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[Despatch Abstract.]

Acquisition of land.-

Considering that certain plots of land required for a building for the C.R.C. High School, Purasawakam and for the provision of a play-ground to the school; promising ~~for~~ a half grant for the purpose and asking the Madras Collector to submit the necessary notification for acquisition.

Home (Education)

DEPARTMENT.

Received



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1918.

Subject.

Requesting sanction of Government for the acquisition of certain sites for the C.R.C. High School, Purasawalkam.

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No.

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Ref. on Cur. No. 358/18,

Station Madras, Dated the 29th January 1918.

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

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Home (Education)

Department.

Sir,

In submitting herewith a copy of letter dated 2nd January 1918 of the Correspondent of the Calavala Ramanujam Chettiyar's High School, Purasawalkam, Madras, I have the honour to state that the present accommodation is quite insufficient and unsuitable and that it is therefore proposed to acquire the sites bearing survey numbers 781 and 805 in the enclosed map. The site No. 805 is intended for a play-ground. The Correspondent requests the application of the Land Acquisition Act with a view to secure a clear title to the properties. I accordingly recommend that the sites referred to may be acquired under the Act and that a grant equal to one-half of the total

cost of acquisition may also be sanctioned.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

C. Ramanujam Chetty

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Letter from the Correspondent, Calavala Ramanujam Chetty's High School, Purasawalkam, Madras, dated 2nd January 1918 to the Inspector of Schools, 4th Circle, Madras.

I had hoped that the Government would be kind enough to spare a portion of the Spur-tank Egmore, on the Poonamallee Road side for the construction of new buildings for the High School; but as it does not seem to be possible, I beg you will be kind enough to obtain sanction of the Director of Public Instruction for the acquisition of a building and compound adjoining our premises Brixton House, Purasawalkam High Road and for the sanction of half-grant towards the cost of the same. At present the School is located in three buildings; the Primary Department in a rented building in Kandappa Mudaly High Road, Purasawalkam, a portion of the Middle school in Brixton House, Purasawalkam High Road and the rest of the Middle school and the High School in a rented building in Mukkathal Street, Purasawalkam. The buildings are about 100 yards distant from each other. The School had a strength of 167 boys in 1913-14 and this year the strength is over 800 boys and it would have been at least 200 more if for want of accommodation I had not to limit opening further sections and send away boys who sought admission. In addition, when a school develops itself it is very painful to send away boys who seek admission for want of accommodation and I also feel that by the School being located in three different places in buildings not quite suitable for class purposes the efficiency of the school is not what it ought to be and what I desire it to be. Dewan Bahadur C. Ramanujam Chettiyar has been liberal in providing funds for equipping the school and appointing a good staff and if a suitable building is also provided the work of the school would be ideal. Dewan Bahadur C. Ramanujam Chettiyar is enthusiastic in developing the Institution to a high standard of efficiency and I hope the Director of Public Instruction would be pleased to help us with the necessary grant to enable us to develop the institution into being one of the best High Schools in the Presidency.

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I enclose herein plan showing the exact situation of ~~the~~ ^{and land} buildings ~~and~~ I desire to be acquired for the school. The plat marked No. 800 is the one which the school at present owns, namely, Brixton House. The plot marked No. 781 is just behind the Brixton House attached to it on the Southern Side and has a pukkah building with about 16½ grounds. If it is acquired, our idea is to utilize ~~that~~ building which is in very good condition for the library, laboratory, Headmaster's room, Office and teachers' retiring rooms etc., and adding the two compounds together put up a pukka school building in which the whole school can be located. The plot opposite to the one marked No. 781 which I desire to be acquired is a vacant piece of land marked No. 805 which measures about 1½ acres which also belongs to the same owner lying waste and which I desire to be acquired for the school for play ground. At present the school has no play ground and it is necessary one should be provided as early as possible. Securing a vacant land in this locality is impossible and it is fortunate that this is available and is just opposite the site proposed to be acquired for the School building. For this I request you will secure a full grant from the Government and I hope the Director will be pleased to recognise this school as deserving of this favour which has been granted to other schools.

The reason why, I desire the two sites to be acquired instead of being purchased is, that they belong to a very old Anglo-Indian lady who has not got a proper title to sell the same, and the house has always been rented and so we will not be disturbing the old lady in any way. Therefore, it can only be acquired so that the school may acquire proper title to the building which is essential for the school. On the Northern side of Brixton House is the Purasawakam High Road and on the two sides east and West being on the High Road the prices will be prohibitive and the easiest method is to extend on the Southern Side behind the present building which will have the further advantage of being removed from the dust and din of the High Road and it will have an additional advantage of having a road on the other side

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High School is the only one for the whole of West Madras and has very great possibilities before it, and if it is provided with a suitable building I ~~have~~ have no hesitation in stating that it will develop into one of the best High Schools in the City.

• I hope you will be kind enough to obtain the sanction of the Director of Public Instruction for the acquisition and grants for the same.

/True Copy/

B. Krishna Rao

for Director of Public Instruction.

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SUBSTITUTE FOR DETACHED ENCLOSURE.

Home (^{Eden} ~~Fort~~) DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 167, dated 10-2-1919.

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the G.O. mentioned above.
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DATE 11-2-1919.

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Home (2nd) Department

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Referred to the Collector of Madras for remarks as to —

① whether the owner of the sites under reference ~~has~~ any, and if so, what objections to its acquisition;

② what other difficulties stand in the way of the authorities of the school purchasing the site by private negotiations; and

③ whether a valid and clear title to the property cannot be secured otherwise than through the application of the Land Acquisition Act.

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C.R. C high school,
Purasavakam.

To, The Collector of Madras with Cno. 213 B + its enclosures, in original, to be returned with reply.

Home

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REMINDER.

REPLY.

To

The Collector of
Madras

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home (Education) Department,
Madras.The undersigned ~~has the honour to invite~~
is directed to invite
~~invites~~

attention to the communication noted in the
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

The Tahsildar of Madras who was
directed on the 11th February 1918
to submit his report has not yet done
so. A stringent reminder has been
issued to him. I shall submit my
report as soon as the Tahsildar's
reply is received.

Madras Collector's Office,
13th March 1918.

for Collector of
Madras.

Office Home Dep't.

Station Fort St George

Dated 9. 3. 18

9. 3. 18

Signature.
Designation.

SUBJECT.

