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[Despatch Abstract.]

Grant.

Sanctioning subject to remarks a ----- of Rs.3,000
towards the cost of improving the Madras Christian College play
ground on the beach.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Requesting sanction of Government for ~~the grant of~~ half-grant not exceeding Rs.3000 for the improvements of the Beach Recreation ground of the Madras Christian College.

ENCLOSURES.

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A.C. No. 2755/17

Station Madras, Dated the 23rd November 1917

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. J. N. Stone, M.A., F.R.H.S.,
C.I.B.,
(Designation) Director of Public Instruction.

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

Sir,

The Bursar, Madras, Christian College, proposes to make certain improvements to the Beach recreation ground so as to make it more suitable for athletics and applies for a half-grant of Rs.3000/- for the purpose, vide his letters No.248 dated 30-3-17 and 288 dated 18-10-1917 (copies enclosed). The ground in question belongs to the military authorities and it has been given to the college subject to the condition that it should be vacated on 24 hours' notice. A sketch plan of the ground and an estimate for the proposed

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proposed improvements are herewith submitted. It will be seen that the estimate amounts to Rs.10,390; but the Bursar states that, by reducing the height to which ^{the} ground is to be raised, the amount could be reduced to Rs.6000/-. In these circumstances, I have the honour to recommend that a grant not exceeding Rs.3000 may be sanctioned for the purpose. It is true that the ground is held on uncertain tenure, but the improvements are so desirable that I consider that this recommendation is justified.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. G. Ariene

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Copy of letter No.248 dated 30th March 1917 from the Bursar, Madras Christian College to the Director of Public Instruction.

As authorised by the College council, I have the honour to apply for a grant-in-aid of the expenditure which the college proposes to incur in putting its Beach recreation ground in condition for play. The ground assigned to the college on the fore shore covers an area of 200 by 140 yards. A beginning was made with the eastern part of this some years ago and in the effort to lay it out the college expended over Rs.3000/-. But the work was not completed because of various obstacles which the college had to encounter. Finally in 1914 the chairman of the Port Trust proposed to Government the alienation of this part of the ground. This alienation was agreed to by Government subject to the sanction of the military authorities but this sanction was not accorded. These negotiations occupied a period of fourteen months with the result that the ground had meanwhile become so much of a No-man's land that in order to make it a suitable athletic ground a heavy expenditure would have to be incurred. But at an estimated cost of Rs.6000/- the western part of the ground may be laid out for football and hockey: and it is in support of this scheme that the present application is made.

2 The need for a recreation ground in such a position is obvious. On the rolls of the College there are 889 students and on those of the school 918 pupils. Many of these live in Georgetown, in College or other hostels, or with their relatives. And there are many living in other parts of the town who would gladly remain for an afternoon game. In the absence of a practice ground it is difficult to prevent sport becoming identified with matches.

3 The College had made every endeavour during the last twenty years to provide a suitable athletic ground on the Beach. It has spent over Rs.11,000/- and has not been deterred by a series of obstacles which have seriously

handicapped the physical side of college life.

It will be a satisfaction to the College Council as well as an encouragement to the physical activities of the students if you can see your way to recommend Government to sanction a grant to the college of Rs.3000/-.

Copy of letter No.288 dated 18th October 1917 from the Bursar, Madras Christian College to the Director of Public Instruction.

With reference to your proceedings R.C.No.2755/17 dated 27-4-17, I have the honour to state that the Beach Ground referred to is a piece of the foreshore, 598 feet by 417 feet situated to the south of South Springhaven Road. It belongs to the Military Authorities who refused to allow its alienation to the Madras Port Trust. (See G.O.Marine, No.254 of 30th July 1915. Letter of G.O.C Southern Brigade No.5487/3 (Q.1) of 10th December 1915. Letter of Chairman of Madras Port Trust No.G 2006 of 24th February 1916). According to the agreement of the College with the Government the College must be prepared to vacate the ground on 24 hours' notice. By the action of the military authorities in refusing to sanction the alienation of the ground, the College is encouraged to believe that the tenure of the ground is somewhat more secure than it has been in the past notwithstanding the conditions on which it is held by the College.

