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Dated—Simla, the 10th June 1905.
No.—388.

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D. J. Sind College, Karachi ..	59,467	11	4
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NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., Nos. 498, 499, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 19TH JULY 1905.

[SUBJECT.—*Grant to the Christian College for purchasing a hostel.*]

From the Government of India, Home Department, No. 388, *dated* 10*th June* 1905.

The Council of the Madras Christian College applied for a grant in aid of the purchase of the Fenn Hostel which belongs to the Rev. Dr. Miller. This application was submitted to Government by the Director of Public Instruction with his letter R.C. No. 386, dated 5th November 1904, and the Government, in their Order No.766, Educational, dated 26th December 1904, declined to sanction the grant applied for.

2. The Council of the Christian College then submitted a petition to the Governor-General in Council, and this was forwarded to the Government of India with letter No. 192, Educational, dated 29th March 1905.

3. The Government of India now reply to this letter and suggest that the reasons for the refusal of the grant should be communicated to the College Council, and that, if after receiving a reply from the College Council the Governor in Council is satisfied that the grant if sanctioned would be utilized to supplement any fund and any further grant for the construction of an additional hostel, the grant applied for may be sanctioned.

4. In paragraph 4 of their letter the Government of India state that the statement made in paragraph 4 of this Government's letter No. 192, Educational, dated 29th March 1905, as to the existence of a maximum limit of Rs. 10,000 for building grants in other provinces must have been made under a misapprehension and give a list of recent grants made by the Governments of Bengal, Bombay and the United Provinces which are considerably more than Rs. 10,000 each. They also observe that "the Madras Government is also alone, with that of the Central Provinces, in limiting its grants to one-third of the cost of the building".

5. As to the existence of a maximum limit of Rs. 10,000 for building grants in other provinces, please see notes connected with G.O., R. No. 623, Educational, dated 22nd December 1904. On page 2 of the notes it is stated that in Bengal there is a general restriction that the maximum grant ordinarily shall be Rs. 10,000. In other provinces there appears to be no such restriction. The Bengal Code is not available, but the Codes of the other provinces have been obtained from Madras and are put up:—

Bombay, chapter VIII, pages 6 to 8.
United Provinces, chapter XII, rules 6 to 10, pages 117 and 118.
Punjab, chapter II, section 1, pages 22 to 24.
Burma, chapter IV, section IV, rules 28 to 30; pages 96 and 97.

6. Orders are solicited as to what reply should be given to the Christian College Council.

T. KANAKASUNDARAM PILLAI—28-6-05.

The file has been waiting for the Codes of other provinces. The Codes sent up are Codes obtained from other provinces this year and so the latest. The Bengal Code is not among them. The United Provinces Code says that the ordinary limit of building grants is Rs. 5,000 for high schools and Rs. 3,000 for middle schools. In

Bengal there is or was a limit of Rs. 10,000. The instances quoted by Government of India are perhaps instances of grants out of the ordinary, which w not affect Mr. Forbes' argument

2. The Government of India infer from some remarks in the application, w hardly appear to warrant the inference, that even if the Christian College did intend to spend the grant they applied for on the Fenn Hostel, they would spent it on building a new hostel and want this Government to enquire whe that is so.

3. There can be little doubt that the grant would not have been used to supplement money supplied by the College for the purchase of the Fenn Hostel. The Fenn Hostel is valued at Rs. 73,000. The College would have had to find half a lakh. They have only a small working balance of a few thousand rupees. They could not raise the money by mortgaging their buildings: no one would be so imprudent as to lend them money while the dispute of the churches is still unsettled. The half lakh would have to be raised by sending round a subscription list. They have not a large body of subscribers. Last year I went through their accounts for 32 years. The outside subscriptions bar those of Dr. Miller and his relations have always been small; of recent years they have got practically no subscriptions except from Dr. Miller. The Hon'ble Mr. Forbes concluded, after an interview with the Bursar, that Dr. Miller was to pay the half lakh with one hand and receive it back with the other.

