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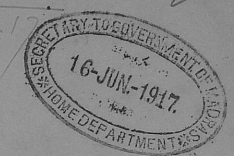
[Despatch Abstract.]

Oriental Manuscripts Library.

Sanctioning as a special case the loan from the — of certain printed books to M.L.Ry. M. Krishnamachariar Avargal, District Munsif, Ristna district, on the distinct understanding that <sup>they</sup> will be taken special care of while in his custody and that they will be returned to the library within four weeks from the date of receipt.

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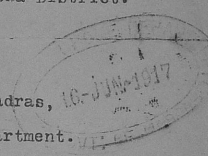


From,

M.R.Ry., M. Krishnamachariar Averghal M.A., M.L., Ph.,  
District Munsif,  
Tanuku, Kistna District.

To,

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,  
Home Department.



Sir,

I have been for some years engaged in original research in Sanskrit Literature and I have in preparation a comprehensive work on the subject. Being out of Madras I have not the convenience for reference and study in public libraries and I feel my task all the more difficult as several books that I need are rare and are not available for purchase. Among these are "REPORTS OF OPERATIONS IN SEARCH OF SANSKRIT MANUSCRIPTS" by Prof. Peterson during the years 1874 - 1895. These reports are printed and copies are kept in Oriental Manuscripts Library at Madras. I learn from the Curator that the rules do not permit him to lend them out without the sanction of the government. I am prepared to give any security for the due return and I pray that the Government will be pleased to encourage my work by directing a loan of these reports for reference and return within four weeks. I beg to submit that these reports are rarely referred to by visitors to the library and no inconvenience will practically be caused by the granting of my request.

I have the honor to be,

T a n u k u,  
14th June '17

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

*M. Krishnamachariar*

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Kistna  
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off*

pref. (C.No.473 B)

Home Department,  
(Education).

From Mr.M.Krishnamachariyar, dated the 14th June 1917.

S u b j e c t:— Loan of certain printed reports  
available in the Oriental  
Manuscripts Library.

For the Registrar.

M.R.Ry. M.Krishnamachariyar requests that the  
"Reports of operations in search of Sanskrit Manus-  
cripts by Professor Peterson during the years 1874-  
1895" of which printed copies are kept in the Oriental  
Manuscripts Library, may be lent to him for reference  
and return within four weeks. He says that these  
reports are rarely referred to by visitors to the  
library and that no inconvenience will be caused by  
granting his request.

2. In January last this gentleman requested per-  
mission to take out books from the Oriental Manuscripts  
Library and the Government declined to allow him to  
borrow manuscripts from the library and informed him  
that "it is a standing rule that the originals of  
"manuscripts should not be removed from the Oriental  
"Manuscripts Library" but that every facility should be  
given for their being copied on the spot - Vide G.O.

No.139, Home (Education), dated the 7th February 1917.

In February last the gentleman again applied for

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loan of printed catalogues and reports of manuscripts in the library, and after consulting the D.P.I. he was informed that his request could not be complied with (Vide G.O.No.428, Home (Education), dated the 2nd April 1917). The present application is apparently a request for a reconsideration of the above order.

3. The standing rule in this Presidency that originals of manuscripts should not be taken out of the libraries in which they have been placed has been, except in very few exceptional cases, strictly adhered to in the past and requests for the loan of books and manuscripts from the Oriental Manuscripts Library have accordingly been negatived - Vide notes recorded in G.O.No.743, Educational, dated the 13th August 1913 and pages 13 to 16 of G.O.No.41, Edl., dated the 9th January 1914. Also G.O.Nos.925, Edl., dated the 21st August 1915 and No.1115, Edl., dated the 6th October 1915.

4. It may be noted that in G.O.No.535, Edl., dated the 18th May 1915 the D.P.I. was requested to arrange for the loan from time to time of such Tamil manuscripts and other books from the Oriental Manuscripts Library as might be required by the Chief Pandit of the Tamil Lexicon Office for consultation

Vide D.P.I. order  
as per order

para 2 in p 29 of order

pp 13-16

para 2 in p 7 of order

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and for their safe return to the library. But this order ~~was not issued~~

was an exceptional case. When with reference to the G.O. quoted above, the Syndicate of the Madras University requested a reconsideration of the order (vide G.O.No.925, Edl., dated the 21st August 1915) declining to allow M.R.Ry. S.Krishnaswami Ayyangar, University Professor of History, to borrow manuscripts from the library, the Government declined to reconsider their previous orders - vide notes <sup>(and)</sup> orders in G.O.

No.1115, Edl., dated the 6th October 1915.

5. ~~The~~ The application in the present case is for printed copies of books, the rule of prohibition in regard to loan of manuscripts <sup>may not be</sup> ~~equally~~ applicable to the books in question ~~as~~

[Recently the Secretary has remarked about this

gentleman

gentleman as follows:-

"Mr. Krishnamachariyar has done a good deal of work and deserves some encouragement. He will probably apply again for some books". ]

Orders are solicited.

*TL*  
28.6.17

Mr. Krishnamachariyar seems earnest & he is a good servant. Perhaps we may make an exception in his case, the concession to apply only to printed publications, if the D.P. sees no objection. We may for the present deal with this & current application for Peterson's report alone.

