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

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
HOME (EDUCATION) Department.

Sir,

(E)

With reference to G. O. No. 498, Home (Education) dated 18th April 1918 regarding the question of giving practical effect to the principles laid down in the Government of India's letter No. 31 Books dated 14th March 1918

(F)

I have the honour to state that as ordered in G.O. No. 588 Educational dated 23rd June 1913, the collections of books in the library attached to the office of the Registrar of Books has been made accessible to the members of the public who require to use them, admission being restricted

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2. The D.P.I., who was asked to submit proposals for giving effect to the above principles, points out that in regard to (1) ~~the~~ collection of books in the library of the office of the Registrar of Books has been made accessible to the students (who are also members of the public) who are readers in either the Connemara or the Oriental Manuscripts Library. The Director is of opinion that the existing arrangements practically comply with the requirements of the Govt. of India and that no useful purpose will be served by

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making the Library available for public use.

It is doubtful whether the above opinion of the Director will be agreed to in view of the fact that the object of the Govt. of India is apparently to make the library available for use of the public and not for ~~some~~ a limited class of public. The Director's main idea appears to be that the preservation of books is of greater importance than their accessibility. Of course the preservation by these libraries of every publication without respect to its value is of utmost importance, but the object of such preservation is that it may be readily accessible to students and research workers-c.f. para 29 of India's letter No.33, dated 14th March 1918, on page 1 of G.O.No.873, dated 7th July 1918, If the Registrar's library is to be thrown open to the public, additional accommodation and ~~and~~ additional staff would be required and it may not be possible to provide additional accommodation in the old College buildings where it is now located. When the University Buildings are constructed the Oriental Manuscripts Library and the University Library will be removed from the Museum buildings and some space will be available for the Registrar's library. But this will not be in the near future. It may be noted that in connection with the proposal of the Govt. of India regarding the establishment of copyright libraries in India, H.E. the Governor observed:-

"Until the decision of the Govt. of India (in regard to the establishment of copyright libraries) is announced and legislation undertaken, it is unnecessary to consider details of accommodation or staff."

If however it is now considered desirable to provide at least some additional accommodation for the Registrar's library with a view to give effect to

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(P.W.D. draft order on the case has come to Ed. for acceptance & is going to H.S. today.)

the principle laid down by India, perhaps, provision may be made in the extensions now proposed to the Museum buildings, the file relating to which is now in under consideration (the Public Works Department).

3. The Director has not offered any remarks on the second principle laid down by the Govt. of India. Apparently all the books received in the Registrar's Library are preserved therein and none of them are at present sent to the Government for retention on the ground of their unsuitability for public perusal. The Director may perhaps be requested to issue instructions to the Registrar of Books to send such books to Govt. in future instead of retaining them ~~as a rule~~ in the library.

4. As regards the third principle, it does not appear that any books have hitherto been made over to the authorities of ~~the~~ public libraries. It may be noted that to facilitate reference a card catalogue of books is being maintained in the ^{Registrar's} library. No action appears to be ~~it~~ necessary in regard to this point.

5. Should it ^{however} be decided to agree with the opinion of the Director, the papers may be "Recorded."

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Under existing conditions it does not seem possible to do more than what is being done. With limited staff & account, we cannot have a show library open to all, other considerations apply.

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The library is open to the public now.
Such libraries will only be useful
& can only be used by those
who need to make a reference
to books or investigate some
question. To them nothing is
denied. In this sense it is open
to public. Others who have no
particular object, in view ~~and~~
~~however~~ need not be taken
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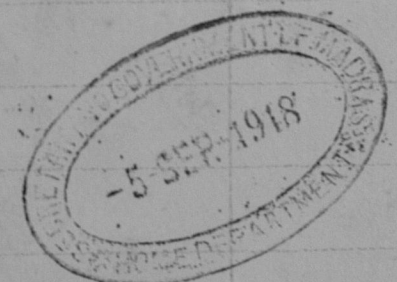
So when the general scheme
of copyright public libraries
comes to fruition, we may
then consider the question
of altering the existing procedure.

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