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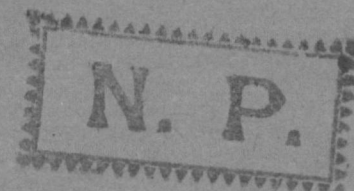
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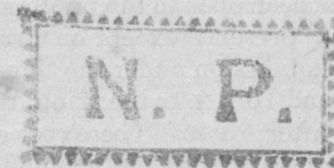
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

I

G.O., No. 556, Educational, dated 22nd August 1906.

ABSTRACT.— Approving the proposals and recommendations of the Committee appointed for the control and management of the Marine Aquarium in regard to the establishment to be maintained in connection therewith and the fees to be levied from visitors thereto and stating that a proposition statement for the entertainment of the establishment should be submitted.

II

Letter—from J. R. HENDERSON, Esq., M.B., C.M., F.L.S., Acting Director, Marine Aquarium.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 1st March 1910.

No.—27 Aqm.

I have the honour to refer to G.O., No. 556, Educational, dated 22nd August 1906, and to submit, for the sanction of Government, the following proposals of the Marine Aquarium Committee for certain alterations in the hours and rates of admission to the Aquarium, which has been open to the public since the 20th of October last.

2. *Hours of admission.*—At present, except on Fridays when the Aquarium is closed to the public, the hours of admission under the Government Order referred to are 7 A.M. to 6 P.M. on Wednesdays, and 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. on the other days except Sunday, when visitors are not admitted after 5 P.M. The experience of the past few months shows that very few people visit the place during the middle of the day and that by far the most popular hours are from 3 to 6 in the evening. Many people who wish to see the fish properly are not able to visit the Aquarium during the middle of the day when it is least crowded, and I have had not a few requests from European and other gentlemen that the Aquarium be opened in the morning on other days than Wednesdays. There is never likely to be a great crowd in the earlier part of the day, and those who wish to study the fish would have an opportunity of doing so. The Aquarium Committee have accordingly decided to recommend to Government that on all days, except Friday when it is closed to the public, the Aquarium be open to visitors from 7 to 11 A.M. and from 2 to 6 P.M. For various reasons which it is unnecessary to detail here, the Committee consider it desirable to have the Aquarium closed to visitors from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. and as very few people visit the Aquarium during the middle of the day, this is not likely to cause any inconvenience to the public.

3. *Rates of admission.*—The rates of admission at present charged are 4 annas on Wednesdays and 6 pies on other days. While of opinion that the former rate should be maintained and that the rate of 6 pies should continue to be charged on all other days, between the hours of 2 to 6 P.M., when the bulk of the visitors resort to the Aquarium, the Committee consider it desirable that a rate of 1 anna should be charged from 7 to 11 A.M. in order to give visitors an opportunity of seeing the Aquarium when it will not be over-crowded. As regards gosha ladies, the last Monday of each month from 12 noon to 6 P.M. is now set apart for them. The Committee are of opinion that the whole of this day, namely from 7 to 11 A.M. in the morning and 2 to 6 P.M. in the afternoon, may be set apart for ladies, and that the

same rates may be charged as on other days, namely, 1 anna in the morning and 6 pies in the afternoon. Under the Government Order referred to, students accompanied by teachers for the purpose of demonstration may be admitted before 10 A.M. (the opening hour) by special arrangement with the Director. The Committee propose that, under the altered scheme now submitted for approval, this class of visitors may be admitted during the morning but charged only 6 pies as at present.

The Committee are also of opinion that the charge for season tickets (Rs. 5) is unnecessarily high and recommend that it may be reduced to Rs. 2. I would add that no season tickets have been sold so far at the former rate.

4. If the Government are pleased to approve of the foregoing proposals, I have the honour to recommend that they may be given effect to from the 1st April next.

Order—No. 161, Educational, dated 26th March 1910.

The Government sanction the proposal of the Marine Aquarium Committee that, from 1st April 1910, the Aquarium should be open to visitors from 7 to 11 A.M. and from 2 to 6 P.M. on all days except Friday, and that fees for admission thereto should be fixed as follows:—

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| (1) On Wednesdays | .. | 4 annas per visitor. |
| (2) On other days | .. | { From 7 to 11 A.M., 1 anna per visitor. |
| | | { From 2 to 6 P.M., 6 pies per visitor. |
| (3) Annual season ticket | .. | Rs. 2. |

2. The Committee's proposal that students who visit the Aquarium, accompanied by teachers for the purpose of demonstration, should be admitted during the morning and charged 6 pies instead of 1 anna per visitor, and that the last Monday of each month should be set apart for ladies is also approved.

(True Extract.)

L. M. WYNCH,

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent, Government Museum.
" Accountant-General.
Editors' Table.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 161, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 26TH MARCH 1910.

[SUBJECT.—*Alterations in the hours and rates of admission to the Marine Aquarium.*]

Previous paper.

G.O., No. 556, Educational, dated 22nd August 1906.

From the Superintendent, Government Museum, dated 1st March 1910, No. 27.