Acquisition of land for the C.R.C.
high school, Purasawakam

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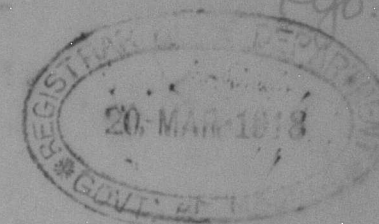
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19th March, 1918.

Vepery,

Madras.



To

The Secretary to Government,

Educational Department,

Madras.

Sir,

We, the European and Anglo-Indian residents of Vepery, and Persawaulkam beg to say that we have heard with much surprise that it is the intention of Government to acquire two properties (a dwelling house and an open ground) in Clemens Road for the purpose of extending the C.R.C. High School Persawaulkam. We beg to solicit your attention to the fact that there are already two High Schools for Indians in the localities around, and at no great distance from the C.R.C. High School. We have had to put up with some amount of inconvenience as a result of the location of these schools here; and we therefore consider the proposed acquisition of property belonging to Anglo-Indians, and in a European and Anglo-Indian quarter of the city, for a school for Indians, a decided hardship. Doveton Boys and Girls Schools are so situated that to dump down an Indian school in close proximity to these institutions would be very embarrassing to all parties. We fear unpleasantness, if schools intended for different communities are allowed to be so close to each other.

We beg also to bring to your notice that one of the properties sought to be acquired, is used, through the kindness of the owners as a recreation ground by the "Halcyon Tennis Club"; which is composed of Europeans and Anglo-Indians; and this club has been in existence for many years. If the Government therefore acquires this ground it would deprive the Anglo-Indians of the only recreation ground in the locality; and this will also be

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P. W. Cramer, Chapel Street,
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 51 Tames Street Vespers
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 Boston College
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 Mrs S. D'Santos " "
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 Miss Bacon " "
 Mrs R. J. Alexander " "
 Mrs. L. Scott " "
 Mrs. G. Barnes " "
 Mrs. J. H. Misquith " "
 Mrs. J. Edwards " "
~~Mr. & Mrs. J. Edwards~~ " "

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 (Physician)

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 Mr. P. S. S. " "

J. B. S. " "
 Miss E. M. Oliver " "
 Miss D. E. Dady. " "
 Mrs. & Miss K. " "

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 C. Gaudie. 6. Jeremiah's Road
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Subject.

Submitting remarks of the Director regarding the acquisition of certain sites for the C.R.C. High School, Purasawalkam.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

Ref. on Cur. No. 358/18,

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Station Madras, Dated the 11th April 1918. 191

Home (Ed) Dept

The Collector's report may be awaited - vide end to page 103 C.F.

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

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Home (Education)

Department

Sir,

In submitting herewith the letter No. 351, dated 28th March 1918 of the President of the Anglo Indian Association of Southern India and also a petition from the Anglo-Indian resident of Vepery objecting to the acquisition of certain sites for the C.R.C. High School, Purasawalkam recommended in my letter R.C.No. 358/18, dated 29th January 1918, I have the honour to state that objections raised are frivolous as will be evident from the remarks of the Inspector of Schools, 4th Circle in his letter R.C.No. 12 of 18 dated 8th April 1918 (copy enclosed) and that the proposed

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acquisition may be proceeded with.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

N. A. Arum

for Director of Public Instruction.

P.V.S.

11.4.18

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The Anglo Indian Association of Southern India

"White Memorial Hall"

Egmore, Madras. 28. 3. 1918.

No. 351.

From

The Hon'ble Mr. T. Richmond, Barrister-at-law,

President,

Anglo-Indian Association of Southern India,

M A D R A S.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Educational Department,

M A D R A S.

Through the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to invite your attention to a memorial dated 19th March 1918 from the Anglo-Indian residents of Vepery and Pursawalkam (copy of which was sent to me) protesting against the acquisition by Government of two properties in Clemens Road for the purpose of extending the C. R. C. High School Vepery, Pursawalkam, and to forward the following extract from the proceedings of a Meeting of the Council of the Anglo-Indian Association held on the 23rd Instant.

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" Read copy of the memorial forwarded by the
Anglo-Indian residents of Vepery and Pursawalkam to the Secretary
to Government, Educational Department protesting against the
acquisition by Government of certain properties near the Doveton
Institutions for the extension of the C. R. C. High School,
Vepery, Pursawalkam.

Resolved that the Government be addressed on the
subject through the Director of Public
Instruction"

Among the reasons given by the memorialists against the
acquisition are firstly that the properties are in an Anglo-
Indian locality and secondly that the new School would be in too
close proximity to the Doveton Institutions; and these are
objections that ought to be given serious consideration. For
generations past the locality has been occupied by Europeans and
Anglo-Indians; and as proof of this one has only to consider the
fact that such Educational Institutions as the Doveton Boys' and
Girls' Schools, the Collegiate School and the Vepery Convent
have all been established in the locality, and Churches like
St. Matthias' Church and the Episcopal Methodist Church have also
been built there. Anglo-Indian families have been living in this
quarter because of the conveniences afforded by these Schools and
Churches.

The Memorialists point out also that the construction of an Indian School so close to the Doveton Institutions would be embarrassing to the different parties and be a means of causing unpleasantness. This is a question also to be considered for it behoves the Government not to do anything that will impair the harmonious relations that ought to exist among different communities.

It is also urged by the petitioners that one of the properties is used as a Recreation ground by the Anglo-Indian residents and that a long-standing Tennis Club is run there. The acquisition of this ground will thus be a distinct hardship to the residents as it will deprive them of the means of physical recreation which is so necessary in a crowded locality.

I wish to draw attention to Mr. Hart's opinion as expressed in the second last paragraph of the memorial. It seems from this that the spot selected for the construction of the School is not the proper one. Certainly there are more open spaces and much larger compounds in the more Western parts of Purnawalkam and in Kilpauk and Egmore, which will be more suitable for a large Indian School.

My Association has carefully considered this matter and it is emphatically of opinion that the Memorialists have sufficient and just causes of complaint and protest against the acquisition

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I therefore request that the Government may be pleased to accede to the wishes and prayers of the memorialists and refuse their consent to the acquisition proposals.



I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. M. Cuddy
General Secretary
for the President

The Anglo-Indian Association of Southern India.

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My Association has carefully considered this matter and it is emphatically of opinion that the Memorialists have submitted a just cause of complaint and protest against the acquisition.



To

The Secretary to Government,
Educational Department,
Madras.

