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(Education)

Ordinary SERIES.

G.O. No. 2170

DATED 21-12-1925

[Despatch Abstract.]

Library--Muhammadian Public, Madras---Grant towards  
improvements to buildings--declined.



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In their memorandum quoted above the Government expressed their inability to entertain the previous application for a grant from the President of the above Library for want of specific provision in the budget for 1924-25. As the current year is about to expire, the President of the Library has renewed his application and requests that necessary provision may be made at least in the Budget Estimate for the next year. I agree with my predecessors in thinking that the institution deserves the support of Government and that the extension proposed will add very much to the convenience of the users of the Library in view of the facts that it is becoming more and more popular and useful and that the number of visitors is on its increase every year. I therefore recommend that the Government will be pleased to include in next year budget the sum of Rs.2,000/- already recommended in



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in this letter No.163/23 dated 31st March 1924.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

*Mamachandraswami*  
28 Jan 25  
Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends.

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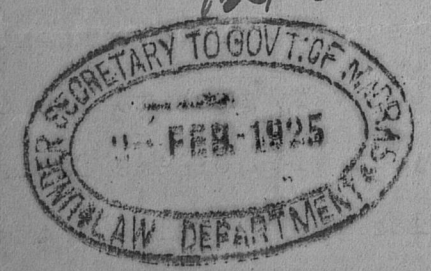
Please see the previous Chief Secy's  
and the H. M's remarks on page 20 of  
Memo No. 1040 C-2 of 28.8.24. Subj: *Edn*  
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Mr. Marsden's Speech.

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Mr. Marsden said that he was obliged to his Muhammadan friends for the compliments they have paid him in asking him to preside at the annual meeting of their public library. His friend the Moulvi Sahib, their excellent Secretary had told him he need only come in, sit down give five minutes to hear the Report read and go away again. Another gentleman had told him he hope he would give them some good advice. He thought that perhaps they had had enough advice lately from many quarters. And for advice to be valuable it was necessary that the adviser should know more than those he advised of the matter on which he advised them doubted whether he knew more than most of the gentleman there at present, among whom he saw there older and more experienced than himself of the measure likely to benefit the Muhammadan community for that he took it was the subject on which advice was asked for. On the benefit of education all were agreed, and that English education was the great necessity of the time for Muhammadans, he trusted that the gentlemen present admitted. He was glad to congratulate them on the success of their community in the recent degree examination. And he hoped the young graduates who had the previous evening listened to the eloquent and valuable remarks made by Dir. King would keep them in mind remember them and act on them. He had that evening by the first time had the opportunity of looking over the institution the annual report of which had been read. He had ~~that evening~~ no idea before that the library contained so many and such valuable books. He found that it had been in existence for over fifty years and gradually accumulated



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a large number of standard works in English, Arabic, Persian, and Urdu. A library like this was of very great benefit to all classes but particularly to the poor students. An undergraduate or for that matter a graduate might have perhaps a dozen books perhaps he might have twenty books of his own. He would probably be too poor to get more. But a Library like this put a poor student into the position of a wealthy Professor. Even wealthy professor seldom had so many books as were collected there for a such a subscription of a few annas every student might consult a large number of costly volumes. He might read them if he had time, from cover to cover, he might make note on them, he might make extract from them, he might make any use of them. What more should he do if they were his own books. The Institution so far as he should judge was well managed. He had the pleasure of personal acquaintance with their respected president Mr. Muhammad Mahmud Khan Bahadur and their esteemed Auditor Mr. Agan Hussain Sahib Bahadur and with several other gentlemen of the Committee and he had not the slightest doubt that under the able management of these gentlemen, the institute would continue to flourish. If the Chairman could help in any way this or any other institute that for its object the furtherance of the interests of the Muhammadan Community he should be very glad to render that help for he always had been and always should be interested in the welfare of the Muhammadans. He was, as they know, a man under authority and may not always be able to do what he should like, but up to the extent of his power and as far as possible he could he should be delighted to do the little best for the good of the Muhammadans of Madras.

