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Copyright libraries.

Addressing the Government of India with reference to the
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FROM

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

Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
Madras.

Simla, the 14th March 1918.

Department of Education.
Books.

SIR,

The Government of India have recently had under consideration the question of the conferment of the privileges of a copyright library on the Imperial Library of Calcutta. Although this question was not raised at the time the Imperial Library was founded, they have long felt that India should possess an institution which should perform the function discharged for the United Kingdom by the British Museum, namely, that of taking and preserving for reference one copy of every Indian publication. I am to observe, in this connection, that while under Section 9 of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 (Act XXV of 1867) the printer of every book in India has to furnish the local Government with one copy and two such copies, if called for, for the British Museum and India Office library, the publisher of every book in the United Kingdom is required under the English Copyright Act, 1911 (1 and 2 Geo. 5 Ch. 46) to deliver at his own expense one copy to the British Museum and one copy of the publication, if called for, to the following libraries :-

- (1) The Bodleian Library, Oxford,
- (2) The Library of the Faculty of Advocates at Edinburgh,
- (3) The University Library, Cambridge,
- (4) The Library of Trinity College, Oxford, and
- (5) The National Library, Wales.

2. In view of the importance which is now attached to the development of the library resources in India, the Government of India are inclined to think that there ought to be more than one copyright library in India, and that it would be an advantage if there are four copyright libraries, one in Calcutta and the other three at Delhi, Madras and Bombay, so that the collections may be readily accessible to students and research workers in the different parts of the country. In the opinion of the Government of India the copyright libraries should take and preserve every publication without respect to value. In this way does it seem possible to avoid omitting works which will hereafter be an object of research or curiosity. For example, even a primer of an out of the way language may ultimately be found to contain some matter of special interest. Books which have no intrinsic value of their own or which possess little or no interest may at some time or other be useful to the students of Indian Social conditions.

3. To give effect to the above proposals it will be necessary to amend the Act XXV of 1867, so as to require four copies to be delivered under section 9 (a) instead of one. Before taking up the question of legislation, I am to say that the Government of India will be glad to be furnished with the views of the Local Government on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

E. D. MacLagan

Secretary to the Government of India.

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Subject.

Informing Government that the institution of copy-right libraries in India would not justify the increased expenditure involved.

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Station MADRAS., Dated the 14th May 1918. 191

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. J.H. Stone, M.A., F.R.H.S., C.I.E.,

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction

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

Sir,

With reference to Government endorsement No. 713 B-1 Home (Education) dated 9-4-18 regarding the question of instituting copy-right libraries in India, I have the honour to invite the attention of Government to the enclosed letter on the subject received from the Registrar of Books, Madras, R.C.No. 276/18 dated 2-5-18 and to state that if the collection of books now maintained by the Registrar of books is to be developed into a copy-right library for India at large, very considerable increase of accommodation and establishment will be necessary and that I presume that the necessary expenditure would be met

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by the Government of India. I do not, however, venture an opinion whether the utility of such a library would justify this increased expenditure.

2. I return herewith the enclosure received with the endorsement under reply.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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For Director of Public Instruction.

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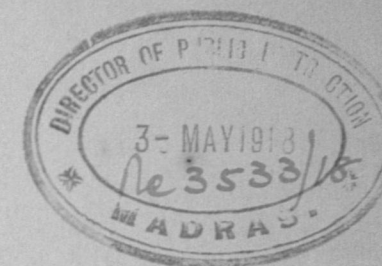
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Submitting proposals relating to the Copyright library in Madras.



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R.G. No. 276/18

Station Madras, Dated the 2nd May 1918.

From (Name) M.R. By. Rao Bahadur A.C. Pranasanthi Aiyar
Avl., B.A., I.S.O.,
(Designation) Registrar of Books.

To The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit your endorsement N.R.C. No. 3533/18 dated 24th April 1918 on the question of copyright libraries, with the following remarks relating to the establishment of such a library in Madras.

2. There is at present no library in Madras which contains a complete collection of all publications in the Presidency. Government publications are not sent to this Office for registration (vide G.O. No. 492 Edl. Misc. dated 7th May 1915) and its library, therefore, contains

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contemplate the collection at the Madras centre, among others, of all books--defined as such in the Act--printed in India, including, I presume, Government publications and publications by local boards and municipalities.

It is not clear, again, whether the collection should, or should not, include books printed in the Native States. In line 7 of the letter of the Government of India to the Madras Government, the expression 'every Indian publication' is used. I believe the proposed collection would be restricted to books printed in British India, though such a restriction may not fully secure the objects in view as stated in the letter.