Vepery,
Madras.



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We can enumerate several other grounds against the acquisition of this property but will confine ourselves to one more; and that is on the grounds of sanitation. The existing arrangements of the C.R.C.

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High School which is housed on the Persawaulkam High Road, (nearly opposite the Vepery Post Office) and in Chapel Street, are a nuisance to Public health. The latrines at both places are situated right on the road; and as these houses are surrounded by Anglo-Indians, we would suggest that they be removed to a different locality. Your memorialists beg to point out that suitable accommodation could be had lower down the Persawaulkam High Road, or in Kilpauk, or on the Poonamalee High Road, where there are more open localities.

In this connection we beg to state that we have represented this matter to Mr. H.A. Hart, Inspector of Schools, IV. Circle, Madras, who is now on other duty. He knows the locality well and he is of opinion that the site now chosen is not at all a suitable one. He states that the localities to be served by this school are the western parts of Persawaulkam, Kilpauk, Egmore, and the Poonamalee High Road; and therefore the school should be, either much further west than it now is, or in Kilpauk. In both these localities houses with large compounds can be secured.

In conclusion we beg you to give this your serious and earnest consideration and issue orders cancelling the proposed acquisition.

We are your obedient servants,

(Sd.)

* P. H. Cramer, Chapel St., Vepery.
* Rob. F. Johnson, Tannah St., Vepery.
* H. M. Clay, Doveton College.
R. C. Thomas, Vepery.
* Miss. M. D'Santos, Bishops Lane, Vepery.
* Miss. G. D'Santos Do.
* Miss. R. Godfrey. Do.
* Mrs. E. D'Santos. Do.
* Mrs. S. D'Santos. Do.
+ Mr + Mrs. E. C. Roze. Chapel St., Vepery.
+ Mrs. R. F. Alexander Do.
+ Mrs. L. Scott. Do.

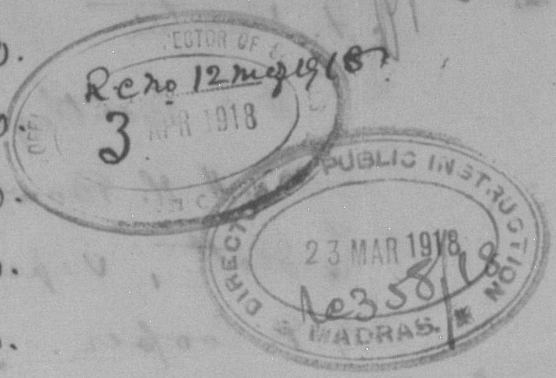
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 - + C. W. Pears, 2, Hunters Road, Vepery.
 - + B. Lynch Do.
 - + J. C. G. Lever. Do.
 - + Miss. E. M. Oliver Do.
 - + Miss. D. E. Dady. Do.
 - + H. Hugh Kendrick, "Custon Close", Vepery.
 - + W. D. Henderson, Perambur Barracks Rd., Vepery.
 - + C. Gondie, 6, Jeremiah's Road, Vepery.
 - + W. Gondie Do.
 - + N. L. Gondie Do.
 - + W. Haenamara, "The Nook" Jeremiah's Road.
 - + E. J. Carr, 21, Rundalls Road, Vepery.
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 - + V. H. C. M. D' Cruz, Hunters Road, Vepery.
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 - + C. Howard. 10 Church Road, Vepery.
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 - + A. E. Satur, 11, Do.
 - + C. Burton 12, Do.
 - + F. B. Cuffley Do.
 - + C. Price. Do.
 - + W. A. Price. Do.
 - + C. Skill. Jeremiah's Road, Vepery.
 - + A. De Rosario, Do.
 - + A. Cooke. Do.
 - + W. C. Wray, 1 Ritherdon Road, Vepery.
 - + C. Price Howell. Do.

x John W. Roberts, 16 Jeremiah's Road Vepung.
 x D. Holman, 2 DO.
 x J. Fewkes, 1 Haddox Street, Vepung.
 x D. Robertson, Vethanayagam Road, Vepung.
 x C. G. Clark, 3/4 Bishops Lane, Vepung.
 x H. A. Stevenage, 9, DO.
 x J. E. H. Collett 3/4 DO.
 x R. H. W. Harl- DO.
 x E. Hazells, 12, DO.
 x B. W. Saloon, "Olville", Vepung.
 W. Pereira, Vepung.
 x E. Stocking, Kariappa Kudaly St., Vepung.
 x G. Dampier 1/22 Perambur Barracks Road, Vepung.
 x W. Dampier DO.
 x E. Dampier DO.
 x H. Bacon. DO.
 x H. Dampier DO.
 x P. A. King DO.
 x P. Platcher DO.
 x D. Haddox DO.
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 x J. Green, 36 Tannak Street, Pursewalkum.
 x W. Smith, Smith Stocking & Co., Vepung.
 x W. Theobald DO.
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 * E. Falconer DO.
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 * Geo. H. Howden DO.
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 * Miss A. M. Hesterlow DO.
 * L. M. Colledge DO.
 * Mrs & Miss Post, Hunters Road, Vepery.



True copy submitted to the Director of Public Instruction, with the request that recommendation be made to the Government to cancel the proposed acquisition.

P. W. Vanner,
 20, Chapel Street,
 Vepery.

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H. W. Callaghan, Esq.,
 Copy of letter from / Inspector of Schools, IV Circle of
 12th of 18 dated 8-4-18.

I have the honour to return herewith your endorsement
 H.R.C.No.358/18 dated 27th March 1918.

2. With reference to the letter of the President of the Malayalam Tennis Club, I have the honour to point out that there exist at least three tennis courts which are available and accessible to the Members of the Malayalam Tennis Club. Two of these are attached to the Madras Guards'--Institute -- throw from Atkinson's road where their courts originally were and one to the Anglo-Indian Association--Karnam furlong off. All three courts are open to the members of this club. These courts which are even now not regularly used, were opened only with the purpose of obstructing the acquisition of Smith's ground. Besides the interests of a handful of Anglo-Indians belonging to a club whose existence is precarious, they do not outweigh those of 500 school children.

3. With reference to the letter from the "European and Anglo-Indian" residents of Vepery, I would point out that there are not already two high schools for Indians in this locality. St. Paul's High school, (S.I.C.) is a Mission Institution.

