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READ—the following papers :—

I

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

To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—the 5th February 1917.

No—Cur. 927.

The Superintendent, Government Training School for Mistresses, Coimbatore, reports that she is unable to procure a residence at Coimbatore on a reasonable rent and that the balance of her pay after meeting the large amounts demanded for bungalows in the locality is insufficient for her other expenses. She accordingly requests that she may be allowed either house-rent allowance or free quarters. The Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Southern Circle, while supporting the request of the Superintendent, recommends that the building known as the Y.W.C.A. Home which is the property of Mr. R. Stanes and is offered for sale for Rs. 15,000 may be purchased and that the Superintendent and such of the mistresses as conform to European customs may be allowed to live in it free of rent. The Inspectress's recommendation appears to me worthy of consideration as the house was designed for teachers' residence and that Government cannot lose on the transaction if they paid a fair price. The house has eight rooms and bath rooms and in addition to providing accommodation for the teachers could be used as a small hostel for students. It is well situated near the new court and Bank of Madras building. In these circumstances I request that Government may be pleased to sanction the purchase of the house at a price reported to be reasonable by the Public Works Department authorities and to allow the teachers to live in it free of rent. I do not think it necessary to reiterate the arguments in favour of providing free quarters for teachers in girls' schools which were advanced in my letters R.C. No. 4965-12, dated 25th September 1912, and R.C. No. 9561, dated 7th March 1914, disposed of in G.Os. No. 324 W., dated 11th February 1913, and No. 941 W., dated 17th May 1915, respectively. But I shall only add that the concession has recently been granted in the case of the head mistresses of the Government girls' schools at Kumbakonam and Kollegal.

I further request that the matter be treated as very urgent as Mr. Stanes informs me that he already has had enquiries from prospective purchasers.

II

Endorsement No. 580-1, Home (Education), dated 16th February 1917.

Referred to the Collector for very early remarks.

(By order)

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR,
Registrar.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

III

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. N. MACMICHAEL, M.A., I.C.S., Collector of Coimbatore.

To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—the 18th May 1917.

No.—D. Dis. 1535-Rev.

With reference to your endorsement No. 580-1, Home (Education), dated 16th February 1917, I have the honour to report that the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore, inspected the Y.W.C.A. Home, Coimbatore, in company with the Executive Engineer. The Superintending Engineer considers that the property is worth Rs. 15,000, the price asked for by Mr. R. Stanes.

2. It is true that officers find it difficult to procure houses in Coimbatore on reasonable rent. The Y.W.C.A. Home is situated in a good locality opposite to the Bank of Madras and very near the railway station and public offices and courts. The value of the building as estimated by the Superintending Engineer is fair and may be accepted.

3. The records noted below are submitted herewith:—

(1) Plans C.B. 64 and 65.

(2) One estimate for Rs. 15,000.

(3) Copies of Executive Engineer's letters No. 552-S, dated 14th April 1917, and No. 675-S.E., dated 2nd May 1917, and Superintending Engineer's letter No. 745-M, 402-Z/42, dated 15th May 1917.

(4) Letter No. 927, dated 5th February 1917, from the Director of Public Instruction.

ENCLOSURES.

(1)

Letter—from V. HART, Esq., Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division.

To—the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

Dated—the 14th April 1917.

No.—552-S.E.

With reference to your No. 224-C.I./402-Z-42, dated 22nd February 1917, and No. 332 C.I./402-Z-42, dated 17th March 1917, I have the honour to forward herewith an approximate valuation statement of the Y.W.C.A. building, its outhouses, premises, etc., in front of the Madras Bank at Coimbatore.

2. I enclose herewith a site survey and a plan of the main building.

3. The frontage of the main building is not very prepossessing but inside it is very spacious and consists of eight bed and a corresponding number of bath rooms. It has a spacious central hall 48' x 18' well ventilated. The basement is of random rubble in mud plastered with lime mortar and the superstructure of brick in lime mortar plastered inside and pointed in the exterior. The roof timbers are of teak and are substantial. The bed and the bath rooms are terraced and the hall with two side rooms in front are roofed with Mangalore tiles over Henke's pattern ceiling tiles. The front verandah is roofed with Mangalore tiles without ceiling.

4. Besides the main building there are two outhouses, a well with perennial supply of water though not very good for drinking purposes, a tennis court with wire netting and a road in front. The extent of the compound is 2 acres.

5. I recommend the purchase of the property at the sum of Rs. 15,000 demanded by the owner, in consideration of the locality and the increased market price for timber and the cost of labour, although the amount of the accompanying valuation statement is Rs. 14,946 only.

(2)

Letter—from V. HART, Esq., Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division.

To—the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

Dated—the 2nd May 1917.

No.—675-S.E.

With reference to your No. 463-C.I./402-Z-42, dated 18th April 1917, I have the honour to state that the plinth areas of the outhouses are as follows:—

	SQ. FT.	
(1) Godown (two rooms)	625	} One block.
(2) Fowl house	135	
(3) Kitchen (one room)	150	
Total	910	

The walls are mostly of mud, similarly the floors, the roof materials as well as the doors and windows are of country wood. The roof of the godown is tiled with Mangalore pattern tiles and the kitchen tiled with pan tiles. The Sub-Division Officer, Coimbatore, has reported to me that these are not worth anything and they were not taken into account in the valuation and that at the most a lump sum of about Rs. 50 may be allowed to cover the cost of Mangalore tiles, pan tiles and the country wood scantlings. Accordingly a lump sum of Rs. 50 has now been allowed in the estimate.

After purchase of the property, a kitchen and servants' quarters will have to be constructed, also probably a coach house and syce's quarters at a cost of about Rs. 1,500—2,000.

2. In the basement of the main building a date stone has been fixed with the inscription "15th March 1911". The building is therefore of very recent construction and it is in a habitable condition. The main building will require patch repairs, whitewashing and plastering round the basement at a cost of about Rs. 100.

(3)

Letter—from the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

To—the Collector of Coimbatore.

Dated—Coimbatore, the 15th May 1917.

No.—745-M, 402-Z-42.

In returning herewith the endorsement bearing your endorsement R.O.C. No. 280-B. & G., dated 20th February 1917, with enclosure, I have the honour to inform you that I have inspected the Y.W.C.A. Home at Coimbatore in company with the Executive Engineer, and that I consider the property to be worth the Rs. 15,000 which, I understand, is the price asked.

2. I enclose a plan of the site (C.B. No. 64/1917) and a detailed plan of the building (C.B. No. 65/1917); also a valuation estimate for Rs. 15,000 and copies of letters No. 552-S.E., dated 14th April 1917, and No. 675-S.E., dated 2nd May 1917, from the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore division. There are six good bed rooms, each with a bath room, and two additional rooms that could be used as bed rooms, and that also have each a bath room. These latter two bed rooms are marked A and B in blue pencil on the plan. One of these rooms would, I think, be required as a matry or serving room and the other as a store-room.

3. The out-buildings are well worth the Rs. 50 allowed for them. The "main hall" could, if desired, be suitably divided into two rooms either by means of a screen, or by a partition of more permanent nature. It will be seen that there is plenty of room in the compound for an additional building. The site is a very good one, in a good quarter of the town, and exactly opposite the new Bank of Madras.

Sub-Enclosure.

Quantity.	Description of work.	Rate.	Per.	Amount.	Total.
	<i>Approximate value of Y.W.C.A. building and its premises in front of the Madras Bank at Coimbatore.</i>	RS.	A.	P.	RS.
2 acres	Land	2,000	0	0	Acre. 4,000
	Main building—				
1,504 sq. ft.	Plinth area of terraced portion	3	0	0	Sq. ft. 4,512
1,987 "	" double tile roofed portion	2	8	0	" 4,968
620 "	" single	1	8	0	" 780
105 "	" with fixed wooden frames and wire netting rear verandah.	1	12	0	" 126
	Well				Lump sum. 250
	Tennis court				" 160
	Road				" 100
	Value of useful materials of a godown with a fowl house and kitchen.				" 50
	Grand total of estimate				14,996
					or say 15,000

IV

Memorandum No. 580-6, Home (Education), dated 11th July 1917.

With reference to his letter D. Dis. No. 1535-Rev., dated the 18th May 1917, regarding the acquisition of the Y.W.C.A. Home, Coimbatore, for the purposes of a hostel for the Government Training School for Mistresses, Coimbatore, the Collector of Coimbatore is informed that Government understand Mr. Stanes wishes to reserve a part of the land for himself. In the interests of possible hostel extension in the future

the Government consider it is not advisable to cut off the land as proposed. The Collector is requested to ascertain from Mr. Stanes if he is willing to sell the whole property for Rs. 15,000.

2. If Mr. Stanes is not willing to do so, the Collector is requested to make enquiries and report to Government, at an early date, whether any other buildings suitable for a hostel for the school are available, and, if so, to furnish Government with an estimate of the cost of their acquisition.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
Copy to the Director of Public Instruction.

V

Memorandum No. 580-7, Home (Education), dated 24th July 1917.

The Government understand that the Police department is negotiating for the purchase of Mr. Stanes' property known as the Y.W.C.A. Home at Coimbatore which has already been proposed to be acquired for a hostel for the Government Training School for Mistresses at Coimbatore. The Collector of Coimbatore is requested, in continuation of Memorandum No. 580-6, dated 11th July 1917, to ascertain whether this is so and if it is, to take early steps to avoid the possibility of a competition between the two departments for the property.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
Copy to the Director of Public Instruction.

VI

Letter—from N. MACMICHAEL, Esq., M.A., I.C.S., Collector of Coimbatore.
To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.
Dated—the 29th July 1917.
No.—D. Dis. 2405/Rev.

With reference to Government Memorandum No. 580-6, Home (Education), dated the 11th July 1917, I have the honour to state that Mr. R. Stanes is willing to part with the building known as the Y.W.C.A. Home in Coimbatore together with the whole of the land attached thereto for Rs. 15,000, but he requires time to find a house for Mr. and Mrs. Ranson and family who are now occupying the house.

VII

Letter—from N. MACMICHAEL, Esq., M.A., I.C.S., Collector of Coimbatore.
To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.
Dated—the 5th August 1917.
No.—R.O.C. 1145/B and G.

In reply to Government memorandum No. 580-7, Home (Education), dated the 24th July 1917, I have the honour to state that the District Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore, informs me that, though he inspected the Y.W.C.A. buildings at Coimbatore, he has no intention of competing for the purchase of the building and that he has made no offer of any sort to Mr. Stanes.

