

Home (1917) Department.
(Education)

Primary SERIES.

G.O. No. 1272.

DATED 6-10-1917.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Blind school, Palamcottah.

Recording papers relating to the proposal to admit
blinded Indian soldiers into the C.M.S. School for the blind at
Palamcottah.

ARMY DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 12th August 1916.

TO

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Government of India have had under consideration the question of teaching Indian soldiers who have returned totally blinded from active service some trade by which they could earn a little money with which to supplement their pension.

2. The Government of India have considered the possibility of establishing a State institution for the purpose, but this course would take time and it is desirable that if anything is to be done in the matter of teaching these men a trade, it should be done quickly. Moreover, it is anticipated that it would be extremely difficult to obtain properly qualified teachers for a special institution of the kind, and as it is understood that private schools where the blind are taught mat-weaving, chair-caning, rope-making, tape-weaving, etc., already exist in the Madras Presidency, the Government of India consider that it would be preferable if blinded soldiers could obtain admission to these institutions. I am accordingly to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, enquiries may be instituted with a view to ascertaining whether the men could be admitted into these provincial institutions, and, if so, on what terms. The Government of India would be glad if the matter were treated

as

The Director, Medical Services in India.

Home (Education) Department

Letter. No. 3023-2

To 16.9.16

The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Army Department.

(with copies of papers)

Sir,

I am directed to reply to your letter No. 8211, dated the 12th August 1916, regarding the admission of blinded Indian soldiers into private schools for the blind in the Madras Presidency.

2. The only institution in this Presidency which can provide suitable instruction for such soldiers is the C.M.S. school for the blind ^{at} Palamcottah in the Tinnevely district. The school is under the management ^{of} Miss A. J. Askwith and the subjects taught therein are hand-weaving by fly-shuttle, grassmat-weaving, and chair-caning. ~~Miss~~ Askwith states that she can undertake to train not more than eighteen soldiers to start with provided they can speak one of the three languages, Tamil, Malayalam or Hindustani. The terms on which she is prepared to undertake the work are set out in her letters dated the 26th August and ^{the} 5th September 1916, copies of which are enclosed. Miss Askwith agrees to provide only the necessary skilled teachers and to supervise the training given, and she expects ~~of~~ the Government to provide a workshop outside the school premises and also to make adequate arrangements



I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

(Signature)

Major-General

Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No. 8211

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to:-

The Home Department.

The Department of Commerce and Industry.

The Department of Education.

The Director, Medical Services in India.

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for the housing of the soldiers and their management and discipline by a competent staff. An estimate of the cost that will have to be incurred by the Government under the ~~the~~ proposals has been called for from the Collector of Tinnevely and will be forwarded to the Government of India on receipt. ~~The initial expenditure that will have to be incurred by the school authorities in connection with the scheme is Rs.800/- and the recurring expenditure at Rs.145/- a month.~~

I am to enquire whether the terms offered are acceptable to the Government of India and whether all expenditure in connection with the scheme will be met from the Imperial funds.

I have etc.,

SK 16.9.16
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Letter from the Govt. of India, No. 8211, dated the 12th August 1916.

Letter from Miss A.J. Askwith, dated the 26th August 1916.

Letter from --Do-- No. 394, dated the 5th Sept 1916.

Noted in CB
18.9.16
To the Collector of Tinnevely
(with papers)

Home (Education) Department.

Memorandum No. 3023-3 dated 16.9.16

A copy of the correspondence noted in the margin relating to the admission of blinded Indian soldiers into the C.M.S. school for the blind at Palamcottah is forwarded to the Collector of Tinnevely who is requested to report whether the land in the neighbourhood of the school belongs to the Government has stated by Miss Askwith and, if so, whether it will be available for putting up sheds for the workshop and for the accommodation of the soldiers. The Collector is also requested to furnish an approximate estimate of the cost of constructing such sheds and to report the staff that will be necessary to ensure discipline among the soldiers.

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H O M E DEPARTMENT.

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 GOVT. OF MADRAS
 Subject.

Requesting further information regarding the proposal to send blinded Indian soldiers for instructions in the blind school.

ENCLOS RES.
No.
Spate copies

R.O.C. No. 621/G.B.E.16.

Station Tinnevelly. , Dated the 27th September 1916.

From (Name) H.T. Reilly Esquire, I.C.S.,

(Designation) Acting Collector of Tinnevelly.

CHIEF
 To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

H O M E Department.

Sir,

Madras.

With reference to Government Memorandum --

page 5 supra .

No. 3023-3, dated the 16th instant, regarding the proposal to send blinded Indian soldiers to receive instructions in the blind school at Palamcottah, I have the honour to enquire whether it is the intention of Government that "Soldiers" referred to in the reference should include their wives and families. There may be room for 18 men

and

and a few persons to look after them on the site adjacent to Miss Askwiths' School but it is doubtful if it will be sufficient ^{for} 18 families.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Therumath 29.9.16
For Collector.

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No 29-9

Letter to

The Secretary to the Govt.
Army Deptt. of India.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to the correspondence ending with my letter No 3023-2, dated the 16th September 1916, on the subject of the admission of blinded Indian soldiers into the blind school at Palametti and to enquire whether the Govt of India intend to permit the soldiers to live with their wives & families. The information is required to enable this Govt to determine the extent of the site required for putting up sheds for the soldiers and to frame an approximate estimate of the cost of constructing such sheds. I have

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HOME

DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Soliciting orders whether Miss. Askwith may be -
instructed to give orders for looms required for giving
instructions to blinded Indian Soldiers.

ENCLOS RES.

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R.O.C. No. 621/G.B.E.16.

Station Tinnevely., Dated the 18th October 1916

From (Name) H.T. Reilly Esquire, I.C.S.

(Designation) Acting Collector of Tinnevely.

CHIEF

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

HOME Department.
MADRAS.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter R.O.C.621/G.B.E.16

dated 27th September 1916, requesting further informa-

tion regarding the proposal to send blinded Indian --

Soldiers for instructions in the blind school at Palam-

cottah, I have the honour to state that Miss. Askwith

wants to be informed whether she may order the looms -

required,

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required, as it will take at least a month to make them and about three weeks for them to reach this place from Bombay. She also wants an advance of Rs1,000/- for this purpose. A copy of her -- letter is enclosed.

2. I solicit orders of Government in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Phurumal 18.10.16

For Collector.

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Copy of letter No.396, dated 14th October 1916, from Miss. A.J.Askwith, Principal & Manager, C.M.S. Schools for the Blind, Palamcottah, to the Collector of Tinnevely.

