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**Civil Orphan Asylums.**

Requesting the Directors of the Madras — not to select any fresh site for the Asylums without previous reference to Government.

## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers :—

Memorandum No. 224, Educational, dated 3rd April 1903.

The Directors of the Civil Orphan Asylum are requested to be so good as to state whether the South Indian Railway authorities are negotiating with them for the removal of the asylum from its present premises, and if so what terms have been proposed or are likely to be agreed to and to what new site the asylum is likely to be moved.

A. G. CARDEW,
*Ag. Secretary to Government.*

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From J. R. COOMBES, Esq., Honorary Secretary, Civil Orphan Asylums, to the Secretary to Government, Educational department, dated Madras, 16th April 1903, No. 228.

With reference to your Memorandum No. 224, dated 3rd April 1903, I have the honour to inform you that the South Indian Railway authorities have been in correspondence with the Directors of the Civil Orphan Asylums since August 1901 regarding the acquisition of the present premises.

As the valuation of the buildings by the Engineer appointed by the Directors differed from the valuation by the Railway Engineers, it was decided at a joint conference of the representatives of the South Indian Railway and the Civil Orphan Asylums to settle the matter by arbitration.

The principles on which they were to act were laid down by common consent. They were these :—

*Compensation —(a) Buildings.*—We accept the measurements of the buildings made by the Railway authorities and agree to the Department of Public Works schedule of rates for new buildings based on superficial area. We further agree to a deduction for deterioration of a percentage to be fixed by the Consulting Engineer for Railways and the Consulting Architect to Government and also to an addition of 15 per cent. for compulsory expropriation.

(*b*) The area of the land will be that arrived at in the last Government survey, and the rate to be adopted will be at Rs. 300 per ground, the prevailing market rate of land in the locality.

A statement based on the site committee's proceedings of 12th September 1902 and the award made by the Consulting Architect to Government and the Consulting Engineer for Railways in respect of the percentage to be allowed for the deterioration of the Asylums buildings has just been furnished and the Directors have been asked to accept a sum of Rs. 2,03,388 for the entire property.

This offer has been considered by the sub-committee and has been accepted by the Directors at a special meeting held on the 15th April 1903. A copy of proceedings is attached.

2. After inspection and a careful consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of all the best available sites in Madras, the Directors have resolved to purchase "Church Park" on the Mount Road, the property of Mr. R. B. Mitchell, Chief Judge, Small Cause Court, as being most suitable for the Asylums.

### Enclosures.

Proceedings of the Directors of the Civil Orphan Asylums, dated 15th April 1903.

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Proposed by Mr. D'Sylva and seconded by Captain Hawkes and passed unanimously—

1. That the recommendations of the sub-committee appointed by the Directors to consider the question of the sale of the present buildings and the provision of suitable new buildings for the institution and further to consider the offer of the South Indian Railway to purchase the present site and premises be accepted and that the South Indian Railway authorities be informed that the Directors are prepared to accept their offer of Rs. 2,03,388 for the entire property based on the award of the Consulting Architect to Government and the Consulting Engineer for Railways and the terms formulated in the site committee's proceedings of 12th September 1902.

2. With reference to official memorandum from Government No. 224, dated 3rd April 1903 (Educational), that a copy of these proceedings be furnished to Government and that Government be requested to be good enough to advance without interest a sum of not less than one lakh of rupees to enable the Directors to purchase the new site and to commence the erection of the new buildings for the Asylums.

3. They are informed that the erection of new buildings will take at least a period of 18 months, the Directors consider therefore tnat immediate steps should be taken for this for the provision of the requisite premises.

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From the Agent, South Indian Railway, to the Honorary Secretary, Civil Orphan Asylums dated Trichinopoly, 8th April 1903, No. R. 1807-2/811.

With reference to your endorsement No. 184, dated 16th September 1902, I have the honour to forward a copy of the award made by the Consulting Engineer and the Consulting Architect in respect of the percentage to be allowed for the deterioration of the Asylum buildings. I also enclose a statement prepared by the Chief Engineer on the basis of this award and the terms formulated in the site committee's proceedings of 12th September 1902. Will you kindly let me know whether the committee is prepared to accept Rs. 2,03,388 for the entire property ?