VIII

Letter—from N. MACMICHAEL, Esq., M.A., I.C.S., Collector of Coimbatore.
To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.
Dated—the 9th August 1917.
No.—R.O.C. 1286/Rev.

In continuation of my letter R.O.C. No. 1145, dated the 5th August 1917, I have the honour to submit the following extract from a letter, dated the 6th August 1917, received from Mr. R. Stanes:—

"With reference to your letter of the 15th ultimo and my reply, dated the 20th ultimo, I have the honour to request you will be good enough to let me know whether the Y.W.C.A. Home is to be taken over by the Educational department, and when

I am to expect a settlement of the transaction. I ask this, as I have other offers for the property and could easily obtain for it at once a sum of Rs. 15,000. It is a long time since Government approached me with reference to the purchase of this building and I should be glad if something definite could be arranged speedily."

Order—No. 1164, Home (Education), dated 10th September 1917.

The Government sanction the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to acquire the building known as the Y.W.C.A. Home in Coimbatore together with the whole land attached thereto for Rs. 15,000 for the purposes of a hostel for the students of the Government training school for mistresses, Coimbatore. This sum represents the total cost of acquisition inclusive of the 15 per cent payable for compulsory acquisition.

2. The Government also approve the Director's proposal to allow the Superintendent and another teacher of the school who are to be entrusted with the duty of supervising the hostel to live in it free of rent.

3. The Collector of Coimbatore is requested to take early steps to acquire the property under the Land Acquisition Act.

4. The cost will be met from the provision of Rs. 2,63,000 under "22-G. EDUCATION—Grants-in-aid, Building grants for non-European schools" in the Civil Budget Estimate for 1917-18.

(True Extract)

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Accountant-General.
" Financial Department.
" Revenue
" Public Works Department.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 1164, HOME (EDUCATION),
DATED THE 10TH SEPTEMBER 1917.

[SUBJECT.—Purchase of the Y.W.C.A. buildings, Coimbatore, for Rs. 15,000 for a hostel for the Government Training School for Mistresses, Coimbatore.]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated the 5th February 1917, No. C. 927.

The Director of Public Instruction requests sanction to the purchase of the Y.W.C.A. Home at Coimbatore for Rs. 15,000 and to provide free quarters therein not only for the Superintendent of the Government training school for mistresses but also for such of the other mistresses as conform to European customs and for a small hostel. It is not known how many mistresses the bungalow could accommodate and how many of the mistresses in the school conform to European customs at present. The higher staff of the school consists of—

Training section.						Rs.
Superintendent ...	...	...	...	...	...	200—10—250
Headmistress ...	...	...	...	...	...	125— 5—150
First assistant ...	...	...	...	...	...	75— 5—100
Second assistant ...	...	...	...	...	...	50— 5— 75
Kindergarten mistress ...	...	...	...	...	...	75— 5—100

Model school.						Rs.
Headmistress ...	...	...	...	...	...	100— 5—125
First assistant ...	...	...	...	...	...	60— 3— 75
Second assistant ...	...	...	...	...	...	50— 2— 60

The Director has not stated how many of these should be allowed to live in it free of rent. He has not also explained the need for the starting of a hostel in the school.

2. Apart from the question of providing a hostel for the school, the points for consideration are—

(i) whether there is need for provision of Government quarters for the staff of the training school for mistresses at Coimbatore; and

(ii) if Government quarters are provided, whether the mistresses should be allowed to occupy them free of rent.

3. In regard to the necessity for the provision of Government quarters at Coimbatore, attention is solicited to G.O. No. 361 W., dated the 15th April 1910, in which sanction was accorded for the construction of a combined building and residence for the Inspectress of girls' schools, Southern Circle, at Coimbatore. Attention is also invited to Mr. (now the Hon'ble Mr.) Gillman's letter on pages 3—5 of G.O. No. 445, Public, dated the 31st May 1910, in which he fully explained the difficulty in securing house accommodation at Coimbatore especially by European and Anglo-Indian officers. From pages 18, 20 and 40 of G.O. No. 1846 W., dated the 9th December 1916, it will also be seen that Coimbatore figures largely in the capital and revenue accounts of residential buildings. It may thus be necessary to provide Government quarters at Coimbatore for the staff of the Government training school for mistresses.

4. As regards the question whether the Government quarters should be occupied by the mistresses free of rent, it may be noted that, excluding the case of the mistresses of the Vizagapatam school, for whom a sum of Rs. 40 a month was sanctioned in G.O. No. 930, dated the 18th October 1912, on account of free quarters or house-rent allowance, free quarters have been provided for teachers with low salaries in the following Government girls' schools:—

- (1) Walajapet—pay Rs. 20—G.O. No. 324 W., dated the 11th February 1913.
- (2) Puttur—pay Rs. 14—G.O. No. 1108, Home (Education), dated the 25th November 1916.
- (3) Kollegal—pay Rs. 14—G.O. No. 36 W., dated the 6th January 1917.

The headmistress of the Kumbakonam school (pay Rs. 65 + Rs. 25 personal allowance), who was at first permitted to occupy a portion of the school premises rent free, was afterwards directed to pay rent in view of the fact that the rate of personal allowance sanctioned to her was raised from Rs. 10 to Rs. 25 (G.Os. No. 1096, Educational, dated the 25th November 1913, and No. 72, Educational, dated the 17th April 1914). But recently the headmistress was again permitted to occupy the quarters free of rent as she was unwilling to continue unless her conditions of service were improved (G.O. No. 1860 W., dated the 12th December 1916).

In G.O. No. 941 W., dated the 17th May 1915, however, the Government did not accept the Director of Public Instruction's recommendation that the headmistress of the Government Girls' school at Cannanore should be allowed to occupy the buildings rent free. (This is one of the cases referred to in the current letter.) On the other hand, quite recently, the Government in their Order No. 1301, Home (Education), dated the 5th December 1916, while declining to sanction a house-rent allowance to Miss Thompson, headmistress of the Government girls' school at Madura, granted an increase in the personal allowance paid to her from Rs. 50 to Rs. 70 per mensem, as she threatened to resign her post if her request was not complied with.

5. In the circumstances set forth in paragraph 4 supra, it is for consideration whether, in case it is decided to purchase the bungalow, rent-free accommodation should be provided or rent charged for the occupation of the quarters.

6. In this connection, attention is solicited to paragraph 3 of the letter of the Government of India No. 2205, dated the 26th September 1912 (page 2 of G.O. No. 930, dated the 18th October 1912) under which the Local Government is competent to grant free quarters or house-rent allowances to mistresses employed in Government girls' schools wherever local circumstances may indicate the desirability of such a course, the concession being permitted principally in those cases where school mistresses are living alone.

7. No provision exists in the current or the ensuing year's budget for the purchase of the bungalow. If the proposed purchase is sanctioned, Financial will have to provide the necessary funds.

8. The file may be sent to Financial and Public Works Departments for remarks.
S.N.P.—13-2-17.

T.K.—13-2-17.

For some time to come the Superintendent of the Coimbatore Training school will be a European or Eurasian. If, as stated in the current, there is great difficulty in procuring quarters for teachers of those classes for reasonable rent, the Director of Public Instruction's proposal to acquire the Y.W.C.A. building seems acceptable.

Unfortunately there is no Collector at Coimbatore at present. The officer in charge has only two years' service.

E.A.H.—16-2-17.

2. As regards the question of allowing the teachers to occupy the building rent-free, it may be considered later on. Prima facie there seems to be only a weak case for rent-free occupation. There is apparently no request from the teachers themselves for such a concession; and the difficulty complained of is more with reference to want of suitable residential buildings than in regard to inadequacy of the emoluments of the office.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—15-2-17.

I agree as to consulting the Sub-Divisional Magistrate in charge. The independent opinion of a man on the spot will no doubt be useful even if it is not indispensable.

E. A. HARVEY—16-2-17.

A draft endorsement to the Collector of Coimbatore is submitted.

S.N.P.—16-2-17.

T.K.—16-2-17.

C.R.—16-2-17.

[Issued as Endorsement No. 580-1, dated 16th February 1917.]

From the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 18th May 1917, No. 1535.

The Collector reports that the value of the building estimated by the Superintending Engineer, namely, Rs. 15,000, is fair and may be accepted. He also adds that officers find it difficult to procure houses in Coimbatore of reasonable rent. In the circumstances it is for consideration whether the building may be purchased.

2. Before the question of purchase is decided, it has to be considered whether the occupants should be charged rent or exempted from payment of rent. It has been pointed out in the Registrar's note on the previous page that the case for free quarters is not strong. It is, therefore, for consideration whether the occupants may be charged the usual percentage on their pay as rent. In that case the question arises whether the incumbents of the posts, the present as well as the future, will be willing to pay the rent demanded. If they are not willing to pay the rent, the building will probably remain unoccupied and the Government may be put to loss by the transaction. It appears, therefore, better to get an assurance from the Director of Public Instruction that the building, if purchased, will be fully occupied and that the Government will be able to realize the rent due.

3. Submitted that the file may be forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction u.o. for remarks on the several points dealt with above.

P.R.—24-5-17.

T.K.—28-5-17.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—1-6-17.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—5-6-17.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

I don't think that sufficient weight has been given to my suggestion that the building would afford hostel accommodation. It would hold two teachers and twelve or fourteen girls. I have just had a letter from the Inspectress emphasizing the need for hostel accommodation for students to be trained. She says that girls otherwise willing will not come because there is nowhere for them to stay. The teachers who live in the building will have to look after the hostel and this, I think, would amply justify their living rent free.

2. I can undertake that the building will be fully occupied but not that it will pay in rent interest on its acquisition price. I believe it has been settled that normal students are not to pay hostel rent.

3. I have given one reason why the teachers should not pay rent. Another is the difficulty that would arise if any teacher whose residence in this building were desirable on public grounds was unwilling to reside and pay rent.

4. My idea is that Government should aim at providing rent-free quarters for all Government women teachers—of course where possible actually in the school premises. Sir Alfred Bourne argued this point in connection with the Vizagapatnam High school. But I do not think he need have made a special point of the Northern Circars. It is most undesirable

from every point of view that these women should live alone in any little house or rooms they can find.

5. It is not now practicable to formulate a general scheme for housing women teachers but wherever opportunity presents itself, as in this case I think it should be seized. A complete reorganization of the service is overdue and if it had not been for the uncertainty introduced by the Public Services Commission I should have taken it up, and it was my intention to base salaries on the assumption that free quarters would be provided giving personal allowances until they were provided. Free quarters

are now provided in the Madras College for Women; I am going to propose them for *G.O. 720, Home (Education), 30th May 1917. Vizagapatam in the new buildings * and in the Triplicane High school. When the Tanjore school goes into the Palace they will be available there. I hope that Government will consider this Coimbatore case as the thin end of a wedge that will eventually be driven home.

