

17TH JULY 1882, No. 1821 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 107.

READ—the following letter from R. F. CHISHOLM, Esq., Consulting Architect to Government, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 5th July 1882, No. 267:—

I have the honor to forward, herewith, for your perusal and sanction, an estimate for providing ventilators to the roofs of the Senate House.

One Estimate.
One Letter.

2. The building is in such an exposed position that I thought it advisable during construction to leave eaves ventilation only. Experience has shown this to be insufficient, and I now propose, with some degree of reluctance, to add ventilators at the ends of the ridges. The quantity of moisture condensed after heavy rain is unusually large.

No. 108.

ORDER—dated 17th July 1882, No. 1821 W., Public Works.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 723, for providing ventilators to the roof of the Senate House, Madras, is sanctioned.

2. The Accountant-General will be instructed in the Financial Department to place the sum of Rs. 900* at the disposal of the Public Works Department from the University Fee Fund to enable the Consulting Architect to carry out the work.

* Works	...	...	...	...	Rs. 723
Establishment	...	...	...	...	166
Tools and Plant	...	...	...	...	11
Total	...	...	...	...	900

3. This sanction has been registered as Excluded Local No. 9 W. of 1882-83 and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Consulting Architect to Government, with two Enclosures.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Financial Department.
" Educational "

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1882) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated July, 17th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 17th July 1882, No. 1821W.

JULY.
Nos. 107-108.

Senate House, Madras

*Providing ventilators to the roof of the —.
Sanctions estimate for —.*

3RD MARCH 1883, No. 109, EDUCATIONAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From D. DUNCAN, Esq., M.A., Registrar of the University of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 13th September 1882, No. 104.

With reference to G.O., No. 1821 W., dated 17th July 1882, Public Works, sanctioning an estimate, amounting to Rs. 900, for providing ventilators for the roof of the Senate House, I am directed by the Syndicate to address you pointing out that the University Fee Fund belongs to the University subject to "the directions and regulations of the Governor of Fort St. George in Council" as provided by Section 15 of the Act of Incorporation.

2. This being the case, the Syndicate are at a loss to understand on what ground disbursements are made from the University Fee Fund without the previous sanction of the University authorities.

3. With regard to Municipal taxes, it is the opinion of the Syndicate that payments on this account should be made through the University. At present the payments are made by the Accountant-General without any reference to the Syndicate.

From H. F. CLOGSTOUN, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 25th October 1882, No. 4019.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 1054, dated the 4th October 1882, on letter from the Registrar, Madras University, No. 104, of 13th September 1882, I have the honor to state that the Municipal assessment on all Government buildings in the town of Madras, including that for the Senate House, provision for which was first made in the Provincial Budget for 1878-79—*vide* letter of Collector of Madras, recorded in G.O., Financial, No. 2802, of 30th November 1877—is usually drawn from this office by the Collector of Madras, who submits one bill for the whole amount due to the Municipality for each half-year, supported by a statement showing the annual value of each building, and the amount of tax due on each. The receipt for the amount paid by the Collector to the Municipality is forwarded to this office.

2. From the commencement of the current official year the payments made on account of assessment for the Senate House are communicated to the Registrar.

3. There would be no objection, however, to the payments being made direct by the Registrar, in which case provision to meet the charge should be made in the Educational Department Budget. If Government accept the arrangement, instructions will be issued to the Collector to exclude the Senate House from his statement.

From D. DUNCAN, Esq., M.A., Registrar of the University of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 23rd October 1882, No. 137.

With reference to G.O., 31st August 1882, (Mis.) No. 1079, I am directed by the Syndicate to address you, firstly, as to what in the opinion of the Syndicate indicates a misapprehension on the part of Government with reference to the financial relation of the Government to the University contemplated in Section 15 of the Act of Incorporation; and, secondly, on the particular question referred to in the Government Order cited above, viz., the manner in which Government proposes to deal with the surplus balances in favor of the University.

2. I am to point out that Section 15 of the Act of Incorporation does not, in the opinion of the Syndicate, give Government the power to appropriate any portion of the Fee Fund for any purpose whatever connected with the University without the sanction of the University having been first obtained for such appropriation. The University Fee Fund, being part of the property of the University as a Body Corporate, cannot be regarded as vested in the Governor in Council alone, without a violation of Section 8 of the Act, which says that "The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, and Fellows for the time being shall have the entire management of, and superintendence over, the affairs, concerns, and property of the said University." Now it appears to the Syndicate that this section of the Act is infringed by G.O., 31st August 1882, (Mis.) No. 1079, as well as by G.O., No. 1821 W., dated 17th July 1882, Public Works, with reference to which I had the honor to address you on the 13th September last, No. 104.

3. As to the resolution of Government that any balance in favor of the University should be credited from year to year to Provincial Services, I am directed to point out that it has never been understood that Government intended to claim repayment of the advances made in the previous years, these advances having been treated as grants-in-aid which are not recoverable, and not as loans repayable by the University. I am to request that Government may be pleased to reconsider the order.

From the Advocate-General, dated 6th and 16th February 1882.

ORDER—dated 3rd March 1883, No. 109, Educational.

In the first letter above recorded the Syndicate of the University complain of an order in the Public Works Department which, after sanctioning an estimate for new ventilators for the Senate House, directed the funds to be disbursed from the University Fee Fund. The ground of objection is that by law the Fee Fund belongs to the University "under the directions and regulations of the Governor of Fort St. George in Council," and that therefore the sanction of the University Syndicate should be obtained before funds are disbursed.

2. A second point raised in the same letter concerns the payment of Municipal taxes on the University buildings, which are at present paid direct by the Accountant-General, but should, in the opinion of the Syndicate, be paid by the Registrar of the University.

3. In their Registrar's second letter, dated the 23rd October, the Syndicate object to G.O., 31st August 1882, (Mis.) No. 1079, which directs that surpluses in the Fee Fund shall be credited to Provincial year by year, until the latter has been reimbursed the amounts expended on the University in former years, before the Fee Fund rendered the University self-supporting. The Syndicate argue that this expenditure was not in the nature of loans or advances, but of grants-in-aid.

4. Taking the second contention first, the Accountant-General explains, in reply to a reference, that the Collector of Madras draws from his office the Municipal assessment on all Government buildings including those of the University. No debit

has been made up to this year against the University Fee Fund on account of Municipal taxes, but the amount has hitherto been provided in the General Educational Budget under the head of "Rents, Rates, and Taxes." As the University Fee Fund is now rich, it is but right that it should meet the Municipal taxes on University buildings, and the course advocated by the Syndicate and the Accountant-General, viz., that the Collector should make his demand against the University Registrar direct, is approved.

5. With reference to the first point, the Government accept the opinion of the Advocate-General that the Fee Fund vests directly in the University and is under the management of the Syndicate, subject only to a general superintendence on the part of Government. In future, therefore, it will be necessary that all estimates for the repair of University buildings and other charges properly debitable to the University Fee Fund shall receive the sanction of the University Syndicate before funds are disbursed. It must also be distinctly understood that should Government at any future time be asked to incur any expenditure on the University from Provincial Funds, such a request will only be complied with on the condition that the Fee Fund shall be liable for the refund of the amount upon such terms as may be agreed upon.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Registrar of the University of Madras.

- " Public Works Department.
- " Accountant-General.
- " Director of Public Instruction.
- " Collector of Madras.
- " Government Solicitor.
- " Financial Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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