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[Despatch Abstract.]

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His Excellency the Governor by the Municipal Council, Bellary.

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Copy of demi-official letter dated the 6th June 1919 from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, Ootacamund.

I am sending you herewith copies of three addresses to be presented to His Excellency in the Bellary district. Will you please arrange to send me not later than the 15th instant three copies of a note on the subjects if any relating to the departments under you referred to in each of these addresses as usual?

Home (Edn) Dept

Three copies of a note on the subjects relating to this department ^{of the Bellary Municipal Council} ~~sent with~~ in the address are placed below. They may be sent to the P.S.G. (nos)

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Returned with thanks. I have kept copies of the note.

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HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S TOUR—JUNE 1919.

*Extract from the address to be presented to
His Excellency the Governor by the
Bellary Municipal Council.*

"4. We feel highly thankful to the
Government for the liberal grants made
and also for the construction
of a building for the Municipal
High school."

Collector's note.

Construction of a building for the Municipal High school.—The school is now located in a rented building on one of the important roads in Brucepet, and within easy reach of the populous part of the town. It has an extensive compound of about 11 acres. The building has been condemned by successive Inspectors of Schools and the Director of Public Instruction as quite unsuitable, as the arrangement and shape of many other rooms is inconvenient, and the lighting throughout is bad. The accommodation is also reported to be insufficient. The Council therefore proposed to Government that the present building with its compound might be acquired and additional rooms constructed immediately. The cost of the acquisition was found to amount to Rs. 17,462-14-6. The Chairman submitted to Government that as the municipality was crippled in its finances it could not provide funds for this purpose and requested that the Government might be pleased to contribute the entire cost of acquisition and construction.

2. Considering this cost to be prohibitive, Mr. Moscardi selected a suitable vacant ground at the disposal of Government between the Main Hospital and the Police Hospital, and reported to Government who in their Order No. 503 M., Mis., dated 10th March 1914, approved the site and directed the preparation of the necessary plans and estimates. The Superintending Engineer furnished the

necessary plans and estimates and they had to be revised with reference to the suggestions of the Director of Public Instruction. Revised estimates and plans were submitted to Government in this office Ref. B. & G. No. 1348 of 1915, dated 10th February 1916, and the probable cost of the building was estimated at Rs. 1,14,000.

3. In their Memorandum No. 6477-1-M., dated 22nd November 1915, Government directed to ascertain and report how much the district board and the public of Bellary will be prepared to contribute towards the cost of the building. The District Board of Bellary pleaded no funds and the Municipal Chairman reported that at the Sub-Committee meeting held for the purpose it was resolved that, in view of the financial distress felt by all classes of people on account of the war, the collection of subscription in aid of the proposed building be deferred for some time. The above resolution of the Sub-Committee was reported to Government for acceptance, and in their order Mis. No. 663 M., dated 4th April 1916, Government accepted the proposal to defer the consideration of the question of collecting public subscriptions.

In December 1917, after the present Chairman (the Hon'ble Mr. P. Siva Rao) took charge of the municipality he made a special report to Government about the unsuitability of the present rented building for a school-house on account of its limited accommodation and insanitary surroundings and requested to provide for a school building for Bellary in the ensuing budget cutting down the amount of the original estimate if necessary to any lesser amount just to meet the requirements of a mufassal school building. The Government were pleased to grant a sum of Rs. 50,000 for the school building in March 1918 as first instalment. A rough plan of the proposed new building of the Municipal High school omitting certain rooms provided in the original estimate was forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, Bellary, for preparation of a revised plan. He sent a revised skeleton plan with his letter, dated 7th May 1919, which was returned to him duly approved for the preparation of revised plans and estimates. Plans and estimates are being prepared in the Superintending Engineer's Office.

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Secretariat note.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The main facts concerning the construction of a new building for the Municipal High School, Bellary, are stated in the Collector's note. Attention is also solicited to the following extract from a speech delivered by the Hon'ble Mr. P. Rajagopala Achariyar at a meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 13th March 1917:—

"This (the Municipal High School, Bellary) is a school which has been run by the municipality for a considerable length of time. I believe it became a municipal school as long ago as 1885. It was receiving aid in the usual way. Later on, in 1907, the Government undertook to pay the net cost of the school; but at no time was any definite arrangement arrived at, in regard to providing Government building for it. It was the understood intention that the municipality should provide such extension as may be necessary. It is true that plans and estimates have been prepared for the necessary buildings and, according to the latest information before the Government, the cost will be Rs. 1.14 lakhs. So far as I understand the Hon'ble Member (the Hon'ble Mr. P. Siva Rao), he proposes that the Government should undertake to pay the whole expenditure . . . I am not prepared to commit the Government to any such promise. There has been some discussion between the Government on the one hand and the municipality and the district board on the other in regard to the relative shares which the three bodies should pay towards the cost of this building. The municipality pleaded some time ago poverty. The district board pleaded that they were not willing to spare any money for the purpose. So far as the Government were concerned, we said that under the present conditions of financial stringency we could not accept a liability to pay the whole cost. The matter being under correspondence, I am not in a position to say what further may develop . . . I am quite prepared to accept the view that we should pay substantially towards the construction of the necessary buildings."

2. In G.O. No. 206, Financial, dated 19th March 1918, the Government have sanctioned a subsidy of Rs. 50,000 towards the construction of new buildings for the high school. The question of the grant of a further subsidy may be considered after the receipt of detailed plans and estimates which are reported to be under preparation.

