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Subject.

Enclosing a letter from the Principal Librarian of the Connemara Public Library regarding suggestions contained in Resolution No. IV and Sub clause (5) of Resolution No. XIV of the last All India Conference of Librarians.

ENCLOSURES

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Ref. on Cur. No. 5890/18,

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Station Madras , Dated the 14th August 1918. 191

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

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Home (Education) Department.

Sir,

With reference to para 3 of G.O. No. 840 Home (Education) dated 26th June 1918, inviting remarks on the suggestions contained in Resolution No. IV and sub clause (5) of Resolution No. XIV of the last All India Conference of Librarians, I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from the Principal Librarian of the Connemara Public Library and to state that I am in agreement with him on both the points touched on in his letter.

I have the honour to be,
S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

G. Krishnamoorti
for Director of Public Instruction.

P.V.S.

Connemara Public Library

GOVERNMENT MUSEUM,

Pantheon Road, Egmore,

Madras, 26th July 1918.

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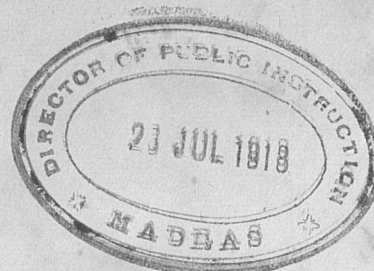
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From

J. R. Henderson, Esq., C. I. E., M. B. C. M.,
Principal Librarian, Connemara Public Library
and SUPERINTENDENT,

GOVERNMENT MUSEUM,

Madras,



To

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

SIR,

With reference to your Ref. on C. No. 5890 of 1918 dated 23rd July 1918 requesting me to favour you with my remarks and suggestions on certain Resolutions passed at the All-India Conference of Librarians held at Lahore in January last I have the honour to reply as follows:-

Resolution IV. Facilities for Soldiers.

Although considerable numbers of British Soldiers have visited the Madras Museum during the past few years, very few of them take advantage of the adjoining Connemara Public Library, which is open from 7 A.M. to 5.30 or 6 P.M. The Library, which is a purely reference library and therefore deficient in works which would be included in the Category of "light literature", does not appear to attract soldier readers. The provision

of suitable books and magazines at convenient centres, such as Fort St. George, the Y. M. C. A., and the Soldiers Club, Mount Road, would in my opinion be the best way of putting reading facilities in the way of the soldier. I propose, however, in the Commemara Public Library to reserve a special table for books, magazines, etc. relating to the war, and to instruct the Library Staff to direct the attention of Soldiers to this table. I would also propose to place on this table a printed notice, to the effect that Soldiers may consult the Principal Librarian or Sub-Librarian, during office hours, as to the best books on Indian or other subjects on which information is desired.

Resolution XIV, sub-clause (5). Reference librarians. If the term "reference librarian" is applied to an officer whose chief duties will consist in helping persons who desire to make use of the Library I do not think there is any immediate need for such an appointment in the Commemara Public Library. Comparatively few references are made to the Library by persons residing outside Madras, but they are always attended to with promptitude and arrangements have more than once been made to have extracts copied from books. If it

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is thought necessary a printed notice could be exhibited at the entrance to the Library inviting persons in search of special information to consult the Principal Librarian or Sub-Librarian during office hours.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

J. N. Henderson

Principal Librarian

Home (Education) Department

LETTER:-N^o. 174573-1

To
The General Officer Commanding
9th (Secunderabad) Division.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of Resolution No. IV of the All-India Conference of Librarians regarding the provision of facilities for reading and study by British soldiers in India together with the suggestions of the Government of India thereon.

2. The Principal Librarian, Commemara Public Library who was consulted on the subject states as follows:-

(Here enter ^{remarks on} Resolution IV on pp. 2-3 c.f.).

3. I am directed to request that you will be so good as to furnish this Government with your views on the subject.

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Letter

General Officer Commanding
Secundrabad

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I am directed to
bring your attention to the
fact that the letter no 1445 B-1
dated the 6th September 1918
regarding the provision of
facilities for reading and
study by British soldiers in
India and to request that
an early reply may be
sent thereto.

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The General Officer Commanding
Secundrabad

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SUBJECT

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No. 02002/2/A.1.

Office of HEADQUARTERS, 9th. Division,

Station BANGALORE, Date 9th NOVEMBER, 1918.

FROM

THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING,

9th (Secunderabad) Division.

To

THE Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Home (Education) Department,

M A D R A S.

Sir,

With reference to your No.1745-B.1, dated 6th. September, 1918, I have the honour to inform you that I consider the Resolution passed by the All-India Conference of Librarians, held at Lahore 4th-8th January, 1918, an excellent proposal, but there are very few soldiers either at Ootacamund or Madras who would benefit.

2. I think that useful work would be done if a catalogue ^{be} supplied and Y.M.C.A.s and recognized Institutes could obtain books on loan at the request of soldiers at Bangalore, Secunderabad and other large stations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Sgt. Col. Brig.-Genl.
for Major-General,

COMMANDING, 9th (Secunderabad) Division.

ESV. 19.11.18.

NOTES.

Home (Education) Department.

(C. No.1745 B), From the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, No.5890, dated 15th August 1918.

Subject.- Remarks of the D.P.I. and the Principal Librarian, Commemara Public Library, on the suggestions in Resolutions Nos. IV and XIV(5) of the All India Conference of Librarians.