3. Even excluding these publications, the proposals involve a very large expansion of the scope of work of this Office. There is first the question of accomodation. The existing godown accomodation is as insufficient as it is unsuitable. It is crammed with book-cases and card-catalogue-cases; reference is extremely inconvenient; and there is no room for student-visitors who have now to be accomodated in the single clerks' room. The out-house lent by you in your Proceedings Dis.No.6130/16 dated 14th September 1916 is used for old records and files of gazettes as a make-shift measure to relieve congestion. And yet every quarter more than a thousand publications come in which have to be placed in their appropriate shelves.

4. I think there must be separate accomodation for books received from each Province and nothing less than a large building containing about eight times the existing accomodation would be required. Perhaps when the College of Engineering is removed to Guindy, its present accomodation may suffice; i.e., if it is not otherwise disposed of; but I have not got an exact idea of the extent of the latter.

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Province and by the Registrar of that Province, as they are issued from the press; and that these publications with their accompanying memoranda of particulars should be registered and arranged province-war and finally checked with the quarterly catalogues received from each Province. This would necessitate a large amount of correspondence and library work and a thorough and extended revision of the Office establishment. The existing establishment is inadequate even for present purposes. The Headclerk should, I think, be an Officer in the cadre of Sub-Assistant Inspectors of Schools and the salaries of the clerks and readers below him should be more commensurate with the quality of the work done by them. They are not mere clerks, but readers as well, expected to possess the necessary literary knowledge of the languages they respectively deal with. There should also be a librarian appointed.

6. So much for the present establishment. The proposals under reference would mean the appointment of at least eight additional clerks at the rate of one for each major Province excluding Madras and one more for the rest. No linguistic considerations need, I think, come in in the appointment of these - clerks, the necessary particulars in respect to the Indian languages being furnished in English by the respective Registrars. The Headclerk should also be an Officer of higher status, styled the Manager of the Office and given the responsibility such management requires.

7. The above is a rough forecast of what would have to be done so as to give effect to the proposals; and I shall be glad to submit a worked-out scheme if and when it is required.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient Servant,

Arthur a Clerk

C/No. 713B From the Govt. of India No. 33 En. dated
14th March 1918

Subject: Establishment of copyright
libraries in India.

For the Registrar

With a view to the develop-
ment of the library resources in India, the Govt.
of India propose to consider the question of
establishing ~~some~~ copyright libraries in
India at important places like Calcutta,
Delhi, Madras and Bombay.

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2. Under Section 9 of the Press and
Registration of Books Act, 1867, the printer
of every book in India has to furnish
the local Govt. with one copy and two copies,
if called for, for the British Museum and
India Office. Under Section 15 clause 2 of the
English Copyright Act, 1911, the publisher
of every book in the United Kingdom
should deliver one copy to the British
Museum and one copy, if called for, to
5 important libraries in Great Britain.

3. The British Museum receives and keeps
for reference one copy of every book
published in the United Kingdom and

Pages 189-90 of the
book put up.

the Govt. of India have under consideration the question of converting the Imperial Library of Calcutta into a copyright library so that it may serve the same purpose in India as the British Museum Library serves in the United Kingdom; in this connection the suggestion is made that similar institutions may be established also in Delhi, Madras and Bombay.

4. The proposal necessitates the amendment of Sec 9 of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867, and the Govt. of India desire to be furnished with the views of the Local Govt. before taking up the question of legislation.

5. ^{Should} ~~the~~ the proposal ~~be~~ materialized the library of the Registrar of Books will ^{develop into a} ~~become the~~ copyright library for this Province. A Separate communication has been received from the Govt. of India as regards the principles to be observed in ~~preserving~~ ^{maintaining} the collection of books in the ~~the~~ library of the Registrar of Books intact. This case is being separately submitted.

6. The Govt. of India letter may, in the first instance, be referred to the D. I. for remarks. A draft ^{and} ~~the~~ is submitted for ^{approval} ~~approval~~.

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Home (Education) Department.

(Issued as Endorsement No.713 B-1, dated 9th April 1918.)

(C.No.1060 B.) From the D.P.I., No.C.3533/18, dated the 14th May 1918.

For the Registrar.

The D.P.I. forwards copy of a letter from the Registrar of Books in which a rough forecast of what should be done to convert the Registrar's Library into a copyright library is given. Although no detailed cost is given in regard to the increased accommodation and establishment required for the purpose, yet it would appear that a considerable amount of expenditure will have to be incurred if the proposal were given effect to. The D.P.I. is not however prepared to venture an opinion as to whether the utility of such a library would justify the very considerable increase of accommodation and establishment that would be necessary. He presumes that Government of India would be prepared to meet the necessary expenditure. It is however not likely that ^{that} the Government would be prepared to meet ^{it} the expenditure.

