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Enclosure.

Memorandum.

With reference to G.O., No. 3202 W., dated 10th November 1896, I have had prepared plans and valuations of the buildings standing on these sites :—

	Estimated values.
	RS.
(i) Umdah Bagh	54,757
(ii) Patter's Gardens	1,39,098
(iii) Buckingham Hotel and Temple Gardens	68,836

These amounts have been arrived with rates pertaining and for the sums shown these buildings could be constructed.

Therefore the values here given may be considered as first costs (very approximate). I explained at the meeting held Saturday, 9th January, at Dr. Duncan's house, at which he with Mr. Austin was present, that it seemed to me that (ii) and (iii) were quite unsuitable, whereas the buildings in the Umdah Bagh constituted a ready-made school, most suitable in every way.

It was then resolved that Dr. Duncan and I should inspect the Umdah Bagh.

We did so on Tuesday, 12th, Mr. Scott being present. I believe Dr. Duncan agrees in every way with my opinion as to the suitability of these buildings.

After examining the place we resolved that the alterations and additions shown in accompanying estimate would be necessary and that I should submit an approximate estimate for effecting them and placing the buildings in thorough repair.

This I now do with the following remarks. The estimate does not include furniture or fittings for class rooms or for such rooms as chemical laboratory, drawing class rooms, &c., &c., neither is piping, cocks, &c., for water service to main or other buildings allowed for, as I can give no estimate for this. No new road is allowed for.

I endorse the views of the Consulting Architect that both (ii) Patter's Gardens and (iii) the Buckingham Hotel and Temple Gardens are unsuitable. The buildings in Patter's Gardens are quite unsuitable for school purposes and the cost of adapting them would be very great. Mr. Harris says that the Buckingham Hotel is in a very dilapidated condition and would require to be pulled down. This site would, in his opinion, be the most costly of the three. It has the further drawback from the point of view of my department that it is in the immediate neighbourhood of the only other high school for Muhammadans—the Harris School.

The Umdah Bagh building would be very suitable for school purposes if the alterations and additions mentioned in the Consulting Architect's estimate were carried out. But I consider it to be indispensable that the whole of the compound should be acquired, as every portion of it will be needed as a playground for tennis, cricket, foot-ball, &c. A hostel or boarding house for the use of up-country boys is also contemplated, and though that is not to be taken in hand just now, space must be allowed for it. If Government cannot see its way to purchase the whole of the Umdah Bagh property, I would recommend that the idea of locating the Madrasa there be given up entirely.

(Signed) D. DUNCAN.

15th January 1897.

Resolution—Mis. No. 251—Confl. No. 18, dated 21st January 1897.

The papers will be submitted to Government.

2. Mr. Austin's objections to the Consulting Architect's *method* of calculating the value of the building are clearly valid. What Government requires to know is the present market value.

3. The Board fully concurs with the Consulting Architect and with Dr. Duncan as to the undeniable superiority of the Macleane's Gardens building and site over the others. It considers that the property should be acquired under Act I of 1894, if an offer of 2½ lakhs is not accepted.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Order—No. 259, Educational, dated 4th May 1897.

The following letter will be addressed to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

Letter—No. 260, Educational, dated 4th May 1897, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

I am directed to address you on the subject of the provision of accommodation for the Madrasa-i-Azam in the City of Madras.

2. The history of the institution is shortly as follows :—

In 1852, His Highness the late Muhammad Ghaus Khan Bahadur, Nawab of the Carnatic, with the approval of the Government of Madras and of the Court of Directors, established the Madrasa-i-Azam, as an institution more especially for the education of the minors of the Carnatic family, but generally also for the benefit of their servants and the Mussulman inhabitants of the City of Madras at large. The primary subjects of instruction were understood to be the Quran and the doctrines of Islamism, but free teaching was also given in Arabic, Persian, Hindustani, Tamil, Telugu, and English, and in elementary mathematics, to which was added a little primitive medicine. The institution was managed by a committee of nine members, and was wholly supported by a monthly grant of Rs. 1,000 paid by the Nawab out of his subsidy. The school became rapidly popular and the attendance was on the increase when in 1855 His Highness died, and the revenues assigned to the Nawab passed into the hands of Government. The Government continued the grant of Rs. 1,000 to the institution, but inquiries into its condition revealed that it was radically defective in organization, while the instruction imparted in it was virtually limited to the teaching of Arabic, Persian and Hindustani, a knowledge of which was and is of little practical value in Southern India. Proposals for its abolition were put forward, but the Government was reluctant in the circumstances to take such a step and eventually in 1859 sanctioned the reorganization of the Madrasa as a Government school and its continuance for the exclusive use of Muhammadans. The institution, which includes middle and high school departments, has no permanent home of its own and is housed in a rented building situated in a locality which is now disreputable. The premises are also quite unsuitable, the rooms are too small and there is no playground. The Government has long been aware of this state of things and for six years from 1884–85 provided allotments for a new building in the annual budgets. But up to the present time it has not been found possible to secure better accommodation which would be conveniently situated for the Mussulman quarter nor to find a site for the erection of a new building. Since the receipt of Government of India resolution, dated 15th July 1885, No. 7–215–25, attention has been continually directed to the subject of Muhammadan education, and successive Governments have come to the conclusion that it is essential to have a model Muhammadan school at Madras.

