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[Despatch Abstract.]

Acquisition of land.

Propping the question of compulsory acquisition of land required for the extension of the Hindu Theological High School, Madras.

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No.

Ref. on Cur. No. 10074/26.

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Station Madras, Dated the 15th January 1917

From (Name) The Hon. Mr. J. H. 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,

In submitting herewith a copy of letter No. 214 dated 4th December 1916 of the Correspondent, Hindu Theological High School, Madras, I have the honour to state that the school stands in urgent need of additional accommodation and that of the various alternative proposals suggested the one relating to the acquisition of houses Nos. 142 and 22 on the Northern side of the existing school building seems to be the best. This conclusion I arrived at as the result of an inspection in situ. The acquisition of these two houses by private negotiations is said to be impossible. I therefore recommend that they may be acquired

Papers of other departments.

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Your most obedient servant,

G. Viswanathan

P.V.S.

11.1.17

For Director of Public Instruction.

Sir,

In continuation of my Letter No. 837 of 1914

26th October 1914 and with reference to the marginally-noted communications, I have the honour to state that both the

1. The Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction Dis.No.7150 of 16 dated 26-10-16.
2. Letter from the Inspector, 4th Circle, Madras, R.O.No.547 of 16 dated the 2nd instant and
3. His reminder thereon, dated the 20th instant.

(department and the school committee are agreed as to the absolute necessity for

extending the school premises. By way of specially bringing to remembrance the many defects which are periodically pointed out by you and which the committee are anxious to remedy, I quote hereunder extracts from the Inspection Reports for 1915-16 and 1916-17 relating to accommodation:

Report for 1915-16.

The number of sections has increased by one. This has made the school more crowded. The school should not form any more sections until it increases its accommodation (Page 9 of the Report.)

(Accommodation) quite insufficient for all the classes located in the building and this has been continuing for some years past. Matters are getting worse because the number of sections is increasing. In 1913 it was 15, last year 17 and this year 18. Very few of the rooms are really suitable as class rooms; the majority are either too small of bad shape or made inconvenient by the presence of pillars. Some by their proximity to two or more classes are rendered very noisy. The drawing and writing class-rooms are too small. There is some proposal of extension by acquiring a neighbouring house but nothing definite has been arrived at yet. (page 17)

The drawing room is too small and inconveniently shaped; besides, pillars and poles hide the view of the black board from some pupils. The space available is very limited and small for drill. Games are practically non-existent, there being no play-ground for the school (Page 28).

Your most obedient servant,

10/11 school work possible

to submit hereunder two proposals of extension for your consideration -- one of new construction and the other of acquisition of adjacent houses.

New construction. This, if decided upon, should be upon the ground where now stands the tiled shed to the west in the rear of the school house, because the other portions of the school premises are already two storeyed and cannot stand any more super structure which fact has been demonstrated by trial pits made and examined by competent men. The shed should be demolished and nothing less than a three storeyed building will meet the requirements of the school. But there are a number of difficulties and objections to be met with in adopting this course.

Firstly, the drill ground adjoining the shed will have to be encroached upon to the extent of 9 feet to form part of verandah of the new structure as per plans, with the result that the play ground which is already too small for squad drill and kindergarten games will be made smaller still and practically useless for any school purpose.

Secondly three big live trees -- mango, margosa, and country almond -- which stand within this eight feet width will have to be felled down. This would mean that the open space will have no shelter from the glare and heat of the noon day sun.

Thirdly, while the original estimates accompanying the plans were for Rs.20,000 the revised estimates -- necessitated by the war prices of building materials which are 75 per cent higher than

northern side will be

this long wall -- which at present does not have any way, window or hole and therefore is responsible for making fresh morning faces of the boys pale and lifeless in the evening after their stay of six hours -- can be made to have a number of doorways and windows for allowing more light and air. In this connection, I shall only appeal to your experience during inspection these last two years.

(1) One house on the southern side, belonging to Vindaliar B.A., B.L., and having its front entrance Naick Street (Door No. 100/101) which runs at right angles to Mint Street, may be purchased. This house has in its rear between which and the school compound an easily established by opening a small passage and doorway in the southern wall of the playground. This course would easily connect houses opening on two streets and thus render unnece-

Some for some subjects, pupils will have to cross the Mint street on which wheeled traffic is ever heavy.

iv. Some waste of time will ensue when arranging for work on some occasions, if not always.

3. But a difficulty, though happily not an insurmountable one, to a department of Government, remains; and that is the unwillingness of the owners of these houses to sell them. Considering the present prohibitive cost of iron and timber and the freedom of building during the war and perhaps even a few years after its termination, and also the fact that the extension will not cost us anything like the sum shown in the estimates, I would strongly urge acquisition rather than purchase to your favourable notice and request you to interfere in the matter and obtain for the school any adjacent houses in one of the four ways as may commend itself to your approval. The public institution is supreme and their owners to part with their property.

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while the convenience of a private individual should be as nothing compared to it is my only excuse for approaching you with a request for strong and righteous interference. I should however reiterate here the view -- which view is not only my own but also that of the whole school committee and of the Headmaster who were all consulted in the matter -- that of all these four possible ways of acquiring houses, by far the most advantageous and therefore the best way in all respects will be the taking over of the two houses mentioned in the first sub para on page 3.

4. In conclusion, I shall be highly thankful to you if you will kindly accept my invitation and be so good as to come to my school with the Director and personally inspect its premises and adjacent sites on the spot. You will then be able to study the locality with the help of the plans and be in a position to decide between the two ways of extension and, should your choice be for acquisition, recommend the particular mode by which it may be made. I also request you to appoint a day and hour for the inspection.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

/Sd/ Gokul Das Govindan Das.

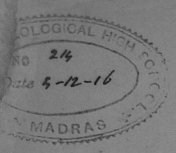
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G. Govindan Das

For Director of Public Instruction.