I have received several letters from Mr. Stanes asking for an early decision of the acquisition question.

J. H. STONE—10-6-17.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

Please see the Director of Public Instruction's note above. Prominence is now given to the question of providing hostel accommodation for the students of the Government training school for mistresses, Coimbatore. For the reasons given in paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of the Director's note the necessity for a hostel may be accepted as established. If this is agreed to, the proposal to entrust the work of supervision of the students of the hostel to two of the teachers and to permit the teachers to occupy their rooms free of rent may also be accepted. In this connection attention is also solicited to paragraph 5 of the Government of India's letter on pages 3 and 4 of G.O. No. 551, Home (Education), dated 30th April 1917.

2. In the circumstances stated by the Collector, the Government may also agree to pay Rs. 15,000 for the building in question. It does not appear that the construction of a similar building on an equally suitable site in Coimbatore will not cost more.

3. It appears that the matter is imperatively urgent both in regard to the need for hostel accommodation and in regard to the building being likely to be otherwise disposed of by the owner, if its purchase by the Government is delayed. There is no provision for the purpose in the Public Works Budget Estimate for 1917-18; and it is not likely that the charge can be met from any of the existing provisions by reappropriation. The Financial Department may therefore be requested to provide the necessary funds.

P.R.—16-6-17.

It is not clear from the correspondence or from the Director of Public Instruction's note what need there is *at present* for a hostel for the training school. If the Y.W.C.A. building is to be purchased for the purpose as proposed, the students that go to live in it along with the teachers should apparently be those who "conform to European customs" or as nearly as possible to them. Examining the strength of the training school it is observed that during the three years ending 1915-16, there were on an average twenty-one Indian Christian, and seven non-Brahman caste Hindu, girls in the school. There does not seem *at present* to be any hostel arrangement connected with the institution. It may therefore be desirable to provide in the building in question accommodation for the Indian Christian girls especially as it is stated that larger numbers will join if a hostel is provided.

2. As regards the teaching staff, if only for supervising the students in the hostel (14 maximum) one mistress will do; and she alone will according to accepted policy be entitled to free quarters. As there will be provision for another mistress also, we need not object to her occupying the place free. Perhaps it may be better to accommodate more students in the place reserved for the second mistress; but the difficulty of finding living place for mistresses is stated to be great.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—18-6-17.

As I understand the Director, he is for hostels to be attached to all women's institutions. He now takes up Coimbatore as we have a good opportunity for securing suitable buildings.

2. I think the only difficulty is about funds. I consider the matter imperative as it is connected with women's education and urgent as a good building is for sale.

3. Can Financial find funds?

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—19-6-17.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

It is proposed to acquire for Rs. 15,000 the building known as the Y.W.C.A. Home (property of Mr. R. Stanes) at Coimbatore. After purchase, an expenditure of about Rs. 2,000 will have to be incurred for petty additions and repairs—vide Executive Engineer's letter, dated 2nd May 1917, in the current file. The total cost will thus be Rs. 17,000.

2. From the Director's letter, dated the 5th February 1917, it will be seen that the main object of the proposed purchase of the building was to provide quarters for the Superintendent, Government Training School for Mistresses, Coimbatore, "who is unable to procure a residence at Coimbatore on a reasonable rent." The building will also provide hostel accommodation for students. In his note, dated the 10th June 1917, the Director has remarked that prominence should be given to the fact that the building would afford hostel accommodation for twelve or fourteen girls.

3. Besides providing hostel accommodation for twelve or fourteen girls (students in training schools are exempted from paying rent for hostel accommodation—G.O. No. 85, Educational, dated 3rd February 1913, page 4—paragraph 4), the building can hold two teachers, one of whom will be the headmistress.

The Director remarks that these two teachers will look after the hostel and will consequently occupy the building rent free—please see G.O. No. 25, Educational, dated 15th January 1909.

As pointed out in Home Department Registrar's note, dated the 18th June 1917,

L.E.K.—25-6-17.

L.D.—26-6-17.

there seems to be no necessity for two teachers to supervise the hostel. It is, however, submitted that there seems to be no objection to the Director's proposal being accepted in Financial. For orders.

4. The Director has in his note, dated the 10th June 1917, incidentally remarked that Government should aim at providing rent-free quarters for all Government women-teachers. Please see Government of India's letter in G.O. No. 930, Educational, dated the 18th October 1912, and Government of India's letter, dated the 16th March 1917 (paragraph 5), in G.O. No. 551, Home (Education), dated the 30th April 1917.

Submitted that this general question which has been incidentally raised by the Director may be left for future consideration when detailed proposals are received from him.

L.E.K.—25-6-17.

L.D.—26-6-17.

L.E.K.—25-6-17.

L.D.—26-6-17.

For orders whether Home (Education) may be requested to circulate the case to the Honourable Member (Financial).
V.G.K.—24-6-17.

I think so.

L.E.K.—25-6-17.

Yes.

L.D.—26-6-17.

5. *Funds*.—Home (Education) consider that the building should be purchased immediately. As the reserve with Financial is at present small, Home (Education) may be requested to find the amount by reappropriation from the current year's budget provision under the minor head "22-G. EDUCATION—Grants-in-aid" [the current year's allotments under the detailed heads "building grants" and "hostels" under this minor head are 2.63 lakhs and '96 lakh, respectively].

V.G.K.—24-6-17.

L. E. KRISHAW—25-6-17.

L. DAVIDSON—26-6-17.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the file may be sent to Director of Public Instruction for remarks as to whether the sum of Rs. 17,000 required for the acquisition of the property and for repairs and improvements thereto may be met by reappropriation from the current year's budget provision under the minor head "22-G. EDUCATION—Grants-in-aid".

Yes. R.R.—28-6-17.

P.R.—28-6-17.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—28-6-17.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The appropriate head from which the expenditure might be met is no doubt the Rs. 96,000 under hostel grants. I estimate however that this will all be wanted before the end of the year for schemes that will mature. Failing this I suggest 22-G. Grants-in-aid—Building grants. At the worst this would mean deferring a little the payment of Rs. 17,000 on account of some building completed towards the end of the year.

J. H. STONE—4-7-17.

Demi-official—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, M.A. F.R.H.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction.
To—the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO AVARGAL, Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.
Dated—Ootacamund, the 29th June 1917.
No.—C. 75.

I am sending you a demi-official from Mr. Stanes about his house at Coimbatore. I doubt whether the property would be worth acquiring with the piece of land cut off as he now wishes. There ought to be room for possible hostel extension.

ENCLOSURE

Demi-official—from R. STANES, Esq., Coonoor.
To—the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, M.A., F.R.H.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction.
Dated—Coonoor, the 27th June 1917.

I enclose a rough plan of the Y. W. C. A. house and grounds for sale and I have shown the portion of land I want to reserve in order to erect a small house for our Pastor some day.

If Government care to purchase the house and part of the land I will try and let them have it—but, Mr. Ranson and his family are at present living in it—and I have not yet been able to secure another place for them.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

Please see the Secretary's note on the previous page. The difficulty of funds has been overcome by the Director of Public Instruction's ability to find it from the provision under "22 G. EDUCATION—Grants-in-aid" in the current year's budget.

2. Mr. Stanes, the owner of the property, has since written to say that he wants to reserve a portion of the ground in order to erect a small house for his Pastor some day. Mr. Stone doubts whether the property would be worth acquiring with the piece of land cut off as Mr. Stanes now wishes, as there ought to be room for possible hostel extension. The two courses open are either to acquire the entire property or drop the question altogether. Mr. Stone has already advanced strong reasons in favour of the acquisition. In the first instance Mr. Stanes offered the entire property for Rs. 15,000 and his desire to cut off a portion of the ground is an afterthought. In the ordinary course such an objection will be overruled and the land will be acquired by the Government. There is no objection to a similar attitude being taken in this case unless the Government desire to respect the wishes of Mr. Stanes as a special case. Orders are solicited whether Mr. Stanes' objection may be overruled and the

entire property acquired, or whether it may be acquired with the exception of the portion reserved by Mr. Stanes, or whether the question of its acquisition may be dropped altogether. In the last case the Director of Public Instruction may be requested to submit other proposals for the provision of hostel accommodation for the students of the training school.

3. The Financial Department desires that the case should be submitted to the Honourable Member (Financial) also.

P.R.—6-7-17.

In the face of the Director of Public Instruction's demi-official on the previous page there seems to be no use in purchasing only the portion of the property; the portion proposed to be reserved is more than a third of the whole compound.

The Director of Public Instruction does not definitely say what his suggestions for further progress in the matter are—whether to compulsorily acquire the whole land or to drop the matter, the possibilities of other sites or buildings being examined. We should ask him to say what he wishes to be done. A demi-official may go to him, a draft of which is submitted for approval.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—6-7-17.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—7-7-17.

Demi-official—from the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO AVARGAL, Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.
To—the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, M.A. F.R.H.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction.
Dated—the 7th July 1917.
No.—580-B-5.

With reference to your demi-official No. C. 75, dated the 29th June 1917, enclosing a letter from Mr. Stanes about his house at Coimbatore, I am to enquire, in the face of your opinion about the inadvisability of acquiring only a portion of the site, whether you propose that the whole of the compound with the buildings should be compulsorily acquired under the Land Acquisition Act, or whether you desire that the proposal should be dropped altogether, possibilities of other buildings or sites being examined. I would suggest the latter course.

Demi-official—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, M.A. F.R.H.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction.
To—the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO AVARGAL, Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.
Dated—Ootacamund, the 8th July 1917.
No.—C. 93-1917.

[Reference—Your demi-official No. 580-B-5, dated 7th July 1917.]

I do not know whether Mr. Stanes has actually received an offer from Government for the house in question. It is possible that if he does receive such an offer he may reconsider the point about the land.

2. I do not see any harm in enquiries being made by the Revenue authorities for other buildings meanwhile. I should not propose compulsory acquisition without such enquiry.

Please see the Director's demi-official. The Government have not till now made an offer to Mr. Stanes for the house. Submitted that an offer may now be made through the Collector of Coimbatore.

2. A draft memorandum is submitted for approval.
P.R.—10-7-17.

C.R.—10-7-17.

R.R.—11-7-17.

[Memorandum No. 580-6, dated 11th July 1917.]

