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towards the erection of another
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SUBJECT.

Submitting for orders
a letter from the Madras
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applying for a building
grant towards the cost
of a new hostel for the
College.

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To

THE HON'BLE MR. G. H. STUART, M.A.

Director of Public Instruction.

FROM

THE COUNCIL OF THE MADRAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.

SIR,

We have the honour through you to address to Government an application for aid in extending the hostel accommodation of the Madras Christian College.

2. It is now unnecessary to dwell upon the value of well-managed hostels for the proper training of students who are in attendance at any of the larger colleges. Though little notice was taken of the benefits of the hostel system for many years after it was first introduced into Southern India in 1882, yet these benefits are now universally admitted, and Government has shown in many ways how fully it appreciates them. There are three hostels connected with this College. These afford accommodation for about 130 students. Both usually and at present, the three hostels are completely full. As a very large proportion of the 700 students of the College come from country districts, there is both room and need for its hostel accommodation being largely added to. No grant has hitherto been received from public funds for the erection or maintenance of the existing hostels. Now that institutions on their model are being built or aided by Government on all sides, the time appears to have come when help may be fitly given to this College as well as others in developing a scheme which is admittedly so important for the welfare of its students. What we have the honour to apply for is that a grant be sanctioned towards the erection of a fourth hostel, and that this grant should amount to one half of the value of the three existing hostel buildings. Such an application does not come within the letter of the code for grants-in-aid. It would no doubt be possible, and indeed easy, to put our application in a form that should be in exact accordance with the provisions of the Grant-in-aid Code. We believe, however, that it will be more satisfactory to Government, as it will also be more convenient to the College, that our application should be dealt with as a special case and in conformity with the spirit, rather than with the rigid letter, of the Code. Government has thus treated as special cases the hostels which it has already built at Kumbakonam and the hostel which it is understood that it intends to build at Rajahmundry. It has acted similarly with regard to the hostel which has been built mainly for the benefit of the students of the Presidency College and with regard to the hostel about to be built by Rajah Sir Savalai Ramaswamy. We believe that it will prefer to deal on the same broad principles with the College which is the most important outcome of private effort in behalf of liberal education in Southern India.

3. We have the honour to proceed to mention the facts on which the present application is based. The three hostels connected with this College were all built by the Rev. Dr. Miller. One of them was presented by him to the College immediately after its completion. The other two are still Dr. Miller's private property. He is prepared however to hand them over to the College if the present application be complied with. The cost of the three hostels together (without reckoning the furniture, libraries, &c. which they now contain), was about Rs. 1,30,000. We do not propose however that the grant which, we trust, Government will see its way to sanction should directly depend on this original outlay. We propose that a valuation be made by competent persons of the actual present value of the three buildings, including of course the sites on which they stand, and that a grant of half the sum thus arrived at be made towards the erection of a fourth Students' Hostel. No plans or estimates of this proposed hostel have as yet been drawn up; but a building of the kind and in the situation at present contemplated is likely to cost between Rs. 70,000 and Rs. 80,000.

4. We may mention that while the existing hostels are intended mainly for the benefit of students of this College, they have never been restricted to such students. A considerable number of the students of other Colleges have all along resided, and are at present residing, in them. It is intended that, so far as may be found convenient or desirable, the proposed fourth hostel should be conducted on the same principle.

5. We have the honour to point out that help of the kind and in the manner which we have ventured to suggest may be rightly given for the following among other reasons. Those connected with this College have encountered the great initial difficulties of introducing and making popular the whole hostel system. The present widespread feeling in favour of such institutions is very largely due to the tentative introduction of the system by Dr. Miller in 1882 and to its gradual and patient extension in succeeding years, as also to the successful management (chiefly by Dr. Miller himself) of the hostels which have thus played the part of pioneers for the whole of Southern India. Further we have the honour to point out that compliance with this request will be a graceful recognition of Dr. Miller's labours in Southern India. For the past thirty-seven years he has withheld neither energy nor money in assisting the Government in the spread of education. His liberality as shown above has been magnificent. Much of the healthy growth of education in this Presidency is confessedly due to his initiative, and we feel that no acknowledgement of his services would be either more fitting or more acceptable to Dr. Miller himself than that the assistance now applied for should be granted.

