

Education (1916) Department.

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G.O. No. 547- Col

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Madura college. Passing orders on the Memorial of the members of the Board praying for the raising of the status of the college to the first grade and for a grant in aid of the scheme

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TO

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
JOHN, BARON PENTLAND OF LYTH,**

P. C., G. C. I. E.,

Governor of Madras

*The humble memorial of the undersigned
members of the Madura College Board
humbly sheweth :—*

That the Madura College had the honour of being visited in February 1914 by your Excellency, and the memorialists trust that on that occasion a favourable impression was produced in the mind of your Excellency as to the size, importance, and its highly useful character in the locality and in the neighbourhood as well as to the schools connected with it.

2. That the origin of the College dates back to 1856 when, in consequence of the policy laid down in the great Education Despatch of Sir Charles Wood, a Zilla school was established in the town of Madura. This school later grew into a College which was maintained by Government till 1889, when in pursuance of the recommendations of the Education Commission of 1882, it was transferred to the managers of a high school that had been in existence for about eight years previously in the same town. Several other schools in the town were taken over by the managers of the College at different times, the latest being the large school known as the Setupathi High School. The College and connected institutions have been steadily growing and have enjoyed the approval and support of the Department of Public Instruction as well as the good will of the public of Madura—as evidence whereof, it is sufficient to mention the hostel costing Rs. 38,000 gifted by the Government, and the spacious play ground purchased and presented by the late Mr. Robert Fischer. Besides the subjects included in the ordinary curricula, instruction is provided in the College in Drawing including Painting and Design, Typewriting, Short-hand, Book-keeping and Commercial Practice. The number of pupils receiving instruction in all the institutions is over 2,000 while the teaching staff consists of no less than 90 teachers.

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3. That the educational interests of the large and populous area served by this College require its being raised to the first grade, as is recognised in a letter appended hereto written by the Reverend John X. Miller on behalf of the authorities of the only other first grade college in the city of Madura.

4. That Rao Bahadur S. RM. M. A. Annamalai Chettiyar of Kanadukathan, already known for his gifts towards public purposes in the Districts of Ramnad and Madura and in the city of Madras, has now come forward and offered to pay a sum of two lakhs of rupees towards an endowment fund for the College provided it is raised to the first grade.

5. That the object of the donation cannot be realised unless the Government of Madras is pleased to supplement it by the grant of an equal amount as soon as the state of public finances permits of such grant being made.

6. That the memorialists beseech the Government of Your Excellency to treat this case with special consideration, it being in its circumstances an exceptional one. It is scarcely necessary to say that the provisions of the Grant-in-aid Code, do not in terms apply to a case such as this.

7. In the event of the College being raised to the first grade and endowed as aforesaid, the said Rao Bahadur Annamalai Chettiyar has promised a further donation of such sum, not exceeding one lakh of rupees, as the College authorities may be required under the provisions of the Grant-in-aid Code, to contribute towards the cost of erecting the necessary building for the College—lecture rooms, library, laboratory etc.

8. That though many of the members of the very wealthy Nagarathar community to which the said Annamalai Chettiyar belongs, have been known for a long time to spend large sums on charities, yet acting under the influence of traditional ideas, they have hitherto contributed almost exclusively towards the renovation of temples, the foundation of feeding houses for pilgrims and Pathasalas for teaching Vedas and similar objects of a religious nature.

9. That Rao Bahadur Annamalai Chettiyar prompted by an enlightened disposition and inspired by what he has observed during his travel in Western countries is prepared to make a striking departure and set a meritorious example which if it meets with the approbation of Government in the manner solicited, is likely to have the effect of diverting the donations of future donors among the said community in part at least to the all-important object of education on modern lines.

10. That fully sensible of the warm personal interest taken by your Excellency in matters connected with the said all-important subject of public instruction, the entire public of this Presidency as well as the memorialists will for ever feel deeply grateful for thus becoming a potent instrument for attracting the munificence of the Nagarathar community towards the cause of education on modern lines and thus conferring an inestimable benefit on the many millions comprising the population of this Presidency.

