

P. college Improvement

*For Pres
College Improv
4/1/13*

Mr. Gilchrist -

1. I entirely agree with your contention which is apparently that we require for ~~the~~ ~~the~~ the scheme which is to provide (1) for the development of the Presidency College as a residential institution, and (2) for the re-establishment in a new building in the vicinity of College Square of the Hare School the whole of the Halliday Street Pumping Station site, viz., both the land which belongs to the Corporation and the land which belongs to Government, in other words the whole of the land shown in the plan attached to Mr. Maddox's d.o. No.8418 dated ^{April} the 21st ~~March~~ 1913 below (flag 30), which plan by the way is so torn, as to be almost unintelligible.

2. We want to be quite clear as to the area we have in view when we talk about the Pumping Station site. It seems to me that we want all the land included in the plan above referred to not only for the new Hare School but also for the sake of the general plan of a Square of Government educational buildings,- a scheme obviously desirable not only from an educational but also from the town planning point of view, I am prepared to fight for all I am worth for this, but there are many difficulties ahead.

3. In the first place now that the proposal to construct the University Institute on the Pumping Station site has been abandoned, Government has, I am told, - the news only reached me this morning - practically agreed to utilise that portion of the Pumping Street station which

which belongs to them for a Fire Brigade Station. So many things have been practically decided of late by the Government of Bengal and then modified that we need not give up hope of getting what we want, but we must get our proposals in sharp and be in a position to back them strongly.

4. Again your contention, if I have interpreted it ^{aright}, involves the acquisition of land now belonging to the Corporation: now, as you will see from the file, the Corporation have put forward various proposals for the utilisation of the site and the correspondence seems to me to indicate a certain lack ^{of} courtesy on the part of Government to that body. Moreover it seems to indicate that Government does not quite know what it wants to do in connexion with the site. This is not our concern - I merely mention it as an additional reason for getting our proposals into a complete and finished form as soon as possible. I am not sure whether it would ^{not} be difficult for Government to acquire land from the Corporation against the wishes of that body, and I am not quite clear how we are to suggest a quid pro quo on the basis of which we might suggest that Government should ask the Corporation to give up ^{the} ~~the~~ portion of the Pumping Station site. I am not, however, going to let that either deter or delay us, only if we are to get the whole of the Pumping Station site, or indeed any part of it, we shall have a tough fight.

5. This brings me to another point. Of course we want the whole of the Pumping Station site and it is for that we have to fight, but supposing we can only get that portion of the

land which belongs to Government, will that be any use to us? That is to say if we can eventually have all the land included in the latest acquisition proposals of the Governing Body plus that part of the Pumping Station which belongs to Government, can we on this area carry out the proposals of the Governing Body and reestablish the Hare School. In putting up a fight for the whole ~~sight~~ site, I am quite prepared to say that we cannot, but it is always as well to know exactly how we should stand with reference to all possible eventualities.

6. Another possibility that we may have to face is that we may not be able to get the portion of the Pumping Station site which belongs to Government. In that event the question which would arise is, whether we should be able to carry out the latest proposals of the Governing Body of the Presidency College and reconstruct the Hare School on an area which would consist of the land included in the most recent acquisition proposals of the Governing Body plus that portion of the Pumping Station site which now belongs to the Municipality. In other words if we cannot get that portion of the Pumping Station site which belongs to Government, would it be any use our pressing for that portion of the site which belongs to the Municipality?

7. Clearly what is now required is that we should with the ^{least} ~~latest~~ possible delay submit to Government our complete proposals for the development of the Presidency College and the reconstruction of the Hare School. The proposals should show that the transfer to the Education Department of the whole of the Pumping Station

site is essential for our scheme of development which must include a plan for the reconstruction of the Hare School, seeing that that institution must be located in the vicinity of College Square. Our proposals must be accompanied by a clear plan of the whole acquisition suggested and rough estimates of cost. The Land Acquisition Deputy Collector would be able to explain the legal position of Government in the matter of the acquisition of land belonging to the Corporation.

8. The return of the General Department file must not be delayed. If I have interpreted your general scheme aright and subject to any observations that you may wish to make, I propose to return it with a note to the effect that I have definitely abandoned all idea of locating the David Hare Training College in the vicinity of College Square, and that a scheme for locating it elsewhere is almost ready for submission to Government. That the bearing of this on the question at issue viz., the disposal of that portion of the Pumping Station site which belongs to Government is that the Hare School, the present building of which is indispensable for the development of the Presidency College, will have to be reconstructed on a site near College Square. I shall go on to explain that the Governing Body of the Presidency College have recently prepared for submission to Government proposals in connexion with the scheme for the development ^{of the Institution on a residential basis.} which involve suggestions for the acquisition of all the land stretching east and west from College Street to Malliday Street and south and north from Peary Charan Sircar's Street

and Madan Mohan Sen's Lane to a line which would join the southern boundary of the Presidency College to the southern boundary of the Pumping Station site. That the proposals of the Governing Body did not include the provision of a site for the new David Hare School, but that it has now become essential to make such provision seeing that I have now decided to abandon all idea or making provision for a new Hare School in connexion with the construction of permanent buildings for the David Hare Training College; and that this provision can only be made by acquiring the whole of the Pumping Station site for the new Hare School. That I shall very shortly submit definite and complete proposals to Government but that I regard the transfer of the whole of the Pumping Station site not only as essential to the proper development of the Presidency College and the Hare School but also as most desirable from the point of view of the complicated ^{low} ~~high~~ problem, ~~how~~ to provide adequately for the various expanding educational institutions which Government have already decided to return ~~in~~ in the vicinity of College Square. Further that from the point of view of development of that part of Calcutta, it would be a terrible pity to let slip the opportunity of so arranging things that we may have some day a fine Square block of Government educational buildings etc.

9. That in the circumstances I trust that nothing will be decided until the Education Department proposals have been carefully considered &c.

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9. In order that there may be no mistake as to the area we mean when we talk of the Pumping Station site, it would be well if the town plan (flag 30) could be recopied, so as to show the whole area concerned and what portions of it belong to Government and what portions to the Municipality. We ought to be able to have this done in the office, but do not let there be any delay.

10. Mr. Payne is, I believe, coming to Darjeeling on the 12th. I should be glad to be in a position to explain to him while he is here exactly what we want.

W. W. H.

D. P. I.

Darjeeling.

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No. 240

From

H. R. James Esq., M.A. (Oxon.)
Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta.

To 403/21/14

The Secretary to the Government of Bengal,
General Department.

Through the Director of Public Instruction,
Bengal.

27. JAN. 1914
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Dated Calcutta, the 20th January, 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to say that the progress of the Presidency College Improvement Scheme was discussed at the meeting of the Governing Body held Friday, ^{January} ~~March~~ the 9th and two resolutions were passed to the following effect :

1. That the Governing Body are acutely conscious of the extreme disabilities under which the College has laboured during the past four years for want of a College Hall. They desire to bring to the notice of Government their unanimous opinion that the Hall, designed as part of the Improvement Scheme, should be taken up at the earliest possible opportunity and if at all possible, in the course of the present year.

