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Extract from the address to be presented by to H.E.
the Governor by the Municipal Council of Mayavaram.

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6. Your Excellency's Government has been pleased to refer in our administration report for 1919-20 in very appreciative terms to the interests we take in our High schools one of the premier institutions in the Presidency imparting instruction to 1350 pupils. Needless to say we find the task of maintaining such a big institution in a state of real efficiency increasingly difficult, the more so, as the expansion of elementary education has to receive our greater care and attention. The completion of the laboratory building, the foundation for which was laid by Your Excellency's predecessor, the erection of a suitable building for the hostel attached to the school on the spacious and picturesque Rajan-Thottam grounds, a site specially acquired for the purpose and for the Koranadu branch secondary school the provision of facilities for imparting instruction in vocational subjects and the revision of a scale of pay of teachers on the lines adopted by Government for the teachers in their employ with some modifications therein are the immediate needs of the school. We are afraid that the costly drainage on water supply schemes we have to take on hand and the steps to be adopted for the expansion of elementary education will leave little or nothing at our disposal for meeting any of the imperative demands of the High School. We therefore pray that Your Excellency may be pleased to offer an annual subsidy for the school equal to the entire net cost involved in running it as we understand Your Excellency's Government has done in the case of some of the secondary schools managed by the municipalities of the Ceded districts.

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Extract of Collector's remarks on the address of
the Mayavaram Municipal Council to be presented
to H.E. the Governor.

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3. Education.

Modulation System | The High School is in a very efficient condition. I understand that a boy from this school obtained more than the maximum number of marks in Mathematics in the School Final Public Examination of last year. It would be interesting for His Excellency to note that the Right Honourable Mr. Srinivasa Bastri was a teacher in this school for about three years about 15 years ago. The following grants were sanctioned during the last three years for educational purposes to this municipality.--

Year	Amount
1917-18	Rs.4,000/- -- G.O.303 Education d/ 12-3-1918 (2)
1918-19	Rs.6,566/- --G.O.994, Home(Edn).., d/ 30-7-1918 (1)
1919-20	Rs.6,374/- --G.O.1117 Home (Edn)..,d/16-9-1919 (R)

The Chairman does not say what the net cost of maintaining the High School comes to. I do not know if he has made any definite request for a grant this year.

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The subjects referred to in the address are dealt with below so far as they relate to this Dept.
Laboratory buildings

Vide D.P.I. note
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The laboratory buildings were estimated in 1913 to cost Rs 23,100. This estimate was included in the estimate of Rs 34,380 for certain improvements to the high school ~~building~~ for which a half grant of Rs 17,380 and a loan of Rs 17,000 were sanctioned by Govt. The grant sanctioned for the laboratory alone was Rs 11,550. In March 1918 the C.M.C., Mayavaram, applied represented that, owing to ^{certain} changes in the original design, the estimate had been enhanced to Rs 50,500, that out of the total sum of ~~Rs 34,380~~ Rs 34,380 sanctioned by Govt the Council had set apart for the laboratory a sum of Rs ~~27,718~~ 27,718 and requested an addl grant of Rs 22,780. The D.P.I. did not recommend the grant as the scheme was unnecessarily expensive for

a high school and the Govt declined to sanction the grant — Gov No. 48 Estt of 15.1.19. In March 1919 the Council represented that

the estimates had to be revised owing to the high price of materials on account of the war, that the cost of the building as finally approved by the S.E. was estimated at Rs 49,000 and requested an addl grant of Rs 21,280 as a special case. The D.P.I.,

~~but~~ however, recommended only a half grant towards the building. Excluding the sum of Rs 11,550 already sanctioned for the building and a sum of Rs 2,950 (i.e. Rs 14,500 in all) sanctioned for certain items of work which had been abandoned by the Council, an addl grant of Rs 10,000 was sanctioned by Govt — Gov No. 278 of 6.3.20

Thus a ~~total~~ sum of Rs 24,500 has hitherto been sanctioned by Govt towards the construction of the laboratory building from Provincial funds. This is

Para 1-3 of

Gov No. 278 of 6.3.20 (S)

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Gov No. 24,500 (S)

in accordance with the principle laid down by Govt in regard to the grant of subsidies to local bodies for secondary school buildings, viz. grants should ordinarily be limited to one-half of the cost. In his administration report for 1919-20 the C.M.C. stated that, unless the Govt sanctioned the grant of Rs 21,280 applied for by the Council, the completion of the building could not be achieved in the near future. If the Council applies for an addl subsidy through the D.P.I. and if, on an examination of the financial position of the Municipality, it is found that it deserves the subsidy, the question of an addl grant will receive consideration. There is, however, no provision in the current year's Budget Estimate for grants to local bodies for secondary school buildings.

