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[Despatch Abstract.]

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made in the search ^{for Sanskrit} Miss in the
Madras Presidency.

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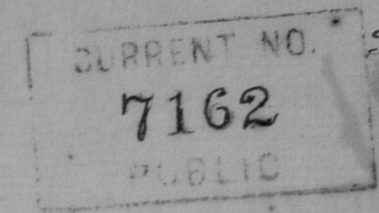
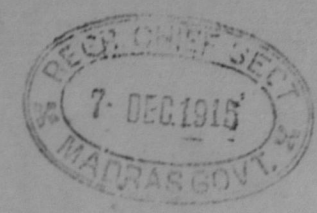
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Delhi, the 2nd December 1915.



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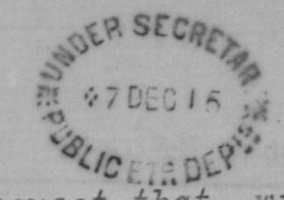
G. Anderson, Esq., M. A.,

Asstt. Secretary to the Govt. of India,

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Sir,



I am directed to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the Government of India may be favoured with a report showing what progress, if any, has been made, in the search for Sanskrit Manuscript in the Madras Presidency.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. Anderson

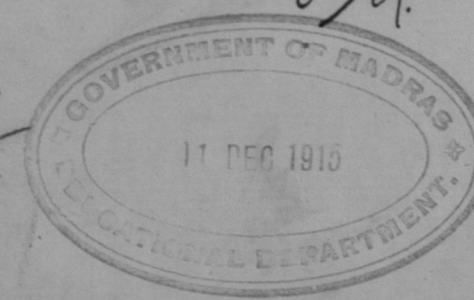
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No. 4357-1, dated 21 12 1915

The D.P.D. is requested to
submit at an early date the
report called for by the Com^t of India
in their letter read above. The
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^{of 12/15}
^{the}
^{20/12/15} extracts from the letter
of the Comr. Government
Oriental Manuscript
Library, forwarded under his
endorsement Ref: an C No. 8117,
dated 23.10.15, give no information
as to the languages of the
manuscripts required.

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literary value would also be
of interest.

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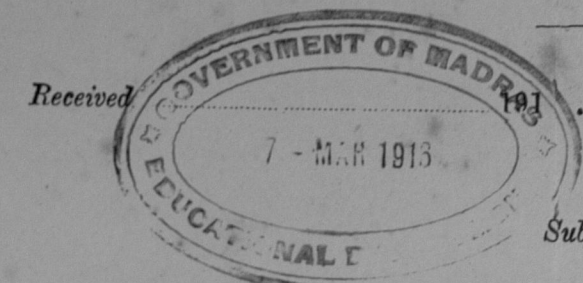
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Subject.

Reporting to Government with reference to Government Memo No. 4357-1 Edl., dated 21st December 1915 regarding the submission of a report showing what progress, if any has been made in the Search for Sanskrit Manuscripts in the Presidency.

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Dis. No. No. 1424

Station Madras, Dated the 6th March 1916

From (Name) The Hon. Mr. J.H. Stone, M.A., F.R.H.S., C.I.E.,
(Designation) Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department.

Sir,

With reference to Government Memorandum No. 4357-1 Edl., dated 21st December 1915, I have the honour to state that it is reported by the Curator, Oriental Manuscripts Library that out of the 400 manuscripts actually acquired for the Library during the period of six months ending with 31st August 1915, 381 were in Sanskrit and the rest in Telugu. Some idea of the literary value of these manuscripts may be gathered from the following extract from the Curator's letter R.C.No. 156/15, dated 5th October 1915.

