this part of the town, the Council resolved on 9th October 1886 that the site should be kept open and that no buildings should be allowed to be constructed on it. Now that the population of the town has increased considerably, the necessity for pure air is more urgent at present than it was thirty years ago and the Council thinks that this land should be maintained as a maidan. Besides, there are in this town twenty elementary schools, and two high schools and the number of the school-going children is over 5,000. There are no facilities for these boys to meet in a common place for sports and out-door games and this want will be satisfied if the site referred to herein is converted into a play-ground for boys and girls of school-going age. The Civil Surgeon approves of this proposal.

5. The estimated cost of the available land is Rs. 6,000 and a sum of Rs. 2,000 is required for fencing and making other improvements, in order that the site may be converted into a play-ground. The Council will be willing to maintain the site as a

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play-ground after it is acquired and necessary improvements made to it. I have the honour therefore to request that Government will be pleased to sanction the proposal and make a free grant of Rs. 8,000 required for it. A sketch of the site is enclosed in duplicate.

ENCLOSURE.

Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Negapatam, dated the 9th October 1886.

Read memorandum by H. Moberly, Esq., objecting on sanitary among other grounds to the erection of huts on the maidan in front of the Jesuit College buildings and moving that a special meeting be called to consider the question of cancelling the resolution No. 2, dated 22nd September 1886, granting permission to put up huts.

Resolution—Proposed by H. Moberly, Esq., and seconded by M.R.Ry. T. K. Annasami Ayyar Avargal, Rao Sahib, that the resolution No. 2, dated 22nd September 1886, allowing the erection of thatched huts on the maidan in front of Jesuit College buildings be cancelled.

Proposition is carried by a majority of 11 against 3. The resolution No. 2, dated 22nd September 1886, granting permission to erect thatched huts on the maidan in front of the Jesuit College buildings stands cancelled.

Endorsement N. Dis. No. 1320-S.R., dated 16th May 1916.

Forwarded.

The large space opposite, between the Nagore road and the railway line on which the new reservoir is to be built, has been leased by the municipality for 99 years and is used as a recreation ground. I am greatly in favour of keeping this site (i.e., the one referred to in this letter) as an open space. Whether it is advisable to spend money on it, before the site opposite has been improved, is another matter.

J. C. STODART,
Revenue Divisional Officer.

Endorsement R.C. No. 714 Ml., dated the 5th July 1916.

Forwarded.

I kept the file till I was able to go to Negapatam myself as the District Superintendent of Police had applied for part of the very ground as a site for two bungalows for the Town Police Inspector and Police Sergeant. Another and better site has now been chosen for them. I quite agree with the municipal council that this land should not be built upon and if it could be improved and the deep depression in it filled up it ought to serve as a play-ground very conveniently.

R. B. WOOD,
Collector.

III

Letter—from J. R. HUGGINS, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of Tanjore.
To—the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department.
Dated—the 2nd October 1916.
No.—D. Dis. 4214/Rev.

With reference to Government Memorandum No. 33-1 M.O., dated 18th May 1916, I have the honour to submit herewith estimates of the cost of acquiring the open spaces considered suitable for play-grounds in Negapatam town by the deputation of the Negapatam public which waited on the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar, K.C.S.I., C.I.E.

2. It is reported that three sites in Town Survey Nos. 2836-A, 2855 and 2857 were inspected by the Honourable Member and the extent of the vacant sites available in each of these is 4.49 acres, 6.1 acres and 3.10 acres respectively, which are marked in red line in the enclosed sketch. It is also stated that of these three sites Survey No. 2836 A was specially referred to as suitable for play-ground.

3. A valuation statement showing the cost of the acquisition in each of the three cases referred to above is enclosed.

2. The amount will be met from the anticipated savings in the lump provision of 1.24 lakhs under 22-E. EDUCATION—Government Schools—General for additional capitation allowances, etc. The Accountant-General is requested to place the amount at the disposal of the Municipal Council of Nagapatnam which will take early steps for the utilisation of the grant.