I beg to inform you that I am led to suppose that the huts for the blinded soldiers will soon be erected and that the men may be expected to arrive shortly. I shall therefore be obliged if you will inform me whether I may order the looms without further delay as they will take at least a month to make and those that come from Bombay will take three weeks to come down by goods train.

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If I may give the orders for looms at once I shall be obliged if you will arrange for me to have an advance of Rs1,000/- for them as soon as possible.

V.S. 18-10.

Phurumal 18.10.16
For Collector.

Jds
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18.10.16

Home Department.
(Education)

Mem o:- 37/8-1
26/10/16

With reference to his letter
R.O.C. No. 621/G.B.E.-16, dated the 18th
October 1916, the Collector of Tinne-
velly is informed that a reference has
been made to the Govt. of India on the
subject of the admission of blinded
Indian soldiers into the C.M.S. Blind
school at Palamcottah and that no action
can be taken in the matter ~~of the purchase of books~~ till the
orders of that Govt. are received.

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To *CS 4* *26/10/16* *Recd to 26/10/16*
The Collr. of Tinnevelly.

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SPECIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

CASE NO. 12620 (D.M.S. 4)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

ARMY DEPARTMENT.



Simla, the 26th October 1916.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3545-I, dated the 7th October 1916, and in reply to state that it is not intended that the wives and families of blinded soldiers should live with them while the men are undergoing training for a trade in any provincial institution for the blind.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

for Major-General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Home (Gov.) Dept.

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Memo.

With reference to his letter R.O.C. No 621 G.S.C., dated the 27th September 1916, the collector of Trinnevelly is informed that it is not intended that the wives & families of blinded soldiers should live with them while the men are undergoing training in an industrial school.

2. The Govt. ~~Board~~ of India have not yet replied to the reference ^{made to them} ~~as regards~~ whether the terms offered by Miss Askwith are acceptable or it is not therefore possible ^{at present} ~~to~~ to ^{reply to the enquiry} ~~reply to the enquiry~~ in her letter No. 396, dated the 14th October 1916.

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My
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The collector Trinnevelly

[Signature]
5/11/16

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

ARMY DEPARTMENT



THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

HOME (GOV.) DEPT.



I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your

letter No. 3043-1, dated the 27th October 1916, and in reply

to state that it is not intended that the wives and families

of blinded soldiers should live with them while the men are

undergoing training for a trade in any provincial institution

for the blind.

I am,
Sir,

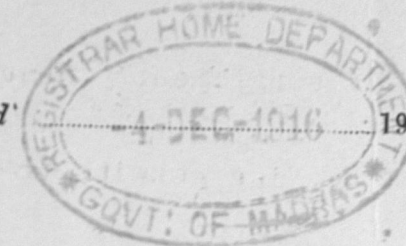
Your most obedient servant,

[Signature]

Secretary to the Government of India.

HOME (Educational) DEPARTMENT.

Received



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Subject.

Submitting the report called for in Government
Memorandum No.3023-3, dated 16th September 1916 regarding
the proposal to send blinded Indian Soldiers to Palamcottah.

ENCLOSURES

No.2 estimates
& 2 plans.

Spare copies

R.O.C. No. 621/G.B.ENG.16.

Station Tinnevely, Dated the 2nd December 1916.

sent separately

From (Name) A.M.A.C. Galletti Esquire, I.C.S.,
(Designation) Acting Collector of Tinnevely.

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

Sir,

I have the honour to reply to Government
memorandum No.3023-3, dated 16th September 1916 --
requesting accommodation for blinded sepoys in the
Church Mission School for the blind at Palamcottah.
Kulavanikkapuram village,

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is at the disposal of Government, is sufficiently near the blind school and is considered by Miss Askwith to be suitable.

3. The Executive Engineer has prepared rough estimates for the workshop and sheds. The workshop has been designed in consultation with Miss Askwith. The accommodation is for six huts of the Police constable type each to accommodate three soldiers and one of the head constable type for the supervising officer. Two estimates, one for Rs.9,150 if the institution is to be a semi-permanent one and the other for Rs.3,900 if it be of a temporary nature are herewith submitted.

4. As to the staff that would be necessary to ensure discipline among the soldiers, I would suggest that the military authorities will be in the best position to advise. They will perhaps be able to send with the men one or two invalided or pensioned non-commissioned officers.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most

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Report to accompany the Alternative estimate for Temporary Sheds for the accommodation of 18 blinded soldiers for instructions under Miss. Askwith at Palamcottah.

Amount of estimate - Rs 3900/-

This estimate has been prepared at the request of the Collector of Tinnevely in his R.O.C.No.621/G1 of 16 dated 22-9-16 and provides for the following:-

Block of 7 huts
The size and design will be similar to the type of the Police huts and number of huts proposed has been fixed at 6 constable huts for the 18 blinded soldiers 3 in each hut as it is not the intention of Government that their wives and families should live with them while they are undergoing training in an Industrial School. In addition to these huts one head constable hut for a Jamar will also be provided for in the block. The general specification will vary in regard to the materials to be used on the building from the one laid down in the printed Estimate issued with G.O.No.2040-W dated 27-10-14 as described below:-

The foundations and walls in superstructure will be sun-dried bricks in mud the roofing will be of palmyrah leaves on a frame of bamboo rafters and reapers; the doors and windows will be of country wood and the flooring and the walls will be mud plastered and whitewashed.

Workshop. The size and design will be similar to the one now existing in the Blind School with a class room at one end (that is to say a workshop shed 75' x 15' with a class room 25' x 15' in its continuation as shown in the marginal sketch.)
Sketch the same as the one drawn in the Report of Pucca building.

The general specification for this shed in regard to the walls roof, floor and doors and windows will be similar to that proposed for the huts.

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ESTIMATE FORM.—Abstract.

Quantity.	Description of Work.	Rate.	Per
1	2	3	4

Rough estimate for the sheds to be used
and for accommodation to blinded soldiers
at Alambath

1937 sq. ft. Hut for 18 blinded soldiers
and 12 armed as Constables and
1 head Constable hut to provide 3
soldiers to each hut and the jamadar
in the head Constable hut (106 1/2 x 18 1/2 ft)
1500 sq. ft. Workshop Shed and school room
similar to present workshop shed
that exists in Mrs. Agui's school
(150 ft x 100 ft)

Excavating well — 11 — 11 400

6 seats Latrine as per type design No. 149 65 each 390
24-1-14

160 sq. ft. Drainage arrangement 1 sq. ft. 160

100 ft. Drainage work — 11 — 50

3900

Grand Total of Estimate

Provision for a well and a latrine of 6 seats as per
type design No. 149/24-1-14 and drainage arrangements also provided
and will be of the same description in the other estimate.

