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GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

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29th July 1925.

My dear Legh

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31.7.25

I am to send you an extract from the address which the Maharaja of Bobbili will read when His Excellency opens the Pentland Hall in Madras in August. You will see that the Maharaja makes various references to the desire of the zamindars to have a Rajkumar College. I believe that the idea has been dropped officially since the unfortunate closing chapters of Newington, but His Excellency would like to know how the matter stands for the purpose of his reply.

Yours sincerely,

E.W. Legh Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,

Second Secretary to Government,

Fort St. George, Madras.

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Extract from the address to be read by the Maharaja of Bobbili on the occasion of His Excellency opening the Pentland Hall on the 18th August 1925.

I thank you all most sincerely for having graced the occasion by your presence, especially Your Excellency for ~~has~~ having so kindly consented to open "The Pentland Hall". You all know that Lord Pentland was a great friend of the zamindars of this Presidency and always evinced a warm interest in their welfare. As a mark of our gratitude, some[↑] us, the zamindars, wanted to perpetuate his name in a suitable manner and subscribed Rs.21,810/- for the purpose. It was first thought that the memorial should take the form of a Hall to be attached to the Rajkumar College, about the establishment of which His Lordship was very keen. In fact His Lordship laid the foundation stone of this College on the 17th February 1919 at "Grange", Madras, which was acquired by the Government for the location of the College. If His Lordship had stayed a few months longer in Madras, the Rajkumar College would have been an accomplished fact. But unfortunately it was given up subsequently owing to certain untoward circumstances. This decision has been a source of disappointment to me and other zamindars. I have been for the last eighteen years striving hard to bring into existence an institution of this kind in Madras. There are several Rajkumar Colleges in India such as those at Ajmere, Raipur, Hyderabad, etc. doing excellent work. I still cherish the hope that a similar institution may sooner or later come into existence at Madras. It is in this hope that when the Government refunded the amount of Rs.1,50,000/- that I subscribed towards the Rajkumar College, I invested the amount in Government securities and created an educational Trust for the application of the income therefrom, providing in the Trust Deed for the transfer of the whole amount to the Rajkumar College in case it is brought into existence at any future time. I hope and trust that our young zamindars take up my idea and work for the establishment of such a useful institution in Madras.

G.F. pp.2-5 of notes to G.O.
722, dated 17-3-1909.
(pp.38-41 of stock file)

P.36 of stock file.

Pp.2-7 of G.O.416 Edl.,
dated 15-7-1910.
pp.54-59 of stock file.

G.O.416, d/15-7-10 -
pp.59-60 of stock file.

Letter 451 Edl., d/30-7-10.
P.78 of stock file.

P.2 of G.O.466 Edn., dated
30-5-1912.
P.82 of stock file.

Pp.13-36 of notes to G.O.
No.575 Pol., dated 30-10-14.
Pp.179-202 of stock file.

Pp.165-166 of stock file.

Pp.33-35 of notes to G.O.
575 Pol., dated 30-10-14.
pp.199-201 of stock file.

G.O.1278, d/3-5-17. P1.3

To Secretary.

The Maharaja of Bobbili has been making repeated efforts and moving Government for the establishment of a Rajkumar College for the education of the "sons and nearest relatives" of zamindars in this Presidency, since about 1902. After considering the proposals then made by him in this connection, the Government, in G.O.No.722, dated 15-3-1909, appointed a Committee to investigate and report on the question. This Committee strongly recommended the establishment of such a college, draw up a draft scheme and a rough estimate of the cost, and proposed that the institution should be managed by a special Committee working under a general council and should be aided by the State. The Government accepted the scheme generally, indicated the financial assistance which they would be prepared to give and enquired of the Landholders' Association what amount of support could be expected from the landowners and zamindars of the Presidency. The Association reported in March 1912 that the financial support promised was most disappointing and the whole scheme was accordingly dropped.

2. The matter was revived next year (1913) and, after considering the whole question, the Government, in G.O.No.575 Political, dated 30-10-1914, decided that it was expedient to establish a Rajkumar College near Madras and appointed a representative Committee to advise upon the details of the scheme and upon the locality where the college should be built. The Committee met and made certain proposals about the end of 1914 but nothing further was done immediately.

