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Tamkam Bungalow.

Requesting the Collector of Madura to see whether he can make any definite proposals with regard to the —, and to state whether the bungalow can be maintained habitable and let for a reduced rent and what price the property is likely to fetch if sold in the open market.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers :—

From A. J. GRIEVE, Esq., Registrar of the University of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Senate House, 18th February 1901, No. 516.

I am directed by the Vice-Chancellor and Syndicate to address Government on the subject of the property known as the Tamkam bungalow, Madura.

2. In this connection, I have the honour to enclose a statement of the accounts of the Johnston of Carnsalloch Scholarship Fund from its inception to the close of the year 1900, from which it will be observed—

(*a*) that the total income of the fund derivable from rent and interest has been Rs. 18,426–10–4 ;

(*b*) that the expenditure on scholarships and repairs [see further (*f*) below] has been Rs. 14,547 ;

(*c*) that at the close of the year 1892 there was an accumulation of savings amounting to Rs. 6,303–9–3 ;

(*d*) that by the end of the year 1900 this accumulation had dwindled to Rs. 3,720 ;

(*e*) that since the year 1896, in accordance with G.O., No. 412, Educational, dated the 20th July 1897, no income in the form of rent has been received ;

(*f*) that since the year 1894 no statement of the large sums spent on repairs and structural alterations of the Tamkam bungalow is available, as the University has no control over such expenditure and the accounts thereof are not submitted to it.

3. I have the honour also to enclose a copy of a letter, dated the 12th December 1900, from the Collector of Madura, from which it appears that the bungalow will at no distant date be vacated by its present tenant, and that even if it can be relet, it will be at a greatly reduced rent.

4. In view of the above circumstances which point to the fact that the fund is within measurable distance of insolvency, the Vice-Chancellor and Syndicate have directed me to suggest to Government the desirability of reconsidering the terms of the agreement between Government and the University (which will be found in the Calendar of the University for the year 1880–81), legal opinion being obtained as to the possibility of modifying the same in one of the following ways :—

(1) that the Tamkam property be sold and the proceeds credited to the University for the purpose of maintaining as many scholarships as possible ; or

(2) that Government should take over the property and guarantee to the University an annual income sufficient to maintain the two existing scholarships.

Enclosures.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure on account of the Johnston of Carnsalloch Scholarship Fund from 1st October 1878 to 31st December 1892 and from 1st January 1893 to 31st December 1900.

Year.	Receipts. Rent. Rs. A. P.	Interest. Rs. A. P.	Sale-proceeds of pro notes. Rs. A. P.	Total. Rs. A. P.	Expenditure. Scholarships. Rs. A. P.	Repairs. Rs. A. P.	Interest paid for back period on Government securities purchased, etc. Rs. A. P.	Renewal fees. Rs. A. P.	Cheque books. Rs. A. P.	Government securities. Rs. A. P.	Total. Rs. A. P.	Balance. Rs. A. P.
1878	321 0 0	15 15 4	..	321 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	766 12 2	766 12 2	..
1879	780 0 0	39 14 4	..	795 15 4	..	..	..	..	..	385 15 8	385 15 8	..
1880	862 8 0	67 13 3	..	902 6 4	..	..	..	..	..	1,084 5 0	1,084 5 0	..
1881	1,042 9 9	107 11 8	..	1,110 7 0	220 0 0	..	..	..	1 9 0	1,032 2 3	1,453 11 3	..
1882	856 8 0	107 11 8	..	964 3 8	420 0 0	..	..	..	3 2 0	..	428 2 0	..
1883	803 15 4	127 0 0	..	930 15 4	425 0 0	..	..	..	..	1,011 2 1	1,401 2 1	..
1884	885 5 10	147 0 0	..	1,032 5 10	390 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	360 0 0	..
1885	885 5 10	167 0 0	..	1,052 5 10	360 0 0	..	10 2 11	2 0 0	1 9 0	982 7 2	1,499 10 1	..
1886	885 5 10	187 0 0	..	1,072 5 10	505 0 0	..	..	..	3 2 0	..	431 9 0	..
1887	402 15 3	207 0 0	..	609 15 3	430 0 0	..	..	1 0 0	1 9 0	..	1,234 2 0	..
1888	951 5 10	207 0 0	..	1,158 5 10	420 0 0	810 0 0	..	..	..	..	471 9 0	..
1889	781 13 10	207 0 0	..	988 13 10	470 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	878 0 0	..
1890	1,008 0 0	207 0 0	..	1,215 0 0	480 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	1,523 14 11	..
1891	628 0 0	227 0 0	..	855 0 0	480 0 0	368 0 0	..	..	..	1,040 12 11	482 8 0	..
1892	836 6 9	247 8 0	..	1,082 14 9	..	..	..	2 8 0	3 2 0	..	..	..
Total ..	11,930 4 3	2,161 14 7	..	14,092 2 10	5,080 0 0	1,208 0 0	10 2 11	5 8 0	14 1 0	6,303 9 3	12,621 5 2	..
1893	796 6 8	190 0 0	2,936 2 0	3,922 8 8	430 0 0	4,279 0 0	..	..	..	..	4,709 0 0	..
1894	814 13 10	146 4 0	10 9 3	971 11 1	420 0 0	300 0 0	..	..	3 2 0	522 15 1	1,248 9 1	..
1895	860 4 6	135 0 0	1,526 5 1	2,521 9 7	470 0 0	..	..	1 0 0	3 2 0	219 7 11	693 9 11	..
1896	734 4 6	100 6 0	2,008 13 6	2,843 8 0	480 0 0	..	..	..	1 9 0	2,017 14 3	2,499 7 3	..
1897	..	82 12 0	422 14 6	505 10 6	480 0 0	..	6 11 4	..	..	2,034 6 4	2,515 15 4	..
1898	..	195 0 0	189 0 7	384 0 7	440 0 0	..	..	1 0 0	..	..	480 11 4	..
1899	..	146 8 0	954 2 0	1,100 10 0	480 0 0	..	..	..	..	669 10 1	441 0 0	..
1900	..	133 12 0	..	133 12 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,149 10 1	..
Total ..	3,205 13 6	1,128 10 0	8,047 14 11	12,382 6 5	3,680 0 0	4,579 0 0	3 3 4	2 0 0	9 6 0	5,464 5 8	13,787 15 0	..
Grand Total ..	15,136 1 9	3,290 8 7	8,047 14 11	26,474 9 3	8,760 0 0	5,787 0 0	13 6 3	7 8 0	23 7 0	11,767 14 11	26,359 4 2	115 5 1
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				14,547 0 0						3,720 0 0		