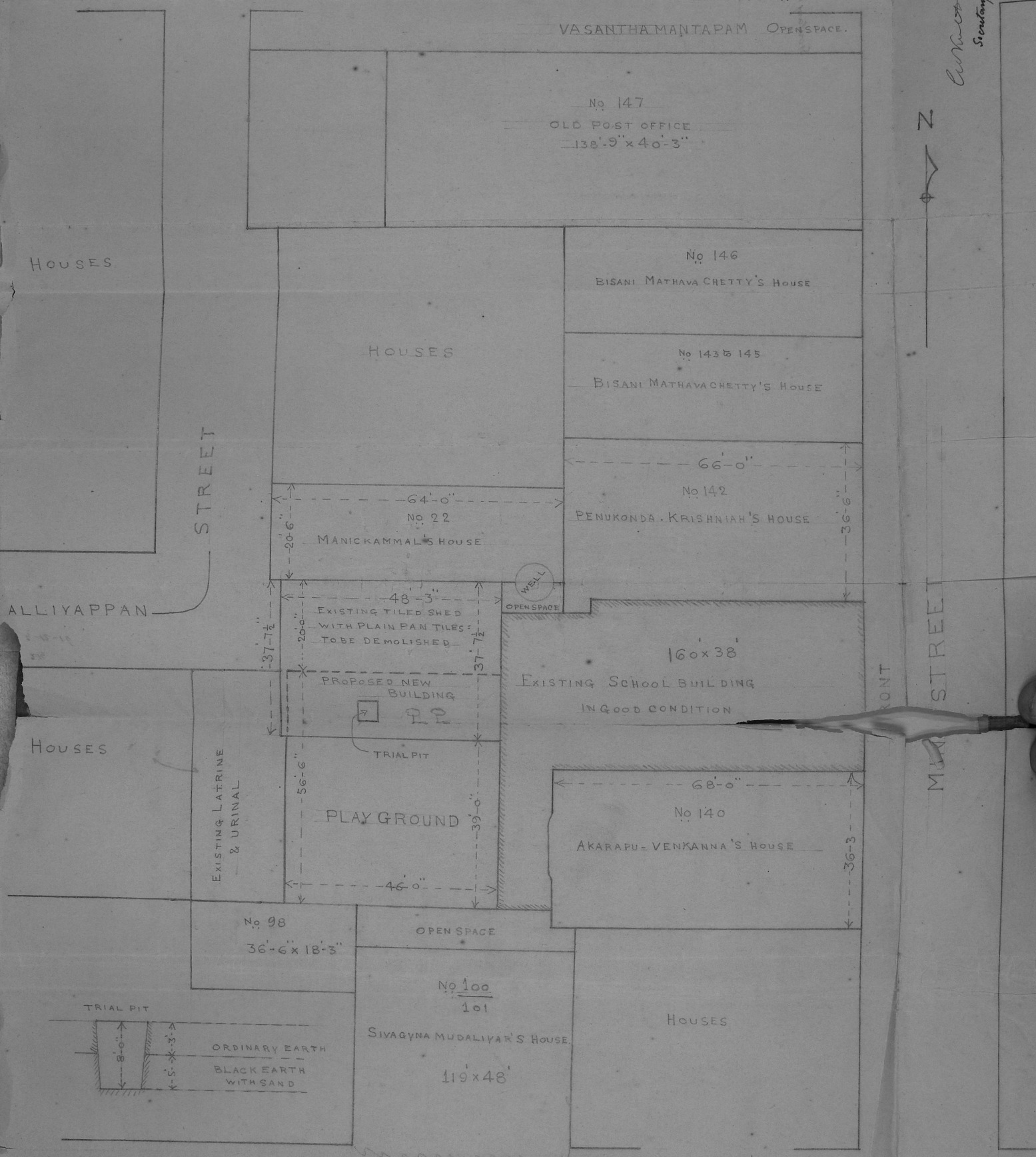
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11.1.17.



SITE PLAN
OF
THE HINDU THEOLOGICAL HIGH SCHOOL
MADRAS.

SCALE 1-IN = 16 FT.



*Curriculum & over the road
Secretary & Correspondent*



MURTHY STREET

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AUDIYAPPA NAICK STREET.

[C. 180 Eor]

Home (Est) Dept.

Encl. No. 180-1

22.1.17

Referred to the collector of Madras for remarks as to
(1) whether the owners of the houses, which it is proposed to acquire under the Land Acquisition Act, have any, and if so, what objections to their acquisition;

(2) whether any serious difficulties stand in the way of the authorities of the school purchasing the houses by private negotiations; and

(3) whether a valid and clear title to the houses cannot be secured otherwise than through the application of the Land Acqn Act.

2- The Collector is also requested to report the approximate ^(acquisition) cost of the houses ^{in question} ~~proposed to be acquired~~

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The collector of Madras with C.F. in original to be returned with reply.

Recd with Encl. 22.1.17

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23.3.1917

Subject.

Submitting report on the acquisition of houses
for the extension of the Hindu Theological High
School.

For Regr.

Home (Edu.) Dept.

This may lie over the final
report promised in the last para overleaf
is received.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

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No. 58/184/17

Station MADRAS, Dated the 21st MARCH 1917.

From (Name) M. YOUNG Esq., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of Madras,

To The Secretary to Government,

Home (Education) Department.

Sir,

With reference to the reminder from Government
dated the 12th March 1917 to its Endorsement No. 180-1 Edu-
cation dated the 22nd January 1917, I have the honour to
report as follows:--

2. House No. 142, Mint street, one of the two
houses which it is proposed to acquire for providing addi-
tional accommodation for the Hindu Theological High School,
Madras, contains costly superstructures with electric
fittings and their valuation as estimated by the revenue
subordinates cannot be taken as correct. I have accord-
ingly addressed the Executive Engineer, North Presidency Divi-
sion to furnish me with a valuation of the building.

3. P.K.Venkayya Chetti, who owns this house and carries out, on business therein, also owns house No. 398, Mint Street, in which the Sowcarpet Post Office is at present located. He objects to the proposed acquisition and states that he will be obliged to terminate the lease to the Postal Department of his house No. 398, if the acquisition of No. 142 is proceeded with. If the owner takes up the house occupied by the Post Office no claim for compensation will arise on the score of loss of earnings. I have addressed the Superintendent of Post Offices to furnish me with information as to the period up to which the lease runs and whether any inconvenience will be felt by the Postal Department in securing other suitable accommodation in case the owner insists on terminating the lease of the present building.

4. On receipt of replies from the Executive Engineer and the Superintendent of Post Offices, I shall submit my final report in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

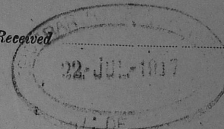
Edw. H. Bower

for Collector.

21/3/17

21.3.17

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Subject.

Submitting report on the acquisition of houses for the Hindu Theological High School, Madras.

Home (Sd) Department

For the Regt.

Submitted that the report of the Collector of Madras promised in para. 4 of his letter on the previous page may be awaited

24.7.17

Masses of security at Government House

No. 10074/16

Station M A D R A S , Dated the 20th JULY 1917

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From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. Stone, M.A., F.R.H.S. C. I. E.

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
H O M E (E d u c a t i o n) D e p a r t m e n t .

Sir,

In continuation of my letter R.C.No.10074/16 dated 15th January 1917, in connection with the acquisition of certain houses for the Hindu Theological High School, Madras, I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of letter No. L.R.-347 dated 19th June 1917 of the Postmaster-General, Madras, suggesting the desirability of abandoning the acquisition of house No.142 and to state as follows:-

From the Correspondent's letter dated 16th July 1917 (copy enclosed with sketch), it is seen that the owner of house No.142 possesses in addition to the present post office building, another house No.147 --

which he can use for his own purposes. It is also seen from one of the enclosures to this letter that, within 10 yards of the present post office building, another building is available, if suitable, for the post office. It is thus clear that neither the interest of the postal department -- nor of the owner of house No. 142 will suffer by acquiring house No. 142. If the postal authorities find the present post office building more suitable and if the owner is unwilling to renew the lease, it should be possible to have it acquired under the Act. In these circumstances, I consider that in the interest of the school the acquisition of house No. 142 recommended in my letter R.C.No. 10074/16 dated 15th January, 1917 should be proceeded with.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. A. Arive.

For Director of Public Instruction

CCOEY to the Postmaster-General, Madras, for information.

M. S. V.

Copy of letter from the Postmaster-General, No. LR-547, dated the 19th June 1917.

I have the honour to say that the post office at Sowcarpet (Madras) is located in a private building the lease of which expired on the 31st May 1917.

2. The landlord, Mr. P. K. Venkiah Chetty is unwilling to execute a fresh lease, on the ground that another house No. 142, Mint Street, Madras, owned by him opposite to the post office premises, which is now used as his place of business is proposed to be acquired by your Department for providing additional accommodation to the Hindu Theological High School, Madras, and that, if this becomes an accomplished fact, he would require this Department to vacate the post office premises for his own use.

3. Endeavours were, therefore, made to secure --- another house for the post office but as there is absolutely no other building in the locality suitable for our purpose, it may be necessary eventually to close the post office, should the landlord insist on our vacating the present building.

