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Umdah Bagh.

Stating that orders will issue in the Public Works Department for the purchase of the — being effected at once in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers :—

G.O., Mis. No. 375 A., Educational, dated 21st June 1899.

Read—the following papers :—

From the Hon'ble Mr. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D., Director of Public Instruction, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Madras, 21st October 1898, No. 11965.

With reference to the vexed question of finding accommodation for the Madrasa-i-Azam, I have the honour to state that I have given the matter much consideration since my return from the Hills in July, and the proposal which I am about to submit seems to me to be both feasible and economical. Before stating what I now propose, it may be well, however, to give a brief outline of the efforts that have been made to find accommodation for the school.

2. At the beginning of 1883, the late Mr. Grigg addressed the Consulting Architect, requesting him to prepare a rough plan and estimate for a school-house for the Madrasa. In response to this, a plan and estimate were forwarded by Major Morant early in 1884. The estimate amounted to Rs 1,42,555. It was intended that the building should be erected in the Chepauk park where the tennis courts now are. Mr. Grigg apparently discussed the estimate verbally with Major Morant objecting to the cost. Major Morant then proposed to omit some of the ornamental features of the design, so as to reduce the cost to Rs. 1,05,000. Even this reduced estimate was thought too high, and the old Ice-house on the beach to the south of the burning-ground was suggested as a suitable building. In my letter to Government, No. 419, dated 22nd January 1886, read in G.O., No. 66, Educational, dated 3rd February 1886, I pointed out that this building was unsuitable. Before addressing Government, I had consulted some of leading members of the Muhammadan community and all were against the suggestion. In his letter to the Consulting Architect, No. 5703, dated 24th August 1887, Mr. Grigg informed that officer that Government had ordered the question of building a new school-house to lie over. Towards the end of 1889 I find that the subject was again taken up in consequence of a reminder from Government, dated 17th January 1889, and Mr. Grigg supplied the Public Works department with details as to the accommodation required. In reply to G.O., No. 482, dated 25th June 1891, I stated in my letter No. 9387, dated 14th August 1891, that a suitable site had not been found in Triplicane and I added that Mr. Grigg in a letter to the Consulting Architect, No. 5391, dated 11th May 1891, had stated that the new portion of the College of Engineering might be used for the Madrasa, if Government accepted his proposal to move the college to Egmore. Pending the settlement of the future site for the College of Engineering, the question of erecting a new building should, said Mr. Grigg, remain in abeyance. The Pudupet plain was suggested by the headmaster as a suitable site, but the suggestion did not commend itself to me. In February 1895 I addressed the secretary of the board of Muhammadan education, soliciting the assistance of the board in finding a suitable site somewhere in Triplicane. The reply of the secretary of the board was to the effect that Triplicane was objectionable, owing to its having become the abode of a low class of Muhammadans, and he suggested the purchase of the Umdah Bagh on the Mount Road. A similar conclusion had been come to at the same time by the committee of the Anjuman. The history of the correspondence about the Umdah Bagh is well known to Government and need not be repeated. While this correspondence was going on, other sites and buildings were suggested and were examined

and reported on by the Consulting Architect and myself. Patter's Gardens, the Buckingham hotel, and Fallow field in Peter's Road were examined and found to be either prohibitive in price or unsuitable in other respects. I also at the request of the late Mr. Grose examined a site near the slaughter-house in Royapetta and found it utterly unsuitable. The negotiations regarding the Umdah Bagh came to a close with G.O., No. 254, dated 18th April 1898, and I was directed to make other suggestions with a view to improve the accommodation of the Madrasa.

3. One of the suggestions that came up for consideration in July last was the improvement of the present building and the extension of the property by the purchase, if possible of some of the surrounding properties. Hajee Muhammad Badsha Sahib & Co., the proprietors, expressed their willingness to extend the compound and strengthen the roof of the present building, provided that Government would compensate them by paying a higher rent. But on going over the proposed extensions I found that they would increase the area to a very small degree only and would leave the school in much the same condition as it is in now. There are several valuable houses in the neighbourhood of the school which would have to be purchased if the school were to get sufficient accommodation and even a small play-ground. Taking everything into consideration I came to the conclusion (and in this the Consulting Architect agreed with me) that the idea of improving and extending the existing premises must be given up.

4. Another suggestion was to purchase a sufficiently large area at the corner where Bells Road and Wallajah Road meet, opposite the quarters of the Governor's band. This, I think, would be a great improvement to the locality and would help to open up one of the most crowded and filthy parts of Triplicane. The owners of the property offered some 33 grounds, 20 belonging to one man and 13 to another (see plan enclosed), at Rs. 600 per ground, the owners undertaking to clear the land of all buildings. There was also a reservation as to a mosque which is now being built at the very corner opposite the Chepauk gate. The building of the mosque was begun quite recently and probably with a view to raise difficulties in acquiring the land under the Land Acquisition Act. Be that as it may, the presence of a mosque in such a place is not expedient and would detract from the architectural appearance of any school building that might be erected. Moreover, I do not think that 33 grounds would give sufficient space for a school, a gymnasium, tiffin-room, latrine and play-ground. The purchase of additional area at the rates above mentioned would probably make the cost prohibitive.

5. The best solution of the difficulty seems to me to be to provide additional accommodation at the Presidency College, either by completing the quadrangle by building on the west side, or by adding another storey to the central portion of the building. The latter is the proposal which the Consulting Architect is in favour of and I am quite of his opinion. The Consulting Architect has had the foundations examined and cross sections drawn, and he informs me that the east side of the building, *i.e.*, between the two stair-cases at the north and south ends of the building, is quite capable of bearing another storey. This would also be more economical than the alternative proposal of completing the quadrangle behind, which would involve heavy expenditure on foundations. The Consulting Architect says that a third storey would greatly improve the appearance of the building, and allow of the unsightly centre tower being removed—a matter which I believe engaged the attention of Government some years ago. The ground floor of the part of the building on which the third storey would be erected would afford ample and excellent accommodation for the Madrasa-i-Azam, the two other stories being occupied by the College classes.

6. Besides the two reasons in favour of the proposal just alluded to, namely, (1) the improvement to the architectural appearance of the Presidency College and (2) the provision of accommodation for the Madrasa at a smaller expenditure than that of any scheme that has hitherto been brought forward, there are several other reasons. Among these may be mentioned (3) the more or less sentimental one of the situation. Chepauk is a neighbourhood for which Muhammadans have a great regard and was the site originally chosen for the building in 1883. (4) Further the Presidency College is sufficiently near the Muhammadan quarters to be easily accessible to the pupils. In this respect it is more convenient than the Umdah Bagh on the Mount Road.