6. For these reasons, as well as others which it would be easy to adduce, we have the honour to express the hope that you will recommend Government to grant in aid of the erection of a fourth Students' Hostel a sum (payable by such instalments as may be deemed desirable) amounting to one half of the total present value of the three hostels which are maintained in connection with this College.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

27th December, 1899.

(Signed.) R. S. BENSON.
 „ JAMES COOLING.
 „ W. WESTON ELWES.
 „ J. R. HENDERSON.
 „ A. W. B. HIGGINS.
 „ E. MONTEITH MACPHAIL.
 „ W. B. MORREN.
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 „ GEORGE PITTENDRIGH,—Secretary.

No. 3774

From

THE HON'BLE MR. G. H. STUART, M.A., *Barrister-at-Law*,

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Educational DEPARTMENT,

Fort St. George.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the enclosed letter from the Council of the Madras Christian College, dated 27th December 1899, with the following remarks.

2. The Council requests that an amount equal to one-half of the present value of ^{the} three existing hostels attached to the College may be given as a grant towards the new hostel proposed to be built. The Council is no doubt aware, as will be seen from its letter, that its request is not in accord with the terms of the Grant-in-Aid Code, the provision for grants towards hostels and boarding houses newly inserted in the Grant-in-Aid Code having been in force only from 1st April 1898; but it is requested that the application be dealt with as a special case, just as Government has treated as — special cases, the Victoria hostel and the hostel at Kumbakonam. I am not prepared to recommend a half grant in the form applied for by the Council; first because the finances at the disposal of the Department do not admit of it, and secondly because the three hostels referred to were all built long before the introduction of the clause regarding payment of grants towards hostels.

3. The Council may, however, apply for a third grant towards the cost of the proposed new hostel, without reference to the existing hostels. Even in respect of this application, it is a question

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Educational DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 522 of 1910

SUBJECT.

Students' Hostels for the Madras Christian College

FOR ORDERS.

H.M.

With this current the D. P. J. forwards an application from the Council of the Madras Christian College for a building grant towards the cost of a new hostel for the College.

2. There are already three hostels attached to the College, which have all been constructed by the Hon'ble the Rev. Dr. Miller. One of them was presented by him to the College immediately after its completion; the other two still remain his private property. But Dr. Miller is anxious to make them over to the Col provided Govt. gives a grant of half the cost of the three hostels towards the construction of the fourth.

whether the finances of the Department would permit of a third grant being sanctioned, seeing that the hostel is estimated to cost between Rs. 70,000 and Rs. 80,000. In this connection, I would invite the attention of Government to Dr. Duncan's letter No 11409, dated 9th October 1899 from which it will be seen that in order to meet the large demands for building grants, an additional allotment of Rs. 16,000 was applied for and sanctioned by Government in its order No. 710, Educational, dated 24th October 1899. It was only after this additional allotment was sanctioned, that Dr. Duncan was able to pay grants to several schools to which payment had been held over for want of funds. As the additional allotment was not enough to pay in full the grants due to all the schools, part payment only could be made to some of them. Some more school buildings have since been completed and the building grants already promised to schools which have been completed or are in course of construction construction amount, up to date, to over Rs. 95,000. There is still a very large number of schools which have yet to fulfil the condition of recognition regarding accommodation, and preference must be given to such schools in the matter of building grants. The demands on the finances of the Department on account of grants to school buildings being so large, no more than Rs. 5,000 a year can be set apart for building grants for hostels, out of the allotment for building grants made in the annual budgets. If Government be pleased to sanction any grant for the hostel under reference, the grant will have to be paid out of the sum of Rs. 5,000 noted above.