4. The locality can hardly be described as a European or Anglo-Indian quarter. Nearly all the houses on the northern side of Purasawalkam High road are occupied by the Indians. On the east, west and south are houses occupied by Indians. Only one Anglo-Indian, Mr. H.A. Hart resides in that quarter and in the house recommended to be acquired.

5. It is pointed out that unpleasantness may arise if the school is located so near the Doveton Boys' school. As a matter of fact, the school has been located in the present premises--Brick House--for the past six years and its extension southwards will not bring it an inch nearer the Doveton institutions. That part of the site which will be used as a play-ground has been for a long time occupied by an Indian Club. Besides, the ground will be enclosed by boundary walls.

6. I may point out that one department of the school has been located for the past two years in Chapel Street which is essentially an Anglo-Indian quarter and yet, up to this time no objection to its location there has been received.

7. One other ground against the acquisition is mentioned -- that of sanitation. The Health officer of the Corporation has certified to the fitness and cleanliness of the arrangements and up to this time no complaints have been received.

8. The list of signatories appears to be a formidable one. But many of them live together in one house and about a dozen houses only are near the locality. So people (marked x) east and north of the Doveton Institutions, the acquisitions of these grounds for the school can make no difference at all.

20/4/18

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Home (Edu) Dept

C^{no} 82013

Encl. No. 82013-1
26-4-18

Forwarded to the Collector
of Madras in continuation of encl. No.
636 B-1 dt 4-4-18. Since the D.P.'s
~~remarks have already been received in the~~
~~Collector's report need not be submitted~~
~~through that office.~~

PD
26-4-18

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To. The C.M. of Madras with C^{no}.
820 + its enclosures in original
to be returned with reply

27/4/18



Home

Department.

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Branch.

REMINDER.

To

The Collector of Madras

To

The Secretary to Government,

Home (Educational)

Department, Ootacamund.

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

attention to the communication noted in the
No. 213-1, dated 5-2-18 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

The Tahsildar of Madras has
not yet submitted his report in
spite of reminders sent to him
on the 13th March 1918, 25th
March 1918 and 15th April 1918.
Another stringent reminder has
been issued to him. I shall sub-
mit my report as soon as the
Tahsildar's reply is received.

Madras Collector's Office,

26th April 1918.

Office Home Dept

Station Ootacamund

Dated 20. 4. 18

Signature.

Designation.

for Collector of
Madras.

Home (Edu) Dept

SUBJECT.

Acqⁿ of land for the C.R.C.
high school, Pucasaikam

To be reminded on 20. 4. 18
if the reply is not by

Recd 183 BH/18
24-4-18

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Home (257)

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DEPARTMENT.

Cm. 1008 B

Received



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Registered

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Subject.

Submitting report regarding the land required for Calavala Ramanujam Chettiar's High school Purasawakam.

ENCLOSURES

No. Ten including

one plan

Spare copies

Dis. No. 634 of 1918

Station M A D R A S., Dated the 7th M a y 1918.

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

To The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT,
HOME (EDUCATIONAL) DEPARTMENT,
O O T A C A M U N D

Sir,

I have the honour to resubmit the letter from the Director of Public Instruction received with Government Endorsement No. 213 B-1 dated the 5th February 1918 and to report as follows:-

2. The site required by the authorities of Calavala Ramanujam Chettiar's High School, Purasawakam, bears R.S.Nos. 781 and 805 of Purasawakam. Both the plots belong to Mrs. Smither and her two sons R.D. Smither and J.L. Smither. Mr. J.L. Smither is in Pondicherry. The other two object to the acquisition saying that the property has been in the possession of their family for over 100 years and that they are unwilling to part with

4.7 ante

plan at 4.6 ante

ancestral possession. The school authorities are therefore unable to purchase the property by private negotiations.

3. The property is registered in the name of one Mrs. Healy who died leaving the property to her daughter Mrs. Wright. On the latter's death, her two daughters became entitled to a half share each. One of these daughters is Mrs. Smither. The other daughter died leaving her half share by a Will to Mrs. Smither's two sons, R.D. Smither and J.L. Smither. The title thus seems to be all right.

4. In the petition received with Government Endorsement, No. 636 B-1 dated the 4th April 1918, some of the European and Anglo-Indian residents of Purasawakam and Vepery protest against the acquisition on the following grounds.

(a) That there are already two high schools for Indians in the neighbourhood and it is therefore unnecessary to have the Calavala Ramanujam Chettiar's High School also there;

(b) that the acquisition of property belonging to Anglo-Indians in a European and Anglo-Indian quarter of the city for a school for Indians is a decided hardship and

(c) to dump down an Indian school in close proximity to the Doveton Boys' and Girls' schools would be very embarrassing to all concerned.

It is clear from the reports of the Tahsildar of Madras and the Inspector of Schools that the protest is not well founded and I agree with the Director of Public Instruction in considering that the objections are frivolous. Vide his letter received with Government Endorsement No. 820 B-1 dated the 26th April 1918.

5. The enclosures received with Government Endorsements noted in the margin are resubmitted together with the owner's statement and an extract from the Tahsildar's report dated 29th April 1918.

No. 213 B-1 dated 5th February 1918.

I have the honour to be,

No. 636 B-1 dated 4th April 1918.

Sir,

No. 820 B-1 dated 26th April 1918.

Your most obedient servant,

James C. S.
for Collector of Madras.

Extract of paragraph 5 from the report of the Tahsildar of Madras, to the Collector of Madras, D.Dis.No.309 of 1918 dated the 29th April 1918.

5. In the enclosed petition some of the European and Anglo-Indian residents of Purasawakam and Vepery divisions protest against the proposed acquisition on the following grounds:-

(1) That there are already two High schools for Indians in the neighbourhood and it is therefore unnecessary to have the Calavala Ramanujam Chettiar's High school also. This is a matter for the Director of Public Instruction to consider. As regards facts, there is some misapprehension. There is only one high school where Indians are admitted and that is the S.P.G. High School. I understand that the Calavala Ramanujam Chettiar's High School is the only institution in this part of the town where religious instruction is given to Hindu pupils.

(2) That the acquisition of property belonging to Anglo-Indians in a European and Anglo-Indian quarter of the city for a school for Indians is a decided hardship.

