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[Despatch Abstract.]

Govt. Girls' School, Tiruvannamalai.

Informing C.T. Narayanaswami Mudali & others,
Tiruvannamalai that Govt. see no reason to interfere
in the matter of their petition regarding the site
chosen for the erection of a building for the

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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Tiruvannamalai.
26-4-05.

The Secretary to the Govt of Madras,
Educational Depts,
Fort St George.

The humble petition of the Ryots and officials of Tiruvannamalai Kusbah town in the South Arcot Dt.

Most humbly Sheweth:-

With due and humble Submission we, the undersigned Ryots and officials of Tiruvannamalai Kusbah town, most humbly beg to approach your Gracious and merciful honor with this humble petition with a full & hope that our humble request may be Crowned with success.

2. We humbly beg to state that the Govt has Sanctioned an erection of a [illegible] for the Govt Girls' School, per-manently and the Educational authorities [illegible] Director have proposed to buy the old Taluq office Building, which is in a high level situated in the Public Street, as is where the Girls School was located all along, and which is Very Convenient both to the Students and the Public with regard to its Safety, Sanitary Conditions

3. We humbly beg to state that the Executive Engineer of South Arcot Dt, who visited this Town seeing that the old Taluq office building very deep in its basement about 18 ft, and devour a large amount of money for building it by means of horse, has arranged to purchase the garden of one L. Venkata Row, which is not located in the Public Street, and which is in a very low level and which is very inconvenient both to the Students and to the Public, and there are devils and evil spirits in it, and therefore our Children will be afraid of them and there are no places in it for them to be at ease (for privy &c)

4. We humbly beg to state that the Govts has Sanctioned a large amount of money for the erection of a building in the Katpadi Railway Station for the location of the Post office there, and the

P.T.O.

basement of the land proposed for it, is about 30 ft. in its basement.

5. We humbly beg to state that there is a Boys' School adjoining to the garden of T. Venkat Row, and it is decreasing every month and year both in its health and strength, ever since it was established there, and we humbly beg to state that a school was started in the next building of the old Taluq office with 10 boys, and the strength of the said School is 250 or 300, and it is in its zenith; In addition to this, we humbly beg to state that when the Govt. Girls' School was located in the old Taluq office building, the strength of it was very high and it was in its zenith; but, in the present new location of the said School, which is very close to the garden of T. Venkata Row, the strength of it was decreased, as the parents of the girls refused to send them to the School, in the present place, as it stands in a corner of the town.—

6. We humbly beg to state that if the erection of a building in the garden of T. Venkata Row, which is very inconvenient in many ways, as proposed by the Executive Engineer of South Arcot, in contrary to the will of the Educational authorities, be sanctioned, we humbly beg to state that we will not send our Children there, lest, they may not die of the fever &c which occur there constantly.—

We therefore most humbly and respectfully request your Gracious and merciful honor to consider deeply the above circumstances and also the illegal proposals of the Executive Engineer to erect a building in the garden of T. Venkata Row, which is very inconvenient and unhealthy both to the [illegible] and the Public, and the right proposals of the Educational authorities to locate the Girls' School in the old Taluq office building by repairing it, in consideration of its convenience and sanitary conditions &c and thus kindly order the repair of the old Taluq office Building as proposed by the Educational authorities for the location of the Girls' School in it, instead of purchasing the garden of T. Venkata Row, which is quite useless for the same and thus protect us.—

We beg to remain

Ryots of Tiruvannamalai Kasbah Town
South Arcot.