From J. A. CUMMING, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of Madura, to the Registrar of the Madras University, dated 12th December 1900, D. Dis. No. 2456/Rev.

In reply to your letter No. 255/6783, dated the 10th December 1900, I have the honour to state that as the estimate for the new Collector's bungalow has only recently been sanctioned, I do not expect it will be ready for 1½ to 2 years.

2. Houses have already been built for the District Judge, Executive Engineer, Superintendent of Police, District Forest Officer and District Medical and Sanitary Officer. I do not think there is any chance of getting an official tenant. Possibly a non-official might take it, but only at a greatly reduced rent.

3. The best use it could be put to in my opinion is to get the European Club to move into it. I would suggest your putting yourself in communication with the Secretary.

Memo. No. 105, Educational.

The Collector of Madura is requested to be good enough to state whether there is any objection to selling the Tamkam bungalow and the adjoining land in the open market.

25*th April* 1901.

To the Collector of Madura.

Endt. No. 106, Educational.

The Chief Engineer is requested to be good enough to ascertain and report whether it is a fact that the Tamkam bungalow at Madura is so dilapidated as to be beyond the possibility of proper repair and to state, in consultation with the Government Architect, whether it is worth keeping the premises as a specimen of the architecture of its period.

25*th April* 1901.

To the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

From Colonel O. V. BODDY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Trichinopoly, 1st June 1901, No. 594 M.D.

I have the honour to forward herewith the remarks by the Consulting Architect on the state of the Tamkam bungalow at Madura.

2. I do not consider that the building is in so dilapidated a state as to be beyond the possibility of proper repair.

3. The verandah to the north of the dining room was reconstructed some years ago, and that on the south side was also reconstructed about two years ago.

4. The building is in fair repair and can, without difficulty, be kept so.

5. The great objection to the building is that the accommodation in it is very limited. The building may not be a very noteworthy specimen of the architecture of the day, but it has some historic interest, and I consider that it should be kept up.

Enclosure.

Remarks by the Consulting Architect to Government on the state of the Tamkam bungalow at Madura.

I inspected the Tamkam bungalow on the 15th May and do not consider "it is so dilapidated as to be beyond the possibility of proper repair." The verandahs off the dining-room have apparently been lately put up and are in good order, so too is the domed room and the arched ambulatories surrounding this room, which is used as a drawing-room and sitting-room. The pillar supports, the crenulated arches, the large dome, and the small truncated roofs over the pillars are all quite good, strong, and the plaster work sound and in order; the repairs required

on this floor are very petty and consist of a little patching here and there to the plaster and some colour or white washing. These rooms constitute the living rooms of the house; the upper rooms are not in very good order, but there is nothing to prevent them being put into good order.

2. The approach steps, a long steep awkward flight are not in good order, but only need cementing.

3. The lower rooms, dark and unwholesome looking, are used as stores for tents and lumber; they are not in very good order; there is apparently little need to make them so, as they would never be lived in.

4. Although there is no doubt that the building could be easily repaired, I consider the whole arrangement and style of the house quite unsuitable for a European residence, and most uncomfortable.

5. It is asked whether it is worth keeping the premises as a specimen of the architecture of its period. I certainly think not; that portion of the building used as a drawing and sitting room is the only part with any pretentions to architecture. This consists of a 21′ 6″ dome supported on the crowns of crenulated arches sprung on to square pillars, and surrounding the dome are rows of pillars with similar arching supporting separate small truncated roofs. I submit a plan showing the arrangement of this floor.

