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College Building at Cuddalore.

Allowing the Committee of the Cuddalore College to hold the College building at Cuddalore in possession on certain terms.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following paper :—

G.O., No. 649, Educational, dated 6th October 1886.

Abstract.—Placing the Cuddalore school building under the care of the Collector as a Town Hall, the Town School Committee and Union Club being allowed to use portions of the building at a nominal rent.

Read—also the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 3604, dated 15th October 1904.

Read—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 2945, dated 17th August 1904.

Read—also letter from the Director of Public Instruction, dated 29th September 1904, No. 7296/4.

Resolution—Mis. No. 3604, dated 15th October 1904.

The college building at Cuddalore belonging to Government was originally constructed at a cost of Rs. 10,355, of which one-half was defrayed from public subscriptions. In 1900, repairs were executed at a cost of Rs. 110, but otherwise Government have expended nothing on the building beyond the initial outlay of Rs. 5,000 and odd. Its present value is estimated at Rs. 6,000.

2. On the abolition of the college as a Government institution in 1887, the building was placed under the care of the Collector for use as a Town Hall, the Town School Committee and the Union Club being also allowed the use of portions of it on payment of a nominal rent—G.O., No. 649, Educational, dated 6th October 1886. The Union Club having since vacated the building, the latter is at present wholly occupied by the college which has grown out of the old Town School, without prejudice, however, to its occasional use as a Town Hall. The College Committee are required, in accordance with the terms on which they were originally allowed the use of the building, to attend to its ordinary repairs, while Government are responsible for substantial repairs. The building is said to be in need at present of both ordinary and substantial repairs and also of certain structural alterations, the cost of which items is estimated at Rs. 80, Rs. 3,900 and Rs. 220, respectively. The College Committee having agreed to deposit with Government the estimated cost of the ordinary repairs, the Collector recommends that Government may undertake the rest of the improvements which he considers to be very necessary if the building is to be maintained in a serviceable condition whether as a Town Hall or as a college. The estimate for substantial repairs provides among other things for the renewal of the floor with pressed tiles at a cost of Rs. 1,306; the Collector states that if the outlay proposed is considered excessive the existing brick floor can probably be patched up and made to last sometime longer. The structural alterations proposed are the removal of two archways which divide the building into rooms of inconvenient size and the insertion of teakwood beams to support the roof.

3. In the event of Government considering that the proposed outlay even after omitting the item "pressed tiles" is in the present circumstances excessive and of their desiring a revision of the arrangement arrived at in 1886, the Collector recommends that the building may be made over to the College Committee on their furnishing a stamped guarantee (1) to carry out such repairs as the Executive Engineer may from time to time consider necessary and to obtain an annual certificate of safety from that officer, (2) to allow the use of the building as a Town Hall whenever required, and (3) to submit to the penalty of forfeiting the grant on failure of these conditions. The Collector states that the building is not required for any Government purpose and is not suitable for a Town Hall. It might in his opinion serve as a Municipal office; but he points out at the same time that, considering the previous history of the building, the College Committee have a much stronger claim to it. The Committee are reported to be willing to take the building over on the conditions proposed, but they are not prepared to keep it in repair if they are liable to be called upon by Government to vacate it at short notice.

4. The Board submits the Collector's alternative proposals for the orders of Government with the recommendation that the building may be handed over to the College Committee on the conditions proposed by the Collector and agreed to by the Committee and subject to the further condition that the Committee shall maintain the college as an educational institution in conformity with the rules issued from time to time by the Education Department. The Director of Public Instruction who has been consulted by the Board sees no objection to the transfer of the building to the College Committee on these terms.

(True Extract.)

N. MACMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of South Arcot.

Enclosures.

From E. A. ELWIN, Esq. I.C.S., Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated Cuddalore, 15th April 1904.

In continuation of this office No. 618/Eng., dated 5th September 1900, disposed of in Board's Proceedings, No. 2226, Routine, dated 20th September 1900, I have the honour to make the following representation on the subject of repairing and improving the old college building at Cuddalore.