4. There is reason to suppose that the College Council see nothing wrong in manœuvres to get money out of Government. Last year they applied for increased salary grants. They first altered the form of their accounts so as to make out they had no surplus: they put the surplus under "Association General Account" instead of "College Account". They also threatened not to show the fixed grant which they get from three Mission societies in their accounts at all if the Director persisted in regarding it as an "endowment" for code purposes. The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes then observed that if the College cooked its accounts it should get no grant at all.

See G.O., No. 276, dated 2nd May 1904 and notes.

5. The increased salary grant applied for in order that the salaries of the teachers in the college (which are already higher than those of the teachers in any other aided college in this Presidency) might be raised at the expense of Government was refused last year. The threat of cooking the College accounts could not, even if it was seriously meant, be carried out as the College is a registered association and has to publish its accounts; but when a College Council, which has threatened to cook its accounts, if its first application is refused, returns to the charge with an application for a purchase grant in a case where the purchase is almost certainly fictitious, it is reasonable to conclude that it is trying to obtain by fraud what it had failed to obtain by solicitation, namely, a rise in pay for the staff, of whom nearly all the Europeans are on the Council. The Government of Madras knew the men it was dealing with. The Government of India were of course ignorant of the previous request and conduct of the Council.

6. In view of the Government of India's suggestions, it is submitted that the letter to India which gives the reasons for the refusal may be communicated in full to the College and they may be asked to state how they are going to pay the half lakh; and, if they are going to do so by subscriptions raised for the purpose, to send us a list of the subscribers with the amount paid by each, any contribution made or promised or intended to be made by Dr. Miller being shown.

A. GALLETTI—29-6-05.

Article 118 of the Grant-in-Aid Code provides for "grants towards . . . . the purchase of school buildings and hostels"; but this presupposes a *bonâ-fide* expenditure out of the funds of the institution on the remaining cost of the building. When the Government are satisfied that such *bonâ-fide* expenditure is likely to be incurred, a grant may be given. For this purpose it is necessary to call for the details referred o in paragraph 6 of Mr. Galletti's note; but it would seem undesirable to communicate

to the College Council a copy of this Government's letter to India. It will suffice to tell them plainly that we do not trust the *bona-fides* of their application, and that they must make clear to Government their power to supplement the Government grant out of their income, and their intention to do so. The buildings will have to be valued by Public Works Department.

Page 6 of G.O., Nos. 191-92, dated 29th March 1905.

H. D. TAYLOR—1-7-05.

We have placed the facts fully before the Government of India. Their letter is incomprehensible by me. The Madras Government, I think, understand the facts clearly enough and do not require more information from the College Council.

2. Nor will I accept any suggestion that the reasons for refusal should be communicated to the College Council. The College Council is the body of the professors with a few outsiders thrown in (I was a victim once and reaped accordingly, for when as Member of Council, I declined to do what the College Council had asked Government to do, the Revd. Doctor reminded me that I had been a party to the demand!). We are at liberty to think that this is not a *bonâ fide* transaction on the part of the Christian College, but I see no good to be got by telling them that. The drum Ecclesiastic can easily make a noise and Dr. Miller is an adept in the use of it.

3. We are ready to consider any application for grants towards hostels-to-be-built and I see no reason to proclaim what is perfectly well known. If the College Council come to us with a statement that they are ready to take the (73,500—24,500) Rs. 49,000 and spend it for more hostel accommodation if we give a grant on that also, I am prepared to give the Rs. 24,500 and a grant on the 49,000 for that further accommodation. But that is not what is before us.

4. I think we should address India to the above effect and ask India to let us alone.

J. T[HOMSON]—4-7-05.

I understood and understand that the Fenn Hostel has been built by Dr. Miller and is complete. The Council apply for a grant on behalf of it, but do not say how they intend to apply the grant. Apparently more hostel accommodation is needed but I do not understand the Council contemplate supplying it or utilizing the grant to the Fenn Hostel for such a purpose. If they do or did intend to so apply it there might be some ground for India's argument. I do not see why the Council should not be asked as to its intended application of the money.