(True Extract) P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARYA, *Secretary to Government.*

To the Director of Public Instruction,
The Collector of Tanjore.
* Account-General through Financial Department.
Local Municipal Department.
Chairman, Municipal Council, Nersampet.
Copy to the Financial Department.
The undersigned is directed to inform you that the following

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 1260, HOME (EDUCATION), X
DATED THE 27TH NOVEMBER 1916.

[SUBJECT.—*Acquisition of a play-ground Negapatam.*]

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

Extract from memorandum submitted by the deputation of Negapatam public to the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., Member of Council.

IV. Parks and playgrounds.—At present there is practically no open space available in any part of the town for use either as play-ground or gymnasium, for the steadily increasing number of school boys. There are absolutely no places available as evening resorts for people generally. The foreshore is practically useless for the purpose on account of its being used for purposes of trade and perhaps it may be very costly to construct a marina. We request that the council may be directed to acquire the open spaces in front of the public offices, and adjacent to the municipal hospital, and reserve them for the purposes mentioned. It is desired that a few of such places may be reserved as parks to help people to sit in the open and breathe pure air.

Girls' school.—There is not one non-sectarian girls' school in this town. The Municipal Council, we understand, has proposed to open only one school in a corner of the town. We need hardly say, that one school is utterly insufficient for the population of this town. The two gosha schools that exist are not useful for non-muslimans. Of course there are about four mission girls' schools which at present meet the requirements of the town but owing to the fact that in these schools the Holy Bible is taught in some form or other non-Christian parents feel very reluctant to send their children to the mission school and feel the want of a non-sectarian school very keenly. We request that the Government may be pleased to open girls' schools at convenient centres in the town and to direct the Municipal Council to open more schools. It will not be an exaggeration to say that many young girls are wasting their time at home for want of suitable educational institutions.

Extract from the Honouable Member's tour notes

4. *Play-ground*.—In the special circumstances of Negapatam, the acquisition of the open spaces in front of the public offices and adjacent to the municipal hospital, for being used as play-grounds is very desirable. The National High school, which has some 800 students on its rolls, has no suitable play-ground attached to it. This request deserves sympathy; but, I am afraid that nothing can be done during the war. We may, however, ask the Divisional Officer what would be the cost of acquiring the open spaces referred to by the deputation at which he was present.

5. *Girls' school.*—The request of the deputation for a Government girls' school at a convenient centre in the town is also reasonable and may be commended to the Educational Department.

for approval

4. *Play-grounds (paragraph 4 of the Honourable Member's note).*—The National High school at Negapatam is a private institution and the question of providing a play-ground for it at the expense of Government is one for consideration in the Educational Department in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction. An extract of this paragraph may therefore be sent to that department for necessary action with reference to the Honourable Member's orders.

5. *Girls' school (paragraph 5 of the Honourable Member's note).*—Submitted that an extract of this paragraph also may be sent to Educational for consideration.

K.K.—7-4-16.

V.S.—7-4-16.

C. G. TODHUNTER—9-4-16.
P. S. S[IVASWAMI AYYAR]—11-4-16.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

As regards the play-ground it is submitted, that on the recommendation of the Finance Committee of 1914 the Government set apart a sum of Rs. 1 lakh for the acquisition of sites for play-grounds for institutions in the mufassal—page 2 of notes to G.O. No. 47, Educational, dated the 15th January 1915. This sum was distributed after ascertaining the requirements of all the public and private institutions throughout the Presidency. It is not known whether the National High school, Negapatam, was one of the institutions whose need in this respect was brought to the notice of the Director of Public Instruction at the time and if so, why it was not selected and included by the Director of Public Instruction in the list submitted to Government and approved in G.O. No. 47, Educational, dated the 15th January 1915.

2. This, however, does not affect the eligibility of the school to get a grant for the purpose under Chapter VIII of the Grant-in-aid Code. Nor is there any objection to the acquisition of the land under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, if the conditions laid down in G.O. No. 599, Educational, dated the 27th June 1913, are satisfied. The only difficulty appears to be that owing to the present financial situation the Government may not find it possible to give any grant until the war is over.