J P Dillon

26/11/16

Executive Engineer,
Tinnevely Division.

26/11/16

Circle Six

Division }
District } Tinnevely.

Taluk Tinnevely.

Financial Head

Budget Head.

Department Head

Main Head

Sub Head.

Project of which
the work forms part.

Section

Name of work. Estimate for Temporary
Sheds for the accommodation
of 18 blinded Soldiers for
instruction under Miss
Askwith at Palamcottah.

Amount of Estimate Rs 3900

To be carried

References.

Report to accompany the rough estimate for
accommodation of 18 blinded Indian Soldiers for instr
under Miss. Askwith at Palamcottah.

Amount of estimate - Rs 9150

This estimate has been prepared at the request of
the Collector of Tinnevely in his R.O.O.No.621/G1 of 16
dated 22-9-16 and provides for 1 block of 7 huts and a
workshop.

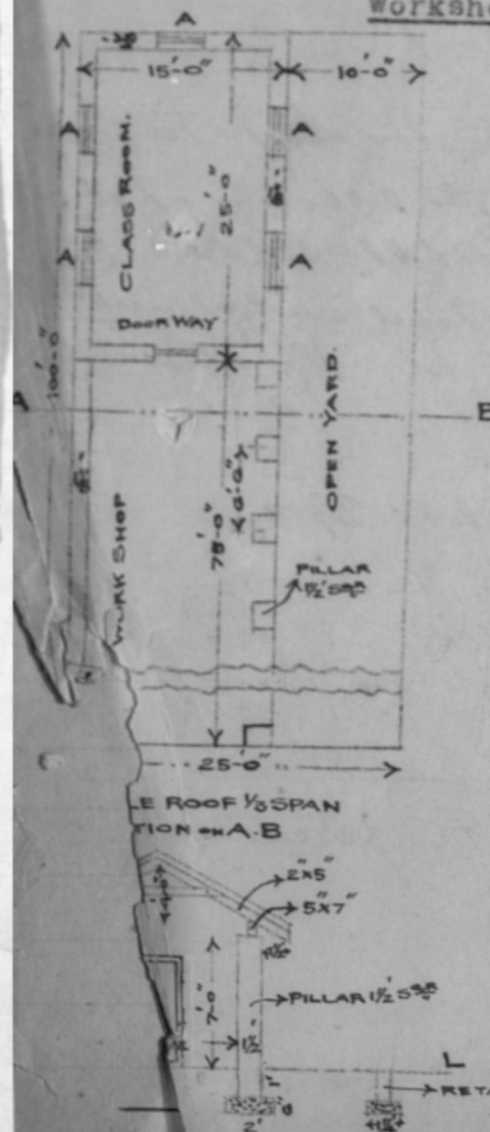
Block of 7 huts: The size and design will be similar to
the type of the Police huts approved in G.O.No.2040-W dated
27-4-14 and the number of huts proposed has been fixed at
6 constable huts for the 18 blinded soldiers 3 in each hut,
as it is not the intention of Government that their wives
and families should live with them while they are under-
going training in an Industrial School. In addition to
these huts one Head Constables hut for Jamadar will also
be provided in the block. The general specification and
type of these huts will be the same as laid down in the
printed estimate issued with G.O.No.2040-W dated 27-10-14.

Workshops.

The size and design will be similar to the
one now existing in the Blind -
School with a class room at one
end (that is to say a work shop
shed 75' x 15' with a class room
of 25' x 15' in its continuation
as shown in the marginal sketch).
The workshop and the class room
will be roofed with flat and pan
tiles over Marudu reapers on
walls and pillars shown in the
sketch. There will also be an open
verandah of 10' wide ^{just} in front
of the workshop to a length of
100'.

Provision for a well and a latrine of 6 seats on

Type-



ign No.149 dated 24-1-14 and drainage arrangements which
required has been made in the rough estimate.

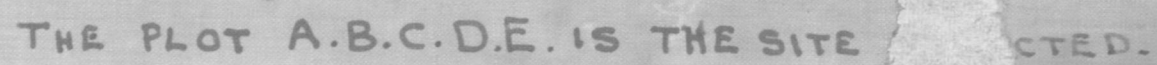
J P Dhillon
26/11/16
Executive Engineer,
Tinnevely Division.

ESTIMATE FORM.—Abstract.

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Quantity.	Description of work.	Rate.	Per	Amount	Total.
		Per	Rate		
		3	4	5	6
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Rough estimate for the Sheds to be used as work shop and for accommodation to blinded soldiers at Belurkotak				
1437 sq 1937 sq	<u>Durham Building</u> Huts for 18 Blinded soldiers and 1 Jamedar as 6 constables and 1 Head Constables huts to provide 3 soldiers in each hut and the Jamedar in the head constables hut (106 1/2 ft x 18 1/2 ft)			254	4520
1500 sq	Work shop and School room similar to present work shed in this locality school (15 ft x 100 ft)			254	3500
	Excavating well	—	18	—	400
	Black Latrine as per Type design 149 of 24-1-14	Each	65	—	390
	100 ft drainage arrangement	Per	1	—	160
	Galvanised Iron Wires	—	18	—	180
	Total				7150