The Superintendent, Government Museum, submits for the sanction of Government certain proposals of the Marine Aquarium Committee for altering the hours and rates of admission to the Aquarium.

Page 3 of G.O., No. 556, Educational, dated 22nd August 1906. 2. *Hours of admission.*—The hours of admission in force at present are as follows :—

- (1) Ordinary visitors—from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Sundays and from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. on other days not reserved for special visitors or Gosha women.
- (2) Gosha women—from 12 noon to 6 P.M. on the last Monday of each month.
- (3) Special visitors—from 7 A.M. to 6 P.M. on Wednesdays.
- (4) Students accompanied by their teachers for the purpose of demonstration—before 10 A.M. by special arrangement.

3. The Aquarium Committee now recommends that on all days except Friday, when it is closed to the public, the Aquarium be open to visitors from 7 to 11 A.M. and from 2 to 6 P.M. In support of this proposal, the Superintendent, Government Museum, writes :—

“The experience of the past few months shows that very few people visit the place during the middle of the day and that by far the most popular hours are from 3 to 6 in the evening. Many people who wish to see the fish properly are not able to visit the Aquarium during the middle of the day when it is least crowded and I have had not a few requests from European and other gentlemen that the Aquarium be opened in the morning on other days than Wednesdays. There is never likely to be a great crowd in the earlier part of the day and those who wish to study the fish would have an opportunity of doing so.”

The proposal may, it is submitted, be approved.

G.O., No. 556, Educational, dated 22nd August 1906. 4. *Fees for admission.*—The existing rates of fees are as follows :—

- (1) Ordinary visitors including Gosha women and students ... 6 pies each.
- (2) Special visitors ... 4 annas each.
- (3) Annual season tickets for the official year—from April to March (tickets not transferable) ... 5 Rs. each.

5. The Aquarium Committee recommends that the fees for admission may be fixed as follows:—

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| (1) On Wednesdays | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 annas per visitor. |
| (2) On other days | { | from 7 to 11 A.M. | ... | ... | 1 anna per visitor. |
| | | from 2 to 6 P.M. | ... | ... | ½ anna per visitor. |
| (3) Annual season ticket | ... | ... | ... | ... | Rs. 2-0-0. |

The Committee considers it desirable that a fee of 1 anna should be charged from 7 to 11 A.M. in order to give visitors an opportunity of seeing the Aquarium when it will not be overcrowded. As regards the charge for season tickets, the Committee considers that the present fee of Rs. 5 is unnecessarily high and recommends that it be reduced to Rs. 2. The Superintendent adds that no season tickets at the rate of Rs. 5 have hitherto been sold.

6. The Committee further states that students who visit the Aquarium accompanied by teachers for the purpose of demonstration will under the altered scheme be admitted during the morning but charged only 6 pies as at present. For Gosha women, the last Monday of each month from 12 noon to 6 P.M. is set apart now; in future, the Committee

proposes that the whole of the last Monday of each month, namely, from 7 to 11 A.M. in the morning and 2 to 6 P.M. in the evening, may be set apart for ladies and that the same fees may be charged as on other days, namely, 1 anna in the morning and 6 pies in the evening. The Superintendent does not say how the proposed alterations in the rates of fees will affect the total income. The Aquarium was thrown open to the public only from the 20th October 1909, paragraph 1 of Superintendent, Government Museum's letter.

7. It is for consideration whether the proposals of the Committee may be approved. If they are approved, the Committee requests that they may be given effect to from 1st April next.

T.K.—8-3-10.

The proposals of the Committee may, it is submitted, be accepted. A charge of Rs. 5 for a season ticket seems rather high. The reduced rate of Rs. 2 may be accepted.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—11-3-10,

A. GALLETTI—11-3-10.

The Committee's proposals seem reasonable and may, I submit, be approved.

L. M. WYNCH—14-3-10.

Yes. May be sanctioned. Dr. Henderson has spoken to me on this matter.

M. H[AMMICK]—22-3-10.

Please draft.

L. M. WYNCH—23-3-10.

Draft submitted for approval.

T.K.—23-3-10.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—24-3-10.

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A. GALLETTI—24-3-10.

[G.O., No. 161, Educational, dated 26th March 1910.]

Read again G.O. No. 556 E.L., dated 22nd August 1906.

Read also:

G.O. No. 412, from the Superintendent, Government Museum, No. 27, dated 1-5-10.

ORDER:—
P.S.

No 161 dated 26.3.10
The Government sanction the proposals of the Marine Aquarium Committee.

that from 1st April 1910 the Aquarium ^{should} be open to visitors from 7 to 11 A.M. and from 2 to 6 P.M. on all days except Friday and that fees for admission thereto ^{should} be fixed as follows:—

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| (3) Annual season ticket | Rs. 2-0-0 |

2. The Committee's proposal that students who visit the aquarium accompanied by teachers for the purpose of demonstration ^{should} be admitted during the morning and charged 6 pies instead of 2 annas per visitor and that the last Monday of each month ^{should} be set apart for ladies is also approved.

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To The Superintendent,
" A. G. Gov. Museum.

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