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READ—the following papers:—

I

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, M.A., C.I.E., F.R.H.S., Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, 10th March 1916.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 8460/14.

I have the honour to submit herewith the plans bearing Nos. 188 A to C with estimates amounting to Rs. 65,000 for the construction of a new building for the Voorhees College, Vellore, and to recommend that a grant not exceeding one half of the estimated cost may be sanctioned. The necessity for the proposed accommodation is evident from letter No. 1267, dated 15th February 1916, of the Registrar, University of Madras (copy enclosed). The authorities of the college are willing to wait and will have to wait for the payment of grant till such time as funds become available.

2. It is also proposed to acquire the sites marked survey Nos. 534 and 535 in the enclosed site plan for the purpose of constructing the new college building referred to above and for constructing a college hostel. The Principal also reports that it is not possible to purchase the sites in question by private negotiations, vide his letter No. 2-A, dated 3rd February 1916 (copy enclosed). The Collector of North Arcot thinks that it is necessary to acquire them under the Land Acquisition Act. He has already taken steps and addressed Government through me on the subject of acquisition. This communication is being submitted separately. In these circumstances, I recommend that the sites in question may be acquired under the Land Acquisition Act and that a grant not exceeding one half of the estimated cost of acquisition may also be sanctioned.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter—from the Registrar, University of Madras.

To—the Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—the 15th February 1916.

No.—1267.

I have the honour to inform you that, in this office letter No. 1092, dated the 8th instant, the Principal of the Voorhees College, Vellore, was requested to report by the 15th July next the further progress made in connection with the buildings to the college, and in his letter dated the 9th instant, the Principal reported "that the detailed plans and estimates for the new Voorhees College building are in the hands of the Director of Public Instruction together with an application for acquisition of the desired site by Government."

I have the honour by direction of the Syndicate to request you to be so good as to take very early action on the matter.

II

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, No. 3514-C., dated 18th May 1916.

The Director of Public Instruction submits 3 plans bearing Nos. D.P.I. 188-A, 188-B and 188-C and a detailed estimate amounting to Rs. 65,000 in connection with a grant-in-aid for constructing a new building for the Voorhees College at Vellore.

II. The plans and estimate have been scrutinized in the Chief Engineer's office and the sizes of some of the girders and roof timbers have been altered as figured in the plans and estimate. The total amount of the estimate remains unaffected by these alterations.

III. The description of the soil contained in the specification does not agree with that mentioned on the site plan No. 188-A. The Superintending Engineer should satisfy himself as to the suitability of the foundations.

IV. With these remarks the estimate as altered in the Chief Engineer's office amounting to Rs. 65,000 is recommended for approval.

S. B. MURRAY,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

Order—No. 592, Educational, dated 29th May 1916.

The plans and estimate amounting to Rs. 65,000 for the construction of a new building for the Voorhees College, Vellore, are approved, subject to the remarks of the Chief Engineer in his note read above.

2. The Government regret that they are unable at present to sanction the grant applied for towards the cost of the proposed building. The application may be renewed after the close of the war.

3. The authorities of the college will, however, be permitted to proceed with the work in the meanwhile, if they so desire, on the distinct understanding that the permission carries with it no promise of a grant.

(True Extract.)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction,
with plans, estimates and Chief Engineer's note (copy).
" Accountant-General.
" Public Works Department.
Copy of the Collector of North Arcot
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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 592, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED THE 29TH MAY 1916.

[SUBJECT.—*Building grant to the Voorhee's College, Vellore.*]

*From the Director of Public Instruction R.O.C. No. 8460/14,
dated the 10th March 1916.*

Since the extension of the buildings of the Voorhee's College is specially urgent and since the authorities of the college are willing to wait for the grant until such time as the Government are able to pay it, it is submitted that the plans and estimates may be approved now and the authorities of the college permitted to proceed with the work, if they so desire, on the distinct understanding that the permission carries with it no promise of a grant. If this view is concurred in, the plans and estimates may be forwarded to the Public Works Department for scrutiny.

2. The question relating to the acquisition of site referred to in paragraph 2 of the Director's letter is dealt with in a separate file.

P.R.—15-3-16.

T.K.—15-3-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—16-3-16.

To the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

*Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, No. 3514,
dated the 18th May 1916.*

The plans and the estimate have been scrutinised in the office of the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, whose remarks thereon are contained in his note read above. The file with the Chief Engineer's note may now be returned to Educational for issue of orders.

P.G.S.S.—18-5-16.

D. MARSHALL—20-5-16.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The question relating to the acquisition of site referred to in paragraph 2 of the Director's letter has since been disposed of in G.O. No. 326, Educational, dated the 24th March 1916.

2. The application for a grant in aid of the proposed building may be disposed of on the lines of G.O. No. 290, Educational, dated the 18th March 1916. A draft order following that precedent is submitted for approval.

P.R.—24-5-16.

T.K.—24-5-16.

P.R.—26-5-16.

[G.O. No. 592, Educational, dated the 29th May 1916.]

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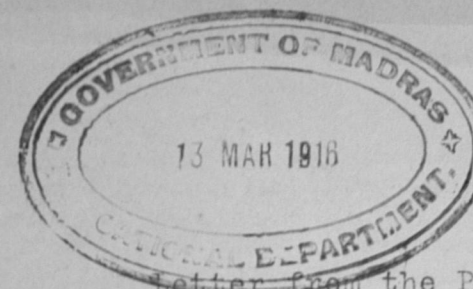
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Letter from the Principal, Voorhees College, Vellore, No. 2 A., dated 3rd February 1916.

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 on C. No. 8460 of 1914, dated 24th March 1915, and Ref on C. No. 8460 of 1914, dated 12th December 1914 respectively.

1. 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 Chetty.

2. 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 December 10, 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 the quotation of impossible prices continued, and we resolved therefore to appeal to Government. I may cite the Chairman of

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the Municipal Council of Vellore, Khan Bahadur Md. 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.

3. The Director of Public Instruction, the Hon. J.H. Stone, Esquire, 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.

4. 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 Esquire, also expressed approval of the proposal of acquisition of these lands.

5. 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.

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

7. 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

departmentally thereby curtailing expenditure and insuring satisfaction.

(Sd) F.M. Potter,
Principal.

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C. No. 929, From the 209 Reg. No. 8460/14 dated the 10th March 1916.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Prop. 3574 C, " 18th May 1916

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