T.K. A. Ponnusami

M. Venkataramana Pillai

M. Lakshmanaswami

K. Venkataramana

24 MAY 1905

Shastry

[E. / 5a]
250-1-11-03.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Memorandum No. 2928 20-5-05

READ the following paper: —

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Please see the D.P.I.'s letter in G.O. No. 260 W. dt 25-1-04

G.O. No. 478 Er 2
14-8-97

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24/5/05

The Govt. Girls' School at Tiruvannamalai was formerly held in a portion of the old Taluk office in that Station, which was handed over to the Educational Deptt. in 1897. In July 1902 the Public Works Department condemned the building as dangerous and the School had therefore to be immediately removed to a rented building, which, though small and unsuitable had to be taken as it was the only one available in the place. It was then proposed to have the taluk office repaired and an estimate was accordingly called for. The ~~local Public works officers~~ Supdtg. Engineer however considered the building too dilapidated to be properly repaired and recommended that it might be pulled down & a new one constructed on ~~that~~ the site. This propo

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Please see C.E.'s Inspection note on page 3 of the file in File No. II below.

was eventually approved by Govt.

2. The Chief Engineer to Government wh recently inspected the site in question pronounces it to be most unsuitable on the grounds that there was an unknown dep of made earth on which it would be risky to build. He consequently abandoned it and selected another ~~now objected to~~ site, ~~others by some of the ryots and officials of Tiruvannamalai in the accompanying petition~~, where the made earth ~~was~~ is only 6½ to 8' deep, and rests ~~it~~ on sound gravelly soil and which ~~was~~ is, in his opinion, a more roomy and ~~healthier~~ more healthy site than that ~~originally~~ on which the old taluk cutchery stood. ~~selected. This site has been approved by Govt.~~

3. ~~Some of the ryots and officials of Tiruvannamalai object to this site~~ In the accompanying petition ~~and~~ objection is taken to this site, on superstitious grounds. The Collector of South Arcot is ~~now~~ requested to be so good as to make, personally, or if this is not possible then ~~if he can and if he cannot~~ by some sensible subordinate, such local enquiries as will enable Government to understand what value to attach to the representations made in the petition & to submit his report to Govt. at an early date.

N.A.G. 19/5/05

20/5/5

20.5.05

T.K. 20.5.05

To the Collector of South Arcot with petition.

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2. The Chief Engineer to Government
recently inspected the site in question
pronounces it to be most unsuitable on the
grounds that there is an unknown dep
of made earth on which it would be
risky to build. He consequently condemns
~~non-objected~~
the site selected ~~as they~~ site by ~~reason~~
~~of the depth ... of [illegible]~~
~~[illegible] the [illegible] petition~~, [illegible]
the made earth ~~[illegible]~~ only 6 to 8, and
[illegible] is some gravelly [illegible] which
~~[illegible]~~ in his opinion, a more [illegible]
[illegible] site than that ~~[illegible]~~ on which
the old tank existing stood.
~~[illegible]~~

3. The Collector of South Arcot is [illegible]
requested to be good as to say how
~~[illegible] of [illegible]~~ [illegible] possible the
In some possible [illegible] quick [illegible]
enquiries as will enable Government to
understand what value to attach to the
representations made in the petition [illegible]
submit his report to Govt. [illegible]

~~[illegible] the report and approval of~~
~~Tiruvannamalai object to the site~~
~~for the reasons [illegible] petition and~~
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

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3,0[illegible] 20-5-01

EDUCATIONAL
~~Revenue~~ (190 5) Department.

CURRENT No. 1137

From

[Name] E. A. Elwin Esquire,

[Designation] Collector of

[Station] South Arcot.

In the circumstances stated in the Coll. report there appears to be no real objection to the site which was before approved for the girls' school as acquired.
[illegible]
16.6.05

Ref. on ~~No.~~ C No. 183 Eng. Sup. of 1905.

Dated 10th June 1905.

Enclosures 3

Received 190 .

Registered 190 .

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL
15 JUN 1905
SECRETARIAT

SUBJECT.

Reporting on the petition in regard to the site selected for the construction of a Government girls' school at Tiruvannamalai.

BACK PAPERS.