11. That the Governing Body beg to recall that the Improvement Scheme was sketched in 1907 and fully drawn out in January 1908 - that is full six years ago - and that of the 15 projects in the original scheme besides the purchase of land only the building of the laboratories (which, however, includes four of

these projects) has actually been carried out. More serious however is it, that the parts of the scheme on which the possibility of healthy academic life most of all depends, the Hall, the playing field, the -- Principal's house are still unrealized. The Governing Body recognise that so large a scheme would not be carried out in all its parts at once. Nevertheless in view of the vital importance of the parts and of the relation of the College to Bengal, they lament that progress has not been more rapid and press upon Government the consideration of the strong reasons that exist for acceleration.

2. I desire to ask very specially that careful -- consideration may be given to the first of these two -- resolutions. The want of a proper hall has always been felt acutely at Presidency College and it has been felt more disastrously every year since the new regulations came into force. I do not hesitate to say that the collegiate life set up at the time of University reform as the proper aim and is, no matter what efforts are made to attain it, impossible of realization at Presidency College without a College Hall. I saw this so clearly from the first that I tried my best to get the Hall put first among the projects by the Committee appointed in 1910 to put the scheme into final shape; but I was overruled. Every year since, the total incapacitation for united collegiate activities -- which the absence of a common hall of assembly entails has been forced upon me more and more painfully. In their report in 1910 the University inspectors commented upon the -- absence of an academic atmosphere at Presidency College. We are debarred from such attainment as is possible in a College mainly non-residential by the want of a suitable place of assembly. Last year the absence of such a College Hall was brought into public notice through the necessity

we were under of raising a temporary pandal in order to --
celebrate the opening of the Baker Laboratories and the College
Foundation Day. That is, however, only one instance out of *many*;
~~money~~ ; the need is perpetually felt within the College.

3. I may add that an opinion is gaining ground that
the work of the Improvement Committee was brought to an end
somewhat too soon with the meeting held on February the 7th,
1913, and that something is still wanting to the entire com-
pleteness of the scheme. This aspect of the subject is to be
discussed at a special meeting of the Governing Body to be
held on Friday next, ~~February~~ ^{January} the 23rd, after which I shall
probably address Government again.

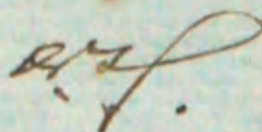
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Principal, Presidency College.



No. 652.

From

H. R. James Esq., M. A. (Oxon.)

Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta.

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To

The Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

General Department.

through the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

Dated Calcutta, the February, 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward to you a copy of the Proceedings of a special meeting of the Governing Body of this College, held Friday, January the 23rd to consider the Presidency College Improvement Scheme. The subject is of considerable importance and immediate urgency; because if the enlargement of the scheme as left by the Special Committee in February 1912 is a proposition that can be entertained at all by Government it is expedient that the present ^{occasion} ~~session~~ should be taken. The question can hardly ever be raised again, certainly not so advantageously as at the present time. It is open as yet to Government to round off the scheme to a higher unity and completeness, as proposed by the Governing Body. The opportunity will not, I conceive, occur again, because, if the suggestions of the Governing Body are not adopted now, the developments contemplated in this neighbourhood under the Calcutta Improvement Scheme will go forward and preclude any further extension of Presidency College.

2. It may possibly make the present position more fully intelligible if I recapitulate summarily the history and progress of the Presidency College scheme since its definite inception in 1907. It begins with the informal meeting held by

the Director of Public Instruction at Darjeeling in May 1907. This was followed in July 1907 by a conference of a representative character held by Sir Andrew Fraser at Belvedere, in which the scheme was sketched out on lines, which, in the main (with some modifications of arrangement and one important addition), have been held to since. On November the 6th the scheme was reviewed and its parts definitely formulated at a discussion between Sir A. Earle and myself at the Director of Public Instruction's office. On January the 9th, 1908, I sent in the whole scheme with particulars of each project in detail to Mr. Begg, Architect to the Government of India. The scheme at this stage included the following 16 items :

1. Muhammedan hostel
2. Physical Laboratory
3. Physiological "
4. Botanical "
5. Geological "
6. Psychological "
7. Astronomical Observatory
8. Student's Common Room
9. College hall
10. Flats for five professors
11. Additional library accommodation
12. Playing field
13. Gymnasium
14. New Hindu hostel
15. Principal's house
16. Rooms for Arts professors

Objection was shortly afterwards taken to the proposals in respect of two of the laboratories as excessive. Amended proposals for these laboratories were submitted in March. Nothing further was done in that year except that in June sanction was given to the acquisition of land at a cost of Rs. 2, 50, 000.

In 1909 Sir Edward Baker took up and pressed through the building of a hostel for Muhammedan students of Calcutta

Colleges in common and this was carried out in the course of the year. The Baker hostel was opened in the following July and as it was now provided that the Muhammedan students of Presidency College were to have a preferential claim to accommodation there, the Muhammedan hostel, which Sir A. Earle had placed first among the projects of the Presidency College scheme, consequently dropped out.

3. In May 1910 Sir Edward Baker appointed a special committee to consider the whole scheme for the improvement of Presidency College and determine the order in which the several improvements should be taken up. To form this committee five other gentlemen were associated with the members of the Governing Body, so that the whole Committee was thus composed

The Director of Public Instruction (President))	Members
The Hon'ble Member for the University)	of the
The Principal, Presidency College (Secretary))	Governing
Three members of the Presidency College staff)	Body of
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)	lege.
Sir Ashutosh Mookerji)	
The Hon. Mr. Bhupendra Nath Bose)	Added
Sir Gurudas Banerji)	members
The Commissioner of the Presidency Division)	
The Superintending Engineer, Central Circle)	

This committee met five times; its first meeting was

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| 1. July the 23rd 1910 | | July the 23rd 1910, its last February the |
| 2. Aug. the 13th " | | |
| 3. Dec. the 6th " | | 8th, 1912. There were meetings also of two |
| 4. April the 6th 1911 | | |
| 5. Feb. the 8th 1912 | | sub-committees one (appointed at the first |
| | | meeting) to deal with the removal of the |

Hare School which had been accepted as an essential part of the scheme the other (appointed at the 2nd meeting) to deal with the general grouping and the working out of the scheme in detail. The Sub-Committee for the Hare School met first on August the 13th 1910 and again on the 27th of January 1911. The building Sub-Committee held three meetings, the first September the 26th 1910, the second November the 9th, 1910 the third and last February the 7th 1912. The actual shaping of the scheme in its

final form was done in this Sub-Committee on the basis of the proposals of 1908 and in co-operation with Mr. H. A. Crouch Architect to the Government of Bengal, who designed all the plans. An important modification of the arrangement of the laboratories was suggested at the first meeting of the Building Sub-Committee and afterwards accepted by the Committee at its 3rd meeting (December the 6th 1910). This was to build all the laboratories in a continuous block, as now actually carried out in the Baker Laboratory Building. This change of arrangement brought with it a change in the order of priority, inasmuch as the other laboratories now took precedence of the removal of the Hare School.

The order in which the remaining parts of the scheme were to be taken up, as fixed at this third meeting of the Committee was

- ✓ (1) The construction of all the new laboratories in a single range of building
- ✓ (2) The removal of the Hare School
- ✓ (3) The playing-field
- ✓ (4) The hall
- ✓ (5) The new hostel
- ✓ (6) Residences for the Principal and three professors

These were the principal projects. There are besides the Astronomical Observatory, the gymnasium and the provision of family quarters for the Superintendent of the hostel.