3. In May 1917, the Government decided on the expansion of the institution maintained at Newington for the Court of Wards' minors so that it might

constitute the nucleus of the proposed Rajkumar College and to this end ordered the Court to admit to the institution not only its own minors but also the relatives of such minors and the sons and other relations of zamindars as well as of Ruling Chiefs and to endeavour to secure as many such pupils as possible. The Government at the same time acquired two properties in Adyar, known as the "Grange" and the "Bridge House" at a cost of Rs.2,33,502 for the permanent location of the proposed College.

4. In July 1917, H.E. (the late) Lord Pentland had the project discussed at a meeting of some of the leading zamindars, which decided that an appeal should be made to a wide circle of zamindars and landholders for contributions. On 24-12-1917 His Excellency held another meeting at which a draft scheme for the working of the College was approved.

5. In January 1919 His Excellency laid the foundation stone of the College and in April 1919 the two buildings mentioned above were placed at the disposal of the College Council.

6. In response to the appeal made, a total contribution of Rs.5,14,850 was promised out of which a sum of Rs.3,75,625 was paid up.

In March 1919 a meeting of the College Council was held. At this meeting inter alia, the College Council constituted itself with effect from the date of the meeting; it accepted His Excellency's suggestion that the sum of over Rs.5,00,000, which had been subscribed, was sufficient to justify the starting of the college scheme; it approved the draft scheme, subject to some alterations; and

G.O.1278 d. 3-5-17. Fl.(3)
of notes to G.O. 1956, 19-8-19. Fl. 6.

G.O.1926, 28-6-17 (Fl.4) &
G.O.2788, 8-9-17 Fl.5.

At p.4 of notes to G.O. 1956, d/19-8-19. Fl. 6

Pp.4-7 of G.O.1069, dated 8-5-20. Fl.14.

para.1(6) at p.5 of notes to G.O.1956 d/19-8-19. Fl.(6)

G.O. 861, d. 11-4-19. Fl. 8

Para.2 at p.5 of notes to G.O.1956, d/19-8-19. Fl. 6.

Top of p.5 of notes to G.O. ibid.

At p.1 of notes to G.O. 1956, d/19-8-19. Fl. 6.

G.O. 1278, d. 3-5-17. Fl.(3)

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and decided to arrange for the transfer of Newington to the control of the Council as the nucleus of the Rajkumar College.

Sir C.Todhunter at pp.1-2 of notes to G.O.1956, 19-8-19. Fl. 6.

Pp.4-5 of G.O. ibid.

Pp. 6-8 of G.O. ibid.

G.O. 2255, dated 2-10-19. Fl. 9.

G.O. 2374, 18-10-19. Fl.10.
D.O. at p.1 of notes to G.O.No.977, dated 28-4-20. Fl. 11.

Order in Council at p.2 of notes to G.O. Fl. 11.

Pp.2-4 of G.O. ibid.

P. 3 ibid.

7. At this stage, however, the legality of the constitution of the College Council and other proceedings taken for starting the College was called in question and, after taking the opinion of the Advocate-General, a meeting of subscribers to the Rajkumar College Fund was called in June 1919 and necessary resolutions were passed to give effect to the proposals to start a College on a sound legal basis.

8. As the zamindars at a meeting desired that Newington buildings should be retained for the purposes of the College, the Government decided to acquire and place them at the disposal of the College Council and to utilise the two buildings in Adyar acquired for the purpose as residence for Government officials.

9. When thus matters were getting ready for the actual starting of the College, all further action had to be stopped owing to the murder of Mr. de la Hey, then Principal of Newington, in October 1919. The Court of Wards considered that the Rajkumar College scheme had then little prospect of succeeding and that the proposal to convert Newington into a Rajkumar College need not be pursued. The Government considered it would be well to close Newington as an institution for the education of the Court's wards and make arrangements for the education of such as were suitable and could afford it at the Chiefs' College at Raipur or elsewhere and, after consulting the Court of Wards, called a meeting of subscribers to the Rajkumar College Fund in January 1920. It was decided at this meeting inter alia

(1) that the consideration of the establishment

of a Rajkumar College be postponed till a sufficient number of boys and funds were forthcoming;

(2) that the boys at Newington be sent to public educational institutions in or near Madras approved by a Board of Management and that these boys and such others being the sons or near relations of zamindars and landholders as might seek admission be accommodated in a hostel intended exclusively for them; and

(3) that an Englishman with University qualifications and experience of English schools should be appointed as its warden and guardian of the boys.

