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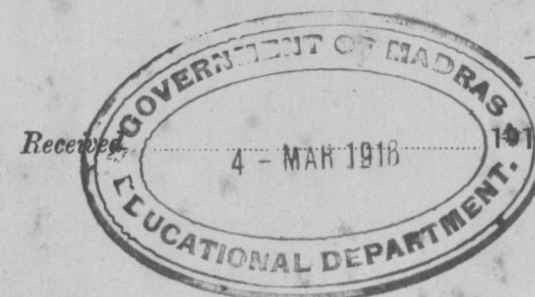
G.O. No. 333

DATED 28.3.16

[Despatch Abstract.]

St Joseph's Industrial School, Coimbatore :- Informing the Director of Industries that his proposals for the development of the ——— will be considered after orders are passed on the draft Technical Education Code.

DEPARTMENT.



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Subject.

Submitting proposals for the development
of St. Joseph's Industrial School, Coimbatore.

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Station Madras, Dated the 26th Feb 16 191
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From (Name) K. T. B. Tressler Esq.
(Designation) Director of Industries.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the proposals I have made from time to time for the development of Industrial schools in certain selected centres.

2. As Government is no doubt aware, the general scheme is that the schools shall consist of two sections: the school section where only handicraft is taught and the factory section where practice is given in work under commercial conditions.

3. These proposed schools all centre round an established nucleus--usually a private institution--and to carry them out it in every case becomes necessary to invest a considerable sum of money on buildings. As

This is the basis
of the scheme of ind.
education elaborated
in the S.D. Technical
education code.

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I do not consider it desirable to make a gift of these buildings to the existing institution, and dual ownership leads to confusion, my proposals are so arranged that the bulk of the money Government may have to spend, shall be concentrated on whatever particular section (school or factory) is likely to be of permanent value to Government. This section will then be absolute Government property. The other will be developed ~~by~~ the institution authorities ~~themselves~~ and will be their absolute property. Thus the working arrangement initially made, can, if found desirable be annulled at any time by either party without imposing any hardships on either side.

4. So far as the Coimbatore School in particular is concerned, the school authorities now maintain a considerable workshop which they desire to retain. To develop this school, therefore, I propose to construct a School section at Government expense, the two being under the management of the school authorities, so long as convenient to us. Usually, I recommend that the two sections should be adjacent but at Coimbatore there is no room alongside the existing factory and the site of the factory is not particularly good. Only a few yards away, however, there is a large open space fronting the station. This site has been selected after careful examination by the school authorities, myself and the Executive Engineer, as the most suitable. The reason why I attach particular importance to the site question is the same as that which prompts me to select the school section for development by Government. In the near future I expect ~~I expect~~ that a demand for technological ~~institutions~~ ^{instruction} will spring up in Coimbatore and the buildings I now propose, must be capable of extension so as to provide accommodation for this type of education also, besides being suitably situated for the purpose. Already the Agricultural College insist to give their men some engineering training, and I am convinced that the demand will extend. A site plan is annexed and will make the position clear.

5. At present as in the case of most other schools, the

* proposed in the Technical ed. case which is still under consideration. In the case Mr. Treasurer has proposed to give grants for the school & the workshop sections.

3. school and factory section are mixed up to the detriment of both. Under the proposed system not only are they separated, but the aid is given only to ^{the} school: the factory section having to stand on its own legs. At present the grant applies indiscriminately to either or both. The work of the factory section is therefore open to the suspicion of being unfairly aided when it comes into competition with private enterprise.

6. I am aware that the present mix-up has been in existence for many years and in view of the financial stringency I would ordinarily have allowed it to go on until more normal condition were re-established. Recently, however, a private firm has decided to establish a motor repair house in Coimbatore and has already started complaining to ^{me} ~~one~~ of the unfair competition of the Coimbatore school. As Inspector of this school I am of opinion that the grant now being given to this school no more than covers the extra cost that the combination of education with manufacture entails. But so long as the two branches are mixed up it is impossible to establish this fact by convincing proof and meantime appearances are all against us. It is the case of the Government chrome tannery over again; Messrs. Chambers' complaint of unfair competition was quite unfounded. Sales covered costs and the extra waste involved by the association of teaching with manufacture (-I worked it out at about Rs. 10,000/- in a half year-) much more than covered the extra charges which a purely commercial ^{man?} system of manufacture would have involved. Chambers & Co., naturally objected to ^{competition} ~~completion~~ as such and they had a plausible case to show that it was unfair. For this and other reasons the tannery was shut down.

7. I do not know if Seton Smith & Co., the rival

firm now in question, will go as far as Chambers & Co., but their advent puts the school as now conducted--and indirectly Government-- in a false position and may seriously impair the activities of the school. This, I wish, for broad industrial reasons, to avoid. We stand to ~~gain~~ much more ~~from~~ the school than from Seton Smith & Co., who, quite intelligibly are only playing their own hand. Hence, even though funds are short, I consider that a start should be made with the process of reorganisation. The acquisition of the land (I believe as a matter of fact that it belongs to Government) the preparation of plans and all the other preliminaries, will take up a great deal of time and execution can always be postponed. But if the scheme takes any sort of practical shape we have a practical proof of the fact that the alleged "unfair assistance" is merely of a temporary character and as such it cannot be used as an argument for trying to suppress the school.

8. I accordingly request that administrative sanction may be accorded for the acquisition of the plot in question and the construction of buildings at a cost not exceeding at the first instance Rs. 40,000/-. The design of the building to be such however as to be capable of extension into a technological college costing 2 lakhs and the designs to be prepared accordingly at the start.

