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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 19th April 1859.

No. 85. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department, dated 29th March 1859, No. 478.

Recording certain instructions respecting the erection of Zillah School houses at Madura, Salem and Cuddapah, for the guidance of Engineer Officers. (Vide Public Diary Consultation, 1st April 1859, Nos. 3-4.

No. 86. ORDER THEREON, No. 915; dated 18th April 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for information and guidance.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,
Actg. Dy. Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

No. 478.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 29th March 1859.

Read the following letter from the Director of Public Instruction.

(Here enter 19th March 1859, No. 244.)

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council sanctions a grant of Rupees (4,000) four thousand, in aid of the subscriptions amounting to Rupees 1,914-12-0 which have been raised, for the erection of a Zillah School house at Madura. In the event of the balance of the subscriptions which have been registered, but have not been collected, viz., Rupees 2,000 being paid, the Collector is authorized to disburse a further sum of Rupees 2,000 for the same purpose. These grants will be debited to the Educational building fund. The execution of the work will be entrusted to the District Engineer, to whom the necessary orders will be issued in the Department of Public Works. He should be instructed to adopt one or other of the plans, No. 6 or No. 7, recommended by the Director of Public Instruction, according to the amount of funds that may be available. The cost of a School house according to plan No. 6, has been estimated in the Chief Engineer's Office at Rupees 5,800, and according to plan No. 7, at Rupees 9,600. The District Engineer should be instructed to prepare and furnish the Director of Public Instruction with detailed estimates of the cost of erecting a School house, upon each of the two plans referred to, according to the local rates, and with a statement of any alterations he would suggest in the plan, in the event of the rates raising the cost above the amount available. The Director will forward the revised plan and estimate to the Chief Engineer for examination, and that Officer will thereupon issue orders for the commencement of the work.

2. The Director will inform the District Engineer in what part of the building he wishes the divisions to consist of moveable screens, as suggested in para. 5 of his letter.

3. No part of the Government grant is to be disbursed until the amount of the subscriptions collected shall have been paid into the Collector's Treasury.

4. The Director, it is observed, has communicated with the Collector regarding a site for the School house.

5. The Government also sanction grants of Rupees (3,500) three thousand five hundred and Rupees (3,000) three thousand in aid of the subscriptions which have been raised at Salem and Cuddapah for the erection of School houses at those stations. In the case of the Salem School, the grant will be raised to Rupees 5,000, in the event of the subscriptions amounting to Rupees 2,500, the amount said to have been registered. In other respects the instructions given above, with reference to the projected School house at Madura, will apply to these cases also. For these buildings plan No. 6 will be adopted, subject, as suggested by the Director in paras. 8 and 9 of his letter, to such modifications as may be necessary with reference to the local rates of work and the amount available in each case.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Department of Public Works,
with copy of the Director's letter and 6 Plans.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Auditor.
" Collector of Madura.
" " Salem.
" " Cuddapah.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

MADRAS, 19*th March* 1859.

No. 244.

From,

A. J. ARBUTHNOT, ESQ.,
Director of Public Instruction.

To,

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

On the 29th May last, I received through the Inspector of the Division a letter, of which a copy is annexed, from the Head Master of the Zillah School at Madura, reporting the unsafe state of that portion of Terumal Naick's Palace which was occupied by the school and the necessity of removing it to some other building. The letter reached me at Madura and on visiting the school, I found that during the interval which had elapsed since it was written, the Head Master had deemed it necessary to remove the school into another building, the property of Government. On visiting the Palace, I saw every reason to believe that Mr. Williams had exercised a sound discretion in removing the school.

2. The building into which it had been removed, and which was the only one available, being very unsuitable, I took advantage of the attendance of some of the principal native residents on the occasion of the distribution of prizes to recommend that they should take steps towards providing a suitable building and drew their attention to the resolution of Government conveyed in the Extract Minutes of Consultation, under date the 6th March 1857, No. 253, that in determining on the appropriation of the funds available for the erection of school houses for the superior schools, consideration would be given to the amounts raised from local sources.

3. Some little time elapsed before any steps were taken in the matter, but on the 30th July, a meeting was held, a report of which is annexed. A second meeting was held on the 27th August and a third on the 5th Instant, the report of which last, together with a copy of the Head Master's letter forwarding it, I now submit for the orders of Government.

4. It will be observed that subscriptions to the amount of Rs. 3,914-12 have been registered, of which Rs. 1,914-12 have been collected and that the Head Master urges that the erection of the building should be commenced without loss of time. This recommendation I am quite prepared to support, the building in which the school is now held being in every respect ill-adapted as a school house.

