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[Despatch Abstract.]

Acquisition of land.

Overruling the objection raised to the ---- belonging to M.R.Ry. V.Ponnuswami Nadar which has been selected as a suitable site for the construction of a building for the Government girls' school, Chidambaram.

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Mirasdar and Abkari Contractor
Porayar, Iran Zubar, Mayamuran
Dabuk



The Chief Secretary to
the Government of Madras, Madras.

The humble appeal petition of
V. Nonnusami Nadar Abkari Contractor
& Mirasdar, Porayar, Travancur most
respectfully sheweth: -

1. That the petitioner begs to state that he owns two choultry buildings numbers 175 and 176, West Car Street, Chidambaram Town, South Arcot District. They are in fact one building with two doorways.

2. It is proposed to acquire them for the Construction of a girls' School - the leading part being taken by the local Dahildas and

3. The property in question has been set apart as choultry from 1876 - the date of will by the petitioner's father for the benefit of his Community in this and other parts of the Presidency - In fact, this building is the only halting place for the petitioner and the pilgrim population of his Community who resort in large numbers to the Sacred temple of Chidambaram, throughout all parts of the year, and no other building is available or set apart in the town for accommodation and religious purposes.

4. Every Community has got its own choultry reserved to itself, and none would allow other Communities to step into it or to have even a short sojourn there.

5. The Severance of the said choultry will involve serious loss to the petitioner, and this Community.

6. And further it is specially difficult to get an equally decent place elsewhere in the town for the petitioner and his Community for the aforesaid

An argument in
favour of the
petitioner.

7. Besides, the choultry in question lies in the West Car Street, and nearly one half of the town which is the conspicuous portion, lies to the west of the petitioner's building. And almost all the School-going population of Brahmmins and other high Caste Hindus live there. The Dikshatars or high priests of historic repute, reside mainly in Kila Vidichi - 2 furlongs to the east of his choultry, and in the north and the South Car Streets. And buildings can be purchased at a cheap rate in the said Kila vidichi.

8. Besides, vacant spaces, house-sites, and tiled buildings of various dimensions, as detailed in the plan can also be bought at a cheap price in the other parts of the town, and a reference to the plan will give an

School

3. of the several sites with reference
Set other important buildings including
of 'W' and girls' school.
Number 1, in the plan situated in West Car
par street and belonging to one Kofala Tiger, is
an old tiled building and is very close to the
present girls' school. It is equal in size to
of No 5 and measures 120 by 55 English feet and
is convenient for school purposes.

Number 2 is the joint property of Kiyasami
Tiger and Mr. Sankara Naidu - the former
owns an old tiled house 130 by 38 ft - front
walls built of brick, the back ^{portion} constructed
with mud walls, while the latter a vacant
space 140 by 25 ft, making a sum total of
8440 square feet. This item has an entrance
from 2 sides - 1st from the West Car Street and
secondly from Sambadavan's Street.

Number 4 at the northern extremity of the West
Car Street has a very small tiled building
with a thatched hut and vacant space,
and measures 100 by 70 or 7000 square feet.

Number 5 is the petitioner's choultry and to
the acquisition of which various objections
have been taken. And further the big Natar
temple is at its back, and a sacred

Number 6 is a vacant space with
an entrance on both sides, 1st from
Car Street and secondly from Ambala
Madam Street and measures 140 by
or 7000 square feet. This is very close
to the Municipal Town School - 2 houses
to the west.

Number 7 is a vacant space in the
Car Street and measures 7800 square
feet.

Number 8 in South Car Street is also a
vacant site and measures 5500 square
feet, and is very close to Pachaiappa
High School.

Number 9 in Ammapettai Road is also
a vacant space, measuring 4500
square feet, quite close to Pachaiappa's
High School. And these vacant sites
can be purchased at cheap rates.

Para 10.

Even suitable buildings are available
for school purposes.

11. Leaving the said four Car Streets,
if we just proceed to the localities
where the Pachaiappa's High School
is built, or Chettigar's High School

Constructed or the Town School is located,
3. Proceed further to the west of the petitioner's
village, we can hit upon various sites, for
School building purposes at enormously cheap
of sites.
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pa. The Government will also be pleased to
consider which is an easier and cheaper mode
the acquisition viz either to acquire a vacant
plot and to start a building thereon according
to standard plans and estimates, or to purchase
spacious building with land with a view to
demolish the building thereon & construct a new
girls' School.

13. It cannot be understood why the subordinate
officers of Government should recommend the
purchase of the petitioner's choultry buildings
which are very spacious and worth about (Rs 10,000)
ten thousand rupees.

14. Further, the petitioner fails to understand
in what respects, is the location of an ordinary
girls' School more important to an institution
which is highly religious and at the same time
charitable, where innumerable pilgrims of the
petitioner's Community assemble during all times
of the year from all parts of the Presidency,
offering prayers to God, and discuss subjects
sublime and highly philosophical about
which either the School going girl population
or their learned mistresses can hardly have the
slightest

Edl. A-
Slightest Conception. They are
men - Sages who have drunk deep
the fountain of religious knowledge
Sacrificing their lives for the cul-
-tural and moral advancement
of the petitioner's Community. They
with such sincerity and preach with
such earnestness that even great
Scholars would sometimes be lost
in admiration at the fluency with
which they speak in such abstruse
and difficult religious problems.
Thus, it will be apparent, how such
an institution is indispensable to the
moral advancement of the petitioner
and his Community at large, and
how paramount is the duty on the
petitioner to accommodate, feed, & worship
such holy and worthy beings

15. In this predicament, the petitioner
cannot part with his charitable insti-
-tution i.e. to say that he cannot
allow the halting place and prayer-
house of the Saints to be destroyed
& to raise on it a School building
for

3. a few girls of 2 or 3 struts of chidambaram
Set - a matter of their local use.
of apart from this, the petitioner's main object
being difficulty is as to how to remove the Sacred
Pamathi against the wishes of his Community and
his deceased venerable father & elder brother -
the late Velliya Nadar and Thavasimutun Nadar
a famous Abkari Contractor, instead of
reserving it for use, as a Sacred and ancient
monument.

7. In Conclusion, the petitioner begs to state
with due deference that the proposed action
of the Government will create much ill-feeling
and unrest among the most loyal Community
which Government ought to avoid at the present
moment.

18. In these circumstances, the petitioner begs to
request that your honor will be kind & pleased to
reverse the order of the Director of Public Instruction,
in the matter, and to issue orders to the effect
that the said building which had already
been set apart for charitable and religious
purposes may not be interfered with, that
the wishes of his deceased venerable father
and elder brother may not go unfulfilled,
that the religious feelings of his Community
may not be hurt and that any other site

M. P.

may

may be ordered to be acquired

I beg to remain

Most Honored and Respected,

Your honor's most obedient S.

M. Ponnusamy Na

Abkari Contractor and Min

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Please quote this in the reply.

Ref. on C. No. 7678 of 1913
Disposal

The Old College,

Dated 23/3/1917

From

THE HON'BLE MR. J. H. Stone., M.A., F.R.H.S., C.I.E.,

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

To

M.R. Ry. V. Ponnusami Nadar Avgl.,

Mirasidar and Abkari Contractor,

Enclosures.

Porayar, Tranquebar.,

SIR,

With reference to your letter dated 28th December 1916 I regret to state that the site committee and the Revenue authorities having decided that the acquisition of your houses is necessary for the construction of the ~~publ~~ building for the Government Girls' School, Chidambaram, I am unable to take any action in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant.

[Signature]
for Director of Public Instruction

[Signature]
22.3.17.

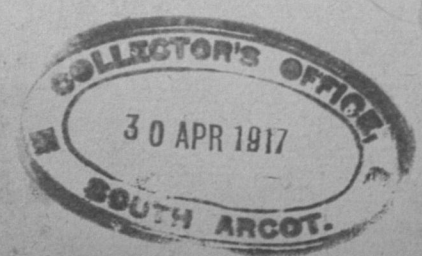
Copy to the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Central Circle.

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18 APR 1917
MADRAS GOVT.

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Enc. No 2 (Acquisition of site for the Govt. school,
 Chidambaram)



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 Home (200)
 LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

C.No. 22 B, from the V. Ponnuswami, No. 72 B, dated 4th April 1917.
 " 72 B. " the ^{major} ~~the~~ inhabitants of Chidambaram. 4-4-17.

Endorsement.
 Memorandum. No. 22 B-1, dated 26 April 1917.

Referred to the Collector of South Arcot for remarks.

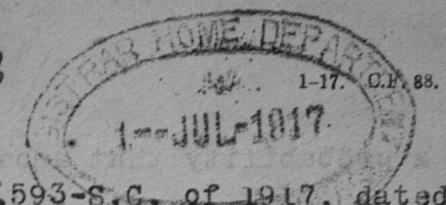
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Note.
 Please see the S.P.S. letter the petitioner on p. 9 of C.F. the acquisition proposals have not yet reached the Govt.

To, The Collector of S. Arcot with C.No. 22 B in original to be returned with reply.



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Educational
C No. 547 B
Regd 2/7/17



R.O.C. No. 593-S.C. of 1917, dated 29th June 1917.

Home (Education) Department.

(B) Branch.

REMINDER.

To

The Collector of
South Arcot

The undersigned ~~has the honour to invite~~
is directed to invite
~~invites~~

attention to the communication noted in the
No. 22-1, dated 26.4.17 margin and to
request that
this reminder may be returned at once with
information as to—

- (1) the stage at which the matter now is,
- (2) the date by which a reply may be expected and
- (3) the circumstances which have caused the delay.