3. In 1893 an influential committee of a private character was formed in Madras for the furtherance of Muhammadan education, which has pressed strongly upon Government the absolute necessity of moving the Madrasa from its present situation. The surroundings of the present Madrasa are, as already mentioned, most injurious to the morals of the boys; respectable Muhammadans are averse from sending their boys to the school on this account; and the provision of a commodious, healthy and convenient school will have a most powerful and benign influence on the education and training of Muhammadan children and on the welfare of that community in general.

4. After much inquiry, a property called the "Umdah Bagh" has now been selected as fulfilling the necessary requirements. It is in a central and imposing situation, convenient both for pupils and for outside supervision. It contains a large mansion which can be readily adapted for school purposes, while the extensive lands attached to it provide ample space for playing grounds and for a hostel or boarding-house, which is much wanted.

Negotiations for the purchase of the property have been entered into. The owner demands nearly three-and-a-half lakhs, but he would probably be willing to accept two-and-a-half lakhs: and if he declined the offer, the property could, it is believed, be acquired under the Act for about the latter sum. The purchase money together with the cost of adapting the building and providing the necessary furniture and scholastic appliances has been estimated at about three lakhs in all. It is quite impossible for an impoverished community like the Mussulman community in Madras to raise this sum or even any substantial part of it; and the Government has always felt that, having regard to the desirability of doing something to raise this community from its sunken state, the funds should be provided from the public treasury. There is a feeling among Muhammadans that Government by spending upon the maintenance of the Madrasa less than Rs. 1,000 a month, which was the original benefaction of the Nawab, has accumulated a large balance, and that this sum should now be spent in improving the Madrasa. The Government has repudiated this contention on the ground that much more has been spent on Muhammadan education in other institutions as well as in that; but the fact may be stated as an additional argument which weighs with Government in seeking to provide an appropriate building for the Madrasa.

The sum required is, no doubt, large; but after prolonged and exhaustive enquiries, the Umdah Bagh site is the only one which has been found to meet at all the requirements of a site for the institution.

5. It was the intention of His Excellency the Governor in Council to make the necessary grant from Provincial funds, but the crippled state in which the recent settlement of the "contract" with the Imperial Government has left the Provincial treasury effectually precludes this Government from doing so. I am therefore directed to request that, in the circumstances represented, His Excellency the Governor-General in Council may be pleased to sanction a special grant of three lakhs of rupees for the laudable and necessary object in view.

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Exd. A. Raitt.

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(1896) Department.

D. O. No. 673

From R. C. C. Carr. Esq.

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Hon.
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Seen. I suppose we shall get an official & pass orders on that?
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R. C. C. C. S. M. C. 19 NOV 96

My dear Carr

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He says

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whole of Maclean's gardens
measuring 16 Cawnies, 7 grounds
& 1486 square feet containing
grand palatial building
kitchen houses, stablings (excluding
the stabling in front portion
on Mount Road side) Tanks,
wells, Fountains &c Rs 3,87,500"

"Further, I am not disposed to part
with the whole of the Maclean's
gardens but shd like to keep
a small portion of about
2 Cawnies on the Mt Rd side
& 1 on Club Road side for

3/ which I ask you to debit an amount of Rs 1200
per ground less 10% as calculated for your
submission.
I shall be glad to let you know the price of the
Potter's gardens tomorrow".
He has not done so yet. I will let you know as
soon as he does.
Yrs sincly

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Madras Collector's Office,
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My dear Mr Carr

On Saturday I received a letter from Balamukunda Do asking me to ascertain what Government would offer him for the Patters' famous property.