Grand Total of Estimate Rs. 7150



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J P Allen

Executive Engineer
Tinnevely Division

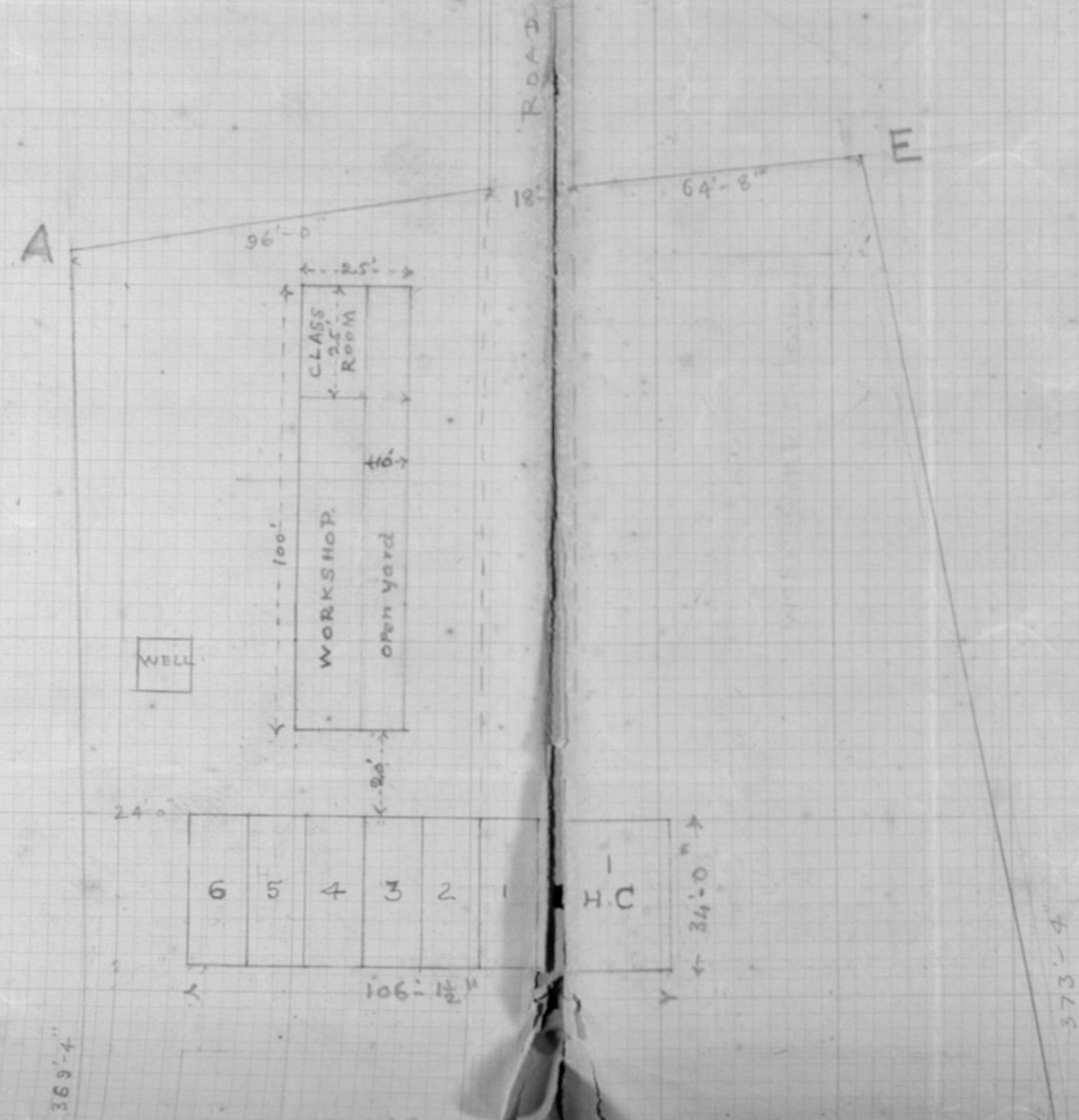
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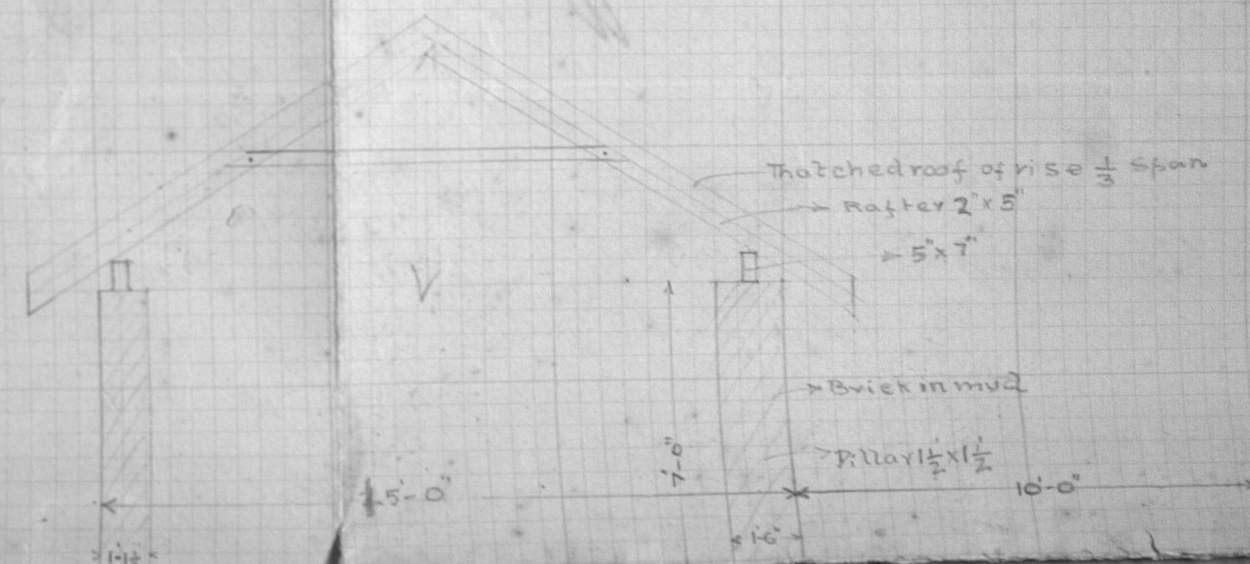
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SITE PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED HUTS
AND
WORK SHOP ETC. FOR 18 BLINDED
SOLDIERS AND ONE JAMADAR
SITE OF POLICE SHOOTING RANGE (ABANDONED)
AT PALAMOOTTH.
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Section of Workshop
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6/11/16 J. P. Allen

Executive Engineer

Tinnevely Division

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Home (Education) Department.

3023-5 dt 11.12.16

LETTER:

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India,
Army Department.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No.

12214, dated the 26th October 1916,

I am directed to forward rough estimates prepared by the Executive Engineer, Tinnevely, for a workshop and ~~the~~ a block of seven huts to accommodate 18 blinded soldiers and a jamadar in charge of the ~~workshop~~. The cost is estimated at Rs.9,150 or ~~Rs.3,900~~ according as the buildings are ^{intended} to be semi-permanent or temporary. I am to

~~suggest that in order to~~ ensure discipline among the soldiers one or two invalided or pensioned non-commissioned officers may be selected and sent with the men.

2. Miss Askwith, the correspondent

of

Subv.

*Recd & expd
with m/s
12.12.16*

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of the school, ~~whether she may at once order the~~
looms required as it will take nearly
two months to obtain them from Bombay.
She desires to be given an advance of
Rs.1,000 for the purpose. I am to
request that the orders of the Govern-
ment of India on the proposals sub-
mitted to them may be communicated as
early as possible.

I have etc.

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Home (25th) Sept.

Letter N^o. 30234-78450
To. The Secretary to the
Govt of India,
Army Dept.
(with copy of pp 18-19 F.)