3. With reference to the question of opening a girls' school at a convenient centre in Negapatam, it is submitted that the general question of girls' schools was discussed at a conference of Inspectresses which met in December last and that in that connection the need of Negapatam also might have been considered. No report of the proceedings of the conference has yet been submitted to Government.

4. Submitted that the file may be forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction (U.O.) for remarks in the first instance.

P.R.—1-5-16.

T.K.—2-5-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—4-5-16.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

As regards a play-ground for the National High school the applications for grants from the Rs. 1,00,000 given by Government for play-grounds far exceed the amount available and those applications which were sent in complete were given preference. The National High school application was incomplete. From my knowledge of the financial position of the school, I can say that it is very unlikely

that they will be able at any near time to apply for a grant-in-aid under the Code, i.e., that they will be able to provide their share of the cost of acquisition even if Government is in a position to give a grant. The further provision of play-grounds I am afraid must wait for better times.

2. In a town containing so many mission schools, one would say a priori that a Government girls' school is less necessary than in many places that have no girls' school at all but I will consult the Inspectress.

J. H. STONE—4-5-16.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

As far as the National High school, Negapatam, is concerned, owing to the inability of the school to find its share of the cost of providing a play-ground and also owing to the inability of the Government to sanction any grant at present, the proposal may be allowed to lie over. The deputation's request, however, does not appear to have been confined to the National High school. The play-ground appears to have been suggested for the use of the school boys of Negapatam generally. Their request was that the open spaces in question should be acquired by the municipality for a common play-ground, evening resort and park. The reference

I agree. suggested by the Honourable Member on page ante might therefore more appropriately be made by the Local and Municipal Department.

X 2. A draft memorandum to the Director of Public Instruction regarding the opening of a girls' school in Negapatam is submitted for approval. After its issue the file may be forwarded to the Local and Municipal Department, for perusal, with reference to paragraph 1 above.

P.R.—8-5-16.

T.K.—8-5-16.

X Mr. Stone says that he is consulting the Inspectress. Where is the need for the reference please?

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—10-5-16.

Submitted that in the present case the Director of Public Instruction has to submit a report to Government after consulting the Inspectress, not on his own initiative but in reply to an un-official reference made by Government. As un-official references are not quoted in official communication, a formal official reference was thought necessary, to enable the Director of Public Instruction to submit his report with reference to it. Further, it will be a safeguard against the Director of Public Instruction and the Government overlooking the pendency of the report. This is the practice usually followed in such cases—cf. Memorandum No. 3800-2, Educational, dated the 22nd November 1915.

2. If, however, it is considered that an official reference is not required in this

That should suffice.

P.R.—15-5-16.

meanwhile it may be forwarded to the Local and Municipal Department (u) with reference to paragraph 1 of the office-note above.

P.R.—12-5-16.

T.K.—12-5-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—15-5-16.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

A draft memorandum to the Collector of Tanjore is submitted for approval. After its issue the file may be returned to the Educational Department.

T.B.R.—17-5-16.

V. T. KRISHNAMA ACHARI—18-5-16. X

[Issued as Memorandum No. 33-1-M.O., dated the 18th May 1916—1.]

Endorsement of the Collector of Tanjore R.C. No 714 ml. dated the 5th July 1916

4 NOTES TO G.O. No. 1260, HOME (EDUCATION), 27TH NOVEMBER 1916

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Negapatam, dated the 27th April 1916, No. 183.

Early in 1916, when the Honourable Member went on tour to Negapatam a deputation of the Negapatam public requested that the municipal council might be directed to acquire the open spaces in front of the public offices and adjacent to the municipal hospital, and reserve them for use as a play-ground for the school-going population. Thereupon the Honourable Member remarked in his tour notes that the request deserved sympathy and the Divisional Officer might be asked what would be the cost of acquiring the open spaces referred to by the deputation. The question is under consideration in the Educational Department and the Collector of Tanjore has been asked to ascertain and report the value of the lands referred to. The reply is awaited.

Vide paragraph 4 on page 3 of G.O. 719-M., 15th April 1916.