*True Copy  
M. S. Subbulakshy  
Hon. Secretary*



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7th June 1887. No.438. Political.

Government of Madras.

Political Department.

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Read--the following papers:--

From M. MAHMUD KHAN, President of the executive Committee, Madras Muhammadan Library, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 30th October 1886.

I am desired by the Executive Committee of the Madras Muhammadan Public Library to request you will be pleased to lay before His Excellency the Governor in Council, the following representations for his kind consideration:--

1. This Library was started in 1850 under the auspices of Doctor (afterwards Surgeon-General) Balfour, to supply the great want felt in this city for a depot of Oriental Literature. The proposal was met with the approval of the Nawab of the Carnatic, who, besides a large donation, sanctioned a monthly allowance of Rs.25-, in ~~surplus~~ support of the institution, which after his death was continued by our paternal Government, and is still being paid through the paymaster of the Carnatic Stipends. The Library got donations of valuable books from different Provincial Governments of India, from the Khedive of Egypt, and from several other private persons: so that at the present day it contains 2,000 volumes in Hindustani, Persian, Arabic, Turkish, and English including many rare books in each of the above languages.

2. The use of the library is not restricted to Muhammadans only, but is open to members of all castes, creeds and religions who wish to subscribe to it. The number of its subscribers at present is sixty, and there is a tendency to an increase in it every day. Non-subscribers are also benefitted by this library. The institution possesses some



landed properties, which are situated at the north east corner of Triplicane near the junction of the Wallaja Road, and Triplicane High roads; but the buildings are not suited for a library. Indeed, during the last three years especially, a marked improvement was observed in the condition of the Library. The number of its subscribers rose from 28 to 61; and the income from its landed property increased from Rs.18 to Rs.22, while about 100 volumes were added to its former stock. During the last six months, more than one hundred books were sent out for the perusal of subscribers and about six hundred books were perused by non-subscribers at the library rooms.

3. The want of suitable house for the institution has been long and greatly felt, and is an impediment to its success. The premises in which it is located is a rented one and not large enough for library and a reading room. It has, therefore, been the earnest desire of the committee for a long time to secure a house for the library, but they failed twice in their attempt to accomplish this object for want of sufficient funds. After all, the committee, however, collected Rs.2,000 which is now in their hands, and, being thus encouraged, they requested Mr. Chisholm, sometime ago, to inspect the ground belonging to the library and make an estimate for a new suitable building for the same. That gentleman has been good enough to comply with their request, and forwarded a plan and estimate GRATIS, which I beg herewith to enclose.

4. It will be observed from Mr. Chisholm's letter that the Lowest Cost for the building, without any shops below is Rs. 5,000. Though a building with five shops would be a source of income to the Library, but for fear of the greater expenditure the committee prefer to be contented with the one without any shops.

Under these circumstances, the committee, with a sense of the usual generosity shown by Government in matters



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of public interest, beg leave to appeal to His Excellency the Governor in Council for help in an undertaking for the sake of an institution, which is not only useful to Muhammadans, but also to men of other religions. I may also state that this building when erected will, besides serving the purpose of a public library, be an ornament to the city, and will also much improve the appearance of the spot which is in a desolated condition at present. With these considerations and in consideration of the principle that the Government have always rendered their aid in the objects of this description by contributing equally to the amount raised by their subjects I am desired by the committee to beg of you to lay this prayer at the feet of the Right Honourable Governor in Council, in order that he may kindly take the earnest solicitations made therein into his favourable consideration and grant an order to supply the long felt want of the library.

With the sanguine hope that this prayer will meet with success, the committee beg to state that, besides the amount of Rs.2,000 now in their hands, they expect to get Rs.500 more the whole of which namely, Rs. 2,500 they will be glad to hand over to any officer whom the Government may be pleased to appoint for carrying out the work.

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From Colonel A.M. Lys, Acting Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends,  
To The Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 20th  
December 1886, No. 557.

(Report called for by Government endorsement No. 1945-C, dated 25th November 1886, on petition (herewith returned), current No.1222A., from the President of the Executive Committee, Madras Muhammadan Library).