(5) Excepting the Umdah Bagh, none of the other sites examined are so good as the Presidency College from a sanitary point of view. (6) It is well removed from the Harris school, the only other high school for Muhammadans. One of the drawbacks of Patter's Gardens, the Buckingham hotel, Fallow field and the site near the slaughter yard was their proximity to Harris school. (7) As Government is aware, the Muhammadans are very desirous to have a European at the head of the school. This would be obtained without difficulty and without increased cost to the State, as the school would be under the principal of the college, but with a separate head-master. (8) The Muhammadan pupils would be all the better for the proximity of the Hindu students of the college. Everybody who looks at the matter without prejudice knows that Muhammadan boys are the better for the stimulus arising from the presence of pupils of other nationalities. For this reason the late Mr. Grigg proposed that a certain percentage of Hindu boys should be admitted to the Madrasa. But the feeling against the proposal among Muhammadans was so strong that it had to be given up. If located in the Presidency College, the prejudices of the Muhammadans in favour of a school entirely to themselves would be met; while the benefits expected from the immediate proximity of the more eager and diligent students of the college both during work and during play would be secured.

7. In conclusion, if Government is inclined to view with favour this solution of a very difficult and troublesome question, the Consulting Architect may be requested to prepare plans and estimates. On receipt of these, Government will be in a position to judge whether the scheme, as compared with other proposals, is financially feasible.

Ref. No. 86.

The Director of Public Instruction is requested to consult the leading Muhammadans of Madras in order to ascertain how they view his alternative proposals and to report the result to Government.

H. TREMENHEERE,
Secretary to Government.

20*th December* 1898.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

From the Hon'ble Mr. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D., Director of Public Instruction, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Madras, 8th June 1899, No. 6344.

With reference to memorandum No. 86, Educational, dated 20th December 1898, I have the honour to inform you that circular No. 1420, dated 4th February 1899 (copy enclosed), was sent to the following 91 gentlemen:—

1. Muḥammad Maḥmúd Khán Bahádur.
2. Nawab Saiyid Muḥammad Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
3. The Hon'ble Mr. Ghulám Muḥammad Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
4. 'Abd-ur-raḥmán Ṣáḥib Sait.
5. Sulṭán Muḥí-ud-dín Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
6. Muḥammad Ṣafdar Ḥusain Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
7. 'Alí Dóst Khán Bahádur.
8. Mír Muzhar-ud-din Ṣáḥib, B.A.
9. Hajee 'Abd-ul-'azíz Bádsháh Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
10. Khájá Khán Ṣáḥib, B.A.
11. Ghulám Maḥmúd Khán Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
12. Sharf-ud-dowla Bahádur.
13. A'ẓam Ḥusain Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
14. Aḥmad Muḥi-ud-dín Khán Bahádur.
15. Moulvi Hajee Aḥmad 'Alí Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
16. Muḥi-ud-dín Aḥmad Ṣáḥib Muhajir.
17. Waljee Láljee Sait, Khán Bahádur.
18. Saiyid Niẓám-ud-dín Ṣáḥib, B.A, B.L.
19. Saiyid Madár Ṣáḥib.
20. Ghulám Razá Khán Bahádur.
21. Ḥusain 'Alí Khán Bahádur.

22. Muḥammad Ṣufdar Ḥusain Ṣáḥib Bahádur, B.A.
23. V. Muḥammad Sharíf Khán Bahádur.
24. Muḥammad Muneer Khán Ṣáḥib B.A.
25. Dáday Khán Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
26. Haidar Sharíf Ṣáḥib, B.A., B.L.
27. Hajee Abú Muḥammad Ṣáḥib.
28. Subadar-Major Sirdár Bahádur Saiyid Ya'qúb Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
29. Subadar-Major Muḥammad Farid Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
30. Karím Khán Ṣáḥib, Khán Bahádur.
31. Muḥammad Abd-ulláh Ṣáḥib.
32. Hakim Zain-ul-'ábidín Ṣáḥib, B.A.
33. Dawood Ṣáḥib.
34. Mo'in-ud-dín Ṣáḥib Jaddi.
35. Aḥmad Ḥusain Ṣáḥib Muhajir.
36. Sibgat-ul-la Ṣáḥib Muhajir.
37. Sibgat-lu-la Ṣáḥib Cheeda.
38. 'Abd-ul-qádir Ṣáḥib Jaddi.
39. Hakím Muḥammad Ashraf Ḥusain Ṣáḥib.
40. Mír Najm-ud-din 'Alí Ṣáḥib.
41. Najm-ud-din 'Alí Ṣáḥib.
42. Hajee Niẓám-ud-dín Ṣáḥib.
43. Ghulám 'Abd-ul-qádir Khán Ṣáḥib.
44. Ghauṣ Muḥí-ud-dín Ṣáḥib.
45. 'Ináyat Ḥusain Ṣáḥib, B.A.
46. Nasír-ud-dín Ṣáḥib Ghutala Effendi.
47. Malik J'afar Ḥusain Ṣáḥib.
48. Muḥammad Faqír Ṣáḥib.
49. Muḥí-ud-dín Ḥusain Ṣáḥib *alias* Miajan Ṣáḥib.
50. Moulvi Záhid Ḥusain Ṣáḥib.
51. Shamsh-ul-ulma Hajee Moulvi Ghulám Rasúl Ṣáḥib.
52. Moulvi Khurshíd-dulla Ṣáḥib.
53. Shamsh-ul-ulma Moulvi Cazi Obied-ulláh Ṣáḥib.
54. Shamsh-ul-ulma Háfiz Muḥammad Luṭf-ulláh Ṣáḥib.
55. Moulvi Maḥmúd Ṣáḥib.
56. Moulvi Ḥabíb-ulláh Ṣáḥib.
57. Hakeem Musa Razá Ṣahib.
58. Hakeem Muḥammad Ghauṣ Ṣáḥib Ghias.
59. Hakeem Raísul islám Ṣáḥib.
60. Hajee Moulvi Ẓahir-ud-dín Aḥmad, Khán Bahádur.
61. Ravoof Aḥmad Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
62. Moulvi Muḥammad Niẓám-ud-dín Ṣáḥib Fakri.
63. Hajee Shaikh Aḥmad Ṣáḥib.
64. Saiyid 'Abd-ul Ghafúr Ṣáḥib.
65. Raf'at-ul-mulk Bahádur.
66. Qádir Muḥí-ud-dín Ṣáḥib.
67. Moulvi Kamr-ud-dín Ṣáḥib.
68. Muḥammad Vajíh-ud-dín Ṣáḥib.
69. 'Abd'ul-waḥháb Ṣáḥib.
70. Niẓám-ud-dín Ṣáḥib.
71. Mír Sulṭán Muḥí-ud-dín Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
72. Saiyid Qádir Ḥusain Farghe.
73. Mirzá Ghulám Zymul Abdin Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
74. Subadar Muḥammad Qásim Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
75. Saiyid Muḥammad Zákir Ṣáḥib.
76. Munshí Muḥammad Ghauṣ Ṣáḥib.
77. Hakím Ḥaidar Ḥusain Ṣáḥib.
78. 'Alì Razá Ṣáḥib Mayel.
79. Ghauṣ 'Alí Ṣáḥib Mehkari.
80. Sarfaráz Khán Ṣáḥib.
81. Mír 'Abbás Ḥusain Ṣáḥib.
82. Munshi Razá Ḥusain Ṣáḥib.
83. Aḥmad Kabír Ṣáḥib.
84. Muḥammad 'Aẓím-ud-dín Ṣáḥib.
85. Saiyid Muḥí-ud-dín Ṣáḥib.
86. Raḥmut-ulláh Ṣáḥib.
87. Moulvi Sháh Muḥammad Badr-ud-dín Ṣáḥib Quadri.
88. Moulvi Saiyid 'Abd-ul Qalik Ṣáḥib Qulk.
89. Muḥammad Farid Ṣáḥib.
90. Ghulám Dastgír Ṣáḥib Himath.
91. Muḥammad Ḥabíb-ulláh Ḥusain Ṣáḥib.