### Enclosures.

Arbitration upon the question of a percentage to be fixed for deterioration in the value of the buildings belonging to the Civil Orphan Asylum at Egmore.

At a meeting of the site sub-committee held on 12th September 1902, the following decision was arrived at with regard to the amount to be paid as compensation for the buildings :—

> "We accept the measurements of the buildings made by the Railway authorities and agree to the Public Works department schedule of rates for new buildings based on superficial area. We further agree to a deduction for deterioration of a percentage to be fixed by the Consulting Engineer for Railways and the Consulting Architect to Government."

2. The Agent, South Indian Railway, thereupon communicated this decision to the Consulting Engineer for Railways and also furnished a list of buildings, items Nos. 3 to 16, with their value as estimated by the South Indian Railway according to the principle agreed upon, amounting to Rs. 1,18,001. A copy is attached.

3. The arbitrators, after making the necessary investigations, have decided that the amount to be deducted for deterioration is 6 per cent. of the above valuation of Rs 1,18,001, equivalent to Rs. 7,080. The net value is therefore Rs. 1,10,921. To this has to be added 15 per cent. for compulsory expropriation or Rs. 16,638, the total amount payable for the buildings is therefore Rs. 1,27,559.

### SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

STATEMENT showing the valuation of the Asylum buildings at Madras.

| Item No. | Description of buildings. | Valuation by South Indian Railway with Government schedule of rates. |
|---|---|---|
| | | RS. |
| 3. | Compound walls and gates | 7,975 |
| 4. | Sergeant's quarters and out-houses | 3,137 |
| 5. | Dining room and schools for boys | 32,715 |
| 6. | Boys' dressing and girls' kitchen room | 4,918 |
| 7. | Kitchen room for boys | 2,948 |
| 8. | Hospital for boys | 7,973 |
| 9. | Latrine for boys | 1,417 |
| 10. | Headmaster's quarters and out-houses | 6,205 |
| 11. | Bathroom and well for boys | 2,756 |
| 12. | Dining room and school for girls | 23,506 |
| 13. | Hospital for girls | 8,901 |
| 14. | Bathroom for girls | 2,074 |
| 15. | Latrine for girls and stable to Assistant Surgeon's quarters | 2,162 |
| 16. | Apothecary and second master's quarters including out-houses. | 11,314 |
| | Total | 1,18,001 |

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| 1. | Valuation of land (215·783 at Rs. 300 per ground) | 64,735 |
| 2. | Valuation of trees on the land | 1,203 |
| 3. | Compound walls and gates | 7,975 |
| 4. | Sergeant's quarters and out-houses | 3,137 |
| 5. | Dining room and schools for boys | 32,715 |
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| 16. | Apothecary and second master's quarters including out-houses. | 11,314 |
| | Total | 1,83,939 |
| | *Deduct* for deterioration at 6 per cent. on items 3 to 16 | 7,080 |
| | | 1,76,859 |
| | *Add* for compulsory expropriation at 15 per cent. to the net value on items 1 to 16 | 26,529 |
| | Total | 2,03,388 |

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ORDER—No. 263, Educational, dated 1st June 1903.

From communications received subsequent to the above letter, the Government understands that the Directors of the Civil Orphan Asylums have since determined not to purchase "Church Park," and the Directors will now be informed that as Government is largely interested in the Asylums, the Governor in Council will take it as a favour that the Directors do not commit themselves to any fresh site without previous reference to him.

(True Extract.)

A. G. CARDEW,
*Ag. Secretary to Government.*

To the Directors of the Civil Orphan Asylums.

Forwarded to the Directors of the Civil Orphan Asylums

(By Order.)

*First Assistant.*

Exd. A. F. Eccleston

# NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 263, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 1st JUNE 1903.

