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No. 2 d/ 5th January/85.

Transferred to the P.W.D. in continuation of Endorsement No 2773 d/ 12th Dec. 1884

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Chief Secretary.
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Forwarded to the Supdg. Engineer V Circle with reference to Endorsement No. 2288 D of 16th December 1884.

C. Anson Major R.E.,
Under Secy to Govt
P.W. Dept

No. 8

The Supdg. Engr. V Circle in original the reference

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Educational Department.

From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Fort St. George.

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No. 8984

Dated	22d	December/84.
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ENCLOSURES. one.

Subject.

Submitting a revised copy of letter No. 8625 dated 8 December 1884 and requesting that it may be substituted for that bearing the same number and date.

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Presidency College, Madras
15 December 1884.

No. 209

From
The Principal

To
The Director of Public Instruction
Madras

Sir,

I have the honour to address you with reference to the fishing village on the beach in immediate proximity to the College, and to request that you will be good enough, if my letter meets with your approval, to call the attention of Government to the matter.

2. Were I writing in my capacity as a Citizen of Madras I might enlarge on the undesirability of having this village in the very centre of the great evening health resort of the inhabitants, and I might dwell upon the fact that the benefits to be derived from the splendid new promenade cannot be fully enjoyed so long as a portion of it is defiled by the filthy habits of the village

Educational

1884.

Educational Department.

From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Fort St. George.

No. 8625.

Dated 8th December 1884
Despatched
Received

No.

ENCLOSURES.

Subject.

Submitting letter from the Principal of the Presidency College regarding the scheme of erecting boarding houses in connection with the Presidency College.

Presidency [illegible]

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras, 22 December 1884

No. 8984

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From

H. B. GRIGG, ESQ., M.A.,
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras,

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

SIR,

(No. 929/84 Recd. 11 Decr.

I have the honor to request that the accompanying letter may be substituted for that of the same Number and Date, despatched on the 8th December 1884

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt Servant
Grigg
Director of Public Instruction

before bringing the matter before Government, but this does not seem at present practicable. I beg now therefore to request orders on the single point, whether Government would in any case permit a building of this character to be erected on the site indicated.

I have the honour &c
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

Director of Public Instruction

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and I therefore considered that it should be still further matured, but Dr. Duncan, as Principal, thought the question of the site proposed should be settled first. I have received no further communication from the Committee on the subject.

3 Before, however, disposing of the papers I beg that the orders of Government may be passed on the request contained in paras. 8 and 9 of the Committee's letter, that they should be permitted "to erect buildings in the Chepauk Park along the west bank of the canal behind the Presidency College and extending from Pycrofts' Road northwards."

4. The provision of boarding accommodation for the students of this College coming from the districts is no doubt an excellent object and deserving of the support of the public; but it is not one, I think, on

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which the Government should be advised to expend much money, considering the heavy demands on public funds for ordinary Educational purposes. I also consider it undesirable, that buildings which are not to be the absolute property of Government, should be permitted to be erected on the site.

5. I have deferred addressing Government on the subject, partly because I thought it desirable to wait until the question of the future organization of the Presidency College was settled*, and also for the final decision of the Government of India in reference to the recommendations of the Education Commission. I also thought it might have been possible to elaborate some suitable scheme

before

* my proposals are now before Government.

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Govt. of [1885] Madras.

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Fishing Village and the

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Orders instructing the Eng[illegible]

and that to acquire the [illegible]

~~Buildings &c the Presidency~~

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~~Committee the [illegible]~~

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the fishing village in question.

4 - The Consg. Architect estimates that the cost of removal of the village to another site which he indicates, and the acquisition of the land, would amount to about Rs 26,500/-

5 - The improvement to Madras from the removal of the existing village would be so great that in the opinion of Government, efforts should be made to secure the land - The cost, as estimated by the Consulting Architect, is apparently reasonable, and that officer is now authorised to enter into negotiations for the acquisition of

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of the property.

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The Government desire that the fishermen in occupation should be liberally dealt with.

The provision of funds will be made in the Financial Department

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6 - The Government are not prepared to allot any portion of the land in question for the erection of boarding houses. The site is more adapted for some public building. Nor can a site within Chepak ~~The Boarding House Committee~~ Park be made available for the ~~can without the intervention of~~ erection of boarding houses. ~~Govt, arrange for the acquisition of the old Ice house which is private property. A site in Chepak Park cannot be made available.~~

7 - Mr Consulting Architect has suggested that the old Ice-house, which is about half a mile distant from the Presidency College, could be converted into a suitable boarding-house at moderate cost. As the Ice-house is private property, the Boarding-house Committee can arrange for its acquisition without the intervention of the Govt., should they deem it advisable to do so.

WS
2-4-85

To

The Consg. Architect to Govt.
" Suptg. Engr. V Circle
" Examiner P. W. Accts.
" Educational Deptt.
" Financial Deptt.
(Chief Secretary for favor of counter-initials)

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the Presidency College. The question comes before the P. W. Dept. in reference to the site for the buildings.

2. The Boarding-house Committee originally* proposed a site within the Chepauk Park along the West bank of the Canal, behind the Presidency College, and extending from Pycroft's road northwards. The Principal of the College subsequently° suggested the fishing village on the beach in immediate proximity of the College.

* para 8 of the letter printed with Go. of the Director of Public Instn. No. 4549 dt. 29th June 1883.

° letter No. 209 dt. 15th Dec 1884

3. In forwarding this ~~letter~~ last ~~proposal~~ suggestion, the Director of Public

Instruction remarked that, if the site were taken up by Government, and after being laid out were offered at a nominal quit rent for a long period of years to a Committee undertaking to establish a boarding-house to be built according to plans approved, and conducted according to principles laid down by Government, possibly the offer might be accepted. Mr. Grigg also alluded to the advantage to the neighbourhood which would result from the removal of the unsightly collection of houses forming the

The improvement to Madras from the removal of the existing village would be so great that, in the opinion of the Chief Engineer, a sum of Rs 26,500 would not be too much to spend in removing it, and if Govt. agree to the expenditure, a portion of the site, sufficient for the erection of a boarding house, might be offered on the terms suggested by the Director of Public Instruction; the remainder of the land being ornamentally laid out.