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

To—the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO Avargal, Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—the 20th July 1917.

No.—109.

The Inspectress says that the Police Department are negotiating for the purchase of Mr. Stanes' bungalow at Coimbatore and I write to suggest that whether this is so might be verified and any possibility of competition for it between the two departments avoided. I may say that I regard the acquisition as urgent and I think Government might even give Mr. Stanes something more to induce him to sell the whole.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The information contained in Mr. Stone's demi-official above may be brought to the notice of the Collector of Coimbatore and he may be requested to take steps to avoid the possibility of a competition between the Police and Educational departments for the property.

2. A draft memorandum is submitted for approval. After its issue the file may be forwarded to the Home (Judicial) Department for information.

P.R.—24-7-17.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—24-7-17.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—24-7-17.

[Memorandum No. 580-7, Home (Education), dated the 24th July 1917.]

HOME (JUDICIAL) DEPARTMENT.

The file may be perused in this department and returned to Home (Education) with thanks. It is presumed that no instructions to the Inspector-General of Police are necessary from this department as the Collector will doubtless consult the District Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore, and the Inspector-General of Police if necessary and prevent the Police department competing with Educational for the property.

M.C.—27-7-17.

C.R.—27-7-17.

R.R.—30-7-17.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

From the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 29th July 1917, No. 2405-Rev.

The proposal to purchase the building for Rs. 15,000 may be approved and the Collector may be requested to take steps to acquire the land under the Land Acquisition Act. In the meanwhile Mr. Stanes may be able to find a house for Mr. Ranson and his family.

2. A draft order is submitted for approval. If approved, it may be circulated to His Excellency the Governor and the Honourable Member (Financial).

P.R.—1-8-17.

T.K.—3-8-17.

C.R.—6-8-17.

Draft approved. Revenue for acceptance.

R.R.—7-8-17.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

It is not clear from the papers what the grounds of the Home (Education) Department are for proposing to acquire the land and building under the Land Acquisition Act. It does not appear that purchase by private negotiations from Mr. Stanes will not give a clear title to the land, nor that Mr. Stanes is unwilling to part with

them or demands an excessive price. On the other hand Mr. Stanes has agreed to sell them for Rs. 15,000 and this price is considered to be fair by the Public Works Department officers and by the Collector of Coimbatore. Please also see, in this connection, the Hon'ble Mr. Stone's demi-official on page 8 ante, from the last sentence of which it is clear that he was not for compulsory acquisition of the land and building under the Land Acquisition Act unless Mr. Stanes was unwilling to sell the whole land and other buildings were not available.

In the above circumstances, it is for consideration whether the draft order will be accepted in this department or whether the Home (Education) Department will be requested to reconsider the question of applying the Land Acquisition Act in the present case, in view of the fact that 15 per cent statutory allowance (Rs. 2,250 in the case in question) will have to be paid for compulsory acquisition if the Land Acquisition Act is put into force.

A.S.R.—16-8-17.

V. A. ANANTARAMA AYYAR—16-8-17.

I do not think we should agree to compulsory acquisition.

D. N. STRATHIE—18-8-17.

It is for the Home Department to settle and if there is no acquisition under the Act, Revenue is apparently not concerned.

With these remarks the file may go back to Home.

A. R. KNAPP—20-8-17.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The Revenue Department is apparently under a misapprehension that the land is required for a private school. As, however, it is required for a Government school it should without doubt be acquired under the Land Acquisition Act—vide paragraph 1 of Board's Standing Order No. 90. As regards compensation, please see the last clause of paragraph 8 of the same Standing Order. As the Collector is not likely to overlook the provisions of this clause, no mention need be made of it in the draft order.

2. Submitted that the draft order may issue. At the instance of Mr. Stanes, the Collector of Coimbatore has asked for early orders.

P.R.—22-8-17.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—22-8-17.

Please vide A above. Will Revenue please accept the draft.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—23-8-17.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

With reference to the portion marked A in Home (Education) note ante, it is submitted that paragraph 1 of Board's Standing Order No. 90 recommends the application of the Land Acquisition Act for lands, etc., required for Government as such a procedure will ensure an indefeasible title to the property. In cases in which such a title can be obtained by private purchase and the price demanded by the party is accepted as fair by Government, it seems prima facie unnecessary to apply the Act and pay 15 per cent statutory allowance on the market value of the property (and also add to the work of the district Revenue officers), whether the property is to be used by Government for public purposes or is to be made over to private parties for such purposes.

2. Reference is, in this connection, solicited to the papers relating to the provision of a residence for the District Forest Officer at Chatrapur in the Ganjam district—G.O. No. 779 W., dated 17th July 1907. The proposal of the Board of Revenue was to purchase a private building at Chatrapur and effect certain improvements to it and use it as residence for the officer. It was suggested by office in that connection that, to get an indefeasible title to Government, the land with the building

should be acquired under the Land Acquisition Act—vide paragraph 1 of office-note on page 7 of papers in original of G.O. No. 779 W., dated 17th July 1907. The Honourable Member as Revenue Secretary pointed out that "we shall probably be charged 15 per cent extra if we acquire under the Act"—vide concluding portion of his note, dated 5th May 1908, on page 8 of G.O. No. 779 W., dated 17th July 1907. The Government then sanctioned the purchase of the building.

3. Orders are solicited whether, in the circumstances explained above, the draft order will be accepted in Revenue.

A.S.R.—3-9-17.

V. A. ANANTARAMA AYYAR—3-9-17.

Our view is simply that it is not necessary to acquire when the building can be bought for a fair price.

D. N. STRATHIE—5-9-17.

Provided that the Rs. 15,000 which it is proposed to pay includes the 15 per cent allowance, Revenue need raise no objection to formal acquisition; but it would seem well to make it clear that the total to be paid is Rs. 15,000.

A. R. KNAPP—5-9-17.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

Please see the pencil alteration made in paragraph 1 of the draft order. If approved, it will be inked. Orders are solicited whether the draft order as thus amended may be circulated to His Excellency the Governor and the Honourable Member (Financial).

P.R.—6-9-17.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—6-9-17.

Circulated.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—7-9-17.

P[ENTLAND]—8-9-17.

I have seen the place—a poky little place and by no means an ideal choice but cheap I think, so I don't object.

A. G. C[ARDEW]—9-9-17.

Issue.

R.R.—10-9-17.

[G.O. No. 1164, Home (Education), dated 10th September 1917.]

Govt. Training School for Mistresses, Coimbatore.— Sanctioning the acquisition of the building known as the Y.W.C.A. Home in Coimbatore at a cost of Rs. 15,000 for the purposes of a hostel for the students of the ———— permitting the Superintendent and the teacher of the school who are to be entrusted with the duty of supervising the hostel to live in it free of rent and requesting the Collector of Coimbatore to take early steps to acquire the property.

Read:—

I
C.No. 580, From the Director of Pub. Instruction, No. 927/17, dated 5-2-1917

II
C.No. 297-B, From the Collector of Coimbatore, No. 1535-Rev. dated 18-5-1917

III
C.No. 734-B, From do do No. 2405 Rev. dated 29-7-17
" 792 B " do do " 1145 B & C Rev. dated 5-8-17
" 799 B " do do " 1256 Rev. dated 9-8-17

ORDER:—

P.S. ————

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*including the allowance of 15 p.c.
percentage under the Land Acq. Act,
1908, &c.*

The Government sanction the proposal of the D.P.I. to acquire the building known as the Y.W.C.A. Home in Coimbatore together with the whole attached thereto for Rs. 15,000 for the purposes of a hostel for the students of the Government Training School for Mistresses, Coimbatore. This is the total cost of acquisition inclusive of 15 p.c. for compulsory acquisition.
2. The Government also sanction the Director's proposal to allow the Superintendent and another teacher of the school to be entrusted with the duty of supervising the hostel to live in it free of rent.

para 9, 12 & 14 of note.

erty under the Land Acquisition Act.

The cost will be met from the provision of £2,63,000 under "22-G-Education-Grants-Building grants for non-European Schools" of the C.B.E. for 1917-18.

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HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 1164, 10th September 1917

Government Training School for Mistresses, Coimbatore

Sanctioning the acquisition of the building known as the Y.W.C.A. Home in Coimbatore at a cost of Rs. 15,000 for the purposes of a hostel for the students of the —, permitting the Superintendent and a teacher of the school who are to be entrusted with the duty of supervising the hostel to live in it free of rent and requesting the Collector of Coimbatore to take early steps to acquire the property.

READ—the following papers :—

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

To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—the 5th February 1917.

No.—Cur. 927.

The Superintendent, Government Training School for Mistresses, Coimbatore, reports that she is unable to procure a residence at Coimbatore on a reasonable rent and that the balance of her pay after meeting the large amounts demanded for bungalows in the locality is insufficient for her other expenses. She accordingly requests that she may be allowed either house-rent allowance or free quarters. The Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Southern Circle, while supporting the request of the Superintendent, recommends that the building known as the Y.W.C.A. Home which is the property of Mr. R. Stanes and is offered for sale for Rs. 15,000 may be purchased and that the Superintendent and such of the mistresses as conform to European customs may be allowed to live in it free of rent. The Inspectress's recommendation appears to me worthy of consideration as the house was designed for teachers' residence and that Government cannot lose on the transaction if they paid a fair price. The house has eight rooms and bath rooms and in addition to providing accommodation for the teachers could be used as a small hostel for students. It is well situated near the new court and Bank of Madras building. In these circumstances I request that Government may be pleased to sanction the purchase of the house at a price reported to be reasonable by the Public Works Department authorities and to allow the teachers to live in it free of rent. I do not think it necessary to reiterate the arguments in favour of providing free quarters for teachers in girls' schools which were advanced in my letters R.C. No. 4965-12, dated 25th September 1912, and R.C. No. 9561, dated 7th March 1914, disposed of in G.Os. No. 324 W., dated 11th February 1913, and No. 941 W., dated 17th May 1915, respectively. But I shall only add that the concession has recently been granted in the case of the head mistresses of the Government girls' schools at Kumbakonam and Kollegal.

I further request that the matter be treated as very urgent as Mr. Stanes informs me that he already has had enquiries from prospective purchasers.

II
Endorsement No. 580-1, Home (Education), dated 16th February 1917.

Referred to the Collector for very early remarks.

(By order)

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR,
Registrar.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

No. 1154, HOME (EDUCATION), 10TH SEPTEMBER 1917

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. N. MACMICHAE, M.A., I.C.S., Collector of Coimbatore.

To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—the 18th May 1917.

No.—D. Dis. 1535-Rev.