[SUBJECT.—*Civil Orphan Asylum.*]

*From the Honorary Secretary, Civil Orphan Asylum, dated 16th April 1903, No. 228.*

The Directors of the Civil Orphan Asylum have decided to sell their premises to the South Indian Railway for Rs. 2,03,388, and apparently propose to remove the institution to a site near the Cathedral. In a resolution of the 15th instant they resolved to ask Government to lend them a lakh without interest for a period not stated to enable them to erect new buildings. No reference to this resolution is, however, made in the Honorary Secretary's letter.

2. Educational Memorandum No. 224, dated 3rd April 1903, was merely a request for information as to what was going on.

3. The exact powers of control over the Civil Orphan Asylum which are possessed by Government have not been ascertained at present. It will be seen from the notice on page 1177 of the Lawrence Asylum Press Almanac that there are two Government Directors, who presumably represent Government on the committee. This matter will be further examined.

4. Meanwhile the question is whether any steps should be taken to effect a postponement of the Directors' decision to buy the property on the Mount Road. The transfer of the existing premises to the South Indian Railway is a step which is doubtless necessary for the proper development of the railway, and Government would not be likely to object, if it has not already (in the Railway department) approved. But the future location of the school is an important matter which ought to be fully considered. If the school has to be moved at all, the question whether it cannot be located in a less debilitating and exhausting climate than that of Madras is worth consideration. There would probably be a general agreement that European children, whether of pure or mixed blood, would have a better chance of growing up vigorous if reared in a better climate than Madras. Whether it would be possible to locate the asylum on the hills may be doubted, as the increase in the cost of maintenance would undoubtedly be heavy. But it is not at all clear that it might not be placed at Bangalore, where neither site, building nor maintenance would probably exceed in cost the rates prevailing in Madras. Medical opinion might be obtained as to the relative advantages of Madras and Bangalore for children of European race, and the Director of Public Instruction might be consulted. The immediate point is whether the Directors may be asked to postpone any decision to buy a site in Madras till the matter has been further examined. It seems to me a pity that the school, as it has to be moved, should be again located in so unfavourable a climate for children as I believe Madras to be, unless it is proved that no other alternative is practicable.

A. G. CARDEW—20-4-03.

I imagine that the purchase of Church Park is completed, and I doubt if the constitution of the asylum permits transfer from Madras.

2. Instead of making an official matter of it before seeing the rules, &c., governing the asylum you had better write privately to Mr. Coombes and ask if the question of transfer has been considered or is open to consideration. All you have got so far is a demand for one lakh on loan without interest!

J. T[HOMSON]—21-4-03.

Despatch the following demi-official to Mr. Coombes. Meanwhile have the question of the Government's powers of control in respect of the Civil Orphan Asylum examined soon. G.O., No. 252, dated 20th August 1871, may show.

A. G. Cardew—21-4-03.

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*Demi-official from A. G. Cardew, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational department, to the Honorary Secretary, Civil Orphan Asylum, dated Ootacamund, 21st April* 1903, *No.* 55.

Referring to your official letter No. 228, dated 16th April 1903, as Honorary Secretary of the Civil Orphan Asylum, will you let me know whether the purchase of Church Park has been completed, and, if not, in what stage the matter is. Paragraph 2 of your letter says that the Directors have resolved to purchase, and it is not clear whether the matter has passed beyond the stage of negotiation or is still open to consideration. Please let me have an unofficial reply on this point as soon as possible. Government is not at present in any position to entertain opinions on the subject, but it will be obvious to you that if monetary assistance from Government is contemplated or expected, the Directors' proceedings and action must command their assent.

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A letter to Mr. Coombes was prepared and despatched yesterday, but was recalled, as the *Madras Mail* received last evening contained a letter from Mr. Malden expressly stating that nothing has yet been settled—see below.

2. That there would be considerable difficulties in the way of moving the asylum from Madras is certain, but these might possibly be overcome just as it was found possible, after long discussion, to remove the Military Male Orphan Asylum to Lovedale, or, in England, to remove Charter House out of the City of London. The matter must take months to settle, more likely years, and what is proposed at present is to ask the Directors not to commit themselves irrevocably to sale or purchase without first ascertaining the views of Government. If, however, Honourable Member still considers the demi-official to Mr. Coombes should go, it will be despatched. The following is Mr. Malden's letter :—

*The Civil Orphan Asylum.*

Sir,—With reference to a paragraph which appeared in last Thursday's issue regarding the Civil Orphan Asylum and the South Indian Railway, may I point out that at present neither have the South Indian Railway bought the Egmore premises of the school nor have the Directors of the Civil Orphan Asylum bought Church Park or any other property in Madras. The whole matter is still under consideration and the negotiations on both sides are not yet complete.