2. It is requested that the reply to this
reminder may be sent not later than

Office Home Department
Station Townhouse Hill
Dated 28th June 17

Ramanujam

Signature.

Designation.

Consequently, I have called for
information on these two points,
and it appears inevitable that

the Educational authorities will
have to be consulted as to the
adequacy of the site to accommodate
such a building for the desired
strength of the school; so there

is

SUBJECT.

Protest against the Acquisition
of two Choultry buildings
for the Construction of
a Girls' School

is a probability that another sitting of the site committee may be necessary. Report on the objection will be submitted when these points have been cleared up.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

K. K. Palani
for Ag. Collector.

R.G./29-6-17. Exd.

28 JUN 1917

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(To be reminded on 20.7.17 if
reply is received earlier)

HOME (EDUCATIONAL) DEPARTMENT.

R.F.D.-80-f.

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Subject.

Reporting to Government on the objection petitions of Ponnuswami Nadar and other residents of Nadar caste in Mayavaram taluk, Tanjore District.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

D.Dis. No.1596-Cor. of 1917.

Spare copies

Station Cuddalore, Dated the 6th August 1917.

From (Name) J. K. Lancashire Esq., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Ag. Collector of South Arcot.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras,

HOME (Educational) Department

Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the Government endorsement No.22 B-1 dated 26th April 1917 on an objection to the acquisition of a certain site for the Government Girls' School at Chidambaram, I have the honour to report as follows on the petition received with it:—

2. The construction of a Girls' School at Chidambaram was under correspondence for several years and it was decided last year by the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Central Circle, Madras, and the Public Works Department that the houses Nos. 175 and 176 in the West Car Street at Chidambaram should be acquired for the construction of the School on the site.

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site.

3. At the instance of the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Central Circle, Madras, and the Executive Engineer, South Arcot Division, a site Committee meeting was convened on the 28th May 1917 and it approved the site selected in its proceedings of which a copy is enclosed.

4. The owner of the site, M.R.Ry. V. Ponnuswami Nadar of Poraiyar, objects to the acquisition of the site on the ground that it is occupied by two choultry building set apart for the benefit of the pilgrims of the Nadar community and that there is also a ~~sam~~adi or grave on the site. A petition purporting to come from some of the Nadars of Mayavaram taluk has also been received objecting to the acquisition of the site for the reason that the houses in question are used by pilgrims and for religious lectures for the benefit of their caste.

5. A copy of a partition deed of 1876 between Vellayya Nadar and his sons was produced before me at the time of the meeting of the site Committee. It shows that Vellayya Nadar, father of the petitioner, Ponnuswami Nadar, purchased the sites at a court sale and that at the partition it was set apart for charitable purposes--temples, chatrams etc.

6. A notice board (conspicuously brand-new) is put up in door No.176, one of the two sites styling the building as Poraiyar Vellayya Nadar's charitable chatram. The other house door No.175 is occupied by the owner's agent who is said to be looking after the chatrams and the abkari business of the owner, who is the biggest toddy shop renter of the Tanjore and South Arcot Districts.

7. The houses and sites, originally estimated at Rs.1250/- in the partition deed of 1876, are not in good repair and do not appear to be resorted to by pilgrims. The enquiries made by the Tahsildar show that the owner halts there occasionally whenever he has business concerning his abkari contract, i.e., during toddy shop sales, etc., and that his agent lives in one of the buildings and manages the abkari work of his master. The
allegations

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allegations about the use of the houses as chatrams and for charitable, religious etc., purposes are reported by the Tahsildar of Chidambaram to be frivolous. The allegation in the petition to Government that there is within the premises a tomb which should not be disturbed is found by the Tahsildar to be an unscrupulous concoction. The tomb was not pointed out to the members of the Committee when they inspected the site. If there was any truth in this allegation, it would certainly have been mentioned in his previous petitions dated 16th September 1916, 25th October 1916, 26th October 1916 and 28th December 1916 presented to the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, the Director of Public Instruction, the Tahsildar of Chidambaram and the Collector, but it was not. It shows at what great pains the petitioner's men have been to fabricate grounds to prevent the acquisition.

8. The owner suggests several other sites; all these were inspected by the Committee and found unsuitable for reasons which are generally obvious on the face of the petitioner's own plea, e.g., existence of temple or mosque or inadequate width of site. The Inspectress of Girls' Schools states that the site now selected is centrally situated and the most suitable obtainable. Although the owner does not consent to part with the site, public interests require the acquisition of the site as proposed.

9. Although the site committee which sat on the 28th May 1917 approved the site, as no data were on record at that time as to the number of girls to be accommodated in the school, or the superficial area required for each pupil, the size of building required was not determined, which necessitated further correspondence with the Inspectress of Girls' Schools regarding the present and future requirements of the school. This caused some delay and on the 23rd July 1917 I received the reply of the Inspectress stating that it would suffice to have a building to accommodate 300 pupils--(Copy of her letter is enclosed). The

building

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building as per type design would only accommodate 280 pupils
and I am therefore addressing the Executive Engineer to revise
the plan of the building with reference to the Inspectress' views
and send up the acquisition proposals to Government.

10. Records are enclosed as per list.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Drum 7-8-17
for Ag. Collector.

DISPATCHED
7 AUG 1917

R.G./7-8-17. Exd.

Re
7.8.17

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List of records submitted to Government.

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1. Petition dated 6-4-1917 from V. Ponnuswami Nadar with its 2 enclosures.
2. Petition dated 14-4-1917 from the inhabitants of Nadar caste in Mayavaram taluk, Tanjore District.
3. Petition dated 16-9-1916 from Ponnuswami Nadar to the Tahsildar of Chidambaram.
4. Petition dated 25th October 1916 from Ponnuswami Nadar to the Collector of South Arcot.
5. Petition dated 26th October 1916 Do. Do.
6. Copy of petition dated 28th December 1916 from Ponnuswami Nadar to the Director of Public Instruction and letter dated 25th January 1917 from the Inspectress of Girls' Schools.
7. Copy of letter R.Dis.No.13, dated 27th January 1917 from the Tahsildar to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Chidambaram.
8. Copy of letter R.Dis.No.29 dated 5th February 1917 from the Revenue Divisional Officer, Chidambaram to the Collector.
9. Copy of Proceedings dated 28th May 1917 of the site Committee.
10. Chidambaram Tahsildar's report D.Dis.No.979, dated 2nd July 1917 with its enclosures:--
 - (1) Note for the President, Taluk Board and the Chairman, Municipal Council, Chidambaram with the Chairman's reply dated 28th June 1917.
 - (2) Statement of Mr. M.C. Ramaswami Ayyar, Pleader, Chidambaram.
 - (3) Chidambaram Taluk Board President's reply dated 28th June 1917 to the Tahsildar's note with the statement of Mr. Jagannadha Ayyar, Pleader, Chidambaram.
 - (4) Statement of Raju Chetti, dated 1st July 1917.
11. Copy of letter R.C.No.806/11, dated 20th July 1917 from the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Central Circle, Madras.

R.G./7-8-17. Exd.

Re
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Drum 7-8-17
for Ag. Collector.

DISPATCHED
7 AUG 1917

From

Ponnusami Nadar,

P o r a y a r, Abkari Contractor.

To

The Tahsildar of

Chidambaram.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 27-8-1916,

I have the honour to inform you that my agent Shanmuga Nadar at Chidambaram has been ordered to allow the D.P.W. Officers for digging pits in the back-yard of my house Nos. 175 and 176.

2. The said houses Nos. 175 and 176 form one house with two out-doors. My caste people resorting to the temple also halt in this house.

3. I am using it for my residence and I transact all my business there only. My agent lives in one portion of it. I have no other house for my residence.

4. Under the will of my father and from the partition deed between myself and my brother dated 28-2-76 it is clear that this house is set apart for certain charities.

5. Under the above circumstances, I cannot part with the house.

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6. There are several other vacant sites and houses in the West and North car streets that can be utilized for the school.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

16-9-1916

V. Ponnusamy Nadar

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pet 4/16.
The Sub. Dist. Officer
S. M. D
Chidambaram

Sir,

Inc. m 3
I have the honour to request you will be good enough to let me know at your earliest convenience the result of the application with regard to the trial pits, referred to in my letter No: 3337 of 1-9-16.

I have etc

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Ponnusami Nadar,
Abkari Contractor,

Poraiyar.

To

The Collector of

South Arcot.

Most Honoured Sir,

I have 2 houses at Chidambaram Nos 175 and 176.

2. It seems that it is in contemplation to acquire the said 2 houses for the construction of a Government Girls school

3. I am not in a position to part with the houses. The said 2 houses form one house with 2 out doors. My caste people who resort to the temple at Chidambaram halt at this house. There is no building in the town for my caste people.

4. I have no other building for my residence. I transact all my business there only. My agent also lives in one portion of it.

5. Under the will of my father and from the partition deed between myself and my deceased brother dated 28-3-76 the said 2 houses have been set apart for certain charities.

6. I have also submitted a petition to the Tahsildar and the Deputy Collector.

7. Under the above circumstances, I crave your Honour to select some other sites in the same street or in the North Car street.

I beg to remain,

Most Honoured Sir.,

Your Honour's most obedient servant,

V. Ponnusamy Nadar

Chidambaram,

25-10-1916.

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I therefore request that your honour will be pleased
to order that the said houses which are already set apart for
charitable purposes may not be interfered with, that the wishes of
the deceased may be respected, that the religious feelings of our
community may not be hurt, and that any other site may be acquired
instead for the purpose of the girls' school. h2

I beg to remain,

Most honoured sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. Donutany Nadar

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Copy of letter dated 28th December 1916 from M.R.Py. V. Ponnuswami Nadar, Abkari contractor, Porayar, to the Director of Public Instruction.