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I will let you know as soon as I hear from Balarundy Doss.

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either of these properties the quickest & best course will be to take it up under the Act.

Yours truly

To R. C. C. Carr Esq.

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R. C. C. CARR
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M. C. S.

Madras Collector's Office,
SEA CUSTOM HOUSE,
24-11-96 1895.

My dear Mr Carr

In continuation of my note of yesterday I write now to inform you that I have just heard from Balamukunda Doss & he now asks five lakhs for the Patters garden property.

Sincly yours

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Submitting to Govt. report from the Collector of Madras regarding the extent and valuation of the several sites proposed for the location of the Madrasa-i-azam

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From

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15. As for the other sites, I have no reliable data on which to form an estimate, no purchases in the vicinity having of late been registered in the Office, but I do not think I should be far out in assessing the value roughly at Rs 400 per ground. At this rate the Buckingham Hotel site which covers 130 1/2 grounds would cost Rs 52.200 and Temple Gardens which consists of 86 grounds Rs 34,400. Patter's Gardens is the largest site and covers 410 grounds and at the rate I have taken would cost Rs 164,000. To these various estimates must be added the cost of the buildings as given by the Consulting Architect plus 15 per cent for compulsory acquisition

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

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Collector of Madras.

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Enclos. No. 3
To
O. No. 92

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Memorandum.

With reference to G. O No 3202 W dy 10th November 1896. I have had prepared plans and valuations of the buildings standing on these sites

	Estimated Values Rs
(i) Umdah Bagh	54.757
(ii) Patters Gardens	1.39.098
(iii) Buckingham Hotel & Temple Gardens	68,836

These amounts have been arrived with rates pertaining. & for the Sums shown these buildings Could be Constructed:–

Therefore the values here given may be Considered as first Costs (Very approximate)

I Explained at the meeting held Saturday 9th January at Dr. Duncans house at which he with Mr Austin was present that it seemed to me that (ii) & (iii) were quite unsuitable, whereas the buildings in the Umdah Bagh constituted a ready made school, most suitable in every way.

It was then resolved that Dr. Duncan & I should inspect the Umdah Bagh.–

We did so on Tuesday 12th, Mr Scott

being present. I believe Dr Duncan agrees in every way with my opinion as to the suitability of these buildings.

After examining the place we resolved that the alterations and additions shown in accompanying estimate would be necessary. & that I should submit an approximate estimate for effecting them & placing the buildings in thorough repair.

This I now do with the following remarks

The estimate does not include furniture or fittings for class rooms or for such rooms as Chemical Laboratory. Drawing class rooms &c. &c., neither is piping cocks etc for water service to main or other buildings allowed for - as I can give no estimate for this. No new road is allowed for.

No. 4813
15.1.97

Forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction together with all plans - with request that he will kindly add his remarks & forward the plans & this Memorandum - on as soon as possible to Mr Austin who has written for them.

15/1/97

Consulting Architect to Govt.

I endorse the views of the Consulting Architect that both (ii) Patters Gardens & (iii) the Buckingham Hotel & Temple Gardens are unsuitable. The buildings in Patters Gardens are quite unsuitable for school purposes & the cost of adapting them would be very great. Mr Harris says that the Buckingham Hotel is in a very dilapidated condition and ~~that~~ would require to be pulled down. This site would, in his opinion, be the most costly of the three. It has the further drawback from the point of view of my Department that it is in the immediate neighbourhood of the only other High School for Muhammadans - the Harris School.

The Umdah Bagh building would be very suitable for school purposes if the alterations & additions mentioned in the Consulting Architect's estimate were carried out. But I consider it to be indispensable that the whole of the compound should be acquired, as every portion of it will be needed as a play-ground, for tennis, cricket, foot-ball, &c. A hostel or boarding-house for the use of up-country boys is also contemplated, & though that is not to be taken in hand just now, space must be allowed for it. If Government cannot see its way to purchase the whole of the Umdah Bagh property, I would recommend that the idea of locating the Madrasa there be given up entirely.

D Duncan

15.1.97

Enclosure no. 1 to letter
from the Colr of Madras
Ref no. 3970/Genl
21/Confl

1897
Genl Dept.
Enclos. No 2
To
C. N 92

ESTIMATE FORM.—Abstract.

