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Recording certain papers on the
subject of the proposal ^{of Rajasir S. Rammuram} to build
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From Raja Sir. S. Ramaswami Mudaliar
St. C. I. R.

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SUBJECT.

Raja Sir S. Ramaswami Mudaliar St. C. I. R.
with messrs Arbitrator & Co. letter returned.

Submg his proposals
regarding the building
& endowing of a Hindu
girls School in Madras

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Madras. 17th Feb 1900.

My dear Dremenheere,

As you know, Rajah Sir Ramasami is proposing to give one lakh for a girls School, instead of half a lakh for a Hostel. His Excellency will bring this matter up before Council on Tuesday, & for this purpose, he wishes me to ask you to tell George Stuart to be present at the Council then, & also to ask you to send him ^(HE) at once the papers about the grant of the Hostel site.

Yours truly,
Sent herewith for him
H. P. S. 2.50.

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Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, 3 March 1900.

My dear Sir,

I received your letter about Rajah Sir S. Ramaswami's girls' school when on tour. I returned to Madras on the 1st & Sir S. Ramaswami came to see me on the 2nd (yesterday) when we discussed the whole matter as fully as is possible in the present state of the scheme. I have never doubted that

it would be an excellent thing if a High School for Girls could be established in Madras, in a really good building with a really good staff of women teachers: but, having regard to Hindu customs, I had doubts whether it would be possible to secure a sufficient attendance ~~at~~ to make it worth while opening such a School. I now find that Rajah Sir S Ramaswami's scheme is a much less

ambitious one than I had supposed, and that he proposes to establish a school containing all classes of the Primary & Lower Secondary grades from the Infant class upwards, and only one Upper Secondary (or High School) class for the present for the sake of the few girls who may be induced to continue their education a stage further. As time goes on it may be possible to open the other two High School classes,

though it will be many years before the number of Caste girls attending these classes becomes appreciable. Rajah Sir Ramaswami proposes to build to accommodate 300 girls. He has already control of a School containing 137 girls who would be transferred to the new School, and I think his estimate of 300 will probably be reached in a few years' time. That number is probably

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as many as one Head Mistress can properly Control. Out of the 137 girls in the existing School there are only 9 in the three highest classes, 3 in each class; and in the new High School class there would not be more than two or three at first. Sir Rajah Sir & Ramaswami seems to have no extravagant expectations in this respect, and the other undertakings

with which his name is connected have been so uniformly successful that I am induced to believe this one will be equally so. Rajah Sir S Ramaswami proposes to allot Rs 50,000 for the building and expects to get a grant of Rs 25,000 on this amount making Rs 75,000 altogether for building. This ought to be enough if Govt. is willing to make the same concessions in regard to the services of the Govt. Architect etc as were made in the case of the Victoria Hostel.

But the whole grant of Rs 25,000 could not be paid in 1900 - or unless an additional allotment is made for building grants: the whole allotment for such grants in the Educ. Budget for 1900-1 is only Rs 20,000. Payment might, however be spread over two or three years. With the remaining Rs 50,000 Rajah Sir S Ramaswami proposes to endow the school. This endowment at $3\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. could not produce more than Rs 150

a month, and this would not be sufficient for the upkeep of the school. Aid would however be given in the shape of salary grants to qualified teachers; female teachers being eligible for grants equal to the amounts they receive from Managers' funds. An income would thus be provided sufficient for the upkeep of a school of about 150 girls; but, if the school expanded to 300, additional teachers would be required &

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additional income would have to be found. The income from school fees will not be worth taking into account, at least for some years to come. But Raja Sir S Ramaswami is so thoroughly enthusiastic for the scheme, that I am sure he will not let the school languish for want of support. He is very anxious

to start operations at
once, and wishes to
have the foundation
stone laid by His Ex-
cellency before his
departure to Dotacamund.
It will hardly be
possible to prepare
complete plans and
estimates before that
date, but probably
the Govt Archt. will
be able to fix on
the position for a
foundation stone without
waiting to prepare details.

plans. If His
Excellency consents to
this, the building might
be finished in 1900-1.
i.e. if it is not
necessary to wait for
the consent of the
Govt of India to the
change of plan.

& I do not think
it possible to go into
details as to the
teaching staff and
establishment required
until the building is
approaching completion.
The five (out of eight)
female teachers of the

Sir S Ramaswami's
Black Town School, and
the female portion of
the establishment would
probably be taken over
by the new school: and
there would be no
difficulty in finding other
qualified female teachers
especially if Europeans
Eurasians & native Christians
be eligible as teachers.

I do not think there would
be any difficulty in
modifying the curriculum
so as to conform more
to Hindu notions: certainly
I wd not offer any opposi-
tion to this.