11. That in conclusion, the memorialists pray that your Excellency will be graciously pleased to allow this memorial to be presented on their behalf by Dr. Sir S. Subramania Iyer whose service in the matter, they feel proud to be able to commend, as that of the survivor of the dozen pupils or so, that entered and constituted the highest class in the Government Zilla School, so far back as 60 years ago in February 1856, when the school was established and of which as already stated, this college is a lineal descendant.

*For this act of kindness and benevolence
your Excellency's humble memorialists shall ever
feel profoundly grateful to your Excellency.*

(Signed) K. Ramenagar. Additional Legislative
Council member.

H. Somigajee Iyer B.A. B.L. High Court Caddl.
12-2-16

C. Sirimivas Rao Sahib. High Court Caddl.
12-2-16

G. Sirimivas Rao. 1st Grade Pleader and
Public Prosecutor.
12-2-16

C. Sirimivas Iyer. High Court Caddl.
Dr. R. Govindaswami. Landlord & Municipal
Councilor.

(Signed) ⁴ P. Subbarayadya. Landholder & Pleader.
Hon. official President Madras T. B.
A. Vivasanath. Retired 1st grade pleader and
Landholder.
M. S. Seshiengar, Pleader. Madura.
J. C. Sirinivasan. High Court Vakil. Madura.
D. Sundararajengar. 1st grade pleader Madura.
V. Ramachandrarayer. H. C. Vakil.
M. K. Rajagopalachariar. Certified Public
Accountant & Auditor. Idyar. Madras.
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M. Madhusayer. H. C. Vakil Madura.
Sri Seshathiridayar (in Tamil)
Sub. Division Zamindar
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A. Rangaswami aiyer. H. C. Vakil Madura.

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A. M. HIGH SCHOOL AND TRAINING INSTITUTION,
Pasumalai, Madura Dist., South India.

15-1-1916.

REV. JOHN X. MILLER, M. A.,
Principal.

M. R. Ry.

RAO BAHADUR S. RM. M. A. ANNAMALAI CHETTY AVL.,
Madras.

DEAR FRIEND,

It is with great pleasure that I have heard of your interest in the Madura College and of your hope to raise that institution to the status of a first grade college. Madura can support two colleges and I'm sure they will work together in harmony; certainly this should be true if each continues to be located on opposites of the city.

I have spoken to several of our missionaries about this and all are pleased that it is one who has on many occasions proved himself a true friend of our mission who has now undertaken this great work. I am sure you have our very best wishes for the success of your undertaking.

If it would help you in any way I would be glad to ask our College council to pass a resolution expressing appreciation of what you have done and propose to do for the cause of higher education in this district. If I can help you in any way let me know. With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN X. MILLER.

Educational Department

CASE 857.

Case No. 857-1 E.J.

Referred to the S.P.G. for
Remarks.

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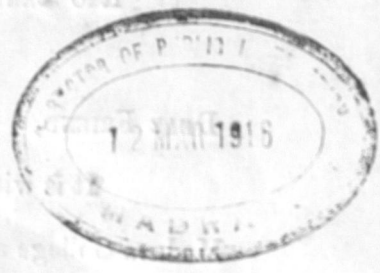
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To the S.P.G. with memorial to be
returned with reply.

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JOHN X. MILLER

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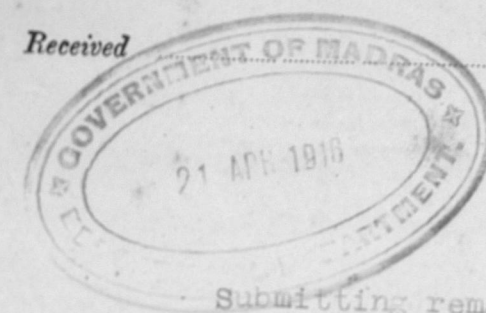
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Subject.

Submitting remarks on the proposal of the Madura College Board to raise the status of the College to the first grade.

ENCLOSURES
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R. C.

No. 2202/16

Station Madras, Dated the 19th April 1916

From (Name) the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. Stone, M.A., F.R.H.S.
C.I.E.,
(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,
MADRAS.

