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DATED 14-6-1911

[Despatch Abstract.]

Public Library in Nellore.

Declining the offer of
Maulavi Muhammad Habibullah
Sahib Nairi of Nellore to place his
Arabic, Persian and Urdu books at
the disposal of Govt for the establish-
ment of a ———.

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Public libraries on Islamic literature.

ENCLOSURES.

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No. 24-P.

Station Madras., Dated the 12th January 1911.

From (Name) A.Y.G. Campbell, Esqr., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
(Designation) Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor.

To The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Sir,

I am desired to transfer to you for disposal by
the Government the enclosed letter from Khan Bahadur
Shams-ul-Ulama Maulavi Ahmad Abdul Aziz Naiti, dated
9th January 1911.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

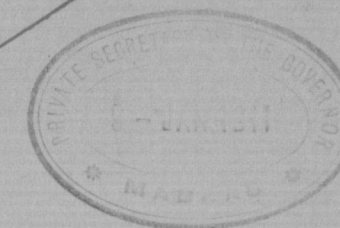
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LATE EHTISHAM-UD-DAULA'S HOUSE,

Chepauk, Triplicane, Madras,

9th January 1911.

From

KHAN BAHADUR SHAMS-UL-ULAMA

MAULAVI AHMAD ABDUL AZIZ NAITI,

(Nawab Aziz Jang Bahadur of Hyderabad, Deccan).

To

A. Y. G. CAMPBELL ESQR., B.A., I.C.S., C.I.E.,

Private Secretary to His Excellency,

The Governor of Madras,

MADRAS.

DEAR SIR,

1. I beg to submit the following humble representation in public interest, with the request that you will be good enough to place it before His Excellency the Governor for his kind consideration.

2. It is probably known to His Excellency that I have ever been deeply interested in helping public libraries with useful and rare works on Islamic literature, purchased out of the sale-proceeds of my humble compilations; and I may now very gladly submit that, with my efforts, a respectable and well-to-do muslim gentleman of Nellore has generously consented to hand over to Government his library of more than 2,000 Arabic, Persian & Urdu volumes, as per list herewith appended. These books, I beg to submit, also count amongst them manuscript works of antiquity and rare existence and are estimated to cost about Rs. 5,000.

3. The public-spirited gentleman referred to above is no other person than Maulavi Muhammad Habibullah Sahib Naiti of the respectable Muslim family of the Nellore fame. As will be observed from his letter attached, he desires that the benign Government may take over charge of the said library, calling it the "Habibiyah Library" and establishing it, in commemoration of His Imperial Majesty Edward the Seventh, in a public building situated at a suitable site at Nellore. He is also prepared to devote, with the permission of Government, a portion of his time in the service of the library.

4. The liberal-hearted offer thus made by Maulavi Muhammad Habibullah Sahib is, in my humble opinion, a very laudable one; and this, I trust, His Excellency's Government will no doubt appreciate and accept with approbation, in as much as it will not only safe-guard a valuable library from the hands of destruction, but will add to the best sources of preserving useful knowledge of the East. This may also serve, in the history of the district, as a means of commemorating His Excellency's noble and much esteemed name, as the "Protector of the literary relics of the past" and will certainly be a choicest blessing showered on the Muslim community of Southern India in addition to those enjoyed by them during his regime in the shape of high appointments.

5. My prayer is merely that this humble representation of mine may be forwarded, for report, to the Collector of the district, who, appreciating as he does all public spirited movements, I trust, will never fail to value the generous offer made by Muhammad Habibullah Sahib in the advancement of this most sacred public cause and commend it for favor of His Excellency's approval.

6. In conclusion, I hope that this humble request will, during his *regime*, receive favourable consideration and disposal at His Excellency's gracious hands and that I will be favoured with a copy of the decision so arrived at at my Hyderabad address.

Apologising for encroachment on His Excellency's most valuable attention and time *as well as your's.*

I beg to remain,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) Khan Bahadur Shams-ul-Ulama
Maulavi Ahmad Abdul Aziz Naiti.

Enclosures

- (1) Letter of Maulavi Habeeb Ulla.
- (2) List of the books.
- (3) Four copies of this printed letter.

MEMORANDUM. *N^o 144-1**3.2.11*

With reference to the enclosed letter from Khan Bahadur Shams-ul-Ulama Maulavi Ahmad Abdul Aziz Naiti dated 9th January 1911, the Collector of Nellore is requested to ~~investigate~~ report on the value of the books which Maulavi Muhammad Habibullah Sahib Naiti proposes to hand over to Government and to ascertain whether the Maulavi ~~will be~~ ^{is} prepared to hand them over to the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library or the Connemara Public Library at Madras where they will be accessible to a larger number of students of ~~the~~ Arabic, Persian, ~~and~~ ^{or} Urdu, ~~more~~ than in any library which ~~may~~ ^{7A.} be established at Nellore.