2. It was stated in the above letter that the Cuddalore College Committee, to whom Government had allowed the use of the building, proposed certain structural alterations and would address Government to sanction the proposal, but it does not appear that Government have ever been addressed. The Secretary to the Committee, however, brought to my notice in July last that the building stood in need of substantial repairs and I thereupon asked the Executive Engineer to make an inspection and furnish me with estimates (*a*) for such substantial repairs as were actually required, and (*b*) for the structural alterations proposed in 1900–1901 and also to state whether any ordinary repairs were necessary.

3. The Executive Engineer has sent up three estimates amounting to Rs. 3,900, Rs. 220 and Rs. 80 for substantial repairs, structural alterations and ordinary repairs, respectively.

4. I have personally inspected the building and consider all the substantial repairs entered in the estimate absolutely necessary except perhaps the renewal of the floor with pressed tiles: in case the estimated cost of putting down tiles, viz., Rs. 1,306, is considered too high, the existing brick floor can probably be patched and made to last for sometime longer. The structural alterations consist in removing two cross walls and substituting teak-wood beams to support the roof: this work will effect a great improvement in the class-rooms.

5. No expenditure has been incurred by Government since 1900–1901 and the substantial repairs should no doubt be carried out as soon as possible, if the building is to be maintained in a serviceable condition. I beg to recommend that, provided the College Committee deposit the cost of executing the ordinary repairs which they have bound themselves to attend to, the structural alterations (in addition to the substantial repairs) may be undertaken by Government.

6. The plans and estimates received from the Executive Engineer are herewith submitted.

From E. L. THORNTON, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to $\frac{\text{the Secretary to the Cuddalore College Committee}}{\text{the Chairman, Municipal Council, Cuddalore}}$, dated Cuddalore, 4th July 1904, Ref. on No. 136/Eng. Pet. of 1903.

With reference to your letter No. $\frac{3}{1036}$, dated $\frac{\text{8th May 1904}}{\text{29th June 1904}}$, I have the honour to enquire whether if the college building were handed over absolutely, the $\frac{\text{College Committee}}{\text{Municipal Council}}$ will give a stamped guarantee—

(1) to carry out such repairs as the Engineer might consider necessary for its safety and obtain an annual certificate of safety from that officer,

(2) to allow the use of the building as a Town Hall whenever required by responsible people, the Collector to decide on the propriety of the requisition in case of dispute, on condition that, should either of these stipulations be not complied with, the $\frac{\text{Committee}}{\text{Council}}$ will forfeit all claims to the building which would again vest in Government as represented by the Collector.

From E. L. THORNTON, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 23rd July 1904.

Adverting to Board's Reference on D. No. 91, dated 28th April 1904, I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of G.O., No. 649 (Educational), dated 6th October 1886, in which this office letter No. 94, dated 22nd September 1886, submitting proposals to Government as regards the Cuddalore College building was disposed of, and to state that the Executive Engineer reports that the original cost of constructing the building was Rs. 10,355, and estimates its present value at Rs. 6,000.

2. With reference to the Board's order, the Secretary to the College Committee was called on to state if the Committee were willing to take over the building on the conditions proposed by the Board. He replied that the Committee had no objection to undertake to keep the building in a state of repair, but took exception to the proposed condition that the building should be vacated at short notice, if required by Government, as he stated that the public of Cuddalore had a substantial interest in the building.

3. It appears from the records that the building was constructed in 1868 at the joint expense of Government and the public on the site provided free by the latter. On the abolition of the Government College, the question of disposing the building was considered by Government (*vide* copy of G.O., No. 372, Educational, dated 14th June 1886), and the Collector was asked to report whether the building could be transferred to some other institution, or for some other public purpose, which would be agreeable to those who originally subscribed a portion of the funds for their erection. With reference to this order the then Collector made, in consultation with a few of the original contributors, certain proposals, which were approved of by the Government in their order referred to in paragraph 1 above, and the building was placed under the care of the Collector as a Town Hall, the School Committee and the Union Club being allowed the use of certain portions on payment of a nominal rent. The Union Club vacated the portion it occupied in 1892, and the entire building has been since then in the occupation of the Committee.