Sub. no. 44615, 18/8/17
Byr with ind. 6/8

Sir,
With reference to
the correspondence with my letter N^o. 3023-5
dated the 11th December
1916, I am directed to
forward ^{for information} ~~as per page of~~
~~the report on the~~ copy
of ~~the~~ note on the
B.S. school for the
blind at Palamcottah
~~submitted~~ by Mr. Tyte
the ^{officiating} Inspector of Industrial
Schools in this Province
I have etc.

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SPECIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

No.14450.

Government of India.

ARMY DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 26th September 1917.

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (Education) Department.

Sir,

The Chief Secretary,

I am directed to refer to the correspondence ending
with your letter No.3023-5, dated the 11th December 1916,

relative to the utilisation of the Church Mission Society

School for the blind at Palamcottah in the Tinnevely

you, re the following important matter.

District for the reception of blinded Indian soldiers.

take some Indian soldiers blinded in the war & let them have the

benefits of this institution, and I replied that I should be glad

to do so, & by the order of Government I sent an estimate of the

the Governor in Council that it is not proposed at present

thought would be the cost.

to make use of this School for blinded Indian soldiers.

Since then I have received no further intimation, and I am

beginning to be afraid that the matter has been dropped. I should be

very sorry & disappointed if this should be the case and I am

wondering, whether the Government feels it cannot now meet the

cost. If this be so I shall be greatly obliged if you will very

kindly let me know the number of thus blinded in the Madras Pre

-sidency, and I will see what I can do to raise the money needed by

subscription & will do all I can to meet their need.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Lieutenant-Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Palamcottah,

2nd Oct. 1917.

Government of India
The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (Education) Department.

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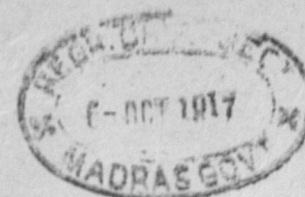
Sir,

I am directed to refer to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 3023-5, dated the 15th December 1916, relative to the utilization of the Church Mission Society School for the blind at Palamcottah in the Tinnevely District for the reception of blinded Indian soldiers.

I am to state for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council that it is not proposed at present to make use of this School for blinded Indian soldiers.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No. 472.



From

Miss A.J. Askwith,
Principal & Manager.

CURRENT NO.
3912
PUBLIC

Regd. No. 10.17

To

The Chief Secretary,
Madras Presidency,
Fort St George, Madras.

Sir,

I hope you will excuse the liberty I take in writing to you, re the following important matter.

Towards the end of last year I was asked whether I would take some Indian soldiers blinded in the war & let them have the benefits of this institution, and I replied that I should be glad to do so, & by the order of Government I sent an estimate of what I thought would be the cost.

Since then I have received no further intimation, and I am beginning to be afraid that the matter has been dropped. I should be very sorry & disappointed if this should be the case, and I am wondering, whether the Government feels it cannot now meet the cost. If this be so I shall be greatly obliged if you will very kindly let me know the number of men thus blinded in the Madras Presidency, and I will see what I can do to raise the money needed by subscription, & will do all I can to meet their need.

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Palamcottah,

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I beg to remain,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Amefane Askwith

Principal & Manager.

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C. No. 3023 From the Govt of India No. 8211, dated 12.8.1916.
Army Dept.
SUBJECT.

Facilities for teaching blinded
Indian soldiers some trade

The following statement
regarding blind schools in this
Presidency is compiled from the
information contained in the
(annual) reports of the D.P.I. and the Director
of Industries and in the ~~Asylum~~
Asylum Press Almanack:—

Name of School.	Industrial Subjects taught.	Remarks.
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for 1915-16 (B)

1. Church Mission Society blind boys' school. Palamesthal.	Weaving.	
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page 932 of Asylum
Press Almanack.
p. 12 of Pub. Inst.
report for 1914-15.

2. The South Indian blind school, Narasingapuram, Mount Road.	Making of rattan chairs, screens &c.	
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3. 'Lodh Govindas' school for the blind, George Town, Madras.	Basket making mat making blind making rattan work &c.	only boys under 18 years of age are admitted.
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page 10 of Pub. Inst.
Report for 1913-14
+ p. 12 of Report
for 1914-15.

4. A. F. L. M. School for the blind, Rentachintala, Guntur.	Weaving clay modelling sewing.	
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There is no information as to whether there is provision in any other industrial schools in the Presidency for teaching blind pupils. The file may be sent to Mr. Conchman who may be requested to make enquiries and furnish the information required by the Govt of India at a very early date.

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Mr. Conchman Esq

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Colno 3023-1.

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I enclose a copy of the reply received from the correspondent of the C. M. S. Blind Boys Industrial School, Palamcottah.

I am asking the correspondent to prepare an estimate of the extra expenditure which the training of 18 soldiers would involve, & will send it on when received.

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Copy of letter from Miss. A.J. Askwith, Correspondent,
Blind Boys' Industrial School, Palamcottah. dated 26th August 1916
No. 390 to the Director of Industries, M a d r a s.

With reference to your letter No.B.32 dated 22/23 August '16, I shall be very glad if my institution can be of any service in the way you propose, and I am ready to undertake the training of a limited number of blinded Indian Soldiers, if suitable arrangements for the purpose can be made by Government.

The Industries of hand-weaving by fly-shuttle, grassmat-weaving and chair-caning are taught in my school, and I have a supply of skilled teachers available. These are all industries in which the soldiers after training should be able to find openings for work, whether as independent workers or in association with others and in which they should be able to earn a fair remuneration. I estimate that it would take some two or three years before they would be proficient in these industries. During the time of their training in these industries I shall be glad to have them taught reading and writing in the Braille system.

The number of men whom I could undertake to train in this way depends somewhat on the extent of the need. Writing however in ignorance of this, and looking only at the staff of teachers which I have available, I think I could certainly undertake to train a class of anything up to 18 men to start with. The class could be increased later, if necessary, as soon as the first batch had got past the initial stages. The men would have to be able to speak tamil or Malayalam or Hindustani, as these are the only languages in which the instruction could at present be given.

With regard to terms:-

1. I should have to ask Government to provide a hostel or houses for these men (some of whom ^{would} I suppose come with their families), and also a suitable shed in which to carry on the instruction. These should be near, but outside the school premises. The school being intended for

children and being managed by a lady, it would obviously be impossible to give the soldiers access to the school premises. There happens to be plenty of open space all round the institution, (some of it, I believe, already in Government possession), on which it should not be difficult for Government to provide the required accommodation.

2. I should also have to ask the Government to make its own arrangements and assure entire responsibility for the management and discipline of the men, providing its own staff for the purpose, so far as it deems necessary. All that I can undertake is the provision of skilled teachers and the general supervision of the training given.