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

Sir,

In returning herewith the memorial of the members of the Madura College board received with your endorsement No.857-1 Educational dated 9th March 1916, I have the honour to state that it seems likely that there would be scope for another first grade college in Madura particularly if its work were so arranged as to supplement that of the A. M. College and that if the University recommend its affiliation I should not advocate its being refused under Regulation 375 (h).

page by CF.

P.R.

Rules 61 & 62
of the Grant-
in-Aid Code.

for the full
endowment
sum of 3 lakhs
at 4%?

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2. The institution of a first grade College is, however, an expensive business. Assuming that Government gave a lakh of grant in aid of the endowment and required its investment in trust securities, it would yield an income of at most Rs.1,000 a month which supplemented by fees and a possible teaching grant would provide salaries for a Principal and two or three professors who, to satisfy University regulations, would have to be of high attainments. This leaves out of account capital expenditure on buildings and equipment which, if any branch of science is to be taught, would be considerable. It is seen from the memorial that Rao Bahadur Annamalai Chettiyar proposes to devote another lakh of rupees to these purposes.

3. I consider that the best course would be for the memorialists to draw up a scheme for the College specifying subjects to be taken up, staff to be employed and buildings and equipment necessary, and to show how their scheme could be financed assuming that grants were given by Government under the existing rules of the Grant-in-Aid Code including a grant equal to half the endowment and a grant equal to the expenditure on buildings and equipment. In framing this scheme the necessity for providing adequate accommodation for the existing college and its high school and branches should be borne in mind. These are badly-housed in thatched sheds and unsuitable buildings:.

4. If the intentions of the memorialists and of Rao Bahadur Annamalai Chettiyar were carried out, grants under the two heads mentioned above would amount in all to 2 lakhs as against his 3 lakhs of rupees and this it seems to me should

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be a sufficiently liberal scale of aid to elicit ample response from the chetti community. I should not suggest even so much except for the obvious desirability of encouraging so far as is possible the tendency that seems to be showing itself to divert funds to education from other forms of benefaction. No sort of promise could in any case be made as to the time at which the Government could give the money.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

G. Krishnasami

for Director of Public Instruction

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19.4.16.*

Y. V.

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CN. 857 Es

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
MADRAS.

7th March 1916.

Dear Mr. Rajagopalachari,

I am to send you the accompanying memorial from the members of the Madura College Board and to request that you will be so good as to have the proposal it contains examined in consultation with financial.

Yours sincerely,

Y. M. S.

The Hon'ble

DIWAN Bahadur P. Rajagopalachariar A.V., C.I.E.,
Secretary to Government, Educational Dept.,
Fort St. George.

PR

Educational Department.

Submitted that the memorial may be referred to the Secy for remarks, in the first instance. A draft endorsement is submitted for approval.

PR
8.3.16

IL
8.3.16

[End. No 857-1 Sol. d. 7th March 1916]

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C No. 1509. From the D.P.I., G.C. No 2202/16
dated the 19th April 1916.

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The request of the Memorialists is that the Govt may make a grant of an amount equal to the endowment of two lakhs of Rupees offered by Rao Bahadur Annamalai Chettyar, as soon as the state of public finances permit of such grant being made.

Under rule 61 of the Grant-in-aid Code however, the Govt may make a grant-in-aid of the endowment not exceeding one-half of the amount given. But as observed by the D.P.I., no sort of promise can be given to the memorialists as to the time when the grant can be made, for, in view of the financial situation, it is not likely that the Govt will be in a position in the near future to give so large a grant to a single institution.

2. The file may be forwarded u.s. to the Financial Dept for remarks if any, with reference to the P.S.G's d.o. on the previous page.

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26.4.16

I think that the view of the D.P. I may be a collection and an experience move to the Humanistic in terms of para 3 and 4 of Mr. Davis letter. Will you please offer remarks?



Mr. Will.
19.1.16

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Para: 5, pag 2 c.F.

Para: 7, pag 2 c.F.
+ Rule 547 (Punish)

Financial Dept.

