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[Despatch Abstract.]

All India Conference of librarians.

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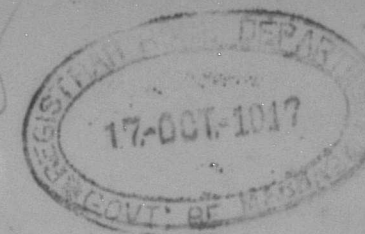
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No. 783

Government of India,
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
(General)

Simla, the 13th October 1917.

From

Rai J.M.Mitra Bahadur, M.A.,
Asst.Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Home (Education) Department.

Sir,

⊗ Regarding the
nomination of a
representative from
the Madras University
(for underdisposal)

In continuation of the correspondence ending
with this Department letter no.778 dated the 12th
October 1917, I am directed to request that with
the permission of the Governor in Council, the
Government of India may be informed whether Mr.
John Van Manen, late Librarian, Adyar Library,
would be a suitable person to be asked to attend
the All India Conference of Librarians to be
held at Lahore in January next.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J.M.Mitra

Asst.Secretary to the Government of India.

C.M.K.

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Stone (Mr) Dept

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C/No 9220. From the Govt of India, Dep't of Ed. (General) No 783
dated the 13/11/17.

Subject:- Enquiring whether Mr John Van Manen,
late Librarian, Adyar Library would be a
suitable person to attend the All India
Conference of Librarians.

For the Registrar.

The D.P. I. may, it is submitted, be
consulted semi-officially whether Mr John Van
Manen would be a suitable person to be asked
to attend the All India Conference of Librarians.

The draft D.O. below is for approval. After
^{perhaps} issue of the D.O. the file may be sent to the Public (War) Sect.
for remarks as to whether there is anything against him to show that
it is undesirable that he should attend the conference.

Dear Mr Stone,

With reference to the enclosed copy
of a letter from the Govt of India, I am to ^{enquire} ~~ask~~ you
~~to consider whether~~ whether you consider Mr
John Van Manen ~~to be~~ a suitable person to be
asked to attend the All India Conference of
Librarians to be held at Lahore in January
next.

Yours sincerely
[Signature]

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22-11-17

[Signature]
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[Signature]
25/11/17

The Honble Mr J. H. Stone - M.A. C.P.E.

[Handwritten note]
The Honble Mr J. H. Stone



The Old College, Nungambakkam,

29th October 1917.

D.O. no 187

My dear Dewan Bahadur,

With reference to your D.O.No.1220 B-1, dated 26th instant, I regret that I have no knowledge of Mr. John Van Manen and am unable to express any opinion of his suitability for invitation to the All India Conference of Librarians.

Yours sincerely,

Future

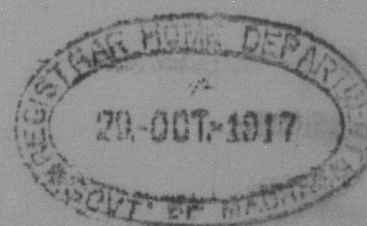
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The Hon'ble M.R.Ry.Dewan Bahadur R.Ramachandra Rao Avl.,

Secretary to Government,

Home (Education) Deptt.,

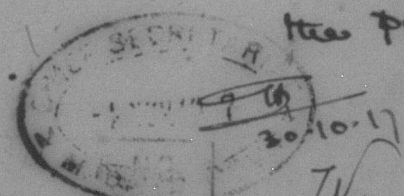
Fort St. George.



Home Deptt.

(Edn.)

With refer: to the office note at 'A' on the previous page it is for orders whether the case may be sent up to the Public (War) Deptt. for remarks.



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Do No 4297 W-1
10.11.17

P. Hannington Esq
D/G of Police,
Rangoon

M^r Van Manen's name appears in the list of non-Asiatic foreigners in the Chingput dt. Compiled by the Dm in March 1916. but does not appear in the list, recently compiled by the C.I.D., of foreigners resident at the Adyar. This perhaps due to the fact that he was 'late librarian' at Adyar.