2. Of the 91 persons, to whom the circular was sent, 65 have forwarded replies. They are classified as follows:—

(*a*) The following 23 gentlemen are in favour of proposal No. (i), the site in Triplicane where Wallajah Road and Bell's Road meet:—

1. Hajee Moulvi Ẓahúr-ud-dín Aḥmad Khán Bahádur.
2. Muḥammad Ḥabíb-ulláh Ḥusain Ṣáḥib.
3. Subadar-Major Shaikh Farid Bahádur.
4. Raḥmat-ulláh Ṣáḥib.
5. Ghulám 'Abd-ul-qádir Khán Ṣáḥib.
6. Muḥammad 'Aẓim-ud-dín Ṣáḥib.
7. Sulṭán Muḥí-ud-dín Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
8. Hakím Muḥammad Ghaus Ṣáḥib Ghiás.
9. Sarfaráz Khán Ṣáḥib.
10. V. Muḥammad Sharíf Khán Bahádur.
11. Muḥammad 'Abd-ul-ghafúr Ṣáḥib.
12. Hakím Muḥammad Ashraf Ḥusain Ṣáḥib.
13. Mír 'Abbás Ḥusain Ṣáḥib.
14. Ḥaidar Ḥusain Ṣáḥib.
15. Hajee Shakh Aḥmad Ṣáḥib.
16. Dáúd Ṣáḥib.
17. Saiyid Qádir Ḥusain Ṣáḥib Faroghe.
18 Saiyid Muḥammad Zákir Ṣáḥib.
19. Ghulám Dastgír Ṣáḥib Himmat.
20. Aḥmad Ḥusain Ṣáḥib Muhajir.
21. Saiyid Aḥmad 'Alí Ṣáḥib.
22. M. S. S. Fakhr-ud-dín Ṣáḥib.
23. 'Aẓím Ḥusain Ṣáḥib Bahádur.

(*b*) The following 18 gentlemen are in favour of proposal No. (ii), to provide accommodation in the Presidency College:—

1. Ghulám Razá Khán Bahádur.
2. Aḥmad Kabír Ṣáḥib.
3. Hakím Zain-ul-'ábidín Ṣáḥib, B.A.
4. Khájá Khán Ṣáḥib.
5. Shams-ul-ulma Ḥáfiẓ Muḥammad Luṭf-ulláh Ṣáḥib.
6. Muḥammad Sufder Ḥusain Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
7. Najm-ud-dín 'Alí Ṣáḥib.
8. 'Abd-ul-wahháb Ṣáḥib.
9. Mirzá Raẓá Ḥusain Ṣáḥib.
10. Muḥammad Ghaus Ṣáḥib.
11. 'Ally Dóst Khán Bahádur.
12. Hakím Musa Raẓá Ṣáḥib.
13. Aḥmad Muḥí-ud-dín Khán Bahádur.
14. Subadar Muḥammad Qásim Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
15. Dádá Khán Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
16. Subadar-Major Sirdár Bahádur Saiyid Ya'qúb Ṣáḥib.
17. Moulvi Khurshíd-ul-la Ṣáḥib.
18. Mirzá Ghulám Zain-ul-'ábidín Ṣáḥib Bahádur.

(*c*) Nine gentlemen would prefer a separate building near the Presidency College and some of these mention the site between the Presidency College and the Public Works Department offices—

1. Shams-ul-ulma Moulvi Cazi Obied-ulláh Ṣáḥib.
2. Sharf-ud-daula Bahádur.
3. Moulvi Maḥmúd Ṣáḥib.
4. Moulvi Muḥammad Ḥabíb-ulláh Ṣáḥib.
5. Muḥammad Faqír Ṣáḥib.
6. Muḥí-ud-dín Ḥusain Ṣáḥib *alias* Miajan.
7. Muḥammad Sibgat-ulláh Ṣáḥib.
8. Ghulám Muḥammad Khán Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
9. Saiyid Madar Ṣáḥib.

(*d*) Four gentlemen suggest a site somewhere on the Mount Road—

1. Mír Muzhur-ud-dín Ṣáḥib, B.A.
2. Muḥammad Vajíh-ud-dín Ṣáḥib.
3. Mír Nazm-ud-din 'Alí Ṣáḥib.
4. Muḥammad Naseer-ud-dín Ṣáḥib Ghatala Effendi.

(*e*) Four gentlemen are not in favour of either proposal, but suggest the enlargement of the present building—

1. Haji Muaḥmmad 'Abd-ul-'aziz Bádsháh Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
2. Ghaus Muḥí-ud-dín Ṣáḥib.
3. Hajee Abú Muḥammad Ṣáḥib.
4. Shamsh-ul-ulma Hajee Moulvi Ghulám Rasul Ṣáḥib.

As regards this suggestion I would invite the attention of Government to the first portion of paragraph 3 of my letter No. 11965, dated 21st October 1898.

