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G.O. No. 325

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Tanjore Palace Library.-

Passing orders on the request of the Committee
of the ----- that the materials regarding the cata-
loguing of books and manuscripts in the -----, collected
under the orders of Government may be made available to it.

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Tanjore.
January 1919.

From,

The Secretary to the Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's
Saraswathi Mahal Library,

TANJORE.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Home (Education) Department,

MADRAS.

Sir,

I have the honour to invite your kind and early
consideration to the following subject.

2. From a perusal of the correspondence published in
G.O.No.1306 Home (Education) dated 5th October 1918, it
appears (a) that a catalogue of the European works in
this Library ^{has} ~~should have~~ been made by Mr. Dedwell,
Curator of the Madras Record Office and (b) that the
requisite materials for a complete catalogue of the
Sanskrit and Vernacular Manuscripts and books, in the
shape of catalogue slips etc. have been collected by
the temporary search party for the acquisition of
Oriental MS., which worked in this Library for about
seven months from October 1916 to April 1917.

3. Memorandum No.5343-1 Public dated 4th November 1916
printed in the first page of the above G.O.permitted the
Curator, Madras Record Office to visit the Tanjore
Palace Library for a week and memorandum No.2745/16-8,
Home (Education) dated 25th January 1917 printed at
page 2 of the said G.O., says that the officer abovenamed
"has made a valuation of the English as well as the
European works" in this Library. He should have first

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made a fairly detailed catalogue or at least a full list of the books before he could have made a valuation of the same.

4. Letters R.C.Nos.104/16 dated 26/27th March 1917 and 30th April 1917 of the Curator of the Government -- Oriental MS., Library Madras to the Director of Public Instructions printed at pages 4 and 5, and 6 to 11 of the G.O. under reference show in detail the nature of the work done by the search party at this Library and the collection of the requisite materials for a catalogue of the many Sanskrit and Vernacular books and MS., in this Library made by the party. Statement D proposed to be prepared by the Curator in paragraph 5 of his second letter above mentioned would have been very valuable indeed to the world of scholars but he was asked not to proceed with that work as appears from R.C.No.6840 of 1916 dated 10th May 1917 of the Director of Public --- Instructions printed at the top of page 11 of the G.O. I understand that the Curator did not consequently proceed with the preparation of his proposed statement D, nor does he now propose to do so as it would prejudice his duties in other directions. He has however in his possession important materials, catalogue slips, etc., prepared by the search party under his directions, which will greatly facilitate the preparation of a complete catalogue of the numerous Sanskrit and Vernacular books and MS., in this Library.

5. With the help and co-operation of a few earnest and competent workers in the cause of learning, I am --

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endeavouring to bring out a complete catalogue of all the books and MS., European and Indian in this Library and it will be a source of very great help and encouragement if the Government will be pleased to place at the disposal of this Library the fruits of the labours of Mr. ~~Dodwell~~ and the search party, mentioned in paragraphs 3 and 4 above.

6. The question of the pecuniary valuation of the Library does not, happily now arise, and I may say that any separate memoranda made by Mr. Dodwell and the Search party and relating exclusively to valuation, are not required by me.

7. Under the above circumstances, I request you will be so good as to obtain the permission of Government to let this Library have the benefit of the work of Mr. Dodwell and the search party and to issue instructions to him and the Curator Government Oriental MS., Library Madras to transmit to this Library all the information collected by them which will facilitate the endeavour explained above. I request also that any orders that may be passed in this matter may be communicated to me.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. Sankaralingam

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Secretary, T.M.S.S.M. Library, Tanjore.

Subject.

Cataloguing of Mss.
& Books in the Tanjore
Palace Library

to 215/B, from the Secy. to the Tanjore Palace
Library Committee, R.C. No. 15/19, dt 21.1.19.

There is no doubt that the materials for cataloguing the manuscripts and books of the Tanjore Palace Library collected by Mr. Dodwell and the temporary search party of the Govt. Oriental Mss. Library will be useful to the Committee of the former library. The question is whether these materials should be placed outright at the disposal of the Committee or whether the Committee should be allowed only to make use of them. The first alternative seems to be of doubtful expediency since these materials were had at Govt. cost and ~~since~~ their preservation in a Govt. institution may be otherwise useful. Perhaps we may ask the Librarian of the Govt. Oriental Mss. Library and Mr. Dodwell to forward the records in question to the Secy. of the Tanjore Palace Library & ask the latter to ~~now~~ return them after taking copies. The D. P. S. may also be consulted w/o.

Prima facie there would be no use for these preliminary materials for ^{onward} distribution ~~or distribution~~ when the



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Complete catalogue which is under
contemplation is prepared
& made available. There need
therefore be no question as to
whether the materials may be
handed over to the Tanjore
library outright or otherwise.
We may agree to give the
materials which should obviously
be very useful at Tanjore
D.P. may be consulted re.

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Office of D.P.

The slips (or rough card catalogue) which form
the preliminary material contain information which will not
be published. I am not therefore prepared to advise that
they be handed over outright to the Tanjore Library
Committee. I advise that the material collected by
Govt. be made available for use by the Tanjore Library
Committee ~~provided~~ on condition that all information
regarding appointments be treated as confidential and
be not published, that all materials taken by the
Committee be returned when finished with or on demand
by Govt. and that all charges incurred in this
connection be met by the Committee.

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A draft order based on the Director's note is
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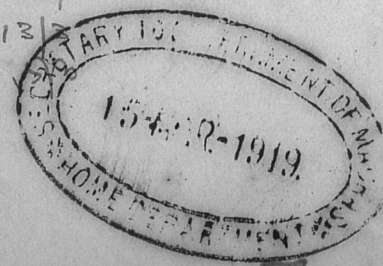
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of the — that the materials are: the Cataloguing of books
& Mss: collected under the orders of Govt: may be
made available to it.

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Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswati Mahal Library,
" " " " D.C. No. 15/19, d/1, 31. 1. 1919
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The Govt: are unable to
place unreservedly at the
disposal of the Committee of
the Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's
Saraswati Mahal the preli-
minary materials for
cataloguing the manuscripts
and books of the Tanjore
Palace Library collected
under the orders of Govt: —
by Mr. Dodwell and the
Temporary Search party for
the acquisition of Oriental Mss: —
They have however no objection
to the materials being made

available for the use of the
Library Committee subject to
the following conditions:-

- (i) That all information regard-
ing appointment of the books &
Mss: in the library is treated
as confidential and not published;
- (ii) That all materials taken by
the Committee are returned when
finished with or on demand by
or on behalf of Govt.; and
- (iii) That all charges incurred in
the transmission of the records to
and from the Committee.

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To the D.P. J. (40)

... Curator, General (40)

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... Curator, M.R.O. (40) (940)

... Secy. to the Committee of
the Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's



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FROM

The Secretary to the Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's
Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore.

TO,

The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras
Home (Education) Dept. Madras



Disposal
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(Kalam)

I have the honour to request an
early reply to my R.C. No. 15/19 dated January
last in the matter of placing this library in
possession of materials already gathered for
making a complete Catalogue of the numerous
manuscripts and books of this library.

I have the honour to be
Your most obedient servant

J. Sambamurti
Secretary
"J. M. S. S. M." Library

Tanjore

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