5. But adverting to the large proportion of the subscriptions still uncollected, I have some difficulty in naming the sum which should be granted by Government in aid of the subscriptions. In my letter of the 2d February 1857, I suggested that in the case of the superior schools the Government grant might be in the proportion of three to one of the sum raised by local subscriptions, provided that in no case it should exceed Rs. 12,000. The Government did not deem it proper to lay down any specific rule on this point, and on further consideration I am disposed to think that for a Zillah school Rs. 6,000 will be the largest sum required to supplement the local subscriptions. I send herewith a set of standard plans which have been lithographed in the Chief Engineer's office from drawings based upon sketches prepared at my request by Mr. Fowler, the Inspector of the 3rd Division. These plans appear to me extremely well adapted for schools in this country; the rooms being so arranged as to provide amply for ventilation and at the same time to admit of due supervision on the part of the Head Master. I would propose that either No. 6 or No. 7, be adopted for the Madura school, according to the amount of funds available, and that the sum of Rs. 4,000 be at once sanctioned as a Government grant, with an intimation that it will be raised to Rupees 6,000 in the event of the whole of the subscriptions which have been promised being collected. The erection of the building, according to plan No. 6, might be commenced at once. In the event of the subscriptions and grant being sufficient for the expense of a building according to plan No. 7, the three additional rooms for which the lat-

ter plan provides can easily be added. The principle of both plans is the same. The only alteration I would propose in carrying out the plans is that three of the rooms should be divided by moveable screens and not by permanent divisions, so as to provide a large room when requisite for public examinations, meetings for the distribution of prizes, &c.

6. I beg that the necessary instructions may be issued through the Department of Public Works for the immediate commencement of this building. It is of great importance that it should be erected without loss of time.

* *See L. M. C. 27th November* 1857, *No.* 2106.

It will be observed* that the sum which I propose for immediate sanction only exceeds by Rupees 700, the estimated cost of the repairs and alterations required to adapt that portion of Terumal Naick's Palace which it was proposed to assign permanently to the school; a project which having visited Madura I am of opinion should be abandoned on the ground that a suitable school house is immediately required; that without defacing the architectural appearance of the Palace it would be impossible to make any satisfactory provision for the school and that even if it were, the repairs which would be necessary would probably occupy a much longer period and possibly would entail a greater cost than the erection of a new school house. After the effect produced on that portion of the building to which I refer by the heavy rains of May 1858 I think it very doubtful whether the District Engineer would now recommend the alterations and repairs provided for in the estimate prepared by his predecessor.

7. I have requested the Collector to inform me as to the possibility of obtaining a suitable site for the projected school-house and whether any land, the property of Government, is available for the purpose.

8. I take this opportunity of submitting for the orders of Government the cases of two other Zillah schools for which buildings are urgently required. At Salem subscriptions were registered previous to the opening of the school to the amount of Rupees 2,500, of which however only Rs. 1,163, had been collected according to the latest returns. The school has hitherto been held in a rented dwelling-house, which is very ill-adapted and it is very desirable that a suitable building should be erected without delay. I beg to recommend that for this purpose a grant of Rs. 3,500 be sanctined, to be raised to Rs. 5,000 in the event of the whole of the subscriptions registered being paid and that the building be commenced at once according to the plan No. 6, omitting the end room which I have numbered in red ink as No. 5, unless the larger sum shall be available. The omission of this room and of the verandah round it and of the verandah at the end of rooms No. 7 and 9, will, I have no doubt, admit of the building being erected for Rs. 4,600, or for less. A suitable site is available.

9. At Cuddapah also subscriptions have been raised amounting, I am informed, to Rs. 1000. This school is at present held in a thatched building erected last year at a cost of Rs. 300. Here also the want of a permanent building is a pressing one. I beg to recommend that the sum of Rupees 3,000 be sanctioned in aid of the subscriptions, and that orders be issued for the immediate erection of a school house, adopting plan No. 6, with such modifications as may be requisite with reference to the funds available.

10. I propose to address Government regarding the provision of school houses at Bellary and at one or two other stations where they are required, but where no subscriptions have been raised, in a separate communication.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
19*th March* 1859.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

Director of Public Instruction.

MADURA, ZILLAH SCHOOL,
17*th May* 1858.

From,
Mr. W. WILLIAMS,
Head Master Zillah School,
Madura.