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What Sir S Ramaswami
particularly wishes to

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know now is whether
H.E. will consent to
lay the foundⁿ. Stone
this month or early
next month, or whether
it is necessary to wait
for the permission of
the Govt of India.

Yours sincerely

G. H. Stuart

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Rajah Sir Kamasami Mudaliar's proposal to expend a lakh of rupees on a Hindu Girls' school instead of Rs 50000 on a Hostel for Hindu boys, and to be allowed to erect the school on the site opposite Pacchappa's wh. was assigned for the Hostel, was discussed in Council and has since been discussed by the D.P.J. with the Rajah. Mr Stuart gives the result of his discussion in a letter to H.E.'s Private Secretary. He is distinctly in favour of the scheme. My only objection was that the site for the girl's school - just opposite a large boys' school, Pacchappa's was probably inevitable. But the various Hindu gentlemen who have been consulted raise no difficulties on

this score, and it seems
therefore unnecessary that
I should.

On the whole I prefer the
scheme for the building
endowment of a girl's school
to the original proposal
for another boys' hostel.
Female Education is only
too backward & this first
proposal of a Hindu gentle-
man to build & endow a
school for girls is worthy
of commendation & encourag-
ement.

I see - if the file be complete -
that there has been no formal
application from Rajah Sir
K.M. to be allowed to sub-
stitute his new scheme for
the old; nor is it on record
that he has - so he personally
informed me - placed the
lakh of rupees in Messrs.
Arbuthnot & Co's hands for
the girl's school & its endow-
ment.

It will be necessary for Rajah
Sir K.M. to make the formal
application & intimate that
he ^{has} made the money available.
Application will then have
to be made to the Govt of
India for authority to utilize
the site for a girl's school
instead of a hostel, - the
conditions remaining the
same.

The draft deed re the
Hostel is apparently with
Rajah Sir K.M.

I think the Govt architect
may be requested in communi-
cation with Rajah Sir K.M.
to draw up designs for
the building - that is, if the
latter desires it.

It seems very doubtful whether
a reply to the letter to India
can be received in time
for H.E. to lay the foundation
stone before going to the
Hills.

At 7.3.00.

Tennant with all that the Hon. Mr. Arnold
has written in the above Note. H.E. 7.3.00

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The Secretary can arrange for
this.

Secy. 1072.
draft D.O. put up
8.3.00

RAJAH SIR S. RAMASAMY MUDALIAR, KT., C.I.E.,
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"SAVALAI."

CURRENT NO. 357.

Madras, 12 March 1890.

To
J. H. Trevenchure Esq., I.C.S.
Secretary to Government,
Education Department

*Put up a note
a draft to the
not to be
before
as*

Sir,

As my proposal a few years ago to
build a Students' Hostel has fallen through in
consequence of my having come to know that a
Hostel on the Esplanade would be unnecessary
while the students are provided with comfortable
lodgings in big houses in Thambu Chetty and
Linghi Chetty Streets at a much lower cost
than the charges of a Public Hostel, I have now
the honor to inform you that I have proposed
to build a High School for Native girls, for which
I have deposited with Messrs. Aththust & Co. Ltd.
and Municipal Securities for one lakh of rupees,
half of which to be spent in building the
School-house together with the Govt. grant for
the building and the other half to form the
Endowment for the Girls' High School.

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I herewith enclose a letter from Messrs
A. Buttrick & Co. to your address to the above effect.

It must be distinctly understood that
the securities must be appropriated only for the
Girls' High School and no part of them for the
Hostel, which I disapprove.

As I have now undertaken to maintain
one of the late Vizianagram Maharajah's Girls' Schools
in Black Town, which is intended to form the
nucleus of the proposed High School, the interest
on the above securities will be paid to me for
maintaining the former School till the pro-
posed building is ready for the High School.

It should be understood that if the
site be not given me within six months
the securities are to be returned to me by Messrs
A. Buttrick & Co.

I certainly meant to request the Govt
to allow the Architect to draw up designs
of the building, but I only hope that he may
be instructed to prepare them in consultation
with me, for which I will be very thankful.

As for the details about the School, I have
discussed them with the Hon. Mr. G. H. Stuart, who
may be referred to for further particulars.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedt Servt
Rameswamy Reddy

Raja SIR S. RAMASAMY MUDR., KT. b.l.b.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"SAVALAI."

Madras, 12th March 1902.

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Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of the 8th inst. enclosing a letter from Mr. Trementheere, which is herewith returned.

As desired, I have written a letter to Mr. Trementheere, which I herewith enclose together with one from Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. open to the same official. After perusal kindly forward them to Mr. Trementheere.

I certainly meant to request the Govt. to have the designs prepared by the Govt. Architect in consultation with me. And I would further request that he would
do

do the work free of charge as it is for a Charity Institution.