6. The whole effect is very mean, the dome, which is the chief feature, is hemispherical; the dé being ornamented with a cornice of raised plaster figures on a very mean plaster dasa and is not worth looking at. The pillars have the usual court-house base and capital, and the crenulated arches are of an unusual and ungraceful type, which I do not remember to have seen before. The whole building is devoid of any detail, and evidences no peculiarity of construction; for these reasons I do not consider it worth keeping up as a specimen of architecture.

G. S. T. HARRIS,
Consulting Architect to Government.

No. 559.

Forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, with request that he will submit the above, together with enclosures, to the Chief Engineer with his remarks.

G. S. T. HARRIS,
Consulting Architect to Government.

23*rd May* 1901.

No. 2789 C., Public Works.

Transferred to the Educational Department.

2. The Chief Engineer has never seen the Tamkam bungalow, but from the description given of it by the Consulting Architect, who is a great authority in Indian architecture, he agrees with that officer that it is unworthy of maintenance from an architectural point of view.

W. B. DEWINTON,
Secretary to Government.

11*th June* 1901.

From J. A. CUMMING, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated 15th July 1901, D. Dis. No. 1355-Rev.

In reply to Government Memorandum No. 105, dated 25th April 1901, I have the honour to state that there is no objection so far as I know to selling the Tamkam in the open market.

2. I believe it will fetch a very poor price. As a residence, it is unsuitable for any native except a zamindar, and as most of the zamindars of this district are in a bankrupt state, there is not likely to be any competition among them. The land in the compound is very inferior and unsuitable for cultivation. There was an experimental farm adjacent to it where operations were carried on for several years, but finally abandoned owing to the poverty of the soil. The land cannot be converted into wet being within half a mile of the new bungalows. It is too isolated and distant from the town to be used as house-sites.

3. I do not think it is expedient to dispose of the building by sale and I still hope it may be taken up for some semi-public purpose.

Order—No. 489, Educational, dated 3rd September 1901.

The Collector will be requested to see whether he can make any more definite proposals with regard to the Tamkam property. He will also state whether the bungalow can be maintained in a habitable condition and let for a reduced rent, and what price the property is likely to fetch if sold in the open market.

(True Extract.)

C. J. WEIR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Madura.
„ Registrar, Madras University.
„ Public Works Department.

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

Educational Department.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 489, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 3rd SEPTEMBER 1901.

[Subject.—*Tamkam Bungalow, Madura.*]

Letter from the Registrar, Madras University, No. 516, *dated* 18*th February* 1901.

The property, known as the Tamkam bungalow in Madura, is vested in the Secretary of State upon trust for the founding and maintenance of two or more scholarships, called the Johnston of Carnsalloch scholarships. The trust deed is printed at pages 174—181 of the Madras University calendar for 1880–81 and the rules regarding the scholarships at page 78 of volume II of the Madras University calendar for 1900–1901.

2. According to the deed the management of the trust funds is entirely in the hands of the Secretary of State. The income from the property has in the first instance to be devoted to the payment of all costs, charges and expenses connected with the management and improvement of the premises, the residue being utilized for the payment of the scholarships.

3. In G.O., No. 215, Educational, dated 21st May 1877, the rent of the building was fixed at Rs. 100 a month, and in G.O., No. 193, Educational, dated 27th May 1878, it was decided that the rent should be paid over to the University after deducting 10 per cent. for repairs. Other charges, such as gardener's pay, quit-rent and municipal assessment, seem also to have been paid from the rent and the balance handed over to the University. From the net proceeds thus received the University spent only Rs. 480 *per annum* in scholarships, and the balance was allowed to accumulate, but the cost of important repairs and additions to the building, which was not previously deducted from the proceeds, was until 1895 met from this accumulated balance. In 1895, however, the University declined to provide funds for carrying out certain repairs sanctioned by Government, saying that they had no power under the trust deed to utilize the accumulated balance for repairs to the building. Thereupon the Government directed that in future the income from the property should not be handed over to the University until the cost of all necessary repairs to the bungalow had first been liquidated—*vide* G.O., No. 602, Educational, dated 29th September 1896, and G.O., No. 412, Educational, dated 20th July 1897. Since April 1897 therefore the balance of the rent, after deducting gardener's pay and rates and taxes, has been paid to the Public Works Department in settlement of the advance made from Provincial funds for meeting the cost of certain repairs and additions. This advance amounts to Rs. 6,549, out of which Rs. 2,748 has been paid during the last three years. A sum of Rs. 3,801 has thus still to be paid—*vide* G.O., No. 376, Educational, dated 20th August 1900.

4. The University now bring to the notice of Government that, as since 1898 they have not been in receipt of any amount to defray the cost of the scholarships, the accumulated balance of the scholarship fund has dwindled to Rs. 3,720. It is also stated that, as the construction of a new residence for the Collector has been sanctioned, the Tamkam bungalow will at no distant date be vacated by the Collector and that it will then have to be relet at a greatly reduced rent. In view of these circumstances, the University consider that the fund is within measurable distance of insolvency and suggest the desirablility of reconsidering the terms of agreement between the Government and themselves, legal opinion being obtained as to the possibility of modifying the same in one of the following ways:—

(1) that the property be sold and the proceeds credited to the University for the purpose of maintaining as many scholarships as possible, or

(2) that the Government should take over the property and guarantee to the University an annual income sufficient to maintain the two existing scholarships.

