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[Despatch Abstract.]

Madras College for Women.

Approving the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to provide for the teaching of science in the ——— and requesting the Chief Engineer to arrange at a very early date, for the preparation of the plans and estimates for the buildings required for the purpose.

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H O M E DEPARTMENT.
(EDUCATION)

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Subject.

Submitting with recommendation copy of letter from the Principal, Madras College for Women, urging the necessity for starting science teaching in the college.

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Ref on Cur No. 1058/1917.

Station Camp. Ootacamund, Dated the 12th May 1917.

From (Name) The Hon. Mr. J. H. Stone M.A. C.I.E. F.R.S.
(Designation) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

H O M E Department.
(EDUCATION)

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith a letter from the Principal, Madras College for Women, urging the necessity for starting with as little delay as may be science teaching in the college. I entirely agree with her and submit for the consideration of Government whether as a necessary preliminary it would not be possible to take on hand at once the construction of the central block for the college which is intended to be built between the existing new building and the northern block recently begun.

I have already had some communications with the Public Works Department about this central block and it is

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Estimated not yet sanctioned. (P.W.D.) is handling the file.
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intended that it should contain Physical and Natural Science laboratories and class rooms sufficient for the Intermediate and B.A. Pass courses. Should Government be willing to entertain the idea of pushing on this building I suggest that the Public Works Department may be asked to complete the plan for it with expedition and that this should be done even pending a decision on the main question.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

Director of Public Instruction.

M. S. S.

Copy of letter from the Principal, Madras College for Women, Cur No. 51 of 1917, dated 7th February 1917.

I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to arrange for providing for science courses in this college. At present the students attend the Presidency College for instruction in science subjects. The following are the grounds on which I urge the provision for science course.

(1.) Certain girls are deterred from entering this college if they have to go to the Presidency College for instruction in science subjects, e.g., the Brahmin widows from the Brahmin Widows' Home are taking up science in their school course and they will not be willing to continue their studies at the Presidency College.

(2.) I expect far more girls to get through their course successfully if they have their own laboratories and tutors. The present system, even with a special tutor, is not working satisfactorily.

(3.) Female students taking the B.A. course in science at the Presidency College complain to me of the difficulty they feel in studying alone for necessary laboratory work.

(4.) The absence of such a course in this college also places us at a disadvantage with regard to the Women's Christian College.

2. In each of the last three years from 35 to 40 per cent of the total number of students were taking up Groups I and II and the progress of such students does not compare at all favourably with that of the students of Group III and this is largely due to the present system of sending our students to the Presidency College where individual attention is not altogether possible.

3. The matter is important, not merely as affecting the

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interests of this college, but as affecting the whole question
of the much needed supply of women doctors for India.

(True Copy)

J. K. J. K.

Director of Public Instruction.

M. S. S.

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Home (Edn) Dept.

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NOTES.

Again G.O., No. , dated 190
Current No. from the , No. , dated 190
Current No. 247 B. from the A.P. , No. 105817, dated 12-5-1907.

SUBJECT Provision for Science teaching in the
Madras College for Women.

(iii) Ancient history, modern history,
Sanskrit, Latin, French, Sanskrit,
Tamil, Telugu, Canarese & Mal.
-alam.
(v) History & Economics.

- The Madras College for Women is affiliated to the University of Madras in group (iii) of the Intermediate courses of study and group (v) of the
- (F) B.A. Degree Course - G.O. No. 1424 Edn. dt. the 14-12-14
- (G) and G.O. No. 394 Home (Edn) dt. the 22-3-17. The A.P. now proposes that provision for the teaching of Science should also be made in the College.
2. At present the students of the college ^{who have} ~~have to~~ taken up Science ^{have to} go to the Presidency College where a Science teacher on Rs 100 p.m. is employed for that purpose - Cf. G.O. No. 350 Home (Edn) dt. the 13-3-17. The conveyance charges of those students are also met by the Govt. - vide G.O. No. 872 Home (Edn), dt. the 14-8-16. The Principal of the college points out the inconvenience of the arrangement in her letter on pages 304 of C.F. and urges that provision should be made in the college itself for ^{instruction in} Science ~~teaching~~. The D.P.D. entirely agrees with her.
3. As regards the Principal's statement that the

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absence of such a course in the college places it at a disadvantage with regard to the Women's Christian College, attention is solicited to pages 68-69 of Vol. II of the University Calendar for 1917. In the latter, provision is made for instruction in Natural Science and mathematics and by special arrangements the students attend the Wesley College for lectures and practical work in Physics and Chemistry. Arrangements are being made for offering instruction in groups i + ii and the college is expected to be affiliated in these groups shortly. In G.O. No. 599 Sd. dt the 6.5.17 the Govt. have also sanctioned a grant of Rs 5789 to this college towards the purchase of Science apparatus and chemicals. If, as is expected, the Women's Christian College is affiliated to the University ^(in Science) in the near future, it will draw away some of the Women's college students, and the disadvantages complained of ~~is therefore~~ ^{is therefore} real.