Rough estimates of the cost of the completion of the scheme on the lines proposed were tabulated at the third meeting of the Buildings Sub Committee and made at a total of Rs. 7,75,200. The final estimate made at the fifth and last meeting of the Committee on February the 8th, 1912 (with the cost of ^{and and} land of the new Hare School building added, but not reckoning the cost of land to be acquired for the new Hare School) is Rs. 17,02,200.

4. The actual construction and equipment of the new laboratories proceeded through the years 1910, 1911 and 1912.

They were all occupied in the course of the year 1912 and were formally declared open by Lord Carmichael on the 20th of January 1913.

Meantime another change in the order of the projects had come about as a consequence of the imperial grant of 6 lakhs for hostels in 1911. One lakh out of this grant was assigned to Presidency College. Consequently this has been the project taken up next after the laboratories. It was at first expected that the building would be begun in the year 1912-13 and completed in 1913-14. The end of 1913 has been reached before the building has actually begun but the land has been acquired and the site cleared and in September last the plans were finally approved by the Governing Body (subject to certain recommendations) and only await the final orders of Government. This is the position at date.

5. Certain short-comings of the scheme as a whole have, however, come into view in the years that have elapsed since 1910, particularly of late while the plans for the new hostel were under consideration — aspects of the problem which were not fully taken into account by the Committee. It was obvious from the first that, at best, space was very limited for all that was to be attempted. This was manifest to Mr. Begg in 1908 and again to Mr. Crouch in 1910. The site offered a bare minimum. Consequently when it was agreed that a slice of land (along) should be cut off the whole western side of the site to enable the Corporation to carry a new road parallel to Halliday Street and College Street, from Calootala Street to Harrison Road, the site for the new hostel was very inconveniently diminished. I pointed this out when the proposal was first put forward. Again when the plans of the hostel were before the Governing Body, I took occasion to indicate in a note prepared for a special Sub-Committee which was considering the plans, the difficulties which have led to my bringing the whole subject of the Improvement Scheme before the

Governing Body.

Secondly, Dr. P. K. Ray as University Inspector has several times urged the desirability of a far more extensive enlargement of the scheme than I should myself venture to propose. Dr. P. K. Ray considers that much more provision is needed for the residence of members of the staff and particularly that there is need of special provision for the residence of Indian members of the staff. There is much force in this contention. Dr. Ray contends with some justice that ideas of completeness and thoroughness in the provision to be made for University education have expanded much since the Committee was appointed in 1910 and he points to the schemes for the Dacca and Patna Universities as embodying these ampler conceptions.

Thirdly, the want of a separate Muhammedan hostel for Presidency College is again making itself felt. Dr. P. K. Ray thinks such a hostel a desideratum, and in this view I concur on independent grounds as a result of my own observation since 1908. There are good reasons for giving careful consideration to the view, which is certainly that of the Muhammedan community, that a Muhammedan hostel is still wanted, notwithstanding the existence of the Baker Hostel. My reasons for agreeing in this are based mainly on a consideration of the undesirability from an educational standpoint of having a large body of students residing together in a hostel outside of the control of the authorities of the College. At the same time I recognize that the distance of Wellesley Square from the College is an inconvenience of which our Muhammedan students complain not altogether groundlessly. It is not a sufficient reason in itself, but it has weight along with other reasons. It cannot be doubted that it is much to be desired that our Muhammedan students should reside in a hostel under the control of the College authorities and, if possible within the area occupied by the College.

There is, fourthly, a more general consideration to which I attach the greatest importance. The site of Presidency College and its proposed expansion extends in one compact area westward from College Street. The land already taken up reaches as far as the Halliday Street Pumping Station. The Pumping Station is a comparatively open space and I have reason to believe it is to be used for educational purposes. Halliday Street itself is only ^a short distance further west from the land already acquired for the site of the hostel. Inspection of the map readily shows how great the advantage would be, if the complete stretch of land from College Street to Halliday Street were ^{occupied by educational} institutions. This could be effected if the plot of land defined in the resolution of the Governing Body forwarded with this letter were taken up for Presidency College. The additional area, though not very large would afford space for a Muhammedan hostel and possibly for ~~additional~~ additional quarters for professors. I may mention also that quarters for servants are at present very ill provided any where in the scheme and that a site for the Astronomical Observatory has to be found if the full scheme (as ^{proposed} provided in 1907) is to be carried out.

Fifthly, an incidental, and a very great, advantage is, that if the whole site from Halliday Street to College Street were taken up for educational purposes, the necessity of the Corporation's new road from Colootala Street to Harrison Road disappears. That is, I submit, a very great gain for the scheme. Further, sixthly, it then becomes feasible, and this to me is the most weighty consideration of all to include the whole of the buildings of Presidency College within one enclosure. This enclosure as I conceive it, would cross Peary Charan Sircar Street beyond the Darbhanga Library, thus joining the Eden Hostel with the rest of Presidency College; it would then extend from the North West corner of the Eden Hostel across Bhawani Charan Dutt's Lane and Madan Mohan Sen's lane and border the additional area as far as Halliday

Street; return along the South side of the Pumping Station site, and so link up with the rest of the land already acquired for the College. The advantage of enclosing the entire area ~~and~~ occupied by the College and of including the Eden Hostel in this College enclosure would, I think, be very great. There would be three (or more) gates to this enclosure, one in College Street, the main gate, one near the Darbhanga Library across Peary Charan Sircar Street and one in Halliday Street and, perhaps also one opening on the Pumping Station site. All but one (or at most two) would be entirely closed at night. Resident members of the College would be free to move about within this enclosure without need of further barriers, while at the same time all the buildings would be protected.

These are roughly the advantages to be gained by adopting the present suggestions of the Governing Body. I fully recognize the arguments on the other side. The Presidency College scheme is already very large and costly and this is to propose a further increase of cost. The scheme reached definitely its final state with the conclusion of the work of the Committee and it is inexpedient to reopen the question. There would be great difficulty in carrying through proposals to close the roads. I am afraid it is also a fact that the small block of land proposed for further acquisition is somewhat solidly built over. I recognise the weight of these objections, yet I feel that the case which now has the support of the Governing Body's opinion is one that ought to be put before Government and in submitting it as expressed in the Governing Body resolution I at least beg that careful consideration may be given to the facts and arguments adduced. The strongest presentment of the case, I may urge in conclusion, is to be found in a careful study of the map of the neighbourhood and of our present site-plan; or better still in the inspection of the site itself.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H P James

Principal, Presidency College.

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A.D.M.

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Governing Body
Presidency College Friday, January the 23rd 1914 at
5 P. M.

Present - Mr. H. R. James President
 Dr. J. C. Bose Vice-President &
 Secretary.
 Dr. P. C. Ray
 Prof. T. S. Sterling

This meeting arose out of the discussion of agenda 2 at the meeting of January the 9th, in course of which reasons appeared for a fuller consideration of the Improvement Scheme as a whole. The members present first inspected the site and the land lying between the area ~~an~~ acquired and Halliday Street. They then took into consideration the scheme as left by the Committee early in 1912 along with certain letters received from Dr. P. K. Ray, Inspector of Colleges and a note recorded by the Principal, on the Hostel project. After full discussion the following resolution was passed.