To,
E. C. CALDWELL, Esq,
Inspector of Schools,
Combaconum.

SIR,

I regret to inform you that the heavy rains of the past fortnight have caused a portion of Terumal Naik's Palace to fall down. A few evenings ago an immense mass of masonry lying on the western side of the hall* formerly occupied by the Sub Court fell down.

* *Forming the north west corner of the Palace.*

2. You will remember that when you were in Madura I pointed out to you as particularly dangerous the dome* immediately over the entrance to the class-room of 3d B. This morning about 4 o'clock a considerable portion of the base of this dome gave way and the ruins now lie at the entrance of the class-room. Had the accident happened two hours later when the children were assembled, the consequences might have been serious.

* *N. E. dome.*

3. The cracks in the arches have generally widened and many new ones have appeared.

4. The Executive Engineer, whom I have consulted on the subject, is of opinion that some portions bordering on the school are in a precarious state and therefore dangerous.

5. The rains having apparently ceased, I do not anticipate immediate danger; but I certainly do not think it would be advisable to continue much longer to hold the school in so dilapidated a building.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. WILLIAMS,
Head Master.

(True Copy)
(Signed.) E. C. CALDWELL,
Inspector of Schools.

REPORT.

A meeting of the Inhabitants of Madura was held in the Annacooly Mundapum, on Friday morning, the 30th July 1858, to take into consideration the means to be adopted for the erection of a building for the accommodation of the Madura Zillah School.

Mr. W. Williams, Head Master of the Mofussil Zillah School, Chairman.

Mr. W. Boalth,
Rama Row,
Sadaseva Iyer,
Kosilram Pillay,
Syed Ghoolam Ally,
Ramasawmy Iyer,
Canagaseby Moodelly,
Sivagnanamuthu Pillay,
So tharamiah,
Sheunmooga Valaitha Pillay,
Saminatha Pillay,
Alleer Asen,
Seenevassa Naick,
Ruthna Moodelly,
Sama Iyengar,
Guyyem Sing,
Arcanaicken Pillay,
Dustagana Saib,
Nultoocottay Verappah Chetty,
Kristna Iyengar,
Cornelins Pillay,
Ashbury,
Ramasawmy Pillay,

and nearly two hundred other Native gentlemen.

The following resolutions were carried unanimously.

I. Proposed by Rama Row, Naib Sheristadar, seconded by Sadaseva Iyer, Town Police

Amo en

That this Meeting sees with regret that the building at present occupied by the Zillah school is quite inadequate to the purpose, and desires that a new building should be erected capable of accommodating at least 500 boys.

II. Proposed by Kosilram Pillay, Sub-Court Sheristadar, seconded by Sama Iyengar.

That it is desirable that the school should occupy a central situation, and that means be adopted for occupying a convenient site and realizing subscriptions for the erection of the school to the amount of at least Rs. 5000 (Five thousand).

III. Proposed by Rama Row, Naib Sheristadar seconded by Syed Ghoolam Ally.

That the portion of ground lying between the Jail and Pagoda is a desirable site : and that a copy of this and the preceding resolusion be forwarded to the Collector, with a request that he will grant us his assistance in securing that portion of ground for the purpose of erecting the Zillah school thereon.

IV. Proposed by Mr. Boalth, seconded dy Rama Iyengar.

That the following Native gentlemen be requested to form a Committee to carry out these objects, and to choose from among themselves a Secretary and Treasurer, who will correspond with Mr. Williams, the Head Master of the Zillah school.

1. Mr. W. Boalth,
2 Rama Row, Naib Sheristadar,
3 Soonder Row, Civil Court do.
4 Kosilram Pillay Sub do.
5 Sadaseva Iyer, Town Police Ameen.
6 Vencatasawmy Naick, Jevabneves.
7 Cunden Ramen Chetty.
8 Sama Moodely, Head Asst. Jevabneveas
9 Ramasawmy Iyer, Deputy do.
10 Strenewassa Iyer, Cash keeper.
11 Vencatroyaloo Chetty.
12 Nattookottay Lutchmen Chetty.
13 Dadamen Sahib.

N. B. Kosilram Pillay, was chosen Secretary and Cunden Ramen Chetty and Co. Treasurers.

V. Proposed by Kosilram Pillay, Sub-Court Sheristadar, seconded by Sadaseva Iyer, Town Police Ameen.

That the following Zemindars be requested to join with the Committee in carrying out the object of this Meeting and in realizing subscriptions among themselves and their dependents.