G. S[TOKES]—5-7-05.

We should write again to the Government of India and explain that the College Council have, to the best of our belief, no intention of applying the money to the purchase of the Fenn Hostel or to the construction of new hostels; we have good reason to suppose that they intend to apply it to the purpose of increasing the salaries of their staff an object which they failed to attain by more direct means. It must be clear to the Government of India that it is inexpedient to explain this to the college authorities. We are, therefore, not disposed to reconsider the matter but we propose to inform the College Council that the Government of India have declined to interfere in the matter but that if they submit a definite scheme for the construction of further hostel accommodation, we shall be glad to assist them with a grant. We shall write accordingly to the College Council unless we hear further from the Government of India within one month.

2. Draft as above and submit to the Honourable Member.

A[MPTHILL]—7-7-05.

Will Mr. Galletti please draft?

H. D. TAYLOR—8-7-05.

A draft is placed below.

A. GALLETTI—10-7-05.

For approval.

H. D. TAYLOR—11-7-05.

My instinct is against spreading ourselves out at this length in justification of our proceedings. Nor do I think it well to gibbet the Christian College so in an official letter however much, I think, they deserve it. The Government of India ought to give us some credit for sense and to believe that we would not refuse the grant if we could make it legitimately and honestly.

I would therefore briefly say that we believe we are in possession of the full facts of the case and will submit them in detail demi-officially if the Government of India so desire: that nothing is to be gained by further reference to the College Council and there is neither wisdom nor expediency in telling them that we distrust their *bonâ fides*; but we are prepared to test it by payment of a grant towards the purchase of the Fenn Hostel for the Christian College if the balance of the price is devoted to new accommodation—on which also a grant would be made.

J. T[HOMSON]—12-7-05.

The draft letter goes a good deal further than I intended. I did not mean much more to be said than I had noted myself.

2. As this is primarily my Honourable Colleague's affair I agree to the course of action which he now proposes. The present draft should be kept in case the Government of India ask for further details in which case it would easily be turned into a demi-official letter.

A[MPTHILL]—13-7-05.

Please prepare a fresh draft on the lines indicated.

H. D. TAYLOR—14-7-05.

Submitted.

A. GALLETTI—14-7-05.

For approval.

H. D. TAYLOR—15-7-05.

Approved.

J. T[HOMSON]—17-7-05.
A[MPTHILL]—18-7-05.

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H. D. TAYLOR—19-7-05.

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G.O. Nos. 498, 499, dated 19th July 1905.

Please let me see the original of this.

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The original has been obtained from Madras and is submitted with complete file.

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Submitted to the Hon'ble Sir S. Sinha Ch.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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READ ALSO:-

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H.D.S.
11.7.05.

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3. In my letter forwarding the memorial it was stated that a Member of the Government had gathered in a conversation with the Bursar and Secretary that the contract of purchase in aid of which a grant was demanded was a fictitious agreement devised merely to render the College eligible for a grant under the letter of the rules. I am now directed, in view of the doubts expressed by the Government of India as to whether the Governor in Council is in full possession of the facts of the case, to quote (1) extracts from a complete account of that conversation placed on record immediately after it took place and (2) a D.O. written on the same day by the Secretary and Bursar, which will show that the facts of the case were scarcely in dipute:—

"(1) My principal discussion with the

" Bursar was as to the bona fides of the
" transaction. To meet Dr. Bourne's
" reference in his letter (a copy of
" which had been communicated direct to
" the College Council) to the omission from
" the application of any explanation how
" the College was to pay its share of the
" cost, the Bursar stated that they were
" going to pay the whole Rs.73,500 into
" Dr, Miller's account at the Bank and
" were prepared to produce (if the grant
" were passed) the Bank's receipt: he
" added that it would be with great diffi-
" culty they could pay in so large a sum,
" but said they could manage to do so.

" I then inquired whether this pay-
" ment was benami, i.e., whether it had
" not been arranged that the payment in
" was merely for the purpose of securing
" the Rs.24,500 out of the public treasury,
" Dr. Miller immediately thereafter to
" Hand back the money to the College."