5. The fear of the University that the fund will soon become insolvent appears to be groundless. The sum of Rs. 3,720 now in their hands will be sufficient to maintain the scholarships for nearly eight years and the liability of the fund on account of repairs and additions made to the bungalow will be liquidated in four years. After four years the income from the building will be available for the purposes of the scholarships. The trust property in this case is the bungalow and not the fund which is only the unexpended balance of the proceeds of the property. Even if the rent be considerably reduced in future, the net proceeds can hardly go below Rs. 480 *per annum*.

Only if no more important repairs are needed.
A. T. A[RUNDEL].

6. The primary object of the trust is the maintenance of the property. The University are bound to utilize only whatever balance is available after the property is maintained in good condition. There appears therefore to be serious legal objection to the first proposal of the University to sell the premises. The second is practically what obtains now, only the amount of the annual income is not guaranteed. The property is vested in Government and they lay over the net proceeds. If in one year these proceeds fall below Rs. 480, they may be more in another year, but if ever there is a deficit the University have only to reduce the amount of the scholarships. It is submitted that this may be pointed out to them.

T. KANAKASUNDARAM PILLAI.
27-2-01.

P. T. THARYAN.
27-2-01.

I think we should have legal advice in any case where there is trust property, and would suggest that the opinion of the Advocate-General should be taken.

A. T. PRINGLE.
28-2-01.

If the Government do not desire any change made, it is unnecessary to consult the Advocate-General. What is going on is perfectly legal. It is, however, the case that the building is dilapidated beyond proper repair and in a few years probably very small rent will be received on account of it. If it could be sold for Rs. 16,000, it would bring in the Rs. 480 now paid in scholarships. Apparently there is about 14 acres of land attached to the house and the value of the property may be considerable. It would seem advisable to take advice as to whether the property might not be sold. Probably the permission of the High Court will be necessary.

Yes. Ask the Advocate-General.
A.T.A[RUNDEL].
2-3-01.

2. There is the further question whether it is worth keeping up the house as a specimen of the architecture of its period, but it has had so much D.P.W. of the nineteenth century added to it that it seems hardly worth preserving.

(Except perhaps as a deterrent warning!)
A.T.A.

M. HAMMICK.
28-2-01.

A. T. A[RUNDEL].
2-3-01.

Referred to the Advocate-General u.o. for favour of opinion.

M. HAMMICK.
4-3-01.

Opinion.

If it should be considered desirable to sell the trust property. I am of opinion that this may be effected under the Charitable Endowments Act (VI of 1890). For this purpose it will be necessary that the trustee (the Secretary of State) should apply to the local Government, and that on such application the local Government should order, by notification in the official Gazette, that the trust property should be vested in

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the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments. Under section 10 the local Government may then order the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments to sell the trust property so vested in him, and to invest the proceeds in any such security for money as is mentioned in section 4, or in the purchase of immovable property. This would appear to be a more convenient course than for the Advocate-General to file a suit under section 539 of the Civil Procedure Code, in which case it would be necessary to show strong grounds to induce the Court to authorize the sale.

J. P. WALLIS.
13-3-01.

The file may now be resubmitted to the Honourable Member for orders.

T. KANAKASUNDARAM PILLAI.
14-3-01.

P. T. THARYAN.
14-3-01.

A. T. PRINGLE.
15-3-01.

M. HAMMICK.
15-3-01.

The course indicated by the Advocate-General should be taken.

A. T. A[RUNDEL].
18-3-01.

The Advocate-General states that the Secretary of State should, under the Charitable Endowments Act, 1890, make an application to the local Government for vesting the trust property in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments. Orders are solicited as to who should, in this case, make the application on behalf of the Secretary of State. If it is the local Government, they will be applying to themselves. Perhaps the Advocate-General may be asked u.o. to advise Government on this point.

T. KANAKASUNDARAM PILLAI.
19-3-01.

P. T. THARYAN.
19-3-01.

Yes.

A. T. PRINGLE.
20-3-01.

C. J. WEIR.
20-3-01.

To the Honourable the Advocate-General u.o.

I think the Secretary of State, acting in his capacity as trustee of the charity under the trust deed, should *request* the local Government to order, by notification in the official Gazette, that the trust property be vested in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments.

J. P. WALLIS.
30-3-01.

The draft placed below may now issue, subject to the Honourable Member's approval.

P. T. THARYAN.
9-4-01.

A. T. PRINGLE.
9-4-01.

With reference to the draft Government order and letter to Secretary of State I venture to submit that it would be wise before proceeding further to make some inquiries and satisfy ourselves as to facts.

2. I doubt if it is correct to say that the bungalow is dilapidated beyond proper repair. The central part of the bungalow is not dilapidated in the least, and the wing, which was in a state of disrepair, was two years ago, when I was there, being repaired by the Public Works Department, I understood, thoroughly.