Rajah of Poodoocottah, Ramnad.
Shevagunga.
Enechekanaickanoor,
Poliyemcoolum,
Velliagoondum,
Shiroopaulay,
Tothelanaickanoor.
Dodapanaickunoor,
Oodepanaickaroor.
Keelacottay,
Nadoocottay,
Mulu cattay,
Cunneevady,
Ammayanaickanoor,
Ayukottay,
Ediakottay,
Mambany,
Bodinaickanoor,
Tevaurum,
Guntamavaickanoor

VI. Proposed by Ramasawmy Iyer, seconded by Canagasabey Moodely.

That these Resolutions to gether with subscription papers be printed and circulated among the Tahsildars, Police Ameens, District moonsiffs and native officers of the Department of Public works within this Zillah and that they be requested to collect subscriptions to cary out the above said objects.

VII. Proposed by Mr. Boalth seconded by Rama Row, naib sheristadar.

That the committee meet once a month for consultation and the dispatch of business.

VIII. Proposed by Koosilium Pillay, seconded by Sadaseva Iyer, Town Police Ameen.

That the thanks of the native community of Madura are due to Mr. Williams, the Head master of the Zillah school, for the zealous and satisfactory manner in which he has conducted the business of the Zillah school from its establishment up to the present time, and for presiding on this occasion.

(True Copies)

(Signed) E. C. CALDWELL,
Inspector of Schools.

MADURA ZILLAH SCHOOL.
7th March 1859.

From,

MR. W. WILLIAMS,
Head Master of the Zillah School.
Madura.

To,

E. C. CALDWELL Esq.,
Inspector of Schools.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for submission to the Director, a report of a meeting of the Committee for the erection of a new Zillah school-house held on the morning of Saturday last.

2. It will be perceived that it is the desire of the Committee that the work of erection be commenced forthwith. They believe that when a beginning is actually made, many of the subscribers will be induced to pay their donations and many who have not subscribed will be led to do so, who now hold back, it is believed, from a foolish notion, that no new building will in reality be erected.

3. I beg that you will call the particular attention of the Director to the 2nd and 3rd resolutions of the Committee. I believe it to be absolutely necessary to the thorough efficiency of the school that a suitable building be provided before the hot season sets in. It will be impossible to carry on the work of teaching with any thing like profitable success in the building at present in use. The Director as well as yourself is aware of this ; and I need therefore urge this point no further.

4. I have great pleasure in bringing to your notice and to that of the Director the liberality of the Ranee of Ramnad, who is already favorably known to the Director as a warm and generous friend to education. She has subscribed the sum of Rupees 500, and her Manager, Ponnoosawmy Taver, has subscribed Rupees 200.

5. In conclusion, I have to request on the part of the Committee, the favor of an early reply to this communication.

I have &c.,
(Signed) W. WILLIAMS,
Head Master.

REPORT.

A meeting of the Committee for the erection of a Zillah school-house was held in the Nowkut Khana on the morning of the 5th March.

PRESENT.

G. F. Fisher Esq., *President.*
Mr. W. Williams, Head Master Zillah School.
Mr. W. Boalth.
Rama Row.
T. M. Appavoo Pillay.

The proceedings of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Head Master of the Zillah school, in the absence of the Secretary, reported that the sum of Co's Rs 3,914—12—, had been subscribed and Rs 1,914—12 collected. The correspondence on the subject which had taken place since the last meeting was then read and approved.

It was then unanimously resolved.

I. That in the opinion of the Committee the new building should be at once commenced with the funds in hand, such step being best calculated to secure the payment of the ubscriptions.

II. That the Government be requested to procure plans on the most approved system for a school calculated to accommodate 300 boys and to forward them for the consideration of the Committee.

III. That the Govenment be likewise requested to take the necessary steps for the immediate commencement of the work of erection.

IV. That the following members of the Committee be formed into a Sub Committee for the selection of a site for the new school.

G. F. Fisher, Esq.
Mr. W. Boalth.
Rama Row.
Appavoo Pillay.
Kosilram Pillay.

and that the Sub-Committee submit its report for the consideration of the General Committee on Saturday next.

V. That another and final appeal for assistance be made to the Zemindars and wealthy natives of the district.

VI. That the proceedings of this and all future meetings of the Committee, be with the permission of the Collector, published in the Madura Gazette.

(Signed) W. WILLIAMS,
Head Master.

(True Copies.)
(Signed) E. C. CALDWELL,
Inspector of Schools.

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