The property no doubt belongs to an Anglo-Indian family, but, whatever may have been the special feature in the past, the quarter where the sites are situated cannot now be said to be distinctly "European or Anglo-Indian". The houses to the West of R.S.No. 781 viz., those in Thacker street are inhabited by Indians. R.S.801 and 802 which were owned till lately by certain Anglo-Indians have only a few weeks ago been purchased by an Indian (R.Venkayya). R.S. 777 to the South of R.S. 780 where the Smithers live is owned by a Muhammadan gentleman. The owner of R.S.No. 804 (Ritherdon House) is an Indian (the Hon'ble Mr.T. Rangachari) R.S. 807 belongs to a Muhammadan gentleman. On the Northern side of "Brixton House" all the houses facing the Purasawakam High Road up to Vedavinayakar Road belong to Indians. Thus the whole neighbourhood of this school to the West of Ritherdon Road and Vedavinayakar Road is more Indian than Anglo-Indian. In my humble opinion there is not much force in the

objection.

(3) That the Doveton Boys' and Girls' schools are so situated that to "dump down" an Indian school in close proximity to these institutions would be very embarrassing to all concerned.

The Doveton schools are no doubt very near. The proposed play-ground in R.S.No. 805 is separated from the school compound only by the Ritherdon Road. But I submit that the authorities of both the schools may be trusted to maintain sufficient discipline and to promote cordial feeling between the boys of both communities.

(True extract)

Wm. J. Smith
for Collector of Madras.

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8.5.18

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Statement of R. D. Smith and Mrs. J. M. Smith
residing at Bolton Croft, Vepery, Madras.

We are the owners of the plots of land proposed to be acquired for the Calcutta Ramayana Chelvan High School. They bear R.S. nos. 781 and 805 of Masavalan. I have a brother J. R. Smith who is now at Pondicherry employed in Rodier mills. He is also one of the owners of the two plots. We are not willing to part with our property which has been in our possession for over 100 years. It does not appear to us why these two blocks which are out of the way and do not adjoin the school, should be acquired when other buildings which are more suitable and convenient by virtue of their position are omitted.

J. R. Smith

J. R. Smith

Before me

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Memo: N^o 100813-1
28.5.18.

With reference to his
letter D. D. S. No. 634/18, dt/ 7th
May 1918, the Collector of
A. 33, C. F. Madras is requested to
report the approximate ~~cost~~
cost of R. S. Nos: 781 and
808 of Puthiakam proposed
to be acquired for the
Leelavathi Ramanujam
Lehetiyar's high school at
Purasawakkam.

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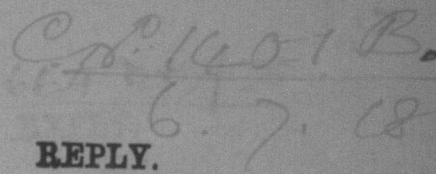
to the Collt. of Madras
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187. Reminders to issue.

Reminders to
CA
4.12.18

25.6.18.

CA
Called
4.6.18



REPLY.

To
THE Secretary to Government
Home (Education) Department
"Stone House Hill"
Gotacamund.

Mem. No. 10087-1, dated 28-5-19 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 .

R.O.C.No.664/B & G of 18.

The Executive Engineer, North Presidency Division who was requested to furnish this office with a valuation of the buildings situated on the land selected for the C.R.C. High School, Purasawakkam has not yet done so. He is being reminded. I shall submit my report as soon as the valuation of buildings is received from the Public Works Department.

Office Home Dep't —
Station Ootacamund
Dated 24 — 6 — 18

Signature. *Regis tran*
Designation.

Collector of
Madras

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Valuation of lands proposed to be acquired
for the C. R. high school, Pursawa kam

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John reminded on 27th Aug 1918. V. nileog.

6. The site is outside the area.



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26-8-18

Department

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REPLY

REMINDER

The Secretary to Government
Home (Education) Department
State House Hill
Ootacamund.

The undersigned has the honour to invite
attention to the communication noted in the

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 Dept
Station Ootacamund
Dated 3-8-18

SUBJECT



Home Department

Education Branch

Roc 664 BHS/8

REPLY



To

The Collector of
Madras

To

The Secretary to the Government
Home Department,
Ootacamund.

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

The Executive Engineer Public

attention to the communication noted in the
margin and to request that this reminder may be returned at once with information as to—

Works Department, North Presidency
Division was requested on 5-6-18 to send an estimate of the cost of the buildings on the lands selected for the C.R.C. High School, Purasawakam.

- (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

On 8-7-18 he wrote to say that Mrs. Smithey the owner of the premises, would not permit his overseer to enter and take measurements of the main building and requested me to instruct her to afford free access to his men. I have thereupon addressed the owner in the matter and hope to get a valuation statement from the Public Works Department soon.

Office Home Dept
Station Ootacamund
Dated 3-8-18

Signature. soon.
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Collector's Office
Madras
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for Collector.

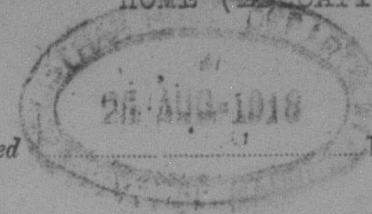
SUBJECT

Valuation of the land proposed to be acquired for the C.R.C. high school, Purasawakam.

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Home (2nd) Dept
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26-8-18
To be reminded on

HOME (EDUCATION)

DEPARTMENT.



Received

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Registered

1918

Subject.

Submitting letter dated 6th August 1918 from the owner of R. S.No.781 and 805 of Purasawalkam, objecting to the acquisition of these sites for the C.R.C.High School, Purasawalkam.

ENCLOSURES

No.

Spare copies

No. 358/18

Station Madras, Dated the 23rd August 1918.

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

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction.

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

Skt,

Submitted to Government in continuation of this

office letter Rc.No.358 of 18, dated 11th April 1918.

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for Director of Public Instruction

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Department

REPLY



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attention to the communication in the margin and to the fact that the same may be retained in force with information as follows:

- (1) the steps at which the matter may be taken;
 - (2) the date by which a reply may be expected;
 - (3) the date by which the matter may be taken up by the Government.
2. It is requested that the right to the matter may be kept out later than—

Office (Name) _____
Station (or) _____
Designation _____
Date _____
Signature _____
Substituted _____

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Ballou Croft.
Vepery, Madras,
6th August 1918.

To
The Director of Public Instruction
Madras -

Sir,
I have the honor to submit copy
of a letter from the Collector of Madras
addressed to my mother, and to point
out that, although I wrote to the Collector
on the 22nd February 1918, in the matter,
this is the first express intimation I
have received of Government's contemplated
acquisition of R.S. Nos 781 and 805 of
Purawallem, of which I am one of
the joint lessees -

The report of the Public Works Officer
therein referred to is incorrect. He could
not enter the premises as the tenant
was away and the house locked at
the time.