There is no information in office about his sympathies or antecedents. Orders are requested whether the C.I.D. may be consulted. The following draft do is for approval:—

My dear Hannington,

"Will you kindly
"engine and report ~~whether~~ whether M^r.
"John Van Manen, late Librarian, Adyar
"Library, would be a suitable person
"to be asked to attend the All-India
"Conference of Librarians to be held at
"Lahore in January next."

J

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15-11-17

Dated the 14th November 1917.

My dear Davidson,

With reference to your D.O. 4297 W-1 dated the 10th instant, I see no objection to Mr. J. Van Manen excepting the fact that he is Dutch.

He left the Adyar about 2 years ago probably because of the fact that he was not in agreement with Mrs. Besant in her political campaign.

I do not know him personally but I know he was a friend of C.W.E. Cotton's and I think also of Loftus Tottenham.

Yours sincerely,

Langford

To

The Hon'ble Mr. L. Davidson, C.S.I., I.C.S.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Fort St. George,
MADRAS,

Orders are requested whether the case may be returned to Home (Est) with the remark that War Section have no information about J^r Van Manen. That dept will ^{presumably} ~~decide~~ consent

M. Tottenham if they consider fit.

15.11.17 - From ab I have heard of
cont. van Maanen I shd. say he is
quite suitable. M. Tottenham
may be able to speak with authority
Home Dept. Y.M.

Public No 4297W-2
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Home
(Ed.)

Orders are requested
whether the case should go
on to Mr. Tottenham ^(for remarks) with
reference to ^(the Chief Secy's note) 'A' above.

21.11.17
JL
21.11.17

CA
21.11.17
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Mr. Tottenham

S. Home: I have not even seen
Mr Van Maanen for a good
many years. He wrote to me
when Mr Berant turned him
out of the Adyar because
he attacked her on account
of her political adventures

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of which he strongly disapproved -
 I used to see him sometimes
 when Cotton lived at
 Underwoods Gardens - I also
 saw him at dinner at
 Cottons in 1912 Feb (the
 last time we met) - ^{his attitude} he always
 appeared to me ^{purely that of} to be a rather
 Bohemian scholar - He disclaimed
 discreetly any firm sympathy
 with Mrs Berants &
 Dr Headbeaters more fantastic
 doctrines - the Krishna -
 -murti Avatar - "occult
 Chemistry" &c &c! What his
 qualifications as an Oriental-
 -ist may be I don't know -
 As a man I sh^d say he is
 entirely "unobjectionable" -
 politically & morally - I under-
 stood he had gone to live at Darjeeling.
 Thibetan & Chinese are A.T.
 I believe his subjects. 21. 11. 17.



Home (Edu) Dept

For the Registrar

Submitted that in view of the Chief
 Secretary's remarks in the previous page and
 Mr Tottenham's remarks above, the Govt of India

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may be informed that as far as this Govt are aware there is nothing objectionable with Mr John Van Manen ~~as a~~ politically ~~connected~~.

A draft reply is submitted for approval.

Recd

23.11.17

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24.11.17

The Govt. of India have wired today for a telegraphic reply to the reference for the reference regarding the ~~honour~~ nominee. I have sent it to the office. We may wire as follows: —

5864 Reference. Assist. Secretary Mitra's letter 783. General. 13th Oct. Enquiries show (Mr) John Van Manen ~~entirely unobjectionable~~ politically and suitable ~~for~~ attend Librarian's Conference. [No definite information available about his scholarship. Reference to Deputy Secretary Cotton may be made.]

Wry 26.11.17

Please refer at once with a copy with notes of S.O. 11602 to Secy

One kept as done

W 26.11.17

* Reached me at 7 P.M. 24.11

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Mr. Tottenham's note - p. 6 above

Chief Secy's note - p. 5 above

[] 26.11.17
Last copy
M. J. S. 26.11.17

In the Registrar

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The telegram on the previous page has been despatched. Submitted that these ^{papers} ~~notes~~ may be

All-Indian Conference of Librarians

Regarding papers regarding a reference from the Govt of India about the ~~Librarian~~ ^{Librarian} of the John Van Housen late Librarian, the Adya Library, to be invited to attend the ~~to be held at Lahore~~ in Jan 1918.

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