" At first the Bursar took the line
" that it was a matter of no moment to
" Government whether any such arrangement
" existed or not, that it was enough if
" there is a transaction resulting in the
" proprietary right of the building being
" transferred from Dr. Miller to the
" Council. I admitted that in itself the
" transfer did not concern any one but
" the Council and Dr. Miller; but I
" pointed out that as the grant of public
" money for the purpose in view was purely
" a matter in the discretion of Govern-
" ment, they were in no way bound to make

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" any contribution unless satisfied that
" they were not expending money needlessly
" when primary education and other educa-
" tional objects were calling so loudly
" for assistance. He was not bound to
" satisfy Government of the real nature
" of the transaction unless he chose,
" but equally Government could take their
" own line. At a later stage of the dis-
" cussion, the Bursar admitted that Dr.
" Miller had written virtually promising
" to present the hostel as a gift to the
" College; and in case the present tran-
" sanction is not concluded before his
" death it is apparently also the fact,
" so far as I could gather, that Dr.Miller
" has so provided in his will."

not to be understood

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D.O. from the Rev. J.M. Russell,
Bursar, Madras Christian College,
to the Hon'ble Mr. [redacted],
[redacted]., dated 18th November 1904.

" Will you pardon me for a further
" trespass on your time and allow me to
" explain with regard to a point on which
" in our conversation this morning we did
not? " appear to be quite in agreement, the
" point, namely, as to the genuineness
" of the transaction between the College
" and Dr. Miller, in the event of Govern-
" ment sanctioning the purchase of the
" hostel and promising a one-third grant.
" Should Government be pleased to promise
" the grant, the Bursar of the College
" would require in the first instance to
" pay to Dr. Miller the full purchase
" price on his executing a deed conveying
" the property to the College. Then, and

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" only then, on presentation of this deed,
" accompanied I presume by an Indenture
" mortgaging the property for a period of
" 30 years to the Secretary of State,
" would the grant be paid by Government."

" 2. If Government desired any fur-
" ther assurance of the genuineness of the
" transaction, the Bursar could, though
" it would give some additional trouble,
" instruct the College Bankers (Binny &
" Co.) to pay into the Bank of Madras the
" full amount to Dr. Miller's credit, and
" the receipt from that Bank could be
" submitted to Government for inspection.
" Further than that I don't think the
" Bursar can reasonably be expected to
" go, for the full purchase price will
" have then become Dr. Miller's private
" property, the College having received
" the quid pro quo. I do not imagine
" that Government would make it a condi-
" tion of the grant that, because Dr.
" Miller is the private person from whom
" the purchase would be made, the College
" is to be precluded from receiving any
" gift he may wish to make to it in the
" future!"

" 3. Rs.73,500 is, as you have noted,
" a large sum for the College to pay
" down, though, if it does so, it will
" have the prospect of recovering Rs.24,500
" from Government shortly afterwards.
" The Council of the College, however,
" controls and can pay the required amount
" though if the College were never from
" any quarter to recover part at least

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" of the Rs.49,000, its resources would
" be very seriously impaired, and we should
" not be able to carry on all that mean-
" time we are doing. This, however, is a
" risk which the College Council believes
" itself justified in taking in this case."
" ~~Thanking you again, and with apologies~~
" ~~for this further intrusion, etc.~~"

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4. It will be observed that the representative of the College was asked to say whether the transaction was a genuine one and that, though, as was to be expected, he made no plain statement that the transaction was fictitious, he did not deny that it was so, and took up the position that Government were not concerned with the matter. The Governor in Council fears that any further attempt to elicit a complete statement of the facts of the case from the College council would not be attended with greater success; nor does he consider that there can be any reasonable doubt what the facts are. At the same time the College Council cannot but be aware of the main reason for the decision of the Madras Government to refuse the grant.

5. The Government of India infer that, even were the grant not utilised in the purchase of the Penn Hostel, it would be utilised in the provision of further hostel accommodation. I am directed to explain that, to the best

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best of the belief of the Madras Government, the College Council had no intention of applying any sum they might obtain to the construction of new hostels; but that the Government had some reason to suppose that any savings that may accrue on the working of the College in the near future would be applied to the purpose of increasing the salaries of the staff. [An application was made to Government last year, after a similar application had been rejected by the Director of Public Instruction, for an increase in the salary grant paid to the College, with the avowed object of enabling the salaries of the staff to be raised. The Government considered the application with great care and, after an exhaustive examination of the amounts paid in salary grants to and in salaries in all other aided colleges in the Presidency, concluded that the Madras Christian College was already getting more than its fair share and that the grant would not, in common fairness to other aided Colleges, be increased.]