Resolved :

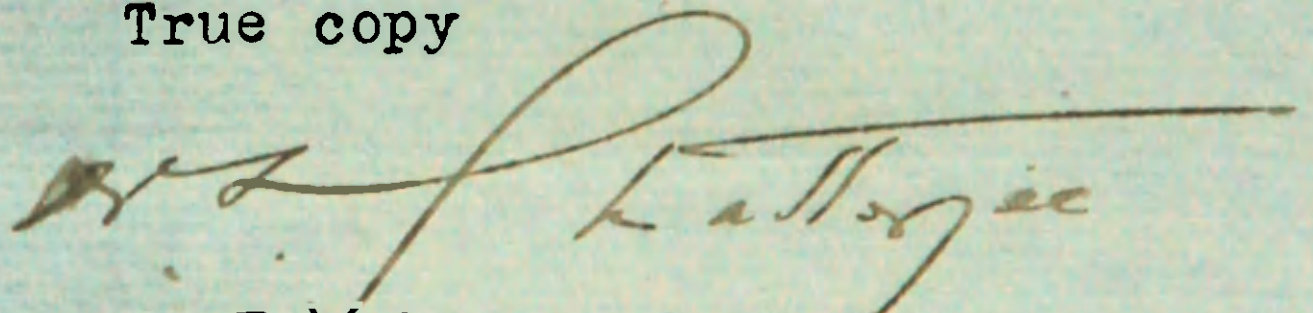
That the Governing Body are of opinion that the College Improvement scheme is still in some respects incomplete, and respectfully submit to Government that the work of the Special Committee appointed in 1910 was prematurely brought to a close in February 1912. The Governing Body desire to offer the following suggestions :

1. It is desirable that the plot of ground between the Halliday Street Pumping Station on the North and Bhawani Charan Dutt's and Madan Mohan Sen's Lanes on the South should be added to the scheme. The area occupied for educational purposes would then extend in a compact block from College Street to Halliday

Street.

2. It is desirable that quarters for Indian members of the staff should be provided.
3. There is need of a Muhammedan hostel within the College boundaries.
4. Considerably more room is wanted for Servants' quarters.
5. A site is still wanted for the Astronomical Observatory.

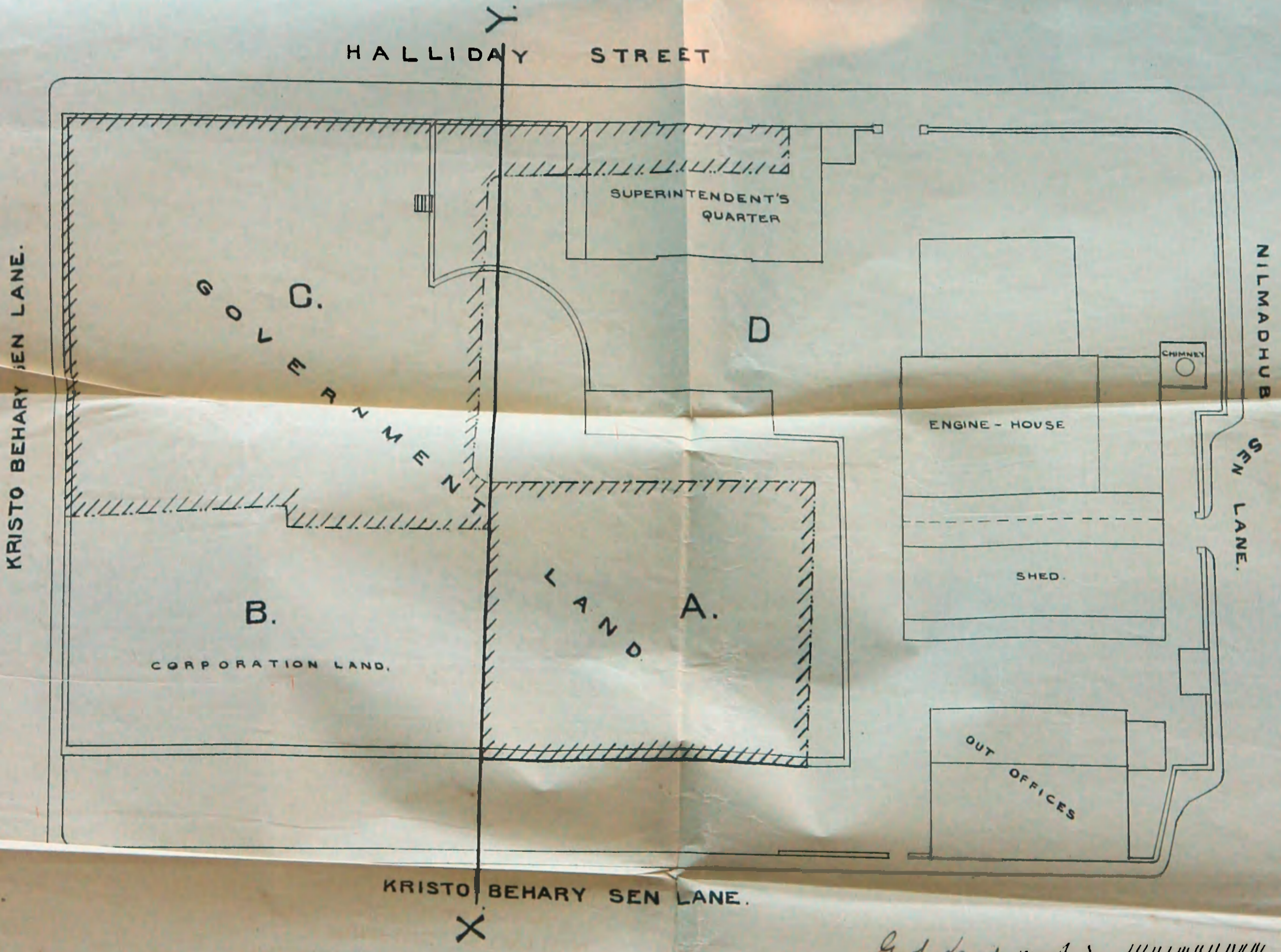
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A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read 'W. P. Lalljee', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steward, Presidency College.

A.D.M.

**PLAN
OF
HALLIDAY STREET WATER-WORKS
PUMPING STATION
SCALE 30 FT = 1 INCH**



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- (1) Letter no 240 dated 20th January 1914 from the Principal, Presidency College
- (2) Letter no 652 dated 24th February 1914 from the Principal, Presidency College

Both the letters may be considered together. It is for consideration whether copies of both the letters should be submitted to Government for consideration by the appointment of a special committee for the purpose to decide the order in which the recommendations made should be

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carried out in future and the gradual provision of funds for item after item. Kindly see in this connexion the proceedings of the fifth meeting of the Special Committee appointed by Government to consider the scheme for the improvement of Presidency College held on the 8th February 1912. page 2

This letter no 65-2 dated 24th February 1914 gives a complete history of the improvement scheme so I have not repeated the contents of that letter. P. W. D.
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At present the position is that the Laboratory buildings have been completed, land has been acquired for the construction of a new Hostel and provision has been made out of the ten lakhs grant for 1912-1913 for the College Hostels in the city of Calcutta for the construction of a new Hostel.

If Government settles the provision of funds as well as the order in which the remaining items of improvement are carried out the improvement scheme will then be settled once for all.

Submitted for orders

B. K. Banerjee

9/2/14

11/11/14

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D.P.

For your perusal in the
first case.

We may forward to
Govt. with any recommendations
D.P. wishes

W.C.

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A.D.P.

I should like this to go forward to Government

with a complete letter showing what we

have grasped the present position.

