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No. 42. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 14th February 1860, No. 209.

Ordering that any aid or professional advice or assistance that may be required by the Committee or Inspectors of Schools in the construction of school-houses at Madura, Salem and Cuddapah, be afforded by the Engineer of the district. } (Vide Public Proceedings from 11th to 20th February 1860, Nos. 12-13.)

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 23rd February 1860, No. 400.

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

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Dy. Secretary to Government.

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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Director of Public Instruction; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 1st February 1860, No. 186.

Adverting to the Orders of Government under date the 29th March last, No. 478, sanctioning certain sums for the erection of School houses at Madura, Salem and Kadapa, I have the honor to submit some further recommendations on the subject, with a view to facilitate the erection of the buildings, none of which have been as yet commenced.

Madura.

2. For the Zilla School at Madura, the sum of Rupees 6,000 has been sanctioned, in the event of the local subscriptions which had been promised, amounting to Rupees 3,914-12-4, being paid. The local subscriptions, which have been collected and paid into the Treasury, amount to Rupees 3,169-15-11; and further subscriptions, amounting to Rupees 941-8-0, have been promised, but not yet paid. It seems probable that the latter sum will be collected, and that thus the entire amount available will be Rupees 10,000. The estimates, however, which have been prepared by the District Engineer for building a School house according to plan No. 7 of the plans referred to in my letter of the 19th March last, amount respectively to Rupees 13,300 and 13,400; and there is apparently no possibility of reducing them to any thing like the amount available without a large addition to the Government grant.

3. The District Engineer recommends that the Committee who have raised the subcriptions "should undertake the work under the Engineer's professional directions; that is, that they should disburse all payments, and keep the accounts, make contracts, &c., &c." The President of the Committee (Mr. G. F. Fischer) states that not only will the whole amount subscribed for be collected, but that many more subscriptions may be expected when the building is actually commenced; that he has been promised as much as Rupees 1,000 by the Rāni of Shivaganga when it is; and that he trusts the largeness of the Engineer's estimate will not delay the undertaking. He deprecates the closing of the subscription till the building is finished, and expresses his hope that the Government will double any subscriptions beyond the Rupees 4,000 already registered (towards which they have given Rupees 6,000) that may be required and collected for the completion of the building.

4. Under all the circumstances, I think it desirable that the execution of the work should, as suggested by the District Engineer, be left to the Committee, who should be furnished by him with a plan and estimate adapted to the funds available, the Head Master of the Zilla School being appointed an ex-Officio Member of the Committee and the Committee being instructed to act in communication with the Inspector of Schools for the Division, who from time to time should watch the progress of the work. They should also receive the professional aid of the District, or Executive Engineer. I would propose that the building should be commenced according to plan No. 6, the cost of which, I presume,* will not exceed the amount already available, and which, in the event of the funds being sufficiently increased hereafter, can easily be extended to the dimensions provided for in plan No. 7, the latter being nearly an extension of the former.

5. If, therefore, the orders restricting expenditure are not considered to apply to the Educational Building Fund, I beg leave to recommend that I may be authorized to arrange for the early commencement of the building on the terms above proposed, and that the Collector may be authorized to disburse the sum of Rupees 6,000, as it is required, on bills signed by two members of the Committee, of whom the Head Master of the Zilla School shall be one, and countersigned by the Inspector of the Division.

Salem.

6. For the buildings at Salem and Kadapa, I recommend a somewhat different arrangement. There are no Committees at those stations and I would propose that the Inspectors of the Divisions should be entrusted with the duty of arranging for the erection of the buildings, receiving such aid and such professional advice as they may require from the District Engineer. At Salem,

*Note.—The cost of plan No. 7 as estimated in the Central Office amounts to Rupees 9,600; according to the Madura rates, it amounts to Rupees 13,300. That of plan No. 6 is estimated at Rupees 5,800. It may be assumed that its cost will not exceed Rupees 9,000.

there is no probability of a larger sum being available than Rupees 7,500; and the lowest estimate which the District Engineer has been able to make, with reference to the rates now in force in that district, of the cost of building according to plan No. 6, omitting one of the rooms and the greater part of the verandah, is Rupees 8,500. It is probable that a building according to one of the other plans (No. 4) sufficient to provide for 200 boys may be erected for the sum available; and I request that the Inspector may be authorized to arrange for the erection of a building according to this plan, or according to any other which may come within the funds available and may be approved by the Director of Public Instruction.

7. At Kadapa, the subscription amount to Rupees 1,138-3-0, and the Government grant to Rupees 3,000; total Rupees 4,138-3-0. The estimated cost of building a School house at that station according to plan No. 4, is Rupees 4,810, or Rupees 372 in excess of the amount available. Here there is also a difficulty about a site, which probably will have to be purchased. Under the circumstances, I would propose that the grant should be raised to Rupees 3,500; and that the Inspector should be authorized to make the best arrangement he can for the erection of a building, adopting such modified form of plan No. 4, or such other plan that may be approved by the Director of Public Instruction, as can be erected for the funds available.

Kadapa.

ORDER THEREON, 14th February 1860, No. 209.

The Government authorize the arrangements proposed by the Director of Public Instruction, in paragraph 4 of the above letter, for the erection of a Zillah School-house at Madura, being carried out. The Collector will, accordingly, disburse the sum of Rupees (6,000) six thousand, the amount of the Government contribution, as it is required, on bills signed by two Members of the Committee, (of whom the Head Master of the Zillah school will be one,) and countersigned by the Inspector of schools for the division.

2. The Inspector will, as suggested, arrange for the erection of a School-house at Salem, according to plan No. 4 or according to any other which may come within the funds available and may be approved by the Director.

3. The private subscriptions,* with the grant, viz., Rupees 3,000, already authorized by Government, are, it is stated, insufficient to cover the estimated cost of a School-house at Kadapa, according to plan No. 4; and as a site will probably have to be purchased, the Government resolve to raise the grant, as recommended, to Rs. (3,500) three thousand five hundred, and they direct that the Inspector will make the best arrangements in his power for the erection of a building, adopting such modified form of the plan referred to or any other that may be approved by the Director, as can be erected for the funds available.

* *Rupees* 1,138-8-0.

4. Any aid or professional advice or assistance that the Committee or the Inspectors may require in the construction of the proposed buildings at Madura, Salem, and Kadapa will be afforded by the Engineer of the District.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
,, Department of Public Works.
,, Collector of Madura.
,, do. Kadapa.
,, Accountant General.
,, Civil Auditor.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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