With reference to your endorsement No. 580-I, Home (Education), dated 16th February 1917, I have the honour to report that the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore, inspected the Y.W.C.A. Home, Coimbatore, in company with the Executive Engineer. The Superintending Engineer considers that the property is worth Rs. 15,000, the price asked for by Mr. R. Stanes.

2. It is true that officers find it difficult to procure houses in Coimbatore on reasonable rent. The Y.W.C.A. Home is situated in a good locality opposite to the Bank of Madras and very near the railway station and public offices and courts. The value of the building as estimated by the Superintending Engineer is fair and may be accepted.

3. The records noted below are submitted herewith:—

- (1) Plans C.B. 64 and 65.
- (2) One estimate for Rs. 15,000.
- (3) Copies of Executive Engineer's letters No. 552-S, dated 14th April 1917, and No. 675-S.E., dated 2nd May 1917, and Superintending Engineer's letter No. 745-M./402-Z/42, dated 15th May 1917.

(4) Letter No. 927, dated 5th February 1917, from the Director of Public Instruction.

ENCLOSURES.

Letter—from V. HART, Esq., Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division.

To—the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

Dated—the 14th April 1917.

No.—552-S.E.

With reference to your No. 224-C.I./402-Z-42, dated 22nd February 1917, and No. 332 C.I./402-Z-42, dated 17th March 1917, I have the honour to forward herewith an approximate valuation statement of the Y.W.C.A. building, its outhouses, premises, etc., in front of the Madras Bank at Coimbatore.

2. I enclose herewith a site survey and a plan of the main building.

3. The frontage of the main building is not very prepossessing but inside it is very spacious and consists of eight bed and a corresponding number of bath rooms. It has a spacious central hall 48' x 18' well ventilated. The basement is of random rubble in mud plastered with lime mortar and the superstructure of brick in lime mortar plastered inside and pointed in the exterior. The roof timbers are of teak and are substantial. The bed and the bath rooms are terraced and the hall with two side rooms in front are roofed with Mangalore tiles over Henke's pattern ceiling tiles. The front verandah is roofed with Mangalore tiles without ceiling.

4. Besides the main building there are two outhouses, a well with perennial supply of water though not very good for drinking purposes, a tennis court with wire netting and a road in front. The extent of the compound is 2 acres.

5. I recommend the purchase of the property at the sum of Rs. 15,000 demanded by the owner, in consideration of the locality and the increased market price for timber and the cost of labour, although the amount of the accompanying valuation statement is Rs. 14,946 only.

(2)

Letter—from V. HART, Esq., Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division.

To—the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

Dated—the 2nd May 1917.

No.—675-S.E.

With reference to your No. 463-C.I./402-Z-42, dated 18th April 1917, I have the honour to state that the plinth areas of the outhouses are as follows:—

	SQ. FT.	
(1) Godown (two rooms)	625	} One block.
(2) Fowl house	135	
(3) Kitchen (one room)	150	
Total ...	910	

The walls are mostly of mud, similarly the floors, the roof materials as well as the doors and windows are of country wood. The roof of the godown is tiled with Mangalore pattern tiles and the kitchen tiled with pan tiles. The Sub-Division Officer, Coimbatore, has reported to me that these are not worth anything and they were not taken into account in the valuation and that at the most a lump sum of about Rs. 50 may be allowed to cover the cost of Mangalore tiles, pan tiles and the country wood scantlings. Accordingly a lump sum of Rs. 50 has now been allowed in the estimate.

After purchase of the property, a kitchen and servants' quarters will have to be constructed, also probably a coach house and syce's quarters at a cost of about Rs. 1,500—2,000.

2. In the basement of the main building a date stone has been fixed with the inscription "15th March 1911". The building is therefore of very recent construction and it is in a habitable condition. The main building will require patch repairs, whitewashing and plastering round the basement at a cost of about Rs. 100.

(3)

Letter—from the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

To—the Collector of Coimbatore.

Dated—Coimbatore, the 15th May 1917.

No.—745-M./402-Z-42.

In returning herewith the endorsement bearing your endorsement R.O.C. No. 280-B & G., dated 20th February 1917, with enclosure, I have the honour to inform you that I have inspected the Y.W.C.A. Home at Coimbatore in company with the Executive Engineer, and that I consider the property to be worth the Rs. 15,000 which, I understand, is the price asked.

2. I enclose a plan of the site (C.B. No. 64/1917) and a detailed plan of the building (C.B. No. 65/1917); also a valuation estimate for Rs. 15,000 and copies of letters No. 552-S.E., dated 14th April 1917, and No. 675-S.E., dated 2nd May 1917, from the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore division. There are six good bed rooms, each with a bath room, and two additional rooms that could be used as bed rooms, and that also have each a bath room. These latter two bed rooms are marked A and B in blue pencil on the plan. One of these rooms would, I think, be required as a matry or serving room and the other as a store-room.

3. The out-buildings are well worth the Rs. 50 allowed for them. The "main hall" could, if desired, be suitably divided into two rooms either by means of a screen, or by a partition of more permanent nature. It will be seen that there is plenty of room in the compound for an additional building. The site is a very good one, in a good quarter of the town, and exactly opposite the new Bank of Madras.

Sub-Enclosure.

Quantity.	Description of work.	Rate.	Per.	Amount.	Total.
	<i>Approximate value of Y.W.C.A. building and its premises in front of the Madras Bank at Coimbatore.</i>	RS. A. P.		RS.	RS.
2 acres	Land	2,000 0 0	Acres.	4,000	
1,504 sq. ft.	Main building—		sq. ft.	4,512	
1,987 "	Plinth area of terraced portion	3 0 0		4,968	
620 "	" double tile roofed portion	2 8 0		760	
106 "	" single	1 8 0		186	
	with fixed wooden frames and wire netting rear verandah.	1 12 0			
	Well		Lump sum.	250	
	Tennis court			160	
	Road			100	
	Godown with a fowl house and kitchen—Value of useful materials of a		Lump sum.		14,946 50
				or say ..	14,996 16,000
	Grand total of estimate				15,000

IV

Memorandum No. 580-6, HOME (EDUCATION), dated 11th July 1917.

With reference to his letter D. Dis. No. 1535-Rev., dated the 18th May 1917, regarding the acquisition of the Y.W.C.A. Home, Coimbatore, for the purposes of a hostel for the Government Training School for Mistresses, Coimbatore, the Collector of Coimbatore is informed that Government understand Mr. Stanes wishes to reserve a

part of the land for himself. In the interests of possible hostel extension in the future the Government consider it is not advisable to cut off the land as proposed. The Collector is requested to ascertain from Mr. Stanes if he is willing to sell the whole property for Rs. 15,000.

2. If Mr. Stanes is not willing to do so, the Collector is requested to make enquiries and report to Government, at an early date, whether any other buildings suitable for a hostel for the school are available, and, if so, to furnish Government with an estimate of the cost of their acquisition.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
Copy to the Director of Public Instruction.

V

Memorandum No. 580-7, Home (Education), dated 24th July 1917.

The Government understand that the Police department is negotiating for the purchase of Mr. Stanes' property known as the Y.W.C.A. Home at Coimbatore which has already been proposed to be acquired for a hostel for the Government Training School for Mistresses at Coimbatore. The Collector of Coimbatore is requested, in continuation of Memorandum No. 580-6, dated 11th July 1917, to ascertain whether this is so and if it is, to take early steps to avoid the possibility of a competition between the two departments for the property.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
Copy to the Director of Public Instruction.

VI

Letter—from N. MACMICHAEL, Esq., M.A., I.C.S., Collector of Coimbatore.
To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.
Dated—the 29th July 1917.
No.—D. Dis. 2405/Rev.

With reference to Government Memorandum No. 580-6, Home (Education), dated the 11th July 1917, I have the honour to state that Mr. R. Stanes is willing to part with the building known as the Y.W.C.A. Home in Coimbatore together with the whole of the land attached thereto for Rs. 15,000, but he requires time to find a house for Mr. and Mrs. Ranson and family who are now occupying the house.

VII

Letter—from N. MACMICHAEL, Esq., M.A., I.C.S., Collector of Coimbatore.
To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.
Dated—the 5th August 1917.
No.—R.O.C. 1145/B and G.

In reply to Government memorandum No. 580-7, Home (Education), dated the 24th July 1917, I have the honour to state that the District Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore, informs me that, though he inspected the Y.W.C.A. buildings at Coimbatore, he has no intention of competing for the purchase of the building and that he has made no offer of any sort to Mr. Stanes.

VIII

Letter—from N. MACMICHAEL, Esq., M.A., I.C.S., Collector of Coimbatore.
To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.
Dated—the 9th August 1917.
No.—R.O.C. 1286/Rev.

In continuation of my letter R.O.C. No. 1145, dated the 5th August 1917, I have the honour to submit the following extract from a letter, dated the 6th August 1917, received from Mr. R. Stanes:—

"With reference to your letter of the 15th ultimo and my reply, dated the 20th ultimo, I have the honour to request you will be good enough to let me know whether the Y.W.C.A. Home is to be taken over by the Educational department, and when

I am to expect a settlement of the transaction. I ask this, as I have other offers for the property and could easily obtain for it at once a sum of Rs. 15,000. It is a long time since Government approached me with reference to the purchase of this building and I should be glad if something definite could be arranged speedily."

Order—No. 1164, Home (Education), dated 10th September 1917.

The Government sanction the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to acquire the building known as the Y.W.C.A. Home in Coimbatore together with the whole land attached thereto for Rs. 15,000 for the purposes of a hostel for the students of the Government Training School for Mistresses, Coimbatore. This sum represents the total cost of acquisition inclusive of the 15 per cent payable for compulsory acquisition.

2. The Government also approve the Director's proposal to allow the Superintendent and another teacher of the school who are to be entrusted with the duty of supervising the hostel to live in it free of rent.

3. The Collector of Coimbatore is requested to take early steps to acquire the property under the Land Acquisition Act.

4. The cost will be met from the provision of Rs. 2,63,000 under "22-G. EDUCATION—Grants-in-aid, Building grants for non-European schools" in the Civil Budget Estimate for 1917-18.

(True Extract)

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

- " Director of Public Instruction.
- " Accountant-General.
- " Financial Department.
- " Revenue
- " Public Works Department.

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NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 1164, HOME (EDUCATION),
 DATED 10TH SEPTEMBER 1917.

[SUBJECT.—Purchase of the Y.W.C.A. buildings, Coimbatore, for Rs. 15,000 for a hostel for the Government Training School for Mistresses, Coimbatore.]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated the 5th February 1917, No. C. 927.