I think we should consult the Public Works Department as to this statement.

3. Paragraph 3 of the draft is also to my mind disputable. The main feature of the building is the centre room with the lotus roof, and this is untouched and unspoiled by the Public Works Department.

Sir Arthur Trevor, of the Viceroy's Council, stopped with me two years ago in the Tamkam and was immensely charmed with it. I would suggest that the Government Architect, who, I understand, frequently visits Madura in connection with the erection of official residences there, might be consulted on this aspect of the question.

4. If the Tamkam and the land attached are to be sold, I submit that Government ought to buy to prevent the land falling into the hands of persons who would build native houses and bazaars thereon. If this is allowed, the object with which the houses of European officers were moved to their present position would be largely defeated as there would be a dirty native quarter springing up in their neighbourhood. At present the Tamkam grounds which adjoin the People's Park keep this neighbourhood from being built upon. It would, of course, fall more properly to the Municipality to acquire the land if sold to add on to their present park, but they are not likely to have the money, and as I have said in marginal note above I think some of the land is likely to be required for Government. I would suggest therefore that the Collector might be asked if there is any objection to selling the Tamkam and land adjoining in the open market.

The time must come before long when a proper office for the Collector will have to be constructed. I don't know how the clerks get through their work in the present building.

A. T. A[rundel].

C. J. Weir.
10-4-01.

By all means make the references and make sure of facts.

A. T. A[rundel].
11-4-01.

The drafts below may issue?

P. T. Tharyan.
12-4-01.

Yes.

A. T. Pringle.
22-4-01.

From the Public Works Department, No. 2789 *C., dated* 11*th June* 1901.

To lie over till a reply to Memo. No. 105, dated 25th April 1901, is received from the Collector of Madura.

P. T. Tharyan.
15-6-01.

Yes.

A. T. Pringle.
17-6-01.

From the Collector of Madura, Dis. No. 1355, *Rev., daled* 15*th July* 1901.

The Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, and the Consulting Architect are of opinion that the Tamkam bungalow is not in so dilapidated a state as to be beyond the possibility of proper repair and that it is in fair repair and can, without difficulty, be kept so.

2. As to the question of keeping up the bungalow, the Superintending Engineer says that it has some historic interest and considers that it should be kept up. The Consulting Architect and the Chief Engineer are of opinion that it is unworthy of maintenance from an architectural point of view.

3. The Collector of Madura states that there is no objection to selling the bungalow in the open market, but considers that it will fetch a very poor price. He hopes that it may be taken up for some semi-public purpose.

4. With reference to the Secretary's marginal note on page 4 *supra*, the Public Works department may be asked u.o. to state whether it is in contemplation to construct an office for the Collector, and, if so, whether the Tamkam property can be utilized for that purpose.

T. Kanakasundaram Pillai.
30-7-01.

P. T. Tharyan.
31-7-01.

A. T. Pringle.
2-8-01.

I think they are improving or enlarging the present office, but unless this is rebuilt, it can never be satisfactory. We may, however, ask Public Works department as proposed.

C. J. Weir.
2-8-01.

To Public Works u.o.

Public Works Department.

There is no proposal before Government to construct a new office for the Collector of Madura. The existing office is now being improved at an estimated cost of Rs. 39,510. I note, in a file before the Sanitary Board, that Madura is in urgent need of a new site for its hospital. Could not this property be utilized for this purpose? It would be a great pity to allow it to be built over by native houses.

W. B. deWinton.
5-8-01.

To Educational u.o.

Educational Department.

A | Local and Municipal may be asked regarding the proposal to utilize the Tamkam property as a site for the municipal hospital. It would seem, however, that the property is too far away from the town to be thought of in this connection.

P. T. Tharyan.
6-8-01.

As at **A.**

A. T. Pringle.
7-8-01.

To Local and Municipal u.o.

Local and Municipal Department.

There has been no proposal to construct a new hospital in Madura. In 1897, the Surgeon-General pointed out that the existing hospital buildings were in a bad state of repair and unworthy of a large town like Madura and had a group of insanitary native houses in their centre and suggested that the District Board and the

Municipal Council should make a joint effort to construct a proper hospital on the standard plan. The Municipal Council has, however, decided upon improving the existing buildings by repairing them thoroughly and by constructing an out-patient dispensary and an operation room. The cost of a new dispensary on the standard plan and of the improvements to the existing hospital are roughly estimated at Rs. 16,000 and plans and estimates for these are under preparation by the District Board Engineer, Madura, while steps have been taken to acquire the land occupied by the houses in the north-west corner of the hospital. There is no information as to whether the new dispensary is to be constructed in the compound of the existing hospital, in which case the land acquired will be utilized for the purpose, or whether it is to be built in a different place, in which case perhaps a new site will be required. Even in the latter case, it would be very desirable that the site is as near the hospital as possible, which the Tamkam property does not appear to be.

V. Raghava Charlu.
13-8-01.

Educational Department.

And, I should say, of quite unsuitable construction.