I remain,
Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully
S. Ramasamy Mudr.

The Hon^{ble}
Mr. G. H. Stuart, M. A.
Director of Public Instr.
Madras.

D. O.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, 15. 3. 1900.

My dear Trevenhere,

I send letter
from Rajah Sir Savalai
Ramaswami Mudaliyar
about his proposal
to build a girls school.
Also a letter from
~~the~~ Messrs Arbutnot
& Co. I enclose the Rajah's
letter to me, from
which you will see

that he requests that
there may be no
charge made for the
services of the
Consig Arche

Yours sincerely
G H Stuart

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RAJAH SIR S. RAMASAMY MUDR., KT., C.I.E.

TELEPHONE NO. OFFICE, 121.
RESIDENCE, 258.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"SAVALAI."

Madras, 15th March 1900.

My dear Sir,

With reference to
my letter of the 12th inst.
I request you to be so good
as to defer taking any steps
or doing anything with it
till Saturday, as I want to
see H. C. the Governor on the
subject in the meantime.

I remain
My dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Ramasamy Mudr.

J. H. A. Freeman Esq. Esq. Esq. Esq.

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SUBJECT.

Sir Ramaswami Mudaliyar's
High School for Native Girls.

FOR ORDERS.

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Some of the in form in the draft
to India is founded on D.O.
letters. May Sir S's proposal
be referred officially to
DPD for report?

M.T.
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Paras 1 & 2 of the letter on
page 1 of 8. No 471 of 1st
26th June 1894. A.

Paras 3, 4 & 5 of 8.
No 205 of 1st 26th March
1894. B.

Sir Ramaswami Mudaliyar had
now been ~~persuaded~~ ^{persuaded} ~~over~~ ^{over} by
Pachappa's Trustees & others
eg. Dr. Miller, to make a
further charge, as they charge
him with breaking his promise.

At a public meeting of the Citizens of
Madras held in February 1894 for the purpose of
concerting measures to perpetuate the memory
of the late Professor Ranganatha Mudaliyar it was
resolved that the memorial should take the
form of a student's hostel to be called the Victoria
Student's hostel and a Committee was formed
to carry out the scheme. Govt. promised a site
for the hostel and a grant of Rs. 25,000.

2. As need was however felt for 2 hostels
and Sir Ramaswami Mudaliyar promised
to build the second one if a site could be given
him near Pachappa's College. The Govt.
promised a site and a grant of Rs. 25,000 for
this hostel also.

3. When the Committee of the Victoria
Student's hostel ^{applied} for the site promised to them
Govt. granted one to the west of ^{the} Buckingham
canal behind the Presidency College on the

conditions that both the hostels ^{should be} placed under the same governing body, that this body ^{should} be incorporated either under act 41 of 1860 or under section 26 of the Companies Act 1882 and that the property in the sites ^{should be} vested in Trustees.

4. The Madras Students' Hostels Association was then formed and registered under the Indian Companies Act and the site behind the Presidency College was transferred to it under a registered deed of conveyance.

5. The question of granting the site required for Sri Ramaswami Mudaliyar's hostel was under correspondence with the Govt. of India for some time but at last that Govt. sanctioned the grant on the condition among others that the property in the site ^{should be} vested in Trustees. This was the condition originally imposed by the Govt. on the Students' Hostels Association and subsequently recommended to the Govt. of India. On receipt of the sanction of the Govt. of India to the grant of the site, the Students' Hostels Association was requested to submit for approval a draft deed of conveyance. This draft deed was submitted in October last but was forwarded to the Govt. Solicitor for revision. The Govt. Solicitor appears to have revised & sent it to the Hostels Committee but has not yet reached Govt.

Sri Ramaswami Mudaliyar however

He now wishes to spend Rs 50000 on the Hostel & Rs 50000 on the Girls' school on a site to be fixed hereafter. G.O. No 471 dt 26th June 1894. A. He will send in his proposals before long. Act 22.3.00

G.O. No 274 dt 24th Feb^y 1897. C.

1. Same.

2. No action seems to be taken now, in this file.

25.3.00

G.O. No 659 dt 17th October 1898. D.

Para 2 of do -

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G.O. No 750 dt 6th Nov^r 1899. E.

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now requests permission to build a girls school on the site instead of a hostel. The question then arises whether the site is to be given to him or whether the old condition that it should be vested in Trustees should be insisted upon and if the latter who are to be the Trustees. In his application he speaks of the site being given to him but he may perhaps be advised to register his girls school under the Indian Companies Act and the land may be transferred direct to the registered body of which case the question of Trustees will not arise. The Christian College has been so registered. Meanwhile in the letter to the Govt. of India for sanction to alter the purpose of the grant, it may be mentioned that the conditions already approved by that Govt. will be insisted upon. These conditions are enumerated in the draft letter below.