C. H. Malden,  
*Garrison Chaplain.*

Send the letter please. Mr. Malden's and the Secretary's statements are hardly in accord.

J. T[homson]—23-4-03.

Demi-official despatched.

A. G. Cardew—23-4-03.

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*Demi-official from J. R. Coombes, Esq., Honorary Secretary, Civil Orphan Asylum, to the Secretary to Government, Educational department, dated Madras, 27th April* 1903.

Your letter of 21st was found in my petition box and handed to me this morning. It ought to have reached me at least on Thursday or Friday last. Saturday and Sunday of course were holidays, and I did not attend office. It bears the postmark "23rd April, Stonehouse," and was probably delayed at your end as well. This by way of explanation in case the delay has inconvenienced you.

2. The negotiations regarding the purchase of Church Park were to all intents and purposes complete. Mr. Michell stated that he valued his property at Rs. 37,500, but was prepared to give it to the orphans at Rs. 35,000. We could not very well go further on till the South Indian Railway decided definitely to take the Egmore premises. This was at the end of last year.

3. A few days ago and without warning of any sort, he advanced his price to Rs. 45,000. On the intervention of Mr. Benson, he has come down to Rs. 40,000. We have protested against even this figure, and his final answer will be considered on Thursday, 30th. We shall then decide whether we will take Church Park or suit ourselves elsewhere. Mr. Michell's action has reopened the question, but we must make a move now and move quickly. [I] trust[ing] that this gives you all you wish to know. Please ask anything more you require.

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*Demi-official from A. G. Cardew, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational department, to the Honorary Secretary, Civil Orphan Asylum, dated 28th April* 1903.

It is unfortunate that my demi-official to you was delayed in transit, as there is not time now to obtain any orders of Government before the date, 30th instant, on which you say the question of the purchase of Church Park will be finally considered by the Directors. In these circumstances it may be desirable that the Directors' decision should not be communicated to Mr. Michell until there has been time to ascertain the views of Government. The Honourable Member in charge of Education is absent from Ootacamund, and it is therefore impossible to communicate further with you before the 30th instant.

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*Demi-official from J. R. Coombes, Esq., Honorary Secretary, Civil Orphan Asylum, to the Secretary to Government, Educational department, dated Madras, 30th April* 1903.

Your's of 28th. The sub-committee met this morning and decided on rejecting Mr. Michell's offer of Church Park for Rs. 40,000. We shall now turn our attention to the other sites offered for sale.

2. I shall not, however, communicate to Mr. Michell the decision of the Directors till I hear from you again. The offer is current for thirty days and expires on 29th May.

3. Mr. Benson is leaving for Ootacamund to-morrow evening and intends seeing you about the wishes of Government on the site question. Will you kindly consider what he has to state before committing Government to any course of action. Mr. Benson is a member of the site sub-committee and is thoroughly conversant with the requirements of the asylum.

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The proposal to purchase Church Park for the Civil Orphan Asylum has fallen through and the committee has to turn their attention to the other sites offered for sale. What these are is nowhere stated, but Mr. Justice Benson will be able to enlighten Government on the subject. His proposed visit may be awaited.

2. The asylum appears to be an independent institution or at any rate the control of Government over it is very vague—please see G.O., No. 343, Public, dated 10th February 1885. The Government pays it a grant of Rs. 1,200 per annum—*vide* G.O., No. 101, Educational, dated 30th March 1874. It maintains also some pupils on what is known as the Woolley Foundation, and has the privilege of appointing two members of the committee of the institution as trustees of the fund—*vide* E.M.C. No. 683, dated 25th July 1851.