Memo 22/2/05

FURTHER PAPERS.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Educational ~~*Revenue*~~ *Department.*

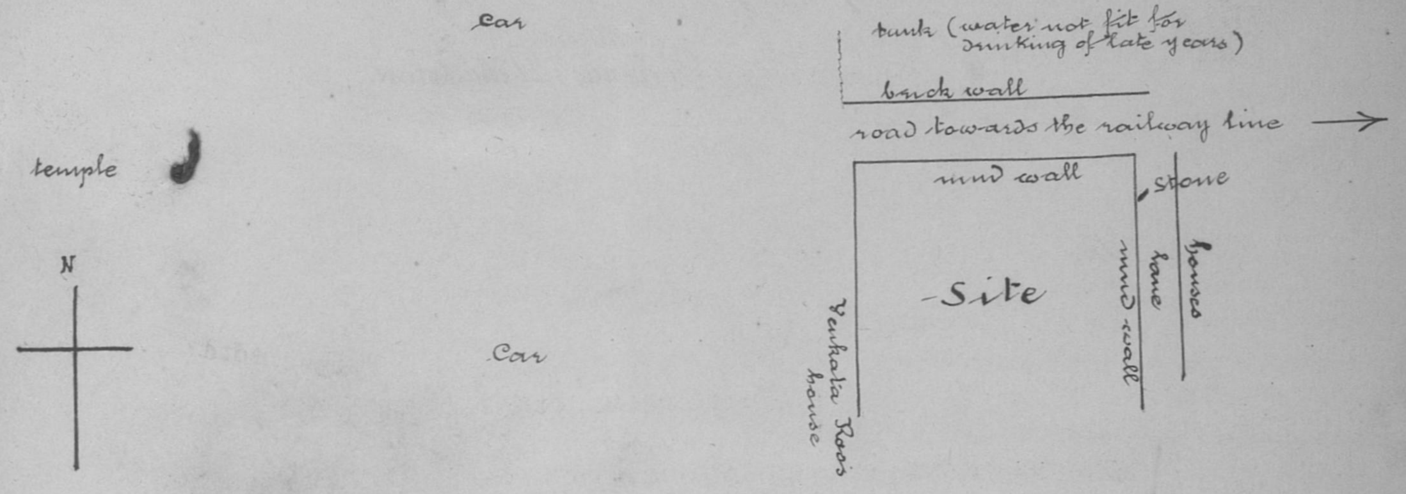
Sir,

Pages 3 & 4, cf file

Adverting to your memorandum 292 dated 22nd May 1905, the petition forwarded with which is herewith returned, I have the honour to state as follows:--

2. I enquired personally at Tiruvannamalai on 8th June 1905 into the representations made in the petition.

3. The site objected to is situated at a distance of about 200 yards to the east of the main entrance of the great temple and is as it were a compound (it can hardly be styled a garden) to the house of the individual Venkata Rao mentioned in the petition. I give separately particulars about the signatories to the petition and the statements in brief of such of them as appeared before me. It will be observed that none, except perhaps No. 4 who did not appear, are persons of any position in the town and that only four out of the 11 who appeared took any objection to the site on superstitious grounds. The mischievous spirit (முனி) referred to by Nos. 3, 11 & 15 was alleged to have its abode in a small piece of stone that projects from the base of the high mud wall forming the eastern boundary of the site, as shown in the rough sketch below.



The stone is outside, and cannot be seen from, the site. The houses in the lane adjacent to the site face the stone, but are all occupied. Venkata Rao could not say that either he or the other people living in his house had suffered at all owing to the proximity of the stone. The temple cars referred to by signatory No. 17 have no connection whatever with the site. I was in camp at Tiruvannamalai from 27th April 1905 to 4th May 1905, but no complaint about the site was preferred to me. I submit that the objection to the site on superstitious grounds is entirely frivolous, though it is of course possible that after the talk that there has been regarding the mischievous spirit some parents may for a time be deterred from sending their children to any new school-building that may be built at the place.