I expect that you know all the details

and have vision of you would

set them out in a draft I

should be in a position to see

how far it endorsed. I think.

2. The first question seems to be whether

we should endorse the more extensive

scheme which has recently been put

forward. It seems to me to be a

very very desirable. But so far as

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I can see we are not likely to have any money to finance any scheme. I think that we should put the financial difficulty clearly before Govt and say that unless Govt sees its way to allotting a considerable sum of money in the course of the next few years to this scheme we feel that ^{it would be} time and disappointment avoided by a statement that the whole scheme must be regarded as "hung up" till further funds are available.

3. We ought to discuss the order of priority of the various items of the scheme.

4. We must ~~not~~ explain to Govt present-
position with reference to the construction of the new hostel.

As regards the proposed Muhammadan Hostel, I answer to James' query about the desirability of the Muslim students living within the College Compound but we have to ~~keep~~ mind of the proposal to extend the ~~Muslim~~ ^{Archer} Hostel.

It is true that the adoption of some of the proposals of the impromised trust will eventually make the carrying out of the more extensive scheme more difficult if not impossible, then he ought to think most carefully to advocate the adoption of it-

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C/ the proposed establishment of a Jharkhand
M.A. College.

The paper has also to be financed somehow.

6. In sending forward these letters we ought
to write to refer to the general position
as regards University education in
the light of recent developments at the
Senate House. We may explain that
Govt has all along been inclined to
develop the I.C. as the Central
and leading institution for University-
education of all grades; that we
feel most strongly that this is the
right policy, but it is not
altogether compatible with the assumption
of the limit of a great deal of the
cost of teaching. Obviously before
a great deal more is spent than
the public revenues in P.C.,
Govt ought to be sure clear
as to the future trend of University-
development.

W.B.

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D.P.I.

We may forward the two letters (240 of 20th January 1914 and 652 of 24th February 1914) to Government with our covering letter Mr. Wordsworth, however, has gone and he wishes to note on this, further, as there is no special urgency and ^{as} Mr. Wordsworth has inner experience as a member of the Governing Body, the file may await his return.

It is very difficult at the present moment to deal with the development of Presidency College because of the uncertain state of the development of the University as a teaching body. But it seems to me that whether Presidency College continues as the leading M.A. teaching College or not, the improvements must take place if Government is to have a model or M.A. The question of the M. A. College of any kind, whether B.A. teaching rather [^] affects the staffing not the building of the College, in fact, the M.A. students are relatively so few that the M.A. matter does not affect the building question to any appreciable extent. Thus, a College Hall and College residences are necessary for a B.A. College even more so, perhaps.

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Regarding the Muhammadan hostel, there does not seem to be much difficulty. The proposed Arts College for Muhammadans would not take the best Muhammadans away from Presidency College. It need not be a large hostel, and it would be useful not only for Muhammadan but for other not Hindus. Even were there no Muhammadans the hostel would doubtless be fully utilised.

From financial reasons, however, this part of the scheme would have to go far down the preference list. In fact, at the present rate of progress the Muhammadan College might be set a going before Presidency College has the Muhammadan hostel within sight, so that we could see what happens.

The matter of the policy in M.A. teaching will come up in the files regarding extra appoints at Presidency College.

R.N.R. 7/5/14.

A. Gilchrist

I am not in favour of any further delay.

It is quite true that there

does not seem to be any prospect

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of handling this scheme for some time owing to lack of funds, but I want the Govt. Papers letters and proposals to go before Govt.

2. Please put up a complete and comprehensive draft reviewing the whole situation.

So far as I can see, the only new development is the proposal made by the Gov. Bd. that more land than was included

in the original proposals should now be taken up. Obviously this point should be decided as soon as possible. ² If

the land is to be taken up, the cost of the school scheme becomes immediately ² ~~considerably~~ ^{considerably} increased and the position

of the ^{various} ~~various~~ building schemes will presumably be necessitated.

3. Before we can go up to Govt we must have a rough idea of the probable cost of the land acquisition now proposed. This you can get from Bala Bangshidhar Banerjee.

the Deputy Land Acquisition Commissioner.
 Having got this we shall have to restate
 the estimate, showing the additional
 cost involved. We shall have to admit
 that the increase in the cost is
 calculated to delay the consummation
 of the scheme, but we are as likely
 to get 30 cables as 20 and I am
 inclined to think that the new proposals
 of the Govt. are wise, looking to
 the fact of the Calcutta Improvement
 Scheme and that it has been
 decided to situate the College in
 the heart of Calcutta. In such circumstances
 it is usually economical to take up
 all the land you want.

4. Understand that there are questions
 of closing roads involved. These questions
 you might discuss with Bangshudar Bala
 and if possible with Mr. Banerjee
 and Mr. Piyal. The consent of the
 Municipality will have to be obtained
 to the closing of any road.

B

If the proposals of the Gov Body involve
the abandonment of a proposed part
forward of the Improvement Trust
for the opening up of a new
road, Mr Burges should certainly
be consulted & Mr Alta to
be consulted well have to be
accomplished by a plan

5. I want you to discuss the urgency
of all the various projects.

You have no doubt thought
about the scheme as a whole
and can visit the place and
talk over matters with Mr
Harrison. We shall never make any
progress, unless a well considered
scheme is put before Govt.

• Do not hesitate however to put
your own ideas into the letter.

It is well worth your time making
the letter to do as to get the
scheme and the considerations
which arise in connection with
the various parts of it
set out in orderly and logical
sequence in a letter to Govt.

6. We must press for an expression

policy is whether they are in favour
of the scheme as a whole
(the scheme with the additional
land accordingly included) or
any part of it and if so, what
part. We must make it quite clear
that there are not at present
any prospects of financing the
scheme from the Education
Dept Budget, but as the Govt
Govt is in favour of the project
provision may be made of a small
provision in the next P. Works
Budget. There is no doubt that
we must have some idea
of the approximate cost of the
additional land which
the Govt Dept propose to
acquire. I presume that this
will enable us to estimate the
estimate of the cost of the
whole scheme, because we
have, I suppose, rough estimates
of the cost of the other projects.

I As regards the ~~University~~ mad an Hotel
there is no doubt that such a hotel
if it were small would fill
and I know that the present

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Baba Hostel is a very unsatisfactory place, but if we are to spend some 10 lakhs or so in a Mahamadan Arts College in Calcutta, I do not see how we can justify the expenditure of further money on a Muslim hostel for the Presidency College, unless as you seem to suggest we should make it not a specifically Muslim hostel but a hostel for non-Hindus. I am, however, doubtful about this, for a hostel for non-Hindus always suggests aborigines and low caste people and the extreme present sensitiveness of the Mahamadan's is a facta notal — we can not altogether ignore.

I am not quite clear about this proposed removal of the ~~David~~ ^{Hore} school. How far is this connected with the proposal to reestablish the David Hore Training College. Duffell is now working out a scheme for this, but I do not gather that

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The model school which it is proposed to attach
to the college is a small one the
Hare School. What provision must
be made to make for the new
Hare School. I presume that
this provision will have to be
included in the Presidency College
Development Scheme, in which some
provision may have to be made with
the new David Hare Training College
project will presumably be included

~~17/5/14~~
17/5/14

Orders

1. We must first get an estimate of the
piece of ground bounded by Halls St
& the P.C. ground acquired on the East & West,
by the Pumping Station and H.M. Sen Lane on
the North & South. Draft to Deputy L.A. Commr
asking for instruction. Enclose map if
necessary, asking for its return.