4. I beg to state that the Christian College has already three hostels attached to it, and I understand that there is still some prospect that Sir S. Ramaswami Mudaliyar's scheme for building a hostel will be carried out. If that is done, a fourth hostel for the Madras Christian College may not be necessary. With these remarks, I submit the question of a grant for the new hostel, for the orders of Government.

5. The plan and estimate of the hostel, have not been called for pending orders on this reference. I have the honour to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

G. H. Stewart
Director of Public Instruction.

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fourth. The three hostels originally cost about Rs 1,30,000 and the cost of the fourth hostel will be between Rs 70,000 and Rs 80,000. The Council accordingly applies for a grant of half the cost of the ^{existing} three hostels.

3. This request, the Council notes, is not in accordance with the letter of the grant - in aid code but it could be put in a form that should be in exact accordance with its provisions. The Council ~~therefore~~ ^{however} requests that its application may be dealt with as a special case and instances the cases of the Victoria Students' Hostel, the Kumbakonam hostel, the Rajahmundry hostel and the hostel to be built by Rajah Sir Sivalai Ramaswami Mudaliyar, which the Govt. has treated specially. The chief reasons which

induced to make this request are connected with the Christian community the great loss of introducing regular the whole hostels

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hostel system. the present wide spread feeling in favour of such institutions being ⁱⁿ largely due to the tentative introduction of the system by Dr. Miller in 1882 and to its gradual and patient extension in succeeding years as also to the successful management of Dr. Miller's hostels which have thus played the part of pioneers for the whole of Southern India and (2) Compliance with the request will be a graceful recognition of Dr. Miller's labours in Southern India.

4. The circumstances which led to a grant being promised to the Victoria Students' Hostel and to the hostel to be built by Rajah Sir Sivalai Ramaswami Mudaliyar will be found fully stated in G.O. No. 205 Edl. dt 30 March 1894.

The following are the items of help given or promised to these hostels

(1) Madras Students' Hostel.

(a) Free site costing Rs 37,540.

(b) A grant of Rs 25,000 paid in

1898

G.O. No 170 Rev. dt 21-3-95. K

1898 under G.O. N° 721 Edl. dt 18th Nov. 99.

(c) A grant of Rs 12,000 paid in G.O. N° 110 Edl. dt 5th Feb. 1900 recorded in 1900 under G.O. N° 60 Edl. dt 9th Feb. 1900.

(d) P.W. Supervision charges - retained - Rs. 44,332 on the entire estimate of Rs 225,274. (For want of funds however work costing about Rs 85,000 only has been constructed and there is very little chance of any additional subscriptions being obtained from the Public for the remaining work).

(2) Sir P. Ramaswami Mudaliyar's hostel.

(a) Free Site Costing Rs 54,270.

(b) a grant of Rs 25,000 (promised) The estimate for the work is not yet ready but probably the P.W. Charges for supervision &c will have to be retained in this case also.

5. As regards the Kumbakonam hostel, the Govt. promised a grant not exceeding Rs 25,000 in G.O. N° 97 Edl. dt 18th Feb. 1897. But this grant has not been paid yet. The estimate for the work amounts to Rs 52,382.

6. The application for a grant towards the Rajahmundry Hostel is

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O.P.'s letter in G.O. No 100 Edl. dt 9-2-00 T.

Paras letter to India No 431 Edl. dt 16-7-98. VIII.
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is lying over pending the settlement of the question as to the future of the College. The estimate for the work amounts to Rs 13,000 and a grant of Rs 6,500 has been applied for. H.M. has approved of the amount but as stated above Orders have not yet issued.

vide linked file.