Please see the notes and orders in G.O. No. 840, Fden., dated the 26th June 1918, In para 3 of the order the D.P.I. was requested to offer his remarks in consultation with the Commemara Public Library on the suggestions contained in Resolution No. IV and sub clause (5) of the Resolution No. XIV of the All India Conference of Librarians.

2 Resolution No. IV (Facilities for soldiers).

In regard to this resolution the Government of India suggested that "local Governments should do what they can to arrange for such facilities after proper consultation with the local military authorities and with the persons in charge of the larger libraries from whom assistance can be obtained". With reference to this, the Principal Librarian, Commemara Public Library, states that very few British soldiers take advantage of the Library, that the library which is a purely reference library and deficient in works of "light literature" does not attract soldiers and that the best way of affording reading facilities for them is to provide available books and magazines at convenient centres such as the Fort St. George, the Y.M.C.A. and the Soldiers Club, Mount Road". He however proposed to reserve

a special table with books and magazines &c. relating to war and to direct the attention of the soldiers to this table. He also proposes to place a notice thereon to the effect that soldiers may consult the Principal Librarian, or the Sub Librarian for information required. The D.P.I. agrees with the suggestions of the Principal Librarian. Before they are approved, submitted that the General Officer Commanding, 9th (Secunderabad) Division, may be consulted and his opinion obtained.

3. Resolution XIV, sub clause (5). Institution of reference libraries.

The Govt. of India commend the attention of the local Government to the suggestion of the conference regarding the institution of reference libraries and the appointment of reference librarians in Government libraries. The Principal Librarian states that there is no immediate need for the appointment of a reference librarian in the Commemara Public Library and that if it is considered necessary, a printed notice could be exhibited at the entrance to the library inviting persons in search of special information to consult the Principal Librarian or the Sub-Librarian during office hours. Submitted that the views of the Principal Librarian which are agreed to by the D.P.I. may be accepted.

3. A draft letter to the General Officer Commanding, 9th (Secunderabad) Division, is submitted for approval.

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Done
my friend

p. 5 ch [Letter to the G.O.B. 9th Sec^d Dⁿ No 1745B-1
of 6.9.18.]

For the Reg^r.

Draft reminder to
G.O.B. 9th Sec^d Dⁿ is submitted.

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[Letter to the G.O.B. 9th Sec^d Dⁿ No 1745B-2 of 9.11.18]

From the G.O.B. 9th Sec^d Dⁿ No 02002/2/175/21.18

For the Reg^r.

While G.O.B. 9th Sec^d Dⁿ,
while recognizing the usefulness of
the resolution passed by the All-India
Conference of Librarians in regard
to facilities for soldiers for reading
and study, ^{states} ~~expresses~~ that there
very few soldiers either at Madras
or Cochinamund who would benefit
by the proposal. He considers that
useful work would be done if a catalogue
could be supplied and Y.M.C.A's and
recognized institutes could obtain
books on loan at the request of
soldiers at Bangalore, Secunderabad
and other large stations.

It may be noted that the

Para 2 of the letter
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Cannemara Public Library is purely a reference library. No books and periodicals are lent out of it. In connection with the consideration of the question of facilities to be granted to serious enquirers who may desire to consult any scientific periodical available in the library, the Principal Librarian suggested that such periodicals ~~might~~ ^{might} be lent out for short periods to the enquirers whose residence is in Madras or its immediate vicinity against a cash deposit of Rs 20 according to the rules applicable in the case of the Madras University Library. The Govt. however, were not inclined to adopt the above suggestion:— vide para 3 of the office note on p-17 of the notes to G.O. No 1355-6 Home (G.O.) of 30. X. 1917. It is for consideration whether the Principal Librarian should be consulted on the ^{adoption} ~~adoption~~ of the G.O.'s present suggestion. If this is considered unnecessary, the draft order ^{and the draft letter} submitted below are for approval.

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Under the G.O.'s proposal, the books will only be lent to the recognised institutions and the soldiers are to have the books

only for reference & reading at the institutions. Even this entails the removal of the book from the Library and we cannot have the Collections always full for visitors. Prima facie the proposal is not feasible. We may however consult the Librarian & the D.P.I. as to the matter. They may be able to suggest some other means of meeting the G.O.'s desire.

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Librarian, Connemara Library } no
D.P.I.

L.D.S.

6-12-18

Connemara Public Library,
Madras, 8th January 1919.

In my opinion it would be very undesirable to lend books out of the Connemara Library, even to institutions in Madras. Regular readers would be deprived of works of reference & there would probably be considerable difficulty in working the scheme.

The only suggestion I can offer is that a selection of light literature & periodicals, with perhaps a few general works relating to India, be supplied to institutions which are largely frequented by soldiers.

M.H.

3.1.19
Principal Librarian
Connemara Public Library

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M^r Henderson does not favour the proposal to lend Books out of the Commemorative Library. The suggestion at "K" on p. 5 ante has already been put forward by him in his letter to the R.P.J. no 101 of 26.7.18. Mr L.O.B., to whom this letter was forwarded, did not offer any remarks ~~on~~ on this point, but merely referred to the loan of Books to recognised institutes. It seems therefore unnecessary to consider the above suggestion now. If so, the drafts submitted below are for approval.

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C. No. 17458, From the A. P. J., No. 5890, dated 15.8.1918

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Letter No 67 of 17.1.19
To
The General Officer Commanding
of the Secunderabad Div.
Sir,
With reference to the
suggestion contained in para
2 of your letter No 02002/2/A-1
dated the 21st November 1918

of facilities for reading and
study by British soldiers in
India, I am directed to state
that, under the existing rules,
no books or periodicals are
lent out of the Commemorative
Public Library.

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