2. I want to know the exact date of the
withdrawal of the L.A. notice for the land north
of the new Laboratory & its estimated value. D.O. to
D. Harrison in the first place

3. A D.O. to Mr. Payne asking the present position in relation to the proposed Topol Road. Point out that the new scheme for P.C. is meant to ~~direct~~ ^{prevent} this road as it would bisect the P.C. Compound.

3. A D.O. to Mr. Bumpas asking for a short note on the Improvement Trusts' intentions in the land under consideration.

R.N.S.
26.5.14

Three ~~four~~ drafts are submitted for approval.
BK Banerjee
29/5/14

R.N.S.
29.5.14

G.I in No. 90. 1296 / 1297 M 29-5-14
9 No. 11015 M 29-5-14

Two remainders are submitted for approval.
BK Banerjee
23/6/14

R.N.S.
23.6.14

G.I in No. 90. 1395 M 23-6-14

9 No. 12267 M 24-6-14

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PA

Has a couple letters to file having been referred to Calcutta

M. Gilbert

I refer this to you in connection

with the Presidency College development

Scheme, but at the same time

as soon as possible with a draft

note which can be ^{needed} ~~referred~~ to

A.D. file

W. S. G.

20.5.14

D.P.T. I have gone over the ground

personally with S. Hanuman Chaturvedi Bahadur

in connection with the P. College building file.

The D. H. Training College scheme is ^{ready} ready

for completion and submit to the Office in

Enlight has selected the Ballygunge site

separating the T.C. & Hare School

I have made out a note which

expresses the position from the education

point of view.

A.D.

27.4.14

Schemes which are more or less completed

to be a new Hare School & the David Hare the Cole School.

The University Education Scheme does not cover in in this and Commission ~~but~~ as regards ~~the~~ ~~what~~ ~~about~~

Hare School by present idea is that it and the Sanskrit College should be rebuilt on the

present site

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this was not decided
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Better make a good educational and architectural thing of the material at our disposal, when we have got such a good chance. As regards the proposal of the Corporation it might be possible to arrange some sort viamedia, as regards the recreation ground. I repeat that educational schemes require the site and that most urgently.

It is ridiculous to try and provide play ground in this part of Calcutta. Open spaces, squares etc there should be and they should not be for games. Play grounds must be provided out side the town. ||

M. Silobrust

This has not occurred to me. I see

You point and agree

W. V. H.

14/11/14

As regards this, we are in a peculiar position. The tank of the reservoir would make an excellent playground, and I do not see how it can well be utilised for anything else. Mr. Zorab says that unshaded that would be the best solution to the question. The reservoir is very deep, and it would take a great deal of money to fill it in; and if any buildings are to go on the site the foundations will have to be laid at the base of the Reservoir, which will mean much expense. Personally, I think that no action can be definitely taken till we have authoritative estimates. Mr. Zorab gave me his opinion but he said it would take time to give anything like an accurate figure. The Corporation ground in the corner of the reservoir valley ~~and~~ at present seems to me to be worth ^{marked} than valueless, as saleable land.

2/vi/14

W. V. H.

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Mr. Gilchrist.

1. I entirely agree with your contention which is apparently that we require for the scheme which is to provide (1) for the development of the Presidency College as a residential institution, and (2) for the reestablishment in a new building in the vicinity of College Square of the Hare School the whole of the Halliday Street Pumping Station site, viz., both the land which belongs to the Corporation and the land which belongs to Government, in other words the whole of the land shown in the plan attached to Mr. Maddox's d.o.No.8418, dated the 21st April 1913 below (flag 30), which plan by the way is so torn, as to be almost unintelligible.

2. We want to be quite clear as to the area we have in view when we talk about the Pumping Station site. It seems to me that we want all the land included in the plan above referred to not only for the new Hare School but also for the sake of the general plan of a Square of Government educational buildings, - a scheme obviously desirable not only from an educational but also from the town planning point of view, I am prepared to fight for all I am worth for this, but there are many difficulties ahead.

3. In the first place now that the proposal to construct the University Institute on the Pumping Station site has been abandoned, Government has, I am told, - the news only reached me this morning - practically agreed to utilise that portion of the Pumping Street station which belongs to them for a Fire Brigade Station. So many things have been practically decided of late by the Government of Bengal and then modified that we need not give up hope of getting what we want, but we must get our proposals in sharp and be in a position to back them strongly.

Mr. Payne says you must surely have been misinformed. It is the Wellington St. site the F.B. is to get, he says. The Fire Brigade is temporarily stationed at Halliday St. The Fire Brigade people there are very keen in keeping the Halliday St. place as they can train their men on the top of the reservoir, & have fire practice from the reservoir itself. R.G.T.

4. Again your contention, if I have interpreted it aright involves the acquisition of land now belonging to the Corporation : now as you will see from the file the Corporation have put forward various proposals for the utilisation of the site and the correspondence seems to me to indicate a certain lack of courtesy on the part of Government to that body. Moreover it seems to indicate that Government does not quite know what it wants to do in connexion with the site. This is not our concern - I merely mention it as an additional reason for getting our proposals into a

* complete and finished form as soon as possible. I am not sure whether it would not be difficult for Government to acquire land from the Corporation against the wishes of that body, and I am not quite clear how we are to suggest a quid pro quo on the basis of which we might suggest that Government should ask the Corporation to give up their portion of the Pumping Station site. I am not, however, going to let that either deter or delay as, only if we are to get the whole of the Pumping Station site, or indeed any part of it, we shall have a tough fight.

5. This brings me to another point. Of course we want the whole of the Pumping Station site and it is for that we have to fight, but supposing we can only get that portion of the land which belongs to Government, will that be any use ~~at~~ to us? That is to say if we can eventually have all the land included in the latest acquisition proposals of the Governing Body plus that part of the Pumping Station which belongs to Government, can we on this area carry out the proposals of the Governing Body and reestablish the Hare School. In putting up a fight for the whole site, I am quite prepared to say that we cannot, but it is always as well to know exactly how we should

The thing will have to be taken into account ^{here} - it will take a large sum of money to make the reservoir site useful. It will have to be filled in. At present it seems to be a little value as salvage land. The really valuable land belongs to the Corporation, & the land in which the buildings are. The Govt. land is mainly occupied by the reservoir, & will have to be filled up before it can be built on, & even then the foundations will have to go very deep. R.M.T. 8/6

* a No, the Govt part alone would not suffice. It is mainly reservoir land (with many feet of water on it).

6. This would require very much calculation, possibly we could, but if we did not get that site (proposed by P.C.) or the Pumping Stⁿ site, there is a good piece of cleared waste land that ~~is~~ ^{is} the Pumping Stⁿ stand. ~~that~~ ^{is} the Hare School. R.M.T. 8/6

stand with reference to all possible eventualities.

6. Another possibility that we may have to face is that we may not be able to get the portion of the Pumping Station site which belongs to Government. In that event the question which would arise is, whether we should be able to carry out the latest proposals of the Governing Body of the Presidency College and reconstruct the Hare School on an area which would consist of the land included in the most recent acquisition proposals of the Governing Body plus that portion of the Pumping Station site which now belongs to the Municipality. In other words if we cannot get that portion of the Pumping Station site which belongs to Government, would it be any use our pressing for that portion of the site which belongs to the Municipality ?