3. Finally, I should have to ask Government to indemnify me for any special expenditure incurred, for which I can, if desired, furnish an estimate later, in the way of remuneration to teachers, cost of materials and appliances, such as extra looms etc.

Home (Education) Dept.

The further communication promised by Mr. Conchman in regard to the C.M.S. School, Palamcottah, may be awaited.

2. It is not known whether Mr. Conchman consulted the authorities of the other schools mentioned on page 1 supra. Perhaps they are not suitable for the purpose in view that is why he does not make mention of them.

3. It is for consideration whether the C.M.S. of Dinavilly may be consulted as to the provision of accommodation for the men in the neighbourhood of the school.

Mr. Conchman's further communication may be awaited. It will apparently be possible to run a shed near the school for the soldiers. No special enquiry on the point seems necessary. Miss Ashwith was only anxious about ~~the~~ her being required to find accommodation for them in the school premises.

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DEPARTMENT.

CURRENT No. 3299 EOL

From _____

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B.32.

MADRAS,

9th September 1916.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"CHROMIUM," MADRAS.
POST BOX NO. 454.



Dear Mr. Rajagopala Achariar,

In continuation of my U.O. dated

30-8-16 I enclose herewith a copy of letter dated 5-9-16 received from the Manager of the C.M.S. Blind Boys' Industrial School, Palamcottah, which contains an estimate of the extra expenditure which the training of 18 soldiers would involve.

Yours Sincerely,

M. J. Couchman.

The Hon'ble Dewan Bahadur P. Rajagopala Achariar, C.I.E.,
Secretary to Government Home (Educational) Dept.,
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Copy of letter from Miss A.J. Askwith, Correspondent
C.M.S. Blind Boys' Industrial School, Palamcottah to the Director
of Industries, Madras. No.394 dated 5th September 1916.

In reply to your letter B.32, dated 31st August 1916, I beg to say that I have made what I think would be a minimum estimate for the extra expenditure that would be incurred in the circumstance of 18 blinded soldiers being attached to this Industrial School.

	Rs.
4 looms for cotton-weaving @ Rs.107/- with carriage Rs.22/-	... 450
4 " for grass mat weaving @ Rs.40/-	.. 160
Korai grass & string	50
Cotton	.. 100
Cane	.. 40
Total	.. 800

Recurrent expenditure per mensem.

Cotton	.. 50
Korai &c	.. 20
Contingencies	.. 10

Teachers.

1 sighted teacher at Rs.14/- per mensem	.. 14
3 blind teachers at Rs.8/-	.. 24
4 bobbin winders at Rs.4/-	.. 12
2 Braille teachers at Rs.7/8	.. 15
Grand total Rs.	945

The above figures only refer to that part of the school which I undertake as shown in my previous letter. For all that concerns the living and general oversight of the men and the provision of 2 suitable and well protected shed for a workshop, I must refer you to the Collector of the District, whom I have already approached informally on the subject. I understand from him

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that he is in full sympathy with the general idea of the scheme and he will be prepared to furnish particulars with regard to the points indicated above, in consultation with the D.P.W. Officer, when the matter comes officially before him.

Home (25th) Sept

Please see Mr. Bouchman's letter & enclosure on pages 6 to 8 supra.

Full & definite particulars are not available as to whether the land in the neighbourhood of the school at Palamattah is Govt property & if so, whether it will be available for putting up sheds ^{for the workshop and the accommodation of the men}. It is also not known

What the cost of putting up these sheds will amount to & what expenditure will have to be incurred in the entertainment of a separate staff to look after the soldiers. It is for orders whether a reference to the collector ^{of Tirunelveli} should be made ~~to the collector~~ on these points or whether the information furnished by Miss Astwith may be ~~forwarded~~ ^{transmitted} to the Govt of India at once.

2. Miss Astwith calculates the total expenditure as Rs 945. From the details furnished on page 7 supra it is observed that Rs 800 is the ~~cost~~ amount required for

page 7 supra.

for initial expenditure + Rs 145-
for expenditure every month.

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The information was furnished may be
transmitted to India, and who may
be informed that special accommodation
& supervision will have to be provided, details
of which will be ascertained & furnished
later. The Collector may then be asked
to report on hypothesis by him. Askinth.

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A draft letter to the Govt of India
+ a draft memo to the Collector are
submitted for approval.

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16.9.16

Letter No 2023-2 dtd 16.9.16
Memo No 2023-3 dtd 16.9.16

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CN. 354 S. From the Collyer Finneyville
Nbr 1 of the 27.9.16.

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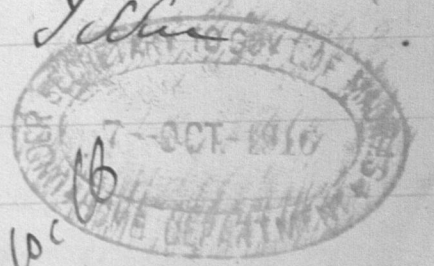
Please see the collector's letter
on page 6 of the current file.
The Govt of India may be asked
to furnish the information desired
by the collector. A draft letter
is submitted for approval.

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Should the Govt of India be addressed
to satisfy the Collector's curiosity? 17th.
draft may be approved?

CLH
6.10.16

The point is important.
India there. I think,
Rangoon. To accommodate
18 families is really
a more difficult job
than to accommodate 18
individuals. I think



9.10.16
[Letter No 354 S-1 of the 7.10.16.]

(C. No. 3718)

From the Collector of Tinnevely, R.O.C. No. 621,
dated the 18th October 1916.

pp. 3 & 8 of c.f.

Please see the Collector's letter on page 9
of the c.f. The Govt. of India have not yet
replied to the letters of the 16th September last and
the 7th instant. No action can be taken till the
orders of the Govt. of India are received. Draft
reply to the Collector is submitted for approval.

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24.10.16.

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[Memo No 3718-1 dated the 26th October 1916]

C No 3922. From the Govt of India No 12214
of the 26. 10. 16.

p-13 of c.f.

The Govt of India say that it is
not intended that the wives and
families of blinded soldiers should
live with them when they undergo
training. This information may be
transmitted to the collector of Tinnevely.

p. 6 of cf.

p. 4 of cf.

page 11 of cf.

at whose instance it was obtained.

2. The Govt of India do not say anything in reply to para 3 of this Govt's letter of the 16th Sept: as to whether the terms proposed by the authorities of the Palamcottah School are acceptable to them. It is ~~not~~ therefore not possible to give a reply to Miss Askwith ~~regarding~~ to her enquiry whether the looms required may be ~~ordered~~ ordered now.