4. This step is not, however, desirable, as ~~xxx~~ - SOWCARPET is an important locality in Madras, where a post office is essential for the mercantile community and other residents of the place.

5. In these circumstances, I would request the favour of being informed if, in the interests of this -- Department, the idea of acquiring the proposed building -- cannot be abandoned thereby allowing the post office to remain where it is.

(True Copy)

R. A. Arive.

For Director of Public Instruction

In continuation of my last letter No. 697 dated 4th December, 1916, regarding the provision of increased accommodation for the school, I have the honour to submit the following facts that have come to my knowledge for your further considerations:-

I understand that Mr. Penukonda Venkatakrishnia Chettiar, the owner of house No. 142 in the Mint street, adjacent to the school on the northern side, has purchased for his own use house No. 147 a little further north in the same row. This house was formerly the Sowcarpet Post office which is at present located opposite to the school in a house which also belongs to Mr. Penukonda Venkatakrishnia Chettiar.

This gentleman therefore cannot reasonably ~~xxx~~ object to his parting with house No. 142 as the one recently purchased by him enjoys all the advantages of site, proximity etc. that can be claimed for the former from a business point of view.

It has further come to my knowledge that the Postal authorities have addressed the Collector of Madras objecting to the acquisition of Mr. Chettiar's house for school purposes as, in that event, he would give the post office notice to quit the present Sowcarpet Post office building which he would require for his own living purposes, and the Post office cannot afford to forego the conveniences of its present spacious building. It is not known what action the Collector has taken, or intends to take, on such representation but I may be allowed to state the following reasons why in the interests of Secondary Education House No. 142 should, in spite of all objections and at all costs, be acquired by the Educational Department for the High School:-

- (1) Mr. P. Venkatakrishnia Chettiar's importunities

my opinion, only a strategic move to bring pressure to bear on the Postal Department for putting difficulties in the matter of acquiring his present living house for the school. The recent purchase by him of a house in the immediate vicinity is perhaps a well-advised and precautionary measure to -- have a house to step into, directly the acquisition is made for the school. None can know better than he that any other than the Post office will not pay the handsome rent he now enjoys. Nor can it be believed for a moment that a rich and powerful limb of Government like the Postal Department cannot obtain another suitable building in the locality, if compelled to do so.

(2) Even granting that Mr. Chettiar has good reasons to advance against the acquisition, they and the fancied discomforts of a single post office must not be allowed to outweigh the increasing needs and necessities, nor to supersede the great advantages to the general public, of a large and growing High School in the heart of a populous division like Sowcarpet.

In conclusion I solicit at an early date the favour of your active and sympathetic interference in this important matter which vitally concerns the good of the public at large and, in particular, the educational facilities of -- hundreds of school-going children.

R. S. V.

For Director of Public Instruction

R. S. V.

To

The Superintendent of Post Offices,

Madras.

Sir,

We hear that you require a building to locate a Post Office in Sowcarpet. We own one within 10 yards of your present Post Office. If you will kindly make it convenient to see us at our residence No. 73, Mint Street, Sowcarpet, Madras, we will take you to our building. If the building suits you we may settle the rent making necessary alterations to suit your convenience.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) Gokuldoss Govardhandoss of

Moorliddoss Ramdoss & Co., Madras.

(copy)

For the Director of Public Instruction
17.7.1917

12th June 1917, Madras.

From

P.K.Venkiah & Co.,

General Merchants & Commission Agents,

142, Mint Street.

To

The Hon. Secretary,

Deena Poshaka Samajam,

147, Mint Street, Madras.

Dear Sir,

I have to inform you that I have this day taken possession of the house and ground No.147, Mint Street, a portion of which is occupied by you from Messrs S.Ponnusamy Iyer and others.

I shall be obliged by your paying your rent to me in future regularly.

Yours faithfully,

(signed). P.K.Venkiah Chetty.

(Copy).

P.K.Venkiah Chetty
17.7.1917

High School, Madras, for the years 1910-11 to 1916-17 regarding insufficient accommodation.-

1910-11. Page 28.... The accommodation (is) insufficient.

(Sd.) A. Pranatharthihara Iyer.

1911-12. Page 14. ... (The Building) It requires structural alterations here and there and extension so as to provide for better light and ventilation and for larger class-rooms.

(Sd.) A. Pranatharthihara Iyer.

1912-13. Page 14. The school building, substantial as it is, is of the style of a dwelling house and is, therefore, unsuitable in certain parts of it for class purposes. Certain structural alterations are desirable especially in the middle portion of the building where the rooms are dark and narrow both on the ground floor and on the 2nd floor.

(Sd.) A. Pranatharthihara Iyer.

1913-14. Page 17. The accommodation continues to be insufficient.

An application made for a grant towards extension has been submitted to the Director ~~of~~ in this office N.R.C.No.321M of 1913 dated 23rd September 1913. The proposed extension is on the north-western part of the school premises; but I would suggest the purchase of one or two adjoining houses on this... side and having the extension there. This suggestion is made with a view not only to leave the existing open space for drill untouched, but even to add to it the site covered by the low tiled-roof structure, on which it is proposed to put up the extension. Or, if the foundation would admit it, the extension may be vertical by adding another floor.

Page 29. The accommodation requires extension.

(Sd.) A. Pranatharthihara Iyer.

1914-15. Page 17. The building is owned. The accommodation is insufficient for the increased strength (581 against 497 last time).

(Sd.) Md.Khazakan. 14

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction No.1106 of 1915 dated 25-2-1915.

"The immediate need is improvement of the accommodation".

1915-16. Page 17. There is some proposal of extension by acquiring a neighbouring house, but nothing definite has been arrived at yet.

Page 29. The school is much handicapped in regard to accommodation; and it behoves the management to take early and effective measures to make ample improvement in this direction.... (Sd.) H.A.Hart.

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction No.67 of 1916 dated 6-1-1916.

"Admissions should be restricted until the school is provided with better and more adequate accommodation".

(Sd.) J.H.Stone.)

1916-17. Page 17. The accommodation remains the same as last year. It is insufficient and unsuitable.....

The proposal of extension is being postponed because the Government is at present unable to give the grant required.

Page 29.For improvement in accommodation the school seems to be ready for action; it awaits the time when the department will be able to help.

(Sd.) H.A.Hart.

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction No.7150 of 1916 dated 26-10-1916.

"The attention of the management is invited to Proceedings, Dis no.67 dated 6-1-16.

(Sd.) J.H.Stone.

Very Sincerely,
M. Khazakan
17.7.1917

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Memo.

para 4 of his

with reference to the letter

from the Collector of Madras No.

pages 2 & 3 of Cp.

58/804. 1/17 & the 21-3-17 regarding

the acquisition of certain houses

for the extension of the Hindu

Theological high school, Madras.

The Govt. observe that the matter has

been pending for a long time and

that its disposal should be

expedited. The Collector is ^(of Madras) accordingly

requested to ^{Expedite the} submit the final

report on the subject promised

in para. 4 of the letter at a near

early date. Therein

30.7.17.

31.7.17

To, The Collector of Madras

DEPARTMENT.

Education
C. No. 751.B

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Subject.
Submitting report on the proposed acquisition of
houses Nos 142, Mint Street, and 22, Palliappan Street
for providing additional accommodation for the
Hindu Theological High School, Madras.

ENCLOSURES

No. 2
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D.D. No. 1237 of 17.