2. The ground in the People's Park assigned to the college and the S.P.C High school jointly was handed over by the Inspector of Schools, Fourth Circle, on the 11th August 1917. The ground had been made up by Government, and the two institutions were preparing to lay down two foot-ball pitches which would be available after Michaelmas. But within five weeks of the time when the ground was handed over and without any reference having been made to the College, men were at work on the ground preparing it for the forthcoming exhibition. According to the conditions laid down the ground is the joint property of the two institutions subject to one month's notice to quit. As a matter of fact the information

conveyed in your Proceedings R.C.No.10329/13 dated 3rd October 1917 was not a notice to quit but simply a statement from the Superintending Engineer of the V Circle that the ground had been taken over. The letter of the Engineer is dated the 26th September 1917, eleven days after I saw work begun on the ground although at that time I thought the workmen were putting a barricade round our ground. After the exhibition is over the ground will have to be made up again; we had hoped that it might be ready for the football season of 1917-18 but it cannot now be ready till the following season. It is obvious that the college has no real control of this ground and that it would be useless to begin sports on it or incur expense on its preparation for games. The present occupation of the ground is stated to be temporary; in the first letter it is said that the Exhibition will require the land till about the middle or end of January, in the second, (written 9 days later) till the middle or the end of February. When the exhibition is over and the ground has been put right there is no assurance that the ground may not be required at any time temporarily for a public purpose. The College would respectfully urge that it should be given a fixed tenure such as that granted to the South Indian Athletic Association.

3. With reference to para 2 I beg to state that the piece of ground in Royapuram, though very attractive in itself, is situated too far from the majority of the students to make a satisfactory school or college playing field.

(True Copies)

N. A. Arne.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Estimate for levelling Beach Ground.

Description of work	Dimension			Area	Total	per	Rate			Amount		
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Raising the ground by laying one foot more bamboo and six inches compact earth in- cluding levelling watering etc.	450'	300'	1½'	202500 c.ft.	202500 c.ft.	100 c.ft.	5	-	-	10125	-	-
Clearing the shrubs and undergrowth				Lump Sum						75	-	-
Leveling the pits caused by removing shrubs and undergrowth				Lump Sum						190	-	-
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(Sd) Y. Govindarajulu Chetty,
Contractor.

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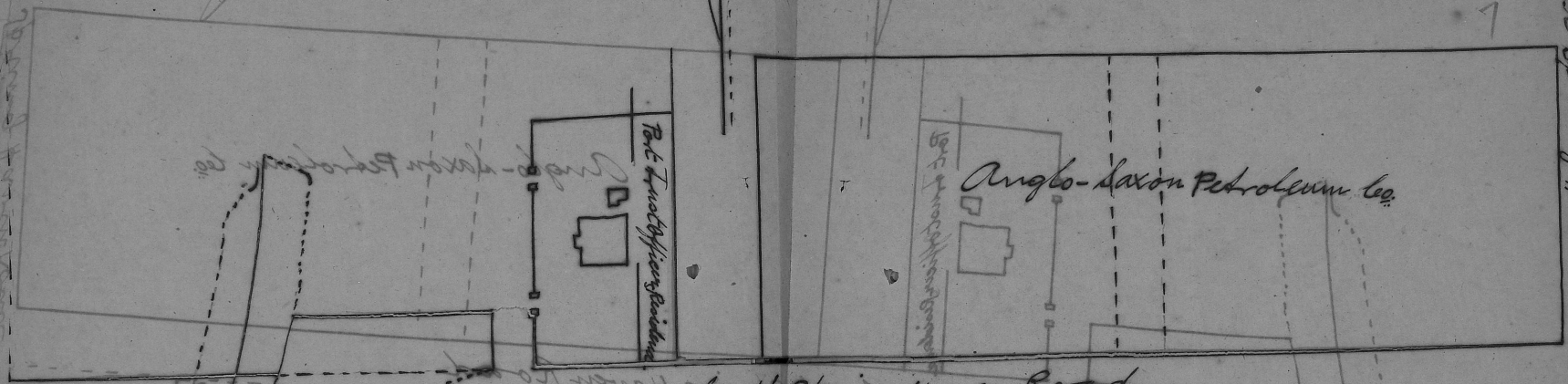
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Madras Christian College
Play Ground (Beach)