As regards this contemplated acquisition
I would submit the following objections
for your consideration -

1. In locating the School

of a highly congested area has been selected at the outset.

2. This site does not lend itself to expansion as has already been proven by the fact that other sites have been selected elsewhere in the locality.

3. From a sanitary point of view the location is exceedingly objectionable. The neighbourhood being highly congested, students coming from other parts of the City are apt to prove a means of conveying infection, or are themselves likely to take infection. And this condition will not be improved by the fact that the site adjoins a market, which is in itself a source of danger.

4. From an educational point of view, being purely an Anglo-Indian quarter, it is not understood why this Hindu School should have been set down right in the middle of it, within a few yards distance of one of the oldest European Institutions in the Country.

5. There is also another institution, Indian, within three hundred yards.

6. The site is outside the area...

feels the institution and is therefore
rather central now convenient.

7. If it was intended to retain the first
Site, the blocks lying on the east and
west of it, and situated on the main
road, would have proved the most
suitable.

8. The School property is already split up
into various blocks with public roads
running between, and this condition will
not be improved by the acquisition of
the properties under reference, which are
themselves divided by a public right-of-
way.

9. The managers were strongly advised,
some time ago, by a member of the
Educational Department, to select a
more suitable Site further west, but
they have elected to remain at the
wrong end and call on us for acquiescence,
the absolute necessity for which can
never be established.

10. When application was made for
the acquisition of the property under
reference, the Director of Public Instruction
does not appear to have been
acquainted with the relative positions
of the C.R.C. Schools, Convent College
and these two blocks.

11. The Revenue authorities have admitted the serious objection on Sanilais grounds to the acquisition, in as much as an offer of land in a healthy locality was made to the natives.

12. The managers of the school are fully aware that this application is objectionable on other grounds. They have applied to the property of one of the oldest European families in the country, who have been in peaceful enjoyment of this estate for over a hundred and thirty years, retaining possession of it in prosperity and through adverse conditions, repelling many fair offers, and are now paying a heavy tax while receiving no return.

13. Lieut. Stealy, the first to settle in the country and acquire the property, fought in six Indian battles, and was in the taking of Seringapatam. All his descendants have, or are now fighting for him and country. Major General James Kelly, who served right through the Indian mutiny, being the last

in this country, while others ^{are} now fighting in the great war.

14. The property has been consecrated and the legatus have been thoroughly engaged not to sell or otherwise do away with it.

15. Under these circumstances, and in view of the fact that this school would be conveniently shifted to a more open and central site, which would meet all requirements, including the provision of an adequate one-block school house, recreation grounds and toilet, and thus obviate the objectionable practice of acquiring, piecemeal, long standing house property, the legatus prohibit against Government's contemplated acquisition of this ancestral property as objectionable, unnecessary and serving no useful purpose. The property has been given to the legatus through long process and its loss would affect their supply, and in the case of one of them, who is very old and poor. They do not desire an exchange of land or its equivalent in money, but

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return to the military service
remains in building up this Empire
woud have permission to continue
this undisturbed enjoyment.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

C. Smith
Oct 18

True copy of letter from the Collector
of Madras addressed to Mrs. Smith.

R. O. C. no 664/304 of 18.

Madras dated the 13th of July 1908.

From The Hon'ble Mr. Magayudha Iyer
Brahmin. C.I.E., I.S.D.

Collector of Madras.

of p 40 ante to Mrs. Smith

Owner of R.S. nos 781 + 805 of
Pursawalam.

Through the Collector of Madras.

Madras.

Government. Contemplates the
acquisition of R.S. nos 781 and 805 of
Pursawalam for the use of the C.R.C.
High School, Pursawalam and have
called for a valuation thereof. The
Public Works Officer who was deputed
to estimate the value of the buildings
reports that he was not allowed to
enter the premises to take the necessary
measurements.

I have the honor therefore to
request you to be good enough to
allow free access to Mr. R. V.
Krishna Swamy Iyer B.A. and
his men to enter your premises on
any day which may be con-

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to you and to the tenants in
order to take the measurements
of the main building, and. lanes
etc.

In this connection I would
invite your attention to the provision
of section 4 of the Land Acquisition
Act 1894. And I trust I shall
not be sent to the necessity of
moving Government to publish
the preliminary notification referred
to in that section so as to legalize
the entry of Government Officers into
the premises for the purpose above
referred to -

I have the honor to be,
Madam

Yours most obedient servant

(Sd) James Gillespie

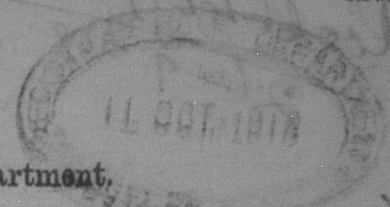
for Collector.



Home

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Education Branch.



REPLY.

REMINDER.

To

The Collector of
Madras

To

The Secretary to Government

Home (Education) Department.

Land C.R.C. High School Purasawakan

Valuation of.

The Executive Engineer, P.W.D.

North Presidency Division who was re-
quested in this office letter No.

666/ B & G dated 5-6-18 to furnish

the valuation of the buildings on

the lands required for the school.

has not yet done so. He has

been reminded. My report will be

submitted as soon as his valuation is

received.

for Collector.

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

attention to the communication noted in the

on No. 1608B-1, dated 28.5.18 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 Dept

Station Botacaman

Dated 23. 9. 18

Signature.

Registrar.

Designation.

23.9.18

SUBJECT.

Valuation of the land proposed to be
acquired for the C.R.C. high school,
Purasawakan.

18.10.18

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19.10.18

To be reminded on 19.10.18
if necessary



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Recd 1.11.18

Home Department.
Education Branch.

REMINDER.

To
The Collector of Madras

REPLY.
The Secretary to Government
Home (Education) Dept.

The undersigned has the honour to invite
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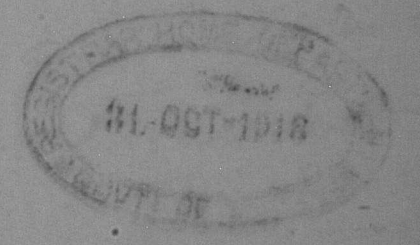
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request that
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information as to—

- (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

Returned
(1) Pending with P.W.D.
A. Tottenham
30.10.18
C.M.

made
30.10.18
M. 664/B/18



Office Home Dept.
Station Fort St. George
Dated 28. 10. 18
Signature.
Designation.