To give a site in Chepauk Park seems out of the question.

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14.3.85

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O.L.S. 18/4

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The fishermen's land would be a decided public advantage of Govt. [illegible] take this & recoup themselves in a portion at least of the expenditure by carving out plots to the Boarding Committee. Before action is taken in this direction we should know positively that the Committee will agree.

E.C.
25/3

I think it wd be a very good thing to get rid of the unsightly village provided the fishermen were handsomely compensated & their comfort attended to. I am for the Director's proposal [illegible] but to throw away so fine a piece of ground to build a Boarding House seems most strange & I shd much regret to see anything of the kind attempted. Keep it for some public building.

M.E.G. Mar 27

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No. 359 W. P. W. Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

under date the 23rd April /85.

Read the following:—

Letter from the Director of Public Instn.	No. 8625	d/ 8th	Decr 1884
Endorsement thereon in the Educational Dept.	" 2773	d/ 12th	"
Letter from the Director of Public Instn.	" 8984	d/ 22nd	"
Endorsement thereon in the Educational Dept.	" 2	d/ 5th	Jany 1885
Letter from the Director of Public Instn.	" 8931	d/ 20th	Decr 1884
Endorsement thereon in the Educational Dept.	" 49	d/ 9th	Jany 1885
Letter from the Consulting Architect to Govt.	" 1641	d/ 20th	March "

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The above correspondence relates to a proposal which has been brought forward for the erection of boarding houses for the native students attending the

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reference to the site for the buildings.

The Boarding House Committee originally proposed × a site within the Peoples Park, along the west bank of the Canal, behind the Presidency College, and extending from Pycroft's road northwards. The Principal of the College subsequently suggested & the fishing village on the beach in immediate proximity to the College.

× para 8 of letter printed with Pro. of the Director of Public Instn No. 4549 d/ 29 June 188

& letter No. 209 d/ 18 Dec 188

In forwarding this latter proposal, the Director of Public Instruction remarks: that if the site were taken up by Government, and, after being laid out, were offered at a nominal quit rent for a long period of years to a Committee undertaking to establish a boarding house to be built according to plans approved, and conducted according to principles laid down by Government, possibly the offer might be accepted. Mr. Grigg also alludes to the advantage to the neighbourhood which would result from the removal of the unsightly collection of houses forming the fishing village in question.

The Consg. Architect estimates that the cost of removal of the village to another site which he indicates, and the acquisition of the land would amount to about Rs 26,500/-.

to put back the fishermen's huts to the spot colored yellow in the plan and I would not object to this proposal if they are liberally dealt with and every facility given them (including a foot bridge over the Canal,) for going direct to their work on the beach. To send them a long way round as proposed in the Consulting Architect's letter by Kasturiranga Pillay & [illegible] Streets would be imposing a great hardship on them which I don't think the public convenience to be served calls for — ~~[illegible]~~

H.S.

25/3

I understand that the erection of buildings is to be left to private enterprize. If the Committee select & purchase & improve the old ... House it is a matter in which Govt have no concern.

As regards the acquisition of the site now occupied by

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P. W. D.

Roads and Buildings.

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From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

The Secretary to Govt
P. W. Department

21 MAR 85

No. 1841

Dated 20th March 1885
Received

No. OF ENCLOSURES. 4

Subject.

Regarding a site for a Boarding House in connection with the Presidency College Madras

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P. W. Department,

Read the following:—

Letter from the Director of Public Instn No. 8625 d/ Decr 8th 1884
Endorsement thereon in the Educational Dept. 2773 d/ " 12th "
Letter from the Director of Public Instn " 8984 d/ " 22d "
Endorsement thereon in the Educational Dept. 2 d/ January 5th 1885
Letter from the Director of Public Instn " 8931 d/ December 20th 1884
Endorsement thereon in the Educational Dept. " 49 d/ January 9th 1885
Letter from the Consulting Architect to Govt " 1841 d/ March 20th "

For Orders

I am in favor of the Ice House being utilized – Rs 10000 apparently will suffice to convert it to the purpose required but it will have to be purchased – The property I believe of a Company who would be very glad to find a purchaser.

There can be no doubt that it will be a great improvement to the Beach promenade.

The above correspondence relates to a proposal which has been brought forward for the erection of boarding houses for the native students attending the Presidency College. The question comes before the P. W. Dept in

College at Madras

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt servant
J. L. L. Morant
Lieut Col R.E.
Offg Consg Architect
to Government.

6 The cost of the above demands I estimate as follows.

		Rupees
I Purchase of the required land about 80 grounds at 200 Rupees per ground		16000
add the usual 25 years quit rent on account of free hold land		500
II Raising with earth the land now rented by the Municipality		3000
		19500
III Compensation for Removal of huts		
88 tiled houses at 50	4400	
84 thatched houses at 15	1260	7000
1 Temple	1000	
Total Rupees		26500

[This is an outside Estimate]

7. A map is appended which explains the positions of the lands. Were the fishermen's huts removed to the position colored yellow it would be advisable to stipulate that the men must have access to the Seashore by the Streets called Venkataranga Pillay and Soonkoorar and adjoining the Hindu Burial ground. Otherwise if they approach the sea-shore by Pycrofts Road the evil complained of and noted in para 4 would continue. To this I believe there will be no serious objection raised on the part of the fishermen.

8. In the case of the "Ice House" being considered suitable I have the honor to state that it contains 101,450 cubic feet and could be divided into 3 stories. It could be made to accommodate a number of Students.

The Christian College authorities have, I hear, recently erected for their pupils a Boarding House in Black Town at a cost of some 25 or 30,000 Rupees. Some Rupees 10,000 or even less could I think convert the Ice House into a suitable Boarding House for Native Students attending the Presidency College called Ice House on the Beach which could be converted into a Boarding House & is half a mile distant from the College.

4. I have taken upon myself to communicate with the owners of the 'ishermen's land above-mentioned & have ascertained the terms on which hey will allow Government to take ossession of it. These I now have the honor to submit.