Quantity.	Description of Work.	Rate.	Per	Amount	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6
		RS.		RS.	RS.
	Approximate Estimate of the cost of adapting the Umdah Bagh to accommodate the Madrasa-i-azam				
	Main building				
	Basement floor				
[illegible]4 sq ft	Enlarging openings & providing glass doors to increase light in central rooms	1-4-..	sq ft	630	
	Upper floor.				
[illegible]600 sq ft	Reroofing the entire main building & substituting new timbers where necessary	75-..-..	100 sq ft	7,200	
4131 Cft	Raising height of walls in central portion to height of highest room...	20-..-..	100 Cft	826	
3672 sq ft	Plastering - do - - do -	3-..-..	100 sq ft	110	
1000 "	substituting terrace floor for boarded floor	26-..-..	"	260	
	opening up partition walls in central portion by arches to form one large hall 82'-0 x 35'-9"			200	
420 sq ft	Filling up open spaces between columns in front with glazed shutters....	1-4-..	sq ft	525	
6,300 "	Laying floor with pressed tiles...	23-..-..	100 sq ft	1449	
	General repairs including white-washing painting &c complete...			5,000	
	Carried over Rs				16,200

Grand Total of Estimate ..

Station—
Date— 189 .

Executive Engineer.

(E. No. 123.)

50,000—6-1-96.

Circle—

Division—

District—

Taluk (or Estate in case of Estate Works.)

ESTIMATE FORM.—Abstract.

Financial Head—

Budget Head—

Departmental Head—

Main Head—

Sub-Head—

Project of which the work forms part—

Section—

Name of Work—

Amount of Estimate, Rs.—

To be carried out by—

REFERENCES.

ESTIMATE FORM.—Abstract.

Quantity.	Description of Work.	Rate.	Per	Amount	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6
		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
	Brought forward			—	16,200
1600 sq ft	Adding to the detached Bungalow and providing upper bed room &c to accommodate the Head Master	2-8--	sq ft	4,000	
	Staircases			300	
	General repairs painting &c			700	5,000
1800 sq ft	Tiffin rooms	2---	"	-	3,600
	New latrine with 24 seats according to Sanitary Engineer's standard plan	-	-	-	1,300
	Lavatory	-	-	-	800
	Repairs to boundary walls, gates & roads	-	-	-	500
	Dismantling & removing stables & on the Mount Road side	-	-	-	150
					27,550
	Deduct probable amount to be realized by sale of old materials	-	-	-	1,500

Grand Total of Estimate .. 26,050

Station Madras

Date 15 January 1897.

H. Irwin.

Consulting Architect to Govt

Executive Engineer.

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50,000-

CIRCLE—

DIVISION—

DISTRICT—

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ESTIMATE FORM.—Abstract.

Enclosure no. 2 to letter
from the Collector of Madras
Ref no. 3970/Genl
21/Confl.

Financial Head—

Budget Head—

Departmental Head—

Main Head—

Sub-Head—

Project of which the work forms part—

Section—

Name of Work—

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To be carried out by—

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE. MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue)

Dated 21st January 1897.

No. 251 Mis:
Confl. No. 18

Collector of Madras

READ letter from W. P. Austin Esqre, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 20th January 1897, Ref: No. 3970 Gl / 21 Confl.

Resolution. Of 21-1-97 Ms No 251

The papers will be submitted to Government.

2. Mr. Austin's objections to the Consulting Architect's method of calculating the value of the building are clearly valid – What Government requires to know is the present market value.

3. The Board fully concurs with the Consulting Architect and with Dr. Duncan as to the undeniable superiority of the Maclean's Gardens building and site over the others. It considers that the property should be acquired under Act I of 1894 to

if an offer of 2½ lacs is not accepted.

(True Extract)

R Ellis
Secretary

To

The Secretary to Government
Educational Department
with Collector's letter & Encs in original
to be returned.

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Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

To

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Proceedings, dated
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Educational DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 1281 of 96 & 92 of 97

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Sites for the Madrasa-i-Azam.

FOR ORDERS.

The conclusion that we must take the Umdah Bagh site for the new Madrissa building seems to be inevitable. It is a central & imposing site convenient both for pupils & for outside supervision. With a site like this we may hope to get subscriptions enough for a Boarding House. Mr. Cole's committee told us the Mahomedans were unanimously in favour of it & in a 2400 gr. though this is 391½ gr. (21½ acres nearly) not greater the case, some Mahomedans holding that it is too far away for some parts of Triplicane, I have satisfied myself that most of the more prominent of them think it will do, & most of the objectors object because they want Govt. worse sites.