I would omit from here to end of para 7. I have put the matter in case it is wanted

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This explains in greater detail the reasons for the belief of the Madras Govt. as expressed at 'A' supra.

In order.

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19.7.07.

6. The Director of Public Instruction had assigned as one reason for his refusal the apparently flourishing financial condition of the College. On appealing to Government the College Council, in guarded language, and its representative, the Bursar and Secretary, more openly, explained that if the

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flourishing financial condition of the College were to be made a reason for refusal to increase the annual grant, the Council would have recourse to a manoeuvre which was ingenuously described as "changing the mode of presenting the financial facts". The Government suspect the present application to be merely an attempt to obtain by the manipulation of financial facts, after direct solicitation had failed, a sum intended to be utilised in a way not approved by the Govt. The College Council, it may be added, consists of the body of Professors with two or three outsiders.

7. The Government of Madras consider that it would be clearly inexpedient to explain to the College authorities that their method of presenting their previous request has obliged the Government to be on their guard and that the Government suspect members of the College Council of abusing their position to forward their private interests, while the admission or omission to deny of the Bursar and Secretary has given the Government every reason to believe that in the pursuit of their object the College authorities have adopted a discreditable manoeuvre, which would, if it were less transparent be characterised as fraudulent, but may in the circumstances more charitably be described as puerile.

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8. The Government of Madras would accordingly prefer not to address to the College authorities the communication suggested by the Government of India. As they believe themselves to be already in possession of the facts of the case as far as they are ever likely to be ascertained, they think it unnecessary to call for further information. To give their reasons for the refusal of the grant would, they believe, serve no useful purpose. They would accordingly propose, with reference to the first sentence of paragraph 5 of your letter, unless they receive a further communication from the Government of India within one month, to inform the College Council that the Government of India have declined to interfere. They would further propose in deference to the suggestions of the Government of India, although no application for assistance in providing further hostel accommodation is before them, to temper their intimation that the matter of the grant to the Penn Hostel cannot be reconsidered with an offer to assist the College with a half grant in aid of any new hostel or hostels that may be required.

AG 10.7.05

I am not quite sure that this accurately expresses the intention of the Hon. Member but his note at B. on page 7 of the Note file.

AGI 14.7.05

No. My meaning was that if the College Council would devote the Rs 40000 (value of the Penn Hostel over and above the deposit fund of 24500) to further building, Govt would give a grant on that further building also. This to secure more Hostel accommodation which the Govt of India is act.

AGI 11.7.05

Say - to intimate to the College authorities that if they are prepared to spend Rs 40000 further on Hostel Accommodation Govt will make a

grant thereon and the grants
also the Rs 24500 now in
question if the Jam Sahib is
under the protection of the College.

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The Government of India will be addressed.

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LETTER:— No. 499 of 19-7-05

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Home Department.

Sir,

I am directed to reply to Home Department letter No. 388, dated 10th June 1905, regarding a memorial from the Council of the Madras Christian College in the matter of the refusal of a grant.

2. I am directed to say that the Government of Madras are ~~persuaded~~ satisfied that they.

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they are in full possession of the facts of the case. A further reference to the College Council would elicit nothing new while it could hardly be made without reflections on the good faith of the Council ~~in supplying the information~~ which the Government of Madras would prefer not to embody in an official letter. Should the Government of India require a complete statement of ~~all~~ the facts, I am directed to say that this will be furnished confidentially and demi-officially.

3. In view, however, of the suggestions of the Government of India, His Excellency in Council is prepared to make the following proposal to the College authorities:--

(1) On payment of a grant of Rs.24,500 the Penn Hostel to be transferred by Dr. Miller to the College.

(2) The College to spend the equivalent of the balance of the price set on the Penn Hostel, namely, Rs.49,000, on the provision of further hostel accommodation.

(3) On such accommodation being provided, the Government to pay a further grant-in-aid under their rules.

4. The Government of Madras fear that unless these or some such conditions are made, the grant of Rs.24,500 would not be devoted either to the purchase of the Penn Hostel or to the provision of further hostel accommodation, but to an object of which they do not approve.

for and which the College Council have failed to obtain aid by more direct means.

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