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From
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Humbakon College
6th September 1895

E. W. Middlemast Esq
Secretary, Tanjore Jubilee Fund
Executive Committee

To

The Chief Secretary
Madras Government
Through The collector
Tanjore District.

Sir.

I have the honor by direction of the
Tanjore Jubilee Fund Executive Committee to
address you on the subject of obtaining from
Government a grant of Rs 30,000. (Rupees
thirty thousand only) towards the building
of a Students' Hostel at Humbakonam.
In support of this request I proceed to give a
brief account of the Jubilee Fund and of the
considerations which have led to the project
establishing a Hostel in this town.

2. In the year 1887 a sum of money
amounting to Rs 25,000 (twenty five th
only) was raised by voluntary subscrip
among the inhabitants of the Tanjore Di
commemorate in some fitting manner

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Majesty's Jubilee.

3. Various proposals were made at the time for utilizing the Funds. Among these the establishment of a small Model Farm and the institution of Technical Schools in connexion with Humbakonam College found most favour, and at a meeting of the subscribers held in Tanjore on October 20th 1887, it was decided to adopt these two schemes conjointly.

A Committee of five trustees was appointed to carry them into effect and the funds amounting to Rs 25,000 were placed in the hands of two other trustees.

No active steps however were taken towards carrying out the resolution of the 20th October 1887. Other proposals were mooted from time to time without any definite results. In particular it was proposed to combine the above mentioned Agricultural and Technical classes with a normal school, the whole to form one institution at Humbakonam.

4. At this stage the question appears to have been allowed to rest, and there appears to be no record of any further steps until 1894 when the matter was revived by the Acting Director of Public Instruction. In the Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction No 0-1 dated 26th April 1894, Mr A. Munro characterized the proposed Technical Normal as impracticable on account of the inadequacy of the Funds available and the

difficulty

difficulty of obtaining of sufficiently strong
Practising School at Kumbakonam

5. He suggested instead the propriety of utilizing the Jubilee Fund in the Establishment of a Students' Hostel in Kumbakonam, and in a subsequent letter to the Collector of the Tanjore District he requested that a meeting of the subscribers should be convened to take their views regarding this proposal. After some delay a meeting of the subscribers was eventually held in Tanjore on July 27th 1895, due notice having been given by advertisement in the District Gazettee and local newspapers, and by a circular addressed to all subscribers who could be traced. At this meeting the following resolutions were passed:—

" Resolved in cancellation of all previous resolutions that the Trustees be authorized and requested to take steps to utilize the Fund in establishing a Students' Hostel for all classes of students in connection with the Kumbakonam College and to hand over the Fund to the Executive Committee herein under appointed

" Resolved also that Government be addressed with a view to obtain a grant in aid of this project.

" Resolved that the following Executive Committee be appointed to carry out the project:—

The Collector of Tanjore	} ex officio
The Principal of The	
Kumbakonam College	

M. R. R. Rao Bahadur S. Seshayya and

" " P. Thambisami Mudaliar and

The Hon^{ble} M^r. K. Kalyanasundram Aiyar

" Resolved that the Principal of the Kumbakonam College be appointed Secretary.

" Resolved that these resolutions be published in the District Gazettee.

6. In compliance with these resolutions I now address you with the view of obtaining a grant from Government in aid of the building of the Hostel. The action of Government in contributing largely to the Hostels in Madras indicates their approval of the general principle of Students' Hostels, so that it is not necessary to enlarge on that head. With regard to the special need of a Hostel in Kumbakonam, I may point out that Kumbakonam has been for some years an important Educational centre, and that in Educational matters it bears on a small scale the same relation to the Tanjore and parts of the surrounding Districts which Madras has to the rest of the Presidency. There are two High Schools in addition to the Government College and there is a considerable student population who are not permanent residents in Kumbakonam but who have taken up their abode here temporarily for the sake of the Educational advantages afforded. The object of the proposed Hostel is to provide such students with a building where they may be comfortably lodged and boarded and where they may pursue their studies under the healthiest and most favourable conditions.

7.

It is proposed to acquire for the site of the building a piece of land belonging to the Tanjore Palace Estate. The land is not under cultivation and its position on the banks of the Cauvery and in the immediate vicinity of the College renders it a suitable site for the Hostel. The plan of the building has not been decided upon, as its ultimate form must depend on the amount of support that Government may be disposed to grant, but the Committee have in view, in addition to the ordinary sleeping and dining rooms of a hostel, a spacious reading room and a bathing ghant on the river.