I beg to submit the following for your honour's kind and favourable consideration.

1. I possess two houses Nos. 175 & 176 in West Car street Chidambaram. They are in fact one house with two door ways. Since it is proposed to acquire them for the construction of a girl's school, I beg to enclose herewith a plan and to submit my various objections with reference to the said acquisition.
2. The property in question has been set apart as choultry, so long ago as 1876--the date of my father's will for the benefit of our community in this and other parts of the Presidency. In fact, the building is the only halting place for me and the pilgrim population of our community who resort, in large numbers, to the sacred temple of Chidambaram, throughout all parts of the year, and no other building is available in the town for accommodation, and for our religious purposes.
3. The severance of the building will involve serious loss to us and to our community.
4. And further, it is specially difficult to get an equally decent place elsewhere in the town for our community for the aforesaid purposes.
5. Besides, the choultry in question lies in West Car street and nearly one half of the town which is the conspicuous portion, lies to the west of my building. And almost all of the school going population of Brahmins and other high caste Hindus live there. The Dikshadars of historic repute reside mainly in Kila Vidhi two furlongs to the east of my choultry and in North and South Car streets. Buildings can be purchased at a cheap rate in the said Kila Vidhi.
6. Besides, vacant spaces, house sites, thatched huts, and tiled buildings of various dimensions, as detailed in the plan



can also be bought at a cheap price in the other parts of the town and a reference to the plan will give an adequate idea of the size, situation, etc. of the several sites with reference to other important buildings, including Boys' and Girls' Schools.

7. No. 1 situate in West Car street and belonging to Gopala Ayyar, is an old tiled building and is very close to the present Girls' school. It is equal in size to No. 5 and measures 120 by 55 English feet and convenient for school purposes.

No. 2 is the joint property of Ayyaswami Ayyar and Mr. Sankara Naidu. The former owns an old tiled house, 130 by 38 feet, front walls built of brick with its back portion constructed of mud walls, while the latter a vacant space 140 by 25 feet making a sum total of about 8440 sq. feet. This item has entrance from two sides first from the West Car street and secondly from Sembadavans Street.

No. 4 at the northern extremity of the West Car street has a very small tiled building with a thatched hut and vacant space and measures 100 by 70 feet or 7000 sq. feet.

No. 5 is my choultry and to the acquisition of which various objections are taken. And further the big Nataraja Temple is at its back.

No. 6 is a vacant space which has an entrance on both sides first from North Car Street and secondly from Ambalathadi Wadam street and measures 140 by 50 or 7000 sq. ft. This is very close to the Municipal Town School 2 houses to the West.

No. 7 is a vacant space in North Car Street and measures 7800 sq. feet.

No. 8 in South Car street is also a vacant site and measures 5500 sq. ft. and is very close to Pachayappa's High School.

No. 9 in Armapettai Road is also a vacant space measuring 4500 sq. ft. is also very near Pachayappa's High School. And these vacant sites can be purchased at cheap rates.

8. Even suitable buildings are available for school purposes.

9. Leaving the said 4 Car Streets, if we just proceed to the localities where the Pachayappa's High School is built, or Chettiar's High School is constructed, or the Town School is

is located or proceed further to the west of my choultry, we can hit upon various sites for school building purposes at enormously cheap rates.

10. In these circumstances, I beg to request that your honour will kindly be pleased to order the said building which had been already set apart for charitable purposes may not be interfered with, that the wishes of my deceased venerable father may not go unfulfilled, that the religious feelings of our community may not be hurt, and that any other site may be ordered to be acquired for the purposes of the Girls' School.

Copy of a communication from the Inspectress of Girls' school, Central circle No. 806(a)/11 dated 25th Jany. 1917.

In continuation of this office letter R.C.No 806(a) of 1911 dated 13th October 1916, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the letter of M.R.PY. V. Ponnuswami Nadar to the Director of Public Instruction and to remark as follows:-

As already reported to you the question of providing a Government building for the Chidambaram Girls' school has been under correspondence for the last six years and it is only now that a site which is centrally situated and suitable from every point of view has been selected. I may point out in this connection that Mr. Ponnuswami Nader's houses which are proposed to be acquired are used for his own business and that his agent resides in them, so that no charitable object whatever is at present served by the houses and this fact may be proved by local enquiries. I would therefore request you to be so good as to favour me at your earliest convenience with an expression of your opinion that the objection raised by the owner must be overruled so as to enable me to address the Director to obtain the administrative approval for the acquisition of the sites under reference.

R.O.C.No. 3182/cor of 16.

forwarded to the Revenue Divisional Officer Chidambaram for early report in continuation of this office letter No. 3182/cor of 16 dated 2-11-16.

*an agent
Chidambaram
who is in
the houses
of the
houses in the 175
He is P. Nader
after looking
after his house
business.*

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He is a head
house in the
176 Chidambaram
Gopaswami
Gopaswami
Gopaswami
2-2-17*

31/ Ref. - 2a.
2. Copy of letter No. dated 28-12-16 from the owner of the site to the Director of Public Instruction is sent herewith for remarks.

S. Arcot collector's office
Dated 29th Jan. 17.

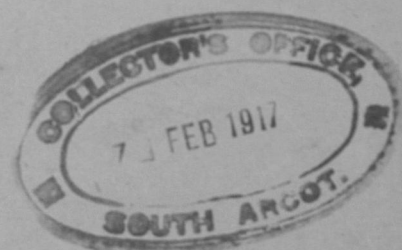
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For collector.

*Respected Sir,
Submitted.*

*2) The connected papers were
given for favour of personal
inspection at Chidambaram.*

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Copy of a communication from M.R. Ry. M.S. Ratnasabapathi Pillai Avl., B.A., Tahsildar of Chidambaram, to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Chidambaram, R.Dis.No.13 of 1917, dated 27th January 1917.

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With reference to your order No.2096-Collr. of 1916, dated 22nd October 1916, I beg to submit herewith draft notification and valuation statement for the site proposed to be acquired for the construction of a Government Girls' School in the West Car Street, Chidambaram.

2. The sites to be acquired are houses Nos.175 and 176 in the West Car street, Chidambaram. The measurement of the land is as shown in the margin. It comes to 0.32 cents in all in

East to West ... 239 feet. } S.No.123-A/3 in nattam poramboke in
North to South ... 60 feet. }
=14340 Sq. Ft. or kasba Chidambaram.
32 cents.

3. The cost of the acquisition is put down at Rs.6534/- as Rs.

Cost of land 60 feet at Rs.80 a foot	60 x 80	4800/-	detailed in the margin.
Cost of two houses.	...	700/-	The Revenue Inspector
One well.	...	60/-	reports that land in
Trees.	...	122/-	this street, at this
15% allowance in round figures...	...	852/-	place, may be estimated
Total	...	6534/-	

at Rs.80/- a foot. I think the valuation may be accepted.

4. The owner of the site is one Ponnuswami Nadar of Poraiyar, Tanjore District. He has not been enquired into. He has already put in petitions objecting to the acquisition of this site. The place is reported to be not used as chatrams, as is alleged by the owner in his objection petitions enclosed.

5. The joint statement has not been signed by an officer of the Public Works Department. It may be sent to that Department, if it is considered necessary.

6. The statement of the village officers, the Revenue Inspector's report dated 29th January 1917 and the plan that accompanied your order No.1652-Collr. of 1916, dated 26th August 1916 are enclosed.

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Copy of a communication from the Revenue Divisional Officer,
M.R.Ry. A. Ramachandra Ayyar Avl., B.A., B.L., Chidambaram
Division, to the Collector of South Arcot, R.Dis.No.29 of
1917, dated 5th February 1917.

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With reference to your letter No. reference 3182-Cor.
of 1916, dated 2nd November 1916, I have the honour to submit
herewith a draft declaration, joint statement and records of
enquiry in respect of the sites to be acquired for the con-
struction of Government Girls' School in the West Car Street,
Chidambaram and to report as follows:-

2. The sites to be acquired are houses Nos.175 and 176
in the West Car Street, and their extent is 32 cents. The
block measures 60 feet north to south and 239 feet east to
west. The value of one foot at this part of the street has
been estimated by the Tahsildar to be Rs.80/- with due regard
to the prevailing circumstances, and it seems fair. Thus cal-
culated the total value of the sites, the buildings, the well
and the trees comes to Rs.5,682/- In addition to this, a sum
of Rs.852-4-9 representing 15% additional allowance has to be
paid on account of the compulsory nature of the acquisition
under the Act.

3. The owner of the sites is Mr. Ponnuswami Nadar of
Poraiyar and he objects to the acquisition. The Tahsildar
reports that his allegations about the use of the houses as
chatrams or for other charitable objects are frivolous. I
inspected the houses on the 5th February 1917 and find a notice
board put up in house No.176 styling the building as Poraiyar
Vellayya Nadar's charitable chatram "பொருத்தியாள் வல்லையா நாராயணன் அய்யர் அருள் செய்துள்ள பத்திரம்"
and that it is open. The other house, No.175, is occupied by
the Nadar's local agent who is said to be looking after the
chatrams and the abkari business concerns of Mr.Ponnuswami Nadar.
The buildings are not in good order or style and does not appear
to be much frequented by the public. I am told that Mr.Nadar
halts there when he comes and that others also use these buildings
occasionally.

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occasionally. Mr. Ponnuswami Nadar states that the building
was set apart as choultry by his father's will in 1876 and it
seems true. It may be acquired as proposed and Mr. Nadar may
arrange another choultry with his amount of compensation.

4. The site plan and the Tahsildar's report and the
objection petitions received from the owner are enclosed as per
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list.

