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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL (LEGISLATIVE) DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH A RESOLUTION REGARDING
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

[For the meeting of 5th February 1919.]

[SUBJECT.—*Buildings for Muhammadan Schools in Madras City.*]

The Hon'ble YAKUB HASAN Sahib:—

XIV. This Council recommends to His Excellency the Governor in Council that the provision of Rs. 3,13,000 for building grants under the head 22 G. Education, be raised by one lakh to provide buildings for the Government Muhammadan Secondary School, Georgetown, and some of the Government Muhammadan elementary schools in the City of Madras and the same be met by a corresponding reduction under the head. 45 "Civil Works."

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The provision of buildings for Government institutions is undertaken by the Public Works Department and the cost is met from the Public Works Department budget. The provision under 22-G. Grants in Aid is intended to meet the contributions that may be sanctioned by Government from time to time towards the cost of the construction of buildings for educational institutions under private management. If provision is to be made on account of the institutions referred to in the resolution, the allotment under 45. Civil Works will have to be raised and not reduced as suggested by the Additional Member.

2. The Government Muhammadan secondary school, Georgetown, was opened in 1914 and is now located in a rented building in Armenian street on a monthly rent of Rs. 125. The Director of Public Instruction has been asked to report as to the advisability of the construction of a new building for the school—paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 1648, Home (Education), dated 21st December 1918. The Director of Public Instruction's proposals in this regard are awaited. Plans and estimates have yet to be prepared and till these have been approved and sanctioned, it is premature to consider the question of budget provision.

3. There are twelve Muhammadan elementary schools in Madras at the following places:—(1) Mylapore, (2) Thousand Lights, (3) Mirsapat, (4) Royapetta, (5) Chepauk, (6) Perambur, (7) Periamet, (8) Washermanpet, (9) Chetti's garden, (10) Pudupet, (11) Purnabagh and (12) Muthialpet.

Of these it is understood that only the Mirsapat school is located in a Government building.

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4. Submitted that before any provision can be made for the construction of buildings for these schools, sites will have to be acquired and plans and estimates prepared and scrutinised. Till these preliminaries are completed, it appears undesirable to earmark any specific provision for these institutions, especially as there must be other works for which detailed plans and estimate have been prepared and sanctioned and which are awaiting budget provision. The resolution may, it is submitted, be opposed.

5. For orders whether the resolution should be discussed in the Executive Council as to whether any further particulars should be collected and as to who should be in charge of it.

6. The case may be sent to the Director of Public Instruction u.o. for remarks.

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Extract from the Proceedings of an Adjourned Meeting of the Council of the Governor of Fort St. George assembled for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations under the provisions of the Act of Parliament, 5 & 6 Geo. V, Ch. 61.

The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 6th day of February 1919.

RESOLUTION RE INCREASED PROVISION UNDER BUILDING GRANTS FOR THE GOVERNMENT MUHAMMADAN SECONDARY SCHOOL, GEORGETOWN.

The Hon'ble YAQUB HASAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Your Excellency, I have the honour to move the following resolution:—

'XX. This Council recommends to His Excellency the Governor in Council that the provision of Rs. 3,13,000 for building grants under the head 22-G. Education be raised by one lakh to provide buildings for the Government Muhammadan Secondary School, Georgetown, and some of the Government Muhammadan elementary schools in the City of Madras and the same be met by a corresponding reduction under the head 45. Civil Works.'