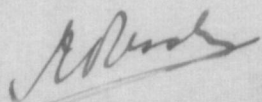
9. I do not propose to spend any money during the coming year and any financial provision that may be necessary can be postponed until 1916-17. *or later*

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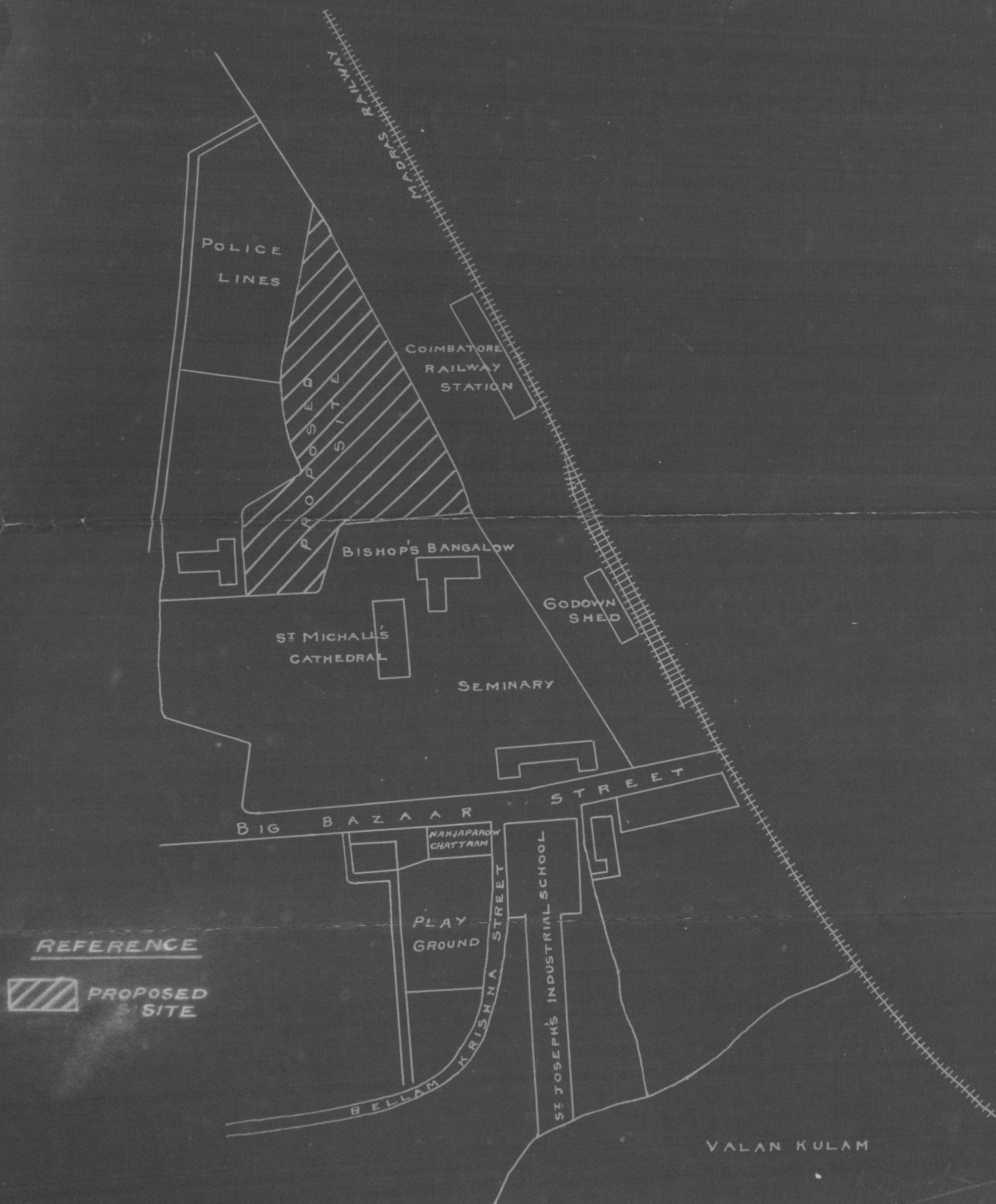
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Director of Industries.

SITE PLAN
OF THE COIMBATORE SCHOOL



OFFICE NOTE.

SUBJECT.

Development of the St. Joseph's Industrial school, Coimbatore, with special state aid.

From

the D.I. No.B.5, dated 25th February 1916.

Register No. 800

Mr. Tressler submits certain preliminary proposals for the development of the St. Joseph's ~~institution~~ industrial school at Coimbatore. They are

(1) that the Government should acquire a site for the school and

(2) that they should construct a building thereon for the school section of the institution (as opposed to the workshop section).

The total cost of these two proposals is estimated at Rs.40,000 roughly. Mr. Tressler adds that he does not propose to spend any money now on this object, but that he only requests formal sanction to these proposals so that the Government may not be blamed

~~by helping the workshop attached to the school~~ on the ground of promoting unfair competition. The reason

advanced in support of a premature declaration of

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Government sanction does not appear to be quite convincing. The proposal to confine Government help to the school section ^{is} ~~was~~ based on a larger policy to be discussed in connection with the draft Technical Education Code submitted by Mr. Tressler, which has not yet been approved by the Government. In connection with the St. Aloysius' Industrial school, Vizagapatam, Mr. Tressler made a similar proposal that the workshop should be constructed and equipped by the Government and that it should be leased to the school authorities. His Excellency the Governor then remarked that the proposals should be considered only after orders had been passed on the code. It is for orders whether in the present case also a similar course may be followed.

(A revised draft of the Code has been sent to Mr. Tressler for remarks.)

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With reference to his letter read above, the Director of Industries will be informed that his proposals for the development of the St. Joseph's industrial school, ^{at} Bombay will be considered ~~ready~~ after orders are passed on the draft technical education code submitted by him.

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