7. With regard to the application from the Council of the Madras Christian College the D.P.S. does not recommend a grant of half the cost of the three existing hostels, first because the finances at the disposal of the Deptt. do not admit of it and secondly because the three hostels referred to were all built long before the introduction into the grants-in-aid code of the clause regarding payment of grants towards hostels. He states however that the Council may apply for a third grant towards the cost of the proposed new hostel without reference to the existing hostels, but he doubts whether the

the finances of the Deptt. would permit of a third grant being sanctioned, seeing that the hostel is estimated to cost between Rs 70,000 and Rs 80,000. Lastly the Director notes that there are already three hostels attached to the Madras Christian College; that there is still some prospect of Sir S. Ramaswami Mudaliyar building a hostel in the vicinity of the College and that therefore a fourth hostel for the Christian College may not be necessary.

8. The fact that the three hostels referred to were built long before the introduction of the clause regarding payment of grants towards hostels does not preclude a grant being applied for and sanctioned for them. Two of the hostels are still Dr. Miller's private property and a grant can be applied for for purchasing them under Art. 2, Chapter VIII of the Grant in aid Code. The grants for purchasing these two hostels and

and the grant for constructing the proposed fourth hostel, payable under the Code, may amount to something like Rs 55,000 whereas the grant applied for is only Rs 65,000.

9. As regards the Director's statement that a fourth hostel for the Christian College may not be necessary, it will be seen that the Council states that the three hostels are completely full, that they contain accommodation for only 130 students whereas the strength of the College classes is about 700 and many of these students come from the Mufassab and that there is both room and need for additional hostel accommodation. The hostel to be built by Sir S. Ramaswami Mudaliyar will be situated close to the Pachaiyappa's College and may not be large enough to accommodate students of another College.

10. The Council of the Madras Christian College seems to have made out a case for special assistance towards

towards the construction of the proposed fourth hostel. ~~and other proposed~~ ~~hostels~~. The difficulty is however to find ways and means. The D.P.S. observes that nothing more than Rs 5000 can be spared for building grants for hostels out of the Educational budget and any grant to the Christian College fourth hostel must come out of this amount. If so, after allowing half the amount for other hostels, the grant to the Christian College hostel ~~grant~~ will be spread over about 25 years and will hardly be worth having. On the other hand the present is hardly the time to ask the Financial Deptt. for a special allotment for this purpose. If therefore this application is sanctioned the grant will have to be spread over ^{or four} three years and special allotments will have to be made in the Edl. budgets for those years, provided the State of funds at the time admits of it.

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Submitted that under present financial circumstances it is necessary to consider closely the result of the proposed expenditure.

The advantages which would accrue from the acquisition of two hostels which are already being used for the purposes to which they would be put after purchase, are not very apparent.

The third hostel is already the property of the College. So not very much is risked as to there, of the offer of the ~~College~~ Rev. D. Miller is not accepted.

The fourth hostel is the real subject for consideration. It is proposed to spend between Rs 70000 & 80000 on it.

This is an estimate for a large hostel. And there is the prospect ^{that} Sir S.R. Mudaliyar's hostel may accommodate some ~~the~~ college students. It is possible that a smaller hostel might suffice.

It cannot be supposed that Govt. has unlimited

funds for Hostel building,
or that catercomers can be
treated as liberally as
the earlier applicants, - especially
remembering the fort of Indias
remarks on fort expenditure upon
Higher Education.

govt could perhaps
make a grant of $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Rs 5000
devoted to building grants for
hostels, for 5 or 6 years,
which would give a one third
grant to a Rs 40000 hostel.
Contributions in the shape
of free site, or remission
of P W & charges, are not
suggested.

It is not impossible, I
submit, that the ^{whole} suggestion
is made rather to secure
the 'best case' than as a
practical proposition.
D. Miller's pioneer
work in this direction
has already received
the sincere ~~of~~ recognition
of imitation.

At
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After a good deal of
consideration I think
this draft G.O. may pass.

[Draft order] Rs 26,000.
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The Govt accepts the views
expressed in the 2nd & 3rd paras
of the Director's letter & regrets
that the state of the public finance
offers no early prospect of a
grant being ^{given} towards the
erection of another hostel for the
Christian College.

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