A draft memo is submitted for approval.

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4.11.16

[Signature]
W. L.

[Memo No. 3023-4 dated the 4.11.16]

C No. 4466. From the Coltr of Tinnevely,
Proc No. 6218 the 2.12.16.

The collector of Tinnevely forwards alternative estimates for the construction of a workshop

p. 15 of cf.

Box 12
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and a building for the ~~accommodation~~
accommodation of the soldiers.
These may, it is submitted,
be forwarded to the Govt of
India. A draft letter is submitted
for approval.

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8.12.16

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Submitted 9-DEC-1916

Has not addressed Govt of India
on the subject matter of the

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[Letter No. 3023-S-9 11.12.16]

No reply from the Govt of
India has yet been received
on

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on the subject of the admission of blinded Indian soldiers into the C.M.S. school for the blind at Palamcotta. It is for orders whether that Govt may now be reminded. Also, the draft below is for approval.

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In the original ref, the Govt of India requested information about facilities for educating. No action needed taken till we hear further.

Super Mr. Askwith dated 11/11/17

Submitted that Miss Askwith has not addressed Govt direct on the subject matter of this file. The collector of Tinnevely at the instance of Miss Askwith asked whether the latter might order the looms required. In memo, dated the 26th Oct 1916, he was informed that no action could be taken in the matter of the purchase of looms till the orders of the Govt.

Page 9 to 11 of cf.

p. 12 of cf.

para 2 of memo
p. 14 of cf.

of India were received. Again, in a subsequent memo, dated the 4th Nov: 1916, the collector was informed that the Govt of India's orders were not received and that no reply could be given to this Akwith. The collector of Tinnevely may, perhaps, once again be informed that the Govt of India have not passed any orders on the subject and requested to communicate the fact to this Akwith.

A Draft O.H. is submitted for approval.

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3.5.17.
18/7/17

No action is necessary. Govt further communication from 1912.

Chth
4.5.17

Under Secretary's remark against the item relating to this file in the Govt of India call list:—

Papers please.

(2) E. A. H.
18.7.17.

The file is submitted.

8K
20.7.17.
20/7/17

Thanks
24.7.17

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D.O. Ro 871



MADRAS, POST BOX No. 112.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS "CHROMIUM,"

Dated, 23rd July 1917.

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Regd 26.7.17

Dear Mr. Ramachandra Rao,

page 6 supra

Please refer to Mr. Couchman's D.O. No. B.32/ dated 11-9-16 regarding a scheme for training blinded soldiers at the Palamcottah Industrial School for the blind. Can you tell me whether anything further has been heard from the Government of India in regard to the matter? The accompanying note by Fyfe on the School may interest you.

Yours sincerely,

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To M.R. Ry. Dewan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao AVI.

Secretary to Government,

Home (Educational) Department.

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I inspected this school on 18th June 1917 and was very favourably impressed by what I saw. The school site which is well outside Palamcottah is surrounded by a substantial wall and is very well laid out. The buildings are excellent for the purpose and well planned but I expect they will have to be added to ere long. The school is recognized on the literary side by the Director of Public Instruction and is aided by that Department.

I doubt very much if even the Mission authorities have any idea of the magnitude of the work being carried on by Miss Askwith practically singlehanded. She has certainly the assistance of a very capable headmaster but he is not specially trained for work of this kind. She has also lately had a blind lady assistant sent to help in the work but that lady is necessarily handicapped by her blindness and is employed mostly in preparing text books for the literary work. In the Industrial Department excellent work of its kind is being done but it is limited in scope, and to a great extent experimental. What the school now urgently requires is a layman specially trained in some Industrial Institution for the blind, a man with some expert knowledge of what trades and occupations are best suited to the blind and the best means of teaching them. Failing such a man, I should recommend the Mission to try to secure the services of a European layman with some mechanical knowledge, and a knack of devising small mechanical devices to assist in the work. Miss Askwith has done wonders in this school, but it is developing fast and I am sure she will be the first to acknowledge that the work is now too extensive for any one person to thoroughly overtake. If the Industrial Department is to fully justify its existence an expert or experts specially trained for such work will have to be obtained, and toward the payment of such an expert I should certainly recommend a fair amount of Government grant in aid. With regard to the application for recognition of the girls' school, I certainly recommend that the girls' section be recognized but I should prefer that it should be recognised simply as a section of the boys' school. The boys' and the girls' section are for all practical purposes six different classes in the same school and I think that the whole inst

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tution ^{might} be recognised as "an industrial school for the blind".

Sd. W. Pyfe.

Inspector of Industrial Schools.

16-7-17.

/True copy/.

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Home (Ed.) Dept.

Please see Mr. Innes' do. on page 17 ante. The following draft do. to him is for approval: No. 3023A-6 & 31.7.17

Dear/uns,

In reply to your do. letter No. R.O.C 871, dated the 23rd instant, I write to say that ~~the draft~~ no orders have yet been received from the Govt of India as regards the admission of blinded Indian soldiers into the B.R.S. School for the blind at Palamcottah.

Yours sincerely

SK 31/7/17

SK 31.7.17

I think in might forward Mr. Pyfe's note to India. It will run as a letter of reminder.

Draft please.

SK 31.7.17

A draft letter is submitted.

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Letter No. 3023A-7 & 4.8.17

Home do. above + return file to me please. SK 31/7/17

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CN. 3012A. From the Govt of India
Army Dept. No. 14450926.9.

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The Govt of India do not
propose to use ~~these~~ at present
the B.N.S. school for the blind
at Palamcottah for blinded
Indian soldiers. No further
action is necessary on these
papers & they may be recorded
^(of the govt with direct's consent letter)
copy being communicated
to the collector of Tinnevely &
the Officer in charge of the
Dept. of Industries. A draft
order is submitted for approval.

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5.10.17

The Army Dept. might have made
some of their ground before
addressing us.

I approve of the draft.
But I do not think that this settles
the matter. The development of the school
apart from blinded soldiers should
be considered. Please take separate
action. Is not B.N.S. school ⁱⁿ ~~the~~
about this school?

[Lys. No. 1272 of 6.10.17]

Extract will be taken
+ a note on the question
raised by the Secretary
will be submitted
separately.

SK
11.10.17.

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CR. 3073 A. From the Principal & Manag.
C.M.C. School for the Blind, Bangalore

Please see Miss Askwith's letter
on page 22 of the current file.
A draft letter to her is submitted
for approval. She might have
been informed by the collector
by this time of the purport
of the Govt. of India's letter on
page 20 of C.F. After seeing further action

will be taken with reference to the
Secretary's note on page 20 supra

[Signature]

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Home (Education) Department.