4. The tank alluded to for the first time during the course of my enquiry presents no special danger and is in fact (except for a small gap that could easily be filled up) separated from the road by a brick wall

wall.

5. I may add that the site is most conveniently situated in the heart of the town and immediately adjoining a public road, that though lying rather low it can be drained without difficulty as there is lower ground further to the east and that it is large enough to admit of the construction of a latrine as well as of a school-building.

6. I understand that the petition under reference was got up by Venkata Rao himself, for since learning that the old taluk office ~~would~~ will not be made over to him in exchange he is unwilling to part with his site.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Collector.

M.S.C./12/6/05.
Exd.by Bk
12.6.05

Statement in brief of such of the signatories to the petition as appeared at the local enquiry.

Nos.

(1) Withdraws, admitting that he signed the petition without seeing the site referred to.

(3) Complains of the presence of a mischievous spirit just outside the compound wall of the site to the east.

(6) (9) & (12) Object only to the proximity of the tank situated on the other side of the road running to the north of the site, as they fear that the children attending the school may fall into it.

(8) & (10) Know nothing about the presence of devils and evil spirits, but consider the old taluk office a better site than that lately selected.

(11) & (15) Hear that there is a mischievous spirit close to the site and object to the proximity of the tank.

(14) Hears that the building will face the adjoining lane and objects to that only.

(17) Complains of the presence of devils under the temple cars which stand about 100 yards away.

Note Nos. (5) & (13) are not identifiable. Nos. (2), (4), (7) & (16) did not appear, though sent for.

South Arcot Collector's Office,

Dated, 10th June 1905.

Collector.

M.S.C/10/6/05.
Exd.by Bk
12.6.05

Names and particulars of the signatories to the petition.

(1) C.T.Narayanaswami Mudali	A native of Vellore, at present managing a foreign-liquor shop at Tiruvannamalai.
(2) T.K.Arunachala Aiyar	An acting stamp vendor.
(3) Sabapati Chetti	A bookseller in a small way of business.
(4) Krishnasami Mudali	A cloth merchant carrying on business opposite Venkata Rao's house and paying Rs.20/- income-tax.
(5) A. Srinivasa Nayakkan	Not identifiable.
(6) R.Srinivasa Mudali	A gumasta in a small cloth shop opposite Venkata Rao's house.
(7) Kuppusami Asari	A goldsmith in a small way of business.
(8) Narayanasami Mudali	A gumasta in a small clothshop opposite Venkata Rao's house.
(9) A. Ku. Sadasiva Mudali	A native of Arcot, at present dependent on a cloth merchant at Tiruvannamalai.
(10) Tiruvannamalai Appavu Mudali	A gumasta of a tenant of Venkata Rao.
(11) M.Venkatarama Pillai	A schoolmaster on Rs.12/-
(12) Lakshmana Nayakkan	Occupation unknown.
(13) V.N.Lakshminarayanan	Not identifiable.
(14) T.K.Venkataramana Aiyar	A schoolmaster on Rs.9/-

(15)

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(15) Arunachala Sastri	A schoolmaster on Rs.7/-
(16) Jagannada Mudali	A wood-depôt keeper and tenant of Venkata Rao.
(17) Panchapikesa Aiyar	A merchant's gumasts on Rs.8/-

South Arcot Collector's Office,

Dated, 10th June 1905.

Collector.

M.S.C./12/6/05.
Exd. by
12.6.05

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

[F/2]
1,500—3-12-04

C. No. 817 From the Ryots of Tiruvannamalai No. ...., dated 26 - 4 - 1905.

SUBJECT.

re the new building for the Govt: Girls' School at Tiruvannamalai

Endorsement.