Vide paragraph 4 on page 8 of G.O. ibid.

Vide page 14 of the Government Order ibid.

The Municipal Chairman's present request for a grant of Rs. 8,000 is in regard to the acquisition of the same open spaces as were referred to by the deputation and the proposal is for the provision of a play-ground not for the pupils of the municipal schools alone, but for the school-going population of the town as a whole. The question is, it is submitted, therefore, one for consideration in the Educational with the proposal they have already on hand. It may accordingly be transferred (u.d.) to that department.

K.K.—20-7-16.

C.V.K.—20-7-16.

V.T. KRISHNAMA ACHARI—22-7-16.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

In Memorandum No. 33-1-M.O., dated the 18th May 1916, the Collector of Tanjore was requested to submit an estimate of the cost of acquiring the land in question. The Collector's reply has not yet been received. The Chairman of the Negapatam Municipal Council reports that the estimated cost of the land is Rupees 6,000 and that a sum of Rs. 2,000 is required for fencing and making other improvements. In the present financial condition it seems out of the question to sanction the grant of the full amount required, viz., Rs. 8,000. Nor does it appear that the scheme is of an urgent nature. Attention is also solicited to the Director of Public Instruction's note, dated the 4th May 1916, on page 5 of the notes submitted that the Director of Public Instruction may again be consulted (u.d.) on the present file.

S.V.—31-7-16.

T.K.—31-7-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—1-8-16.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Although one cannot but sympathise with Negapatam's desire for a play-ground the scheme is not urgent and I do not see where money is to be found for it.

As regards urgency is not the maidan available for school game? There is also a lot of open ground between Negapatam and Tanjore.

J. H. STONE—3-8-16.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The Director of Public Instruction agrees with this department in the view that the scheme is not urgent. He is unable to find the money also for the grant. It is submitted the Chairman of the Municipal Council, Negapatam, may be informed that

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the Government regret they are unable at present to sanction the grant towards the provision of play grounds for the school-going population of that town.

2. If this is approved, the draft put up below may be circulated to His Excellency the Governor and the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar.

S.N.P.—8-8-16.

T.K.—8-8-16.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—10-8-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—11-8-16.

P[ENTLAND]—17-8-16.

I know the site in question. The Chairman says that attempts have been made from time to time to build on the site but they have been so far frustrated merely by arbitrary and high-handed action on the part of the municipality. We cannot assume that such action will always be possible or successful to keep the land in its present condition till the financial stringency disappears. The Collector and the Divisional Officer support the Municipal Council. I shall be glad if the Secretary will please reexamine the question of funds for acquisition at least.

P. S. S[IVASWAMI AYYAR]—25-8-16.

Please see the notes subsequent to the Director of Public Instruction's note at page 4 ante. It will be seen that the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar has seen the site in question and considers that building on the site cannot be indefinitely put off and that therefore the land should be acquired without delay for a play-ground for the several schools in Negapatam. The cost of the acquisition is put by the Council at Rs. 6,000; it may be a little more or less, but I take it that it is not likely to vary largely from that figure. Cannot the sum of Rs. 6,000 be found from any of the heads in the Educational budget, so that it may be granted to the municipality for acquiring the land?

P.R.—28-8-16.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Under subsidies to local bodies there is an allotment of Rs. 1,24,000 for capitation allowances, opening new schools and strengthening existing schools. As local bodies take their time in making proposals for expenditure of this kind, there will be savings amounting to more than Rs. 8,000 under this head, some of which might be devoted to the acquisition in question, i.e., from elementary education to secondary education (chiefly the National high school) and general municipal improvement in Negapatam.

J. H. STOKER—4-9-16.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The Director of Public Instruction who was asked, at the instance of the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar, whether he will be able to find the sum of Rs. 6,000 required for acquisition of land in this case states that the amount can be met from the savings under the provision for subsidies to local boards.

2. The Director has however noted in the linked file that the balance of the Provincial grants amounting to Rs. 6,051 which it is proposed to ask the Tanjore Municipal Council to surrender to Government may be made available for the Negapatam Council for the acquisition of play-ground. Submitted that this course may be followed.