(*f*) The following gentlemen prefer the premises occupied by the Anjuman on Triplicane High Road:—

1. Muḥammad Munir Khán Ṣáḥib, B.A.
2. Ḥaidar Sharíf Ṣáḥib, B.A., B.L.

(*g*) Two suggest a site in Rayapettah, one of them mentioning Fallowfield, about which the Consulting Architect and I have already expressed our opinion—

1. Nawab Saiyid Muḥammad Ṣáḥib Bahádur.
2. Hakím Raís-ul-islám Ṣáḥib.

(*h*) Three suggest purchasing a site on the Mount Road or in Rayapettah, the site on the Mount Road, the Rashk-i-Iram Bagh, being mentioned—

1. Muḥí-ud-dín Aḥmad Ṣáḥib Muhajir.
2. Muḥammad Maḥmud Khán Bahádur.
3. Without signature.

3. I beg to enclose copy of a letter from Captain Formby, Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, recommending the Rashk-i-Iram Bagh, on the Mount Road, at the entrance to the Madras Club and opposite the Umdah Bagh. I have not had an opportunity of inspecting these premises, but I do not think the area (*three* cawnies and *two* grounds) is large enough. One of the chief requisites is ample space for out-door games and exercises, and this site would not provide sufficient space.

4. The Shad-i-Mahal on Triplicane High Road has been spoken of as suitable, but I do not know whether it is for sale. In the *Muhammadan* of 23rd March last, it is stated that the premises known as Waller's stables on the Mount Road, now occupied by the Madras Stable Company, are in the market. I do not know whether this is the case. The site would in many ways be an excellent one. The premises occupied as stables by Messrs. Kcrouse and Madden on the Mount Road are also mentioned.

5. I beg to enclose a letter to your address from the Secretary to the Anjuman, No. 167, dated 28th March 1899, submitting extract from the proceedings of the sub-committee of the Anjuman, requesting that in selecting a site for the Madrasa, Government will be pleased to consider the interests of the Anjuman and provide for it in the same compound. I understand that a site in the Government House compound near the Round Tannah was promised to the Anjuman more than three years ago and that plans were before Government.

Enclosures.

From the Hon'ble Mr. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D., Director of Public Instruction, to
* * * dated Madras, 4th February 1899, No. 1420.

Under instructions from Government, I have to request you to favour me with your views on the following alternative proposals for the accommodation of the Madrasa-i-Azam:—

(i) To purchase a site in Triplicane at the corner where Bell's Road and Wallajah Road meet, opposite the quarters of the Governor's Band and to erect a building there. A sum of nearly Rs. 20,000 is demanded for the site alone and 33 grounds only are offered for sale.

(ii) To provide the required accommodation at the Presidency College *by enlarging the present building* so as to allow of the Madrasa having sufficient and separate accommodation.

2. I have to request that you will favour me with an early reply.

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From Captain R. F. R. FORMBY, Acting Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated Chepâk, 6th April 1899, No. 141.

I have the honour to inform you that in consequence of certain Muhammadan gentlemen having asked me to interest myself in the provision of better premises for the Madrasa-i-Azam, I took the opportunity when Ghulám Muḥammad Ghaus Khán Bahádur was visiting me to ask him about the Rashk-i-Iram Bagh situated near the Madras Club in the Mount Road, he expressed his consent on behalf of his mother (the Dowager Princess of Arcot), who is the real owner, to either let it or sell it for the purpose, preferably the latter.

2. I then arranged for a meeting of gentlemen interested to view the premises, and on Saturday, the 1st of April, the following gentlemen met me there, the Hon'ble G. H. Stuart, Sulṭán Muḥi-ud-dín Ṣáḥib Bahádur, Mir Sulṭán Muḥi-ud-dín Ṣáḥib Bahádur, Azím Husain Ṣáḥib, Secretary to the Prince of Arcot, the Hon'ble Ghulám Muḥammad Ṣáḥib Bahádur, Muḥammad Munir Khán Ṣáḥib, B.A., Saiyid Nizám-ud-dín Ṣáḥib, B.A., B.L., and Muḥi-ud-dín Ahmad Ṣáḥib, Secretary to the Dowager Princess of Arcot, on behalf of the owners, and after having carefully inspected the premises, it was agreed that the building was suitable for a school of 300 boys, including accommodation for about 40 resident boarders and a resident European headmaster. Space could be made available for a gymnasium and tennis courts, but not a cricket ground or horse manege. The situation was considered to be desirable in all respects.

3. The meeting was given to understand that the property could be rented for Rs. 300 per mensem or purchased for about Rs. 70,000. If you concur in this proposal, may I ask you to kindly bring the matter before Government as there appears to be a sincere desire on the part of the better class of Muhammadans to make an effort to improve the education of the rising generation of their community. It is by their desire I write this letter.

From the Honorary Secretary, the Anjuman, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, through the Director of Public Instruction, dated Madras, 28th March 1899, No. 167.

I have the honour to state that in the Government memorandum, No. 1192, Educational, dated 5th June 1897, the Director of Public Instruction, with reference to his letter No. 13310, dated 9th December 1896, was informed that the question of a site for the Anjumani-Mufidi-Ahb-Islam was lying over pending the settlement of the question of acquiring a building for the Madrasa-i-Azam. It now appears that the Government proposes to select a site for the latter institution and has called for the opinion of the Muhammadan community on the subject. I have therefore the honour to request you to consider the interest of the Anjuman in selecting the site for the Madrasa.

An extract from the proceedings of the sub-committee, dated 23rd March 1899, is enclosed for the information of Government.

Extract from the Proceedings of Sub-Committee, dated 23rd March 1899.

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The question of acquiring a permanent site for the Anjuman having been discussed, it was resolved to postpone the question pending the selection of a new site for the Madrasa and that Government be addressed to consider the interest of the Anjuman in selecting such site with a view to having it in the same compound.

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(True Extract.)

MUHAMMAD MUNIR,
Honorary Secretary, the Anjuman.

Order—Mis. No. 375-A, Educational, dated 21st June 1899.

Recorded.

2. Dr. Duncan will be informed that the money required for purchasing Umdah Bagh cannot be provided in the current year.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Director of Public Instruction.

G.O., Mis. No. 568, Educational, dated 31st August 1899.

Read—the following letter from Hon'ble Mr. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D., Director of Public Instruction, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Madras, 31st July 1899, No. 8448:—

With reference to G.O., No. 375-A, Educational, dated 21st June last, I have the honour to enclose copy of a letter, dated 22nd instant, from M.R.Ry. Krishnadas Balamukundas, in which he says that the offer for the sale of the Umdah Bagh will hold good till 30th April next, and to state that provision will be made for the purchase of the building in the budget estimate for 1900–1901.

Enclosure.

From M.R.Ry. KRISHNADAS BALAMUKUNDAS, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated Madras, 22nd July 1899.

In reply to your letter, dated 12th instant, I beg to say that you may inform the Government that they may make provision, for the purchase of my building known as Umdah Bagh, for a lakh and fifty thousand rupees net in the budget estimate for the ensuing year.