*CR*  
27.7.17

Mr. Krishnamachariyar saw me recently & showed me some of his work. I am for helping him. A time limit will be prescribed for return. Other conditions may be imposed as the D.P. thinks fit.

*D.P. 7/17*

*37/17*

It seems to me that Govt.

is entirely justified in wishing the report to these works or is not. If they can be released there is no harm in the Americanli having them. I do not know how to find out whether they can be released.

Vide Slip  
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If he had been he should at any rate  
undertake to replace them if not destroyed or  
damaged but such an undertaking  
cannot be given I much am to just under  
they know how they could be replace

(Noted in CR)

- Home (2nd) Department.
- Except for the uncertainty about the applicant's  
inability to replace the manuscripts in the off-  
chance of their being lost, destroyed or damaged  
the S.D. sees no harm in the applicants having  
them. In this view the S.D. is supported by the  
(R) precedent in G.O. No. 270 of the 12<sup>th</sup> June 1907 in  
which certain manuscripts of the O.M. library  
were forwarded to the India Office to be consulted  
by Prof. Hultzsch. In this connection attention  
is also solicited to Sir George Forbes' remarks  
(E) on page 3 of G.O. No. 618 A of the 31-8-08 that  
the manuscripts are collected to be used by  
scholars and not to be locked away in  
charge of a Bureau, idle and useless. In  
his opinion that the man who wanted to use  
the manuscripts was not a busy body but  
a scholar of high personal reputation and  
antecedents justified a deviation from the  
general rule. Please see also Mr. Francis' note

(F) on page 3 of notes to Govt. 743 & Co. No. 13. 8-13 in which he observed that it was a pity that these manuscripts should be buried always in the Govt. Oriental Manuscript Library.

2. The applicant in the present case being a responsible officer of Govt. who realises the seriousness of the case may perhaps be treated specially, following the precedent in Govt. No.

(R) 370 & Co. No. 12. 6-07. The D.P.D. does not recommend any conditions to be imposed. It seems enough to lay down that the manuscripts should be returned within four weeks of their receipt by the applicant. Subject to orders a draft order is submitted for approval.

The D.P.D. is not clear in his remark, above, especially insofar as the present application is concerned. For order as to whether the draft may issue.

on page 3 of Govt. No. 743 & Co. No. 13. 8-13 the manuscripts are

The above precedents apply to manuscripts. That Mr. Krishnamachari wants are ~~the~~ printed reports. I presume they can be replaced — at the outside cost of men being reprinted, so that it the D.P.D. does not mind.   
 Special if issue one vol at a time

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He returned in 4 weeks. Expenses of transmission to be borne by him. He will be liable for all costs of replacement. As he is a M. inf., no personal security is necessary.

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Mr. M. Krishnamachari  
Ma: and. P.D. MRAS  
says he has applied  
for permission to take  
some books from the  
Oriental MS library  
the was refused.

Please let me see  
the papers, if any available  
here  
my 17/5/17

Submitted  
CR  
17.5.17

Thanks  
my 17/5/17.

Mr. Krishnamachari has done  
a good deal of work &  
deserves some reward.  
He will bring along  
for some books

my 17/5/17

Await. Keep the  
supplies  
CR 17/5

READ AGAIN G.O. No. 129, dated 7-2-1917.  
 " " " " 428, " " " " 1917.

READ ALSO:-

C. No. 473, From the M.R. M. Krishnamachari, No. 14-6-1917.

St. Munsif, Tanjore

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ORDER.

No. 906, dated 9-7-1917.

In the special circumstances of the case now represented, the Govt. are pleased, in modification of the Govt. read above, to sanction the loan to M.R. M. Krishnamachari, St. Munsif of Tanjore, Krishna district, of the <sup>books</sup> ~~manuscripts~~ entitled "Reports of Operations in Search of Sanskrit manuscripts" by Prof. Peterson during the years 1874-1875 from the Govt. Oriental Manuscript Library on the district understanding that special care will be taken of the manuscripts while they are in his custody, and that they will be returned to

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to the Curator, Oriental Mus Library  
within four weeks of their receipt,  
without fail. No reports should be

2. The Curator is requested to  
send the <sup>printed reports</sup> ~~manuscripts~~ to Mr. M. S. R.  
Krishnamachari. Carefully  
packed and registered and to report  
to Govt the <sup>safe</sup> ~~fact~~ of their ~~return~~  
to the library within the time  
prescribed above.

PP

6-7-17

Mr. M. S. R. is further warned  
that if any of the reports is damaged  
whose he moved at his own  
cost replace them.

issued one volume aha  
time ~~delivered~~ packed &  
sent by regd post. The  
expenses of transport to go  
will be paid by Mr.

Krishnamachari

My  
S/M

Subd  
3001  
6-7-17

To,  
M. S. R. m. Krishnamachari  
A. P.  
Dist. & Mun. Officer, Tanjore  
The Secy,  
Curator, Govt. O. M. S. L.

When given for copying  
When copied  
When examined  
When signed

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STATEMENT WITH DTT.

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IN ORIGINAL.

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