28.10.18

SUBJECT.

Valuation Statement of the land proposed to
be acquired for the C.R. High School,
Puriscwa Kam.

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To be reimbursed
24.11.18

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Department

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REPLY

REMINDER

To

The Secy. of Madras

The undersigned has the honour to invite

attention to the communication noted in the

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

2.12.18

Station

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Dated

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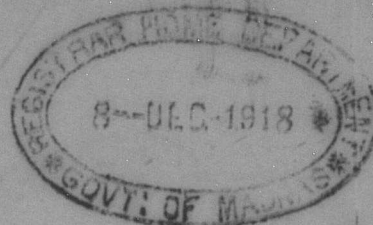
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Valuation

of the land

proposed to be acquired for

the L. R. C. High School, Purnea.



REMINDER

Home

Department

Education

Branch

REPLY

To

The Secy. of Madras

To

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Has the honour to invite

The undersigned is directed to invite

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(2) the date by which a reply may be

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(3) the circumstances which have caused the

delay.

2. It is requested that the reply to this

reminder may be sent not later than

2.12.18

Office

Station

Dated

Signature

Designation

SUBJECT

Valuation of the land proposed to be acquired for the L. R. C. High School, Purnea.

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6-DEC-1918

Returned
(1) Pending with
Ex. Engineer
(2) to Unknown -
Atotunham
. 6.12.18

Lodged.

2. The refer. is more than six months old. A reply is not to be had by 15th Jan. 1919. P.W. may be asked to clear the cause of delay. Executive Engg's office.

to the acquisition of the lands and buildings.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. Tottenham

18.1.18.

Collector.

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Ballon Appal

Usury, Madras.

6 August 1918.



This is only a copy of letter
to (pp 42-48 ante) already sent
to Govt. by D.P. 9.
The Director of Public Instruction

Madras -

Sir,

I have the honour to submit copy
of a letter from the Director of Public
Instruction to my mother, and to point
out that, although I wrote to the Collector
on the 22nd February 1918 in the matter,
this is the first official intimation I
have received of Government's contemplated
acquisition of R.S. Nos 781 and 805 of
Puram, Madras, of which I am one of
the joint lessees -

The report of the Public Works Officer
therein refers to is incorrect. He comes
out into the premises as the landlady
was away and the house locked at
the time.

As regards this contemplated acquisition
I now submit the following objections
for your consideration.

1. In locating the school in question
the most unsuitable spot in the house

of a highly congested area has been selected at the outset.

2. This site does not lend itself to expansion as has already been proven by the fact that other sites have been selected elsewhere in the County.

3. From a sanitary point of view the location is extremely objectionable. The neighborhood being highly congested, ~~streetcars~~ coming from other parts of the City are apt to prove a means of conveying infection, or are themselves likely to take infection. And this condition will not be improved by the fact that the site abjoins a market, which is in itself a source of danger.

4. From an educational point of view, being purely an Anglo-Indian Quaker, it is not understood why this Indian School should have been set down right in the middle of it, within a few yards distance of one of the oldest European Institutions in the County.

5. There is also another institution, Indian, within three hundred yards.

6. The site is outside the area which

from the institution and is therefore
better suited for convenience.

7. If it was intended to retain the first
Site, the blocks lying on the east and
west of it and situated on the main
road would have proved the most
suitable.

8. The school property is already split up
into various blocks with public road
running between, and this condition will
not be improved by the acquisition of
the properties under reference which are
themselves divided by a public right of
way.

9. The managers were strongly advised
some time ago, by a member of the
Educational Department to select a
more suitable site further west, but
they have elected to remain at the
wrong end and call for an acquisition,
the absolute necessity for which can
now be established.

10. When application was made for
the acquisition of the property under
reference, the Council of Public Instruction
does not appear to have been
acquainted with the relative positions
of the C. R. C. Schools, Bonet's College
and these two blocks.

11. The Revenue Authorities have admitted the serious objection on Sanitation grounds to the acquisition in as much as an offer of lands in a healthy locality was made to the natives.

12. The managers of the School are fully aware that this application is objectionable on other grounds. They have applied to the property of one of the oldest European families in the country who have been in peaceful enjoyment of their estate for over a hundred and thirty years, retaining possession of it in prosperity and through adversity, repelling many fair offers, and are now paying a heavy tax while receiving no return.

13. Lieut. Henry, the first to settle in the country and acquire the property fought in Sixteen battles, and was in the taking of Seringapatam. All his descendants have been working for him and country. Major General James Kelly who served right through the Indian mutiny being the last

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in this country, while others are now
by the way in the first war.

14. The Property has been conserved
and the legation have been strictly
enjoined not to sell or otherwise dis-
pose of it.

15. Under these circumstances, and
in view of the fact that this school
could be conveniently shifted to a
more open and central site, which
would meet all requirements, including
the provision of an adequate one-block
school house, recreation grounds and hotel,
and thus obviate the objectionable
practice of acquiring, piecemeal, long
standing house property, the legation
prohibits against Government's contemplated
acquisition of this ancestral property as
objectionable, unnecessary and serving no
useful purpose. The property has been
donated to the legation through long possession
and its loss would affect them deeply,
and in the case of one of them, who
is very old and poor. They do not
desire an exchange of land or its
equivalent in money, but

return to the military service
remains in building up his Empire
wonder grant permission to continue
this undisturbed enjoyment.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

R. Smith
01/8/18

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ante.

Copies forwarded to the Collector of Madras
with reference to his R.O.C. no 664/304.
of 18 dt. 19th July 1918. The location of the
School under reference is impracticable and
doubtful, and as an absolute necessity
for the acquisition of these particular
lands can never be established, the
application of the Land Acquisition Act. would
be ultra vires. The legality of the proposal
in question takes serious objection to the
procedure adopted which, on the Collector's
admission, has been irregular up to now.

R. Smith
01/8/18

Home (Ed) Department

[No. 636B]. From the European and Anglo-Indian residents
Vepery on the 19th March 1918.

