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provision under donations to scientific societies - Notes  
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Council Office.

14th March 1921.

Resolution on the budget.

Diwan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rau.

The Law (Education) Department

The Finance Department.

330. That the demand of

Rs. 2,500 under 30 C.-Scientific Departments

Donations to Scientific Societies- be

reduced by Rs. 100.

Law (Edn) Dept

The details under this head provide for the following grants:—

Free Arts Society — Rs 1000  
Madras Literary Society — Rs 1,500.

2 Edn V.R. 15 not concerned with this  
The grants are disbursed by the  
budget head. The Resolution may be  
transferred to Finance w/o.

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Finance (w/o).



Please see the <sup>Law</sup>~~Home~~ (Edner) works on page 1 ante.

Madras Literary Society. The question of grants to this Society was examined in connection with a query ~~made~~ by C, and the papers are now in Law (Edner) Dept. A building has been provided by Govt. at its expense and handed over to the Society for which it pays a rent of Rs. 50 p.m. As this does not cover the full rent of the building leviable under the P.W.D code, the difference in rent is paid as a contribution to the Society. All the complete papers are in Law (Edner) Dept. & the subject is one which concerns ~~both~~ them.

Madras Fine Arts Society.

An annual contribution of Rs. 1000 <sup>has been</sup> ~~is~~ paid to the Society for a long time past ~~for~~ for the purpose of annual Fine Arts Exhibition etc. ~~and~~ <sup>(over years)</sup> The disbursement of the annual

(see link 2)

[Papers in Law (Edner)  
There is nothing to prevent  
Ful from getting the file  
from this Dept.]

No -  
[The subject is one which  
has all along been dealt  
with in Ful. Not Dept  
furnished in the linked  
file the information  
required by C.]

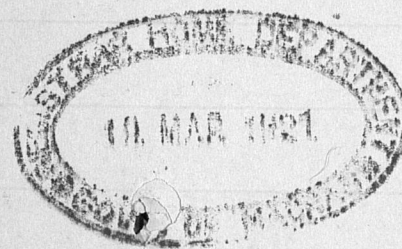
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Grant are revised here as a  
matter of routine. Submitted  
that the subject is allied to  
other scientific societies and  
Museums etc.

The head 'Donations to  
Scientific Societies' has been  
treated as 'transferred' & it is  
M, who ~~has~~ moves the grant  
under the head. Submitted  
~~therefore~~ that the file may be  
returned to the Law (Edt.)  
dept., who ~~should~~ <sup>should</sup> have to deal  
with the Resolution.

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The reduction proposed being only  
Rs 100 it appears that Mr Ramachandra  
Rao wishes to raise the question  
of principle

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The file dealing with grants  
to the Madras Literary Society is subms



linked - pp. 3-4 of notes herein give complete information in the matter. It is submitted that all the previous papers on the subject have been dealt with in the Finance <sup>Dept</sup> and it is not clear why that dept. could not continue to deal with it in future merely because M. moves the head 'donations to scientific societies'. It would seem that Finance should deal with this subject <sup>(as well as the Fine Arts Society)</sup> as in the case of the Nilgiri library.

2. The file may be submitted to M. for order.

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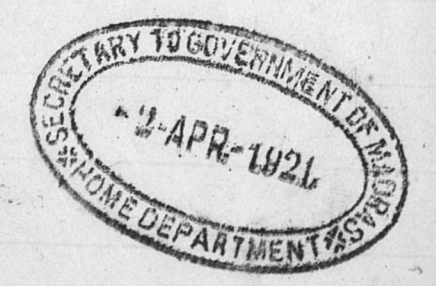
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M. Resolution withdrawn.

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Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU :— "Sir, I beg to move—

2. That the demand of Rs. 2,500 under 30-C. Scientific departments—  
to Donation to scientific societies be reduced by Rs. 100.

"If Honourable Members will turn to page 120 of the budget, they will find that the Fine Arts Society gets Rs. 1,000 and the Madras Literary Society gets Rs. 1,500. I know from my own personal experience of the previous budgets that these two items have been on the budget estimates for a good long time. I believe it was during last year or before the last that the question of rendering some aid to village libraries came up for consideration before the Legislative Council and a resolution was brought forward. An amount of Rs. 20,000 was allotted for distribution to all these village libraries. Subsequently I made enquiries as to how the distribution was made and Mr Gwynn, the Publicity Officer, who was entrusted with the scheme of distribution of it told me that it was under consideration and sent me the tentative scheme. My object in bringing up this matter is to know why this grant of Rs. 20,000 which was made last year has been omitted this year. If the Government believe in popular education, as I believe the new Minister does believe, I should like to know the reason why this contribution should be cut out and why the libraries should not receive it this year also. My own experience of village libraries is that they are doing very useful work in promoting popular education. They are spread all over the Presidency and they exist in all districts. I submit that this grant should have been continued and I trust that the Honourable the Minister would see his way to put that back in the budget."

The Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur A. SUBBARAYULU REDDIYAR :—"I can assure my Honourable friend that I am prepared to examine the whole matter."

Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU :—"Does the examination merely mean the ordinary examination? I wish he would go further and that he would find the necessary money the need for which has already been established."

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT :—"What is the amount that is required?"

Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU :—"It is Rs. 20,000, Sir. It was put in the budget last year for distribution to all these libraries. I wish my friend would make up his mind a little more definitely and say that if funds are available he will give it. Certainly I have no objection to put it in that way. (A voice—Is it for the whole sum?). I am not going to enter into a bargain whether it should be Rs. 5,000 or Rs. 10,000. The grant made last year was Rs. 20,000 and I would ask that this amount be restored."

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The Hon'ble Mr. C. G. TODHUNTER :—"Sir, I thought that I was to be ready for a viva voce examination at short notice on the grants to the Fine Arts Society and the Madras Literary Society. I find that the point really is that the Honourable Member wishes for grants for village libraries. I cannot tell him exactly the reason why there has been no provision this year. I think some difficulty was found in dividing a scheme for using the Rs. 20,000 already allotted and we have not been able to use it in consequence. But I can promise him that his proposition will be placed before the Cabinet and that, if we can find the money, we will make the provision he wishes."

Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU :—"I am satisfied with this assurance, Sir."

Mr. T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—"Sir, it is not merely village libraries but there are towns like Madura and elsewhere in which popular efforts have built up libraries more or less for the purpose of helping enquirers and students of oriental research and of historical research and for the study of various subjects which will interest the public. Every one of these libraries, though largely supported by endowments and donations by wealthy and even middle class people, still require to be helped. It is surprising to hear from the Hon'ble Finance Member that though a sum of Rs. 20,000 was allotted last year they were unable to find a scheme of distribution. I hope the assurance now given will bear fruit and that Government will allot a decent sum and call for information from people who will be able to suggest the names of libraries which require help which, if rendered, will produce very good results."

Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU :—"Sir, I trust that Government will make up their mind to adopt a scheme of distribution. I am surprised at the difficulties of the Government in framing a scheme. I hope they will overcome this difficulty and find out a way of distributing the amount. I wish to suggest that the amount may be placed at the disposal of local bodies. The Government are trusting district boards in so many other matters. It is certain that district boards will find a way of passing on the funds to libraries. I think it is a



very simple matter but if the Government are going to lay down elaborate principles in the distribution of this amount and impose restrictions of a very irksome nature it might be somewhat difficult to distribute this amount.  
"I beg to withdraw the motion."

The motion was by leave withdrawn.

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT:—"Before I go to the next subject may I say just a word? It is a well understood principle laid down in the Standing Orders that Honourable Members at this stage have the right to bring in motions for omission or reduction of grants, but proposals for expenditure are not really supposed to be put forward. The Honourable Member, I do not blame him for it, has in moving a motion for the reduction of a grant, proposed an increase of expenditure. I am not quite certain on the point, and I do not want to commit myself to any definite view. I would have this question examined, and I do not want this to be taken as a precedent. Otherwise we shall have a large number of proposals which may be brought forward for new expenditure not provided for in the budget."

Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU:—"I am perfectly satisfied Sir, that this is the only way in which we can draw the attention of the House to the necessity for increased expenditure in the budget. I am confident that I can satisfy you that it is the only way."

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT:—"I will wait till the Honourable Member satisfies me by furnishing me with authorities later on, and I shall examine the question. Pending such examination I want to reserve my opinion as to the appropriateness of this procedure. With that I may pass on to the next subject."

Demand No. XIV under "Scientific departments (other than hydro-electric) for an amount not exceeding Rs. 49 lakhs" was put to the Council and was granted *nem con.*

It will be observed from the extract from the Council Proceedings above that the Govt. promised to provide, if possible, a sum of Rs. 20,000 for public libraries. A sum of Rs. 20,000 has accordingly been provided for the purpose in the current year's Budget Estimate and orders distributing the sum have issued in G.O. No. 719 Law (Gen) of 3-5-1921. Submitted that these papers may now be

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