4. His Excellency the Governor has already drawn attention to this fact in his note on page 2 of notes to G.O. No. 598 Sd. dt the 6.5.17. In the circumstances the need for the provision of Science teaching in the college ~~has been~~ ^{has been} established. It is ~~therefore submitted that~~ ^{therefore submitted that} the new building ~~is imperative~~ ^{is imperative} and ~~with~~ ^{with} required for the purpose ~~may be proceeded~~ ^{may be proceeded} at once. The P.W.D. may be requested to arrange for the preparation of plans and estimates at ~~an~~ ^{an} early

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Please see also pages
of notes with fo. no. 1354. Public & 16.10
para. 3 of the Honble Sir Alexander
Caird's note, of the 16th December 1914
page 6 of notes with fo. no. 545. Public,
the 5th April 1915. The need for the
provision of science teaching at the
College for women has already been
admitted. A separate block of build-
ings for the purpose is the first
requisite, especially as the existing
arrangement of instruction at
the Presidency College is reported to be
utterly inadequate and unsuited.
For the latter reason ~~there~~
and in view of the fact that
College for women is making
arrangements in that
matter is imperatively
2. As Financial have
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the file may be for

of hostel arrangements and class accommodation which the existing buildings cannot provide & will not be available for the new science block.

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It is unnecessary to belabour the obvious necessity of providing science education in a Women's College especially in India.

2 H.E. has already passed orders. In answer to a letter to the D.P. I ^{pointing} ~~pointing~~ on him the necessity to provide science building the advisability of doing it. When the present building operations are going on he has stated he is taking steps. He showed me some plans. First find out at what stage the estimating stands & when it will be completed.

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P.W.D.

D.S.

Please see the linked file. ^{for a three storied building} Sketch plans and an approximate statement of cost amounting to Rs 1,74,000 were prepared in the Chief Engineer's office and sent to the D.P. I for further

H.E. has already passed orders. In answer to a letter to the D.P. I on 27.4.17 on page 2 of M.L. to 598 Home (S.D.) 86-5-17 (S)



Home (S.D.) No. 247 B-1
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* including electric lights & sanitary fittings but excluding laboratory & lecture room fittings

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further information about details before starting the preparation of detailed plans and estimate for the work. The D. P. I has furnished the necessary information to be supplemented later on by Miss Delahey when she comes back. The preparation of detailed plans and estimates is about to be started and the matter will be treated as very urgent. With these remarks the file may be returned to the ^{Home} (Educational) Dept. in.

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Home (80.) Dept.

The file may now be forwarded to the Financial Dept. for perusal with reference to 'K' on page 2 above.

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Re: How can the financial promise any unless the DPR gives an idea what it can spend in the next year?

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V.I.O. No. 363
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The object of sending the file at this stage to Financial is not to ask them to allot funds immediately, but to let them know in advance that there is to be a call for funds to enable them to note the claim in their Registers. This will help them to adjust ~~the~~ the several demands ~~for~~ ~~for~~ on their reserve with reference to their urgency.

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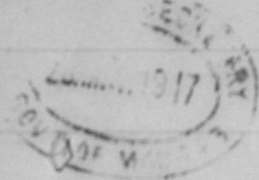
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Accommodation for the teaching of Science in the Madras College for Women.

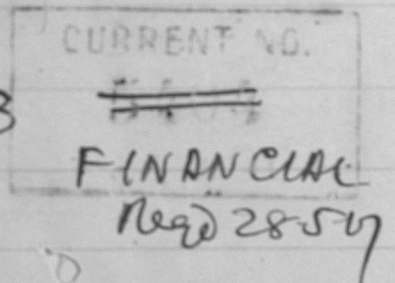
Home (Educ.) Consider that the buildings are urgently needed - vide para: 1 on page 3 ante.

2. It is estimated that the total cost of the buildings would amount approximately to 1.74 lakhs - vide P.W.D. note on page 4 ante. Detailed plans and estimates for the work are



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x I don't think we will spend any. Being like this this year

about to be prepared (page 5 ante). The expenditure which will be incurred by the P.W.D. on the work in the current year may, it is submitted, be noted as a demand against the reserve with Financial.

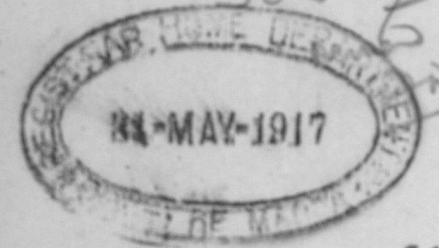
3 The case may be returned to Home (Educⁿ) after perusal.

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A draft order is submitted for approval.

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Approving the proposal of the D.P.O to provide for the teaching of science in the _____ and requesting the Ch. Engineer to arrange, at a very early date, for the preparation of the plans and estimates for the buildings required for the purpose.

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C. No. 247 B, From the 259, No. 658717 dated 12-5- 1917.

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No. 737, dated 7. 6. 1917.

Miss

The Govt. approve the proposal of the S.P.D. to provide for the teaching of Science in the Madras College for Women and, as a preliminary step in that direction, to proceed immediately with the construction of the buildings required for the purpose. The Chief Engineer, P.W.D. is requested to arrange for the preparation, in consultation with the S.P.D., of the necessary plans and estimates, at a very early date.

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