The memorialists in their letter in C.F. ask for the following grants from Govt. in connection with the raising of the Madura college to the status of a first grade college:-

- (i) a grant of Rs 2 lakhs i.e an amount equivalent to the endowment proposed to be paid by Mr. Annamalai chettiar.
- (ii) a grant of about 1 lakh apparently, under the provisions of the Grant-in-aid Act, for erecting the necessary buildings for the college - lecture rooms, library etc.

para 3, page 8 C.F.

+ Rule 61 of the
Grant-in-aid code.
(private)

para 4, page 8 C.F.

With reference to item : (1) above,
the Director of Public Instruction
recommends only the usual grant
under the existing rules of the
Grant-in-aid code viz. a grant
equal to half the endowment sum.
He recommends in all a grant
of Rs 2 lakhs for the college.
~~Submitted that the amount~~
~~proposed for the college~~
~~be sanctioned by the Government~~
~~of Madras.~~

2. As regards provision of funds,
it is submitted that the amount
involved is large, and there is no
~~prospect~~ prospect of paying it till
after the war is over ~~and~~
further non-recurring grants are
sanctioned by Imperial, or Provincial
finances ^{will} permit of large sums being
drawn from balances. Subject to
the above remark, the proposed reply
to the memorialists which does not seem to
~~be~~ Commit Govt. - vide para 3 of D.P.'s letter at p. 8 C.F.
may, it is submitted, be accepted in full.

What is meant is that
we will not be able to
give the money unless
Imperial Govt. in
order, or we draw on
our balances. AM

vide the Secy's letter
note on page 3 ante.

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3-5-16
JAS
3-5-16

We need not object
to the reply proposed but.

page 3 ante

it should be made quite clear in the orders that Govt. do not commit. There seems to be any thing beyond that is a desirable under the grant in aid code, and even in respect of a grant under code rules no promise can be given as to when the money will be forthcoming. The days after the war will not necessarily be days of plenty.

CS.

LD.
5.5.16



Paragraph marked A
at p. 8 of CP

(*) equal to the expenditure for the management out of its own funds, or one-half of the total.

This is essential. As I note that under Art. 57 a building grant is limited to "half the total cost of the work" & do not understand the D.P.I.'s recommendation for a grant "equal to the expenditure on buildings & equipment."

All we can say is that if and when funds permit we shall be ready to give grants in accordance with the Code, provided the scheme secures an efficient College.

H.M./7th shed sec. LD.
5.5.16

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5.5.16.

PR 175 Notes in 6/5/16

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Educational Department.

A draft order is submitted for approval. If approved, it may be circulated to H.E. the Governor and the Hon. Member, Financial.

PA
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JL
9.5.16
H.E. and H.M. (A. Tail)

Box no 3
16.5.16

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Educational Department.

C.No.857, From the Members of the Madura College Board, d/the 28th
February 1916.
C.No.1509 . " " D.P.I. No.2202/16, dated the 19th April 1916.

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ORDER :-
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With reference to their Memorial of the 28th February 1916, the Members of the Madura College Board will be informed that the question of raising the status of the college to the first grade is one primarily for the consideration of the University of Madras. The College Board will therefore be advised to submit ~~the~~ to the University in the first instance a definite scheme specifying the subjects to be taken up, the staff to be employed and the buildings and equipment required, and showing how it is proposed to finance the scheme, assuming that grants will be paid by Government under the rules of the Grant-in-Aid Code. In framing the scheme the

*Para 2 of D.P.I.'s letter of
page 2 of current file.*

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the necessity for providing adequate accommodation for the existing second grade college and its high school and branches should be taken into consideration. If the University is satisfied that there is scope for the proposed first grade college and recommends its affiliation, the matter will receive the sympathetic consideration of the Government.

2. As regards grants the memorialists will be informed that, when funds permit, the Government will be prepared to give help in accordance with the rules of the Grant-in-Aid Code, provided that the scheme secures an efficient college. The Government are not now in a position to hold out any hopes as to what amount of grant will eventually be sanctioned or when it will be paid.

To
The Secretary, Madurai College Board.
The D.P.I.

Cop forwarded to
Ras Bahadur S.R.M.N.
Ammalai Chettai, Kannadkottan under Secy's orders

Para 2 of D.P.I. letter
of 8.8.56

Para 1 of Director's letter
of 7.8.56

Chief Secretary's note
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