2. Hostel building

The memorandum and articles of Association of the Kendriya Hotel Committee have been approved by Govt in Gov No. 730 Home (Estt) of 16.3.20. The L.S.G. Dept has noted on this portion of the address.

Vide para 7 of notes

to Gov No. 1013 of 19.8.19

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No. 1296M of 17.9.20 (L)

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3 Provision of facilities for imparting instruction in vocational subjects The D.P.I. has been asked to submit proposals for the introduction of vocational training in Govt. schools, aided schools and schools under the management of local bodies in six typical localities. His proposals have not yet been received. If the C.M.C, Mayavaram, frames a scheme and submits it to Govt through the D.P.I., the question of granting a subsidy from Provincial funds will receive consideration.

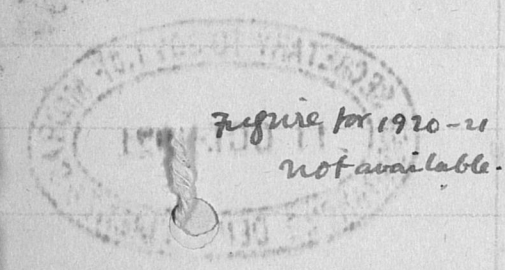
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4 Revision of the scale of pay of teachers in the high school
The Govt have sanctioned with effect from the 1st April 1921 the payment to the Municipal Council, Mayavaram, of a recurring subsidy of Rs 1,080 per annum towards half the

^{extra} the cost of the revision of the high school establishment which was sanctioned in October 1920 — Govt 1343 Home (Rev) of 15.11.20. The revision has been sanctioned only recently and if a further revision is considered necessary the Council will have to justify its necessity and make out a case if necessary for an additional grant. ~~the Council will have to justify its necessity and make out a case if necessary for an additional grant.~~
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No proposals have been received in this regard. The Council requests that the entire net cost of the high school may be met from Provincial funds. It is observed that the school worked at a profit in 1918-19 and 1919-20 as will be seen from the following figures: —

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taken from the Budgets



Year	Receipts	Expenditure	Net
1918-19	33,847	32,777	-10,497
1919-20	35,629	34,435	-11,964

The request for a grant from Provincial funds equal to the entire net cost of the school is therefore inadmissible. The case of schools in the leaded districts quoted in the address is different as the local bodies are in an unpromising condition and cannot afford to meet the cost of the schools from their own funds.

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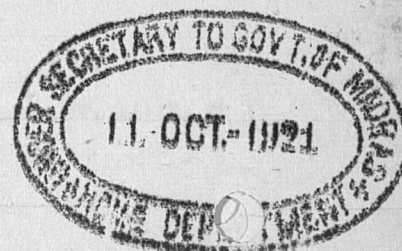
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His Excellency's visit will be a suitable opportunity for reminding the Municipality of its duty in extending elementary education. I have no information that the Municipality has taken any steps to levy the Educational Cess which they may do under the Elementary Education Act of last year.

I have called for proposals from Presidents of Local Boards and Chairmen of Municipal Councils for the introduction of vocational education in schools under their management. No concrete proposals have yet been received by me from the Chairman of the Mayavaram Municipality. When they are submitted they will be analysed and if approved Government assistance will be forthcoming.

The Secretary, L.S.G. Department lays emphasis on the fact that during the year 1918-19 the school worked at a profit of Rs.1048 and during the year 1919-20 it worked at a profit of Rs.1049. He omits, however, to take into consideration

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the fact that during the year 1920-21 the school worked at a loss of Rs.2122. I take this opportunity of emphasising what I have said more than once with regard to secondary schools in South India that they cannot be worked at a profit with the present rate of fees charged and the present lack of endowments if the teachers are to be properly paid and the schools properly equipped. Mayavaram cannot make out any case for additional grants beyond the ordinary principles and rules adopted by Government. Since it desires payment similar to that awarded to the Ceded Districts I think it might be useful if the following facts were brought prominently to its notice:-

(for the year 1919-20)

Considering the total expenditure on boys' secondary education in Indian schools in the whole presidency, local and municipal funds bore 2.5 per cent. In Tanjore District local and municipal funds met only 1.1 per cent of the total expenditure on boys' secondary education in the District of Tanjore. In Kurnool District which is one of the Ceded Districts local and municipal funds met 22.6 per cent of the total cost of secondary education in Kurnool District. The difference between 22.6 percent expenditure in Kurnool District and 1.1 percent in Tanjore District is sufficiently striking to cause the resident in Mayavaram to think. Furthermore from the most recent figures which I have in my office the percent-age of educational expenditure incurred by this Municipality during the year 1919-20 was only 8.7 as compared with the presidency average of 15.8. We have a very strong case for insisting upon this Municipality levying the Educational Cess and spending more money than it does at present on Education.