2. In this connection, it may be noted that the Government of India in their letter No.31, dated the 14th March 1918, have laid down certain principles for the proper maintenance of the Registrar's library and the questions of accommodation &c. have to be considered, to give effect to the instructions contained therein. The D.P.I. to whom this letter was forwarded for report has not yet submitted his reply.

3. The Registrar's presumption in para 2 of his letter that Government publications and publications

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included in the collection appears to be correct, although Government publications have been exempted from the provisions of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867. (vide Notification printed on page 4 of G.O.No.195, Financial, dated 13th March 1915) His presumption that the proposed collection would not include books printed in Native States appears to be correct since the Indian Copyright Act applies only to British India.

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4. As the Government of India desire to be furnished with the views of the Local Government before taking up the question of legislation to amend section 9 (a) of the Press and Registration of Books Act XXV of 1867 so as to require ~~four~~ ^{three} copies to be delivered instead of one, ~~it~~ ^{there} is for orders whether that Government may be told that although the proposal commends itself to this Government, they are doubtful whether the utility of such a copyright library would so far as this Presidency is concerned justify the very large expenditure necessary for ~~the~~ ^{the} provision of accommodation and for increase in establishment and that this Government presume that such expenditure would be met from ~~the~~ Imperial funds.

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So far as the question of amendment of the Act is concerned, we may agree. The new provision will as at present, be an enabling provision. It will take power to require printers to furnish four copies of the publications if called for, i.e. if and when the copyright is

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are instituted as contemplated by India,
we may at the same time tell
them that we are not in a position
to arrive at a definite decision as to
the necessity & utility of such a library
and of the consequential expenditure
on accommodation & establishment.

So far as Madras is concerned, we
have the Cornemara Public Library
which contains almost all the im-
portant publications of India & elsewhere
& the office of the Registrar of books, Madras,
~~and also~~ maintains, ~~or~~ will under the
new rules better maintain, all the publica-
tions of this Presidency. The latter
will be available to the public for
reference. If a copyright library
for all India ~~is established at all~~
~~is established at all~~ ~~is maintained in~~
~~is maintained in~~ is maintained in
each of the important cities, it will no
doubt be helpful for research work,
^{only} if the expenditure could be ^{easily} afforded.
In that case, vernacular publications
such as Bengali, Gujarati, Marathi
works may not be useful in
Madras, while Tamil, Telugu &
other South Indian may not be

useful in Northern India; & they may have to be eliminated.

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All the publications of this Presidency are now maintained by the Registrar of Books subject to rules under comment.

2. It is obviously unnecessary to obtain books in other Presidency vernaculars.

3. We are left with publications in other provinces, in the English language, & likely to interest Madras readers. Such will be few in number & probably available in the Connemara library elsewhere.

4. See also A page 3 above.

Draft saying that we do not want an all India Copyright library in Madras.

13/6/18

For the Registrar

A draft order and a letter are submitted for approval.

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His Excellency considers that a reply to this reference should be that we accept in principle the necessity of the establishment of copyright libraries in India and that as a single library of this kind would be inadequate for so large a country we also concur in the view that they should be established in different centres of which Madras would naturally be one. Until the final decision of the Government of India is announced and legislation undertaken it is unnecessary to consider details of accommodation or staff and whether it would be necessary to exercise in full the new privileges conferred by the Legislature.

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(By Order).

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I agree with H.E.

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in the G. & I.'s Letter, it may ¹⁴ I think, be added that we presume there is no intention to require provincial copyright libraries to preserve ^{all} publications in vernacular languages not spoken within the Province.

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For the Registrar

A revised draft order and a letter are submitted for approval.

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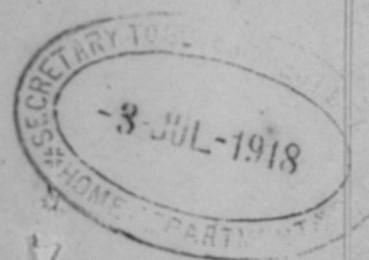
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C. No. 7133 From the Govt. of India Sept 1918 No. 33 dated 14. 8. 1918

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No. 873, dated 3-7-1918.

The Govt. of India will be addressed.

To, The D. P. I. (aro)

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The Secretary to the Govt. of India.
Dept of Education (Books).

Sir,

With reference to your letter
No. 33, dated the 14th March 1918,
regarding the establishment of
copyright libraries in India, I am
directed to state that H. E. The Governor
in Council accepts in principle

the necessity of the establishment
of copyright libraries in India and
that, as a single library of this kind
would be inadequate for so large a
country, ^(His Excellency in Council) ~~the Government~~ also concurs
in the view that such libraries should
be established in different centres
of which Madras would naturally
be one. ^(Forth however) ~~It is presumed~~ that there
is no intention to require provincial
copyright libraries to preserve all
publications in vernacular languages
^{which are} ~~not~~ spoken within the province.

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