To
The Collector of Nellore,
with current and
enclosures.

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Ecclesiastical (190¹⁹¹¹) Department.

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From

Khan Bahadur Khadir Navaz Khan, Esqr.,

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Collector,

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Nellore.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting report regarding the books which Habib-ul-lah Sahib proposes to hand over to Government.

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To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Educational ~~Department~~ Department.

O o t a c a m u n d.

Sir,

I have the honour to reply to Government Memo No.144-1, Educational, dated 3rd February 1911.

2. Muhammad Habib-ul-lah Sahib's library, which he proposes to hand over to Government, contains 2113 volumes, Urdu and Persian. Of these 1637 are printed (including 198 duplicate copies), and the rest 476 are manuscripts. Of the printed copies, the prices of only 1595 are ascertainable from catalogues and amount to Rs.1788-0-9. For the remaining printed and manuscript books, the owner gives prices ranging up to Rs.200 each copy, and says that in fixing these prices he has been guided by the antiquity of these books, these being out of print and not available, and the excellent writing and binding of some of them.

3. There is no doubt that some of them are ancient and rare books, and the writing and binding of some others is such as would command a high price, but it is not possible to fix prices for them acceptable to all. The prices would vary with reference to individual taste, fancy and appreciation. The owner puts down Rs.10,000 for the whole lot, but the estimate of Aziz Bahadur than whom I know of no better appraiser of books, is moderate.

4. Habib-ul-lah Sahib wants that the library should be located in a public building separate from the Government offices in Nellore, that it should be named after him, and be subject to his supervision, that a servant be appointed

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at Government expense to be in charge of the library. He says also that pending provision of a suitable building he would place at the disposal of Government the portion of his own house which now contains the books on a reasonable rent to be paid by Government.

5. I do not think that there is a sufficiently large literate Muhammadan population in Nellore to profit by the institution, and I am not prepared to recommend it. He is not willing to part with the books except on the above conditions, nor to make a gift of them to the Oriental or Cannemara library, but seems inclined to sell them for his prices.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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23/5

for Collector.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES.

C. No. 144 From the Public Dept No 215-1 dated 20-1-1911.

SUBJECT.

Establishment of a Muhammadan
Library at Nellore -

Maulvi Muhammad Habibulla Sahib Naiti
of Nellore offers his library of more than
2000 Arabic, Persian and Urdu books and
requests that the Govt. may take charge
of the books and establish a library at
Nellore in memory of ^{His Majesty} King Edward VII.

2. It is for consideration whether the
paper may be referred to the Collector of
Nellore or to the D.P.I. for report.

T.H.
30-1-11

The petitioner requests that his petition
may be referred to the Collector for report - vide
para. 5 of the petition - page 2 of it.

R.D.
31-1-11

As to Collector's report on the value of books & whether the
petitioner's request has the merit of some public library in
Madras where they would be accessible to a large number of students
of Arabic, Persian, & Urdu.

J.M.
1/2/11

Draft submitted for approval.

T.H.
2-2-11

R.D.
2-2-11

Draft passed by the D.S. Issued.

R.D.
3-2-11

T.R.
11/2/11

[Memo. no. 144-1 & 3-2-11]

From the Collector of Nellore, no. 1996 & 23-5-11

Please see para 5 of the Collector's letter on page 7 of Current file.

2. Habib-ul-lah Sahib is not willing to hand over the books to the Oriental Mf. Library or to the Commemara Public Library and the Collector does not recommend that the Govt. should take over the books and establish a library at Nellore.

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J.B.
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The list of books is in Hindustani and hence it is difficult to ascertain the nature of the books. The conditions however are such as cannot well be accepted and the offer may be declined with thanks.

Circ. in Box No. 3.

H.M.

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Yes. I doubt think Govt can take over these books on the terms desired viz: that they shall be kept at Nellore. If we could get them housed in Madras it would be a

different matter. & we might think about it. We must decline to offer with thanks.

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No. 370, dated 14. 6. 1911.

Khan Bahadur Shams-ul-ulama
Maulavi Ahmad Abdul Aziz Naiti
will be informed that the Govt.
decline with thanks the offer of
Maulavi Muhammad Habibullah
Sahib Naiti of Nellore to hand
^{Place}
~~over~~ his Arabic, Persian and Urdu
^{at their disposal}
books ~~to them~~ for the establish-
ment of a public library in Nellore.

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Maulvi Ahmad Abdul Aziz Naik

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