J. T[homson]

The Tamkam is quite out of the question as a municipal hospital as it is too far away from the town. Government has committed itself apparently to maintaining the existing Collector's office and so the building cannot be utilized in that way. I cannot, however, understand the Collector's opinion that the site is too isolated and distant from the town to be used for house-sites.

2. There is already a considerable native village close by, and as all the lands in the neighbourhood are now being irrigated by Periyar water, there is every reason to expect that houses will spring up in this quarter. If native houses of a poor stamp spring up, it will spoil this part of Madura which has hitherto been kept open and healthy. Mr. Cumming might perhaps be asked the grounds for his hopes that the building may be taken up for a semi-public purpose.

C. J. Weir.
15-8-01.

Seems somewhat of an impossible business all round. Ask the Collector if he can make any more definite proposals with regard to the property. If it can be let (and maintained habitable) at a reduced rent, that will have to be faced. Its actual value in the market—for sale—may also be ascertained, but sale should be only in the last resort I think.

J. T[homson].
17-8-01.

The draft placed below may issue.

P. T. Tharyan.
3-9-01.

Yes.

C. J. Weir.
3-9-01.

Educational (1901) Department.

CURRENT No. 2308

From

[Name]

[Designation] The Registrar of the Madras University

[Station] Madras

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No. 516.

Dated 18.2.1901. *Received* 19.2.1901.

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SUBJECT.

Addressing Govt on the subject of the property known as the Tamkam Bungalow, Madura

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SUBJECT.

Tankan Bungalow, Madura

States that the —— is unworthy maintenance from an architectural point of view.

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Government of Madras.

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MEMORANDUM.

Dated 190 .

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Public Works (190 /) Department.

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From

[*Name*] Col. C. V. Boddy R.E.

[*Designation*] Supdg Engineer & Secy

[*Station*] Trichinopoly

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the

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To

The Chief Engineer / Secretary to Government Public Works Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith the remarks by the Consulting Architect on the State of the Tankam Bungalow at Madura.

2. I do not consider that the building is in so dilapidated a state as to be beyond the possibility of proper repair.

3 The verandah to the north of the dining room was reconstructed some years ago, and that on the South side, was also reconstructed about 2 years ago.

4. The building is in fair repair, and can, without difficulty, be kept so.

5. The great objection to the building is that the accommodation in it is very limited.

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1,000—30-11-00.

Educational (1901) Department.

CURRENT No. 999

From

[Name] J. A. Cumming Esquire

[Designation] Collector

[Station] Madura

Desis: No. 1355/624 of 1901

Dated 15 July 1901

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SUBJECT.

Reporting as to whether the Tankam bungalow and the adjoining land may be sold in the open market

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To

The Secretary to Government,

Educational Department.

Madras.

Sir,

In reply to Government Memorandum No.105 dated 25th April 1901 I have the honour to state that there is no objection so far as I know to selling the Tumkum in the open market.

2. I believe it will fetch a very poor price. As a residence, it is unsuitable for any native except a Zemindar and as most of the Zemindars of this district are in a bankrupt state, there is not likely to be any competition among them. The land in the compound is very inferior and unsuitable for cultivation. There was an experimental farm adjacent to it where operations were carried on for several years but finally abandoned owing to the poverty of the soil. The land cannot be converted into wet being within ½ mile of the new bungalows. It is too isolated and distant from the town to be used as house sites.

3. I do not think it is expedient to dispose of the building by sale and I still hope it may be taken up for some semi-public purpose.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