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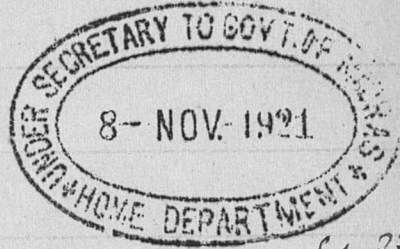
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Gentlemen of the Mayavaram Municipal Council,

Before I deal with the various points
connected with the administration of Mayavaram which
you have raised in your address, let me convey to
you the very sincere thanks of Lady Willington and
myself for the loyal and hearty welcome which you
have accorded to us. It is impossible on a tour
like this to give to every place which we visit that
full measure of time we should both like, but though
we cannot owing to the number of our engagements
make a close acquaintance with your town--which as a
centre of pilgrimage would I know repay a longer
visit--we can make the acquaintance of some at least
of the citizens of Mayavaram, and I need not assure
you we are indeed glad to have the opportunity of
doing so.

In connection with the yearly visit of a
large number of pilgrims to your municipality, you
refer to the need for a complete drainage system to
protect your citizens and preserve the health of
your town. This question was considered very care-
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in 1919 when it was decided that owing to the low level at which your town lies a universal drainage system was not practicable. It was suggested then that masonry drains would have to be made especially at the junction of big streets. Well, Gentlemen, that was in 1919 and since then no further action appears to have been taken, and I would impress on you that it is for your Council to make the next move. Detailed proposals with plans and estimates require to be worked out, and when that is done, you may apply to Government for financial aid and the request will be sympathetically considered. I may say the same about the proposal for a protected water-supply in your town for which sanctioned plans and estimates are first required as a preliminary step.

You raise in your address several ^{points} ~~times~~ connected with education. Before I make any remarks on these points I would like to suggest to you for your consideration the advisability of doing what your means permit to extend elementary education, and remind you that for this purpose the Elementary

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Education Act empowers you to levy an educational cess. I fear that Mayavaram cannot at present make out any strong case for additional grants from provincial funds beyond those awarded under ^{the} ordinary principles and rules adopted by Government. In this connection, Gentlemen, I would quote to you some interesting figures as regards secondary education in Southern India. In the year 1919-20 throughout the whole Presidency local and municipal funds bore 2.5% of the total expenditure: in Tanjore district these funds met only 1.1% of the total amount expended on boys' secondary education. In Kurnool district which is one of the Ceded Districts to which you refer local and municipal funds met 22.6% of the total cost of secondary education in the district. The difference between the latter two figures is you must admit a striking one and in face of these figures I do not think you could honestly maintain that the contribution made from municipal funds for education in this area is at all considerable. I would ask you to consider whether the Municipality

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should not increase their expenditure in this direction, if necessary by levying the education tax to which I have already referred. I am told your High School is very efficiently run and that a high standard of education is consistently maintained. That is indeed something of which your Municipality may justly be proud and I congratulate you, believe me, most sincerely. I am sure we are all agreed that it would be a great pity if there were any falling away in the future.

As regards vocational training, I am told that proposals have been called for by the Director of Public Instruction but that no concrete suggestions have yet been forthcoming from your Council. When they are submitted they will be carefully analysed and if they are approved, Government will render you all the assistance they can in carrying them into effect.

As regards your hostel building, I am told that the hostel committee are at present endeavouring to raise funds for the construction of the necessary buildings and are preparing plans and estimates for

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the purpose.

I am glad to see the keen interest which you are taking in the completion of your laboratory buildings. The total sum so far contributed by Government towards the construction of these buildings is, I am told, up to date Rs.24,500 and this is in accordance with the principle laid down by Government namely that grants for such purposes should ordinarily be limited to one-half of the cost. As regards further contributions from Provincial funds I can only say this that if your Council applies for an additional subsidy through the Director of Public Instruction, the question of a further grant will be considered by Government after an examination of the financial position of your municipality.

Your request for the establishment of a weaving institute in Kurainadu reminds me that a resolution was moved on this question at the last Legislative Council meeting, on which occasion my Minister explained the position to the Council very clearly. He pointed out that a quicker and more economical method of teaching weaving is to send

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weaving parties to the houses of those who wish to learn or to improve their knowledge of the art. These weaving parties can teach new methods and the use of new appliances, and if the people of any particular locality are desirous of being taught new and more advanced methods they can apply to the Director of Industries who will, if he can, send them a weaving party. In this connection I may tell you that the number of weaving parties has already been increased from 2 to 20 in order to comply with ^{such requests} ~~the requirements~~ as these.

Let me say once more in conclusion how glad Her Excellency and myself have been to have this opportunity of visiting Mayavaram and let me convey to you our united good wishes for the future prosperity of your Municipality.

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