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[Despatch Abstract.]

Rajah Sir Savalai Rameswami Mudaliyar
Students' Hostel

From: Hon. Secy Comm. of
Education, Govt of India, Madras Dept.,
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grant of a site in the vicinity of the
Madras for Comm. to the
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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department, dated Simla, 15th September 1898, No. 2563-M.W.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters noted on the margin on the subject of the grant of a site in the vicinity of Fort St. George, Madras, for a students' hostel which Raja Sir Savalai Ramaswami Mudaliyar is prepared to erect, at a cost of Rs. 50,000, to perpetuate the memory of a distinguished citizen, the late Ranganadha Mudaliyar.

2. It is stated that since it was decided in Military Department letter, No. 1398-M.W., dated the 4th June 1895, not to accept the proposals of the Government of Madras for the grant of a plot of military land situated to the north-west of the fort and south of the China Bazar road, every effort has been made to find another site for the hostel, but without success; that His Excellency the Governor in Council has satisfied himself that no suitable site either on Government or Municipal land is available; and that the cost of acquiring one in suitable situation under the Land Acquisition Act is entirely prohibitive. A reconsideration of the previous decision is accordingly asked for, and it is added that should the site proposed be not granted a most generous offer for providing a much required hostel for students may have to be given up.

3. In reply, I am to say that, under the circumstances represented, His Excellency the Governor-General in Council is pleased to sanction the grant, on the conditions specified below, of that portion of the land applied for situated outside the military zone and to the south of the China Bazar road, measuring 1 acre, 49 cents and 49 $\frac{1}{4}$ square links, the estimated value of which is Rs. 54,270 and which is required for the building itself, and also to authorize the erection on this site of the building that may be designed for the hostel :—

(i) The land to be granted revenue-free, in perpetuity, for the purpose in question and the property to be vested in trustees.

(ii) Should the site cease to be used for the purpose for which it is granted, it shall revert to Government.

(iii) Should the property be at any time resumed by Government, the compensation payable therefor shall in no case exceed the cost or the present value, whichever shall be less, of any buildings erected or other works executed on the land by the grantees.

(iv) No additions or alterations to be made to the hostel without the prior sanction of the Government of India in the Military Department.

4. The remainder of the plot of land asked for, which is required as a compound for the hostel, extends for some considerable distance into the clear zone to be maintained round Fort St. George. I am to say that His Excellency the Governor-General in Council regrets that it is inexpedient to alienate any portion of the military zone,

but has no objection to the remaining portion of the clear plot of land situated between the China Bazar road, the Ordnance lines, the Evening Bazar road and the Police station being used by the students for recreation purposes, provided that no building is erected within the zone and that no part of the land within the zone is enclosed.

ORDER—No. 659, Educational, dated 17th October 1898.

Communicated to the Director of Public Instruction, the Honorary Secretary, Madras Students' Hostel, Raja Sir Savalai Ramaswami Mudaliyar and the Revenue and Public Works Departments.

2. The Honorary Secretary of the Madras Students' Hostel will be requested to submit, for the approval of Government, a draft conveyance to the Association of the land in question. The draft should be similar to the one approved in G.O., No. 274, Judicial, dated 24th February 1897.

(True Extract.)

A. Edgington
for Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Honorary Secretary, Madras Students' Hostel.
" Raja Sir Savalai Ramaswami Mudaliyar, Kt., C.I.E.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department. ✓

Exd. W. D'Moss.

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