4. As the Committee were unwilling to take over the building on the conditions proposed by the Board, I asked the Secretary to state whether in case it was handed over to them absolutely, they would give a stamped guarantee (1) to carry out such repairs as the Engineer might consider necessary, obtaining an annual certificate of safety from that officer, and (2) to allow the use of the building as a Town Hall whenever required, on the understanding that the building should be forfeited if either of the conditions were not fulfilled (*vide* copy of my letter enclosed), and he has replied that the Committee are quite willing to give a stamped guarantee in the terms proposed should the building be made over to them. The Cuddalore Municipal Council, to whom a similar reference was made, and who like the College Committee declined to take over the building on the terms proposed by the Board, are also quite willing to take it over on the conditions propounded above.

5. As far as I can see, there is no particular reason why Government should retain any interest in the building. As already observed, the total original cost was Rs. 10,355, and of this half was borne by the public, who also provided the site. When enquiries were made in 1886, the only representatives of the original subscribers, who could be found, were in favour of the building being used by the School Committee, provided it was available, on special occasions for use as a Town Hall, and for the Union Club. In 1900 repairs were executed with the Board's sanction at a cost of Rs. 110 (*vide* Board's Proceedings No. 2226, Routine, dated 20th September 1900), but otherwise Government appear to have expended nothing on the building after the initial outlay of Rs. 5,000 and odd. To restore it now to complete repairs would, if the Engineer's estimate was adopted, cost over Rs. 4,000. On the other hand if it were handed over to the School Committee, they would probably be able to carry out all really necessary repairs at a much lower figure, when it would continue to serve the main purpose for which it was constructed—that of a school-house. The building might, it is true, be made suitable for a Municipal office, but considering its previous history, I am of opinion that the College Committee have an immeasureably stronger claim to be put in possession. If, therefore, Government are averse to continuing the arrangement arrived at in G.O., No. 649, Educational, dated 6th October 1886, I beg to recommend that the building be made over absolutely to the College Committee on the conditions suggested in my letter to the Secretary. I may add that except as a Municipal office, there is no other useful Government purposes to which the building could be put, and from the nature of the structure it is not at all suitable for a Town Hall.

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ORDER—No. 58, Educational, dated 2nd February 1905.

The Committee of the Cuddalore College will be allowed to hold the building in possession on the terms stated by the Collector and extended by the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
„ Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
„ Collector of South Arcot.
„ Public Works Department.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 58, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 2ND FEBRUARY 1905.

[SUBJECT.—*Maintenance of the old College Building at Cuddalore.*]

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 3604, dated 15th October 1904.

The current may, it is submitted, be transferred u.o. to the Educational Department for disposal.

S.S.—6-11-04.

T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI—8-11-04.

F. B. EVANS—9-11-04.
J. N. ATKINSON—11-11-04.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The buildings in which the old Government College at Cuddalore was located were originally constructed * in 1868 at a cost of Rs. 10,355 at the joint expense of Government and the public, one-half of the sum having been defrayed from public subscriptions. On the abolition of the college in 1887 the question of disposing of the buildings was considered by Government, and the Collector was requested to report whether the buildings could with advantage be transferred to some other institution or for some other public purpose which would be agreeable to those who originally contributed a portion of the funds for their erection—*vide* G.O., No. 372, Educational, dated 14th June 1886. In reply, the Collector submitted, in consultation with a few of the original contributors, proposals to the effect that the Town School Committee to whom the high school department of the old Cuddalore College was transferred in G.O., No. 372, Educational, dated 14th June 1886, might be allowed the use of the building in question, provided that it be available, on special occasions, for the purposes of a Town Hall, and provided that the use of one of the rooms as a reading room and of the compound as a badminton and lawn-tennis ground be continued to be permitted to the Association known as the Union Club. The proposals were approved by Government and the building was placed under the care of the Collector as a Town Hall, the Town School Committee and the Union Club being allowed the use of certain portions on payment of a nominal rent and subject to the condition that the ordinary repairs of the building were attended to by the Committee and the Club—*vide* G.O., No. 649, Educational, dated 6th October 1886. It is now stated that the Union Club vacated in 1892 the portion it occupied and that the entire building has been since then in the occupation of the Town School Committee.