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Home (Exp) Department

Subject. Grant for improving the Christian College play ground.

[C.R. 1575 @]. From the S.D., Re No. 2755/17 dt 23. 11. 17.

Please see para. 4 of G.O. No. 254 Marine dt 20. 7. 15.

- (R) 20. 7. 15. the question regarding the Christian college play ground appears to have been considered in the papers disposed of in G.O. No. 70 Marine dt 13. 3. 16 which is not immediately available.

2. So far as this department is concerned the only objection to the payment of a grant in aid of improving the play ground is that it is held on uncertain tenure - please see

- (R) G.O. C's letter on page 14 of G.O. 254 Mar 2, 30. 7. 15 Attention is, however, solicited to para. 2 of the G.O. C's letter on page 12 of that G.O. in which he stated that though he could not guarantee undisturbed possession there was a reasonable expectation that the college would not be disturbed for a long period. This statement appears to remove the element of uncertainty on the point and on its strength the grant may perhaps be sanctioned.

3. Submitted that the file may be forwarded to the Marine Deptt No. for favour of furnishing the G.O. referred to in para. 1 above and other papers, if any and for remarks on the subject.



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Public (Marine) Dept.

For the U.S.

The ground to which improvements are now proposed by the Madras Christian College is the one sanctioned in G.O. no. 262 Marine, 16th August 1909 subject to certain conditions. These were accepted by the ^{Christian College authorities} ~~Board of the College~~ - vide G.O. no. 272 Marine, 12th September 1909.

2. In 1914 the Chairman, Madras Port Trust, proposed to alienate a portion of the above ground for the erection of a bungalow for the Deputy Port Conservator & at the same time recommended that a new area for the portion which would be taken from the College - vide pages 8-9 of notes to G.O. 254 Marine 30.7.1915. & also plan flagged K in the original of that G.O. put up. The Govt. approved this proposal subject to the sanction of ^{the} Military authorities.

3. The Madras Christian College was, however, permitted to retain its original play-ground as the military authorities refused to sanction the above proposal - please see pages 12-14 in G.O. 70 ~~Public~~ Marine, 13.3.16. The question of the grant of a new site to the College

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G.O. 254 Marine 30.7.15 - R

G.M.L.H. in the plan flagged K

M.B.C.L. in the plan K

did not therefore arise.

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4. As regards payment of grant, reference is solicited to the portion marked with blue chalk on page 9 of notes to Es.

R. 254 Marine, 30.7.16 & also to Educational Dept. note on pages 10¹¹/₁₂ of notes to the same G.O. in which the question of an Educational grant for improving a new plot of land proposed to be added to the College ground was considered. Please see in this connection portion marked "M" in the Home (Education) Dept. note at page 1 ante. The remark of the G.O.C. though primarily intended for the new plot, appears applicable as well to the existing College ground. It is submitted that this department need not ~~therefore~~ object to any grant which Home (Education) may find it possible to sanction.

