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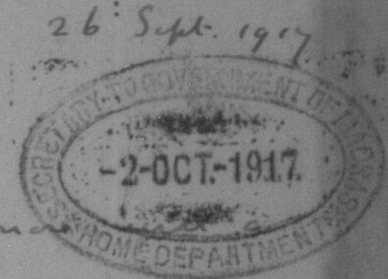
Grant.

Recording papers regarding the possibility of a Government
towards the purchase of Hanson's Gardens for the Women's Christian
College, Madras.

The Women's Christian College

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TELEPHONE: No. 58
PRINCIPAL: MISS McDOUGALL, M.A.

College Road
Madras, S. W.



Dear Lord Pentland

May I trouble you once more to request for advice about a matter which is causing us great anxiety? Your Excellency may remember that the compound of Dorton House, which is now our property, was reduced long before it came into our possession by a large piece being cut out along the main road, between our two front gates. This land, called Hanson's Gardens, has a bungalow in it which is at present rented by Mr. Conchman I.C.S. We hear that the property is about to be sold, and we are very anxious to indeed, for two reasons, first because we need the land ourselves and may not for many years have another opportunity of buying it, and still more because of the possibility of undesirable neighbours who might very seriously disturb our privacy and peace.

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There is no barrier between the two properties except a screen of vegetation and we should be obliged to build a wall, which would probably prove quite inadequate as a defence.

All our Council and every friend whom we have consulted are strongly of the opinion that we ought to make every effort to secure this property at once. We could do so only by postponing indefinitely the construction of the third floor of our new building & devoting the money thus saved to this other purpose. It appears probable that we could use the bungalow in Hanson's Gardens as our Science building and so continue to use for residence the rooms in Dorset House which we intended to give up to the Science Department. Other adjustments would be necessary, but we can see our way to making them, and the compensating advantages of acquiring the land and bungalow of Hanson's Gardens would far outweigh any temporary inconvenience.

Right I ask you Excellency whether there is any possibility that Government would help us to the acquisition of Hanson's Gardens & a grant. I think it ~~can~~ is a case that can

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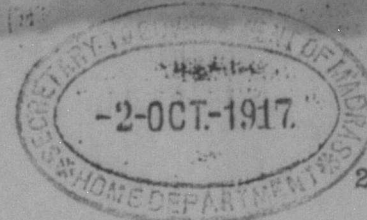
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being be called legitimate development. We have the
authority of our Council to make the purchase if
possible, but though we have been most generously
helped by our friends in England and America
with funds for our new building we cannot
undertake the whole cost of the purchase
ourselves.

Should you Excellency encourage us to do so
we will make a formal application to the
Director of Public Instruction, submitting maps,
plans, estimates, & details as to our own financial
possibilities, without delay. I did not wish to
trouble you Excellency with such details at the
moment, but merely to state the general case.

With many thanks for your unfailing sympathy
in the past

I am
Yours sincerely
Eleonora McDougall



GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Ootacamund

2nd October 1917.

My dear Ramachandra Rao,

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I am to send you the accompanying letter received by His Excellency from Miss McDougall regarding the possibility of a Government grant towards the purchase of "Hanson's Gardens" for the Women's Christian College and to ask you to have the matter examined.

Yours sincerely,

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The Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao Avl.,
Secretary to Government, Home (Edcn.) Dept.,
Stonehouse Hill, Ootacamund.

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Home (Edn) Department

The Women's Christian College has already been promised the following grants:-

Go No. 5988 6. 5. 17. (4)	① For hostel buildings	£ 67,452.
" " 5998 6. 5. 17. (I)	② For science apparatus & chemicals.	5,199.
" " 921 12. 7. 17. (J)	③ For gas plant, water supply &c.	5,074.
	Total.	<u>77,715</u>

2. The further application now received for a grant towards the purchase of Hanson's Garden may be forwarded to the S.P.D. no. for remarks in the first instance.

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I am entirely against this suggestion. They have plenty of land and can build on it all that is necessary - they have been promised a plot for their hostel & should be required to complete it. I would recommend them for building a wall which is quite necessary.

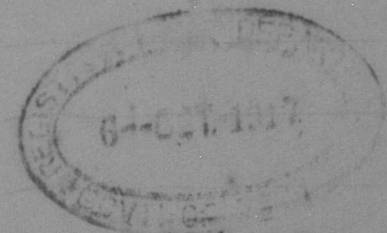
2. When it was proposed to require house building in the area for the increasing number of students it was found that the Government ought not to diminish the already meagre supply of residences in the area.

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I believe that people who are members of the X'tian Women's College Council look this way. Hanson's father is one of the best remaining houses for senior officers of Government and I do not think that Government can properly support a scheme that will deprive them of it. The purchase of Condon House and the other house could be justified on the ground that neither of these is a first class tenancy of the kind I mention. Hanson's father is quite in a different position.

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Home (Gen) Department

Submitted that the papers may be forwarded to the P.S.G. no. with reference to his d.o. on the ~~previous~~ first page.

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It seems to me that our own College has a greater claim on State funds than the Women's X'tian College. We have already sanctioned a considerable amount of money in grants.

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