5. The land first alluded to belongs to the Dharmakartas of the Sri Parthasârathy Swâmi's temple of Triplicane. The temple authorities have allowed Sri Padam Tângis or Car-bearers of the fisherman caste to erect buildings upon it on condition of their assisting gratuitously to drag the car, and to do other menial offices in connection with the services & rites of the temple. The Dharmakartas of the Sri Parthasârathy Swâmi's temple inform me

me that they will part with the land on the following terms:-

I. The land to be purchased by Govt at the rate of 200 Rupees per ground, (18 grounds going to one acre), together with the usual 25 years quit rent which is always paid in purchasing freehold land,

II A portion of land on the West of the Canal, now rented by the Municipality on a nine years lease (of which nearly 8 have passed) terminating on the 30th June 1886, be at once given back to the temple authorities and be raised at the Govt Expense with earth so as to be above the reach of floods. On this raised land, the new fishermen's houses will be erected,

And III that a fair compensation be paid to the Fishermen for the removal of their houses and huts from the site which it may be desired by Govt to acquire.

he west bank of the Canal behind the residency College and extending from Pycrofts Road Northwards" is undesirable. would come between the quarters of the Military Students of the Civil Engineering llege and the prevalent breeze and uld permanently occupy an already ther crowded portion of the Chepauk rk, which it is intended to take up nd beautify after other parts of the Park are completed. Available Sites Government Buildings are, I submit, t sufficiently numerous or extensive Madras to be hastily given away

3. I have the honor to suggest o other sites more convenient in my inion for the Boarding House South the Pycrofts Road and of the Pre-dency College, immediately opposite the latter and between the Canal and beach road viz a collection of fishermens

fishermens huts. The inhabitants of these huts foul the foreshore of the sea beach immediately in front of their dwellings to such an extent as to raise effluvia of the most objectionable nature, offensive al to the Professors and Students while te-ching, studying & working in the College and to all passers by along the recently constructed Marina. The passage of these fishermen to & fro, across the Beach ride is also dangerous alike to pedestrians and equestrians. If these fishermen's houses could be effaced and the land on which they now are be obtained by purchase, a very objectionable nuisance and eyesor would be removed, and, for the location of Public Buildings, a convenient site obtained, on a portion of which a Boarding House for the Madras Presidency College might be constructed, if Government had no objection. Failing this I suggest as another site the acquirement of the So Collecto

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No. 49

Referred to the Public Works Dept. in continuation of Endorsement No. 2773 d/ 12 Dec 1884.

(By order)

Rupert Kenson

Ag. Under Secy.

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Educational Department,

From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Fort St. George.

DESPATCHED
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No. 8931

Dated 20th } December
Despatched
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No.

ENCLOSURES. 1

Subject.

Submitting a letter from the Principal of the Presidency College regarding the Fisher Village lying to the South of the College in continuation of his letter No 8625 of 8th instant

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O.L.S. 18/4

P. W. D.

Consulting Architect's Office,
Chepauk, Madras,
20th March 1885

No. 1841.

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From

The Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras,

To

Secretary to Govt.
The ~~Chief Engineer~~, Public Works Department.

Enclosures

1 Plan

Endorsements Nos. 2283 D & 35 D. d/ 16 Dec 1884 & 7 Jan. 85 respectively

Sir,

With reference to your endorsements to address of the Superintending Engineer V Cir Nos. 2283 D and 35 D dated respectively 16 December 1884 and 7th January 1885 on the from the Director of Public Instruction {a herewith returned}, transferred to this Dep in your Memorandum No 88 D dated 13th January to the address of the above offic I have the honor to report on a site for Boarding House in Connection with the Presidency College Madras.

2. In my humble opinion the erection of a Boarding House for Native Students in the Chepauk Park along

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would result from the removal of the unsightly collection of houses, needs no comment from me.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

L. C. Fry

Director of Public Instruction

G.A. 242

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O.L.S 18/4

No: 10756 of 84

From

THE PRINCIPAL,

PRESIDENCY COLLEGE, MADRAS.

To

The Director of Public Instruction
Madras

No. 209

INSTRUCTION
[illegible] DEC 84
MADRAS

Dated 18th } December 1884.
Received 20th }

No.

SUBJECT.

Remarks in connection with the fishing village adjac to the Presidency College.

Office of the Director of
Public Instruction,
Madras, 20th December 1884

No. 8931

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From

H. B. GRIGG, Esq., M.A.,
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St George.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No 8625 of 8th instant, I have the honor to submit a letter from the Principal of the Presidency College regarding the Fishi Village lying to the South of the College. I have simply to remark that, if the site were taken up by Government, and after being laid out, were offered at a nominal quit-rent for a long period of years to a Committee undertaking to establish a boarding house to be built according to plans approved, and conducted according to conditions laid down by Government, possibly the offer might be accepted.

x C No 929/84
Referred to the P.W. Deptt as to the question of the proposed site Govt No 2773 of 12th Decr/84

2. The advantage to the neighbourhood, which

would

people. Writing as I am however in my capacity of Principal of this institution, I must confine myself to a much narrower view of the subject.

3. When the long shore wind blows from the South, the smell from the village is sometimes very disagreeable. But this is not the greatest evil. Not unfrequently fishing gear & fish having a most offensive smell are laid out on the sand all the way from opposite the village to opposite the College. On more than one occasion the smell has been so sickening that we have had to call in the aid of the Police in order to get the nuisance removed. I will not go the length of saying that these smells endanger the health of teachers & pupils, but I do say that they ~~will~~ interfere with our comfort and, consequently, with the efficient discharge of our duties.

It has been suggested to me that in the event of the request for a site for Boarding Houses in the Chepauk grounds not being granted, the ground on which the fishing village stands,

might be utilized for that purpose. I am not prepared at present to say whether such a site would be suitable for the Boarding Houses: it is a matter which requires careful consideration. But, if it were suitable, it is just possible that the proprietors of the village might be willing to hand over the site to Government on easy terms, on the understanding that it was to be used for the good of the College.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servant.
D Duncan
Principal

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contained in paras 8 and 9 of the Committee's letter that they should be permitted to erect buildings in the Chepak Park "along the west bank of the Canal behind the Presidency College and extending from Pycroft's Road northwards"

4. The provision of boarding accommodation for the students of this College coming from the Districts is no doubt an excellent object, and deserving of the support of the public, but it is not one, I think, on which the Government shall be advised to expend much money considering the heavy demands on public funds for ordinary Educational purposes.