The owner asks for Rs 3,48,750, but the Collr thinks he will take Rs 2,50,000, if told that if he refuses the land will be taken up under the Land Acquisition Act. (23½ acres nearly)

I think that — if we can get

In C No 92 of 97 the Bd of Rev. submits reply to para 11 of G.O. no. 632 Ed. d 8th Oct. 1896. Particulars as to the area and value of the sites are as follows: —

I **Umdah Bagh.**

Area	391½ grounds.
value of the land at Rs 500 per ground	Rs 1,95,750
Value of the buildings -	Rs 54,757
Total estimated value	Rs 2,50,507
15 per cent on the estimated value	Rs 37,576
Total amount to be paid if acquired under the Act	Rs 2,88,083
Price demanded by the owner	Rs 3,48,750

Mr. Austin considers the owner would accept a firm offer of Rs 2,50,000.

II **Patter's Gardens**

Area	410 grounds

P. T. O.

Patter's Gardens

Value of the land at Rs400 per ground	Rs 1,64,000
Value of the buildings	Rs 1,39,098
Total estimated value	Rs 3,03,098
15 per cent on the value	Rs 45,464
Total amount to be paid if acquired under the act	Rs 3,48,562
Price demanded by the owner	Rs 5,00,000

III Buckingham Hotel & Temple Gardens

Area	216½ grounds
Value of the lands at Rs400 per ground	Rs 86,600
Value of the buildings	Rs 68,836
Total estimated value	Rs 1,55,436
15 percent on the value	Rs 23,315
Total amount to be paid if acquired under the act	Rs 1,78,751
Price demanded by the owners	Rs 3,50,000.

The latter two sites are considered unsuitable for the school. The Umdah Bagh is said to be very suitable for the school & the D.P.I. is very strongly of opinion that the whole of it (not a part only) should be acquired, as open ground is wanted for play grounds & for a site for a hostel for Muh. Students. It may be noted here that Govt. has committed itself to find a

the money, a matter that will be discussed below — we did offer the R 2,50,000. If we get the site for this, we shall have to spend R 26,05 in repairing the buildings (which according to the C.E. "constitute a ready-made school suitable in all respects") & more on furniture fittings & petties. Altogether we may expect nearly 12 acres the initial cost to be something short of R 3,00,000. After that there will be a recurring charge on account of the additional cost entailed by a revision of the estab of the School. From A it will be seen that the existing monthly cost of the school is about R 700 plus R 300 for the Headmaster plus R 65 for rent (the school building is rented). The rent will go to keep the extra menial estab that will be required if the big site at the Umda Bagh is taken. The additional charges recurring annually may be taken to be about R 2,500.

Now, how can we provide for this R 3,00,000 down & R 2500 a year? Our financial state is such that we cannot possibly do it from Provincial funds. Our only hope is that the G of I will give us the R 3,00,000 & add the R 2500 a year to our Educational budget. The institution is sorely wanted. There is no link now for the Mahomedans of Madras between Primary & Collegiate Education. The present Madrasa is in a low & immoral neighbourhood. Its accommodation is scanty. Its results are contemptible. We promised the Mahomedans a new building fourteen years ago & entered an allotment in the Imp. Budget for it for 6 years beginning with 1883-84. In 1895 the subject was taken up again. A strong Mahomedan Committee asked for the site, which after prolonged inquiry I think the best. If we do not take it now we shall incur the grave political danger which will accrue from breaking promises to the Mahomedan community, & we shall enable the public to charge us justly with weakness & fickleness. I think a special representation should be made to India.

JG
22/2/97

I quite agree, that

Site for the Anjuman-i-Mufid & that the papers relating to it are lying over till the Madrasa site has been settled.

In env 1281 of 96, the Financial Dept. replies to the query whether funds amounting to Rs 2,50,000 could be found during the current year or the next year for the acquisition of a site for the Madrasa. But it is believed that the position of the Prov. finances has since been altered and that there is now no funds.

TR
30/1/97

K.M.

(I have been so swamped with Legislative work, Plague Regulations, Leper Bill, Municipal budgets &c that I have not been able, I regret, to send this on sooner).