10. The Court of Wards endeavoured to find a suitable European for the post but without success. On a full consideration of the situation, the Government decided that it was undesirable to "bring the present wards of the Court of Wards together again at a central institution" and asked the Court to make other arrangements for the education of its wards preferably at their district headquarters.

11. It was also decided that the subscriptions of those zamindars who did not agree to the hostel scheme should be returned and the other subscriptions invested. A circular was accordingly sent to all the subscribers. The majority of the subscribers, including the Maharaja of Bobbili, did not agree to such diversion and the subscription of such of them as objected to the hostel scheme or desired its return for other reasons, was returned. It was ordered that the remaining subscriptions should be held by the Accountant-General on behalf of the Court of Wards with a view to a revival of the Rajkumar hostel scheme at a more favourable opportunity and to form the nucleus of a fund for such a purpose. The amount finally left over with the Accountant-General was only Rs.8,225/-.

12. The Maharaja of Bobbili, the main subscriber

Para 2 at p.3 of G.O.977, dated 28-4-1920. Fl. 11.

Para (5) at p.4 ibid.

Paras 1-2 of Court's Reference at p.5 of G.O. ibid.

Pp.7-10 of notes to G.O. ibid.

Order in Council at p.10 of notes to G.O. ibid and G.O. ibid.

Para 2 of Order in Council at p.10 of notes to G.O. 977, 28-4-20. Fl. 11.

Pp.4-5 of notes to G.O. 2374, 17-9-20. Fl. 12.

G.O. fl. 12

8 items numbered in para 2 of G.O.2274, dated 17-9-20 & fl. 12.

to the Rajkumar College Fund who had subscribed Rs.1½ lakhs but got it returned as he disapproved the hostel scheme, invested a sum of Rs.2½ lakhs in 1920 into a Trust Fund for the education of certain members of his family. One of the conditions imposed in the Trust Deed was that "if, at any future time, a Rajkumar College wholly or mainly on the lines laid down in G.O.No.1956, dated 19-8-1919, of the Government of Madras, shall have been established in the province of Madras, it shall be competent to the then Trustee to transfer the Fund in his hands to the duly constituted authorities of that College for being applied to its purposes".

13. No attempt has since been made to revive the scheme.

10.8.25

Before taking my part in giving
any promise to take my part in the
revival of the scheme I must
consider the fact that my part can
fully cover what is due to the
Maharaja of Bobbili & his family
in return for the education of the
sons of zamindars & the similar
matter in relation to the amount
of Rs.8,225/- of the fund. I am
very sorry to hear that

The case has been well moved by
Mr. Ragsdale. Above the file folder
by identification #6-263-270
of the Brown file.

The rules of Zoroastrian law
 have been established
 by the Zoroastrian community
 and are not subject to change.

I demand. We are
in India & such
a barrier is real &
Smith. Wm
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If on the other hand it is merely
a special statement of a model
type to which all ^{2nd} ~~members~~ of the
lower class are amenable, the
matter is different. But the way
will rest the Mahanagiri Jains.

Probably just: but
I don't know.

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The above notes give the history of the case from Mr. C. & show how the matter now stands. They omit however one most important consideration which is that though the subject has been discussed in Revenue probably because the old resolution was in the hands of the Comptroller & Treas., the project for a Rythuwan or Zamindars College is a matter for Education & is a

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I personally think a
 great mistake was made when the project
 was abandoned because of the
 disclosure following on the murder of
 Dr de la Hay. The proper lesson to have
 been drawn was that a public
 college was necessary instead of a
 private institution. But it is too
 late to revive ~~these~~ ^{these} de la Hay's
 ideas. Any project for a Zambian
 College if it is to receive East African
 must be negotiated by the Zambians
 with the Ministry of Education.

