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[Despatch Abstract.]

THE RAJAGOPAL POOR SCHOOL, BLACK TOWN

Directing the Director of Public Instruction to inform the Free Church of Scotland Mission that it must either keep the buildings occupied by -- in proper repair to the satisfaction of the Consulting Architect or at once vacate them.

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From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

To

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY

TO GOVERNMENT,

Fort St. George.



Dated

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August 1895

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ENCLOSURE 3 + 1 plan.

Subject.

Submitting with remarks
letter from the Secretary to the
Free Church Mission requesting
that necessary orders be issued
for repairing the building occu-
pied by the Rajagopal Rao
School, Black Town

The Church of Scotland Mission
Rajapuram 11 August 1894.

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The Chief Secretary to Government
Through The Hon'ble A. Mousso.
Acting Director of Public Instruction, Madras.



Sir,

I have the honor to address you on behalf of the
Rajahmatsulam Poor School, established in 1869 for the benefit
of destitute and orphan native children in this city.

1. The School runs in the buildings formerly known
as the Lord Macartney Asylum Buildings granted to the
late Rev. P. Rajahmatsulam by the government of His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham.

2. The number at present on the roll is 360, the
highest class being the III Form reading for the Lower Secondary
examination. As has been pointed out in the recent annual
Report of the Director of Public Instruction it is the largest
School of the kind in the Presidency. The School has all these
years done very excellent service and many trained men are
now holding responsible appointments.

3. On my application to the Director of Public
Instruction last year to have the buildings put in repair it was
pointed out that by G.O. No. 120 dated 15. 4. 1890 the late Rev. P.
Rajahmatsulam had undertaken to keep the buildings in repair.
I have to remark however that hitherto this has never been
understood to mean the larger repairs, but only the smaller repairs
that require to be done constantly. Even so early as November 1890
government put the premises in thorough repair, again in 1895

and since there some work has been done on them.

The cost of the school is very great and is a heavy tax on the funds of the Mission, and on the charity of the Public. At present the debt on the schools is over Rs 3000. The annual cost is nearly Rs 6000. It is impossible therefore for the mission to spend Rs 1000 or over on the repairs of the buildings. At present they very urgently demand repairs. The cook-room having fallen, and the bath-room, visited daily by 200 boys, is in danger of falling. Under these circumstances I have therefore the honor to ask you to take this request into your favourable consideration and to be good enough to issue the necessary orders to the government Engineer to do what is necessary for the buildings.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt Servant,

John P. Sturges
Ag. Secretary.

Q. No. 9634/94

From,

The Secretary,

Free Church of

Scotland Mission, Rajahmundry

To Government.

8/11-8-94.

P. 11-8-94.

2/20/95
Rel. to Secy. Govt.
10/20/95

Stating that the buildings of the Rajahmundry poor school are in need of urgent repair and requesting to issue the necessary orders to the Govt. Engineer to do what is necessary for the buildings.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras, 18th August 1895.

No. 8233

From

THE HONORABLE MR. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc.,

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

To

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

FORT ST. GEORGE.

Sir,

The building occupied by the Madras Ragged School was handed over to the late Rev P. Rajagopal under G.O. No. 120, Education dated, 5th April 1880, on condition that it is maintained in a proper ^{repair} ~~condition~~ and surrendered to Government on a month's notice, if required. Since the demise of Mr. Rajagopal, the building has been in charge of the Free Church Mission.

2. In the enclosed letter to your address the Secretary of the Mission requests Government to spend Rs. 1000 or over on the repairs and improvements to the building.

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building

3. The G.O. quoted above is silent as to the nature of the work expected to be done by the late Mr. Rajagopal in keeping the building in proper condition and I do not quite understand the Rev. Mr. Pittendrigh's observations as to the larger and smaller repairs to be executed.

4. Notwithstanding the conditions referred to, Government in its order No. 276, Educational, dated 22nd August 1881, sanctioned repairs at the cost of the State. On the strength of the G.O. probably the building was subsequently repaired by the Public Works Department when necessary. But in 1893, the Consulting Architect refused to carry out repairs costing over Rs 1000 by virtue of G.O. No. 120 of 1880, and the missionary authorities were informed - that the cost of repairs ought to be borne by them.

5. The cost of the repairs since 1880 has ^{very} ^{probably}

The house
repairs
had not been
made since
1880

probably exceeded Rs 3000, and the improvements now contemplated and hereafter to be made from time to time will involve considerable outlay.

6. It will be seen from the enclosed letter from the Consulting Architect, No. 142, of the 7th April last, that the present value of the building is estimated at Rs 32,246 including Rs 14,210, the value of the site at Rs 500 per ground. To avoid frequent expenditure on repairs, I thought it might be desirable to make over the premises to the Mission at a reasonable valuation; but the Mission is unwilling to purchase them.