8. The cost of carrying the scheme into effect will be apportioned among five main items:-

- (a) the Hostel Building
- (b) Site and Compound
- (c) Superintendent's House
- (d) Bathing Ghant
- (e) Furniture.

On a rough estimate the actual building will cost Rs 700 per student to be accommodated. The land to be acquired is not valuable in itself, but a certain amount of expenditure will be required in raising its level, and adapting it for the site of a Hostel. The Compound should be enclosed by a wall. The site with these additions will amount to Rs 5000.

9. As explained below it is considered desirable to have a Superintendent in immediate charge of the Hostel and residing on the spot. A house will be needed for his accommodation at a cost of Rs 5000.

10. The bathing Ghant will cost Rs 1000.

2 1/2 Superintendent's
house
rates
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It is proposed to provide the students rooms with simple furniture and the Reading Room will require Tables, Chairs, almirahs, etc. The cost of this item will be about Rs 2,000.

11 To meet this expenditure the Committee have at their disposal the Jubilee Funds, amounting with the accumulated interest to Rs 32,000 and now request from Government a contribution of Rs 30,000. The following is a tabular statement of the expenditure and the proposed means of meeting it.

Cost of Construction

1) Hostel Building	Rs 49,000
2, Site, cost of preparation + Compound wall "	5,000
3) Superintendent's House "	5,000
4 Bathing Ghaat "	1,000
	Rs 60,000
Furniture	2,000
Total	Rs 62,000.

Tanjore Jubilee Fund	32,000
Contribution desired from Government	30,000
	Rs 62,000.

12 The Committee are of opinion that the management of the Hostel should be put in the hands of the Principal of the Kumbakonam College as warden, with a native Superintendent under him to arrange the domestic economy and in general to be responsible to the warden for the working of the Hostel. The Superintendent should live in a house to be provided for him near the Hostel Building. The work might be undertaken by one of the college staff without

prejudice

prejudice to his own duties in return for a free house and a salary say of Rs 20 per mensem. The Hostel is designed to be self supporting after the initial cost of the buildings etc has been met. Each boarder will pay a monthly fee which must be fixed at such a figure as to defray the upkeep of the Establishment.

13 In conclusion I may be allowed to add that a Students' Hostel successfully established would increase largely the efficiency of the Government college. One of the most unsatisfactory features in the present collegiate education is the absence of control, parental or otherwise in which a large proportion of the students live out of college hours. Leaving their village homes they are at once exposed to the many temptations of life in a large town, and if not moderately well to do have to submit to mean and unhealthy lodgings and whatever food the despotic Hotel keeper may allow them. The natural consequence is that both their study and their morals in many cases suffer. An attempt has been made to remedy this serious defect by putting each student under the care of a tutor who stands to them in loco parentis but the benefits of this system are small compared with the advantage that must result if the students were lodged in a clean comfortable and healthy building and supplied with wholesome

food

food under the immediate supervision of the
College Authorities

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

E. M. Adlemash
Secretary Jayjore Jubilee Fund
Executive Committee

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vs

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Endowment on Dec 2672
1895

Submitted to Government for
favourable consideration.

The money subscribed to
the Jubilee fund has been
lying idle for the last 8
years, and this is the only
really practical scheme that
has been devised for utilizing it.

There can be no doubt
that the proposed scheme
will result in very great
benefit - but it cannot be
carried out without the
assistance of Government
as the funds are not sufficient.

It is too late in the day
now, I think, to attempt
for further subscriptions.

R. Rawson
of. Collect.

Tanjore.

8th Sep: 1895

Thos. the Director of
Public Instruction
Madras.

My
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras, 23rd September 1895.

No. 10389

Current No 1150

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,

Referring to G.O. No. 726, Educational, dated the 2nd instant, I have the honour to submit a letter from the Secretary, Tanjore Jubilee Fund Executive Committee, dated the 6th idem, addressed to Government, with the Collector's endorsement thereon, and to recommend that a Special Grant of Rs 30,000 be sanctioned towards the cost of the Students' hostel at Kumbakonam, on such conditions as the Government may consider necessary. I beg to point out that sites have been given cost free to the Victoria Students, and Sri S. Ramaswami Mudaliyar's hostels at Presidency

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From

The Collector

Tanjore

To
The Chief Secretary
to Govt Educational Dept
Madras

Thru the Director of
Public Instruction
Madras

Dr. S. S. S.

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Subject

Forwarding for favourable
consideration letter from
the Principal of the Kumbakonam College soliciting
additional funds for the
maintenance of a hostel
at Kumbakonam

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town, but no such free site is ^{asked for} ~~required~~ for the Kumbakonam hostel.