5. I also consider it undesirable that buildings, which are not to be the absolute property of Government, should be permitted to be erected on the site.

6. I have deferred addressing Government on the subject, partly because I thought it desirable to wait until the question of the future organization of the Presidency College was settled*, and also for the final decision of the Government of India in reference to the recommendations of the Education Commission. I also thought it might have been possible to elaborate some suitable scheme before bringing the matter before Government, but this does not seem at present practicable. I beg now therefore to request orders on the single point, whether Government would in any case permit a building of this character to be erected on the site indicated.

* my proposals are now
Government.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Director of Public Instruction

6/10/83

(1883.)

FROM

THE PRINCIPAL

PRESIDENCY COLLEGE, MADRAS.

TO

The Director of Public Instruction
Madras

No. 172

Dated 14th } August 1883.
Received 17th }

D. INSTRUCTION
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MADRAS

No.

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SUBJECT.

Remarks in connection with the site of the Boarding House.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

No. 8625. Madras, 8th December 1884.

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FROM

H. B. GRIGG, ESQ., M.A.,
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras,

TO

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George

SIR,

In forwarding a letter from the Principal of the Presidency College with copy of papers referred to therein. I have the honor to observe that at a meeting held at the Presidency College early last year, a committee was appointed to consider the scheme of erecting boarding houses in connection with that College. The proposals of the committee are embodied in their letter dated 23rd April 1883.

2. The scheme as proposed seemed to me in too inchoate and incomplete a stage to be laid before Government, and I therefore requested that it might be still further matured, but nothing has been done and I have received no further communication from the Committee on the subject.

3. Before, however, disposing of the papers, I beg that the orders of Government may be passed on the request

and Estimates. With regard to these much depends on whether Government will give the site referred to in para 8 of the letter of the President & Secretaries. If Government should grant a site in the Chepauk Park a more ambitious style of building would have to be erected than if the site were on private land.

4. I have all along thought and still think that the way for further action on the part of the Committee must be cleared by their ascertaining from Government whether the buildings can be erected in the Chepauk Park. If Government agrees to this both the style of buildings and the nature and extent of the control which the officers of Government would have over the Boarding Houses must necessarily receive the sanction of Government.

5. I would therefore respectfully suggest that the simple question of allowing or not allowing the boarding houses to be erected in the Park may be first submitted to

Government. The working out of the details of the scheme will be greatly modified according to the answer which the Committee may receive to this question.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obdt Servant
D Duncan
Ag Principal

No. 172 of 1883. 1884.

Presidency College, Madras.

The 14th August 1883.

From

THE PRINCIPAL

PRESIDENCY COLLEGE, MADRAS.

To

The Director of Public Instruction
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your Proceedings No. 4549 dated 29th June 1883, I have the honour to inform you that as a member of the Committee I approve of the terms of the letter addressed to you on the subject of Boarding Houses by the President & Secretaries.

2. It was the opinion of the Committee, in which opinion I concurred, that the question of Control and organization could not be entered upon until it had been ascertained to what extent Government would be prepared to support the scheme.

3. The same consideration prevented the Committee from providing plans

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Is not C.A. the proper person to report on proposals for erecting buildings within Chepauk Park?

C.A. has independent authority - and the Park is under his charge

15.12.84

To A/

The Supdg. Engr: was suggested as the question of building sites in Madras had already been under his consideration. A record of building sites is also supposed to be maintained in the Divisional office, and the question would therefore be viewed from a better stand point, by the S.E. than by the C.A. R.S. 15.12.84.

the Committee that they are prepared to acquire the property & place the same at the disposal of the Committee at a nominal rental providing the latter will mature their plans & submit same for the final approval of Govt.—

Cch
23.3.85

To D.W.

In his letter dated 20-12-84 No. 8931, the D.P.I. states that if the Fishing Village site be acquired by Govt. & handed over at nominal rent for a long term to a Committee who shd. undertake to establish a boarding house to be built on approved design, the offer might be accepted.

The improvement to Madras from the removal of the existing village would have great [illegible] in my opinion a sum of 26,500 would not be too much to spend in securing it, and if Govt. agree to the expenditure, I wd. recommend that a portion of the site, sufficient for the erection of a boarding house be offered on the terms suggested by the D.P.I. — the remainder of the land being ornamentally laid out.

To give a site in Chepauk Park is out of the question.
[illegible] hostel for [illegible]

23.3.85

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 10356

From The Educational Deptt.

No. 2773
Dated 12-12-84
Received 13-12-84

SUBJECT.

Referring Pros: of the Director of P. Instn. No. 8625 d/ 8-12-84, as to the question of the proposed site for erecting boarding houses for the students of Pres: College.

DISPOSAL.

No. 2283 D. Dated 16th December/84

Referred to the Supdg. Engr. V Circle for report, in communication with the Consulting Architect.

(Signed) C. Bowen Major R.E.
Under Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.

(Sd)
15-12-84

To
S. E. V Circle in original
to be returned

To W.

Question of site for boarding-houses connected with Presidency College.

C. A. considers the erection of boarding-houses in Chepauk Park undesirable.

He suggests the acquirement of the ground occupied by the Fishermen's houses South of Pycroft Road & of the College. The cost would be Rs. 26500.

Another alternative is the acquirement of the Ice House property. Rs 10000 would convert the building into a suitable boarding-house, but it is not stated how many Native students could thus be accommodated. —

It appears to me that it will be difficult for Govt to decide whether the Fishermen's village should be purchased or not, without having before them definite information as to the ultimate cost of the boarding-houses & the amount they will have to contribute thereto. —

The scheme being evidently a feasible one, perhaps a further step might be taken towards a solution by asking the Committee – through the D.P.I. – to consider & report on the extent & nature of boarding accommodation required & the arrangements necessary to give effect to this proposal. This done, an approximate estimate of cost of buildings could be framed, and Govt would be in a position to arrive at some definite conclusion on the subject.