As I presume that Government is inclined to purchase my property, my offer will hold good till the 30th April 1900.

I further request that you will be good enough to let me know when the provision is actually made in the next budget.

Sufficient notice will have to be given to His Highness The Nawab Bégam Sahiba, when the building is to be vacated.

I hope you will kindly communicate to Government that I agree to sell the property in view at a considerable sacrifice of money and personal convenience in the interests of the Muhammadan education.

Order—Mis. No. 568, Educational, dated 31st August 1899.

If the financial situation permits, provision will be made for the purchase of the Umdah Bagh in the budget estimate of the Public Works Department for 1900–1901, the usual assignment to that department being increased by Rs. 1,50,000 on this account.

(True Extract.)

M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Financial Department.

Order—No. 526, Educational, dated 17th September 1901.

The Governor in Council understands that the offer of the owner of the Umdah Bagh to sell the property to Government for Rs. 1,50,000 holds good till the 31st March next. Orders will therefore issue in the Public Works Department for the purchase being effected at once in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Public Works Department.
„ Financial Department.
„ Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. C. Parthasarathy.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 375-A, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 21ST JUNE 1899.

[SUBJECT.—*Purchase of the Umdah Bagh.*]

From the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, dated 21st October 1898, No. 11965.

The above letter relates to the question of finding accommodation for the Madrasa-i-Azam. In paragraph 2 the Director of Public Instruction gives a brief outline of the efforts that have been already made with this end in view. The last order on the subject is G.O., No. 254, Educational, dated 18th April 1898, in which Government declined to accept the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to rent the Umdah Bagh and requested him to make other suggestions with a view to improve the accommodation of the institution.

2. In paragraphs 3 and 4, the Director of Public Instruction says that two other suggestions came up for consideration which were—

(i) the improvement of the present building and the extension of the property by the purchase, if possible, of some of the surrounding properties ; and

(ii) the purchase of a sufficiently large area at the corner where Bell's road and Wallajah road meet, opposite the quarters of the Governor's band, and the construction of a suitable building thereon. A plan of this locality forms an enclosure to the Director of Public Instruction's letter.

The Director of Public Instruction does not approve of either of these courses as the cost will be prohibitive and from other considerations also.

3. He says therefore in paragraph 5 that the best solution of the difficulty will be to provide additional accommodation at the Presidency College either by completing the quadrangle by building on the west side or by adding another storey to the central portion of the building. The ground floor of this part of the building would then, the Director says, afford ample and excellent accommodation for the Madrasa-i-Azam, the two other storeys being occupied by the college classes. The Consulting Architect is in favour of this proposal and the Director agrees with him, as it will be more economical than the other, and the addition of a third storey will greatly improve the appearance of the building. Other reasons in favour of this proposal are given in paragraph 6 of the Director's letter.

4. Orders are solicited. Another advantage of the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction is that it is probable that the Muhammadan community will be pleased at having the Madrasa situated in the Presidency College and they will have no ground for complaint that they do not share equally with Hindus in the chief college * in Madras.

* It is, of course, open to Muhammadans as well as Hindus, but very few of the former attend it.

5. On the other hand a possible objection to the scheme may be found in the prejudices of the Muhammadans in favour of a school entirely to themselves. On this point attention is invited to the remarks of the President of the Board of

Muhammadan education in paragraph 10 of his letter, No. 894, dated 17th July 1895, read with G.O., No. 632, Educational, dated 8th October 1896. He said: "A Muhammadan father objects altogether to allow his son to join a mixed school from the fear that his religious tenets may suffer by association with Hindus as long as the boy is of an impressionable age. This engrained feeling entails an absolute necessity for maintaining separate schools for Muhammadans up to the Matriculation standard. The phenomenal success which has been attained in Muhammadan primary education is entirely due to the recognition of the necessity for separate schools. The key to success in secondary and intermediate education most undoubtedly lies in the same direction." It is understood however that this prejudice of Muhammadans about mixed schools only exists with regard to very young children and would not extend to boys in the Madrasa. The Director of Public Instruction, too, seems to think that the Muhammadan prejudice would be met by the proposed arrangement and that they would have to all intents and purposes a separate school, but it may be considered advisable that the Director of Public Instruction should be asked to consult the leading Muhammadans of Madras on the subject before the matter is finally decided. The Director of Public Instruction himself is all in favour of doing this.

This must certainly be done.
A. T. A[RUNDEL].
15-12-98.

In paragraph 2 of his letter No. 3626, dated 25th March 1895, he stated as follows: "Past experience in connection with the Madrasa has convinced me that it is an utterly hopeless task to attempt to educate the Muhammadans of the Triplicane quarter of Madras unless their likes and dislikes are carefully studied and provided for." He therefore recommended that in compliance with their wishes the Umdah Bagh should be rented for two years. He added: "The usefulness of the institution depends more on the support it receives from the community than on the grandeur of the premises; but if the location of the school in the place chosen by the people themselves will tend to rouse and maintain their interest in it, the increased cost of the new premises will be well repaid." This remark was endorsed by the President of the Board of Muhammadan education in the paragraph of his letter referred to above, and by the late Hon'ble Mr. Grose (please see his remarks on the note for orders under cover of G.O., No. 86, Educational, dated 13th February 1896).

In the present instance it does not appear from his letter that the Director of Public Instruction has consulted the Board of Muhammadan education or any other leading Muhammadans and it is for orders whether he should be requested to do so.

6. It is clear from paragraph 6 (7) of the Director of Public Instruction's letter that he thinks that the separate headmaster need not be a European as the school will be under the Principal of the College,* so that no increased cost to the State will be involved. If this arrangement be adopted, it may be a question whether the Principal of the Presidency College will have time properly to supervise the working of the Madrasa in addition to the rest of his duties.

* It may be noted that in January 1873 part of the Madrasa—the high school department—was transferred to the Presidency College and remained there till the last quarter of 1884-85 when the high school department of the Presidency College was abolished. (Please see paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 of the letter of the Director of Public Instruction, No. 13424, dated 5th December 1893, read with G.O., No. 2, Educational, dated 8th January 1894.)

7. If the scheme is sanctioned, the question of providing funds for the proposed extension will have to be considered when the plans and estimates have been prepared.

A. EDGINGTON.
7-12-98.

H.M.—

It would seem wise to tell the Director to consult leading Muhammadans to ascertain how they would view his alternative proposals.

H. TREMENHEERE.
7-12-98.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 8th June 1899.

Demi-official from D. DUNCAN, Esq., Director of Public Instruction, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Ootacamund, 12th June 1899.