2. It has been proposed to leave the management of the hostel solely in the hands of the Principal of the Kumbakonam College and a native superintendent under him. As the hostel is open to the pupils of other schools also, I would suggest that a representative from each of the two high schools in the town (the Town High School and the Native High School) be also placed on the managing body.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

S. Gurusamy

Director of Public Instruction

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From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras,

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To

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY
TO GOVERNMENT,
Fort St. George.For ordersDated 23rd
Despatched 24th
Received 25th

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ENCLOSURES. /

Subject.

Recommending that a
special grant of Rs 30,000
be sanctioned towards the
cost of the Kumbakonam
Students' hostel.

FOR ORDERS.

There can, I think, be no doubt
that what a students' hostel will
be good for cannot be over-estimated.
It already provides a college
2 High Schools & a large no.
of students, and the Native High
School is very successful. If
a suitable building is devised
and the expenses of upkeep &
repairs properly provided for
£200 might give Rs 30,000 (if
our Budget permits); but before
passing final orders I think we
should ask for a plan of the
building which is to accommodate
700 students at a cost of
Rs 49,000 (Mr. Brown estimates
that in Madras it will cost
Rs 132,380 to accommodate
95 students) what fees the
students will pay, & what the
the expenditure on feeding &c
will be, & how the repairs
are to be met. We should also
be certain that Rs 32,000 can

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In this current Mr. Duncan recommends
the grant of a sum of Rs 30,000 in aid
of the construction of a Students' Hostel at
Kumbakonam. The enclosure to his letter
which is a communication from Mr.
Middlemast, Joint Secretary, Tanjore
Jubilee Fund, sets out the proposal. The
total estimated cost is Rs 62,000, of
which Rs 32,000 is already available
in the shape of the long unutilized
Jubilee subscription of the Tanjore
District; it is the remaining Rs 30,000
which Govt. is asked to contribute.
As regards the need for such an
institution, Mr. Middlemast points out
that "there are two High Schools [at
Kumbakonam] in addition to the Govt.
College and a considerable student
population who are not permanent
residents in Kumbakonam but who have

... of their abode there temporarily
for the sake of the educational advantages
offered."

In 1893-94 the average daily attendance at
the three institutions was 574; there
were also three mixed lower secondary
schools with an average attendance of
9207. - How many of these are students
whose parents do not live in Kumbakonam
or its immediate vicinity cannot be
stated, but it is ~~very~~ probable that
there are over 70 of them; & the building
to which it is proposed to construct is
to apparently only intended to accommodate
about 70.

As regards the management of the
institution, the original proposal is that
it should be vested in the Principal of the
Kumbakonam College with a native
Rep^t under him, but D^r Duncan wisely
suggests that representatives of the two
High Schools should be associated with
him so as to constitute a managing
body of three

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Kumbakonam Students Hostel

Govt College 195
Town High School 450
Native Higher Secondary School 226

FOR ORDERS.

HON'BLE MEMBER. Mr C

He got from the Institute Fund
from what Mr. Middleton says
& the Govt says seems
to be all right, but Mr.
Riddell told me very positively
that it was not available.

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Let us call for report as suggested
by the Hon^r Mr. Fox, at the same time
saying we are favourably disposed
in the meantime, our budget position
will develop & by the time we get an
answer I shall be able to say what
we can afford to give - I fancy we
shall be able to give the Rs 30000
asked for -

I am inclined to think we shall
do better by having the management
in the hands of the one superior of
the Edue^d Service whom we
have in Kumbakonam than by
giving him colleagues, ~~and~~
who might perhaps hamper
him.

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I think so too. all that is wanted
is to see that rules are framed wh. will
prevent him monopolizing the Hostel
for his College - and will ensure other
institutions having fair play.
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The Govt. views the Scheme for
the establishment of a Students'
hostel at Kumbakonam with
favour, but desires, before passing
~~final~~ ^{definite} orders thereon, to have a
plan of the proposed building,
and to be informed ^{as to} ~~what~~ the
exact amount of the jubilee
Fund which will be available
for ~~the purpose of the hostel~~ ^{erecting it} is,
(2) what the Students will
pay, (3) what the expenditure
on feeding & ^{probably amount to} will be, and
(4) how the ^{cost of} repairs to the building
is to be met. It is ~~assumed~~ ^{apparently}
that the building which is
estimated will cost Rs 49000
will provide accommodation for
some 70 students only. Each
inform^t on this head should also be
supplied (from orders)

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