7. The Consulting Architect states that the building is not required by Government and thinks that it would be well to sell it.

8. As the Mission expresses its inability even to keep the building in a proper state of repair

repair and as I do not see my way to recommend the expenditure by Government of such large sums on repairs, it is difficult to see how the building can continue to be used by the Mission as a school house. If further concession is necessary, the Mission might be allowed to retain the building for a period of 10 years on the same conditions as were fixed in G. O. No. 344, Educational, dated, 26th April last, with respect to the transfer of the Government School house at Madanapalle. If the Mission expresses its unwillingness to have it on that condition, it might be handed over to the Public Works Department.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. G. G. G.

Director of Public Instruction

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[G. O.]

G. O. DEPARTMENT

C. No. 908 of 96

FOR ORDERS

The school, as K. C. S. M. applies for grant work & I shall be sorry to see it closed, but but - on going to see the building & property and for the purpose of the school, & on further consideration on Rs. 1000 for repairs has given as much assistance as it is justified in giving. When the property was given to the congregation they intended that it should be kept in order - on part of all kinds of repairs by the promoter. The school was at that time in a state of repair in no way binds it to contribute again in that or any other way. The Mission would rather keep the property in repair to the satisfaction of the Counciling A. or otherwise.

25/4/96

The building at present occupied by the Madras Ragged School was handed over to the late Rev. P. Rajagopal under G. O. No. 12654 on condition of maintenance in proper condition - - - Since, the building has been in charge of the Free Church Mission. The G. O. quoted above is silent as to the nature of the repairs which should be executed by the F. C. Mission. Notwithstanding the condition that the building should be maintained in proper condition by the Mission, Govt has, on more than one occasion, sanctioned the execution of repairs to the building from State funds.

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 funds, (G.O. 12.1.81).

On the strength of this precedent, the mission authorities appear to have applied again in 1893 for some repairs to the building, but the D.P.D. report that the Consulting Architect refused to carry out the repairs by virtue of G.O. no. 120 of 5.4.80. The mission authorities were accordingly informed by the D.P.D. that the cost of the repairs should be borne by them.

The Consulting Architect estimated the present value of the building at Rs. 52,246, including the value of the site, & the D.P.D. proposed to the mission authorities to make over the premises to them at a reasonable valuation. But the mission ~~is~~ is unwilling to purchase the building. Nor ~~is~~ is it willing to keep the building in repair, as will be seen from the fact that it has ~~been~~ applied for the execution of repairs at the cost of the State.

In view of the facts explained above

FOR ORDERS

15.4.80

Above, Dr. Duncan says that he cannot see his way to recommend the expenditure by Govt of such large sums on repairs, ~~and~~ suggests that the building be handed over to them for a period of ten years, subject to the condition that the building is kept in good repair to the satisfaction of the Departmental officers, ~~that the mission~~ ~~will be responsible for the repairs~~ and that if, in the meantime, the school be closed, no claim be preferred against Govt for outlay incurred on improvements. These were the conditions under which the school house at Madanapalle was handed over to the management of the local High School. It is almost certain that the mission authorities will not consent to take over the building on these conditions. In this latter case, Dr. Duncan suggests that the building may be handed over to the P.W.D.

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The Director's proposal is

Repairs to Raja's and
Poor School. Black Iron

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fulfill a great want to take action which
must end in its being closed. The School
is stated to be already 3000 up and
there is it is impossible for it to
carry out the necessary repairs. What
the Gov. on numerous occasions & many
for the repairs there is nothing to show
but there can be no doubt that the
condition on which the building was
originally given out was that all
repairs were to be carried out by
the managers of the School. There
seems nothing to be done but for
Gov. to carry out the repairs or
to take the building back. The School
being as it is cannot pay rent

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12/8/95

Rajagopal Sankar
Black Town

FOR ORDERS

For

18/8/95

C.No. 908 of 1895

ORDER. 720th August 1895. No. 703.

The Rajagopal Poor School,

Black Town, has for many years been occupying valuable buildings free of rent and the Govt. has further already contributed some Rs. 8000 in order to keep these buildings in proper repair. The property was ^{handing} ~~handed~~ unquestionably handed over in the first instance on the understanding that it ^{shall} ~~will~~ be kept in proper condition by the grantee in respect of all ^{of} ~~the~~ repairs and the ^{which} ~~the~~ Govt. has given in no way binds it to further contribution or any description. Having regard to these circumstances and to the claims of other institutions, the Govt. does not consider that it ^{is} ~~will~~ be justified in giving the additional assistance which the Church of Scotland Mission requests. The Mission authority should be informed that they must either keep the buildings in proper repair to the satisfaction of the Consulting Architect or at once vacate.

To The Director of Public Instruction

for
17/8/95
18/8/95

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REAR ADMIRAL G.O., Esq.
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