With reference to the question of a site for the Madrasa-i-Azam, I enclose a letter received from Mír Sulṭán Muḥí-ud-dín, in which he says that Krishnadoss Balamukundoss, the owner of the Umdah Bagh, is willing to sell the property for Rs. 1,50,000. I have not got the papers by me, so that I cannot compare this with the price he asked for it before.

ENCLOSURE.

From MÍR SULṬÁN MUḤÍ-UD-DÍN ṢÁḤIB, Secretary to the Board of Muhammadan Education, Madras, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, dated June 1899.

Krishnadoss, father of Govindoss, has with great difficulty agreed to give Umdah Bagh for Rs. 1,50,000. As the period fixed by him before had expired, the old man was troublesome. He wanted to keep to himself punkas and other fixtures and also a portion of the compound. I refused to give any of these and through the influence of some of his friends he agreed to give everything. As observed by you, the price is fair, and considering how the value of house property is rising on the Mount Road it is not possible to get the place at a cheaper price. The owner is rich and did not care to reduce the price he wanted before, *i.e.*, Rs. 3,00,000. I will send his letter in a day or two as soon as it is received from Madras. The European headmaster should be secured before the Madrasa is removed to the new building so that the strength of the school might increase. It will take some time for the Muhammadans to know that their prayers which they have been making for a long time have been granted by the paternal Government and that they will soon have the reorganization of the Madrasa. The new headmaster should be a good sportsman, young, and full of vigour. His Excellency Lord Wenlock still takes interest in the matter and he will help us in selecting a good man. I am sorry I forgot to show you his letter while on the Hills.

You know well for how many years I have been working towards the scheme and I will do my best to make it a success with the support of the Government. It is my sincere wish to make the school as successful as the Aligarh College. Educational conferences can be held every year as in the north and the Muhammadans taught of the blessings of the English Government which is the most powerful, the most civilized, the most liberal, and above all so much in touch with Islam and ruling over the largest number of its followers. With proper guidance the future generation, if educated liberally, will find that our Government is the best Government in the world and it will be the interest of all the Indian Muhammadans to die for it. The half-educated mullahs must be kept at a distance and all the boys must be kept under the supervision of Europeans. I hope to collect sufficient amount for the boarding-house for which I have promises from different places. It is my sincere desire that before you leave us the opening ceremony should be performed if you are to retire before next January. His Excellency the Governor should be asked to preside, when a small number of leading Muhammadans should also be invited from the out-stations. I have several plans in my view and the Government will be glad that the money it is going to spend will bear very good fruits.

It is my desire to make Arabic compulsory as second language and this will be an inducement to bring in youths of all classes—Lubbays, Mappillas, Mormons. Very few care to read Tamil or Telugu and those who require it for official life can acquire it to the extent of reading and writing in six months' time. The Muhammadans of all classes will be glad to learn Arabic literature and the Madrasa, if attached with a boarding-house for which there is enough of place in the Umdah Bagh, will always have a strength of not less than 500 boys. The garden being extensive we can have all sorts of sports—cricket, football, golf, races and we may even have polo if sons of nobles from Hyderabad and other place come, of which I am hopeful.

Demi-official from D. DUNCAN, Esq., Director of Public Instruction, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Ootacamund, 13th June 1899.

In continuation of my demi-official of yesterday I now send you a letter from the proprietor of the Umdah Bagh offering that property for a lakh and a half of rupees.

You will see that the offer holds good till the 9th July.

ENCLOSURES.

From MÍR SULṬÁN MUḤÍ-UD-DÍN ṢÁḤIB, Secretary to the Board of Muhammadan Education, Madras, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated 11th June 1899.

I beg to send herewith letter from Krishnadoss accepting Rs. 1,50,000 for Umdah Bagh (Maclean's gardens). Please acknowledge receipt.

Demi-official from L. KRISHNADOSS BALAMUKUNDOSS, Banker, to the Secretary to the Board of Muhammadan Education, dated Madras, 9th June 1899.

Adverting to our conversation on the subject of the sale of Umdah Bagh, I write to say that I had already written to the Government in November 1896 that I would be willing to part with the estate for more than three lakhs of rupees. But now in consideration of the fact that the property is required for the purpose of Muhammadan education which is itself a noble object, and being hopeful that Government would recognise my generous help in the matter, I am prepared to part with the Umdah Bagh for one lakh and fifty thousand rupees. I should like to have it understood that it is merely in consideration of the fact that I desire to afford all possible facility for the education of Muhammadans that I accept such a low price for my property.

Please note that this offer will stand in force for one month from this date.

Please see the previous note on this subject. As directed by the Honourable Member, the Director of Public Instruction was requested to consult the leading Muhammadans of Madras in order to ascertain how they view his alternative proposals for the accommodation of the Madrasa-i-Azam, viz.—

(1) to purchase a site in Triplicane at the corner where Bells road and Wallajah road meet opposite the quarters of the Governor's band and to erect a building there ;

(2) to provide the required accommodation at the Presidency College by enlarging the building.

2. In the second of his letters read above, the Director of Public Instruction now reports the result. Out of 91 persons who were consulted 65 have favoured him with their views and out of these—

23 are for the site in Triplicane, proposal (1).
18 for enlarging the Presidency College, proposal (2).
9 for a separate building near the Presidency College.
4 for a site somewhere near the Mount Road.
4 for the enlargement of the present building.
2 for the premises occupied by the Anjuman on the Triplicane High road.
2 for the site in Royapettah.
3 for the Rashk-i-Iram Bagh on the Mount Road at the entrance to the Madras Club and opposite the Umdah Bagh or a site in Royapettah.

3. The proposal to enlarge the present building was once considered and given up—*vide* paragraph 3 of the Director of Public Instruction's first letter read above.

4. One of the persons consulted suggests Fallowfield as the site in Royapettah, but the Director of Public Instruction and the Consulting Architect in their letter recorded in G.O., No. 648, Educational, dated 17th November 1897, considered that this property was not suitable for the Madrasa-i-Azam.

5. The Rashk-i-Iram Bagh is also recommended by Captain Formby, Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, who visited it with a few Muhammadan gentlemen, but the Director of Public Instruction considers that the space afforded by it is not sufficient.

I am of the same opinion. The building too is unsuitable.

A. T. A[RUNDEL].
19-6-99.

6. The Director of Public Instruction also mentions the following sites :—

(1) Shad-i-Mahal on the Triplicane High road.

(2) The premises known as Waller's stables.

(3) The premises occupied as stables by Messrs. Kerouse and Madden.

He is not, however, sure whether any of these are for sale, but considers that site No. (2) will be excellent in many ways.

