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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From W. DONALD, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 14th April 1888, No. 1039.

With reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 131, Financial, dated the 9th February 1888, I have the honor to forward letter, No. 161, dated 28th March 1888, from the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Monegar Choultry, in reply to a reference made by this office, and to inquire, with reference to paragraph 3 thereof, whether the additional grant sanctioned by Government is to include the assessment payable on the Raja of Venkatagiri's Choultry and Sir Ramasawmy Mudaliar's Lying-in Hospital, as the assessment on these buildings has not hitherto been borne by Government, but was met from the funds of the Monegar Choultry.

2. I would also ask, with reference to paragraph 4 of the Honorary Secretary's letter, whether, in sanctioning a grant equivalent to the assessment, Government do not require that a certificate from the Executive Engineer accepting the assessment, as prescribed in Rule 25 (*q*), Chapter 5, of the Civil Account Code, should be obtained before payment is made by this office.

3. I would add that I paid to the Honorary Secretary, on 27th March 1888, the grant of Rs. 450, being the equivalent of the assessment for 1887-88 on the buildings usually known as the Monegar Choultry, the bill in this case having been supported by the original demands presented by the Municipality for the two half-years, that for the first half bearing the enfacement of the Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, that the valuation had been accepted by him.

ENCLOSURE.

From G. A. RUPPELL, Esq , Acting Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Monegar Choultry, to the Accountant-General, dated Madras, 28th March 1888, No. 161.

With reference to paragraph 2 of your letter, No. 811, dated 22nd instant, I have the honor to state that Sir Ramasawmy Mudaliar's Lying-in Hospital and the Raja of Venkatagiri's Choultry are part of the Monegar Choultry buildings regarding which I have addressed Government in my letter, No. 112, dated 12th August 1887.

2 You will observe from the Proceedings of Government, dated the 9th February 1888, No. 131, Financial, that the question of assessment on these buildings was then before Government as part and parcel of the Monegar Choultry buildings, and that their order sanctioning an additional grant equal to the municipal assessment necessarily comprised the Lying-in Hospital and the Raja of Venkatagiri's Choultry.

3. The assessment on these buildings was hitherto met from the funds of the Monegar Choultry.

4. Regarding the concluding paragraph of your letter, I beg to say that I have not been instructed by Government to obtain an endorsement from the Executive Engineer, Presidency, certifying to the correctness of the assessment, and I think, in the face of the Government Order referred to, it does not fall within my province to do so.

ORDER—dated 7th June 1888, No. 461, Financial.

The first question asked by the Accountant-General will be answered in the negative. The previous orders of Government have had reference solely to the Monegar Choultry buildings proper, the assessment on which was admitted against Provincial funds up to the end of March 1887.

2. In supersession, however, of the arrangement sanctioned in G.O., No. 131, of the 9th February 1888, the Government resolve to make a fixed addition to the Monegar Choultry grant equal to the assessment now fixed on the Choultry buildings proper and the Foundling Hospital. The exact amount should be reported.

3. In these circumstances, the Executive Engineer's certificate will not be required.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy P.W.D.
for Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.
" Public Works Department.
" Directors of the Monegar Choultry.

Exd. A. Raitt.