2. It is now represented that the building in question is in need of both ordinary and substantial repairs and also of certain structural alterations. Plans and estimates amounting to Rs. 4,200 are accordingly submitted for the orders of Government. Out of the Rs. 4,200, the ordinary repairs which the Town School Committee are bound to

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* Please see paragraph 1 of the Board's resolution; also paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter, dated 23rd July 1903.

carry out in accordance with G.O., No. 649, Educational, dated 6th October 1886, cost Rs. 80 and the balance of Rs. 4,120 will therefore have to be found from Provincial funds. The Collector now submits for consideration two alternative proposals, namely—

(1) that the Government may undertake the rest of the improvements, and

(2) that the building may be made over to the Committee on certain conditions specified in paragraph 3 of the Board's resolution.

The latter proposal meets with the support of the Board and it is stated that the Director of Public Instruction also approves of it.

3. For orders as to whether the Board's recommendation should be approved or whether it is necessary to obtain the views of the Director of Public Instruction officially before proceeding further in the matter.

N. Lakshmana Rao—24-11-04.

The advice of the Public Works Department may perhaps be sought.

V. Krishnaswami—24-11-04.

The property is no use to Government: it only represents a liability for repairs.

A. Galletti—25-11-04.

I cannot quite gather how the Board of Revenue is interested in this matter What is its precise position?

H. D. Taylor—25-11-04.

There is no information available showing the precise position of the Board of Revenue in the present matter. It is submitted that the previous orders on the subject were not communicated *to the Board* nor were they communicated to the Collector of South Arcot *through the Board*. It will therefore be seen that the Board could not have any particular interest in the affair. Inquiries were, however, made in the Revenue Department for ascertaining the exact position but without success. Orders are therefore solicited whether the required information should be called for from the Board.

N. Lakshmana Rao—2-12-04.
V. Krishnaswami—2-12-04.

A. Galletti—3-12-04.

Revenue u.o. for favour of remarks.

2. Perhaps the building was originally constructed for Revenue purposes, but it is not known whether it is borne on the books of the Revenue or Public Works Department. This point is immaterial, but it is perhaps desirable to elucidate the exact position.

H. D. Taylor—10-12-04.

To the Revenue Department.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

The building was apparently paid for originally half out of Provincial funds. It was placed under the Collector's care in 1886 and is apparently still technically so. Hence presumably the interference of the Board of Revenue. But verify.

F. B. Evans—12-12-04.

No information is available in Revenue Department. The Public Works Department maintains a register of Government buildings. It is submitted that the file may be sent u.o. to Public Works Department for remarks.

S.S.—20-12-04.
T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai—22-12-04.

F. B. Evans—23-12-04.

To the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No information is available in the Public Works Department. The building in question is not borne on the register of Government buildings in South Arcot division.

P. K. Subba Aiyar—9-1-05.

S. B. Murray—9-1-05.

To the Revenue Department.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

To the Educational Department.

F. B. Evans—11-1-05.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the building may be handed over to the College Committee on the conditions specified by the Collector and approved by the Board of Revenue.

H. D. Taylor—16-1-05.

The "Collector's terms" are not very well put. The College Committee may be allowed to hold the building *in possession* on the terms stated by him and extended by the Board.

J. T[homson]—18-1-05.

Draft please.

H. D. Taylor—19-1-05.

The draft placed below is submitted for approval.

N. Lakshman Rao—19-1-05.
P. T. Tharyan—19-1-05.

A. Galletti—20-1-05.
H. D. Taylor—29-1-05.

To the Public Works Department u.o. for acceptance.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The draft may, it is submitted, be accepted.

P. K. Subba Aiyar—30-1-05.

Yes.

S. B. Murray—31-1-05.

To the Educational Department.

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H. D. Taylor—1-2-05.

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The Board of Revenue,

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for the orders of Government certain proposals regarding the maintenance of the old College building at Cuddalore, South Arcot District.

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No.3604 Miscellaneous, dated 15th October 1904.