7. Among the papers stitched with G.O., No. 659, Educational, dated 20th November 1897, is a letter from Mr. R. B. Michell offering to sell his house on the Mount Road for Rs. 82,500.

8. Since submitting his report the Director of Public Instruction has written demi-officially to say that the owner of the Umdah Bagh is now willing to sell the property for Rs. 1,50,000, and has forwarded a letter from him to the Secretary to the Board of Muhammadan education to that effect. In 1897 the Government considered that these premises were the best available and might be purchased. The owner then demanded Rs. 3,48,750, but the compensation payable under the Land Acquisition Act was estimated at Rs. 2,88,083, and the Collector of Madras thought that Rs. 2,50,000 would be accepted. For improvements, etc., it was considered that an additional Rs. 50,000 would be required, and as the total sum of Rs. 3,00,000 could not be spared from Provincial funds, application was made to the Government of India for a special grant of the amount—*vide* letter to the Government of India, No. 260, Educational, dated 4th May 1897. The Government of India, however, declined to make the grant, and the matter was then dropped—*vide* G.O., No. 659, Educational, dated 20th November 1897.

9. A proposal was subsequently made to rent the building for the accommodation of the Madrasa, but as the proprietor was willing to rent only a portion, the proposal fell through—*vide* G.O., No. 254, Educational, dated 18th April 1898.

10. The present offer to sell the property for Rs. 1,50,000 has been made in consideration of the fact that it is required for a laudable object, to wit, the education of the Muhammadans and in the hope that Government would recognize the owner's very generous help in the matter. It holds good till the 9th July 1899.

11. Of all the sites available, the Umdah Bagh has been considered to be the best, and if that is now to be purchased, a sum of Rs. 2,00,000 will be required to pay the owner of the property and to meet the cost of improvements, etc. Before proceeding further therefore the Financial department may be asked whether the amount can be spared : Rs. 1,50,000 only will be immediately required.

12. The question of finding a suitable site for the Anjuman, referred to in the closing paragraph of the Director's second letter, has been ordered to lie over pending the settlement of that about the Madrasa. The papers are in Madras and have not been put up by the Madras office. They have now been called for.

P. T. THARYAN.
15-6-99.

Forwarded to the Financial department for favour of report whether the money required, viz., Rs. 1,50,000, can be found at the present time.

M. HAMMICK.
16-6-99.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

For the Chief Secretary—

The cost of the building will apparently be debited to 45. CIVIL WORKS—*vide* Public Works Department Code, vol. I, chapter X, paragraph 19. Financial cannot now find the 1·50 lakhs required, and it is submitted that the Public Works department may be asked if the amount can be made available from its budget.

C. M. SCHMIDT.
17-6-99.

To Public Works u.o.

G. STOKES.
17-6-99.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The amount cannot be made available from Public Works department budget of current year.

W. B. DEWINTON.
19-6-99.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

As funds are not immediately available for the purchase of the Umdah Bagh, the best course seems to be to adopt the Director's proposal to enlarge the Presidency College. If this proposal is approved, the Consulting Architect may be ordered to prepare estimates.

It will be noted that 18 out of 65 Muhammadans consulted are in favour of enlarging the Presidency College.

A. EDGINGTON.
19-6-99.

This seems the best course.

C. J. WEIR.
19-6-99.

I understand that though 18 Muhammadans out of the 91 consulted were in favour of the Presidency College enlargement, there was and is a very strong feeling against it on the part of a large section. At present the only thing to be done is to tell Dr. Duncan that the money for purchasing Umdah Bagh cannot be provided during the current year.

A. T. A[RUNDEL].
19-6-99.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 568, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 31ST AUGUST 1899.

[SUBJECT.—*Purchase of the Umdah Bagh.*]

Demi-official from C. J. WEIR, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated 10th July 1899.

With reference to G.O., No. 375 A., Educational, dated 21st June 1899, I am to inform you that if the offer for the sale of Umdah Bagh will hold good for another year, provision may be made for its purchase in the budget estimates for 1900-1901.

From the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, dated 31st July 1899, *No.* 8448.

This is a reply to demi-official No. 85-A., dated 10th July 1899. It is the Public Works Department that should make provision for the purchase of the building (*vide* Public Works Department Code, volume I, chapter X, paragraph 19) and that department might accordingly be asked to make the necessary provision in its budget estimate for 1900-1901.

A. EDGINGTON.
5-8-99.

Submitted that this may be done. It will depend on season whether the money can be obtained. If no rain falls, presumably there will be nothing to spare for this purchase. In any case we shall be able before Christmas to tell the owner finally if the purchase can be made.

M. HAMMICK.
7-8-99.

If His Excellency concurs, the course proposed may be adopted, and provision be made in next year's budget for the purchase of the "Umdah Bagh" for Rs. 1,50,000.

A. T. A[RUNDEL].
9-8-99.

To Finance u.o.

M. HAMMICK.
10-8-99.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Rs. 1,50,000 can be obtained by withdrawing Rs. 1,00,000 from the Lighthouse scheme and 50,000 from the Cooum Improvement scheme which the Public Works Department are giving up.

G. STOKES.
11-8-99.

To Educational u.o.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted to His Excellency through the Public Works Department.

Please see Finance note above.

M. HAMMICK.
14-8-99.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

I strongly demur to the above proposals.* If the grant for Cooum Improvement scheme is not spent thereon, it is wanted for several urgent works for which funds are demanded. The Lighthouse programme is at present awaiting reports from mercantile bodies, and if it is decided to continue it the quicker it is done the cheaper it will be. I therefore deprecate any withdrawal of funds therefrom at present juncture. With regard to making provision for the purchase of this building in 1900–1901, I beg to point out that if the assignment which Financial will make for next year under 45. Provincial Civil Works is no greater than in current year, the amount available for original works will not be great, because the cost of repairs, establishment, and tools and plant remains much the same. If, therefore, provision of Rs. 1,50,000 has to be made for this building, the usual assignment should be increased by that amount.

*I demur.
A. E. H[AVELOCK].
19-8-99.

W. B. DEWINTON.
16-8-99.

I concur with the Hon'ble Mr. Arundel, and I demur to the withdrawal of funds proposed in the note of Financial, dated 11th August 1899.

A. E. H[AVELOCK].
19-8-99.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Circulated to the Hon'ble Mr. Arundel, C.S.I., who has not seen the correspondence.

G. STOKES.
28-8-99.

Seen.

A. T. A[RUNDEL].
29-8-99.

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NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 526, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 17TH SEPTEMBER 1901.

[SUBJECT.—*Purchase of the Umdah Bagh.*]

Demi-official from M. HAMMICK, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated 29th January 1901.

