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THE HON'BLE SIR E. D. MACLAGAN, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

Home Dept. 20.

To 20/3/18

30.3.18

Tale No. 798-1

30-3-18

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
Madras.

Department of Education.

Books.

Simla, the 14th March 1918.

SIR,

I am directed to address you on the use made of the books delivered to the local Governments under Sections 9 (a) and 11 of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 (Act XXV of 1867).

2. In their letter no. 46, dated the 7th April 1917, the Government of India asked for certain information on the subject from the local Governments. The replies show that there is considerable diversity of practice with regard to the disposal of books in the provinces; that in most of the provinces the whole number of books delivered since 1867 is not extant, and that, while in some provinces they are catalogued and made accessible to the public for perusal, in others they are not.

3. The Government of India are of opinion that the books now compulsorily delivered to the local Governments should be made use of for the purpose of maintaining a provincial collection of the books published in each province. To ensure this object, the Government of India would lay down the following general principles:—

- (1) that the books delivered to local Governments and Administrations, after they have been reviewed or examined by the local official reporter, should be retained in one place and made accessible to public use;
- (2) that Government should retain copies of such books as are required for its use and such as it considers unsuitable for public perusal; and
- (3) that when books are made over to the authorities of public libraries, these authorities should agree to catalogue them properly and preserve them carefully.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

E. D. MacLagan

Secretary to the Government of India.

C No. 737B From the Govt of India, Dept of Edu. No. 31 dated 14.3.1918

Subjects - Laying down the general principles that should be followed to ensure that the books compulsorily delivered to local Govts under Sec 9 of the Press and Reg. of Books Act, 1867, may be maintained as a provincial collection of books.

For the Registrar

In April last year, the Govt of India enquired, with reference to Sec 9(a) of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867, whether the books compulsorily delivered to the local Govt are catalogued and whether they are open to the public for perusal etc. In Letter No. 700 Home (E), dated 28.6.17 this Govt. furnished detailed information about the particulars required by the Govt. of India.

2. In their letter on p 1 of the Govt. of India state that there is considerable diversity of practice with regard to the disposal of the books and have now ^{laid down} ~~fixed~~ certain general ^{principles} ~~instructions~~ with a view to maintaining a provincial collection of

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books in each province.

3. To carry out the instructions of the Govt. of India arrangements will have to be made for the better accommodation of the office of the Registrar of Books and of his library, which are now located in a portion of the Old College Buildings and it may not be possible to convert the library into a public library, as it is at present.

A suggestion was made in 1904 to transfer the library ~~into~~ the Connemara Public Library but it was not approved as the then Supdt. Mr Thurston considered that it was not advisable to burden the Conn. Public Library with a mass of trivial literature "which would be useless for the class of readers who resort to the Conn. Public Library. (Vice Mr Thurston's note dated 26.7.06 on p 4 of G.O. No. 520 Sol. dated 4.8.06). When the University Library Buildings are constructed, the Oriental Mss. Library and the University library will be removed from the Museum Buildings and some space will become available, which may be utilised for the Registrar's library. This will ^{however} take some years.

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be requested to submit proposals for carrying out the general principles laid down by the Govt. of India.

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No. 620 dated 2.8.05. When the
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