1. Character of the work of the Library. The Library is open to the public from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. daily, exclusive of Friday. Non-subscribers, desirous of benefiting themselves by perusing the books kept in the institution, have free access to the reading-room, and are allowed the use of any work they require; their number average between 10 or 12 daily. During



the last 12 months (from 1st November 1885 to 31st October 1886), about 1000 books were perused by non subscribers at the Library.

2. Books are lent to the subscribers on condition of their being returned within one month after they are sent out of the institution, and each is charged annas 4 per mensem for their use. The number of books in circulation amongst subscribers during the past year was 250.

II. Current finance of the Library:--The number of subscribers in 1883 was 28 and in 1886, the number increased to 61. Each subscriber pays annas 4 per month.

2. The annual income to the Library in 1883 was Rs.720 but in 1886, the amount increased to Rs.834-12-7, as shown below:--

|                                                                                                                       | Rs. | A. | P. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| 1. Amount received from the Government for the Library through the pay-master Carnatic Stipends, at Rs.35 per mensem. | 420 | 0  | 0  |
| 2. Amount received by the rent of the house property belonging to the library.                                        | 248 | 12 | 7  |
| 3. Amount received from the subscribers to the library.                                                               | 166 | 0  | 0  |
| Total.                                                                                                                | 834 | 12 | 7  |

3. The annual expenditure made on account of the Library during the year, commencing from 1st November 1885 to 31st October 1886, amounted to Rs.563-12-9 as shown below:--

|                                                                                                                        |         |   |   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---|---|
| 1. Pay of the establishment, consisting of one darogah at Rs.15 per mensem, and two peons at Rs.4-8-0 each per mensem. | Rs. 288 | 0 | 0 |
| 2. Rent of the building for the library at Rs.7 per mensem.                                                            | 84      | 0 | 0 |
| 3. Contingencies, inclusive of stationery, papers, ink, pens, coolies, pay of sweeper and scavenger, etc.              | 30      | 0 | 0 |



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| 4. Cost of printing the list of books at the Library.           | 20  | 12 | 6 |
| 5. Repair of books and other furniture attached to the library. | 24  | 3  | 9 |
| 6. Repair of the house property belonging to the library.       | 80  | 7  | 4 |
| 7. Assessment and quit rent on -do-                             | 36  | 5  | 2 |
| Total.                                                          | 563 | 12 | 9 |

4. In 1883 there were 1,400 volumes, and in 1886 the number increased to 2,000, six hundred books being added by purchase and presents.

5. The Committee has at present Rs.2,210 in the Madras Bank to the credit of the Library, and expect to receive Rs.290/- more from private sources, in order to make a total of Rs.2,500/- and pray Government for a grant-in-aid of Rs.2500/- so as to make a total of Rs.5000/- for the construction of a new and suitable building for library as per plan and estimate prepared gratis by Mr. R.F. Chisholm, the late Consulting Architect to Government.

6. The Library is in a thriving state, and its affairs are better managed than in the year 1883. The institution, in its present state of prosperity, well deserves the support of Government.

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From D. DUNCAN Esq., M.A.D.Sc., Acting Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras 26th March 1887, No. 1848.

With reference to endorsement, No.1945 dated 25th November 1886, I have the honour to inform you that the Grant-in-aid code does not allow aid of any kind to be given to public libraries unless they have been incorporated under act XXI of 1860. The Muhammadan Library, Triplicane, has not been



incorporated, and therefore, cannot be aided under the code.

2. Even if it were incorporated, the Library could not receive a building grant under the code, building grants being confined to school-buildings, boarding houses, or orphanages. It would, however, if incorporated, be eligible for a book grant, provided funds were available.

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Order dated 7th June 1887 No. 438, Political.

The Government are pleased to sanction a grant to the institution of Rs.2500/- (two thousand five hundred only) as a special case. The amount will be placed at the disposal of the paymaster Carnatic Stipends, for disbursement on his being satisfied that a suitable building is being, or will be, erected.

(True extract)

H.E. Stokes,  
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To  
The Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends.  
President, Executive Committee, Madras Muhammadan Library.  
Accountant General.