With reference to G.O., No. 375-A, dated 21st June 1899, and G.O., No. 568, dated 31st August 1899, regarding the purchase of the Umdah Bagh, I am directed to ask you to be good enough to ascertain whether the offer of the owner Krishnadas Balamukundas is still open. I enclose you copies of demi-officials on the subject which Duncan submitted.

Demi-official from the Hon'ble Mr. G. H. STUART, M.A., Barrister-at-Law, Director of Public Instruction, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Madras, 31st January 1901.

I send you copies of the correspondence subsequent to that enclosed in your letter on the subject of the purchase of the Umdah Bagh, from which you will see that the offer to sell is open till 1st April 1901. No answer has been received to my letter of November 21st.

ENCLOSURES.

From the Hon'ble Mr. G. H. STUART, M.A., Barrister-at-Law, Director of Public Instruction, to M.R.Ry. KRISHNADAS BALAMUKUNDAS, dated Madras, 17th September 1900, No. 9243.

Referring to your letter, dated 22nd July 1899, I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to let me know whether your offer to sell the property known as "Umdah Bagh" may be considered to hold good till the end of the next official year. For want of funds Government has not been able to make the necessary allotment in the current year's budget. The favour of an early reply is requested, as proposals for the next year's Public Works budget are to be submitted to Government shortly.

From M.R.Ry. L. KRISHNADAS BALAMUKUNDAS, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated Madras, 22nd September 1900.

In reply to your letter No. 9243, dated the 17th September 1900, I have the honour to state that, under the circumstances explained therein, I shall have no objection to allow my offer to sell you the "Umdah Bagh" for Rs. 1,50,000 (one lakh and fifty thousand) net to stand good until the 30th April 1901.

2. I request that you will be pleased to let me know if the Government has really made up its mind to purchase the property for the price mentioned above, and also why you want me to wait "till the *end* of the next official year", which means over a year and a half from October 1900 to April 1902, while the budget for 1901–1902 will, I presume, be sanctioned before 31st March 1901.

From the Hon'ble Mr. G. H. STUART, M.A., Barrister-at-Law, Director of Public Instruction, to M.R.Ry. KRISHNADAS BALAMUKUNDAS, dated Madras, 21st November 1900, No. 11611.

In reply to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, I have the honour to say that Government included in the budget estimates for the current year the amount necessary to purchase the Umdah Bagh, but has so far been unable to allot funds. Although the provision may be repeated in next year's budget, the amount may not perhaps be available at the beginning of that year; hence my inquiry as to whether your offer may be considered to hold good till 31st March 1902.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

For the Chief Secretary—

There is a provision of ·30 lakh in the Public Works department budget for 1901–1902 under 45. CIVIL WORKS for the purchase of Umdah Bagh for the accommodation of the Madrasa-i-Azam. An additional allotment of 1·20 lakh was subsequently made for the same purpose by the Financial department.

The Educational department may be consulted (u.o.) as to whether the whole of this allotment of 1·50 lakh is likely to be utilised in the current year ?

C. M. SCHMIDT.
24–8–01.

To Educational u.o.

G. STOKES.
26–8–01.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

In the circumstances of the case either the whole must be utilised or nothing. The Director may be asked for information as to how the negotiation with the owner of the Umdah Bagh is progressing.

P. T. THARYAN.
26–8–01.

By demi-official.

A. T. PRINGLE.
27–8–01.
C. J. WEIR.
30–8–01.

A draft demi-official is placed below for approval.

P. T. THARYAN.
29–8–01.

C. J. WEIR.
2–9–01.

Demi-official from C. J. WEIR, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department, to T. R. SCOTT, Esq., dated 2nd September 1901, *No.* 52.

Will you please let me know how the negotiation with the owner of the Umdah Bagh on the subject of the sale of the property to Government is progressing. On the 31st January last Mr. Stuart sent Mr. Hammick a copy of his letter to Krishnadas Balamukundas, No. 11611, dated 21st November 1900, and said that he had not till then received any answer to it. Some correspondence might have taken place since then.

Demi-official from T. R. SCOTT, Esq., to the Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Madras, 6th September 1901.

With reference to your demi-official No. 52, dated 2nd instant, I enclose a copy of a letter received to-day from Krishnadas Balamukundas replying to this office No. 11611, dated 21st November 1900, on the subject of the sale of the Umdah Bagh.

ENCLOSURE.

From M.R.Ry. L. KRISHNADAS BALAMUKUNDAS, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated 5th September 1901.

In reply to your letter No. 6875/1, dated 4th September 1901, I have the honour to inform you that I am willing to hold good my offer, viz., Rs. 1,50,000, to sell the property referred to therein till the 31st March next as desired by you as the transaction has been pending for the past two years.

I am sorry that the matter has been pending for the past two years without any definite settlement.

From the copy of Krishnadas Balamukundas' letter now forwarded by Mr. Scott, it will be noticed that the offer to sell the premises to Government holds good till 31st March next. The Public Works department may therefore be asked to arrange for the purchase of the property at once in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction and the Financial department informed accordingly.

P. T. THARYAN.
7–9–01.

Put up the papers in which the purchase was decided on.

C. J. WEIR.
7–9–01.

Please see G.O., No. 375-A, Educational, dated 21st June 1899.

Demi-official, No. 85-A, dated 10th July 1899, and G.O., No. 568, Educational, dated 31st August 1899, all in the linked file below.

P. T. THARYAN.
18–9–01.

Honourable Member—

For orders as to whether the purchase of the Umdah Bagh should now be proceeded with.

In the notes in G.O., No. 375-A, Educational, dated 21st June 1899, the Honourable Member will find fully discussed the question where the Madrasa-i-Azam should be located. From D.O., No. 85-A, dated 10th July 1899, it will be seen that it was at one time proposed if the Umdah Bagh was acquired for the Madrasa to locate the Anjuman in the compound. The Anjuman has, however, since acquired new premises of its own—*vide* G.O., No. 110, Educational, of 28th February 1901.

C. J. WEIR.
11–9–01.

Bring up in Council with some ready information as to propriety and necessity of the purchase. Also information, if any, to show what current and continuing expenditure the purchase may entail.

J. T[HOMSON].
1–9–01.

Order in Council.

Purchase of Umdah Bagh to be completed at once.

C. J. WEIR.
13–9–01.

A draft is placed below for approval.

P. T. THARYAN.
13–9–01.

C. J. WEIR.
14–9–01.

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The Governor in Council understands that the offer of the owner of the Undah Bagh to sell the property to Govt for Rs 150000 holds good till the 31st March next. Orders will therefore issue in the Public works Departt for the purchase being effected at once in consultation with the D.P.I.

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