7. Clearly what is now required is that we should with the least possible delay submit to Government our complete proposals for the development of the Presidency College and the reconstruction of the Hare School. The proposals should show that the transfer to the Education Department of the whole of the Pumping Station site is essential for our scheme of development which must include a plan for the reconstruction of the Hare School, seeing that that institution must be located in the vicinity of College Square. Our proposals must be accompanied by a clear plan of the whole acquisition suggested and rough estimates of cost. The Land Acquisition Deputy Collector would be able to explain the legal position of Government in the matter of the acquisition of land belonging to the Corporation.

8. The return of the general department file must not be delayed. If I have interpreted your general scheme aright and subject to any observations that you may wish to make, I propose to return it with

No, I don't think so.
In my opinion, "neck
or nothing", as there is the
site opposite available.
E.S.
8.6.44

I am going on
with this Banerji
Phar Banerji
unfortunately has
lot of power, & cannot go
out much. R.S.P.

Banisteri Basu says
that it is a matter for
mutual arrangement betⁿ
betⁿ the Chairman of the
Corporation. The Land Acquis.
Act cannot be used for
land already used for
a public purpose.

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a note to the effect that I have definitely abandoned all idea of locating the David Hare Training College in the vicinity of College Square, and that a scheme for locating it elsewhere is almost ready for submission to Government. That the bearing of this on the question at issue viz., the disposal of that portion of the Pumping Station site which belongs to Government is that the Hare School, the present building of which is indispensable for the development of the Presidency College, will have to be reconstructed on a site near College Square. I shall go on to explain that the Governing Body of the Presidency College have recently prepared for submission to Government proposals in connexion with the scheme for the development of the institution in a residential basis which involve suggestions for the acquisition of all the land stretching east and west from College Street to Halliday Street and south and north from Peary Charan Sircar's Street and Madan Mohan Sen's Lane to a line which would join the southern boundary of the Presidency College to the southern boundary of the Pumping Station site. That the proposals of the Governing Body did not include the provision of a site for the new David Hare School, but that it has now become essential to make such provision seeing that I have now decided to abandon all idea of making provision for a new Hare School in connexion with the construction of permanent buildings for the David Hare Training College ; and that this provision can only be made by acquiring the whole of the Pumping Station site for the new Hare School. That I shall very shortly submit definite and complete proposals to Government but that I regard the transfer of the whole of the Pumping Station site not only as essential to the proper development of the Presidency College and the Hare School but also as most desirable from the point of view of the

complicated

Payne

complicated problem how to provide adequately for the various expanding educational institutions which Government have already decided to retain in the vicinity of College Square. Further that from the point of view of development of that part of Calcutta, it would be a terrible pity to let slip the opportunity of so arranging things that we may have some day a fine Square block of Government educational buildings etc. That in the circumstances I trust that nothing will be decided until the Education Department proposals have been carefully considered &c.

9. In order that there may be no mistake as to the area we mean when we talk of the Pumping Station site, it would be well if the town plan (flag 30) could be recopied, so as to show the whole area concerned and that portions of it belong to Government and what portions to the Municipality. We ought to be able to be able to have this done in the office, but do not let there be any delay.

10. Mr. Payne is, I believe, coming to Darjeeling on the 12th. I should be glad to be in a position to explain to him while he is here exactly what we want.

Sd: W. W. H.,

Darjeeling.

D. P. I., Bengal.

2.6.'14.

Mr. Payne says that he thinks there would not be much difficulty about us getting the Municipality's land, but "at a price".

W. W. H.
2/6

what we should try to do
is to delay a final verdict by

out in

the site, and they say that the

Please see the notes on the
margin of your note. I think
that ~~what is done by~~
~~the~~ ~~fact~~ ~~is~~ ~~worked~~
out in every detail.

I have consulted many people on

of the ~~site~~ ~~and~~ ~~they~~ ~~say~~ ~~that~~ ~~the~~
reservoir part which covers the
part ^{as} ~~is~~ ^{shown} ~~on~~ the plan (approximately)
had best be used as a playground
owing to the enormous expense
it would incur to pump the
water out, fill the space in,
and sink the foundations
of a building to the bottom-level
of the tank. Mr. Zorab thinks
that all considered the top should
be made a playground & leave
it there.

Hence I've added the note
at the end of draft.

R.S.
9/10/4

I PA

copy

not below area

two sheets of the General Dept file,

copy of the note

as needed is attached.

the loose sheets (a record)

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To Gilchrist

Very many thanks for the trouble
which you have taken.

Please get me as soon as
possible with the

Scheme for the development
of the Presidency College

The note which I have
received in the Genl

Dept. file is below
W. V. 117

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File.Secretary, General Department.

1. I have now definitely decided that the David Hare Training College must be removed from the ^{vicinity} ~~vicinity~~ of College Square. A scheme for locating it elsewhere is almost ready for submission to Govt. This means that the Hare school, the present building of which is indispensable for the development of the Presidency College, will have to be reconstructed on a site near College Square. The Governing Body of the Presidency College has recently prepared for submission to Govt proposals in connexion with a scheme for the development of the College on a residential basis and these proposals involve suggestions for the acquisition of all the land stretching south and west from College Street to Halliday Street and south and north from Pyari Charan Sinker Street and Madan Mohan Sen's lane to a line (roughly) which would join the

southern boundary of the Presidency College to the southern boundary of the Pumping station site. I endorse the proposals of the Governing Body but they do not include the provision of a site for the new Hare School. Since these proposals were made I have definitely abandoned all idea of locating ~~the~~ ~~the~~ the David Hare Training College in the vicinity of College Square. It has now therefore become essential to make provision for the Hare School in connexion with the development of Presidency College and this provision can best be made by acquiring the whole Pumping station site for the new Hare School. I shall shortly submit definite proposals to Govt but I regard the transfer of the whole of the Pumping station site as essential to the proper development of the Presidency College and the Hare School. From the point of view of providing adequately for the various expanding educational institutions which Govt have already decided to retain in the vicinity of College Square, and also from the point of view of town planning in that part of Calcutta it would be very inadvisable to let slip the opportunity of so arranging things that we may in the future have a square of Govt Educational buildings which would compare favourably with anything in India.

2. In these circumstances I trust that nothing will be decided by Govt until the Education Dept's proposals in connexion with the development of the Presidency College have been carefully considered.

3. One point seems to have escaped notice and that is that it would undoubtedly

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cost a great deal of money to pump out the water and fill in the reservoir and that if the land was subsequently to be used for building, the expenditure involved in sinking the foundations sufficiently deep to admit of the construction of a building thereon would be considerable. Surely the most economical arrangement would be to use the top of the reservoir as a play ground and on this assumption I suggest that a suitable arrangement would be to locate the new Hare School on the site of the present permanent buildings of the Pumping station and to make the top of the reservoir the school play ground. In fact unless the top of the reservoir is to be used as a play-ground I doubt if that part of the Pumping station site can be utilised to public advantage at all, except at enormous expense.

Sd. W. W. H.

17. 6. 14.

CONTINUOUS NOTE SHEET.

DEPARTMENT, BRANCH.

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FILE-SUBJECT :

NOTES AND ORDERS.

(The larger portion of each page to be used for noting).

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Order.