We may take it I think that we are shut up to the "Maclean's Garden" site; and that either the whole site shd. be purchased or the proposal abandoned.

I do not think Mr. Austin values the site too ~~cheaply~~ low at an average price of R.500 per "ground"[x]; indeed I am not sure it is not too high, at any rate it seems quite high enough. The prices paid for Mount Road sites quoted by him, wh. run up to about R1000 a "ground", are *frontage* sites; and the plan[x] of ~~the site~~ Maclean's Gardens (or Umdah Bagh) shows how very few convenient sites of that description could be set off, even including the frontage sites in Commander in Chief's road, which wd. certainly not be nearly so valuable, at any rate for several years to come.

(Col. Moore told me privately some time ago that he had *heard* the owner was asking only *one* lakh for the site: but that ~~must~~ I think must have been a mistake).

The Board's recommendation is to offer R 2·50·000 & if not accepted to take up the property under the Act. This may be done if Finl. Dpt. can find the money.

13.2.97

1 acre = 18 grounds (roughly)

i, as to the 3 lakhs we shall want for taking up the land &c. — I should not say anything to India about the Rs 2500 p. a. — we can manage somehow, no doubt, to find that from Provl. resources

H.S
26/2/97

[x] see *below* in "Nungumbakkam Division – Section Nos. 7 & 8" – *folded* plan.

I have much pleasure in agreeing with Hon. Members But, in common with the Hon. Mr. Bliss, I would say nothing about the Rs. 2500 p.a.

A.S.H
1.3.97

A. Government Madrasa-i-azam

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No.	Designation	Minimum Rs	Minimum as	Rate of increment Rs	Rate of increment as	Maximum Rs	Maximum as	Average Rs	Average as
1	Head master	Provincial Educational Service							
1	~~First Assistant~~	125	„	5	„	175	„	162	8
1	Second do	75	„	5	„	125	„	112	8
1	Third class Hindustani Munshi	40	„	4	„	60	„	55	„
1	~~Third Assistant~~	40	„	2	„	50	„	47	8
1	Fourth do	40	„	2	„	50	„	47	8
1	Fifth do	30	„	1	„	35	„	33	12
1	Sixth do	30	„	1	„	35	„	33	12
1	Seventh do	20	„	1	„	25	„	23	12
1	Eighth do	20	„	1	„	25	„	23	12
1	Hindustani Munshi	20	„	2	„	40	„	35	„
1	Tamil Munshi	20	„	2	„	40	„	35	„
1	Drawing Master	20	„	2	„	40	„	35	„
1	Mensuration teacher	20	„	2	„	40	„	35	„
1	Clerk	15	„	„	„	15	„	15	„
1	~~Gymnastic instructor~~	10	„	1	„	20	„	17	8
	Total	525	„			775	„	712	8

Now R 300

Rent R 65

J.G

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~~LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL~~ Educational DEPARTMENT.

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No 1281 of 1896, dated 29th Oct. from the Fin'l Dept

Current No. 92 of 1897, dated 21st Jany from the Bd of Rev (LR)

Order. No. 259 & 4th May 1897

Hon Mr Pope
Hon Mr Klein
H.E. the Governor

The following letter will be addressed to the Govt of India.

J.F.
10/4/97

To No 260

desp'd 6/5/97 The Secy to the Govt of I.
Home Dept.

Sir,

I am directed to address you on the subject of the provision of accommodation for the Madrasa-i-Azam in the City of Madras.

2. The history of the institution is shortly as follows:- In 1852 H. H. the late Muhammad Ghaus Khan Bahadur, Nabob of the Carnatic, with the approval of the Govt. of Madras and the Court of Directors,

JG

see additions below

JG
15/4/97

Note

The defect of this draft is that it doesn't bring out the fact that after exhaustive enquiries the Umda Bagh site has been found to be the only one at all suitable. If we don't state this at once, India will be sending back to enquire why we don't select some other or cheaper site

HB
15/4/97

Note

I have added a sentence at the end of para. 4. S.R. 20/4/97

Appd. But

established the Madrasa-i-Ayam, ~~[illegible]~~ as an institution more especially for the education of the minors of the Carnatic family, but generally also for the benefit of their servants and the Mussulman inhabitants of the city of Madras at large. The primary subjects of instruction were understood to be the Quran and the doctrines of Islamism, but free teaching was also given in Arabic, Persian, Hindustani, Tamil, Telugu, and English, and in elementary mathematics, to which was added a little primitive medicine. The institution was managed by a Committee of nine members, and was wholly supported by a monthly grant of Rs 1000 paid by the Nabob out of his subsidy. The School became rapidly popular and the attendance was on the increase when in 1855 H.H. died, and the revenues assigned the Nabob passed into the

Note

But, the Hon. Mr. Grose should see the letter again, before it is despatched.

