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[Despatch Abstract.]

Government Oriental Manuscripts Library.-

Sanctioning the loan of the originals of manuscripts
from the ----- to M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib S. Krishnaswami
Ayyangar Avargal, University Professor of Indian History
and Archaeology subject to certain conditions.

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Subject.

Submitting for the orders of Government a letter from
M.R.Ry. Rao Sahab S. Krishnaswami Ayyangar Avargal, Professor
of Indian History and Archaeology, University of Madras, apply-
ing for the loan of manuscripts from the Government Oriental
Manuscripts Library, Madras.

ENCLOSURES

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No. 9237/18

Station M a d r a s , Dated the 28 11 1918.

From (Name) The Honourable Mr. E. S. Duncan, Esq.
(Designation) Ag. Director of Public Instruction.

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

Sir,

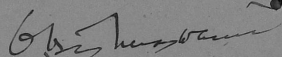
I have the honour to submit herewith a letter from
M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib S. Krishnaswami Ayyangar Avargal, Professor
of Indian History and Archaeology, University of Madras, apply-
ing for the loan of manuscripts from the Government Oriental
Manuscripts Library, Madras, together with a copy of the
Curator's letter, R C No. 156/18, dated 23rd November 1918
and to solicit the orders of Government as to whether the
Professor's request may be complied with subject to the --

restrictions proposed in the Curator's letter and subject also to the condition that the Manuscripts should not be taken out of Madras when the Professor happens to be on tour.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



for Director of Public Instruction.

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Letter from M.R. Ry. Rao Sahib S. Krishnaswami Ayyangar Avargal, M.A., M.R.A.S., F.R.His.S., Professor of Indian History and Archaeology, University of Madras, Sri Venkatesa Vilas, Nadu Street, Mylapore, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, dated 6th November 1918.

I have the honour to invite attention to the rules under which the Government Manuscripts Library is working at present and beg leave to point out that the relaxation of the rule prohibiting loan of manuscripts in special cases would conduce to enhance the utility of the institution.

The Library has none of the facilities for work there as it is housed at present and work on Manuscripts, it is hardly necessary to point out, requires special conveniences for lighting etc.

There are a great number of manuscripts of historical value catalogued and not yet catalogued in which I am interested. A preliminary examination of these would be necessary before a selection could be made for obtaining copies and this I could hardly carry on in the Library as it is. Even those already catalogued do in many cases pay perusal. The manuscripts in the Library are in a variety of scripts, all of which I have not the same facility to work with without Fundit assistance. It is hardly necessary to expatiate upon the value of manuscripts work for my researches. In the circumstances I shall esteem it a favour if you will be so good as to recommend my being exempted from the rule prohibiting borrowing, by special order if need be.

Letter from the Curator, Oriental Manuscripts Library, Madras R C No. 158/18 dated 23rd November 1918.

In retransmitting herewith M.R. Ry. Rao Sahib S. Krishnaswami Ayyangar's letter, referred to me for remarks in your N.R.C.No. 9237/18 dated 15th November 1918, I have the honour

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to submit that it is desirable to permit the relaxation of the rule prohibiting loan of manuscripts in exceptional cases. It seems to me, however, that even in exceptional cases such relaxation could be permitted only as far as is compatible with the interests of the Library and of its readers. Should it be decided to recommend to the Government of Madras for sanction, Mr. S. Krishnaswami Ayyanger's application, I would suggest that the loan of manuscripts should be subject to the following restrictions:-

(1) Not more than one manuscript at a time could be borrowed.

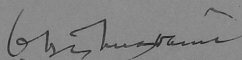
(2) A manuscript on loan should be safely returned to the Library within a month from the date of its issue or at any time when the Curator calls for it.

(3) Mr. S. Krishnaswami Ayyanger should make his own arrangements to receive the manuscripts and return them safely to the Library in due time.

(4) He should be entirely responsible for the safe custody of the manuscripts during the period of loan.

(5) The Curator may refuse the loan of any manuscript for special reasons such as the extremely injured condition of the manuscript or when there is particular need for its retention in the Library.

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for Director of Public Instruction.

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2. Amended Report

Subject: — Permission to borrow manuscripts from the Oriental Manuscripts Library.

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Please see G.O.s nos 925 Edt of 21.8.18 and 1115 Edt of 7.6.10.15 in which the Govt declined to comply with the former application made by the Syndicate on behalf of Mr R. S. Krishna Swami Ayyangar A.L. No new grounds have been brought forward in Mr Krishna Swami Ayyangar's present letter. Since 1915, in only one instance has the standing rule prohibiting the loan of manuscripts been departed from: M.R. M. Krishna Acharyar A.L., D. Munshi, Tanjore was permitted to borrow the books, entitled "Reports of Operations in Search of Manuscripts", subject to certain conditions. In this case, however, permission was granted, mainly because the publications at hand were printed reports. [vide G.O. no 906 Edt of 9.7.17]

2. The ^{now} Curator points out that it is desirable to relax the rules in exceptional cases, subject to certain restrictions proposed by him. It may be noted in this connection that Sir George Forbes

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Forbes observed as follows in 1908. —

"What we want are scholars to come forward to examine the numerous manuscripts and to cull out what is of value in them".

"Manuscripts are collected to be used by scholars and not to be locked away in charge of a Bureau, idle and useless."

3. For orders whether the recommendation of the Curator should be accepted as a special case.

6-12-08

The case of the University
Professor of Indian History
and Archaeology is special.

There seems to be some force in the representation made in the Professor's letter. He is one of the few scholars who are likely to make a systematic use of the manuscripts. He wants to remove them from the library for use only on account of the absence of facilities in the place

(The present D.P. Department supports the request)
for his proper study. The conditions proposed by the Curator and the D.P. seem sufficient to safeguard

secure the safe use of the manuscript borrowed. (If his friends (what we do) grant the request)

as a special case recommending for the 9.12.08
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East Oriental Manuscript Library

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 certain conditions

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In modification of the
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 as a special case, the loan
 to M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib S. Krishna
 Rao Ayyangar A.S.,
 Professor of Indian History and
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