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I am much obliged for my letter.
Othman's note.

As this is now under the purview
of Education I should like my
bro^r. Whipple C^r. to see it.

I propose (in my rpts) at the
opening ceremony merely to say in

Learn.

This is not altogether Stranger ^{to} the Maharajah's Speech that
as the Ministers in / sympathizing with the Object but
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the Court of Ward while between the Landholders and the Minister
is Renewing.


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Extracts from the speeches of the Maharaja of Bobbili and
of H. E. the Govt. on the occasion of the opening of the
"Pentland Hall" in the premises of Madras Landholders' Association
on 18-8-1925.

(New India d. 19-8-25.)

Maharaja of Bobbili's Speech

The Maharaja of Bobbili, in requesting His Excellency to open the new Hall erected to perpetuate the memory of the late Lord Pentland, said as follows:

YOUR EXCELLENCY AND GENTLEMEN,—I thank you all most sincerely for having graced the occasion by your presence, especially Your Excellency for having so kindly consented to open "The Pentland Hall". You all know that Lord Pentland was a great friend of the Zamindars of this Presidency and always evinced a warm interest in their welfare. As a mark of our gratitude, some of us, Zamindars, wanted to perpetuate his name in a suitable manner and subscribed Rs. 21,810 for the purpose. It was first thought that the Memorial should take the form of a Hall to be attached to the Rajkumar College, about the establishment of which His Lordship was very keen. In fact his Lordship laid the foundation stone of this College on the 17th February 1919 at the "Grange", Madras, which was acquired by the Government for the location of the College. If His Lordship had stayed a few months longer in Madras, the Rajkumar College would have been an accomplished fact. But unfortunately it was given up subsequently owing to certain untoward circumstances. This decision has been a source of disappointment to me and other Zamindars. I have been for the last eighteen years striving hard to bring into existence an institution of this kind in Madras. There are several Rajkumar Colleges in India such as those at Ajmere, Raipur, Hyderabad, etc., doing excellent work. I still cherish the hope that a similar institution may sooner or later come into existence at Madras. It is in this hope that, when the Government refunded the amount of Rs. 1,50,000 that I subscribed towards the Rajkumar College, I invested the amount in Government Securities and created an Educational Trust. Deed for the application of the income therefrom, providing in the Trust Deed for the transfer of the whole amount to the Rajkumar College in case it is brought into existence at any future time. I hope and trust that our young Zamindars will take up my idea and work for the establishment of such a useful institution in Madras.

H. E. the Governor's speech

The Maharaja of Bobbili, in his speech, referred to the establishment of a Rajkumar College and expressed the hope that it might still be brought into being, a hope with which I, like my predecessor Lord Pentland, sincerely sympathise. Education is now a Transferred Subject, and the project must be the subject of discussion with the Minister of Education and also with Court of Wards with which he is also concerned. I sincerely hope that if the issue of such a discussion is satisfactory the young Zamindars will give to the scheme their support and foster and continue those traditions of generosity and loyalty which are the proud possession of the Landholders' Association of Madras.

To A.S.

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Please see notes and extracts supra. The notes may be transferred to Law (Education). A note is being put up in linked file requesting Public to enter "Rej Kumar College" as a subject under Law (Education)

AKR

22.8.25

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S/. These notes may lie over until the question as to which dept. should deal with the ~~question~~ subject "Raj Kumar College", which is raised in a separate file, is settled and they may then be recorded for future ref. in the dept. concerned.

VP

27.8.25.

To A.S.

p. 4 of slip (E)

In the linked file, it has been decided that "Rej Kumar College" is subject falling under "Education" and ~~that it is~~ subd. that the above notes may be transferred to Law (Edn) if they will take them.

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15.9.25

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I presume this is the intention of H.A. But perhaps he doubts that it should remain closed here.

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Extract of notes from the Public file re.

the allotment of the subject 'Rajkumar College'

under Law (Education) Dept.

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9-10-1925

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College - "Rajkumar"
A subject to be
dealt with in the
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May be recorded after perusal
leg. It seems to have been

be settled that proposals which
may be made hereafter for
establishing a Zaminidars
College should be dealt with
in Law (Education)

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