A.F.H.
27.4.97

I approve of the added sentence

J.G.
2/5/97

^and is

^the rooms are too small & there is no play-ground.

hands of Govt. The Govt continued the grant of Rs 1000 to the institution, but inquiries into its condition revealed that it was radically defective in organization, while the instruction imparted in it was virtually limited to the teaching of Arabic, Persian and Hindustani, a knowledge of which was of little practical value in Southern India. Proposals for its abolition were put forward but the Govt was reluctant in the circumstances to take such a step and eventually in 1859 sanctioned the reorganization of the Madrasa as a Govt School and its continuance for the exclusive use of Muhammadans. The institution which includes middle and high school departments has no permanent ~~building~~ home of its own, and is housed in a rented building situated in a locality which is now disreputable. The premises are also quite unsuitable, and the

Govt has long been aware of this, state of things, But up to the present time it has not been found possible to secure better accommodation which would be conveniently situated ~~to~~ for the Mussulman Quarter, nor to find a site for the erection of a new building. Since the

and for 6 years fr 84 – 85 provided allotments for a new building in two annual budgets,

receipt of G of I Res 15 July 85 — 215-25 attention has been continuously directed to the subject of Mahomedan Education, & successive governments have come to the conclusion that it ~~was~~ is essential to have a model Mahomedan School at Madras.

3. In 1893 an influential Committee of a private character was formed in Madras for the furtherance of Muhammadan Education, ~~and~~ which has pressed strongly upon Govt the absolute necessity of moving the Madrasa from its present situation. The ~~present~~ surroundings of the Madrasa are, as already mentioned, most injurious to the morals of the boys; respectable Muhammadans are averse from sending their boys to the School on this account; and the ~~erection~~ provision of a commodious, healthy and convenient school will have a most powerful and benign influence on the education and training of Muhammadan Children

Children and on the welfare of that community in general.

4. After much inquiry a property called the "Umdah Bagh" has now been selected as fulfilling the necessary requirements. It is in a central and imposing situation, convenient both for pupils and for outside supervision. It contains a large ~~[illegible]~~ mansion which can be readily adapted for school purposes, while the extensive lands attached to it provide ample space for playing grounds and for a hostel or boarding house which is much wanted.

Negotiations for the purchase of the property have been entered into. The owner demands nearly three and a half lakhs ~~for the site~~: but he would probably be willing to accept two and a half lakhs: and if he declined the offer, the property could, it is believed be acquired under the Act for about ~~that~~ the latter sum. The purchase money together with the cost of adapting the building and providing the necessary furniture and scholastic appliances has been estimated at about three lakhs in all. It is quite impossible for an impoverished community like the Mussulman community in Madras to raise this sum or even any substantial part of it: and the Govt has always felt that having regard to the desirability of doing some-thing to raise this community from its sunken state the funds should be provided from the public treasury. There is a feeling among Muhammadans that Govt by spending upon the maintenance of the Madrasa less than Rs 1000 a month which was the original benefaction of the Nawab has accu-mulated a large balance and that this sum should now be spent in improving the Madrasa. The Govt has repudiated this contention on the ground that much more has been spent on Mahomedan Education in other institutions ? as well as in that; but the fact may be stated as

A.T.H.

as an additional argument which weighs with Govt in seeking to provide an ~~college~~ appropriate building for the Madrasa.

he sum required is no doubt large; but after rolonged & exhaustive nquiries the Umdah Bagh is the only one wh. been found to meet at all the requirements of a for the institution

5. It was the intention of H.E. the G. in C. to make the necessary grant from provincial funds, but the crippled state in which the recent settlement of the "contract" with the Imperial Govt has left the provincial treasury, effectually precludes this Govt from doing so. I am therefore directed to request that in the circumstances represented H.E. the Governor General in Council may be pleased to sanction a special grant of three lakhs of rupees for the very laudable & necessary object in view.

(Initialled) G. S. F.

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