- x 1. Mr. Ponnuswami Nadar's petition dated 16-9-1916,
to the Tahsildar of Chidambaram--Taluk No.1346-Petn. of 1916.
2. Do. dated 26-10-1916 to the Collector of
South Arcot--enclosure to Collector's R.O.C.No.3182-Cor., d/-
2-11-1916.
3. Do. to Do. dated 25-10-1916--3237-Petn. of 1916.
4. Copy of petition to the Director of Public Instruction dated 28-12-16
with a copy of the Inspectress' letter to the Collector No.806 (a)
11, dated 25-1-1917 received with Collector's R.O.C.No.3182-Cor. of
1916, dated 29-1-1917.

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R.G./7-8-17. Exd. 7.8.17

for Ag. Collector.

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Copy of a communication from Miss C.M. Lynch B.A., Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Central Circle, Madras, to the Collector of South Arcot, R.C.No.806/11, dated 20th July 1917.

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While agreeing with the views expressed in your letter D.Dis.No.1357-Cor. of 1917, dated 3rd July 1917, as regards the unsuitability of the present type design for a Girls' School, I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to avoid any further delay in the matter of acquisition and construction of a pucca building for the Government Girls' School, Chidambaram as it has already taken about seven years for the Public Works Department to approve a site for the school. I would therefore urge that the site now chosen by the Committee be acquired, as it is the best available.

2. It is proposed to limit the strength of the school to 300 and if necessary, a second school will have to be opened in another part of the town.

3. The type design can be so altered as regards width of verandahs, etc., as to accommodate 300 pupils and also to allow a second storey to be added at a subsequent date as necessity arises.

4. I would specially request that as the school has long suffered for a suitable building, you will be so good as to take immediate steps for obtaining the sanction of Government for the acquisition of the site approved by the Committee, so that the construction of the building may be started and, if possible, completed before the end of the current official year.

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Proceedings of Site Committee for Government Girls' School, Chidambaram, dated 28th May 1917.

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Present:--

1. J.K. Lancashire Esq., I.C.S., Ag. Collector of South Arcot (President).
2. Khan Bahadur Khaja Latif-ud-din Sahib Bahadur, District Medical and Sanitary Officer, South Arcot.
3. M.R.Ry. G.S. Rama Ayyar Avl., Executive Engineer, South Arcot Division.

4. M.R.Ry. H. Ramachandra Rao Avl., Sub Assistant Inspector of Schools, South Arcot--Tanjore Girls' Range.
5. M.R.Ry. C.V. Subramania Ayyar Avl., Chairman Delegate, Chidambaram Municipal Council.

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Proposed by the Collector that the accommodation in the first instance be fixed to provide for an increase in strength of the school by 50% above its present strength, and the length of the type design building increased accordingly, if necessary.

Seconded by M.R.Ry. C.V. Subramania Ayyar Avl., subject to the adequacy of the funds.

M.R.Ry. G.S. Rama Ayyar Avl., Executive Engineer, dissents and expresses the opinion that the type design should be adhered to, provided it gives sufficient accommodation for the present strength of the school with a small margin and that any further extension may be made later on.

M.R.Ry. H. Ramachandra Rao Avl., Sub Assistant Inspector of Schools states that provision for a margin of 30% above the present strength is adequate margin, as the Municipal Council has recently opened a Girls' School $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile away in the Eastern part of the town and has proposals under consideration for opening another, 3 furlongs away to the South West of site.

Khan Bahadur Khaja Latif-ud-din Sahib Bahadur considers that the site may be approved and that the assurance of the Executive Engineer, that there is adequate space for extension to increase the accommodation, when necessity arises, is sufficient.

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Proposed by the Collector and accepted by all the other members that the building be set back 40 ft. instead of 30 ft. from the frontage.

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Aspect of the building and positions of the latrines as shown on the site plan considered and approved.

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(Sd). J.K. Lancashire,
(Sd). G.S. Ramayya,
(Sd). Khaja Latifuddin,
(Sd). H. Ramachandra Rao,
(Sd). C.V. Subramania Ayyar.

A. Ds

R.O.C. No. _____ of 191 .

TALUK OFFICE,

Chidambaram
Tindivanam.

Dated 2nd July 1917.

FROM

M-R-Ry.

S. K. SUNDARACHARLU Avl. M. A., F.R.S.A.,

TAHSILDAR,

Chidambaram
Tindivanam.

TO

THE Collector of South Arcot

The Revenue Divisional Officer
Chidambaram.

SIR,

With reference to your order No. 3182
dated 24.6.17 directing me to report on the
new allegation set forth by the owner of house
No: 175 & 176 on the mesh car sheet, Chidambaram,
proposed for the acquisition of the
Govt. Girls' School at Chidambaram, I beg
to report as follows: -

2. I have obtained the evidence of the
Taluk Board President, the Municipal Chair-
man and a pleader of the Court, who lives
next door to the site. They all unanimously
say that there was never any Tamadi in
the place referred to and that the allegation
about the existence of the Tamadi is
false. Indeed H.C. Ramaswami aiyer

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28/6/17 told me as soon as I saw him ^{that} on 28.6.17 he met the horse owner who admitted - before him that he had trotted out a false allegation of a Samadi and that he hoped no harm would come to him - hereby. This fact however he chose to withhold from his written statement dated that same date.

2. The agent of the owner of these horses who appeared before me on 1.7.17 at my second inspection showed me an ant. hill and says that the burial must have taken place some 30 or 40 years ago (ie) before the site came into the possession of the Nadar. He has no evidence oral or documentary to show that there is a Samadi at the place. The allegation of the Samadi is a lie set up only to make the authorities give up the idea of the acquisition of the sites, and deserves to be rejected. I have not been able to see the owner himself though I have sent special messengers for him. If the Collector considers that he might also be given an opportunity to substantiate his allegation, I request that a notice may be caused to be issued to him from the Collector's office, informing him that should he fail to turn up before me in a

in a week his petition would stand dismissed.

4. Connected records are enclosed.

I beg to remain,

Yours most obedt. servant

Subd. Commr. in
Ch. Adilabad
27/7

Inc. No 10
 Revenue Division
 Chidambaram

Ref. 3182 of Mr. Camp
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 Mr. Regr. (Subordinate Officer)
 1370 of 1917
 (2.C.)

The Submitter of
 Chidambaram

The Collector of
 South Arcot
 This the Revenue Divisional
 Officer
 Chidambaram.

Dated 2nd
 Despatch
 Recd
 July 1917

Dis. No 179
 1917

Enclosures are sent
 2 four papers.

Subject.

Reporting about the alleged
 and set forth by the owner
 of house No. 175 & 176 of
 the West Car Street Chidambaram,
 proposed for
 acquisition of the Govt
 Girls School.

Submitted to the
 Collector for favour
 of orders.
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 Revd Office
 6/9/17
 7.7.17

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Note for (1) Mr. Varahaachari
 President
 Taluk Board
 Chidambaram
 & (2) Mr. Subramani Rajan
 Chairman Delegate
 Municipal Council
 Chidambaram.

As you are aware Houses Nos.
 175 & 176 are proposed to be acquired
 by Govt for constructing a Girls School.
 The owner of the sites now seeks to
 show that there is an old & a sacred
 Samathi in one corner of the house
 in the north. I don't however find
 any tomb or structure outside C.R.
 above ground level & my Enquiry
 shows that the story of the existence
 of a Samathi is mere fiction. Please
 let me know if to your knowledge
 there was ever a Samathi at the
 place pointed out by the owner or
 if you ever heard it said that
 there was one at the place. Please
 say what you know about the
 matter: also, if you have heard
 special opportunities to know or
 hear about the existence of a

Samathi, had there been one really
at the place.

Dr. R. S. Subrahmanya
Chidambaram

27/6/17

I am a resident of Chidambaram. I know the two houses
nos. 175 & 176. The two houses are
never used for any charitable purposes. There is no
Samathi in any corner of these houses. The statement
the owner that there is a Samathi is purely an afterthought.
On inspection, I found no traces of any Samathi
in the backyards. I think the suggestion that there
was a Samathi in the backyard is simply a device
to stop the acquisition of the houses. I have not
heard till now the existence of any Samathi, nor
the houses were ever used for charitable purposes.

28.6.17

C. V. Subrahmanya Iyer
Chairman
Municipal Council
Chidambaram

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Statement made by Mr. M. C. Ramasami Iyer
pleader, Chidambaram, to the Zashilda, Chidambaram

I am the owner of the house no. 177, adjacent to Poraiya
Nadar's house. Houses no. 175, 176. West of street
Chidambaram, belonged originally to one Thavasi-
Muthu Nadar of Poraiya who purchased the same
in court auction. Thavasi Muthu Nadar died
leaving 3 sons of whom 2 died. The only
surviving son is Gurusami Nadar. I am a resident
of Chidambaram (for the past 40 years) from 1877.
To my knowledge there is no Samathi in the backyards
of houses nos. 175 & 176. So far as I am aware, the said
houses were never used for any public or charitable
purposes.

M. C. Ramasami Iyer
28-6-17

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28/6/17

I very closely examined the houses & garden attached to them. I find no trace of any Sannathi anywhere, either in the place pointed out in the note or in any other place. I have not heard of any Sannathi in any place there ever ~~before~~. I heard that ~~any~~ any cows cat at the place at any time. The whole story of the existence of a Sannathi is completely false; & it is only an after thought.

K. carolinensis

28-6-1919

Chidambaram

Preradovci, Talugi

Board Chivanton

I also accompanied Mr. K. Kara-
hacharian Ad. Certainly there is
no trace of any Samadhi. It is
not likely that this story of a
Samadhi is true.

