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[Despatch Abstract.]

Oriental Manuscripts Library

Informing the Librarian of
the University of Madras that
Govt are unable to accede to
their request to modify their
decision in G.O. No 925-326
21-8-15-



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Enclosures.

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS

SENATH HOUSE, 15 SEP 1915



FRANCIS LEWISBURY, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,

Registrar, University of Madras,

The Secretary to Government,

Educational Department.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 925, Educational., Mis., dated August 21, 1915, declining permission to M.R.Ry. S. Krishnaswami Aiyangar, M.A., to borrow Manuscripts from the Oriental Manuscripts Library, I am directed by the Syndicate to request the Government to reconsider its decision in this matter. I am to point out that in his capacity as University Professor of Indian History and Archaeology Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyangar is expected to devote the greater portion of his time to research. For this purpose it is essential that he should not only have access to all available material but also be enabled to make such special study of it as he may find desirable. There are no facilities for such study in the present Oriental Manuscripts Library and consequently a special provision to enable Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyangar to borrow Manuscripts is considered by the Syndicate to be absolutely necessary.

In this connection I am directed to refer you to G.O. No. 535, Educational, dated 18th May 1915 sanctioning the loan of and other books from the Oriental Manuscripts Tamil Manuscript Library to the Chief Pandit of the Tamil Lexicon office, and to request that the same privilege may be accorded to the University Professor of Indian History and Archaeology who cannot be considered a less responsible person than the pandit of the Lexicon office.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Francis Lewisbury
Registrar.

OFFICE NOTE.

Educational Department

SUBJECT.

Permission to borrow Manuscripts from the
Oriental Manuscripts Library.

From the Registrar, University of Madras, No.5713,
dated the 15th September 1915.

Register No. 3207 Ed1.

Please see the notes and orders in G.O.No.

925 Ed1., dated the 21st August 1915 in which the

Government declined to permit M.R.Ry. S.Krishna ^{Bureau}

Ayyangar, University Professor of ^{Indian} History and ~~Arch~~

Archaeology to borrow manuscripts from the Oriental
Manuscripts Library. The Syndicate now requests

a re-consideration of the decision in the above

G.O. for the reasons that the Professor should

devote the greater portion of his time to research

work, that for that purpose it is essential that

he should not only have access to all available

material but also be enabled to make such special

study of it as he may find desirable and that there

^{no} are facilities for such study in the Oriental

Manuscripts Library. For a precedent for sanction-

ing the loan of manuscripts from the Oriental

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Manuscripts Library the Syndicate quotes G.O.No. 535 Edl., dated the 18th May 1915 in which the Government sanctioned the loan of Tamil Manuscripts and other books to the Chief Pandit of the Tamil Lexicon office.

2. As the Library is open to the public and people are given every facility for the manuscripts being copied on the spot as they please, it is not exactly shown what facilities are wanting in the Library for the special study of the Professor.

It may be noted that the Syndicate originally recommended the grant of the concession to M.R.Ry. Krishnaswami Ayyangar with a view to avoid the necessity for his constant visits to the Library for examination of the Manuscripts and at times for taking copies thereof.

The Professor can take copies of the Manuscripts required and note down points for his research in the Library itself. Probably some of the Manuscripts may not be in a condition to be removed from the Library, and they may be rare ones, in which case, it may not be desirable to lend them to the Professor. Further there may be different

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Manuscripts in regard to the same work and all these will be available to the Professor for his research work in the Library itself and it would not be desirable that they should be taken away from the Library for his research purposes.

Moreover if the concession ^{were} granted in the present case similar concessions will have to be given ^{in future} to the other University Professors and readers. As regards G.O. No.535 Edl., dated the 18th May 1915 which the Syndicate quotes as a precedent, it may be observed that para 2 of the order, sanctioning the loan of the Tamil Manuscripts and other books, appear to have been passed without taking into consideration the previous G.Os. relating to the long standing rule that the originals of Manuscripts should not be taken out of the Library, and perhaps on the ground that the manuscripts are absolutely necessary for ^{the preparation of} a complete up to date Tamil Lexicon. In these circumstances it is for consideration whether the Government will be prepared to reconsider their previous order. If however it is ^{applied for by the Syndicate} decided to grant the concession the draft order below is for approval.

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Will the D.P.G. please advise?

I presume there is a difference between 'manuscripts' and 'manuscript books'.

The Mexican Committee did their work at the Senate house and were allowed to take out 'manuscript books'. The Superintendent, however, points out that he was on leave at the time and that the order regarding loan of manuscripts was not put up. If it had been, it is probable that no loan to the Mexican Committee would have been allowed.

For the University Professor the Syndicate have, without consulting Galt, taken up one of the first residential houses available - Room 10 - in order to give them office adjacent to the Cameron library. Now the History Professor, not content with this, wants to remove from the library both manuscript books and (which are presumably more valuable) manuscripts. This does not seem to be necessary since he can get over to the library

in a few minutes and these must be facilities for study then since the public generally are allowed to take copies etc. Subject to anything the D. P. S. may wish to say on the subject I am opposed to the grant of the concession asked for.

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D. P. S. u. o.

Ho. Reply to T. 74 29.9.15

I agree that the manuscript ought not to be taken out of the library merely for the Professor's convenience. The University has been to undergo some little inconvenience as consulting less involves.

2. I suggest that when the library is handed over to the University stringent conditions should be laid down as to loans from it to e.g. universities.

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A revised draft order is submitted below for approval.

2. The D. P. D.'s suggestion that when the library is handed over to the University, stringent conditions should be laid down by Govt. as to loans from it to Universities, has already been noted as directed by the Secretary. Vide page 4 of G.O. No. 925 Ed of the 24th August 1915

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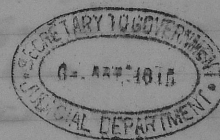
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I think it is not at all
quite necessary and so putting
the argument

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H. E. the Governor.

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The Regt., University of
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The Syndicate of the University of Madras, will be informed that as the Tamil Lexicon office was located at the Senate House, the loan of only, Tamil Manuscript and other books from the Oriental MSS Library to the Chief Pandit of the office, was permitted. The Govt do not consider it desirable to deviate from the long-standing rule that the originals of Manuscripts should not be taken out of the Library. They therefore regret that they are unable to modify their decision in the proceedings read above.

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