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The papers read in this Proceedings contain further correspondence regarding the removal of the Reformatory School from its present site.

2. The Kilpauk and Amanjikarai sites were pronounced to be unsuitable in G.O., dated 17th August 1893, No. 1657, Judicial, and the proposal to locate the school in the Mahbub Bāgh was negatived in G.O., dated 20th March 1894, No. 709, Judicial.

3. The Government has now to select between the following sites which are referred to in the present correspondence, viz.—

- (1) the Chingleput Fort;
- (2) Southend House, on the right bank of the Adyar;
- (3) Elphinstone Park, similarly situated;
- (4) the abandoned European barracks at Rānipéttai;
- (5) a piece of land belonging to the Commercial and Land Mortgage Bank and situated to the south of the Adyar;
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4. For various reasons, the sites numbered (2), (3) and (4) in the last preceding paragraph appear to Government to be unsuitable and they need not be further considered. There remain the Chingleput Fort, the site belonging to the Commercial and Land Mortgage Bank and the Hon'ble P. Rangayya Náyudu's house.

5. The cost of adapting the Chingleput Fort and the buildings therein for the purposes of the school, and of erecting buildings elsewhere in place of those taken up for it is estimated by the Consulting Architect at Rs. 1,06,890; but he expresses the opinion that the accommodation will never be thoroughly satisfactory, because the boys will have to spend the night in four buildings, there being no one building which will hold 250 cubicles.

The Government does not attach much importance to this objection. Indeed, from one point of view, it is advantageous that all the boys should not sleep in the same building. By providing different buildings, the separation at night of the older from the younger boys will be rendered more complete.

If, however, the whole of the fort is taken up as proposed, an increase of establishment will probably be necessary, in consequence of the enhanced strength of the school and the larger area occupied by it. The Director of Public Instruction will report as to the probable cost of the additional staff.

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