Station M. A. D. R. A. S., Dated the 31st J. H. I. Y. 1917.

From (Name) S. W. G. I. MacIver Esq., I. C. S.

(Designation) Collector of M. s. d. r. s.

To The Secretary to Government,

Home (Education) Department,

Ootacamund.

Sir,

In reply to Government Endorsement No. 180-1,
dated the 22nd January 1917, regarding the proposed
acquisition of houses Nos. 142, Mint Street, and 22 Palli-
appan Street, for providing additional accommodation for
the Hindu Theological High School, I have the honour to
submit the following report in continuation of my letter
Ref. on 56/B & G dated the 21st March 1917.

2. P. K. Venkayya Chetti, the owner of house
No. 142, Mint Street, objects to the acquisition of his
property, as already reported; on the ground that part
of the house is used as his residence and the remaining

part as his place of business and that his business will be ruined if the house is acquired. He is a merchant carrying on business in twist and other articles for the last 25 years under the name of P. Venkataratnam Chetti & Sons and paying incometax on an annual income of Rs.15,500/-

3. It is learnt from the Postal Department that the lease of house No. 398, Mint Street in which the Sowcarpet Post Office is at present located terminated on the 31st May 1917 and that the landlord Venkayya Chetti is unwilling to execute a fresh lease on the ground that if, in spite of his objection, it is decided to acquire house No. 142, he would require the post office premises for his own use. The Postmaster-General says that if the Postal Department is deprived of this building, the existing post office will have to be closed to the great inconvenience of the merchants in the locality, as all attempts made to secure another suitable building in the neighbourhood for the location of the post office ^{have} ~~have~~ been unsuccessful.

4. Manickammal, the owner of the other house bearing No.22, Palliappan Street, has no objection to part with it.

5. Except the fact that Venkayya Chetti is not willing to sell his house no other difficulties stand in the way of the authorities of the school purchasing the houses by private negotiations. A clear and valid title to the houses can be secured otherwise than through the application of the Land Acquisition Act.

6. The total cost of the acquisition of the ^{two} houses in question including the 15 per cent. allowance comes to about Rs.38,246*

* No.142, Mint Street. — Rs. 35,799
- 22, Palliappan St. — - 2,447

7. The enclosures received with the reference under reply are herewith resubmitted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Edw. H. Bower

for Collector. 1-8-17

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1-8-17.

From,

P.K. Venkiah Chetty Garu
142, Mint Street,
Madras.

To

The Collector of Madras

Madras.

Respected and Honoured Sir,

In continuation of my petition to your Honour in March last re the contemplated acquisition of my premises No.142 Mint Street, Madras for the purposes of the Hindu Theological High School.

I beg to inform your Honour that the School authorities have now bought a house No.396 Mint Street, Madras opposite to the said Theological High School on the 7th May 1917 in Court sale for the purposes of their School. This shows to your Honour and to the Government that the School authorities are prepared to have another house for their school purposes in preference to my own or in the event of the Government finding it unjust to acquire my house. The house which has now been purchased by the said school authorities was purchased for nearly Rs.16,000/-.

I therefore request your honour to report this matter to the Government at once, so that justice might be meted out to me who am now on the precipice of ruin and utter disgrace.

Please oblige.

Madras.)

11th August '17)

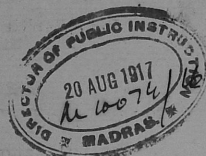
(Copy forwarded to His Excellency the Governor in Council of Fort St., George, Ootacamund.)

I beg to remain,

Respected and Honoured Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

P. A. K. K. K. K. K.



MEMORANDUM No.180 B-3, dated the 17th August 1917.

With reference to the letter from the Collector of Madras, D.Dis.No.1237/17, dated the 31st July 1917 regarding the acquisition of certain houses required for the extension of the Hindu Theological High School, Madras, the Government understand that Mr.Gokuldoss Govardhanadoss of Messrs.Moorlidoss Ramdas and Co. Madras, owns a building very near the present post office at Sowcarpet and that he is prepared to place it at the disposal of the Postal Department. The Collector of Madras is requested to ascertain and report whether the building cannot be utilised for the purposes of the Sowcarpet post office, if necessary, it being so altered as to satisfy the requirements of the post office.

2. The Director of Public Instruction is requested to report on the statement made in the petition to ^{the Collector of Madras} ~~the~~ of M.R.Ry. P.K.Venkayya Chetti, dated the 11th August 1917.

(By Order)

P.R.
8-8-17.
T.K.
10-8-17.

C.R.
16-8-17.

R.M.R.
17-8-17.

Director of Public Instruction.

To

The Collector of Madras.

" Director of Public Instruction.

From

^{6/4}
P. Padmanabam Chetty

Son of ^{6/4} M.R.Ry P. K. Venkaiah Chetty
142, Mint Street, Madras.



To

The Secretary to Government,

Home Educational Department,

Stone House Hills, O O T Y

Sir,

p 31-34 infra
In enclosing herewith a copy of my father's letter to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras dated 6-9-1917 I beg to submit as follows:-

2. My father M.R.Ry P. K. Venkaiah Chetty has shown in the letter referred to above in unmistakable terms the necessity for abandoning the contemplated acquisition of my house No.142, Mint Street, Madras. Since writing the said letter my father has had another attack of his disease which has completely incapacitated him from doing any work.

3. As stated in that letter I should request you to consider whether it is just to acquire my dwelling and business house, when ^{we} have already surrendered without demur two of ^{our} my properties in Madras under the Land Acquisition Act. The present proposal adversely affects our business fortunes, not to speak of the sentimental ^{objections} fortunes which my father and others of my family have, having regard to the fact that we have been able to build up our whole fortune only after we entered this house.

upon
4. The opinions of all the doctors who are attending my father have established the fact that the proposed Acquisition of our business and dwelling premises is the prime cause of his serious illness. I fully believe in the sympathy of the Government with me and my father and

that any glad news of the definite abandonment of the proposed acquisition of our house, will surely recover him for his serious illness. A medical certificate is also enclosed herewith for your kind perusal.

5. At the same time I may be permitted to observe that my father, a philanthropic and charitable man as he is, does not wish that the school should suffer for want of proper accommodation. Herewith a correct plan of the various houses suggested, is enclosed.

(A) House No.140, in Mint Street, adjoins the school on the other side. It occupies a larger area and contains ample open spaces for free ventilation.

(c) House No.100/101 in Audiappa Naick Street, is also a very big building and it touches the South-wall of the School play-ground. *this house formed part of Kibbani school about ten years ago.*

(d) House No.396 very near the School in the opposite row in Mint Street, has been recently purchased by the School authorities in the name of one Mr. Muralidoss in Court Auction for the purposes of the School. I am prepared to substantiate my statement to the full satisfaction of the Government.

(e) House No.398 belongs to my father and is now occupied by the Sowcarpet Post Office.

6. The Post Office building was constructed by my father nearly 15 years ago, to the express requirements of the Post Office and is leased out, at the small monthly rental of Rs.80/- only, while there are offers from many merchants for Rs.150/- a month. Since the concerting of measures for the acquisition of my house the postal authorities, it would appear, have been asked to find any other suitable building for the location of the Post Office. But it is certain that the Post Master General will not

find it an easy task. In the event of the proposal culminating into actual acquisition of my father's dwelling and business premises, I submit he will be put to the painful necessity of determining the lease of the Post-Office for our own use, as all his attempts to purchase a house in that locality have resulted in another impending misfortune. (Vide letter to the Director of Public Instruction.) para 4)

7. The conveniences and the suitability of house No.396, Mint Street, purchased for the School are described in the last but one para of the letter to the Director of Public Instruction. The building is best suited for the accommodation of the lower classes and I submit that the primary or the Lower Secondary Department of the School may be permanently transferred to this building, in which case, there will be ample room in the existing premises for the accommodation of the remaining classes of the school. In passing, I might mention that the house was bought for Rs.16,000/-

8. In conclusion I reaffirm my firm belief in the recovery of my father if the acquisition of our house is dropped. I therefore earnestly pray that the benign Government will be graciously pleased to save my dear father from the jaws of death.