Or Govt might now inform

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Public Instruction,

MADRAS.

Dated June 29th.

Despatched 9-7-83

Received

PROCEEDINGS, 29TH JUNE 1883, No. 4549.

JUNE.

No. —.

Boarding House Committee, Presidency College.—Referring for report letter from the President and Secretaries of the —.

G.O. 23-4-85
W. 959 W. 959/7

Docket should have been.

Fishing Village near the Presidency College

~~orders instructing the Consulting Architect to acquire the —.~~

Please give necessary instructions that all copies of above G.O. are corrected as above.

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S.A.W.

For guidance as regards copies at Madras. The Ooty copies will be corrected here.

A.S.
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The Presidency College draws its supply of students from all parts of South India and we would therefore urge on our countrymen in the mofussil to interest themselves in the good work that has been set on foot and lend their cordial support to it. It is needless for us here to expatiate on the manifold advantages of a boarding-house for students. We know, from personal observation, the great difficulties and hardships that students at present suffer from want of suitable accommodation. At present a great majority, rather nearly all of them, are ill-housed, ill-fed and ill-looked after. Many of them pay high rent and yet cannot secure suitable lodgings. And worse than all, they reside in quarters of towns notorious for the immoral atmosphere that surrounds them. The boarding institutions now proposed will minimise the evils that residence in a large crowded town, and far away from parental control, exposes youth; and as it will be under the control of the Professors of the College and a body of native gentlemen associated with them, the public have every guarantee that the physical and moral health of the boarders will be properly looked after.

When once a proper boarding-house is established, native charity may be attracted towards it and a student's Meeting Hall, Library, and Gymnasium, and other adjuncts of a college proper, may be provided for. Altogether the future of the institution proposed to be started may have a very wholesome influence on the rising generation.

Ere we conclude, we may assure the capitalists of Madras that, even commercially, the movement will not prove a failure. We speak from personal knowledge when we say that students pay high rents for lodging, and if economy is attended to in the construction of the proposed student's home, the debentures may fetch a fair rate of interest.—*Hindu.*

Copy of a letter from P. Rungiah Naidu, Esq., dated Madras, 24th March 1883, to the Honorary Secretaries to the Committee of the Boarding-house projected in connexion with the Presidency College, Madras.

In reply to your circular inviting the friends and students of the Presidency College to support the Boarding-house scheme, I beg to say that I fully sympathize with the object, and, after some consideration, I have decided to offer, for the acceptance of the Committee, a lodge (or one of the blocks of buildings in contemplation) to be constructed at my cost, according to their own plan, but under my immediate supervision, and with my own materials, which will be as good as those to be used for what the Committee intend to build as the first model lodge. I understand that Rs. 6,000 is the estimated cost of a lodge for twelve students, and if your Committee will favor me with a definite plan and estimate, I shall exactly follow the same and bring my own knowledge of building to bear on the execution of the work. I shall also be glad if the lodge be called after my name, so that the property may not be appropriated for any other purpose or by any other agency than that of accommodating Hindu mofussil students attending the College, conducted as heretofore on a perfectly secular basis, either by the State or by purely Hindu agency. Should, owing to any unforeseen contingency, the lodge in question cease to be used for what it is now precisely intended (which God forbid), then my building should revert to my family or should be appropriated for such other useful object as may be devised by me. On these terms I am prepared to commence building operations as soon as I am provided with the standard plan and suitable site. I believe that I shall be paid any dividend that the rents from this lodge may yield, like other shareholders, as I intend to devote such income, whenever it accrues, to other charitable objects.

Hoping that this offer will commend itself to the Committee's approval.

MEMORANDUM.

Though I feel that the movement for providing boarding-houses is worthy of every support, I have delayed sending the matter up to Government from my doubts as to whether in its present shape it can commend itself for adoption. I do not, for instance, see my way to recommending the alienation of any land; and the acceptance of Mr. Rungiah Naidu's offer would, as I think, be out of the question. Two courses seem to me open—first, for Government to undertake the erection of buildings uniform in style with the College, providing the land and the design, and contributing half the cost of the building; or, secondly, for Government to double the amount raised by the Committee, and leave the Committee to find a site, and complete the work.

The subsequent management might very well be left to the Committee, Government, perhaps, contributing a monthly grant-in-aid of the salary of a superintendent and of servants.

At this late date I have thought it better to note briefly my view, and to hand the papers over.

26th May 1883. (Signed) J. T. FOWLER.

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Referred to the Principal of the Presidency College for report. It is desirable that the report should be accompanied by a rough draft of rules if, in the Acting Principal's opinion, the institution should be controlled by the officers of Government, whether built on Government land or not. It is noted that the question of control and organization appear not to have been considered by the Committee ~~if the buildings are to be placed in the Chepauk Park~~. The area likely to be required for the institution should also be stated and the location of the building in that area shown in a plan. A rough sketch and estimate of the proposed buildings should accompany the plan. In order to place the scheme before Government with any prospect of success, it is necessary that it should be matured in some detail.

2. A copy of a memorandum left on record by Mr. Fowler, whilst Acting Director, is forwarded for the consideration of the Principal.

3. The Director will at once communicate with the Directors of Public Instruction, Bengal and Bombay, asking for full particulars regarding the working of boarding-houses in those Provinces.

(True Copies and Extract.)

/Signed/ H. B. Grigg

Director of Public Instruction.

11. Aided Colleges, both in Madras itself and in the mofussil, have recognized the importance of promoting the comfort and well-being of their students by providing them with lodgings, or both board and lodgings. The Madras Christian College, and the St. Joseph's College at Trichinopoly, may be cited as illustrations. But in other parts of India, hostels or boarding-houses have long been regarded as indispensable adjuncts to colleges of every description, whether conducted by State or any other agency, as is proved by the letter of Mr. E. T. Howard, former Director of Public Instruction in Bombay, embodied in G.O., dated 21st September 1865, No. 265, already quoted, where, in connection with State institutions, such buildings appear to have been erected either entirely or in part at the expense of Government, and that this policy is still being pursued, and even extended, is apparent from the circumstance that the Baroda State is at the present time engaged in building very extensive accommodation for the students attending the new and still incompleted college. A grant of Rs. 60,000 has also very recently been made for a Hindu hostel, intended for the use of the students of the Calcutta Presidency College.