3. A draft order is submitted. It may, if approved, issue with the concurrence of Local and Municipal.

E.A.V.—13-9-16.

C.R.—14-9-16.

P.R.—14-9-16.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

It is for consideration whether the draft order may be accepted and the case returned to Home (Education) Department. In the revised draft in the linked case,

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it is proposed to ask the Tanjore Municipal Council to refund the unspent balance of the grant for educational buildings amounting to Rs. 6,051.
B.M.—28-9-16.

V. T. KRISHNAMA ACHARY—29-9-16.

The Honourable Member will, I think, like to see this with the linked file.
C. G. TODHUNTER—30-9-16.

Thanks.

P. S. SIVASWAMI AYYAR—3-10-16.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the draft may be sent to Financial before issue.

E.A.V.—6-10-16.

N.K.—6-10-16.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR.—7-10-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—9-10-16.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The proposal of the Home (Education) Department is to sanction a grant of Rs. 6,000 to the Municipal Council of *Negapatam* for the acquisition of certain land required for a play-ground in the town. The amount represents the full estimated cost. In G.O. No. 47, Educational, dated 15th January 1915, the Government distributed a sum of Rs. 98,900 as grants towards the acquisition of play-grounds for schools. In that case, some of the institutions offered to pay half the cost or more, some less than half the cost, and the rest contributed nothing. It was at first proposed to restrict grants to those institutions which offered to contribute half the cost or more, but as money was available, it was finally decided to sanction the proposals *en bloc*—vide pages 2 and 4 of Notes to G.O. No. 47, Educational, dated 15th January 1915. In the present case, the play-ground is intended for all the schools in the town of *Negapatam* and not for a single institution. Moreover, the site is proposed to be acquired for this purpose, because it is considered undesirable to allow buildings to be constructed on the site.

Orders are solicited whether a full grant may be accepted as a special case.

2. The Director of Public Instruction does not consider the expenditure imperatively urgent. The Honourable Member (Local and Municipal), has, however, noted on page 5 ante that the acquisition of the site cannot be postponed until the financial stringency disappears.

The Local and Municipal Department propose to meet the cost (Rs. 6,000) from the sum of Rs. 6,051 being the unspent balance of Provincial grants given in the past to the Tanjore Municipal Council which is being asked to refund the amount. The refund will be credited in the accounts as receipts and will not therefore be available for expenditure. The Home (Education) Department may therefore be requested to consider the suggestion of the Director of Public Instruction to reappropriate the amount from the savings he anticipates in the lump provision of 1-24 lakhs for subsidies to local bodies for opening new schools, etc.

T.A.S.—11-10-16.

I feel very doubtful about this case. I am not at all sure that Financial would be justified in accepting this expenditure when we are endeavouring to economise at every turn. It might be convenient to acquire this special piece of land, but it certainly does not appear to be absolutely necessary that we should do so, and after all this is the criterion that Financial has to apply. Judging from the Director of Public Instruction's note, dated the 3rd August 1916 (page 4 ante) there are other vacant spaces available for recreation. It looks very much as if the play-ground plea has been put forward by the Council in order to get Government to pay for the amenity of an open space. It is urged in the Chairman's letter that repeated applications have been made to build on the land but the Council has refused to grant the

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necessary license. It is further pointed out that "in view of the necessity for free perfilation of sea air to this part of the town the Council resolved . . . that the site should be kept open." From these observations it is perfectly clear what the real object underlying the proposal is. The Council want to keep this space open; this may be a very laudable object, but if perfilation of sea air, is wanted by the good people of the town they should pay for it, and not as that the amenity should be obtained at the expense of the general tax payer. I have not overlooked the fact that the Chairman also states that there are no facilities for school boys to meet in a common place for schools, but in view of what the Director of Public Instruction says in his note to which I have previously referred one may be permitted to be sceptical about the exactitude of this statement. In my humble opinion therefore the case for acquisition by Government on the ground that the site is wanted for a play-ground is extremely thin, and in view of the fact that we are enjoined to exercise the strictest economy at the present juncture I think Financial must advise against the proposal.