3. The existing premises having been* granted by Government in 1871, it is doubtful whether the committee can dispose of them without sanction.

*G.O., No. 116, dated 6th May 1871.

P. T. THARYAN—4-5-03.

The Secretary had better see this before Benson, J., comes up.

A. T. PRINGLE—4-5-03.

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*Demi-official from A. G. Cardew, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational department, to Colonel Smyth, dated Ootacamund, 14th May 1903, No. 58.*

The Civil Orphan Asylum at Madras has to seek fresh premises, as the site occupied by their present buildings at Egmore is required for the extension of the South Indian Railway station, and it has been suggested that as a change of location is unavoidable and fresh buildings have to be built or otherwise obtained, it would be advantageous to the health of the boys and girls who are brought up in the institution if they were removed away from Madras and located at Bangalore. There are of course various difficulties in the way of this suggestion, but the first question is whether the climatic advantages of Bangalore over Madras in the case of European and Eurasian children are sufficiently important to justify action. I was talking to Crawford on this subject, as he has had a good deal to do with the Civil Orphan Asylum, and he suggested that you would be the best person to whom to refer for an opinion on the point, as you know both Madras and Bangalore well. The children are not all pure Europeans. Many are of quite mixed parentage, but the question is whether even in their cases Bangalore would not give a more invigorating and less exhausting climate than Madras. On the other hand it has been said that Bangalore, though cooler, is less healthy, and that lung complaints and the like are more prevalent. I should be much obliged if you would give your opinion on these points, and if you think Bangalore is at all superior to Madras, it would be useful if you could approximately indicate the proportion of superiority, *e.g.*, 5 or 50 per cent. Of course such a statement would merely represent your general opinion of the relative advantages of the two climates for children of the classes referred to.

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*Demi-official from Colonel J. Smyth, to the Secretary to Government, Educational department, dated Bangalore, 19th May 1903.*

I did not reply to yours of 14th instant till I had slept over it, and I think I am right in giving an opinion decidedly in favour of Bangalore as a site for the Civil Orphan Asylum. Except during March and April we have a fine climate in Bangalore. The one drawback is the presence of malaria in perhaps the greater part of the area of Bangalore. But there should be no trouble in selecting a practically malaria-free site for the asylum. One has only to keep to the higher ground and away from the paracherries. If I were to put the values in percentages I would say you should breed and rear 50 per cent. sturdier men in Bangalore than in Madras provided always you select your site.

2. Food is about as cheap as in Madras, but warmer clothes would be required for at least half the year. The water-supply is splendid. For six months or perhaps eight the boys could dig in the garden all day long.

3. I am afraid this is rather fragmentary information, but I shall be glad to answer in detail any particular questions you may wish to ask me.

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In accordance with Honourable Member's note, dated 23rd April 1903, the demi-official letter to Mr. Coombes, Honorary Secretary of the Madras Civil Orphan Asylum, was despatched, and it will be seen from his reply, dated 30th April, that the Directors decided not to buy "Church Park" at Mr. Michell's price. I understand that "Church Park" is situated opposite the Bazaar known as "Thousand Lights" and is, I should think, not at all an ideal position for a large school.

2. As Mr. Coombes suggested that Mr. Justice Benson would be able to give the views of the Directors, I went to see him and broached the idea of removing the asylum from Madras. I found him at first much opposed to such a course, but the reasons which he mentioned against it (*e.g.*, the difficulty of getting a suitable body of directors elsewhere) did not seem insuperable, and it was finally agreed that the first step would be to get reliable medical advice as to the comparative advantages from the health point of view of Madras and Bangalore. As Mr. Benson said that Major Crawford knew the institution well, and would be a suitable person to consult, I saw him and discussed the matter with him. He said that though he knew Madras, he had no adequate knowledge of Bangalore, and he advised that the best person from whom to obtain an authoritative opinion would be Lieutenant-Colonel Smyth, I.M.S.,* for many years in Madras and for several years later in Bangalore. I accordingly wrote to Lieutenant-Colonel Smyth* the demi-official, dated 14th May and his reply dated 19th May is also put up.