12. The Committee have not yet been able to procure plans and estimates for the buildings they propose to erect, but should Government be pleased to accede to their request in the matter of a site, it is their intention, after having submitted the plans for approval, to immediately proceed with the construction of five houses, each accommodating twelve students, and erected at a maximum cost of Rs. 6,000.

13. Finally, in accordance with the resolution of the Committee, we beg that Government will grant us any further assistance in carrying out the object we have in view, which they may deem appropriate or desirable.

RESOLUTIONS adopted by the Presidency College Boarding-House Committee.

1. That it is desirable to erect boarding-houses for the students of the Presidency College.

2. That the necessary funds be raised by the issue of debentures, and that ample opportunity be left for those who may be desirous of making donations for the purpose in view, to exercise their liberality.

3. That the debentures be of the value of Rs. 100 each, and that dividends, not exceeding 5 per cent., be paid at the end of each year, any surplus remaining after payment of the above dividend to be devoted to the improvement of the accommodation, or reduction of the [illegible]

4. That, should donations to a sufficient amount be forthcoming, they shall be utilized in constructing a central room or building in which the occupants of the boarding-houses can assemble for the purpose of recreation or amusement, unless the donors desire that their subscriptions be otherwise employed.

5. That the General Committee consist of all debenture-holders and the Principal and Professors of the College for the time being.

6. That, for the present, provision be made for building detached or semi-detached houses to accommodate forty students, at a maximum cost of Rs. 20,000, including furniture.

7. That the President and Secretaries be requested to address Government, through the Director of Public Instruction, praying them to grant the Committee a site for the erection of boarding-houses, on the west bank of the canal behind the Presidency College, and to further assist them in any manner in which Government may feel disposed.

EXTRACT from a letter from the Honorable V. RAMAIYENGAR, C.S.I., dated Trevandrum, the 24th February 1883.

"With reference to the proposal to build boarding-houses in connection with the Presidency College, I write a line to say that His Highness' Government will gladly contribute Rs. 6,000 for the erection of one block to be called the "Travancore Maharaja's Block." Payment will be made when the scheme has been fully matured, and a commencement has been made to build on behalf of the debenture-holders."

LIST OF DEBENTURE-HOLDERS IN THE PRESIDENCY COLLEGE BOARDING-HOUSE FUND.

	No. of Debentures.
Honorable Justice Muttusami Aiyar, C.I.E.	5
Sir T. Madhava Rao, K.C.S.I.	6
Honorable V. Ramaiyengar, C.S.I.	10
Dewan Bahadur R. Ragunadha Rao	12
E. Thompson, Esq.	10
Dr. G. Oppert	10
P. Runganadham Mudaliar, Esq., M.A.	5
V. Krishnamachariar, Esq.	5
Dr. D. Duncan	5
Dr. W. H. Wilson	10
C. Ethirajulu Naidu, Esq.	3
P. Somasundarum Chettiar, Esq.	3
E. H. Elliot, Esq.	2
P. Ananta Charlu, Esq.	5
C. V. Sundarum Sastriar, Esq.	2
M. Seshagiri Sastriar, Esq.	2
T. Venkasami Rao, Esq.	2
S. Srinivasaraghavachariar, Esq.	1
V. Bashyam Aiyengar, Esq.	5
J. B. Bilderbeck, Esq.	5
P. Rajarutnum Mudaliar, Esq.	3
P. Vijiarungum Mudaliar, Esq.	1
A. Ratnavelu Chettiar, Esq.	1
S. Seshayya, Esq.	1
S. Ramasawmy Mudaliar, Esq.	3
Y. Venkataramayya Sastriar, Esq.	2
Honorable T. Rama Rao	5
P. Runganadham Mudaliar, Esq.	1
P. S. Ramasami Mudaliar, Esq.	2
C. Singaravelu Mudaliar, Esq.	2
C. V. Kunnayya Chettiar, Esq.	5
G. Mahadeva Chettiar, Esq	5
G. Kuppusami Naidu, Esq.	2
T. Gopala Rao, Esq.	1
P. Munusami Chettiar, Esq.	2
C. Venkatasubu Chettiar, Esq.	1

STUDENT'S LODGE FOR THE PRESIDENCY COLLEGE.

On Monday evening last, a meeting of the leading members of the native community of Madras was convened in the Presidency College, at the instance of its Principal and Professors. The Honorable Justice Muttusami Aiyar taking the chair, Dr. Duncan explained to the gentlemen present the object of the meeting, which was no other than what had long been in contemplation, namely, the providing of suitable lodgings and boarding to the students of the Presidency College. Mr. Thompson, the permanent Principal, had repeatedly brought the matter to the notice of Government and, at one time, it seemed that a boarding-house would become an accomplished fact; but somehow the matter fell through. As there was no chance at present of Government taking action in the matter, Dr. Duncan urged that the question should be taken up by the native community. We learn that the gentlemen who were present at the meeting, and who, we believe, represented all sections of the native community, were unanimous in considering that no time should be lost in raising funds for providing suitable lodging and boarding to the students of the College, and they have accordingly resolved on raising the money required for the purpose by the issue of debentures and have appointed a Committee to work out a scheme for carrying out the object in view. We have been assured that great enthusiasm was evinced by the gentlemen present, most of whom had received their education in the College where they were met, and the earnestness with which the question was taken up by them augured success for the movement.

The native community of Madras as well as of all South India has reason to be proud of the Presidency College. It is the College, above all, which has helped to disseminate the blessings of sound education over the length and breadth of the land, has given a form and stamp to High Education in the Madras Presidency, and has raised the tone and character of the Uncovenanted Civil Service in the country, and if people at large take a more active interest in public questions now than they did some twenty-five years ago, the result is in no small measure due to the work that has been silently doing within the walls of the venerable College. We are not surprised, therefore, that our countrymen who attended the meeting on last Monday evinced great interest in the movement, and we have no doubt that it will be attended with great success.

greater distance have to incur the expense of carriage hire, which few are able to afford. The accommodation they are, in most cases, forced to content themselves with, is defective in every sense of the word. Their surroundings leave much to be desired from a sanitary point of view, the houses they inhabit being, as a rule, small, undrained, and ill-ventilated. They have still less to recommend them when judged from a moral stand-point, the atmosphere of an Indian bazaar being no healthier morally than physically.