3. This part of the address does not contain any specific request and calls for no remarks.

T.K.—10-6-19.

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C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—10-6-19.

Yes: but it is not necessary to say anything about this.

L.D.—11-6-19.

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The real position is that neither the District Board nor the Council can contribute substantially. As regards recurring charges, we are committed to the net cost; but in the long run, such charges in a secondary school vanish. In view of the backward state of education in the Ceded Districts and the necessity to have feeder institutions to the College at Anantapur, the school has to be kept up. Though, as pointed out above, we cannot commit ourselves to any definite figure till estimates are ready.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—10-6-19.

L. D[AVIDSON]—11-6-19.

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AT BELLARY

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

BELLARY, JULY 2.—The Special Train conveying Their Excellencies and party arrived at Guntakal at 1-30 A.M. and left for Bellary at 6-55 A.M. The Special arrived at Haguri at about 8 A.M. where Mr. J. L. Smith, Collector of Bellary, met their Excellencies.

A Visit to the Farm

His Excellency accompanied by Mr. A.C. Duff, Private Secretary, Major Goldie, Military Secretary and Lt. Brand motored along with the Collector to the Agricultural farm at a distance of about two miles from the railway station. At the farm His Excellency was received by Mr. Wood, Ag. Director of Agriculture. Lord Willingdon inspected the excellent stock, the ginning mill and the various implements, etc. He walked through the farm to the pumping station and from there to the laboratory where were collected the several varieties of cotton seeds. His Excellency and party returned to the station and accompanied by Her Excellency walked a few yards to a pandal put up on the other side of the station and

Discussed Haguri Water Works

with Mr. Adlard, Deputy Sanitary Engineer to Government and Mr. Smith, Collector. The Hon. Mr. P. Siva Rao, Municipal Chairman, was unfortunately prevented by illness from being present at Haguri to take part in the discussion of the water works scheme under construction. Mr. Adlard explained the plans and estimates in connection with the scheme and returning to the Station, their Excellencies and party took breakfast in the train, proceeding to Bellary afterwards where the

Arrival was Private

At 1-30 A.M., their Excellencies and party motored to the Government Training School to receive.

Addresses from Local Bodies

There was a large gathering of officials and non officials present. Among them were Mr. H. R. Bardswell, District and Sessions Judge, Col. C.R.F. Bidwell, Officer Commanding Bellary Cantonment, Mr. J. Beckett, Police Superintendent, Dewan Bahadur P. Rama Rao, Rao Bahadurs C. S. Subramanian Iyah and M. Gopalaswami Mudaliar, the Hon. Mr. P. Siva Rao, Messrs. H. Lakshmana Rao, J. P. Kotilingam, T. Raghavachari, G. Krishnama Chetti, H. Timmakrishna Rao, S. Purnapregna Rao, Rai Bahadur D. Venkoba Rao, G. Subbiah chetty, G. Seetharama Chetti, I. Ekambarayya, Rao Bahadur P. Subramania Aiyar, Rao Bahadur L. D. Venkatarama Aiyar, Rev. Father Cullenburgh, Rev. Mr. Lewis, Rev. Lester Stevens, Venkataraghavachari, Khan Bahadur Abdul Kareem Sahab, N. Narayana Rao, H. Baleji Singh, P. Anjaneyaloo, T. Saakaramalingam Pillai, D. Gururaja Rao, Khan Sahab Mirza Muhammad Beg, C.L. Narayana Prasad and several others. The Collector having formally introduced the Hon. Mr. P. Siva Rao, Municipal chairman, the latter read the

(2) Bellary Municipal Address and presented it with a beautifully engraved silver casket.

His Excellency's First Speech

His Excellency made the following reply to the address:

It is a great pleasure to me to have this early opportunity of visiting this important agricultural centre, and I gratefully acknowledge your expressions of devotion and loyalty to our beloved King-Emperor and the British Throne. Now that the allied Peace Terms have been signed by Germany, I trust with you that we may look forward to long years of peace and ever increasing prosperity and welfare to the people of this country.

I am very glad to learn that Government have been able to assist you in a practical manner with regard to various matter which you refer to in your address, and by their help have relieved very considerably your municipal finances.

With regard more particularly to your remarks on the hospital accommodation of your town, you are, I know, aware that Government has recognised the need for extension and improvement of the main hospital in Bellary. In 1918 the Surgeon-General was asked to prepare proposals with a view to the establishment of a medical school. To that end it is essential that a large and well-equipped hospital should be available in order that students should receive clinical instruction. For some time to come this cannot be secured in the existing hospital but the development of the hospital will continue to receive the careful attention of Government. Land is already in possession of Government which can be added to the hospital compound to provide room for extension and has been handed over to the District Medical and Sanitary Officer.

I fully agree that a most pressing need for the health and well being of your citizens is a pure water supply and drainage system. The most promising scheme is undoubtedly the scheme of supply from the Hagari river.

You made a suggestion about a less ambitious scheme but having seen on the spot the proposals for a larger scheme, I would ask you to put aside the less ambitious scheme for the benefit of this city of Bellary. I wish I had the opportunity of meeting you, Mr. Shiva Rao, on the spot and discussing the proposals, but I understand that on account of ill health you were not able to be present.

I have had an opportunity of discussing this important matter with the Deputy Sanitary Engineer this morning.

H. E's reply to the address of the
Bollay Municipal Council has
not yet been received from the
P. S. G's office. A newspaper
report regarding the same is
however put up (P. 6. ante).
No further action seems called
for - The papers may be

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