"Your Excellency is aware that there is an incomplete secondary school for Muhammadans in Georgetown, which has no building of its own. Last year I moved the Government to give this school the building which has subsequently been utilized for the housing of the Students' Club. The building in which the school is now located is very small and it has no room for some of the classes which are being held in the veranda; there is no room certainly for expansion. Nowadays a suitable building is considered a *sine qua non* for a school and it is strange that a Government school, of all others, should continue to remain in a hired building. The Madrasa-i-Azam which is now located on Mount Road was suffered to remain in a hired building for about half a century. I hope that will not be the case with the building of this school. Besides this school there are several elementary schools maintained by Government for Muhammadans in the City of Madras, none of which has a building of its own. Government schools used to be the model schools for municipalities and for private bodies to copy, but in the matter of buildings I find that the reverse is the case in this city. The Corporation has provided buildings for its elementary schools, whereas the Government have not provided any building for the Government elementary schools. Thus the Corporation has taken a march over Government in this respect, and I hope that the Government will lose no time in remedying this defect. There was a time when the putting up of a suitable building was taken up in hand before a school itself was established. I remember the late Director Dr. Bourne put up several buildings for elementary schools before the schools themselves were established. I ask in this resolution for one lakh of rupees to be allotted for this purpose. Of course, the whole amount will not be spent in the course of the year on the secondary school building because there is no plan to go upon. It will take some time, but still if this amount is ear-marked for this purpose, steps may be taken to acquire a site and some money will be spent on acquiring it and the remaining money may be utilized for some of the other elementary schools for Muhammadans, or at least sites may be purchased for them in the course of the year. What I want is that the Government should take up this matter seriously in hand; they must have a building programme and they should spend one lakh every year till the building programme is completed. I find in this budget that a sum of about Rs. 6 lakhs was provided as grant for elementary school buildings and a sum of Rs. 3 lakhs was provided for buildings for secondary schools, but afterwards that amount was reduced to Rs. 3,85,000 in the one case and Rs. 2,50,000 in the other case and these two amounts are kept aside as grants to local bodies for schools. I would suggest that, instead of reducing the grant under this head, the original figures may be restored, at any rate rupees one lakh may be allotted for buildings as far as the schools that I am speaking about are concerned. It is immaterial to me where this money is to be got from, all that I want is that one lakh be provided. To meet the rules and regulations I have provided that this money may be taken from Civil Buildings; but if the Government are willing to spend this money on Muhammadan schools they can surely find some way of finding money and I have no objection to it. With these words I commend the resolution for the acceptance of the Council."

The Hon'ble Mr. R. LITTLEHAILES:—"Your Excellency, I think I had better explain the position to the Honourable Mover. It is under the head 22-G. that the Government set apart a certain sum of money which ought to be spent as grants-in-aid to aided institutions. All Government institutions are under the Public Works Department and they are built by the Public Works Department and provision is made in the Public Works Department budget for the construction of new Government institutions. The proposal now if accepted would have exactly the opposite effect to that which is desired by the Honourable Mover of this resolution. That being the case, Sir, I think it is unnecessary for me to enter into what has been done by the department and into what is being done by the department for the construction of buildings and the advancement of education for Muhammadans."

(Mr. Yaqub Hasan; the President.) [6TH FEBRUARY 1919.]

The Hon'ble Yaqub Hasan Sahib Bahadur:—"Your Excellency, as I said in my speech it is immaterial to me whether this allotment is got from this head or from that head. It is only a technical point that the Hon'ble Mr. Littlehailes has raised when he said that the amount allotted under Public Works Department head for educational buildings cannot be interfered with. What I aim at is that these schools which are Government schools should have buildings, and if there is anything in the resolution which could be amended so that this object is attained I am willing to amend it. All that I want is that one lakh of rupees should be spent in acquiring sites in the course of the year for buildings to be proceeded with."

His Excellency the President:—"The Honourable Gentleman is in error in putting down a motion which does not further the object he has in view. We are obliged in the Council to consider the motion which he has presented and which has been admitted and put on the paper. The motion on paper as pointed out by the Honourable the Director of Public Instruction will have the reverse effect of what he wishes. His speech has been directed not really to his motion but to another matter. That other matter is simply this, that he desires that as soon as may be practicable Government Muhammadan schools should be installed in Government buildings. That is what he really wants, that permanent buildings should be erected for the purpose. With that purpose, I may say generally that the Government are in sympathy and we are making some progress in that direction, but until plans and estimates have been prepared and until actual schemes can be put before the department, we cannot ask the Finance Department for the money. I hope he will rest content with that assurance. The motion that is put down will take the money away and prevent that being done."

The Hon'ble Yaqub Hasan Sahib Bahadur:—"If I had said in my resolution that 1 lakh should be provided for this purpose it would perhaps have been alright. But as the Government are in sympathy with my object I have no objection to withdraw the resolution."

With the permission of His Excellency the President the resolution was withdrawn.

H. G. STOKES,
Acting Secretary to Govt., L. & M. (Legislative) Dept.

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