3. The evils above referred to have long been recognized, so also has the only possible method of remedying them. In his report for 1880-81, the Principal remarks: "During the last two months of the official year my attention has been drawn to the propriety of reviving the scheme for the establishment of a boarding-house, or of several small boarding-houses in connection with the Presidency College. I brought forward the scheme many years ago, and it received, I believe, the sanction of Sir W. Denison's Government; but as the College was likely to be removed from Egmore, where it was then located, it was thought better to do nothing till the new buildings were completed. The Government of Lord Napier, however, appear to have held a different opinion on this matter, and the scheme was dropped. Recent circumstances, and the result of many inquiries, in addition to the success of the experiment at Saidápet, have convinced me that the provision of such an establishment would be of great advantage to mofussil students, who are very numerous in our higher classes, and contribute, therefore, indirectly to the prosperity of the College. This matter will be brought before you as soon as I can obtain plans and estimates."

4. Investigation of the past history of the subject shows that, so far back as 1864, boarding-houses in connection with the Presidency College were advocated by both Mr. Thompson and Mr. Powell, and the latter recommended, in para. 8 of his letter, dated the 22nd July 1865, No. 1614, that they should be erected in the Chepauk grounds in the neighbourhood of the College. This proposal was sanctioned by Government, and the Director of Public Instruction requested to place himself at once in communication with Mr. Chisholm, who was directed to prepare a plan and estimate of the cost of the required building, in G.O., Educational Department, dated 21st September 1865, No. 265. We have not been able to procure all the papers connected with the subject, but difficulties relating to caste, far more imaginary than real, appear to have arisen, which induced Government to abandon the scheme under the impression that it was impracticable (G.O., dated 10th July 1867, No. 219). From that time to the present, the scheme, so far as we are aware, has remained in abeyance.

5. Although, commenting upon the report of the Principal of the Presidency College, quoted above, the Director of Public Instruction observes, "I will here simply express a hope that the scheme of boarding-houses may be matured on an economical and practical basis," no further step save the preparation of plans and estimates, was taken in the matter and the Acting Principal and Professors of the College, fearing that the proposal would once more fall through for want of Government support, resolved to stir in the matter themselves. A circular was therefore addressed to the principal native inhabitants of Madras, inviting them to attend a meeting for the purpose of concerting measures for providing the Presidency College with boarding-houses for its students. The invitation met with a ready response, and an influentially-attended meeting was the result. An Executive Committee, constituted as follows, was appointed :—

President. —The Honorable Justice T. Muttusami Aiyar.

Treasurer. —Dr. D. Duncan.

Secretaries.
- V. Krishnamachariar, Esq.
- Dr. W. H. Wilson.

Members.
- Dewan Bahadur R. Ragunadha Rao.
- V. Bashyam Aiyengar, Esq.
- P. Rajarutnum Mudaliar, Esq.
- P. Runganadham Mudaliar, Esq.
- P. Ananta Charlu, Esq.
- P. Somasundarum Chettiar, Esq.

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Various resolutions, of which the most important are subjoined, were adopted.

6. The opinion was generally entertained that it would be extremely difficult, if not altogether impossible, to raise the capital necessary for providing such extensive accommodation as the Presidency College requires, by voluntary subscriptions. It was also considered that, efficiently and economically managed boarding-houses might be made fairly remunerative. That this view is generally held by the Native community is evident from the enclosed article relating to the subject, which appeared in the Madras *Hindu*. It was therefore resolved to place the scheme on a commercial basis, but to accept only what the Committee consider a moderate interest on the capital invested. It is, however, extremely doubtful whether so much as 5 per cent. will be realized. More probably from 3 to 4 per cent. will be the highest rate ever attained. Shares to the amount of about Rs. 14,000 were subscribed for at the preliminary meeting and subsequently, details concerning which are given in the list of debenture-holders submitted herewith, but no appeal has yet been made to the former students and other supporters of the Presidency College, who are to be found in all parts of the country. If their assistance be invoked, no doubt whatever is felt that any sum which is required will be forthcoming.

7. But, in addition to the amount already raised or to be raised in this manner, we have the pleasure to state that His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore, to signify his approval of the measure, has liberally offered to erect, at his own expense, a house to accommodate twelve students, under the conditions stated in the accompanying extract from a letter received from his Dewan, the Honorable V. Ramaiyengar, C.S.I. Mr. P. Rungiah Naidu, a former student of the College, has likewise informed the Committee of his desire to build a similar house, subject to the terms contained in his letter, a copy of which is submitted. Raja the Honorable Gajapathi Rao has also promised to assist the scheme, and it is probable that his support will take a similar form.

8. Under these circumstances, the Committee feel justified in taking immediate steps to secure a site, and erect the buildings, and it is more particularly with reference to the former that we now have the honor to address you. It has, from the first, been recognized to be not merely desirable, but absolutely necessary, that the boarding-houses should be in the vicinity of the College, and the Committee know of no site satisfying this condition which they are able to acquire. They therefore beg that Government will permit the buildings to be erected along the west bank of the canal behind the Presidency College, and extending from Pycroft's Road northwards.

9. As pointed out in para. 4, this site was selected as the most convenient at the time when Government had in contemplation the erection of buildings of this nature, and when the scheme was last revived, it was an understood thing that they were to stand in that position. In the plans referred to by Mr. Thompson in his report cited above, they are represented as occupying it. The Committee respectfully submit that the whole success or failure of the scheme they are anxious to promote depends entirely upon the decision at which Government may arrive on this point, as the site in question is not merely the most convenient, but it is the only one. Should their application be unfavorably received, they will be compelled to resign all hope of seeing the Presidency College provided with what has been admitted on all sides as a very necessary condition to its usefulness and stability.