The Hon: Mr. C. J. Weir,
Commissioner of Land Revenue.

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(True Extract).

N. Macmichael
19-10-04
Ag. Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with 2 plans, 3 estimates and a report and the Collector's letters and enclosures, in original.

To the Collector of South Arcot.

C. M. 18/10.

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Collector's Office,
Cuddalore, Dated 15th April 1904

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From

E. A. Elwin Esquire,
Collector of
South Arcot.

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue,
Madras.

Sir,

U.C.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

P. Narayanamenon
For Collector.

South Arcot.
Ref. on 136/Eng.Pet. of 04.

Collector's Office,
Cuddalore, dated 4th July 1904.

From

E. L. Thornton Esquire,
Ag. Collector of South Arcot.

To

(1). The Secretary to the Cuddalore College Committee.
(2). The Chairman, Municipal Council, Cuddalore.

Sir,

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I have &c.
Sd/:- E. L. Thornton,
Ag. Collector.

(True Copy).

Ag. Collector.

South Arcot.

Collector's Office,
Cuddalore, dated 23rd July 1904.

From

E. L. Thornton Esquire,
Ag. Collector of South Arcot.

To

The Secretary to the Commissioners of
Land Revenue, Madras.

Sir,

Adverting to Board's Ref. on D. No. 91 dated 28th April 1904, I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of G.O. No. 649 (Educational) dated 6th October 1886, in which this office letter No. 94 dated 22nd September 1886 submitting proposals to Government as regards the Cuddalore College building was disposed of, and to state that the Executive Engineer reports that the original cost of constructing the building was Rs. 10,355, and estimates its present value at Rs. 6,000.

2. With reference to the Board's order, the Secretary to the College Committee was called on to state if the committee were willing to take over the building on the conditions proposed by the Board. He replied that the Committee had no objection to undertake to keep the building in a state of repair, but took exception to the proposed condition that the building should be vacated at short notice, if required by Government, as he stated that the public of Cuddalore had a substantial interest in the building.

3. It appears from the records that the building was constructed in 1868 at the joint expense of Government and the public on a site provided free by the latter. On the abolition of the Government College, the question of disposing the building was considered by Government (vide copy of G.O. Educational, No. 372 dated 14th June 1886), and the Collector was asked to report whether the building could be transferred to some other institution, or for some other public purpose, which

would be agreeable to those who originally subscribed a portion of the funds for their erection. With reference to this order the then Collector made in consultation with a few of the original contributors certain proposals, which were approved of by the Government in their order referred to in para 1 above, and the building was placed under the care of the Collector as a Town Hall, the School Committee and the Union Club being allowed the use of certain portions on payment of a nominal rent. The Union Club vacated the portion it occupied in 1892, and the entire building has been since then in the occupation of the Committee.

4. As the Committee were unwilling to take over the building on the conditions proposed by the Board, I asked the Secretary to state whether in case it was handed over to them absolutely, they would give a stamped guarantee (1) to carry out such repairs as the Engineer might consider necessary, obtaining an annual certificate of safety from that officer, and (2) to allow the use of the building as a Town Hall whenever required, on the understanding that the building should be forfeited if either of the conditions were not fulfilled (vide copy of my letter enclosed), and he has replied that the Committee are quite willing to give a stamped guarantee in the terms proposed, should the building be made over to them. The Cuddalore Municipal Council to whom a similar reference was made, and who like the College Committee declined to take over the building on the terms proposed by the Board are also quite willing to take it over on the conditions propounded above.

5. As far as I can see, there is no particular reason why Government should retain any interest in the building. As already observed, the total original cost was Rs. 10,355, and of this half was borne by the public, who also provided the site. When enquiries were made in 1886, the only representatives of the original subscribers, who could be found, were in favour of the building being used by the School Committee, provided it was available, on special occasions for use as a Town Hall, and for the Union Club. In 1900 repairs were executed with the Board's sanction at a cost