W Saamathalinga

28/6/17.

Reads
Chikambaram.

28/6/20

Statement of Raji^{us} Chethi son
of Harindappa Chethi of Chi.
Dabara dated 27

1.7.17

I am the local agent of Panna
Bannasa: Nadar — the owner
of the house sites Nos. 175 & 176. I
know the owner has stated
recently that there is a Sanadhi
in the backyard of the houses.
What we mean by a Sanadhi
is only the anthill shown by
me just now near the temple
wall on the line between the
two houses. We don't know
~~where~~ who was buried at the
place or when it was. The burial
must have been 30-40 years
ago i.e. before the site came
into the possession of the Nadar
or before the Court sale.
I have no Evidence oral or
documentary to show that
there is a Sanadhi at the

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Mr. A. S. A. S. S. Before me
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for the location of the site cannot be found
and report written ~~in~~ ^{on} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~site~~ ^{site}
and further enquiries in the ~~area~~ ^{area}
however the collection is requested
the acquisition of ordinary structure
even outside the car streets, but
be obtained in the vicinity, but
that other fairly eligible sites can
the post find it difficult to select
the post office, school, Christian
meeting the acquisition of a site
12th Col 17 to the 1st August 1917
the Collection of South West, A. B. H. H.
with reference to the letter

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Home (Edu) Department

Ans: 22A, 72A, 785A.

Memo.

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14.17 of C.F.

It would be glad
if a fairly close
alternative site be
selected.

25/2/8

To.

The Collr. of South Azed.

Copy to the D.P.
memo only

Despatched
Mr

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2. That in Continuation of that
petition and other Correspondence
he begs to Submit that the

the acquisition of the property in question has been started under peculiar circumstances. At first, there was no real grievance or Complaint for want of a new girls' school in the West Car Street. There is at present a girls' school in the same street, being a rented one and no reason is assigned for purchasing the said site & raising on it a new building as also for shifting it to the petitioner's choultry which has to be demolished completely if a new ^{school} building is to be constructed.

3. That, on the other hand, the Dikshatars of historic repute, protest against the location of the proposed girls' school in the said West Car Street, but earnestly desire that it should be built near the site of the present Nachaiappas High School in South Car Street, firstly because the site in South Car Street is nearer to the said Dikshatars' houses than the petitioner's choultry in West Car Street, and secondly ^{South Car Street} it is a very decent locality, & 3rdly it is has good many sites for school-building purposes and spacious. And it is Dikshatars' girls that form the majority of

the school going population. ³⁵ 50
4. In these circumstances, ^{it would appear that} the authorities of the girls' school in question were induced by one ~~Vasaghachariar~~ ^{Sub-Assistant} and another ~~Schoolmaster~~; the former, who has got a house at the terminus of the West Car & North Car, Streets, further the proposal of acquiring the petitioner's choultry since it is close to his house & since his grand-daughters can easily attend school without walking any long distance; the latter school master is also living near. Both are actuated by selfish motives & look to their personal comforts.
5. Further, almost all the Brahmins of the West Car Street have joined together, out of caste prejudice, in depriving the petitioner of his choultry situated in the midst of their houses in West Car Street on the plea of getting it acquired for the girls' school.

6. He begs to invite the attention of Government to the Schedule annexed to his petition deed filed before the Comptroller of South Arcot on 28-5-17, and it would be observed therefrom that this property in question has been set apart for charity and allocated as choultry so long ago as 28-2-76 and it continues to be so up to now. And one can easily draw a sharp line of distinction between the petitioner's choultry in question and other choultries in the same street which have been converted into eating houses and coffee-hotels, and the owners derive tolerably good income out of them. But the petitioner's choultry is always kept open for the benefit of travellers, and not under lock and key. It is neither rented out, nor utilized otherwise to the detriment of public good interests. No doubt the petitioner admits that food is not supplied gratis to the poor in his choultry but it is submitted that there is a Kattalai in the Big Chidambaram Temple, as also land set apart. And further, a notice board is hung for years together stating that it is a "Sic & 1806" Dharmachattram. Though the petitioner has not been deriving any

any benefit out of it, nor ⁵² has made any of his family members ²⁴ live in it, it is strange to hear that even the bona fide of his long-standing charity is doubted. The thing is this - that the building should either have been let out for rent to the petitioner's benefit, or occupied by himself and his family members, or kept apart for the public good, and there can be no other excluded middle.

7. In short, all is due to the Brahminic clique. The Executive Engineer is a Brahmin, the Schoolmaster is a Brahmin & the others concerned are also Brahmins. All these have joined together and strongly urged that the petitioner's choultry should be taken away. While there are a lot of buildings and other house-sites, it is not understood why the Brahmins cannot hit upon another alternative equally good, if not a better one.

8. A perusal of the plan submitted will

will clearly show the position of the different Sites.

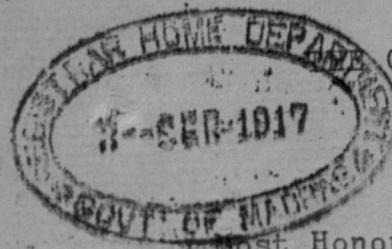
9. It is submitted that the petitioner and his Community has no other charitable institution in this Sacred town.

10. In these circumstances, the petitioner prays that some other Site maybe ordered to be acquired

The petitioner begs to remain
Most Honoured & Respected Sir
Yr most obedient Servant
M. Ponnusami Nadar

Muniradon & Akari Contractor.

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To



CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
M A D R A S.

Most Honoured and Respected Sir,

We the undersigned inhabitants ratepayers and Deekshitas
of great priests of the sacred Chidambaram Temple of
Chidambaram Town South Arcot District, most respectfully
beg to approach your honour ^{with} the following request :-

1. At present there is a Girls' School located in the West Car Street in a rented building and we hear that the Government is going to purchase a choultry belonging to Mr. Ponnusami Nadar and his community for over 40 years for constructing a permanent building for the said Girl's School.
2. In the first instance, we beg to point out that West Car Street is not a desirable place for erecting any permanent Girl's school on a large scale, since it is not in proximity with our houses. We think, on the other hand, that the school authority has not been properly advised in the matter and was not happy in the choice.
3. We belong to the most civilised community of the Town and live mainly in the East and South Car streets. It will be most advantageous for our girls, who form the bulk of the school going population if a Girl's school is built near the present Pachayappa's High School where there is ample vacant space in and other cheap buildings for school building - purposes. Besides Pachayappa's High School is nearer to various

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5. There are also others who share thus in our opinion.

We beg to remain,

Your Honour's Most Humble Memorialists,

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To, ^{Expt} the Collector of South Arcot ^{26/11}
with the petition in original
to be returned with reply.

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Home (Edu) Dept

CNo. 93100.

Memo. 22 B-3 dated 6-9-17

The petition of the 31st August 1917 from the inhabitants, ratepayers and deekshitas of Chidambaram protesting against the acquisition of maddu Pannurwanni Nadar's choultry for the purposes of the Govt. girls' school, Chidambaram, since received is forwarded to the Collector of South Arcot for consideration in continuation of memo. No. 22 B-2 Home (Edn) of the 24th August 1917.

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To

The Chief Secretary of
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Sir,

We non Brahmin residents of Chidambaram
most respectfully bring to your kind notice and for
favourable Consideration the following few lines.

1. We understand that it is in contemplation to con-
struct a building for the Government Girls School
Chidambaram and a suitable site for the purpose
is intended to be acquired in one of the four Car streets.
A great part of the Town is situated west of the
West Car street and most of the non Brahmins reside
in that part of the Town. For reasons which we
need not narrate here our Community has been
slow in taking up to education and consists generally
mostly of agriculturists, merchants, and artisans.
It is only natural that education among our
girls must be too poor.
2. We cannot shut ourselves up to the necessities
of the time for all time and we see the awakening
of other Communities around us and begin to feel
the result of our neglect of education and the
position we occupy in consequence. We are
anxious now not only to give the best education
to our boys to the extent our means can allow but
also give sound and healthy education to our
girls as well as a necessary step towards better
education of our boys.

C No. 1174 B

Memo. ²² 174 B 48252

A petition from the non-Brahmin ~~inhabitants~~ residents of Chidambaram regarding the location of the Govt. girls' school, Chidambaram, since received is forwarded to the Collector of South Arcot for consideration in continuation of memo. No. 22 B-3 of the 6th September 1917.

(Placed below)

To, the Collector of South Arcot
with petition in original to
be returned with reply

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the above

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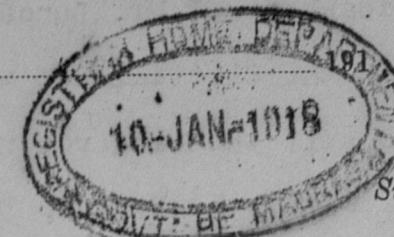
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H O M E (Education)

DEPARTMENT.

Received



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Subject.

Land Acquisition.

Reporting that a site has been selected by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Chidambaram and the Personal Assistant to the Inspectress of Girls' Schools for constructing a building for Government Girls' School, Chidambaram.

ENCLOSURES

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D.Dis. No. 31-Cor. of 1918.

Station Cuddalore, Dated the 8th January 1918

From (Name) N.E. Marjoribanks Esq., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of South Arcot.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

H O M E (Education) Department.