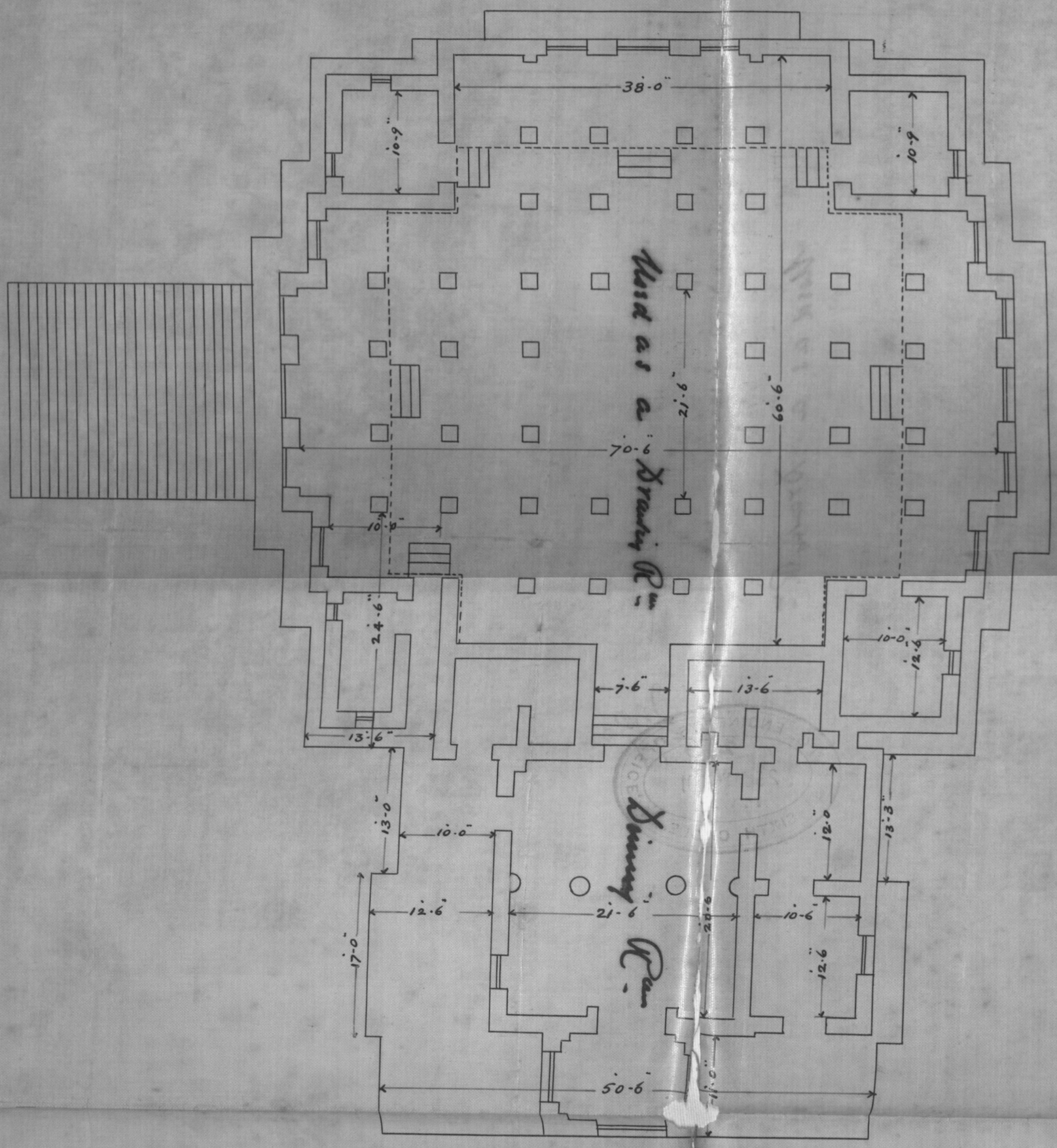
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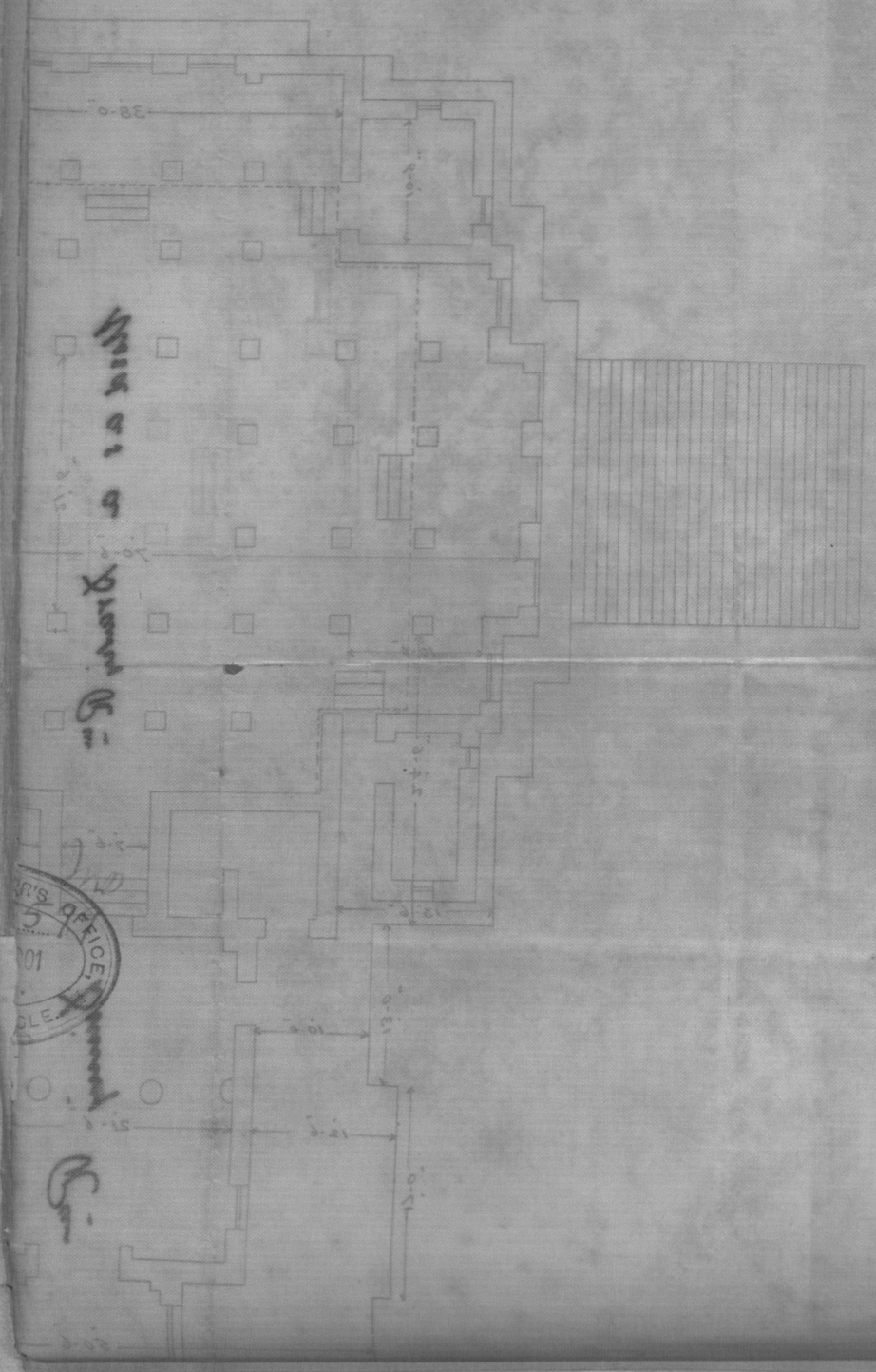
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CONSULTING ARCHITECT
TO GOVERNMENT
22ND MAY 1901