10. The Committee would further beg leave to urge, in support of their request, that, if their information be correct, it is contemplated to establish boarding-houses in connection with the Kumbakónam College, at the entire or partial cost of Government. If such provision be required at Kumbakónam, still more is it the case at Madras, for it has been pointed out by the Director of Public Instruction that the institution in question "serves only a local need, and is practically only a district institution." This conclusion is derived from the fact that of the 252 students who were attending the College in the year 1880-81, 232 belonged to the Tanjore District.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
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Govt. of Madras.
(1885)

PUBLIC WORKS

Dated April, 23rd.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 23rd April 1885, No. 959 W.

APRIL.

Fishing Village near the Presidency College

Orders instructing the Consulting Architect to acquire the —, ~~and suggesting to the presidency college boarding-house committee the purchase of the old ice-house and its conversion into a boarding-house.~~

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No. 4549.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, dated 29th June 1883.

Boarding House—Presidency College.

From the President and Secretaries of the Presidency College Boarding House Committee, dated Madras, 23rd April 1883 :—

THE need of suitable dwelling houses in the vicinity of the Presidency College for those of its students who come from a distance, is every year making itself more felt. Last year the Senior College Classes contained 117 students and the Junior 94, and 106 in the former, and 63 in the latter were non-residents of Madras. The proportion of up-country students was smaller in the School Department, nevertheless it contained 114 mofussil boys. This year the strength of the College Department is as follows :—

F. A.	First Class	57
	Second Class	63
B. A.	First Class	56
	Second Class	79

making a total of 255. Of this number, but 72 belong to Madras, the remainder are distributed in the following manner :—

Chingleput	18
South Arcot	7
Tanjore	22
Tinnevelly	4
Madura	3
Trichinopoly	14
Salem	7
Coimbatore	5
Malabar	39
South Canara	9
Nellore	7
Kistna	5
Godávari	6
Ganjam	3
North Arcot	8
Cuddapah	2
Kurnool	5
Bellary	3
Maisur	6
Hyderabad	1
Ceylon	9

From the fact that 72 per cent. of its students come from a distance, it is evident that the Presidency College is not an institution which merely meets local wants, and satisfies local requirements, but that the education it offers is sought by students from all parts of the Presidency, from Ganjam to Tinnevelly, and even in the adjacent native territories.

2. To most of the mofussil students, Madras is a strange city, in which they are dependent on their own exertions for finding such board and shelter as their, in most cases, very slender means will allow. Owing to the position of the College, its students are mainly restricted to Triplicane and Mailapúr in their choice of a habitation, and in the former locality the majority reside. Those who live at a

7. The Consulting Architect has suggested that the old ice-house, which is about half-a-mile distant from the presidency college, could be converted into a suitable boarding-house at moderate cost. As the ice-house is private property, the boarding-house committee can arrange for its acquisition without the intervention of the Government, should they deem it advisable to do so.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Consulting Architect to Government.
,, Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
,, Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
,, Educational Department.
,, Financial ,,

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
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EAD—the following papers :—

Letter from the Director of Public Instruction, dated	8th December 1884,	No.	8625.
Endorsement thereon, in the Educational Dept., „	12th „ „	„	2773.
Letter from the Director of Public Instruction, „	22nd „ „	„	8984.
Endorsement thereon, in the Educational Dept., „	5th January 1885	„	2.
Letter from the Director of Public Instruction, „	20th December 1884	„	8931.
Endorsement thereon, in the Educational Dept., „	9th January 1885	„	49.
Letter from the Consulting Architect to Govt., „	20th March „	„	1841.

RDER—dated 23rd April 1885, No. 959 W., Public Works.

The above correspondence relates to a proposal which has been brought forward r the erection of boarding-houses for the native students attending the presidency ollege. The question comes before the Public Works Department in reference to e site for the buildings.

2. The boarding-house committee originally * proposed a site within the Chepâk park, along the west bank of the canal, behind the presidency college, and extending from Pycroft's road northwards. The Principal of the college subsequently suggested † the fishing village on the beach in immediate proximity of the college.

Paragraph 8 of the letter printed with proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, No 4549, dated 29th June 1883.

Letter No. 209, dated 18th December 1884.

3. In forwarding this last suggestion, the Director of Public Instruction remarked at, if the site were taken up by Government and, after being laid out, were offered at nominal quit-rent for a long period of years to a committee undertaking to establish boarding-house, to be built according to plans approved, and conducted according to inciples laid down by Government, possibly the offer might be accepted. Mr. Grigg so alluded to the advantage to the neighbourhood which would result from the moval of the unsightly collection of houses forming the fishing village in question.

4. The Consulting Architect estimates that the cost of removal of the village to other site, which he indicates, and the acquisition of the land, would amount to about . 26,500.

5. The improvement to Madras from the removal of the existing village would so great that, in the opinion of Government, efforts should be made to secure the d. The cost, as estimated by the Consulting Architect, is apparently reasonable ; d that officer is now authorised to enter into negotiations for the acquisition of the perty. The Government desire that the fishermen in occupation should be liberally alt with. The provision of funds will be made in the Financial Department.

6. The Government are not prepared to allot any portion of the land in question the erection of boarding houses. The site is more adapted for some public building ; r can a site within Chepâk park be made available for the erection of boarding uses.

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From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Fort St. George.

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Submitting with remarks a letter from the Principal, Presidency College in connexion with a scheme of erecting boarding houses

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Referred to the Public Works Dept as to the question of the proposed site. —

(By order)
J. S. [illegible]
Under Secy to Govt.

11-12-84 Chepauk

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Referred to the Supdg Engr V Circle for report, in communication with the Consg Architect

C. [illegible]
Major R.E.
Under-Secretary to Govt
P. W. Deptt

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras, 8 December 1884

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From

H. B. GRIGG, Esq., M.A.,
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

SIR,

In forwarding a letter from the Principal of the Presidency College with copy of papers referred to therein, I have the honor to observe that at a meeting held at the Presidency College early last year, a Committee was appointed to consider the Scheme of erecting boarding houses in connection with that College. The proposals of the Committee are embodied in their letter dated 23rd April 1883.

2. The Scheme as proposed seemed to me in too inchoate and incomplete a stage to be laid before Government,

and