It will be seen that Lieutenant-Colonel Smyth* gives a decided opinion in favour of Bangalore, and considers that boys and girls bred and reared in Bangalore would be 50 per cent. sturdier than if brought up in Madras.

*Lieutenant-Colonel John Smyth, M.D., I.M.S., Medical officer in charge of the Maharaja and Palace, Mysore, and Medical officer, Victoria Hospital, Bangalore, about to succeed Lieutenant-Colonel Benson, I.M.S., as Sanitary Commissioner, Mysore, (I believe).

A. G. CARDEW.

3. It has now to be decided whether any step should be taken towards suggesting officially to the Directors the idea of removal from Madras. It was plain from Mr. (and Mrs.) Benson's attitude that the idea will not be received with enthusiasm. It necessarily involves a sort of self-denying ordinance on the part of the existing Directors who would lose their own existence as Directors. There are thus many difficulties, but on the other hand the weight of argument is clearly in favour of removing the school from Madras, and in the interests of the children it seems a pity that the removal should not be pressed. Government has no direct powers of control, but indirectly it has considerable influence, and its views would not be ignored by the directorate.

A. G. CARDEW—24-5-03.

We cannot do more than make a suggestion to the Directors, and I have no very strong ideas on the point. Of course Bangalore would be a better climate, but it might be more expensive (I believe the asylum is not strong in funds); and whether a change of location from Madras might be contrary to the purpose of the institution, to its rules, and inimical to proper direction I really cannot say.

Circulate please.

J. T[HOMSON]—26-5-03.

I agree.

H. M. W[INTERBOTHAM]—27-5-03.

I agree with Honourable Colleague.

2. I don't know what our position as regards Bangalore is. Is it not possible that within a measurable distance it may be ceded to Mysore? Anyway it is not within our presidency, and the asylum, if located there, would practically have to be managed by a Board of Directors unconnected with Madras. Probably the Bangalore suggestion is impracticable.

H. M. W[INTERBOTHAM]—27-5-03.

I should much prefer to keep the asylum within the Madras Presidency and to have it located at some such place as Wellington or Kaity. When the railway is extended to Ootacamund the latter place will be conveniently accessible and the site of the Boer prisoner's camp is indicated for the purpose. I think that we might suggest removal from Madras to the Directors, and as they are asking us to lend them a lakh without interest we are in a strong position to tender them advice.

2. I am not so certain that Bangalore is an ideally healthy place; it is much exposed to plague and other epidemics, and the Military authorities have several times called it unhealthy. Quite recently when they wanted to move the Garrison class to Ootacamund they gave as a reason the unhealthiness of Bangalore.

Bring up in Council to-morrow.

A[MPTHILL]—28-5-03.

*Order in Council.*

The Advocate-General to be asked to advise the legal construction of the transfer in G.O., No. 116, dated 6th May 1871, whether outright or subject to power of Government to reclaim.

2. The Directors meantime to be informed that Government is largely interested in the asylum and will take it as a favour that the Directors do not commit themselves to any change of site without reference to them.

A. G. CARDEW—29-5-03.

[Memorandum No. 313, Educational, dated 2nd June 1903.]

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# Educational (1903) Department.

## CURRENT No. 647

*From*

[*Name*] J. R. Coombes Esqr,

[*Designation*] Honorary Secretary, C. O. Asylum

[*Station*] Madras

*No.* 228
*Dated* 16- 4 - 1903.
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*Received* 19- 4 - 1903.
*Registered* 20- 4 - 1903

SUBJECT.

Informing that the South Indian Railway authorities have been in correspondence with the Directors of the C. O. A re the acquisition of the Egmore premises of the Civil orphan asylum.

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J. R. Cambers Esq

Honorary Secretary C.O. Asylum

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have protested against
even this figure & his
final answer will be
considered on Thursday
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whether we will take Church
Park or suit ourselves
elsewhere. Mr Nicholls'
action has reopened the
question, but we must make
a move now & more quickly.
Trusting that this gives
you all you wish to know. Please
ask anything more you require.
Yours obedly
J R Coombes

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

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30.5.03.

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