Sir,

In reply to Government Memorandum No. 22-B₂ dated 24th August 1917, I have the honour to state that my predecessor accordingly selected a site in the South Car Street, Chidambaram. The site is marked A to H in the sketch enclosed. The owners of the site are at Madras. The house on a small portion of the site is in the occupation of a Pleader who pays to the owners a rent of Rs. 150/- per annum. The remaining portion which is not built on has been leased out by the owners to M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur S.Rm.M. Ramaswami Chettiar

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for an annual rent of Rs.60/- The whole site is said to be trust property devoted to certain charitable purposes connected with the Nataraja temple at Chidambaram. Mr. Lancashire tried to get the owners' consent through the Chettiar, but was unsuccessful and the owners refused to sell the land voluntarily. The value of this site has been estimated by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Chidambaram, at Rs.19,602-1-8 exclusive of the 15 per cent. allowance payable for compulsory acquisition. Though the site may be a suitable one, its cost appears ^{to be} very high. There would probably be litigation up to the High Court, were it to be acquired compulsorily ^{if} under the Act.

2. The Personal Assistant to the Inspectress of Girls' Schools and the Revenue Divisional Officer, Chidambaram, have jointly selected another site in the corner of the Southern and Western Car Streets at Chidambaram. It comprises 5 dwelling houses and a vacant plot. A sketch showing the measurements of this site is also enclosed. Houses Nos. 1, 2 and 3 on the site belong to M.R.Ry. C.S. Ponnuswami Mudaliar, retired Tahsildar, Chidambaram. He is not willing to part with the land, but practically ^{every} house owner in the locality would similarly object. The site has a frontage of about 100 feet and a depth of about 195 feet. The two officers who selected this site consider that, as it abuts on the public streets on its Northern and Eastern sides, it is preferable to the site marked A to H selected by the Ag. Collector. The Divisional Officer has estimated the value of this alternative site at Rs.10,380-12-3, exclusive of the 15 per cent. allowance. The cost of this site also appears to be high in comparison with the cost of the Nadar's choultry originally selected which was only Rs.6,534/-

3. The Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Central Circle, Madras, has requested the Executive Engineer to send her necessary plans and estimates for constructing the school if the alternative site is found suitable from an Engineering point of view. If the Executive Engineer approves of the site and applies for

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the same, the further action necessary will be taken.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

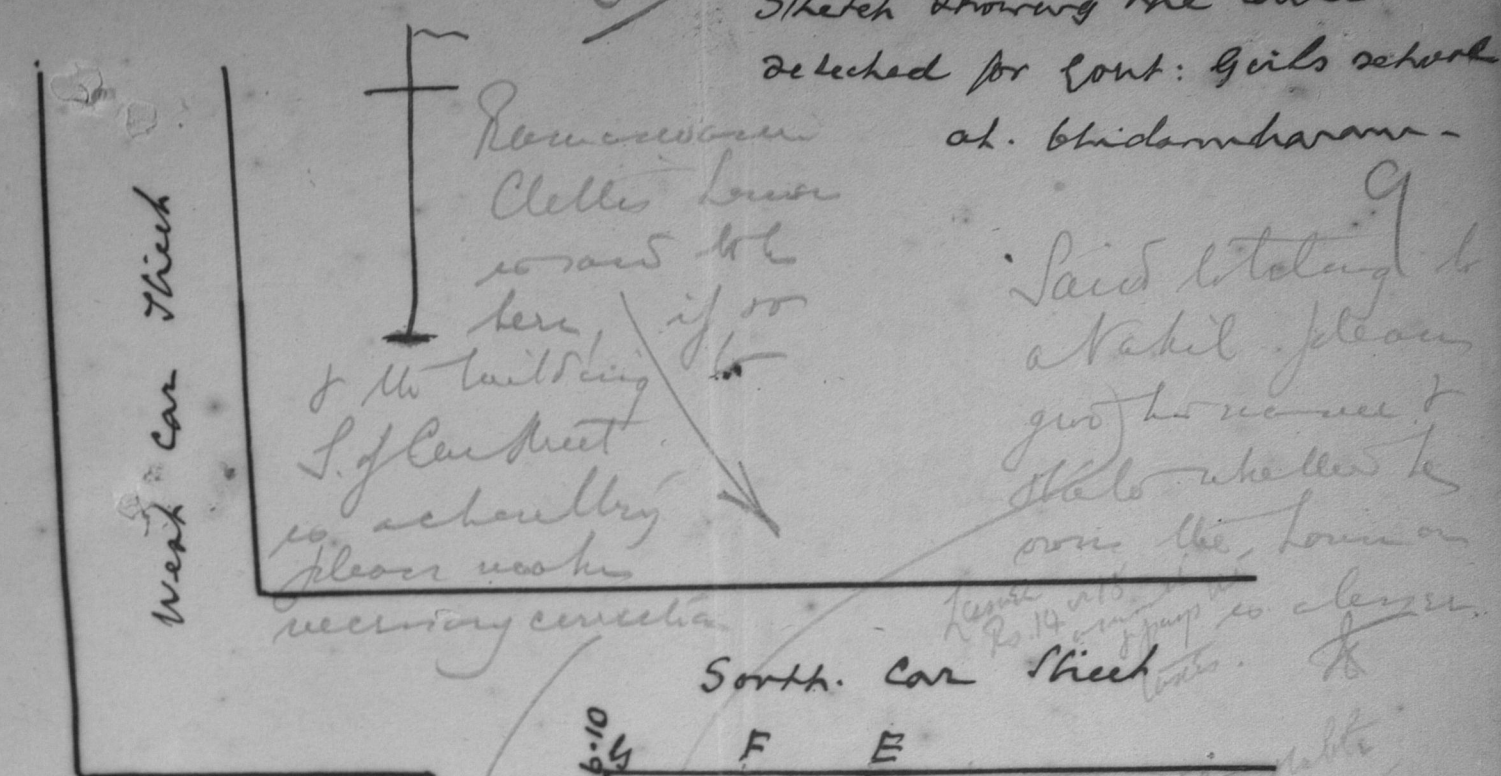
Your most obedient servant,

K. S. Srinivasan
Collector.

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Sketch showing the land
detached for Govt. Girls school
at. Chidambaram -



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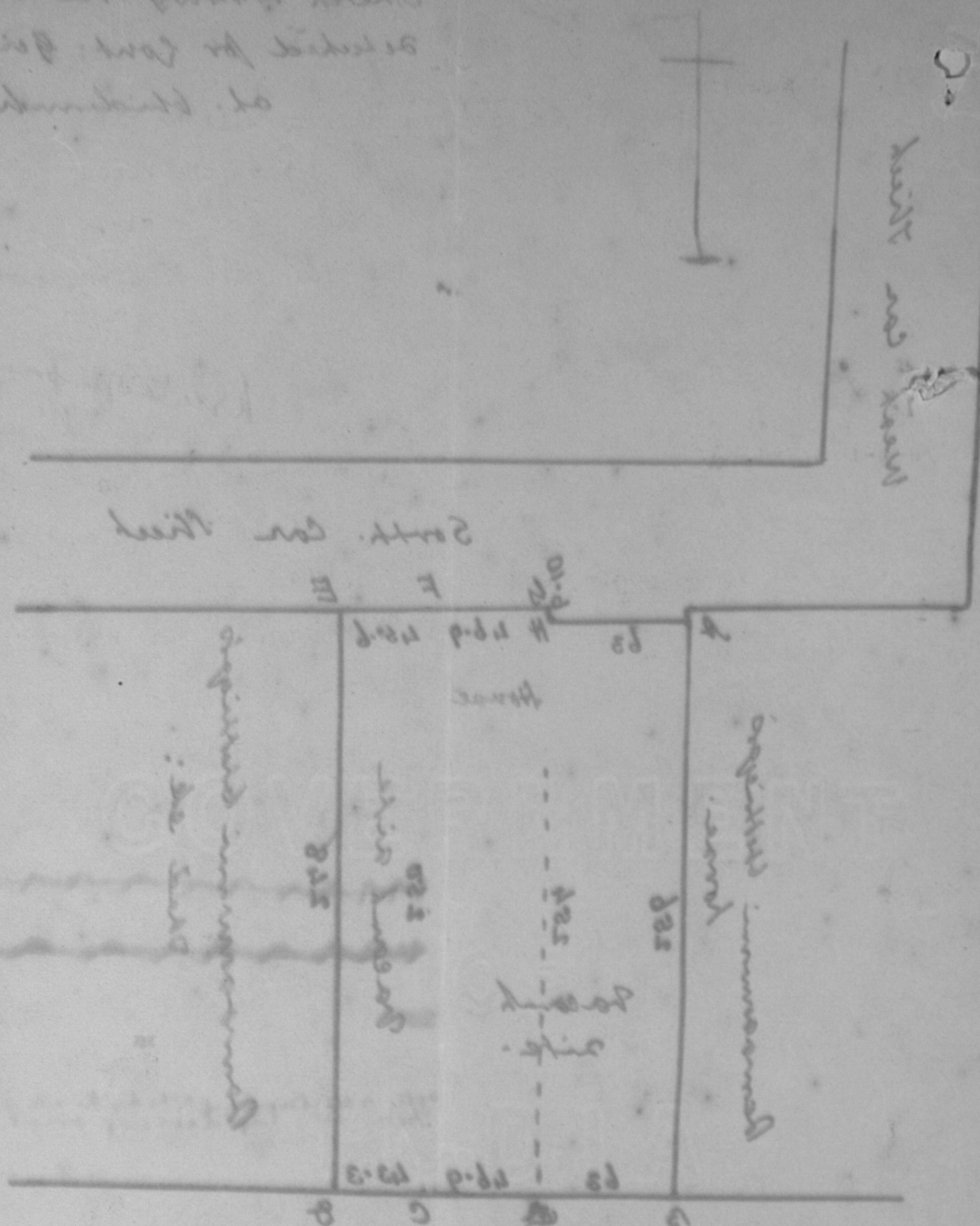
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reporting that an alternative site

has been selected for the construction

of a building for the Govt girls'

school, Chidambaram, the Collect

of South Arcot is requested to

~~expedite the work~~

~~and to submit his final recom~~

~~mendation at an early date,~~

after ascertaining whether the site is suitable

from an engineering point of view.