L. E. KERSHAW—12-10-16.

L. DAVIDSON—18-10-16.

III

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

From the Collector of Tanjore, dated 2nd October 1916, No. 4214.

Please see memorandum ^{23-1 M.O. 4214-18-10-1916} on page 1 current file in which the Collector of Tanjore was requested to submit an estimate of the cost of acquiring the open spaces suitable as play-grounds at Negapatam.

2. The Collector's reply to this reference has now been received and the Collector estimates the costs of the three sites No. 2836-A, No. 2855 and No. 2857 at Rs. 6,202, Rs. 8,984 and Rs. 4,278 respectively. The Collector adds that, of these three sites No. 2836-A costing Rs. 6,202 was specially referred to by the deputation of the Negapatam public which waited on the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar as suitable for play-ground.

3. As regards the above site (No. 2836-A) the Chairman of the Municipal Council, Negapatam, has already addressed this Government vide page 2-4. It will be seen from this department's note on page 15 ante that it was proposed to give to the Negapatam Council, for the acquisition of No. 2836-A, a sum of Rs. 6,000 out of the unspent balance of Provincial grants which it is proposed to ask the Tanjore Municipal Council to surrender to the Government. This was approved of by Honourable Member (Local and Municipal) on page 16 ante.

4. Attention is requested to the Financial Department's note on pages 17-21 ante. Financial observe that the refund of Rs. 6,051 will be credited in the accounts as receipts and will not therefore be available for expenditure and they advise against the proposal.

5. It is for orders whether, in view of the objections raised by Financial, the proposal to give a grant to the Municipal Council, Negapatam, for the purposes of a play-ground may stand over for the present.

S.N.P.—25-10-16.

T.K.—26-10-16.

Please see the Secretary's note on pages 13 and 14 supra. It may also be mentioned here that Financial have consented to provide from their funds in the current year a sum of 1.50 lakhs for grants to aided schools for the construction of school buildings irrespective of the application of the test of imperative necessity. Apparently expenditure like the present, if it is decided to undertake it in the current year, is to be justified on the ground of easing the outlay of succeeding years, provided it could be undertaken with funds available. In the present case no additional allotment is needed; and it is only a case of adjustment.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—26-10-16.

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The objections of Financial to the acquisition of the site hinge on the Director of Public Instruction's note, dated the 3rd August 1916, on page 11 ~~supra~~. But the Honourable Member having personally inspected the sites and recorded that the acquisition is necessary to serve as a play-ground at least for one of the schools, it was thought that the question of need will have to be taken as settled.

As regards the question whether the matter should be regarded as *urgent*, the Honourable Member's note on page 10 gives the reasons for such treatment. That the municipal council cannot long continue its present methods to prevent the site from being built upon seems admitted, as the Municipal Act does not authorize the council to withhold sanction to build absolutely. If the site is built upon, the cost of acquisition will become considerably heavier; and it would therefore be desirable to acquire the site *before* steps are actually taken to put up buildings thereon. The likelihood of having to pay heavily, if acquisition proceedings are not taken immediately, would seem to justify a very early acquisition of the site.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—31-10-16.

Will Financial please reconsider?

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—1-11-16.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

I am afraid Financial cannot assent to the proposal without the explicit orders of the Honourable Member in charge of the department. There is of course no objection to Home (Education) circulating the case to the Hon'ble Sir Alexander Cardew.

L. DAVIDSON—2-11-16.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

Will the Honourable Member (Financial) kindly sanction the expenditure? It appears to be really necessary.

C.R.—3-11-16.

In the peculiar circumstances, and as a special case, I do not wish to oppose the transaction but I hope Educational will recognize that this is an altogether exceptional occurrence, and that the Assistant Secretary's note, dated 12th October, states the objections quite correctly.

A. G. C[ARDEW]—3-11-16.

It is presumed that the sanction of the Financial Department now accorded is in respect only of plot No. 2836-A and not of the three plots referred to by the Collector on pages 10-11, ~~current file~~.

