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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
27th April 1874.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 264-A. From E. B. POWELL, Esq., M.A., C.S.I., Director of Public Instruction, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 20th April 1874, No. 650.

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No. 265. ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1874, No. 704.

The Government see no reason to comply with this request for a building grant-in-aid.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue, with enclosures returned.
,, Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Dated April, 27th.

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Secretary.

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and copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 4th February
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,, the President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore Circle.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 8TH APRIL 1874, No. 785.

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No. 650.

From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras.

To

THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

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Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Director of Public Instruction.

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From

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To

The Acting Chief Secretary to
Government,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 20th April 1874.

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Sending with remarks, &c., Proceedings of the Board of Revenue with reference to an application for a Building grant on a account of the Sulur Union School.

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To

The Board of Revenue.

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G. O. April 27, 1874. No. 704.

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