The Director of Public Instruction requests sanction to the purchase of the Y.W.C.A. Home at Coimbatore for Rs. 15,000 and to provide free quarters therein not only for the Superintendent of the Government Training School for Mistresses but also for such of the other mistresses as conform to European customs and for a small hostel. It is not known how many mistresses the bungalow could accommodate and how many of the mistresses in the school conform to European customs at present. The higher staff of the school consists of—

Training section.

	Rs.
One Superintendent	200—10—250
One Headmistress	125—5—150
First assistant	75—5—100
Second assistant	50—5—75
Kindergarten mistress	75—5—100

Model school.

Headmistress	100—5—125
First Assistant	60—3—75
Second Assistant	50—2—60

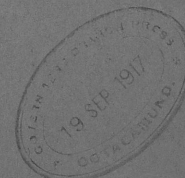
The Director has not stated how many of these should be allowed to live in it free of rent. He has not also explained the need for the starting of a hostel in the school.

2. Apart from the question of providing a hostel for the school, the points for consideration are—

- whether there is need for provision of Government quarters for the staff of the Training School for Mistresses at Coimbatore; and
- if Government quarters are provided, whether the mistresses should be allowed to occupy them free of rent.

3. In regard to the necessity for the provision of Government quarters at Coimbatore, attention is solicited to G.O. No. 361 W., dated the 15th April 1910, in which sanction was accorded for the construction of a combined building and residence for the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Southern Circle, at Coimbatore. Attention is also invited to Mr. (now the Hon'ble Mr.) Gillman's letter on pages 3—5 of G.O. No. 445, Public, dated the 31st May 1910, in which he fully explained the difficulty in securing house accommodation at Coimbatore especially by European and Anglo-Indian officers. From pages 18, 20 and 40 of G.O. No. 1846 W., dated the 9th December 1916, it will also be seen that Coimbatore figures largely in the capital and revenue accounts of residential buildings. It may thus be necessary to provide Government quarters at Coimbatore for the staff of the Government Training School for Mistresses.

4. As regards the question whether the Government quarters should be occupied by the mistresses free of rent, it may be noted that, excluding the case of the mistresses of the Vizagapatnam school, for whom a sum of Rs. 40 a month was sanctioned in G.O.



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No. 930, dated the 18th October 1912, on account of free quarters or house-rent allowance, free quarters have been provided for teachers with low salaries in the following Government girls' schools:—

(1) Walajapet—pay Rs. 20—G.O. No. 324 W., dated the 11th February 1913.

(2) Puttur—pay Rs. 14—G.O. No. 1103, Home (Education), dated the 25th November 1916.

(3) Kollegal—pay Rs. 14—G.O. No. 36 W., dated the 6th January 1917.

The headmistress of the Kumbakonam school (pay Rs. 65 + Rs. 25 personal allowance), who was at first permitted to occupy a portion of the school premises rent free, was afterwards directed to pay rent in view of the fact that the rate of personal allowance sanctioned to her was raised from Rs. 10 to Rs. 25 (G.Os. No. 1096, Educational, dated the 25th November 1913, and No. 72, Educational, dated the 17th April 1914). But recently the headmistress was again permitted to occupy the quarters free of rent as she was unwilling to continue unless her conditions of service were improved (G.O. No. 1860 W., dated the 12th December 1916).

In G.O. No. 941 W., dated the 17th May 1915, however, the Government did not accept the Director of Public Instruction's recommendation that the headmistress of the Government Girls' school at Cannanore should be allowed to occupy the buildings rent free. (This is one of the cases referred to in the current letter.) On the other hand, quite recently, the Government in their Order No. 1301, Home (Education), dated the 5th December 1916, while declining to sanction a house-rent allowance to Miss Thompson, headmistress of the Government Girls' school at Madura, granted an increase in the personal allowance paid to her from Rs. 50 to Rs. 70 per mensem, as she threatened to resign her post if her request was not complied with.

5. In the circumstances set forth in paragraph 4 supra, it is for consideration whether, in case it is decided to purchase the bungalow, rent-free accommodation should be provided or rent charged for the occupation of the quarters.

6. In this connection, attention is solicited to paragraph 3 of the letter of the Government of India No. 2205, dated the 26th September 1912 (page 2 of G.O. No. 930, dated the 18th October 1912) under which the Local Government is competent to grant free quarters or house-rent allowances to mistresses employed in Government girls' schools wherever local circumstances may indicate the desirability of such a course, the concession being permitted principally in those cases where school mistresses are living alone.

7. No provision exists in the current or the ensuing year's budget for the purchase of the bungalow. If the proposed purchase is sanctioned, Financial will have to provide the necessary funds.

8. The file may be sent to Financial and Public Works Departments for remarks.

S.N.P.—13-2-17.

T.K.—13-2-17.

For some time to come the Superintendent of the Coimbatore Training school will be a European or Eurasian. If, as stated in the current, there is great difficulty in procuring quarters for teachers of those classes for reasonable rent, the Director of Public Instruction's proposal to acquire the Y.W.C.A. building seems acceptable.

Unfortunately there is no Collector at Coimbatore at present. The officer in charge has only two years' service.

E.A.H.—16-2-17.

But we have not heard what the Collector thinks of the proposal; and we should first obtain his views in the matter. The current may be referred to him for very early remarks.

2. As regards the question of allowing the teachers to occupy the building rent-free, it may be considered later on. Prima facie there seems to be only a weak case for rent-free occupation. There is apparently no request from the teachers themselves for such a concession; and the difficulty complained of is more with reference to want of suitable residential buildings than in regard to inadequacy of the emoluments of the office.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—15-2-17.

I agree as to consulting the Sub-Divisional Magistrate in charge. The independent opinion of a man on the spot will no doubt be useful even if it is not indispensable.

E. A. HARVEY—16-2-17.

A draft endorsement to the Collector of Coimbatore is submitted.

S.N.P.—16-2-17.

T.K.—16-2-17.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—16-2-17.

[Issued as Endorsement No. 580-1, dated 16th February 1917.]

From the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 18th May 1917, No. 1535.

The Collector reports that the value of the building estimated by the Superintending Engineer, namely, Rs. 15,000, is fair and may be accepted. He also adds that officers find it difficult to procure houses in Coimbatore on reasonable rent. In the circumstances it is for consideration whether the building may be purchased.

2. Before the question of purchase is decided, it has to be considered whether the occupants should be charged rent or exempted from payment of rent. It has been pointed out in the Registrar's note on page 4 above that the case for free quarters is not strong. It is, therefore, for consideration whether the occupants may be charged the usual percentage on their pay as rent. In that case the question arises whether the incumbents of the posts, the present as well as the future, will be willing to pay the rent demanded. If they are not willing to pay the rent, the building will probably remain unoccupied and the Government may be put to loss by the transaction. It appears, therefore, better to get an assurance from the Director of Public Instruction that the building, if purchased, will be fully occupied and that the Government will be able to realize the rent due.

3. Submitted that the file may be forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction u.o. for remarks on the several points dealt with above.

P.R.—24-5-17.

T.K.—23-5-17.

C.R.—1-6-17.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—5-6-17.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

I don't think that sufficient weight has been given to my suggestion that the building would afford hostel accommodation. It would hold two teachers and twelve or fourteen girls. I have just had a letter from the Inspectress emphasizing the need for hostel accommodation for students to be trained. She says that girls otherwise willing will not come because there is nowhere for them to stay. The teachers

who live in the building will have to look after the hostel and this, I think, would amply justify their living rent free.

2. I can undertake that the building will be fully occupied but not that it will pay in rent interest on its acquisition price. I believe it has been settled that normal students are not to pay hostel rent.

3. I have given one reason why the teachers should not pay rent. Another is the difficulty that would arise if any teacher whose residence in this building were desirable on public grounds was unwilling to reside and pay rent.

4. My idea is that Government should aim at providing rent-free quarters for all Government women teachers—of course where possible actually in the school premises. Sir Alfred Bourne argued this point in connection with the Vizagapatam High school. But I do not think he need have made a special point of the Northern Circars. It is most undesirable

from every point of view that these women should live alone in any little house or rooms they can find.

5. It is not now practicable to formulate a general scheme for housing women teachers but wherever opportunity presents itself, as in this case I think it should be seized. A complete reorganization of the service is overdue and if it had not been for the uncertainty introduced by the Public Services Commission I should have taken it up, and it was my intention to base salaries on the assumption that free quarters would be provided giving personal allowances until they were provided. Free quarters are now provided in the Madras College for Women, I am going to propose them for *G.O. 720, Home (Education), 30th May 1917. Vizagapatam in the new buildings* and in the Presidency Training school and in the Triplicane High school. When the Tanjore school goes into the Palace they will be available there. I hope that Government will consider this Coimbatore case as the thin end of a wedge that will eventually be driven home.

J. H. STONE—10-6-17.

I have received several letters from Mr. Stanes asking for an early decision of the acquisition question.

J.H.S.—10-6-17.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

Please see the Director of Public Instruction's note on page 8-10 above. Prominence is now given to the question of providing hostel accommodation for the students of the Government Training School for Mistresses, Coimbatore. For the reasons given in paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of the Director's note the necessity for a hostel may be accepted as established. If this is agreed to, the proposal to entrust the work of supervision of the students of the hostel to two of the teachers and to permit the teachers to occupy their rooms free of rent may also be accepted. In this connection attention is also solicited to paragraph 5 of the Government of India letter on pages 3 and 4 of G.O. No. 551, Home (Education), dated 30th April 1917.

2. In the circumstances stated by the Collector, the Government may also agree to pay Rs. 15,000 for the building in question. It does not appear that the construction of a similar building on an equally suitable site in Coimbatore will not cost more.

3. It appears that the matter is imperatively urgent both in regard to the need for hostel accommodation and in regard to the building being likely to be otherwise disposed of by the owner, if its purchase by the Government is delayed. There is no provision for the purpose in the Public Works Budget Estimate for 1917-18; and it is not likely that the charge can be met from any of the existing provisions by reappropriation. The Financial Department may therefore be requested to provide the necessary funds.

P.R.—16-6-17.

It is not clear from the correspondence or from the Director of Public Instruction's note what need there is *at present* for a hostel for the training school. If the Y.W.C.A. building is to be purchased for the purpose as proposed, the students that go to live in it along with the teachers should apparently be those who "conform to European customs" or as nearly as possible to them. Examining the strength of the training school it is observed that during the three years ending 1915-16, there were on an *average* twenty-one Indian Christian, and seven non-Brahman caste Hindu, girls in the school. There does not seem *at present* to be any hostel arrangement connected with the institution. It may therefore be desirable to provide in the building in question accommodation for the Indian Christian girls especially as it is stated that larger numbers will join if a hostel is provided.