2. This plot is estimated to cost about Rs. 6,200. As regards provision of funds, Financial have already noted that the refund of Rs. 6,051 which will be made by the Tanjore Municipal Council will be credited in the accounts as receipts and will not be available for expenditure. Financial suggested that the expenditure can be met by reappropriation from the savings which the Director of Public Instruction anticipated on page 11 ~~ante~~ in the lump provision of 1-24 lakhs for subsidies to local bodies for opening new schools, etc. The Director of Public Instruction has now, in his letter R.C. No. 4562, dated the 31st October 1916, submitted proposals for utilising the full amount of 1-24 lakhs and has made no provision therein for a grant of Rs. 6,000 to the Negapatam Municipal Council. A draft u.o. note is submitted for approval and it may go to the Director of Public Instruction.

S.N.P.—9-11-16.

T.K.—9-11-16.

C.R.—12-11-16.

In his u.o. note No. C. 32, dated the 4th September 1916, the Director of Public Instruction stated that in the allotment of Rs. 1,24,000 made in the budget for 1916-17 for capitation allowances, opening new schools, etc., there would be savings amounting to more than Rs. 8,000, some of which might be devoted to the acquisition of land for purposes of a play-ground to the school-going population of Negapatam. In his letter No. 4562, dated the 31st October 1916, the Director of Public Instruction has however submitted proposals for utilising the full budget provision of Rs. 1,24,000 and has not taken into account the provision that has to be made to the Municipal Council of Negapatam for the purposes of a play-ground. As the Government have since decided to give a grant of Rs. 6,000 to the Municipal

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Council towards the acquisition of land for the above purpose, the Director may be requested u.o. to point out the source from which reappropriation of funds required for the purpose may be made.

S.N.P.—9-11-16.

T.K.—9-11-16.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—12-11-16.
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The balance from the Rs. 1,24,000 is Rs. 8,704. This is to be devoted to recurring expenditure only a fourth of which can now be spent this year leaving (Rs. 8,704 — $\frac{8,704}{4}$) Rs. 6,528 which or Rs. 6,000 of it, may be devoted to the non-recurring expense of purchasing the Negapatam play-ground.

J. H. STONE—15-11-16.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

A draft order is submitted for approval. It may be sent to Financial ~~o~~ for acceptance and then circulated to His Excellency the Governor and the Hon'ble Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar.

S.N.P.—17-11-16.

T.K.—17-11-16.

C.R.—18-11-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—20-11-16.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Accepted in Financial.

L. E. KERSHAW—21-11-16.

L. DAVIDSON—21-11-16.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

For orders as to circulation.

C.R.—22-11-16.

Draft for approval.

P.R.—23-11-16.

P/ENGLAND—25-11-16.

P. S. SIVASWAMI AYYAR—26-11-16.
Issue.

P.R.—27-11-16.

[G.O. No. 1260, Home (Education), dated 27th November 1916.]

Grant.

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Home (Ed.) DEPARTMENT.

Sanctioning a — not exceeding
Rs 6,000 to the Municipal Council
Muzapatam for the acquisition of
land ^{required} for a playground in the town.

READ AGAIN G.O. No., dated 191

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READ ALSO:—

memo. No. 33-1 m/o dated the 18th May 1916
C. No. 2408, From the C.M.B. Negapatam, No. 183, dated the 27th April 1916.

Enot of the Rev. St. Office Negapatam. N.D. 1320 & the 16th May 1916
" " Enot of the Govt. of Tanjore. P.C. 714 mgl. the 5th July 1916

ORDER.

Preso

No. 1260, dated the 27th Nov. 1916.

As a very special case ~~that~~
the Govt. are pleased to sanc-
tion a grant not exceeding
Rs 6,000 to the Municipal
Council of Negapatam towards
the acquisition of land (Survey
No. 2836 A) required for the
provision of a playground
for the school-going population
of the town.

2. The amount will be met from the anticipated savings in the lump provision of 1.24 lakhs under 22.E.— Education — Govt. Schools — General for adult Capitation allce. etc.

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