I have the honour to remain,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
P. Padmanabham Chetty

*Madras
10/9/17*

with me, since I, on a former occasion obstructed an attempted encroachment upon my premises made by the authorities when they were constructing the upper part of the school some time ago. It is this ill-feeling of the school authorities that has made them pitch my house as the only suitable building for the school.

As a matter of fact my house does not afford any substantial advantage to the school as it requires a great deal of alterations before it can be adapted to the requirements. The rooms in my house are too small for the holding of classes. So far as I have been able to see, the Head Master and the Secretary have thought of the use of the down floor of the school as the supreme desideratum in the acquisition of any building for the school. I have thought that the narrow passage between the school and my house will supply excellent ventilation to the down floor by receiving draughts of air from the street and sending it through windows which would be erected on either side.

What I wish to submit to your kind consideration is that the house on the other side of the school is equally suitable and the ventilation of the down floor

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would not object to its acquisition by the Government. The school authorities have recently purchased a fairly large - building in the opposite row No. 396 on 7/5/17 in court auction in the name of Mr. Murali Doss who on the day mentioned requested all the intending bidders not to bid for the house as he wanted it for the Hindu Theological High School. I was one of the intending bidders and thinking that the purchase of that house would relieve my house from acquisition I refrained from bidding. The school authorities dare not deny this fact. This house is a three-storeyed building and can with slight repairs accommodate the whole lower department of the school which can conveniently be separated from the other sections of the school. Further the house is very well ventilated as there are not high buildings on either side obstructing the passage of air. Even if this house has not been purchased for the purposes of the school it can be at least acquired by the Government.

Under these circumstances and in view of my past sacrifices and on the present serious condition of my health I request you to take pity upon a dying man and arrange for the acquisition of any of the buildings suggested above.

Madras, }
(6th Sept. 1917.)

I remain,
Respected Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. V. Sundararaman

Telephone No. 755.

K. B. Bhujanga Rau,
Physician & Surgeon.Consulting Room & Residence
43, Linghi Chetty Street.Madras, 10th Sept 1917.

11-SEP-1917

This is to certify that
 Mr. P. K. Vankaraya Chetty,
 farmer at No 142, Minit Street,
 who has been under my
 treatment for the past one
 month nearly is suffering
 from 'Chorea-bonia and Chronic
 Bright's disease', and is now
 in a low nervous state of
 health as well & he is quite
 unfit to attend to any business.
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of opinion that any sudden
mental excitement or depression
is likely to affect him very
seriously regarding his
chance of recovery.

K. B. Bhargava
C.M.D.

Registered Medical Practitioner

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Houses suggested.

House in Palappam street which is also to be acquired for the school and adjoining to opposite corner.

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THE Hindu Theological High School

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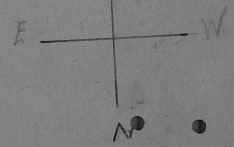
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Memo.

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the petition from mada,
P. Padmanabham Chetti of the 15th
September 1917, with its enclosures,
and protesting against the acquisition
of certain houses required for the
extension of the Hindu Theological
high school, Madras, is for-
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To, Mr. C. N. G. Madras with enclosures
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Home (Education) DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Submitting a copy of letter No 222 dated 30-8-17.
Regarding the acquisition of certain houses for the Hindu
Theological High school, Madras.

ENCLOSURES

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Mc No. 10074/16

Station Madras, Dated the 12th September 1917.

For the Registrar.

Submitted that the
receipt of the Collector
reply to Memo No 180B-3 (p. 25CF)
of the 17-8-17 may be
awaited.

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

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Home (Education) Department.

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 2 of your memorandum

No. 180 B-3, dated 17-8-1917, in connection with the acquisition of
certain houses for the Hindu Theological High school, Madras, I have
the honour to submit herewith a copy of letter No. 222, dated 30-8-17,
of the Correspondent and to state that the acquisition of house No.
142 is essential in the interest of the school.

2. The enclosure is herewith returned.

3. I also submit herewith a copy of the protest re-
ceived from the owner of the house in question. I would remark in
this connection that no other of the suggested acquisitions will

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serve the needs of the school so well as the house under

reference.

I have the honour to be,

S I R,

Your most obedient Servant,

T. V. N.
for Director of Public Instruction.

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Copy of letter from the Correspondent, Hindu Theological High school, Madras, No. 222 dated 30th August 1917, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

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"In reply to your Proceedings, Ref. on C. No. 10074 of 1916, dated 28th August 1917, and in continuation of this office No. 214, dated 4th December 1916, submitted through the Inspector of Schools, and of No. 68, dated 16th July 1917 submitted direct, I have the honour to submit the following facts for your consideration.

It is no doubt true that house No. 396 in the Mint street, opposite to the school and a little north of the Sowcarpet Post Office was for sale recently, and that Messrs. Murlidoss Ramdoss Co. of Sowcarpet have purchased it. This transaction has, however, nothing to do with the school even though the undersigned happens to be the part-proprietor of that firm, for the simple reason that the building in question has been bought by that company for their joint use.

I would in this connection solicit the favour of your reference to my previous communications on the subject of the great need for the school's expansion and invite your attention specially to those parts thereof which describe

(1) the unbearable discomforts of having a long wall, unbroken by even a single window for our northern boundary both for the ground and 1st floor and

(2) the manifold advantages of having the two adjacent houses (Viz. No. 142 in the Mint street on the northern side, and the one butting on it on the west and opening on a parallel street behind the school) for purposes like (a) accommodation for the holding of classes, (b) frequent marchings of pupils to and fro without having to take them on to the crowded street during school hours, (c) light and ventilation, etc.

I would also venture to bring to your memory your personal inspection of the school and its immediate neighbourhood kindly made in the last week of December 1916, when it was pointed out conclusively

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and to your satisfaction that no houses near or opposite the present school-house would suit the school and its purposes in so many ways or so admirably as the two houses referred to above, which, therefore with your active help, must be acquired for the school at all costs and as urgently as possible.

As daily work in the school is becoming more and more difficult owing to increased strength on the one hand and limited space on the other, the school looks to you and to you alone as the only and proper authority who can have the two houses acquired for the school in spite of any difficulties that may be, or may be put in the way."

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for Director of Public Instruction.

T.V. N.

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Copy of letter from M.R.Ry. P.K. Venkiah Chetty, 142, Mint street, Sowcarpet, Madras, to the Director of Public Instruction.

"I hear that the Educational department has, for the last five or six months been contemplating the acquisition of my house No. 142, Mint street, for the purpose of the Hindu Theological High School, situate next to my house. I request you to take into your kind consideration the following facts and dispose of it according to justice.

The Government have already acquired two of my landed properties in Madras under the land Acquisition Act and I surrendered them without murmur. (Please Vide my statement to the Collector of Madras ^{in March} last wherein details of the previous acquisitions are given.) The house which is now sought to be acquired for the school has been my business and dwelling place for the last 27 years and the acquisition would ruin my business and its good-will entirely. I earnestly pray that you will be pleased to consider if one individual should be called to surrender more than two properties.