"Most of the rare and valuable manuscripts now acquired belong to the Indian Darśanas or systems of

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philosophy, more particularly to Nyaya, Mimamsa and Vedanta. The few poetical works and dramas now acquired appear to belong to the latest period of literary artificiality and decadence. Some works on medicine, Poetics, dramaturgy, dancing etc., have also been acquired; and though these belong to recent dates and do not appear to have yet attained the eminence of being classical, their chief redeeming feature is copiousness and thoroughness in the treatment of their respective subjects. Some of the sastraic works acquired as for instance Tantraratna by Parthasarathimisra, are indeed old and very rare and valuable; while others are equally rare and of considerable importance and value, though they belong to a comparatively later period when the dialectic methods of intensive expression and quantitative precision characteristic of the later developments of the Maithila and the Nuddea schools of Nyaya, had already begun to spread their influence over almost every other branch of Sanskrit knowledge. A few manuscripts relating to the Telugu language and literature have also been acquired; but the only inference that could be legitimately drawn from the striking paucity of these vernacular manuscripts in Amalapuram and Razole Taluks is that for some reason or other, very little care appears to have been bestowed on the collection and preservation of such manuscripts in these Taluks."

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

G. Krishna Rao

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for Director of Public Instruction.

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OFFICE NOTE.

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SUBJECT, Progress in the Search for Sanskrit MSS in the Presidency.

From the Govt of India No. 403 D 2-12-15

Register No. 4357 Edl

The Govt of India wish to be favoured with a report showing what progress, if any, has been made in the search for Sanskrit MSS in this Presidency. In G.O. No 1096 Edl, D 18.9.14 a party consisting of one special asst to the Curator, four pundits and two peons, was constituted for a period of one year at the outset to work under the control of the Curator for the purpose of searching for and acquiring in a systematic manner, oriental MSS of interest and value in private hands. In connection with the question of the continuance of this party for another period of one year, the D.P.D. has forwarded extracts from a letter of the Curator containing information about the work turned out by the party during the year and other particulars.

R - vide pages 3-5 of G.O. No 1245 Edl, D 19.11.15. - But the extracts do not contain information in

in regard to the progress made in the search for Sanskrit MSS. Submitted that the D.P.D. may be requested to furnish a report on the subject. A draft memo is submitted for approval.

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p. 2 CF [memo no 4357-1 Et! of the 21. 12. 15]

pp. 3-4 CF C. no. 827 Et! from the D.P.D. no. 1424 of the 6. 3. 16.

The D.P.D. has furnished the report called ^{above} for (vide pp 3-4 CF). A draft letter to the Govt of India is submitted below for approval.

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No. 288 *Exh*, dated 17-3-1916.

The following letter will be addressed to the Govt. of India.

Letter--to ^{No.} 289 Sol. M. 7/17-3-16

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Department ~~Dept.~~ of Education.

I am directed to reply to Mr.

Anderson's letter No.403, dated the 2nd
December 1915 requesting ~~m m nnnnnn~~
~~nmm~~ a report showing the progress, if
any, made in the search for Sanskrit --
manuscripts in the Madras Presidency.

2. The Curator of the Oriental Manuscripts Library, Madras, used to tour for about a month in each year to search for and purchase manuscripts, and occasionally a ~~number~~ ^{member} of the ~~Library~~ ^{his} staff.

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staff was deputed in addition for the same purpose. This procedure having proved inadequate, this Government constituted for a period of one year from September 1914, a temporary search party consisting of a special assistant to the Curator, four pandits and two peons, *all* to work under the control of the Curator, for the purpose of searching for and acquiring in a systematic manner ~~manuscripts~~ manuscripts of interest and value in private hands.

3. The search party selected the Godavari district as the first field ~~work~~ for experiment *and it is that the* ~~was~~ examined about 10865 volumes in 123 private libraries.

The total number of manuscripts actually acquired for the *Oriental Manuscripts* library on presentation and by purchase and transcription was 400, of which 381 were in Sanskrit and the rest in Telugu.

4. The following extract from the Curator's letter gives some idea of

the literary value of the Sanskrit

manuscripts acquired:--

"Most of the rare and valuable manuscripts acquired belong to the Indian
"Darsanas or systems of philosophy, more
"particularly to Nyaya, Mimamsa and
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"of intensive expression and quantitative
"precision characteristic of later developments of the Maithila and Nalanda
"schools of Nyaya had already begun to
"spread their influence over every other
"branch of Sanskrit literature."

4. The period of one year for which the search party was constituted having expired, this Govt. have sanctioned its continuance for a further period of one year.

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