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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ AGAIN G.O., No. ....., dated ..... 190 .

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 230, From the University of Madras, No. 576, dated 18th February 1901.

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ORDER No. ....., dated ..... 190 .

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In consideration of the fact that the bungalow is dilapidated beyond proper repair the Governor in council resolves to accept the proposal of the University to sell the property and to devote the proceeds to the maintenance of the Johnston of Carnsollock scholarships. And as he is advised that this can most conveniently be effected under the Charitable endowments act, 1890, the Secretary of State for India by whom the property is held

held in trust will be requested to make an application under section 4 of the Act for vesting the property as a preliminary step in the Treasurer of charitable endowments.

(from orders)

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To
The Regr of the M. U.
" D.P.I.
" P.W. deptt.

Letter
To the Secretary of State for India.

My Lord,

We have the honour to forward for your Lordship's information a copy of our proceedings dated April 1901 on the subject of the Tankam bungalow in Madura, which was granted by the Court of Directors for educational purposes to Sir Alexander Johnston in 1839, and which his son Mr. P. F. Campbell Johnston vested in the Secretary of State for India in 1872 in trust for the founding and maintenance of two or more Scholarships in connection with the Madras University - to be called the Johnston of Carnsalloch Scholarships. The proposal for the founding of the Scholarships received the sanction of the Duke of Argyll in his despatch No. 14 Revenue dated 18th May 1871.

2. In consideration of the fact that the premises are very old and beyond the possibility of proper repair

The Trust deed devises this property

Please see paragraph 17 of despatch at flag XII.

P.H.

repair, we have accepted the proposal of the University of Madras to sell it and to invest the proceeds in some approved securities, so that the interest accruing from the fund so invested may be utilized for the maintenance of the Scholarships. As we are advised that this can be most conveniently effected under the Charitable endowments Act, 1890, we request that your Lordship will, in your capacity as trustee of the charity, be good enough to make a formal application to us to order by notification in the official gazette that the trust property may be vested in the Treasurer of charitable endowments. We shall then under section 10 of the act direct the sale of the property and the investment of the proceeds in some approved securities.

3. We beg to add that the bungalow has undergone such extensive repairs of late that it is not worth keeping it as

as a specimen of the architecture of ~~the~~ period.

We have &c.

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7 No. , Educational, August 1901.

Order—No. , Educational, dated August 1901.

In consideration of the fact that the bungalow is dilapidated beyond proper repair, the Governor in Council resolves to accept the proposal of the University to sell the property and to devote the proceeds to the maintenance of the Johnston of Carnsalloch scholarships. And as he is advised that this can most conveniently be effected under the Charitable Endowments Act, 1890, the Secretary of State for India, by whom the property is held in trust, will be requested to make an application under section 4 of the Act for vesting the property as a preliminary step in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments.

[Here enter No. , Educational, dated August 1901.]

(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Registrar of the Madras University.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. W. D'Moss.

GOVERNMENT OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

EDUCATIONAL (1901) *DEPARTMENT.*

Despatch to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India.

Dated August,
No. of 1901.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Letter—to

The Right Honourable the SECRETARY of STATE for INDIA.

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We have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servants,

Ootacamund,
August 1901.

Encl. W D'Moss.

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C. No. 230, From the Registrar Madras University, No. 516, dated 18th February 1901.

" " 813, " " P.W.D, " 2789C " 11th June 1901.

" " 999, " " Collector of Madura, " 1355, " 15th July 1901.

ORDER No. 489, dated 3.9. 1901.

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The Collector will be requested to see whether he can make any more definite proposals with regard to the Tamkam property. He will also state whether the bungalow can be maintained habitable and let for a reduced rent and what price the property is likely to fetch if sold in the Open market.

/ From orders /

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To the Collr of Madura
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" P.W.D

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