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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

Letter—from F. J. RICHARDS, Esq., M.A., I.C.S., Collector of North Arcot.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department (through the Director of Public Instruction, Madras).
Dated—Vellore, the 19th February 1916.
No.—Ref. 854-G1.

I have the honour to state that the Principal of the Voorhees College, Vellore, reports that the present building is entirely inadequate and that additional lands are required for the construction of a new college building, a college hostel and a warden's bungalow, and considers it desirable to acquire town survey Nos. 534 and 535 of Vellore town, measuring 2 acres, 1582 square feet and 1 acre, 35424 square feet, respectively, so as to maintain a continuous compound for all the buildings attached to the college. From the copy of the letter of the Principal to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, No. 2-A, dated the 3rd February 1916 (copy enclosed), it is observed that the site in question was pointed out to the Director of Public Instruction, the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. Stone, and His Excellency the Governor of Madras, during their visits to Vellore in 1914 and 1915, respectively, and was approved of by them. As the owners of the lands are said to demand an exorbitant price, I think it necessary to acquire them under the Land Acquisition Act. As the matter is reported to be urgent, I request that Government will be pleased to sanction the acquisition.

2. A site plan showing the present lands and buildings in the possession of the mission and those proposed to be acquired and the final detailed plans and estimates of the buildings of the college are said to have been submitted to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

3. I have called on the Revenue Divisional Officer, Vellore, to report the approximate cost of the acquisition and I shall report the same on receipt of his reply.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter—from the Principal, Voorhees College, Vellore.
To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
Dated—the 3rd February 1916.
No.—2-A.

I have the honour to lay before you herewith a formal application for acquisition of land by Government, for the purpose of erecting a new college building for Voorhees College, a college hostel and warden's bungalow. Detailed plans and estimates for the college building are in the hands of the Director of Public Instruction. Tentative promises to recommend a grant both on the college building and on the hostel have been given in his Ref. No. 8460, dated 12th December 1914, respectively.

2. The site which we desire to have acquired is comprised in the lots bearing town survey Nos. 534 and 535 of the municipality of Vellore. It is grant land, for which rough pattas are about to be issued, the present holder of the land being Maundi Bhokkai Dhanikachala Chetti.

3. The fact of its being grant land has only recently come to light, and we would submit that we have been trying to get the land by private purchase for the last ten years. Enclosed is a Tamil document, with translation, dated 10th December 1904, and signed by the owners at that time promising to sell the land for Rs. 11,000. The owners went back on their written word, however, and have since quoted impossible prices, continually raising the price and showing no real intent to sell. For a long time there was a legal question over the title between the joint owners, and we were again promised that the land would be sold upon settlement of the suit. Upon its final settlement, however, late in 1914, the same process of quotation of impossible prices continued, and we resolved therefore to appeal to Government. I may cite the Chairman of the Municipal Council of Vellore, Khan Bahadur Muhammad Habibullah Sahib Bahadur, with regard to these later transactions, as they were carried on through him in the presence of witnesses, and to him was made the promise to sell at a reasonable figure, in consultation with him, after the final settlement of the suit.

4. The Director of Public Instruction, the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. Stone, was then approached on the subject late in 1914, in the course of a visit to Vellore, and the land was pointed out to him. On his suggestion, rough plans for our contemplated buildings were then submitted to him, and these are at present in his office, together with final detailed plans and estimates of the college building.

5. In February 1915, a deputation waited on His Excellency the Governor of Madras in Vellore, and he also, after viewing the land, expressed approval of our proceeding with plans and estimates. The Collector of North Arcot district, F. J. Richards, Esq., also expressed approval of the proposal of acquisition of these lands.

6. A site plan is also submitted, showing the present lands and the buildings in our possession, and the sites we desire to acquire. It will be seen that they are necessary to give us a continuous compound for our buildings, which is highly desirable, and practically necessary, as no other sites fully satisfactory are available.

7. I would further point out the necessity of our securing land and erecting a college building as soon as possible, inasmuch as the University, recognising our present building as entirely inadequate, has been pressing the matter upon us for several years.

8. May I further urge the speedy settlement of the question as we shall have available from July, for about one year, the services of a builder in our own Mission who can do the work departmentally, thereby curtail expenditure and insuring satisfaction.

Ref. on Our. No. 8460 of 1914, dated 10th March 1916.

Submitted to Government in continuation of this office letter Ref. on Cur. No. 8460 of 1914, dated 10th March 1916, and recommended.

J. H. STONE,
Director of Public Instruction.

Order—No. 326, Educational, dated the 24th March 1916.

The Government consider that the sites required by the authorities of the Voorhees College, Vellore, for extending the college buildings and for the construction of a hostel and warden's quarters, and specified in the Collector's letter read above, should be acquired under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894; and they will be prepared to give a grant not exceeding one-half of the actual cost of acquisition.

2. The Collector of North Arcot will be requested to report the approximate cost of acquisition and to submit at an early date a draft notification for publication under section 6 of the Land Acquisition Act.

(True Extract.)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
 " Collector of North Arcot.
 " Accountant-General.
 " Revenue Department.
 " Public Works Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 326, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED THE 24TH MARCH 1916.

[SUBJECT.—*Acquisition of land required for the Voorhees College, Vellore.*]

From the Collector of North Arcot, dated the 19th February 1916, No. 854-Gl.

Please see G.O. No. 599, Educational, dated the 27th June 1913, for the general principles governing the application of Land Acquisition Act to obtain lands for private schools and colleges. Please see also the notes recorded in G.O. No. 280, Educational, dated the 12th March 1915 relating to the acquisition of the land required for the Voorhees College, Vellore. Since the owners of the lands have no objection to part with their property except on the score of compensation, it is submitted that the Government may acquire the land under the Act leaving the acquiring officer and the Civil Court to settle the amount of the compensation.

2. The cost of acquisition is not known. In view, however, of the Director's recommendation that the half-grant may be sanctioned and of the fact that the amount will apparently be met from the special grant of Rs. 96,000 for hostels, the Government may promise to give a grant not exceeding one-half of the actual cost of acquisition in the usual course.

3. Subject to orders, a draft order is submitted for approval. If approved, it may be forwarded to the Revenue Department for acceptance.

P.R.—15-3-16.

T.K.—15-3-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—16-3-16.

To the Revenue Department.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

The draft may, if submitted, be accepted in this department and the file returned to Educational.

R.V.—18-3-16.

T.S.R.—18-3-16.

H. A. B. VERNON—20-3-16.

To the Educational Department.

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Submitted that the draft may now issue.

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