

Government of Madras

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 612, 14th May 1919

Report

Recording the — on the working of the Tanjore Maharaja Sarfoji's Sarasvati Mahal Library, Tanjore, for 1918-19.

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Dated—the 9th May 1919.

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With a view to remedy the above positive defects, the Committee is proposing certain improvements and additions to the library premises to the Collector and Government Agent and it trusts that its proposals will have the best consideration at the hands of the Government.

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* Rupees 500 in column (2) is the Government's temporary grant.

B—Statement of expenses and debits for 1918-19.

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Library expenses.																		
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Balance to the credit of the library at the close of 1918-19.

	RS.	₹.	P.
Total receipts as per statement A	1,873	6	0
Total expenses and debits as per statement B	1,773	15	6
A. Balance on hand	99	6	6
of which 71 12 8 is library money.			
and 27 9 10 is parties' money.			
	99	6	6

Amount.

B. 1. In the Tanjore Post Office Savings Bank Public Account No. 34008	1,000	0	0
2. With the Accountant-General, Madras, in the amount of Rs. 2,750 interest on the endowment for the half- year ending 14th February 1919 drawn by him out of which he has (a) adjusted to the credit of the Govern- ment Rs. 500 the temporary grant as per G.O. No. 73, Home (Education), dated 20th January 1919, and (b) sent to the library in March 1919, Rs. 1,250.			
The balance with him thus is only	1,000	0	0
On 31st March 1919	2,000	0	0
Total ..	2,099	6	6

Order—No. 612, Home (Education), dated 14th May 1919.

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(True extract)

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Secretary to the Committee of the Tanjore Maharaja Sarfoji's Sarasvati Mahal.

Copy to the	Director of Public Instruction.
" "	Accountant-General.
" "	Collector of Tanjore.
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Home DEPARTMENT.

Recording the report on the working of ^(Ed. 21)
the Tanjore Mahasaya Sanjivani Sanskrit Mahal Library
Tanjore, for 1918-19.

READ AGAIN G.O. No., dated 191

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READ ALSO:—

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C. No. 946/B. From the Secy. to the ^{Committee of the} Tanjore No. R.E. 129 dated 9.5.1920
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Notes:- The question of remedying the defects in the present accommodation of the library ^(referred to in para 7 & 8 of the report) will ^{report} be brought up for consideration of Govt.

pages at pp 4 + 5 of the report.

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HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT
G.O. No. 612, 14th May 1919
Report

Recording the — on the working of the Tanjore Maharaja Sarfoji's Sarasvathi Mahal Library, Tanjore, for 1918-19.

READ—the following paper:—

Letter—from M.R. Ry. T. SAMBAMURTHI Rao Avargal, Secretary to the Tanjore Maharaja Sarfoji's Sarasvathi Mahal Library, Tanjore.
To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.
Dated—the 9th May 1919.
No.—R.C. 129/19-20.

I have the honour to submit herewith the administration report of this library for 1918-19 as per clause 13 of the scheme framed by the Government in G.O. No. 1306, Home (Education), dated 5th August 1918.

ENCLOSURE

Letter—from the Administrative Committee of the Tanjore Maharaja Sarfoji's Sarasvathi Mahal Library, Tanjore.
To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.
Dated—the 9th May 1919.

The Committee begs to submit its report on the administration of the library and its endowment for the official year 1918-19 as per clause 13 of the scheme framed by Government in G.O. No. 1306, Home (Education), dated 5th October 1918.

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Copies were made of 15 manuscripts for the public and 11 manuscripts for the library. The library copies are for the purpose of preserving valuable matter contained in very old, fragile and decaying manuscripts on palm leaf and paper.

To facilitate the work referred to in the next following paragraph, the office staff has revised and made new lists, during February and March 1919, of 964 Sanskrit manuscripts, of which 502 are on palm leaf, 462 on paper and of 539 Marathi manuscripts.

One thousand eight hundred and forty-one palm leaf manuscripts have been dusted and cleaned, including 300 manuscripts in the Tamil language.

5. Steps have been taken for systematic detailed catalogues being prepared of the numerous books and manuscripts in European and Indian languages in the library and the Committee is obliged to a few gentlemen who have kindly undertaken to do the work. It is too soon to make any report on this matter and the Committee hopes to be able to report some substantial progress in its next annual report.



HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT
G.O. No. 612, 14th May 1919

Report
Regarding the — on the working of the Tanjore Mahatma Sarathi's Sanskrit Mahal
Library, Tanjore, for 1918-19.

Read—the following paper:
Letter—from M. R. T. SAMANURTHI, Secretary to the Tanjore
Mahatma Sarathi's Sanskrit Mahal Library, Tanjore.
To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.
Date—the 24th May 1919.
No.—R.C. 129/19-20.

I have the honour to submit herewith the administration report of this library
for 1918-19 as per clause 13 of the scheme framed by the Government in G.O.
No. 1306, Home (Education), dated 5th October 1918.

Enclosures:
Letter—from the Administrative Committee of the Tanjore Mahatma Sarathi's
Sanskrit Mahal Library, Tanjore.
To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.
Date—the 24th May 1919.

The Committee begs to submit its report on the administration of the library and
its endowment for the official year 1918-19 as per clause 13 of the scheme framed by
Government in G.O. No. 1306, Home (Education), dated 5th October 1918.

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the scheme. At its first meeting held on 21st January 1919 the Committee framed
rules relating to the use of the library by the public as the library became public
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framed regarding the procedure and transaction of business at its own meetings. The
maintenance of proper accounts, minute books, etc. The above rules have been duly
published in the Tanjore Gazette, dated 10th January 1919. Three other
meetings were held on 18th January 1919, 15th February 1919, and 22nd March
1919 at the last of which the budget for the next official year 1919-20 was passed as
required in clause 13 of the scheme.

3. Possession of the library was however handed over to the Committee by the
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was of opinion that the court should be moved by judicial proceedings to hand over
possession. Petitions were put in accordingly on 21st January 1919 by the
Government Pleader and by the first defendant in the suit (O.S. No. 25 of 1918),
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library. The library copies are for the purpose of preserving valuable matter contained
in very old, fragile and decaying manuscripts on palm leaf and paper.

To facilitate the work referred to in the next following paragraph, the office
staff has revised and made new lists during February and March 1919, of 364
Sanskrit manuscripts, of which 502 are on palm leaf, 402 on paper and of 533
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work. It is too soon to make any report on this matter and the Committee hopes to
be able to report some substantial progress in its next annual report.

6. Statements of receipts and disbursements are appended which will show how
the income of the endowment has been used.

7. The Committee begs to bring to the notice of the Government the need that
is keenly felt for more accommodation and better light and air. The library is located
in a long hall 110 feet north to south by 34 feet east to west. There are 14 big
book cases and 14 slightly smaller ones packed full of books and manuscripts. More
book cases are required for properly arranging the large number of books and
manuscripts, already in the library and the fresh additions that have to be made.
Chairs and tables for the office staff and six copyists take up most of the remaining
space. To secure proper light the book cases are now arranged north to south facing
west in the middle of the hall along its entire length as there is open space only on the
west side, the north and south sides being completely and the east side mostly blocked
up by adjoining buildings. Thus practically the eastern half of the hall behind the
row of book cases along its length is dark and on the western half the office staff and
copyists numbering 14 have to sit and work in addition to the Secretary and the
readers whom the library is now attracting since it became public.

8. Lack of accommodation for the large number of visitors to the library is keenly
felt. The necessity of reading aloud in the present confined space for the purpose of
comparison the various copies made both for the library and for the public in varied
Indian languages inconveniences both staff and visitors and it is detrimental to accurate
work. The hall is directly open for all its length to the sun after 1 p.m. and is badly
ventilated and the heat is excessive. There is no separate office room for the
Secretary and no separate place for the Committee's meetings. The single long hall
has to serve all purposes.

With a view to remedy the above positive defects, the Committee is proposing
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Sub-Enclosures. (1)

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Particulars		Rs.		P.	
Total Receipts	1918-19	1,873	6	0	
	1919-20	1,773	15	6	
Total Receipts		3,646	21	6	
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Balance on hand		99	6	6	
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and 27 9 10 is parties money.					
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On 31st March 1919 2,000 0 0

Total .. 2,099 6 6

Order—No. 612, Home (Education), dated 14th May 1919.

Recorded.
(True extract)R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Secretary to the Committee of the Tanjore Maharaja Sarfoji's Sarasvati Mahal.

Copy to the Director of Public Instruction.

" " Accountant-General.

" " Collector of Tanjore.

" " Public Works Department.

" " District Judge of Tanjore.

" " Public (Political) Department.

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