7. Sri Ramaswami Mudaliyar now says that a hostel on the Kaplanade would be unnecessary because there are cheap but commodious boarding houses in Thambur Chetty & Linghi Chetty streets. In the letter to India No 194 dt 1st April 1897, however, it was stated that a hostel in Black Town was very much required.

8. The question of sending the Consulting Architects services for the preparation of plans and estimates and for executing the work can be considered on receipt of India's reply.

Page 503 of the last Lawrence Asylum Almanac.

9. As Lt. Col. has waived the objection to the site being situated just opposite a large boys school nothing is said about it in this note.

10. The following drafts are submitted for approval :-

Order
Mr.

The Govt. of India will be addressed.

Letter.

To the Secretary to the Govt. of India
Military Department

Sir:

I am directed to refer you to the correspondence ending with your letter no 2563 M. W. dt the 15th September 1898 on the subject of the grant of a site in the vicinity of Fort St George Madras for a students hostel which Sir Savalai Ramaswami Mudaliyar had proposed to construct at a cost of Rs 5000 and to state that the site has not yet been formally made over to the Trustees of the hostel as there has been some delay in the preparation of a plan thereof and of the necessary deeds of conveyance. The construction of the building has not therefore been commenced.

2. Sir Savalai Ramaswami Mudaliyar

H.

He P. P.

note

July 20 no 659 dt 17th
October 1898.

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has however now come forward with a proposal to substitute a high school for native girls for the hostel and has deposited with Messrs Arbutnot and Co Govt. and Municipal Securities of the par value of 1 lakh of rupees, half of which together with the Govt. grant payable under the grant in aid Code is to be spent in building the school house while the other half will form an endowment for the school. If the utilization of the site for the purpose unstated is not sanctioned within six months the securities are to be returned to him. Sir Ramaswami Mudaliyar has already ^{been} ~~been~~ ^{running} a school under his control attended by 137 girls. who would be transferred to the new school which will be designed to accommodate 300 girls.

3. Muchasa hostel for boys in Black Town is required, His Excellency the Governor in Council considers that a school for native girls is a more pressing need and that he is therefore satisfied that this first proposal of a Hindu gentleman to build and endow such a school is worthy of commendation and encouragement & I am accordingly to request ^{the sanction of} the Govt. of India to be pleased to the proposal. The conditions specified in para 3 of your letter quoted in para 1 above will still be insisted upon; viz.

(i) The land is to be granted revenue free.

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in perpetuity and the property is to be vested in Trustees

(ii) Should the site cease to be used for the purpose for which it is granted, it shall revert to Govt.

(iii) Should the property be at any time resumed by Govt. the compensation payable therefor shall in no case exceed the cost or the present value whichever shall be less, of any buildings erected or other works executed on the land by the grantees

(iv) No additions or alterations shall be made to the school without the prior sanction of the Govt. of India in the military department.

^{Secy}
Submitted that

in (iii) above, after the word "grantees" should be inserted "less the proportionate amount of any grant in aid which may have been made to the school by Govt."

R.A.
20.3.00.

Query. Should not the plan of the original building be similarly sanctioned? Otherwise there seems to be no point in requiring additions or alterations to be sanctioned by India.

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Educational (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 402

From Raja Sri S. Ramaswami Mudaliyar

R.A.C. 1: 2

In Orders

H. S. C. 100

Re Raja Sri S. Ramaswami Mudaliyar's letter of the 12th instant was marked for H. S. C. & went in circulation last night. This may be submitted in continuation.

R.A.
22.3.00

23.3.00

Dated 21-3-00

Received

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Enclosures

Spare copies.

I noted on the previous letter that this letter was to be expected.

R.A.
23.3.00

Secy. H.S.H.

26.3.00

SUBJECT.

Stating that he would, for the present, withdraw his proposal for the building & endowing of a girls' school in Madras.

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RAJAH SIR S. RAMASAMY MUDALIAR, KT., C.I.E.

TELEPHONE NO.

121.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:

"SAVALAI."

402
Madras, 21st March 1900.

To

J. H. Tremenheere Esq. I.C.S. *Sent on file*
Secretary to Government,
Education Department.

Sir,

With reference to my letter to you of the 12th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the arrangement about the utilisation of the site opposite to Pachaiyappa's College on the Esplanade for the Girls' School has fallen through and that I believe it is going back to the Students' Hostel. I, therefore, withdraw my offer about the school for the present, and beg to request you to return Messrs. Arbutnot & Co's letter sent together with mine of the above-mentioned date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,
your most obedient servant,
Ramasamy Mudaliar

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