2. As regards the teaching staff, if only for supervising the students in the hostel (14 maximum) one mistress will do; and she alone will according to accepted policy be entitled to free quarters. As there will be provision for another mistress also, we need not object to her occupying the place free. Perhaps it may be better to accommodate more students in the place reserved for the second mistress; but the difficulty of finding living place for mistresses is stated to be great.

C.R.—18-6-17.

As I understand the Director, he is for hostels to be attached to all women's institutions. He now takes up Coimbatore as we have a good opportunity for securing suitable buildings.

2. I think the only difficulty is about funds. I consider the matter imperative as it is connected with women's education and urgent as a good building is for sale.

3. Can Financial find funds?

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—19-6-17.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

It is proposed to acquire for Rs. 15,000 the building known as the Y.W.C.A. Home (property of Mr. R. Stanes) at Coimbatore. After purchase, an expenditure of about Rs. 2,000 will have to be incurred for petty additions and repairs—vide Executive Engineer's letter, dated 2nd May 1917, in the current file. The total cost will thus be Rs. 17,000.

2. From the Director's letter, dated 5th February 1917, it will be seen that the main object of the proposed purchase of the building was to provide quarters for the Superintendent, Government Training School for Mistresses, Coimbatore, "who is unable to procure a residence at Coimbatore on a reasonable rent." The building will also provide hostel accommodation for students. In his note, dated 10th June 1917, the Director has remarked that prominence should be given to the fact that the building would afford hostel accommodation for twelve or fourteen girls.

3. Besides providing hostel accommodation for twelve or fourteen girls (students in training schools are exempted from paying rent for hostel accommodation—G.O. No. 85, Educational, dated 3rd February 1913, page 4—paragraph 4), the building can hold two teachers, one of whom will be the headmistress.

The Director remarks that these two teachers will look after the hostel and will consequently occupy the building rent free—please see G.O. No. 25, Educational, dated 15th January 1909.

As pointed out in Home Department Registrar's note, dated 18th June 1917, on

L.E.K.—25-6-17.

L.D.—26-6-17.

page 13 ante, there seems to be no necessity for two teachers to supervise the hostel. It is, however, submitted that

there seems to be no objection to the Director's proposal being accepted in Financial. For orders.

4. The Director has in his note, dated 10th June 1917, incidentally remarked that Government should aim at providing rent-free quarters for all Government women-teachers. Please see Government of India's letter in G.O. No. 930, Educational, dated 18th October 1912, and Government of India's letter, dated 16th March 1917 (paragraph 5), in G.O. No. 551, Home (Education), dated 30th April 1917.

Submitted that this general question which has been incidentally raised by the

L.E.K.—25-6-17.

L.D.—26-6-17.

Director may be left for future consideration when detailed proposals are received from him.

L.E.K.—25-6-17.

L.D.—26-6-17.

For orders whether Home (Education) may be requested to circulate the case to the Honorable Member (Financial).

V.G.K.—24-6-17.

I think so.

L.E.K.—25-6-17.

Yes.

L.D.—26-6-17.

5. *Funds*.—Home (Education) consider that the building should be purchased immediately. As the reserve with Financial is at present small, Home (Education) may be requested to find the amount by reappropriation from the current year's budget provision under the minor head "22-G. Education—Grants-in-aid" [the current year's allotments under the detailed heads "building grants" and "hostels" under this minor head are 2-63 lakhs and 96 lakh respectively].

V.G.K.—24-6-17.

L. E. KERSHAW—25-6-17.

L. DAVIDSON—26-6-17.

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HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the file may be sent to Director of Public Instruction for remarks as to whether the sum of Rs. 17,000

Yes.

R.R.—28-6-17.

required for the acquisition of the property and for repairs and improvements thereto

may be met by reappropriation from the current year's budget provision under the minor head "22-G. Education—Grants-in-aid".

P.R.—28-6-17.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—28-6-17.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The appropriate head from which the expenditure might be met is no doubt the Rs. 96,000 under hostel grants. I estimate however that this will all be wanted before the end of the year for schemes that will mature. Failing this I suggest 22-G. grants-in-aid—Building grants. At the worst this would mean deferring a little the payment of Rs. 17,000 on account of some building completed towards the end of the year.

J. H. STONE—4-7-17.

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

To—the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO Avargal, Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—Ootacamund, the 29th June 1917.

No.—C. 75.

I am sending you another *demi-official* from Mr. Stanes about his house at Coimbatore. I doubt whether the property would be worth acquiring with the piece of land cut off as he now wishes. There ought to be room for possible hostel extension.

ENCLOSURE

Demi-official—from R. STANES, Esq., Coonoor.

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

Dated—Coonoor, the 27th June 1917.

I enclose a rough plan of the Y. W. C. A. House and grounds for sale and I have shown the portion of land I want to reserve in order to erect a small house for our Pastor some day.

If Government care to purchase the house and part of the land I will try and let them have it—but, Mr. Ranson and his family are at present living in it—and I have not yet been able to secure another place for them.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

Please see the Secretary's note on page 13 above. The difficulty of funds has been overcome by the Director of Public Instruction's ability to find it from the provision under "22 G. Education—Grants-in-aid" in the current year's budget.

2. Mr. Stanes, the owner of the property, has since written to say that he wants to reserve a portion of the ground in order to erect a small house for his Pastor some day. Mr. Stone doubts whether the property would be worth acquiring with the piece of land cut off as Mr. Stanes now wishes, as there ought to be room for possible hostel extension. The two courses open are either to acquire the entire property or drop the question altogether. Mr. Stone has already advanced strong reasons in favour of the acquisition. In the first instance Mr. Stanes offered the entire property for Rs. 15,000 and his desire to cut off a portion of the ground is an afterthought. In the ordinary course such an objection will be overruled and the land will be acquired by the Government. There is no objection to a similar attitude being taken in this case unless the Government desire to respect the wishes of Mr. Stanes as a special case. Orders are solicited whether Mr. Stanes' objection may be overruled and the

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entire property acquired, or whether it may be acquired with the exception of the portion reserved by Mr. Stanes, or whether the question of its acquisition may be dropped altogether. In the last case the Director of Public Instruction may be requested to submit other proposals for the provision of hostel accommodation for the students of the training school.

3. The Financial Department desires that the case should be submitted to the Honourable Member (Financial) also.

P.R.—6-7-17.

In the face of the Director of Public Instruction's demi-official on page 17 above, there seems to be no use in purchasing only the portion of the property; the portion proposed to be reserved is more than a third of the whole compound.

The Director of Public Instruction does not definitely say what his suggestions for further progress in the matter are—whether to compulsorily acquire the whole land or to drop the matter, the possibilities of other sites or buildings being examined. We should ask him to say what he wishes to be done. A demi-official may go to him, a draft of which is submitted for approval.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—6-7-17.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—7-7-17.

Demi-official—from the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO AVARGAL, Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

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

Dated—the 7th July 1917.

No.—580-B-5.

With reference to your demi-official No. C. 75, dated the 29th June 1917, enclosing a letter from Mr. Stanes about his house at Coimbatore, I am to enquire, in the face of your opinion about the inadvisability of acquiring only a portion of the site, whether you propose that the whole of the compound with the buildings should be compulsorily acquired under the Land Acquisition Act, or whether you desire that the proposal should be dropped altogether, possibilities of other buildings or sites being examined. I would suggest the latter course.

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

To—the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO AVARGAL, Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—Ootacamund, the 8th July 1917.

No.—C. 93-1917.

[Reference—Your demi-official No. 580-B-5, dated 7th July 1917.]

I do not know whether Mr. Stanes has actually received an offer from Government for the house in question. It is possible that if he does receive such an offer he may reconsider the point about the land.

2. I do not see any harm in enquiries being made by the Revenue authorities for other buildings meanwhile. I should not propose compulsory acquisition without such enquiry.

Please see the Director's demi-official. The Government have not till now made an offer to Mr. Stanes for the house. Submitted that an offer may now be made through the Collector of Coimbatore.

2. A draft memorandum is submitted for approval.

P.R.—10-7-17.

C.R.—10-7-17.

R.R.—11-7-17.

[Memorandum No. 580-6, dated 11th July 1917.]

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

To—the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO AVARGAL, Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—the 20th July 1917.

No.—106.

The Inspectress says that the Police Department are negotiating for the purchase of Mr. Stanes' bungalow at Coimbatore and I write to suggest that whether this is so might be verified and any possibility of competition for it between the two departments avoided. I may say that I regard the acquisition as urgent and I think Government might even give Mr. Stanes something more to induce him to sell the whole.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The information contained in Mr. Stone's demi-official above may be brought to the notice of the Collector of Coimbatore and he may be requested to take steps to avoid the possibility of a competition between the Police and Educational departments for the property.

2. A draft memorandum is submitted for approval. After its issue the file may be forwarded to the Judicial Department for information.

P.R.—24-7-17.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—24-7-17.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—24-7-17.

[Memorandum No. 580-7, Home (Education), dated the 24th July 1917.]

HOME (JUDICIAL) DEPARTMENT.

The file may be perused in this department and returned to Educational with thanks. It is presumed that no instructions to the Inspector-General of Police are necessary from this department as the Collector will doubtless consult the District Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore, and the Inspector-General of Police if necessary and prevent the Police department competing with Educational for the property.

M.C.—27-7-17.

C.R.—27-7-17.

R.R.—30-7-17.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

From the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 29th July 1917, No. 2405-Rev.

Please see the letter from the Collector of Coimbatore on page 13 of current file. The proposal to purchase the building for Rs. 15,000 may be approved and the Collector may be requested to take steps to acquire the land under the Land Acquisition Act. In the meanwhile Mr. Stanes may be able to find a house for Mr. Ranson and his family.

2. A draft order is submitted for approval. If approved, it may be circulated to His Excellency the Governor and the Honourable Member (Financial).

P.R.—1-8-17.

T.K.—3-8-17.

C.R.—6-8-17.

Draft approved. Revenue for acceptance.