The Sowcarpet Post Office is located in the opposite row of the street and I am the owner of its premises. That building was built by me nearly 15 years ago to the express requirements of the Post Office. Since hearing of the contemplated acquisition of my business house, I have given notice to the Post Master General of Madras to find another house for the Sowcarpet Post Office, as I would require the building for my business purposes in the event of my house being acquired. I learn that with all his efforts the Post Master General has been unable to find a suitable building for the Post Office and that he proposes to abolish the Post Office in that locality. I have no doubt that he might have addressed you on the subject, knowing as he does the circumstances under which he has been asked to vacate the present Post Office premises. Apprehending serious inconvenience to the public in the event of abolition of the Post Office, I purchased a house in the same street further north No. 147. But as my general misfortune would have it, another person, claiming to be an undivided member of the seller's family has since

given me a Registered notice dated 5-7-1917 that the sale is null and void and has also taken possession of the house. Thus this venture of mine may eventually result in my losing nearly Rs. 13,000/-.

All these circumstances are telling very much on my health. Sentiment governs the world and myself and my family fully believe that if we lose this house which has enabled us to build up our fortune we will come to grief. Already I am confined to bed and am not in a position to attend to my business. Hence I venture to write this letter.

I am the last person to obstruct the acquisition of my house for educational purposes had it not been for the ruin that stares me in my face. I have myself spent a considerable sum of money by way of fees to poor and deserving students and paying for their books and examination fees.

The acquisition of my house particularly is not, moreover an absolute necessity for the school. The Secretary and the Headmaster of the school have not been on good terms with me, since I, on a former occasion obstructed by notice an attempted encroachment upon my premises made by the school authorities when they were constructing the upper storey of the school *some time ago. It is this feeling on the part of the school* authorities that has made them pitch upon my house as the only suitable building for the extension of the school.

As a matter of fact my house does not afford any substantial advantage to the school as it requires enormous and costly alterations before it can be adapted to the latter's requirements. The rooms in my house are too small for the holding of classes. So far as I have been able to learn the Headmaster and the Secretary have thought of the ventilation of the down floor of the school as the supreme consideration in the acquisition of any building for the school. They seem to have thought that the narrow passage 1½ feet wide between the school and my house will supply excellent ventilation to the down floor by receiving draughts of air from the street and sending it through windows which would be erected in the walls on either side.

What I wish to submit to your kind consideration is that the house on the other side of the school No. 140, is equally suitable and the ventilation of the down floor would be amply secured, as there are ample open spaces in that house through which air might pass into the building. The house in question has much larger rooms and is bigger and better lighted

than mine and can be adapted to the requirements of the school without alterations involving large expense. Even if this house No. 140, does not suit the school, there is another building in Audiappa Naick street, Nos. 100-101 whose rear touches the south wall of the school play-ground. It is a very spacious and convenient building and the house owner would not object to its acquisition by the Government. The school authorities have recently purchased a fairly large building in the opposite row No. 396 on 7-5-17 in court auction in the name of Mr. Murali Doss who on the day mentioned requested all the intending bidders not to bid for the house as he wanted it for the Hindu Theological High school. I was one of the intending bidders and thinking that the purchase of that house would relieve my house from acquisition I refrained from bidding. The school authorities dare not deny this fact. This house is a three-storeyed building and can with slight repairs accommodate the whole lower department of the school ~~which~~ which can conveniently be separated from the other sections of the school. Further the house is very well ventilated as there are not high buildings on either side obstructing the passage of air. Even if this house has not been purchased for the purposes of the school it can be at least acquired by the Government.

Under these circumstances and in view of my past sacrifices and on the present serious condition of my health, I request you to take pity upon a dying man and arrange for the acquisition of any of the buildings suggested above."

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for Director of Public Instruction.

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THE SOUTHERN INDIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

INDIAN CHAMBER BUILDINGS,
NORTH BEACH, MADRAS.

No. 114.

15th September 1917.



From

Rao Bahadur P. Theagaraya Chetty Garu B.A.,
President,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home (Educational) Department,
STONEHOUSEHILL.

Sir,

I have the honour to address you on the subject of the acquisition of house No. 142 Mint Street, Sowcarpet, Madras, by the Department of Public Instruction, on account of the extension of the Hindu Theological High School, Madras. I am given to understand that the owner of the property has already protested against the said acquisition to the Educational authorities and to the Government of Madras, and the matter is just at present under consideration.

You are, doubtless, aware that Sowcarpet is one of the busiest parts of the City and that the value and importance of house properties here, from a business point of view, are very great. I presume that it is in consequence of such importance, the Government have been requested by the school authorities to compulsorily acquire a site for them for their extensions. It was open to the Department to select a site for the extensions to the north or south of the present school premises, but the acquisition of No. 142, Mint Street, owned by Mr. P. Venkiah Chetty would appear to be open to serious objections, and yet the authorities are reported to have almost decided to acquire the same.

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3. It is represented to me that within the last three years the owner of the property has been compelled to surrender three of his valuable properties under the Land Acquisition Act, and that he surrendered them all without demur. That in addition to this, he is allowing the Postal Department for a very long time to have the use of another building of his, specially rebuilt to suit the requirements of that Department, and the present Sowcarpet Post Office is located therein. In the event of the proposed compulsory acquisition of No. 142 for the Hindu Theological High School, the owner will have no other alternative than to abruptly terminate the lease of the Post Office premises, and this may result in the Post Office having to be shifted far away from the locality to the great inconvenience of the public. Under the circumstances, it is obvious that the sacrifice which the owner is called upon to make is too great.

4. The fact that the authorities of the Hindu Theological High School were able to purchase a rather big site on the other side of the road, as recently as May last, shows that if left to their own resources they may find places more or less suited to their requirements and less objectionable than the proposed acquisition. Or, they might more advantageously separate their higher and lower secondary classes and locate them in separate buildings in the same street or in the adjoining Audiappa Naick Street. Instead of struggling for accommodation in a congested business quarter, with great convenience and saving to themselves, and to the comfort and well-being of the school children as well, the school itself might be removed easily from its present place and located elsewhere in Sowcarpet, so as to be easily accessible to the boys.

5. I venture, in these circumstances, to point out the inadvisability of insisting upon the acquisition of the proposed site and I do so on the grounds that it is an unmerited hardship on the owner in the first place; that it might result

in the removal of the Sowcarpet Post Office from where it is now; that other suitable properties might be acquired near the school, if not adjoining it, for the ^{desired} extensions; that the school authorities might be left to their resources to find the necessary sites; and lastly, that the proposed acquisition in a well-known business quarter is needless for the purpose for which it is intended and is sure to dislocate business and business transactions in the locality very seriously.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

P. Theagaraya Iyer
President.

P. Subramanyam

Secretary.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Home (Edu)

DEPARTMENT.

TO

M. R. Rao Bahadur P. Theagaraya Chetti Garu
President, S. I. Chamber of Commerce,
Madras.

Fort St. George
DATED OOTACAMUND

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SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 114, dated
the 15-9-17, regarding the acquisition of a building
for the Hindu Theological High School, Madras.
which will receive due attention.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir.