He is also requested to return the

papers forwarded to him with

Memo. No. 22 B-3 D the 6. 9. 17 and

Memo. No. 22 B-4 D the 25. 10. 17

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The Collector of South Arcot.

HOME (Educational) DEPARTMENT.

Received 191 . - Registered 1918.

Subject.

Resubmitting petitions received with Government Memoranda Nos. 22-B 3, dated 6th September 1917 and 22-B 4 dated 25th October 1917 and stating that a final report on the suitability of the alternative site for the construction of the school building in Chidambaram will be submitted on receipt of the S. Arcot Ex. Engineer's reply.

R.O.C. No. 85-B & G of 1918.

Station Cuddalore, Dated the 1st March 1918.

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For the Regt.

The receipt of the final report promised by the Collector may be awaited.

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From (Name) N.E. Marjoribanks Esq., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of South Arcot.

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

Sir,

With reference to Government Memorandum No. 22 B-5/17 dated 18th January 1918, I have the honour to resubmit herewith the petitions received with Government Memoranda Nos. 22 B-3, dated 6th September 1917 and 22 B-4 dated 25th October 1917 and to state that the Executive Engineer has not yet reported on the suitability of the alternative site selected for the construction of the school building in Chidambaram. He is being reminded and a final report will be submitted on receipt of a reply from him.

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

N.E. Marjoribanks
Collector.

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REMINDER.

To

The Collector of
South Arcot.

The undersigned ^{has the honour to invite}
is directed to invite
invites

attention to the communication noted in the
No. 22 B-3, dated 6. 9. 17 margin and to
request that
this reminder may be returned at once with
information as to—

- (1) the stage at which the matter now is,
- (2) the date by which a reply may be expected and
- (3) the circumstances which have caused the delay.

2. It is requested that the reply to this
reminder may be sent not later than

Office Home Dep^t
Station Fort St George
Dated 30/3/18

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Signature.

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SUBJECT.

Requisition for a site for the Gosh
girls' school, Chidambaram.

R.C./8-4-18. Exd.

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REPLY.

From
W.E. Marjoribanks Esq. I.C.S.
Collector of S. Arcot.

To

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

Sir,

The Executive Engineer has
not yet reported on the suitability
or otherwise of the alternative
site referred to in Government memo-
randum No. 22 B-5/17 dated 18th
January 1918 and he is being re-
minded to expedite his report.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W.E. Marjoribanks
Collector.

HOME (Education)

DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Reporting that the choultry of Ponnuswami Nadar may be ordered to be acquired for a site to Government Girls' School, Chidambaram.

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D. Dis No. 1358 Cor of 1918.

Station Cuddalore, Dated the 10th May 1918

From (Name) Khan Bahadur S.M.V. Osman Sahib Bahadur B.A., B.L.,

(Designation) Ag. Collector of South Arcot.

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

Sir,

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p 62-64 c.f.

In reply to Government Memo 22 B-5/17 dated 18th January 1918 and the reminder thereon dated 6th May 1918, I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of communication from the Executive Engineer to the Superintending Engineer No. 526 S.E. dated 17th April 1918 from which it will appear that the cost of the school building, if constructed on the alternative site may become high. It has already been reported in this office D. Dis. No. 31 dated 8th January 1918 that the cost of this alternative site alone

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alone, viz., Rs.10,380-12--3 exclusive of the 15 per cent allowance was higher than the cost of the Nadar's choultry which had been estimated only at Rs.6534/-. It seems therefore desirable that at the present financial strain and in consideration of the very high expenditure that will have to be incurred both in the acquisition of the site and in the construction of the building afterwards, the question of selecting the alternative site may be dropped and the site originally selected, viz., the choultry of M.R.Ry. Ponnuswamy Nadar, already approved by a site committee may be ordered to be acquired.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R Nagalingam
for Ag. Collector.

M.R.K/10-5-18. Exd. *BB*

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Copy of letter from the Executive Engineer, South Arcot Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Seventh Circle, Madras, dated 17th April 1918, No.526 S.E.

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With reference to your inspection notes for the month of March 1918 communicated with your No.271 S.A., dated 19th March 1918, I have the honour to forward herewith a survey of the site newly selected for constructing a Government Girls' School at Chidambaram and to state that the particulars called for by you are noted in this site survey. As the soil and sub soil (ascertained from trial pits) of the new site referred to are of made up earth from 3 to 5 feet below ground level and loose black earth below, ^{may require deep foundations and as} such the cost of the buildings may be high. The site measures about 190' x 105'. The site has not been approved by a site committee. The Collector will be addressed to form a site committee and to approve the site, as soon as the site plan is received with your remarks.

M.R.K/10-5-18. Exd. *BB*

R Nagalingam
for Ag. Collector.

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It is proposed to acquire two houses in Chidambaram for a girls' school. The owner objects to the acquisition on the grounds that the houses have been set apart as a private trust for the accommodation of pilgrims. Chidambaram has a very famous temple is a wellknown place of pilgrimage (2) that there is a tomb in the back yard.

The second allegation is false, foolishly put in to advance the petitioner's objection.

The first allegation is true but the place has in fact been very little used for charitable purposes. But in consequence of the present enquiry the private charity is likely to be resumed. Several private charities are moribund in this Presidency. If the house is acquired, the charity will not revive.

The petitioner belongs to the famous Nadar family of Porayar. I know some of the members of the family. They are always loyal, charitable and have contributed to several Government funds. It is a question whether we should not really oblige him in a matter of sentiment where I am sure he is likely to feel strongly.

On the other hand it is reported

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that the site is the best for the
Girls' school. It is difficult to
believe that other fairly eligible
sites cannot be obtained in the vicinity
by the acquisition of ordinary dwelling
houses.

Petr is of great standing in his
community & this gives point to
para 17 of the petition.

The draft follows the collector's
recommendation but I submit
the case for orders as it is quite possible
for a different view to be adopted.

My
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H. E.

Let further enquiry be made.

P. 17. General

19. 8. 17



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20/8/17

A draft memo. is submitted for appro

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[memo. no. 22 B-2 of the 24-8-17]

Collector of
D.P.I. (Q & O.)

Acquisition of land.- Overruling the objection raised to the acquisition of M.R.Ry.V.Ponnuswami Nadar's choultry which has been selected as a suitable site for the construction of a building for the Government Girls' School, Chidambaram.

Read:-

- I
C.No.22-B, From M.R.Ry.V.Ponnuswami Nadar, dated the 6th April 1917
- II
C.No.72-B, From the Nadar inhabitants of Chidambaram, dated 4th April 1917
- III
C. 785-B, From the Collector of S.Arcot, D.Dis.No.1596/Cor.d/10-8-1917.
- IV
C.No.889-B, From M.R.Ry.V.Ponnuswami Nadar, dated the 23rd August 1917
- V
C.No.931-B, From the Ratepayers of Deekshitas of Chidambaram, dated 31-8-1917
- VI
C.No.1174-B, From the Inhabitants of Chidambaram, dated October 1917
- VII
C.No.1034B, From the Collector of South Arcot, No.1358Cor.dated 10th May 1918.

ORDER:- No. 858, dated 1-7-1918.
Mis.

M.R.Ry.V.Ponnuswami Nadar is informed that in pursuance of his objections to the acquisition of his choultry in the West Car Street, Chidambaram, for the location of the Government Girls' School ^{in the matter} enquiry was made, but that the Government regret that in consequence of the absence of any other convenient site suitable for the school, they have to acquire his property.

3. The Collector of South Arcot is requested to submit proposals for the acquisition of the site promised in para. 9 of his letter No.D.Dis.1596-Cor./17, dated the 6th August 1917.

R.Ry.V.Ponnuswami Nadar
(Q of I & IV & O.)
Collector of S.Arcot(Q & O.)
D.P.I. (Q & O.)

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READ AGAIN G.O. No. 191 DATED

CURRENT No.

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para 48-53 Cf. [CNo. 889B]. From v. Ponnuswami Nadar, dt the 23. 8. 17
" 54-56 Cf. [" 931B]. " the inhabitants se. re. of Chidambaram

p. 47 Cf.

In the petitions read above, the petitioners
protest against the acquisition of Ponnuswami
Nadar's choultry for the Govt. girls' school, Chid-
-baram. As the Govt. have already directed the Col-
-lector to select another site for the school
no separate action is called for on the petition.
The Collector's report may, it is submitted
awaited.

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~~Forwarded to the Collector
in connection~~

CA
4-9-17

Forward the 2nd petition alone / for the remarks
to be held for comments in context of the
memo already issued.

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A draft memo. is submitted for app

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[memo. No. 22 B-3 dt the 6. 9. 17]
[" " 22 B-4 dt " 25. 10. 17]
[CNo. 59B]. From the Collector of South Arcot No. 31
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The Collector has selected ~~an~~ ^{an} alternat

pp. 60-61 C.F.

sites and ~~has been asked to~~ the Executive Engineer has been asked to state whether it is suitable from an Engineering point of view. If the Executive Engineer approves of the site, the Collector promises to take the necessary further action in the matter. Submit that the Collector may be requested to expedite the further action promised by him and submit his final recommendation at an early date. He may also be requested to return the papers forwarded to him with the Memo's on pages 57 & 58 of the current file.

2. A draft memo. is submitted for approval.

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[Memo. No. 22 B-5/17 dt. 18-1-18].