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of Rs. 110 (vide B.P. No. 2226 Routine dated 20th September 1900), but otherwise Government appear to have expended nothing on the building after the initial outlay of Rs. 5,000 and odd. To restore it now to complete repairs would, if the Engineer's estimate was adopted, cost over Rs. 4,000. On the other hand if it were handed over to the School Committee, they would probably be able to carry out all really necessary repairs at a much lower figure, when it would continue to serve the main purpose for which it was constructed - that of a school house. The building might, it is true, be made suitable for a Municipal Office, but considering its previous history, I am of opinion that the College Committee have an immeasureably stronger claim to be put in possession. If, therefore, Government are averse to continuing the arrangement arrived at in G.O No. 649 Educational dated 6th October 1886, I beg to recommend that the building be made over absolutely to the College Committee on the conditions suggested in my letter to the Secretary. I may add that except as a Municipal Office, there is no other useful Government purpose to which the building could be put, and from the nature of the structure it is not at all suitable for a Town Hall.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

M Sykes.

For Ag. Collector.

29—7—04.

29-7-04

__Note__ pp 15 to 20 of cl file apparently refer to the 2 Gos of 1886 - 372 & 644 Edl.
PP 21-43 are the ~~plan~~ Estimates & plans

CMV
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Re: the maintenance of the old College building at Cuddalore, S. Arcot Dt.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 62685, From the Board L. R., No. 3644 / Mis, Dated 15 – 7 – 1904.

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To Under Secretary

The current may, it is submitted, be transferred w. o. to the Educational Dept. for disposal.

6-11-04

8-11-04

Sec to Sec

q. i. r.

11. 11. 04

Educl. w. o.

[illegible] Rev. Dept.
U. O. D. No. 1098
Dated 12-11-1904.

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480—20-7-04.

C. No. 1991 From the Board of Revenue (L.R.) No. 3604, dated 15-10-1904.

SUBJECT.

Maintenance of the old College building at Cuddalore

* Please see para. 1 of the Board's Resolution on page 1 of the Ct. file; also para. 3 of the Collr's letter dd. 23-7-03 on pages 11 & 12 of the Ct. file.

The buildings in which the old Government College at Cuddalore was located, ~~was~~ were originally *constructed in 1868 at a cost of Rs. 10,355 at the joint expense of Govt. and the public, one half of the sum having been defrayed from public subscriptions. On the abolition® of the College in 1887 the question of disposing of the buildings was considered by Government and the Collector was requested to report whether the buildings could with advantage be transferred to some other institution or for some other public purpose which would be agreeable to those who originally contributed a portion of the funds for their erection – vide G.O. no. 372 Educational, dated 14th June 1886. In reply the Collector submitted, in consultation with a few of the original contributors, proposals to the effect that the Town School Committee to whom the High School department of the old Cuddalore College was transferred†, might be allowed the use of the buildings in question, provided that it be available, on special occasions, for the purposes of a Town hall, and provided that the use of one of the rooms as a reading room and of the compound as a badminton and lawn-tennis ground be continued to be permitted to the Association known as the Union Club. The proposals were

® G.O. no. 372 Edl. dd. 14-6-86. P

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† G.O. no. 372 Edl. dd. 14-6-86. P

were approved by Government and the building was placed under the care of the Collector as a town hall, the Town School Committee and the Union Club being allowed the use of certain portions on payment of a nominal rent and subject to the condition that the ordinary repairs of the building were attended to by the Committee and the Club. Vide G.O. no. 649 Educational, dated 6th October 1886. It is now stated that the Union Club vacated in 1892 the portion it occupied and that the entire building has been since then in the occupation of the Town School Committee.

2. It is now represented that the building in question is in need of both ordinary and substantial repairs and also of certain structural alterations. Plans and estimates amounting to Rs. 4,200 are accordingly submitted for the orders of Government. Out of the Rs. 4,200, the ordinary repairs which the Town School Committee are bound to carry out in accordance with G.O. no. 649 Educational, dated 6th October 1886, cost Rs. 80 and the balance of Rs. 4,120 will therefore have to be found from Provincial funds. The Collector now submits for consideration two alternative proposals, namely,

(1) that the Government may undertake the rest of the improvements, and

(2) that the building may be made over to the Committee on certain conditions specified in para. 3 of the Board's Resolution on page 3 of the current file.