Your most obedient Servant,

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the letter from Mr. P. Theagaraya Chetti, Garu, President,
South India Chamber of Commerce,
Madras, No. 114 of the 15-9-17
protesting against the acquisition
of certain houses required for the
extension of the Hindu Theological
high school, Madras, is forwarded
to the Collector of Madras, for
consideration in continuation of
Memo. No. 130 B-4 of the 14-9-17.

For the Collector of Madras
with enclosure to original
to be returned with rep.

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Memo, 180 B-5 of 19-9-17

the letter from Mr. P. Theagaraya Chetti, Garu, President,
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The D.D. letter No. 10.074
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to the Collector for a full
report on the whole matter

To, the Collector of Madras
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the letter from the
Theological High School, Madras,
requesting the approval of Government
for the acquisition of a house for
theological education, is forwarded
for the consideration of the
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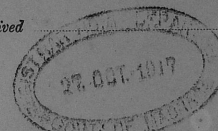
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Subject.

Requesting the approval of Government for the acquisition
of a house for Theological High School, Madras.

ENCLOSURES.

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Lefcar No. 10074/16

Station MADRAS, Dated the 26 October 1917

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. Stone, M.A., F.R.H.S.,
C.I.E.,

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction.

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

Sir,

In continuation of my letter R.C.No.10074/16, dated
12-9-17, in connection with the acquisition of certain
houses for the Theological High School, Madras, I have the
honour to submit herewith a copy of letter No.L.R.--347
dated 7-9-17, of the Postmaster-General and to state that
the acquisition of any other house in the place of house
No.142 would not meet the urgent need of the school for
more air and ventilation. Whereas the Post office can
find another building, it is quite essential to the
health of hundreds of boys that the building No.142 should
be acquired for the school. In this connection, I also
submit herewith a copy of the report of the Health officer.

10/ officer of the Corporation of Madras, No.5190 of 17, dated 5-9-17. I therefore request that my original recommendation may be approved and that steps may be taken for the acquisition of house No.142.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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For Director of Public Instruction.

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Copy of letter from the Post Master General, No.LR-347 dated 7th September 1917.

"Will you please refer to the correspondence ending with my letter No.LR-347, dated the 19th June, 1917, on the question of acquiring a certain building at Sowcarpet for the use of the Hindu Theological ^{High} School and the resultant removal of our own post office from the present building?

2. From enquiries since made, I understand that there is to the south of the present school building another house, No.140 belonging to Akarappa Venkanna, which is stated to be close to or adjoining the school ground and which would, in the circumstances, be an ideal position for a school. Houses Nos.100 and 101 in Audiappa Naick Street are also stated to be equally suitable. If any of these buildings would suit your purpose as well as the house of Mr.F.K.Venkiah Chetti, I beg to enquire whether you could not see your way to abandoning your original project of acquiring No.142? In the event of your not being able to do this, the post office at Sowcarpet will probably have to be closed. Such a measure would lead to endless inconvenience to the public of an important centre like Sowcarpet. My enquiries show that it is impossible for me to get any building other than the present one suitable for the work of a post office of the size of Sowcarpet.

3. I would add that during the present financial stringency it would be impossible for us to think of acquiring the present post office building, similar proposals in other places having been rejected by the Director General of Posts and Telegraphs."

Copy of the report of the Health Officer, No.5190/17 dated 5-10-17.

"With reference to your letter, dated 31st August 1917 enclosing extracts from Reports of Inspection by the Inspector of Schools from time to time, I have the honour to say that I am, after my personal inspection, able to bear out the remarks made in the said inspection reports

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reports regarding the accommodation for students and the sanitary condition of the school, with special reference to access of light and ventilation. The school is badly in need of light and air from the north, blocked as it is by two houses from east to west and it looks imperative to acquire or purchase these houses if the school has to be improved in any manner; and in the interest of the several pupils who are receiving their education, I recommend strongly that the authorities of the school will find ways and means for an early expansion of the school premises.

(True Copy)

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For Director of Public Instruction.

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Memo. No. 180 B-787.11.17

the letter from the S.P.S.

Rec. No. 10074/16 dt. 26. 10. 17

regarding the acquisition of a site required for the extension of the Hindu Theological high school, Madras, is forwarded to the Collector of Madras for consideration in continuation of memo. No. 180.

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Submitting report regarding the _____ of
a house for the extension of the Hindu Theological High
School Madras.

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Station M A D R A S, Dated the 19th February 1918

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From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. M. Azizuddin, Khan Bahadur,
C.I.E., I.S.O.,
(Designation) Collector of Madras, Madras.

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

Sir,

In reply to Government Memorandum No. 180 B-3, dated
the 17th August 1917, I have the honour to report as
follows:-

2. The building offered by Mr. Gokuldoss Govardhan
does for the use of the postal department is old and
rickety and the Postmaster-General is of opinion that it
will not suit the requirements of the post office.

3. P. Venkayya Chetti, owner of house No. 142, Mint
Street, which it is proposed to acquire for the extension
of the Hindu Theological High School strongly protests
against its acquisition. I had a conference with the
school authorities, the parties interested in the
acquisition of the house and those who were opposed to the

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acquisition. I also made a joint inspection of the locality in company with the Director of Public Instruction. The result is that the Director and myself agree in thinking that there is no need compulsorily to acquire Venkayya Chetti's house No.142, Mint Street, and that the requirements of the Theological High School would be adequately met by the acquisition of house No.100/101, Audiappa Naick Street on the southern side of the school. The latter house is much cheaper and the owner is willing to sell it. As pointed out by the Hon'ble Mr.Stone, a good deal of bad blood can be avoided by the arrangement now proposed and the money saved by the acquisition of this house could be utilized in making structural improvements in the existing school building.

4. The enclosures* received with Government references noted in the margin are resubmitted.

5. A copy of the latest letter from the Director of Public Instruction No.10074/16 dated the 16th February 1918 is also enclosed for reference.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Wm. Stone

for Collector of Madras.

* 180 B-3 dated 17th August 1917
180 B-4 dated 14th September 1917.
180 B-5 dated 19th September 1917.
180 B-7 dated 7th November 1917.

Copy of letter Ref. on C.No.10074 dated 16th February 1918 from the Director of Public Instruction, Madras to the Collector of Madras.

With reference to your letter R.O.C.No.995 B & G of 17, dated 11-2-18 in connection with the acquisition of a house for the Hindu Theological High School, Madras, I have the honour to state that I have now changed my opinion and am in favour of acquiring No.100/101 on the southern side of the existing school building. I think that the bad lighting and ventilation of the long upstairs room could be greatly improved by putting in suitable ventilating and lighting arrangements in the roof and that, since the owner of the house No.100/101 is willing to sell, a good deal of bad blood could be avoided by dropping the question of compulsory acquisition. Moreover, the house No.100/101 is much cheaper and the money saved on the acquisition could be used in making structural improvements in the existing school building.

for Collector

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Home (Govt) Department

Subjects: Reg. of bills for the extension of the Hindu Theological high school, Madras.

[Case 751B]. From the Colln. of Madras, No. 1237/17 to the 31.7.17.

The only objection to the acquisition of the site required by the authorities of the Hindu Theological high school, Madras, is that the acquisition will eventually deprive the Postal Dept. of the building in which the Sowcarpet post office is now held. There are two ways of meeting this objection -

- ① to remove the post office to the building offered by Moorlidoss Ramdoss & Co, and
- ② to acquire, for the post office, the building in which it is now held.

Submitted that the Collector of Madras may be requested to consider the above points and report his views to Govt. Perhaps the ^{attempt} ~~proposed~~ to acquire the post office building may induce its owner to renew the lease. ^(since he possesses another house No. 147 which he can fire) If he does so, the difficulty of acquiring the site required by the school ^(will) disappear.