5. With the above remarks the file may be returned to Home (Education) Dept.

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S.S. 91 is for the Home Dept. it is decided whether Govt. would be interested in

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Note the new plot
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sanctioning a grant for the improvement of a pond which the college held on very uncertain tenure. This Dept. is only concerned in so much as the Pat. Tent. might cover the

of for the canal shown at fig. K.

grant in future; of Est. & the College has spent money in improving it. This would be met as an additional reason against giving the grant to the Pat. Tent. The land is so close

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1. The harbour that it seems to me that - once the military authorities claims are eliminated - the Pat. should have new claim. Anything which will strengthen the College's claim ought to be guarded against. It is a pity that Indian students must have facilities for exercise forced upon them.

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cost of improving the play ground to the decision of the Home Dept., but expresses a fear that any expenditure of money on the ground will give the college authorities a stronger claim to retain the land and points that anything which will strengthen the college's claim ought to be guarded against.

2. Though there is force in what is said above the interests of the Military department ^{as well as the State} have been sufficiently guarded by the terms of G.O.

(N) No. 262 Mar of the 16. 8. 09. Clause (6) of para. 1 of that G.O. states that the ground will be resumed at any time by Govt. without reason stated and that it shall be vacated by the college without claim to compensation on any account. This condition has been accepted by the college

(V) authorities - G.O. No. 272 Mar of the 1. 9. 09. ^(It is) ~~this condition in the order~~ binding on the college authorities even when they spend money on the land hereafter and if necessary, it may be specifically stated in the G.O. sanctioning the grant that the payment of grant gives no ~~substantive~~ claim to the college on the land and that the possession thereof is strictly governed by the conditions laid down in the G.O. referred to above. In recommending the grant the S.P.D. recognises the uncertain nature of the tenure but he states that the improvements are so desirable that

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his recommendation is justified.

3. It is for consideration whether the grant of Rs 3,000 recommended by the D.P. may, in the circumstances, be sanctioned.

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The Christian College suffers from want of a play ground. The plot of land in the People's Park assigned to the school department is not yet available, having been utilized for the exhibition temporarily. There is no immediate prospect of the land being ordinarily needed by the Military or assigned to the Port Trust Board. The College will therefore ^{in the present} be left in possession of the ground. It is rather hard that ~~the school~~ such an important institution as the Christian College should be ~~with out a play ground~~ ^{ill-}equipped in the matter of play ground and that the land which is in its possession is unfit to be used as one. It is quite unlikely that the College in its present situation can ever hope to secure an alternative ground. It seems therefore impracticable that the College should be assisted in setting about improving the ground which it ~~is~~ holds and make it usable.

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The amount proposed for outlay on this object is not very large, being about Rs. 3000. With this expenditure the College could secure a serviceable play ground for the students even for a few years the money would have been well spent. The grant of Rs. 3000 may, it is not? be sanctioned. This grant in aid will not affect the tenure on which the land is held by the College.

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While readily admitting the preferential right of the Military and the Marine to the ground, I think that enough has been stated above to justify the grant from an Educational point of view. The conditions of grant will be clearly enunciated.

I am for sanctioning the grant.

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Submitted that the draft order may be perused & the file returned to Home (Education) - ~~with~~ ~~minutes~~.

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DEPARTMENT

Sanctioning, subject to remarks, a ~~grant~~ of Rs 3,000 toward the cost of improving the Madras Christian College play-ground on the beach.

READ AGAIN G.O. No. 262 Marine, dated the 16th 8. 1909. (R)

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 1518B, From the APJ, No. 2755/17, dated the 23. 11. 1917.

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ORDER.

His

No. 92, dated 28.1.1918

The Govt. are pleased to sanction a grant not exceeding one half of the actual expenditure not Rs 3,000/- towards the cost of improving the land on the beach which has been granted to the authorities of the Madras Christian College to be used as a play-ground ~~for~~^(This sanction is) ~~conveyed to~~ the College. On the distinct understanding that neither the payment of the Grant nor the expenditure of college funds thereon ~~and the land~~ will give the institution any claim to the land and that its possession by the College will be strictly in accordance with the terms of G.O. No. 262 mad/68.

Public (marine) Dept (Hto)

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