Ref Board (Revenue) 3/12 please

The latter proposal meets with the support of the Board and it is ~~at~~ stated that the Director of Public Instn. also approves of it.

3. For orders as to whether the Board's recommendation ~~of the~~ should be approved or ~~as to~~ whether it is necessary to obtain the views of the Director of Public Instn. officially before proceeding further in the matter.

NAR
24/11/4

The advice of the Board may perhaps be sought.

24-11-04

The property is now to Govt: it only represents a liability for repairs.

Sec

25.11.4

I cannot quite gather how the Board of Revenue is interested in this matter. What is its precise position?

25.11.04

There is no information available showing the precise position of the ~~Reven~~ Board of Revenue in the present matter. It is submitted that the previous orders on the subject were not communicated to the Board nor were they communicated to the Collector of South Arcot thro' the Board. It will therefore be seen that the Board could not have any particular interest in the affair. Enquiries were however made in the Revenue Department for ascertaining the exact position but without success. Orders are therefore solicited whether the required information should be called for from the Board.

Sec 4

3.12.4

NAR
2/12/4

2/12/4

Revenue U.O. for favour of remarks.

Perhaps the building was originally constructed for Revenue purposes, but it is not known whether it is borne on the books of the Revenue or P.W. Dept. This point is immaterial, but it is perhaps desirable to elucidate the real position

HDJ
10.12.04

Rev. cy^s. for perusal

Desp. 10-12

Ell. no. 615 D

10.12.04
Rev. Dept.
No to be given
U. O. R. No. 1100
Dated 10. 12. 1904.

RD

The Building was apparently paid for originally half out of Provincial funds. It was placed under the Collector's care in 1886 - so apparently technically it is - Hence presumably the interference of the Bd. of Rev. - But verify.

12.12.04.

To Under Secretary

No information is available in R. D. The P. W. D. maintains a register of the Govt. buildings. It is submitted that the file may be sent U. O. to P. W. D. for remarks.

20.12.04
22.12.04

P. W. D. U.O.

23.12.04

P.W. U.O. R No 983
26.12.04

Sent to S A W on 9-1-05

SECRETARIAT

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P.W.D

No information is available in the P. W. D. The building in question is not borne on the register of Govt. buildings in South Arcot Division.

P.K.S.
9.1.05

Revenue U.O.

S.V.R.
9.1.05

ASSISTT SECY'S GOVT
LOCAL MUNL EDL & LEGL
16 JAN. 1905

R.D.

L. M. U.O.

11. 1. 05

Submitted that the building may be handed over to the College Committee on the conditions specified by the Collector, and approved by the Board of Revenue

HDJ
16. I. 05

18.1.05

Bd. Proceedings Ord. p 8
& Coll. p 29

The "following terms" are not very well put. The College Committee may be allowed to hold the building in possession on the terms stated by the Coll^r as interpreted by the Board

18.1.05

D.
9.1.05

Draft please
19.1.05

The draft placed below is submitted for Sec^y approval.

NAB 19/1/5

PM 19/1/5

20.1.05

HDI 29.1.05

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Secy 31/1/5

PWD. u.o. [illegible]

Edl. U.O. No. 60.D
30.1.05

P.W. u.o. Q1099
30.1.05

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
30 JAN 1905
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

P.W.D.

DW

The draft may it is submitted be accepted.

P.K.S.
30.1.05.

Yes
S.V.M.
31/1/05

Educational u.o.

Issue
MR
1-2-05.

DW
31.1.05

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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

" " " " 649 , " 6- 10- 1886 ~~190~~. P

READ ALSO:—

C. No. 1991, From the Board of Revenue (L.R), No 3604, dated 15-6- 1904.

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ORDER No. 58, dated 2. 2. 1905.

PS

~~Desp~~ 17/2/5

The Committee of the Cuddalore College will be allowed to hold the building in possession on the terms stated by the Collector and extended by the Board of Revenue.

20.1.05

HWB
29.1.05

NSR
19/1/5

PJ
19/1/5

To the D.P.I.
" Board of Revenue (L.R)
" Collector of South Arcot.

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