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READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from F. DEWSBURY, Esq., B.A., LL.B., Registrar, University of Madras.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—the 20th January 1915.
No.—407.

In November last the Madras University Library Committee submitted a recommendation to the Syndicate that in the case of B. Narayanaswami Nayudu the Library attendant, his designation be changed to that of 'second clerk' and that his pay be fixed at Rs. 20. In view of the strong representations made by the Library Committee in support of this recommendation, the Syndicate decided to accept it and resolved "that the designation of the attendant be changed to that of second clerk in the case of B. Narayanaswami Nayudu and that his pay be fixed at Rs. 20 per mensem with effect from the date of the University Library Committee's resolution."

Acting on this sanction the Library Committee presented to the Accountant-General a supplemental bill claiming the difference due to Narayanaswami Nayudu from October 13, 1914, the date on which the increase of pay was to take effect, but the Accountant-General has returned the bill unpassed for payment with the objection that there was no 'information as to whether the sanction of Government was obtained for the increase of pay and change of designation.'

The Syndicate has considered this objection and has resolved to take this opportunity of requesting the permission of the Government to exercise general control over the affairs of the University Library and to decide the number, character and pay of the staff required and the contribution which should be made from time to time from the University Funds to meet current charges, without the necessity of making special references to the Government thereon. I am accordingly directed to submit the Syndicate's request for the favourable consideration of Government.

Order—No. 168, Educational, dated 16th February 1915.

The Government see no sufficient reason to alter the existing arrangements for control over the affairs of the University library.

(True Extract.)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Registrar, University of Madras.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Accountant-General.
" Principal Librarian, Connemara Public Library.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 168, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED THE 16TH FEBRUARY 1915.

[SUBJECT.—General control over the affairs of the University Library.]

From the Registrar, University of Madras.

The University Library was established under the scheme approved in G.O. No. 361, Educational, dated the 26th May 1905. Under that scheme the management of the library is vested in a library committee consisting of five fellows of the University of which the Principal Librarian, Connemara Public Library, is *ex-officio* Chairman. The committee is authorised to purchase books and journals for the library, to frame rules for the issue of books and to arrange for the general administration of the library. It is also the duty of the committee to keep the accounts of the library and to safeguard the interests of the University. As regards the establishment attached to the library the committee makes its recommendation to the Syndicate which in its turn applies to the Government for sanction. The proposals of the University are ordinarily sanctioned without much scrutiny of the minor details, the principle kept in view by the Government being that their "supervision is not intended"

Page 2 of G.O. No. 518, Educational, dated the 19th August 1904.

G.O. No. 296, Educational, dated the 17th May 1909.

G.O. No. 269, Educational, dated the 2nd April 1913.

Sir M. Hammick's note on page 3 of notes to G.O. No. 240, Educational, dated the 6th May 1910.

"to do more than see that the University is not outrageously extravagant or foolish in the matter."

2. The sanction of Government is, however, required for every change in the number, character and pay of the staffs attached both to the University office and to the University library. Though the Syndicate does not ask for any absolute powers in respect of the former, its present request for absolute control over the latter is probably a thin end of the wedge for such a representation in the near future.

The Library Committee has, under existing orders, the power to arrange for the general administration of the library. It has not been shown that the present arrangement inconveniences the administration of the library in any way, either by unnecessary correspondence or delay. Nor does it appear that there will be any appreciable saving of correspondence between the Syndicate and the Government if the delegation of powers applied for is sanctioned. On the other hand, it seems reasonable that the Government should exercise the same control over the expenses incurred out of the University Library funds as they exercise over those of the general University funds. If the rules are relaxed in respect of one, the tendency will be to apply for a relaxation of the rules in respect of the other also. Moreover under the scheme for the utilization of the Imperial grants for University education sanctioned in G.Os. Nos. 565-66, Educational, dated the 14th June 1913, and No. 672, Educational, dated the 22nd July 1913, the library will be considerably improved and it seems desirable that the Government should retain control over its affairs at least for some time to come.

3. In these circumstances, it is for consideration whether the request of the Syndicate may be negatived. Perhaps the Director of Public Instruction may be requested to offer his remarks on the proposal.

P. RAMUNNI NAYAR—1-2-15.

T. KRISHNASWAMI AYYAR—2-2-15.

NOTES TO G.O. No. 168, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 16TH FEBRUARY 1915.

Will Director of Public Instruction please advise ?

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—4-2-15.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

It seems to me that the University library staff is and ought to be on the same footing as the Registrar's office staff and should be subject in the same way to the control of Government and that the Syndicate's request need not therefore be complied with.

J. H. STONE—7-11-14.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

A draft order is submitted for approval.

P.R.—10-2-15.

T. KRISHNASWAMI AYYAR—10-2-15.

His Excellency the Governor—

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—11-2-15.

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