[No. 476 B]. From the Collector of South Arcot, No. 85-135/18.

[E. 1034/B] " " " " D. Dec. 1358, 10.5.18

The Collector's final report since received is on pp 70 to 72 C.F. There are now three sites which can be thought of in connection with the Govt. girls' school:—

(1) Ponnuswami Natar's Choultry in the west end Street, behind Ambalam.

The site has been approved by the Site Committee and the Col.

Para 2 of Tahsildar's report at p. 32, c.f.

Para 1 of both letters at pp 62, 63 c.f.

of acquisition is estimated at Rs 6834 inclusive of the 15 p.c. allowance on account of compulsory acquisition. There are objections to the acquisition of the property and these are noted in the Secretary's note at pp 142 ante.

(ii) a second site in the South East St. marked A to H in the sketch at p. 65, c.f.

Cost of acquisition is very prohibitive being estimated at Rs 19,602.18 exclusive of the 15 p.c. allowance. It is also anticipated that even if the properties are acquired the award will be contested by litigation up to the High Court. No site committee has yet considered the suitability of the site.

(iii) another site in the corner of the Southern and Western East Streets.

This has been approved by the R.D.O. & the P.A. to the Inspector of girls' School. Cost of acqⁿ is put at Rs 10,380-12-3 exclusive of the 15 p.c. allowance. The Executive Engineer who has inspected this site finds that the soil and sub-soil are made-up earth from 3 to 5 ft: below ground level and loose black earth below and as such would require deep foundations which will naturally

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Sketch at p. 66, c.f.
p. 63 c.f.
p. 71, c.f.

p. 72, c.f.

p. 71, e. f.

embarked on the cost of the rebuilding. The site has not been approved by the Site Committee. 2 Can a consideration of the matter from the point of view of economy the collector's final recommendation is in favour of proceeding with the acquisition of the Nadai's Choultry originally suggested for argn. For orders whether the local's recommendation will be accepted. If so the draft below is for approval.

28.5.18. Though three Collectors (Messrs. L. Lancashire, Majoribanks & P. Sahib Bahadur) seem to favour the acquisition of the Nadai's Choultry for the girls' school, there does not appear to be any definite statement that no ~~other~~ suitable sites other than the two alternative costly sites now proposed, are available. The officers concerned seem to have confined their enquiries only to the four car streets, & presumably it is considered undesirable to take the school farther away to avoid little girls' walking long distances from their homes. Perhaps further personal joint investigation by the Collectors & the

p. 477cf.

Inspection on the lines indicated in
Memo. No 22.8.2 & 24.8.7 may be desirable.
The two alternative sites seem un-
suitable, & the acceptance of the Hadai
building as the site needs further justifi-
cation than is afforded in the present
correspondence.

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25/5/18

address the Com. demi-officially
on the above lines
27/5/18

The following draft D.O. is for appl.

D.O.

"Dear ..."

I am to invite a
reference to the correspondence ending
with your D.D. 1358 est; d/ 16th May 1918
in which you recommended the acquisition
of M. R. Ry. V. Panarusuami Nakhwa's
Choultry in the West Cart Street, behind
a-haram, as being the most suitable
site for the location of the girls'
school. Of course the other
proposed alternative sites both in the
Cart Streets - ~~are~~ are no doubt
disproportionately costly and ~~are~~ <sup>seem un-
suitable</sup>
and ^{therefore} should be left out of account

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But there is no definite statement made that no suitable sites other than these are available at all and ~~therefore~~ it appears that the enquiries now made were confined only to the four car streets. The Govt consider it desirable that a further personal joint investigation should be made by you and the Inspectress of schools on the lines indicated in Govt Memo. No. 22-B-2 dated the 24th August 1917, with a view ^{if possible} to secure fairly eligible sites even outside the car streets but ~~possibly~~ in close vicinity to them, ~~and that you should submit a further report showing the sites submitted to Govt. in the matter. I am to ask you to take the matter to your personal attention and you to take action accordingly.~~ ~~try to select a fairly suitable alternative site.~~

Yours sincerely

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Please see D.O. from Dew an Bahadur Ramawarni Chetkar passed into office today

My 11/6/18

To Khan Bahadur
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Bahadur B.A. P.S.,
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Home (S. 3) C. No. 122/13

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S. R. M. M. Ramasamy Chetty

9th June. The
Secretary

Dear Sir,

Regarding the site to be selected for the construction of a girls' school in Chidambaram. I am asked by my brother The Hon'ble S. R. M. Annamalai Chetty to communicate my opinion to you.

There are three sites (1) one in the west car street (2) the other at the junction of the west and the south car streets and (3) the third in the south car street. One or the other of these sites was selected by the Collector of South Arcot at different times. In my opinion the site in the west car street belonging to Radan is the best of all the sites. The west car street is most prominent in Chidambaram and it is there that both the brahmins and non-brahmins reside largely. This site was first selected by the Collector of

not as well as by the officers of the Educational Department; but the owner of the site Mr. Radar and his agents objected to the selection of this site on the ground that the old dilapidated building which is on the site, is dedicated to a small temple said to be within the limits of the site. This plea was put forth by Mr. Radar and his agents so that the officers may not select it for the construction of a girls' school; but in fact there was no temple at the site at all and the old building was used as a godown all along. This I speak of from my experience of the Chidambaram town for the past thirty years and more. This site is quite suitable for the construction of a girls' school and sufficiently broad and close to the residence of school-going population.

The second site is at the junction of the west and south car streets. There are in that site two or three old buildings belonging to one Ponnusamy mudaliar, a retired Tahsildar of the South Arcot District and three or four old buildings belonging to the Palayam of Pichavaram. Failing the former site belonging to Radar, this site is good and not far from the residence of the school-going population.

The third site is in the south car street. This is also a good site, belonging to Manali Sinnaiah mudaliar's estate. My information is that the incomes from the produce of this garden and the building thereon are dedicated to Sri Rataraja temple on account of some charities done by Manali Sinnaiah mudaliar and

his descendants; further, the proposal to acquire this site was abandoned as the owner demanded a very heavy price. Of course, the cost of the sites in the South Car Street is very heavy and recently, i.e., some three or four years ago I myself have bought a site measuring 15 ft broad and 110 ft long for a sum of Rs 3000/- and the Manali Simmaiah Mudaliar's garden is quite close to that site. The cost of acquisition of this site will be very heavy and I recommend that the site in the West Car Street belonging to Radar is best suited for the purpose and it may be acquired; failing that, the second site, viz - at the junction of the West and the South Car Street may be acquired.

There are no other suitable

Sites in Chidambaram within the easy reach of the girls going to school.

I am, therefore, of opinion that either the first site - viz. the site in the West Car Street belonging to Radar or the second site at the junction of the West and the South Car Street belonging to Ponnusamy Mudaliar, a retired Tahsil^{dar} and Pichavaram Palayagar may be acquired.

I am,

Yours Sincerely,

D. D. J. M.
K. M. S. S. S.
Chetty

p. 9 ante

Regd. sub. imp. 6 ante

ap 5 ante

ap 13 ante

From D. N. Bahadur Ramaswami Chettijar's d. o. on pages 9-13 ante it appears that Ponnuswami Nadar's Choultry is the best site available and that the objection of the owner that an old dilapidated building on the site is dedicated to a temple is a bogus one got up by Nadar & his agents to escape acquisition under the Act. In the circumstances it is for consideration whether that site which has been recommended by three successive Collectors and approved by the site Committee may be acquired notwithstanding the considerations set forth in the Secretary's note on page 10-2 ante.

2. Failing the above site, Ramaswami Chettijar suggests the site in the corner of the Southern and western Car streets referred to in para. 1 (iii) of office note on page 5 ante. The objection to this is the excessive cost of acqⁿ as well as that of building.

3. Mr. Chettijar adds that there are no other suitable sites in Chidambaram within easy reach of the girls going to school. Apparently it is for this reason that the officers engaged in the selection of the site have not gone beyond Car streets. If so the draft d. o. on pages 7 & 8, if issued, is not likely to ~~put in any useful information~~ ^{put in any useful information}. The Govt. have therefore to decide between the sites belonging to Ponnuswami Nadar and that belonging to Ponnuswami Mudaliar ap.

to in paras 1 & 2 ante. For orders. If add'l cost
can be faced the latter may be selected.

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In all three sites are referred to. It is reported that there are no other suitable sites.

2 Site in the South Car Street. Estimated value 19,602 exclusive of 15 pc. Income used for religious purposes.

3 Site at the junction of the Southern and Western car streets. Estimated value 10,380 exclusive of 15 pc. Subsoil loose & it is expected that the cost of the foundations will be heavier than at the other two sites.

3 Original site in the West car street belonging to Ponnusamy Nadar. Estimated value 5682 exclusive of 15 pc.

2. Site no 2 is reported to be the best & is the cheapest & the most convenient for the schoolgoing girls. But there are valid objections to its acquisition. Vide pages 1 to 2 supra. So an enquiry has been made as to an alternative site. The acquisition of site (a) is objectionable. Site (b) is unsuitable for building purposes.

3. I regret that there appears to be no further course but to acquire site (c). Perhaps we may explain to MRR Ponnusami Nadar that in pursuance of his objections an enquiry was made and the Government regret that in consequence of the absence of any other convenient site suitable for the girls school they have to decide to acquire his property.

For orders my 17/6/18

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His Excellency approves.
Zakaria
(Bd) 18-6-18



A revised draft order is submitted for approval. It may be sent to Revenue for acceptance.

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Revenue Dept

To his.

The draft may be accepted in this dept and the file returned to the Home (Ed) Dept.

25-6-18

Home (Ed) 25/6/18

