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TO

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PREMIER, GOVT., OF MADRAS

ON 9-6-1949.

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On behalf of the V.O. Chidambaram Educational Society I have great pleasure in welcoming you most heartily on the occasion of your first visit to this city as Prime Minister to the Government of Madras. This pleasure is enhanced when we remember that in you we welcome one who knew personally that valiant fighter for India's Freedom, who spread the gospel of Swadeshi and Vandemataram among the Tamilians - that stalwart patriot, the late V.O. Chidambaram Pillai.

It was only four months back, our great leader, His Excellency the Governor-General, C. Rajagopalachariar named the first steamer from this port after him and inaugurated the Indo-Ceylon steamer service. Now we rejoice that you have come to kindly commemorate his services in another form, for the late V.O. Chidambaram Pillai, was not only a pioneer in Indian Shipping, but was also a great scholar and enthusiast for spreading education.

The idea of instituting a suitable memorial to commemorate the name and work of the late V.O. Chidambaram Pillai in this town, took concrete shape only 8 years after the death of Patriot in November, 1937. A local Committee was formed and an appeal issued for donations. At a public meeting held for this purpose Sjt. C. Rajagopalachariar made an impassioned appeal for making the collections on a Province-wide scale. Collections were actively made and a widespread appeal was sponsored by a large number of Congressmen headed by Sri C. Rajagopalachariar. Donations totalling over Rs. 60,000/- were made and collected, but the form the memorial was to take, had not been finally settled.

Tuticorin, where the late patriot V.O. Chidambaram lived, worked and died, has now a population of nearly one lakh. There are five high schools in this growing seaport township, but no collegiate institution exists to help the growth of Higher Education among the younger generation of this city.

The memorial Committee therefore decided to make use of this nucleus of funds to institute a college for University Education in the name of the late V.O. Chidambaram Pillai. Accordingly application was made to the Madras University for the purpose and correspondence is now in progress for shaping the Academic Plan of the College. The Memorial Committee was also registered under the Indian Societies Act (XXI of 1860) and incorporated into a Registered Body " THE V.O. CHIDAMBARAM EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY " with a suitable constitution and Bye-laws.

Application was also made to Government for a suitable site for the proposed College and we are glad to announce that the Government have agreed to hand over this site of about 58 acres. The future College Buildings is to consist of an Arts Block and Science Block, Play ground and Sports Field, Hostel Buildings and staff quarters. We have to thankfully mention here, that the Public Works Department of Government sanctioned the preparation of the necessary plans and estimate by the Joint Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras, Waiving the usual centage charges.

At this juncture we are happy to announce that His Holiness Sri-la-Sri Ambalavana Pandarasannadigal, Head of the Thiruvavaduthurai Mutt has graciously made a liberal donation of Rs. 50,000/- towards the cost of construction of the first Arts Block Building. This Arts Block Building is to be named after the Thiruvavaduthurai Ambalavana Pandarasannithi Buildings. It is also a happy augury that the personal representative Thambiran of the Mahasannithanam has today come in our midst to hand over the donation with the Blessings of the Athinam.

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The Memorial Committee is deeply thankful to our present Governor-General His Excellency C. Rajagopalachariar for having turned our initial efforts into a province-wide affair. Now we have made bold to request you Sir, to lay the Foundation Stone of the " V.O. Chidambaram College" . We are grateful for your having accepted our invitation and to have come here in our midst, inspite of various pressing engagements of state. We pray that your laying this Foundation Stone may result in focussing All-India interest in completing the noble task that we have started. For the memorial must befit the greatness of the pioneer in the fight for Freedom. May we suggest that it is upto your goodself and the Government of Madras to take up the cause of this memorial institution and raise it to the status not only of a full-fledged Arts and Science College, of a very high order but also a Research Institution directly connected with trade and economic development of the Hinterland of this seaport- namely Palmyrah, Senna and Cotton Trade and the manufacture of salt and its By-products etc.

We also appeal to the Government of Madras to sanction the usual Building Grant, thus allowing us to complete our Building Programme without hindrance. We are putting in a separate application to Government in this connection.

In conclusion we once again thank you, Sir and have great pleasure in requesting that you may be pleased to bless our efforts by laying the Foundation Stone of the " V.O. Chidambaram College ".

SECRETARY.

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E. & P.H. (G.2)
Colleges - V.O.Chidambaram Pillai College, Tuticorin
Grant.

C.No.50508/49.

Memorandum of address presented to H.Pr. on 9.6.49
by the Secretary, V.O.Chidambaram Educational Society.

Please see the memorandum of address presented
to H.Pr. by the Secretary of the V.O.Chidambaram
Educational Society, on p.p. 3-7 c.f., and the minute
of H.Pr. on p.1 c.f. The memorandum contains two
requests:-

1. ~~to~~ help to raise the V.O.Chidambaram College
to the status not only of a full-fledged
Arts and Science College, of a very high order,
but also a Research Institution directly con-
nected with the trade and economic development
of the hinterland of the Tuticorin seaport -
namely, Palmyrah, senna, cotton trade and the
manufacture of salt and its by-products etc.
2. Sanctioning the usual building grant to the
College.

Regarding item 2 above.- It is reported that the
sponsors of the college have applied to the University
of Madras for the necessary affiliation of the College.
After the affiliation is granted, the authorities of
the College should send the necessary application to
the D.P.I. for grants to the college, with the
detailed plans and estimates of the buildings to be constructed.
The scheme ~~will~~ ^{should then} first be included in the
list of approved building works by Govt. on the
recommendation of the ~~next~~ D.P.I. The question of ~~the~~
provision of funds for the scheme will ^{have to} be considered
by Govt. when D.P.I. submits proposals in this regard,
along with his proposals under Part II of the
Budget. The Secretary of the Society states that he
is sending in a separate application to Govt. for
building grant. The receipt of this application may
be awaited.

Regarding item 1 above. - ~~The question of this~~

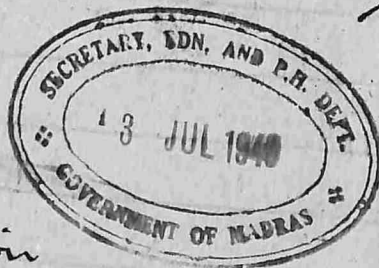
No action seems called
for at present.
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This request is for the Development to consider, as it ~~relates~~ to trade etc. Development may see the case for remarks prior to circulation.

5/7/48 This is only a wish on the part of the management. No special action seems to be called for on it just at present -

C.No. 50508/48

5.7.49 IN (E+L) IN PR



Please see orders in circulation above. The papers may now be

Order/Ms 23/2 Equal-16.7.49
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YES 14/7/49 14.7.49

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Result:

(a) above - Orders were issued in G.O. no. 1385 Rev, 23/5/49; it is not available as Rev. require it for one of their files. Necessary referencing has been made on p. 50 of.

(b) above - Papers in P.W.D. not readily available.

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Here are papers relating to two items mentioned in the third para on p. 5 of, viz. (a) alienation of land (Rev) + (b) waiver of ^{revenue} charges (P.W.D.) Please put up to Gov.

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