The memorialists mention four grounds
against the acquisition of a land for the extension
of the C.R.L. high school, Puzoswakkam, Madras.
There are -

- ① That the location of an Indian school
in a European quarter of the city is a hardship.
- ② That the proximity of the school to
Doveton boys' and girls' ^{European} schools is undesirable.
- ③ That the land, if acquired, will deprive
the "Haleyon Tennis Club" of its recreation ground.
- ④ That the existing arrangements of the
C.R.L. high school are very insanitary and
consequently the school should be removed to
that locality to a different one.

2. As regards ①, the S.P.S. would have considered
the desirability of locating the school at that
place before granting recognition; and seeing
that the school has been there for a long time
without causing any trouble to the neighbors,
it seems unnecessary to go into the question
with regard to ②, if the C.R.L. school is pre-
judicial to the interests of the Doveton school,
it is for the authorities of the latter to
plain and not for the memorialists. Objection
③ is also trivial in that the Tennis Club is

What does the
abbreviation C.R.L.
stand for?

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It stands for "C. Ramanujam
Chetty".

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the land if the owner of it thinks that the ~~the~~ ^{are} interests of a public institution ~~are~~ more important than those of a private club. also is ground (4), if the sanitary arrangements of the school are a nuisance to the occupant of the locality they must move the health department of the Madras Corporation and have the defects remedied.

3. None of the arguments of the memorial appears to be valid against the acquisition of the land in question. ~~The~~ ^{therefore} memorial does not appear to deserve any consideration. ~~However it may be considered whether, in the circumstances, it should be forwarded to the Collector of Madras for consideration in connection of Memo. No. 213 B-1 of the 5-2~~ A draft endt is submitted for ap.

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[Endt. No. 636B-1 of 4.4.18]

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[CNo 820B] From the D.P.O. Roc No. 358/18 of 11.4.

Please see the Director's remarks on the of the Anglo-Indian Association and on that Anglo-Indian residents sent direct to him

that the Director's letter and its enclosures may be forwarded to the Collector of Madras, for information, in continuation of Endt. No. 636 B-12, 4.4.18. A draft endt. is submitted for approval.

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[Memo. No. 820 B-1 dt 26.4.18]

Le. 1008/B, from the Secy. of Madras, D. No. 624/18
dt 7th May 1918.

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The Collector and the D.P.S. are unanimous in considering that the objections raised by the Anglo-Indian Community against the requisition of the properties are frivolous. The Govt. may accept their opinion. A draft order is submitted.

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15.5.18

If appld: it may go to Rev. W/O. for acceptance before issue. The school has already been in the hands for some years.

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18.5.18

Before passing para 2, should we not have an estimate first?

W
21/5/18

Submitted that it would be desirable to have an idea of the approximate cost before Govt. commit themselves to a half-yearly

2 A draft memo is subd.

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Memo No. 1008/B-1, d/ 28.5.18.

le. 1804/B, from the D.P.D., N.R.C. No. 358/18, d/ 23.8.18

Govt: have practically

decided on the acquisition of R.S. Nos:

781 & 805 of Putsavakam for the

C.R.C. High School and called upon

the Collr. to report the approximate

cost of acquisition. One of the joint

legates to the property comes for-

ward with his objections. All these

objections have been already raised

by others interested and both the

D.P.D. and the Collector have unan-

imously declared them to be frivolous.

Stress is laid in the present

petition on the military detour

rendered by members of the legate's

family, ~~and the long standing~~ and

on the fact that the property is

consecrated. It is doubtful whether

Govt. would consider any of these

as valid.

3 The Collector has already

mentioned that the amount of the property

p. 38, c. 4

pp 34 & 18, c. 4

paras 13 to 15 on pp
45 & 46, c. 4

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objects to the entry of the P.W. staff into the premises to take the measurements and that he himself has addressed last on the matter. Evidently it is a copy of this letter that the petitioner has forwarded now. ~~On~~ ^{Submitted} that ~~the~~ the collector's final reply may be awaited.

p. 40, e.f.

pp 48 & 49, e.f.

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p. 52, e.f. le. 2894/B, from the Coll. of Madras, d/ 6.12.18

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p. 38, e.f.

In his latest reply to a reminder issued from this office, the Coll. of Madras stated that the preparation of a valuation state for the sites proposed for acquisition in connection with the le. R. C. High School, Puzoswaram, was pending with the Executive Engineer. As the reply (no. 1008/B-1, d/ 28th May 1918) issued to the Coll. is over seven months old, the P.W.D. may be requested w/o to ascertain what is the cause of delay in the Executive Engineer's office.

18.1.19

(held back as the Coll.'s reply was soon made.)

pp 53-54, le. 137 B
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Le. 137/B, from the Collect. of Madras,
D. Dec. No. 664 B4 G, d/ 17. 1. 19.

From the valuation

Stats: Subd: by the collector, it is observed that the estimated cost of acquisition of the site with the trees & building thereon will amount to Rs 57,607.4.8. If, to this, is added the statutory allowance of 15%, the total cost will amount to about Rs 66,250/- A half-grant on this comes to Rs 33,125/-

It is not now necessary to mention the amount of grant in the draft. We may merely promise a half-grant and when the draft notice comes to be published, the amount of grant may be specified and the correspondent called upon to deposit in the treasury an amt: equal to the Govt: contribution or such larger sum as might be found necessary on actual determination of the award. If appld, the draft already in the file may be subd. for approval after acceptance by Revenue.



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the draft may ^{if submitted} be accepted and the
file returned to Home (Edn) no.

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May be sent to H.E.

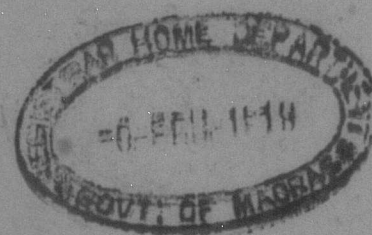
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The Govt. have
carefully ~~considered~~ ^{considered} the
representations made by the
Anglo-Indian Association
of Southern India and the
Anglo-Indian residents
of Vepery and Pong^u and
they ~~are of opinion~~ ^{are of opinion} that the
sites required by the
authorities of the laborers
Ramanujam Shettijam
high school, Pong^u and
specified in the sketch
submitted by the J. P. S.
should be acquired
under the Land Acquisition

Feb, 1894.

2. The Govt: will also be prepared to give a grant not exceeding one-half of the total cost of acquisition.

3 The Auth. of Material
is requested to Submit at
an early date a draft
notⁿ for publication under
Sec. 6 of the Act.

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D. P. S.

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11. Honorable Mr. T. Richardson,
Board of Trade, President,
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