R.R.—7-8-17.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

It is not clear from the papers what the grounds of the Home (Education) Department are for proposing to acquire the land and building under the Land Acquisition Act. It does not appear that purchase by private negotiations from Mr. Stanes will not give a clear title to the land, nor that Mr. Stanes is unwilling to part with them or demands an excessive price. On the other hand Mr. Stanes has agreed to sell them for Rs. 15,000 and this price is considered to be fair by the Public Works Department officers and by the Collector of Coimbatore—vide Collector's letters on pages 4-5 and 13 current file. Please also see, in this connection, the Hon'ble Mr. Stone's demi-official on page 24 ante, from the last sentence of which it is clear that he was not for compulsory acquisition of the land and building under the Land Acquisition Act unless Mr. Stanes was unwilling to sell the whole land and other buildings were not available.

In the above circumstances, it is for consideration whether the draft order will be accepted in this department or whether the Home (Education) Department will be requested to reconsider the question of applying the Land Acquisition Act in the

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present case, in view of the fact that 15 per cent statutory allowance (Rs. 2,250 in the case in question) will have to be paid for compulsory acquisition if the Land Acquisition Act is put into force.

A.S.R.—16-8-17.

V. A. ANANTARAMA AYYAR—16-8-17.

I do not think we should agree to compulsory acquisition.

D. N. STRATHIE—18-8-17.

It is for the Home Department to settle and if there is no acquisition under the Act, Revenue is apparently not concerned.

With these remarks the file may go back to Home.

A. R. KNAPP—20-8-17.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The Revenue Department is apparently under a misapprehension that the land is required for a private school. As, however, it is required for a Government school it should without doubt be acquired under the Land Acquisition Act—vide paragraph 1 of Board's Standing Order No. 90. As regards compensation, please see the last clause of paragraph 8 of the same Standing Order. As the Collector is not likely to overlook the provisions of this clause, no mention need be made of it in the draft order.

2. Submitted that the draft order may issue. At the instance of Mr. Stanes, the Collector of Coimbatore has asked for early orders.

P.R.—22-8-17.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—22-8-17.

Please vide A above. Will Revenue please accept the draft.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—23-8-17.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

With reference to the portion marked A in Home (Education) note ante, it is submitted that paragraph 1 of Board's Standing Order No. 90 recommends the application of the Land Acquisition Act for lands, etc., required for Government as such a procedure will ensure an indefeasible title to the property. In cases in which such a title can be obtained by private purchase and the price demanded by the party is accepted as fair by Government, it seems prima facie unnecessary to apply the Act and pay 15 per cent statutory allowance on the market value of the property (and also add to the work of the district Revenue officers), whether the property is to be used by Government for public purposes or is to be made over to private parties for such purposes.

2. Reference is, in this connection, solicited to the papers relating to the provision of a residence for the District Forest Officer at Chatrapur in the Ganjam district—G.O. No. 779 W., dated 17th July 1907. The proposal of the Board of Revenue was to purchase a private building at Chatrapur and effect certain improvements to it and use it as residence for the officer. It was suggested by office in that connection that, to get an indefeasible title to Government, the land with the building should be acquired under the Land Acquisition Act—vide paragraph 1 of office-note on page 7 of papers in original of G.O. No. 779 W., dated 17th July 1907. The Honourable Member as Revenue Secretary pointed out that "we shall probably be charged 15 per cent extra if we acquire under the Act"—vide concluding portion of his note, dated 5th May 1906, on page 8 of G.O. No. 779 W., dated 17th July 1907. The Government then sanctioned the purchase of the building.

3. Orders are solicited whether, in the circumstances explained above, the draft order will be accepted in Revenue.

A.S.R.—3-9-17.

V.A.A.—3-9-17.

Our view is simply that it is not necessary to acquire when the building can be bought for a fair price.

D.N.S.—5-9-17.

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Provided that the Rs. 15,000 which it is proposed to pay includes the 15 per cent allowance, Revenue need raise no objection to formal acquisition; but it would seem well to make it clear that the *total* to be paid is Rs. 15,000.

A. R. KNAPP—5-9-17.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

Please see the pencil alteration made in paragraph 1 of the draft order. If approved, it will be inked. Orders are solicited whether the draft order as thus amended may be circulated to His Excellency the Governor and the Honourable Member (Financial).

P.R.—6-9-17.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—6-9-17.

Circulated.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—7-9-17.

P[ENTLAND]—8-9-17.

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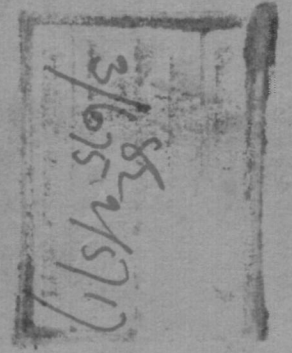
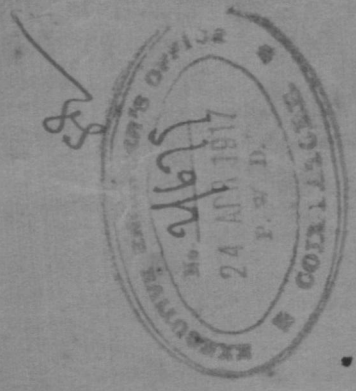
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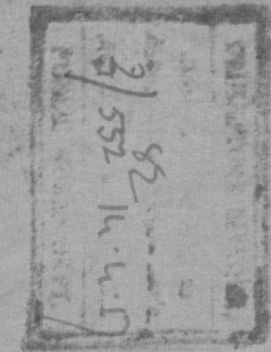
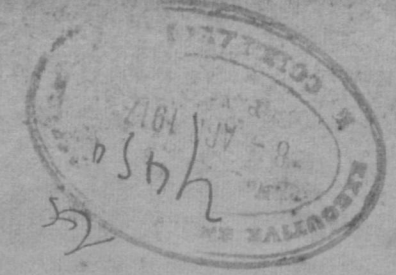
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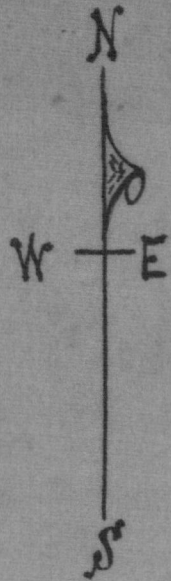
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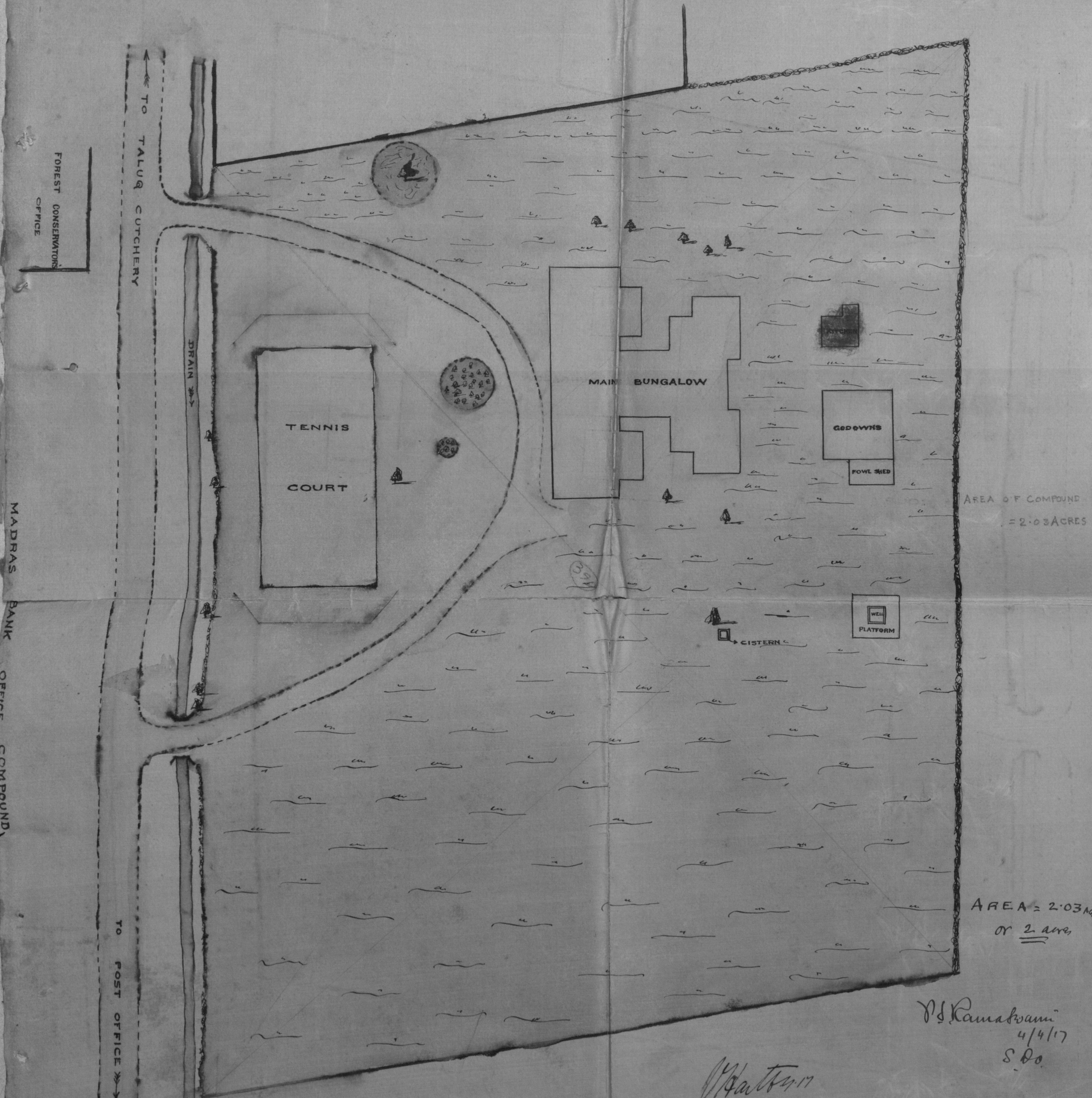


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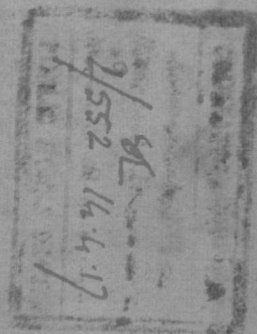
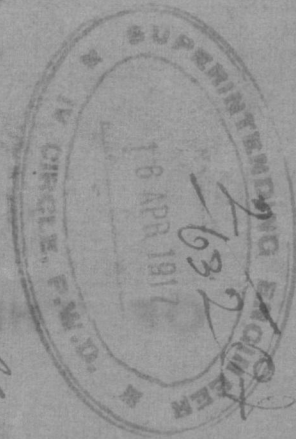
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