As verbally requested by you I have read through the papers and find that In 1907 21 Bighas & 16 Cottahs of Land were acquired for the extension of the Presy. College at a Cost of 11 Lakhs

In 1908

an acre & half of land was acquired at a Cost of 3 Lakhs & rupees

In 1911

6 Bighas & 18 Cottahs

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Land were acquired for the
new Ware School at Shoranpur
& for school lands in the Meiswara
College at a cost of about
4 lakhs of rupees.

In 1914

Mr James asked
this office to require about
9 bighas of land for extending
the Meiswara College up to Bellidag
Street. As regards the cost
of exact amount of land
to be acquired we have asked
the land acquisition Dy.
Collector in our letter no
14015 & 292 dated 1/14 to furnish
this information. No reply
has yet been recd to this letter.
Finally I may state in this
connection that the land
acquisition officer will alone
be able to say correctly what
amount has been paid & what
land has been acquired up
to date. This cannot correctly
give this information.

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File.

Kindly see notes on the last
two pages of the notesheets.

A draft is submitted for
approval.

BK Banerji

22/7/14

W. W.
28/7

a. J. M. A. 144218 30/7/14

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A draft letter to the Secy Land Acquisition Collection, Calcutta is put up for approval

We have not received any reply to this office letter no 14421 dated

Aug 13

20th July 1914 to the Land Acquisition Deputy Collector, Alipore, 24 Parganas.

BK Banerjee
8/1/1915

W. L. D.
8/1

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(1) Letter no 191 L.A. dated 19th January 1915 from the 2nd Land Acquisition Collector, Calcutta

(2) Letter no 183 L.A. dated 18th January 1915 from the 2nd Land Acquisition Collector, Calcutta.

Kindly see notes and orders on pages 18 to 27 of the notes hereto and the orders on page 34. In the letter dated 18th January the Land Acquisition Collector has submitted an estimate of probable cost of acquisition of the land. The cost of acquisition is shown at Rs 765908/- on account of the further development of the Presidency College. In the second letter, it is stated that about 11 Bighas 18 c - 14 ch 6 sq costing approximately Rs 784877/9/9 has been acquired in three instalments for the extension of the Presidency College during 1908-1913 excluding

P. W. D III

of land

planners' fees and law

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expenses which were debited
to the collector's contingencies.
It is now for consideration
whether the scheme submitted
by the Principal, Presidency College
with his two letters nos 240 ^{and 6572} dated
20th June, 1914 and 24th Feb^y
1914 respectively, should now
be submitted to Government
to Government in the General Department
for consideration and order.

P. u. D. I
P. u. D. II

It is not known to this office
from what source it would be
possible for Government to finance
the cost of the acquisition of the land.
There is a B.O. file in the
the Presidency College Improvement
File for consideration and reply
submitted for order.

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Serial No. in
File.

P.A.

Extract A and place with the file. A.D.P.I. must let me know how this case is getting on. I gave some very specific instructions about it to Mr. Gilchrist.

Sd: W. W. H.

Rai Sahib

Let a short note be prepared indicating at what stage (a) of development (b) of intention, the scheme & related schemes have stopped, so that the cases may be promptly resumed when times are propitious.

Satis Babu.

1. For attention.

2. Return the linked B.S. file and the P.S.G's file.

W.W.H.
18/8

16/8/18

S. N. Sinha
16/8/18

Despatcher

Please return

of G. & C. Dept. file 53/14

and P.S.G.'s file 2/6 of 1913.

S. C. D. L.
16.8.18

Return
Done
16/8

II. Reconsideration of Recommendations of the Improvement Committee.

In the Report on the College for 1912-13, the Inspectors pointed out the unsatisfactory nature of the recommendations of the Improvement Committee. On the occasion of the inspection of the College this session, we discussed the matter with the Principal who expressed a wish to bring it before the Governing Body. We are very glad to find that the Governing Body at its meeting held on the 23rd January 1914, considered the Improvement Scheme as a whole and adopted the following resolution:—

“That the Governing Body are of opinion that the College Improvement Scheme is still in some respects incomplete and respectfully submit to Government that the work of the Special Committee appointed in 1910 was prematurely brought to a close in February 1912. The Governing Body desire to offer the following suggestions:—

1. It is desirable that the plot of ground between the Halliday Street Pumping Station on the North and Madan Mohan Sen Lane on the South should be added to the scheme. The area occupied for educational purposes would then extend in a compact block from College Street to Halliday Street.

2. It is desirable that quarters for Indian members of the staff should be provided.

3. There is need of a Mahomedan Hostel within the College boundaries.

4. Considerably more room is wanted for Servants' quarters.

5. A site is still wanted for the Astronomical Observatory.”

Before adopting the above resolution the members present (James, Bose, Ray, and Sterling in the place of Cullis on leave) first inspected the site and the land lying between the area acquired and Halliday Street. They then took into consideration the scheme as left by the Committee early in 1912 along with certain letters received from Dr. P. K. Ray, Inspector of Colleges, and a Note recorded by the Principal on the Hostel project. After full discussion the resolution was passed.

We strongly support the resolution of the Governing Body and trust that the suggestions contained in it will be duly considered by Government.

For the expansion and improvement of the College, it is necessary in our opinion to extend the compound of the College and Hostels to Halliday Street as suggested by the Governing Body. Steps for this purpose should be at once taken and the proposal of the Calcutta Corporation to make a public road along the present western boundary of the College site should be stopped. In addition to quarters for Indian members of the staff, Mahomedan Hostel and an Astronomical Observatory as recommended by the Governing Body, we would suggest the erection of a building for a General Hostel for those students who don't observe caste distinctions such as Indian Christians, Brahmos, Liberal Hindus and members of the Domiciled Community, and of family quarters for the Superintendents of the Hostels. As a matter of fact Indian students who openly follow their private convictions of not observing caste distinctions etc. are either excluded from the Eden Hostel or compelled to adopt a dubious policy of publicly confessing what they privately reject, of appearing to follow principles which they in practice violate. This has a most demoralising effect on the student population and it is necessary that our students should be saved from such a situation. In our opinion the improvement scheme should include also a Club House for all members of the staff as recommended by the Dacca University Committee. Such a club would be a centre of intellectual and social life not only of the College but of the whole educational movement of the Metropolis.

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III. New Buildings.

New Laboratories.

The new Laboratories were completed by the end of 1912 and formally opened by H. E. Lord Carmichael on the 20th of January 1913. The whole block is to be known as the Baker Laboratories in honour of Sir Edward Baker, last Lieutenant Governor of Bengal, under whose orders their construction was begun.

The Physical Laboratory has been put in thorough working order under the direction of Professor Harrison. It is a real pleasure to inspect the systematically arranged working rooms, where cleanliness and tidiness are now the order of the day. Preparations are being made for the carrying out of physical research work. The workshop attached to the physical laboratory is well equipped, efficiently staffed and utilized to its full extent. Professor Bose is continuing his physico-physiological researches.

The Physiological Laboratory is, as formerly, in charge of Professor Mahalanabis, who is ably assisted by his staff. The new laboratory is, of course, a great improvement on the old one, but even the latter has always been a model of cleanliness and orderly arrangements. It is hoped that after the opening of the M.A. and M.Sc. Classes in Physiology, physiological research work will find a place in the Presidency College.

The College Council had eight meetings during the session 1912-13 on the following dates:—July 1st, August 7th, September 6th, November 15th, 1912, January 9th, February 7th, March 6th, April 14th, 1913.

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