Referred to the D.P.I. for rema

Rn
8/5/5

The question of removing the Tiruvannamalai school from the site originally selected for it to a new site approved by the Chief Engineer was dealt with in the latter's notes of inspection which recently came up to Educational for acceptance. The new site has been approved by Govt. also. ~~[illegible]~~ There is no information here to show whether the D.P.I. knows any thing about ~~has been kept~~ ~~informed of it~~ it as yet. In these circumstances should this petition be referred to him? Or may the petitioners be informed that Govt. see no sufficient reason to interfere?

Secy
9/5/5

May be shown to P.W.D.?

9/5/5

The petition will be forwarded to P.W.D.

The Chief Engineer approved the site as being the most suitable building site, with reference to soil, foundations & other similar considerations.

2 The present petition is based on superstition. It will obviously be no good building a girls school on a site reputed to be the abode of 'devils & evil spirits'. If people will not send their children even if a school is built.

10-5-05

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL
18 MAY 1905
SECRETARIAT.

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P.W.D. R. 544
10-5-05

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
10 MAY 1905
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

I have received a similar petition. I selected the site now objected to chiefly because at the original site, adjacent to the new Taluq office, there is an unknown depth of made earth, on which it ~~is~~ would be risky to build, lastly because I considered it a more roomy & healthier site than the latter — and Govt. have approved of the selection (vide linked file) — but I am not competent to gauge the power of

18/5/05

superstitions in this country, I must leave it to others to decide whether it is advisable to build on a site with such a reputation. If it is decided to abandon this abode of devils, I think some site should be looked for other than the ground near the weeping tree, which is almost certain to produce a cracked building.

16.5.01

Educl
~~[illegible]~~ no

H.M.

For orders as to whether any notice should be taken of the present petition, & whether the site which has been formally approved should be adhered to

H.D.J.
18.5.01

H.M.

It would be hard to say what may be at the bottom of this petition. May be spite, or may be such rank stupidity as may wreck the school.

It had better go to the Colle

with cover explanation of the circumstances with the direction that he will by himself if he can, if he cannot then by some ~~personable~~ sensible subordinate, make such local inquiries as will enable Govt to understand what value to attach to the representation. Early please

15.5.05

Draft please

18.5.05

A memo is placed below for approval.

20/5/5.

Secy

NSO
19/5/5

T.H.
20-5-05

Approved

20.5.05

[Memo. no. 292 dated 22nd May 1905].

From the Collector of South Arcot, no. 183 d/ 10-6-05.

In the circumstances stated in the Collector's report there appears to be no real objection to the site which may be finally approved for the girl school and acquired.

H.D.T.
15-6-05.

Rec 4

~~Submitted that the~~ File ~~may now be transferred~~ submitted

16/6/05

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The site for the Girls school Tiruvannamalai as suggested by PWD has been already approved by Hon. Member – (vide linked file). The objections subsequently put forward prove to be unfounded.

Hon'ble Member for information

AH

HD
17.6.05

Thanks

17.6.05

The linked file will now be returned to PWD with intimation that the objections raised to the proposed site of the Girls school T'malai have been overruled

H
19.6.05

U.S.

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Sent to windows on 19/6
Linked with S.E.T. letter no 406 W, d/ 16.6.05

The linked file has been returned to the P.W.D.

2. As the petitioner will require a reply a draft is placed below for approval. Submitted that the P.W.D. may see the file.

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19.6.05

P.W.D. u.o.

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20/6/05

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
20 JUN 1905

P.W. no RA 704
20.6.05

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Corres no. 471 D
20.6.05

Memo
20.6.05

P. W. D.

Seen and returned with thanks.

P. K. S.
23.6.05

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Educational (u.o.)

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27/6/05

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27 JUN 1905
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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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

READ ALSO:—

C. No. 817 , From the Ryots of Tiruvannamalai , No , dated 26 – 4 – 1905.
" " 1137 " " " Coll. of S.A. , " 183 , " 10th June 1905.
" " " " , " , " 190 .

ORDER No. 437 , dated 27- 6 – 1905.

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The petrs. will be informed that the Govt see no reason to interfere.

T.K.
19-6-05

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