2. A draft memo. is submitted for approval.

ADP

8.8.17

Jh.
10.8.17

And this petition was received today (?). Please put it up also.

CA
13.8.17

A copy of the petition addressed by Venkayya Chetti to the Collector of Madras since received.

Page 17 of C.F.

page 13 C.F.

pp. 12 & 13 C.F.

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page 26 C.F. is added to the current file. The fact that the school authorities have purchased a house since, as alleged in the petition, does not appear to ~~be~~ reason ~~for~~ need for acquiring the houses originally proposed. Please see the subsequent correspondence on pages 12-16 C.F.

18-8-17

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p. 1794

p. 2494

p. 504

p. 644

Before action is taken further, we should ascertain definitely whether the Postal Department will be affected if so how the question could best be ~~solved~~ solved. There is a specific offer of another building, if Venkayya Chetti's threat is actually put upon. The argument suggested in the last petition that the school authorities have bought another house across the street & may not therefore require the adjacent house acquired, does not seem valid. The next house is needed not only to provide for additional space required for the school, but also to render the existing building more suitable for school purposes by opening it up for ventilation & light. Further the objection raised by the school authorities

to the acquisition of the fourth house to the north on the ground that ~~the~~ boy may have to walk along the street for changing classes, will equally apply to locating classes on the opposite side necessitating boy's crossing the road. It is not known ~~for~~ for what purpose the opposite house has been purchased. The D.P.D. may be asked to report on the petition.

Draft memo. for approval.

CR
16.8.17

Done on 17/8/17

24-31
22-25 C.F.

[No. 982 B]. From P. Patmanabham Chetti, of the 12.9.

Submitted that the petition read above may also be forwarded to the Collector of Madras for consideration in continuation of memo.

p.25 C.F. No. 180 B. 3 of the 17. 8. 17.

2. A draft memo. is submitted for approval.

CR
12.9.17

CR
13.9.17

[Memo. No. 180 B-4 of the 16-9. 17].

[C.No. 1041 B]. From the D.P.D., Re 10074/1607 of the 12.9.17.

[C.No. 1012 B]. From the President, S.I. Chamber of Commerce No. 114 B of the 15-9-17.

1/34 C.F.

1/35-47 C.F.

1/36-44 C.F.

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No action is necessary with regard to the letter on pages 37-38 C.F. with reference to the letter from the South India Chamber of Commerce on pages 44-46 C.F. It is submitted that the interest of Rao Bahadur P. Theagaraya Chetti or the Chao in the land is very remote and ordinarily a plea of the kind will not weigh with the Govt. However as the matter is already under reference to the Collector of Madras, Mr. Theagaraya Chetti's letter also may be forwarded to that office for remarks.

2. A letter of acknowledgment and a memo. are submitted for approval.

2-9-17

The S.D.'s letter on p. 37 of C.F. may also be forwarded to the Collector for a full report on the whole question.

CA
18-9-17
M. A. S. 117

[memo. no. 180 B-5 dt the 19. 9. 17].

[C.F. 1296 B]. From the S.D., R.C. no. 100 74/16 dt the 21-10-17

The S.D.'s letter read above may also be referred to the Collector of Madras for consideration in continuation of memo. no. 180 B-5 dt 19-9-17

p. 38 C.F.

pages 37-42 C.F.

p. 38 C.F.

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NOTES.

A draft memo. is Submitted for approval.

3-11-17
Su
5-11-17

CR
6-11-17

[memo. no. 180-B-54, the 7-11-17].

[C.N. 415B]. From the Collector of Madras No. 257/180, the 17-11-17.

Please see the Collector's letter on page 52-53 of. Now that the authorities of the Hindu Theological high school have decided to purchase an alternative home by private sale and the S.P.D. proposes to drop the question of compulsory acquisition, no further action is called for in the matter. The question of a grant in aid of the purchase of the property proposed may be considered ^(if and) when an application for it is received through the S.P.D.

2. A draft order is Submitted for approval.

1-3-18
CR
2-3-18

CR
4-3-18

My
23/10

10/52 c.f.

1.53 c.f.

No action is required in the matter of the letter on page 52-53 of 180-B-54, the 7-11-17. The Board of Directors of the Hindu Theological high school have decided to purchase an alternative home by private sale and the S.P.D. proposes to drop the question of compulsory acquisition, no further action is called for in the matter. The question of a grant in aid of the purchase of the property proposed may be considered when an application for it is received through the S.P.D.

2. A draft order is Submitted for approval.

1-3-18
CR
2-3-18

CR
4-3-18

My
23/10

Acquisition of Land.

for the extension of the Hindu Theological high school, Madras.

READ AGAIN G.O. No., dated 191 ..

READ ALSO:-

C. No. 180	From the	D.P.D.	No. 10074/16	dated 15-1-1917
1529	" "	Collr of Madras	58 B09	" 21-3-17
662 B.	" "	D.P.D.	10074	" 26-7-1917
757 B	" "	Collr. of Madras	1237/17	" 31-7-17
874 B	" "	P.K. Velkayya Chetti	"	" 11-8-17
982 B.	" "	P. Ponnambalam Chetti	"	" 10-9-1917
1041 B.	" "	D.P.D.	10074	" 12-9-17
1012 B	" "	President, Southern India Chamber of Commerce	10074	" 15-9-17
1296 B	" "	ORDER.	No. 307	dated 26-10-18
415 B)				1917

from the Collr. of Madras
No. 257/18 D. to 19-2-18

Ms.

pag 52-53 cp.

pag 5 cp.

In the circumstances reported by the Collector of Madras in his letter No. D. & W. No. 257/18 D. The 19-2-18, the question of acquiring No. 142 ~~located~~ in the Main Street and No. 22 in the ~~lane~~ ^{Pillaiappan Street} ~~lane~~ running parallel to that street for the extension of the Hindu Theological high school Madras, will be dropped.

13.18.
CR
2.2.18
4.3.18
May 3/18

Copy to
13.18.
7.3.18
To, The D.P.D. (900) with Collr. (Hs) question in order
- Collr. of Madras. (900)

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SITE PLAN OF THE HINDU THEOLOGICAL HIGH SCHOOL MADRAS

VASANTHA MANTAPAM OPEN SPACE

No 147

OLD POST OFFICE

138-9x 40-3

No 146

BISANI - MATHAVA CHETTY'S HOUSE

No 143 To 145

BISANI - MATHAVA CHETTY'S HOUSE

66-0"

No 142

PENUKONDA-KRISHNAH'S HOUSE

36-6"

No 22

MANICKAMMAL'S HOUSE

48-3"

EXISTING TILED SHED
WITH PLAIN PANTILES
TO BE DEMOLISHED

WELL

OPEN SPACE

160 x 38

EXISTING SCHOOL BUILDING
IN GOOD CONDITION

PROPOSED NEW
BUILDING

TRIAL PIT

PLAY GROUND

39-0"

No 140

AKARAPU VENKANNA'S HOUSE

36-3"

68-0"

No 98

OPEN SPACE

36-6 x 18-3

No 100
101

SIVAGYNA MUDALIYAR'S
HOUSE

TRIAL PIT

ORDINARY EARTH
BLACK EARTH
WITH SAND

5-0"
5-0"
5-0"

AUDIYAPPANAICK STREET

N
MINT STREET

FRONT

FRONT

SOWCARPET POST OFFICE

HOUSES

HOUSES

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