Extract from the notes to G.O. No. 1272, Home (Education), dated the 6th October 1917.

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The development of the school (C.M.S. school for the Blind at Palameottah) apart from blinded soldiers should be considered. Please take separate action. Is not D.P.I. kept informed about this school ?

R.R.R. - 6-10-17.

The institution for the blind under the management of Miss. Askwith at Palameottah consists of the undermentioned three sections:-

- I. C.M.S. Blind school for Boys, Palameottah.
- II. C.M.S. Blind Boys' Industrial School.
- III. C.M.S. Blind School for girls, Palameottah.

The second of the two sections mentioned above is under the control of the Director of Industries; the other two are under the Department of Public Instruction. In G.O. No. 1494, Home (Education), dated 26th November 1917, the Govt. have approved the Director's proposals for the provision of additional facilities for the instruction of blind children. Mr. Fyfe, the Inspector of Industrial Schools, who inspected the institution in June last is of the opinion that ^{it} should be classed wholly as an Industrial school and placed ~~under~~ under the Director of Industries. He has also suggested the employment in the institution ^{of} specially trained layman to teach trades and occupations suitable to the

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Rectt. II-

(Revised note submitted as personally directed by the Secretary. The regretted that owing to pressure of other urgent work it could not be submitted earlier)

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Industrial school
Blind girls has also
reopened last year.
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the blind.

3 ^{and} Technical Industrial schools are now divided into two classes:-

(1) Schools in which pupils acquire general or professional knowledge including or even based upon manual or technical training of any kind but without direct regard during the period of training to any commercial considerations. Under this class come schools for teaching telegraphy, typewriting, shorthand, music, drawing, gymnastics, and commercial schools ^{and} on carpentry and manual training classes etc. These are under the Director of Public Instruction.

(2) Schools in which pupils learn to make articles which they may be expected to make in after life for a livelihood i.e., those in which the trade or the commercial element is important from the first. Pupils in such schools may also be taught such accomplishments as reading, writing, arithmetic and drawing if they ~~are~~ are necessary or desirable adjuncts to the better making or selling of the things made and if they have not been acquired beforehand. Schools of this kind are under the Director of Industries.

4 No well defined policy has however yet been framed as regards industrial schools. Attention is particularly solicited to the notes of Messrs. Couchman and Innes on pages 9 to 14 of notes to G.O. No. 164, Home (Education), dated the 13th February 1917. Mr. Couchman's views in which Mr. Innes also concurred are contained in the following extracts:-

To sum up, I propose that no change should be made in the present industrial schools till Mr. Fyfe has carefully inspected them and report^{ed} what work

work they are doing now and what use could be made of them in the educational system. I anticipate that it will be found that it should be replaced under the management of the D.P.I. and that they will be developed into manual training centres for the use of the boys of all the schools in their neighbourhood. The Industrial Dept. should have nothing to do with education as such. It ~~could~~ should however develop the system of night schools or part-time schools for working artisans and these should be opened in places where owing to the existence of industries already, there are a sufficient number of artisans to benefit by them.

5 From a communication recently received from Mr. Innes regarding the opening of ~~mechanical~~ engineering school at Cocanada, it appears that Mr. Fyfe has inspected the ~~school~~ ^{existing industrial} and that his report will shortly be submitted to Government. The whole policy of Govt. as regards industrial schools may therefore undergo change in the near future. It is submitted that no immediate action is necessary on Mr. Fyfe's ~~suggestion~~ ^{suggestion} in regard to the placing of all the sections in the institution for the blind at Palamcottah under the Director of Industries.

6 It does not also appear necessary that Govt. should move in the matter of ~~the~~ employment of an expert for teaching trades in the institution. Mr. Innes has not commented on the suggestion and he may left to take such action as may be considered necessary.

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Pages 17-19 & 20

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S. J. P. 17.12.17

Has the D.P. any suggestions in the matter of control or perhaps the matter may lie over till Mr. 48 Tyne's report is received?

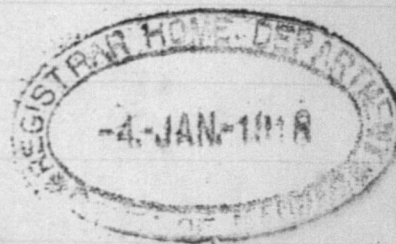
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I have had a little talk with Mr. Jones about the matter. I think it may well wait till Mr. Tyne's report is received.

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Submitted for ^{the question} ~~forward~~ ~~to the file~~ may lie over as suggested above. These notes may be of interest in your 1272 of 10

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functioned differently than when I know
anzen I do not advocate any change.
The school has a philanthropic and an
economic aspect. It seeks not to make
to add to the industrial and power of the
country as to have make its pupils
able to earn a living

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Home (Son) Sept

~~For ideas as to the way for the school~~
~~that should be taken with it.~~ Submitted
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(R) that these notes may be 'dodged' a
sketches with form 1272 of 6-10-18

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yes: after personally

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Home (con) Dept.

C. M. S. School for the blind
at Palamcottah.

Please see notes on pages 46 to 49
(R) of G.O. N^o 1272 Home (Edn), dated the
6th October 1917. The question of
placing all the sections of the
C.M.S. school for the blind at
Palamcottah under the control
of one officer (the S.P.I or the
Director of Industries) was allowed
to lie over till Mr. Dyke's report
on industrial schools in this
Presidency was received. Orders
on Mr. Dyke's report were issued
(P) in G.O. N^o 723 Home (Edn), dated the
6th June 1918. His remarks on
the Palamcottah school were
(P) as below: -

"A special school requiring special treatment. It is rather difficult to separate the industrial department from the educational dept. in this institution. The institution is developing fast - to to to"

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In view of these remarks it is
for consideration whether any
action should now be taken for
bringing the whole school under
the ~~management~~ control
of one Department. ^{By the Dept. of Industries} The D.P.I.
may perhaps be consulted re-
please see his note on page
49 of notes to go. 1272 Home (255),
dated the 6th October 1917.

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May go to D.P.I. no?

DPD 7/18

MS 7/18

What I note W.D. Jones about was the
General feeling of industrial schools
being under him or me & we came to
no conclusion though he was rather
inclined to favour the latter.

I gather that now he has a W type
he is prepared to keep the industrial schools,
and W type agrees with the work of
some overlapping. The Polam school
School or schools for the blind seems
to be a case of the kind and as no

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Wm Brown

To The collector of diuvelly
to the officer in charge of (a gen. 3012 A
the Dept of India (order)

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