Exd. A. Raitt.

*True copy  
G. S. S. S. S. S.  
Hon. Secretary*



GOVERNMENT OF (1887) M A D R A S.

POLITICAL.

G.O. 7th June 1887 No. 438.

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MUHAMMADAN LIBRARY, TRIPLICANE.

Sanctioning, as a special case a grant of Rs. 2500/- to the-- and placing the amount at the disposal of the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends for disbursement on his being satisfied that a suitable building is being or will be erected.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.  
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Read the following paper:-

From The Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, Chepauk,

Dated 13th September 1888 No. 393.

ORDER 24th September 1888 No. 639.

(K) The sanction granted in G.O. 7th June 1887, No. 438 is renewed and increased to Rs. 3,500, subject to the <sup>the</sup> balance of the Rs. 7,500 required being made up by Library Committee.

(True Extract)

Sd. W. L. C. Baddely,

Under secretary to the Government  
P. W. D.

for Acting Chief Secretary.

To

The Paymaster Carnatic Stipends,  
Accountant General,

(True Copy)

Sd.

Colonel  
Paymaster Carnatic Stipends  
Chepauk.

Paymaster Carnatic Stipends Office, |  
Chepauk. 4th October 1888. |

To

Muhammad Mahmud Khan Bahadur,

Chairman of the Muhammadan Library.

*True copy  
Sd. B. B. B. B. B.  
Hon. Secretary*



List of the names, addresses and occupation of the Governing body of the

Muhammada n Public Library, Madras for the year 1923/24. 12

| No. | NAMES                                                                       | DESIGNATION. | Occupation                                                                     | Address                                      | Remarks |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1   | Rais-us-Shoara Khan Bahadur Raoof Ahmad Sahib Parthau                       | President    | Mansabdar-i-Carnatic, Hony Presidency Magistrate                               | Sweet House, Mir Sahebpetta, Royapetta Post. |         |
| 2   | Shams-ul-Ulama Haji Moulvi Obidulla Sahib                                   | Member       | Govt. Qazi, Jaghirdar Karimandal                                               | Madras-i-Muhammdaiya, Royepettah. Madras     |         |
| 3   | Lisan-ul-Hikmat, Shams-ul-Ulma Moulvi, Md Abdur Rahman Sahib Bahadur Shatir | Member       | Agent to the Prince of Arcot, Translator to Government and Zamindar Shanavaram | Amir Mahal, Madras.                          |         |
| 4   | Shifa-ul-Mulk Hakim Zainul Abain Sahib                                      | Member       | A Wealthy Unani Hakim & Landlord                                               | Broadway, Madras.                            |         |
| 5   | Moulvi Mir Hyderali Sahib                                                   | Member       | Retired Arabic & Percian Munshi Muhammada College                              | Madras, Triplicane.                          |         |
| 6   | Ghulam Muhayadin Sahib Bahadur                                              | Member       | Landlord                                                                       | No.1 Begum Sahib street, Ice House Rd        |         |
| 7   | Moulvi Shah Md. Qadir Hussain Sahib Qadiri                                  | Member       | Naib-i-Qazi                                                                    | 77 2nd Lane Jani Jehan Khan Rd Triplic       |         |
| 8   | Munshi Fazil Saiyid Ali Muhammad Sahib Zakir, Madani                        | Member       | Teacher of Urdu, Persian, & Arabic Govt Muhammada College                      | Gov. Muhammadan College, Mount Road.         |         |
| 9   | Moulvi Qadir Ali Sahib                                                      | Member       | Landlord and son of the late Dewan of Prince of Arcot                          | Madras-i-Muhammda, Royapettah.               |         |
| 10  | Khan Bahadur Walji Lalji Sait                                               | Member       | Merchant                                                                       | Angappa Naick Street, Muthialpet.            |         |
| 11  | Ahmed Kabir Sahib Bahadur                                                   | Member       | Retired Assistant Translator to Govt.                                          | 6. Anthony st. Royapettah.                   |         |
| 12  | Muhammad Abdul Haq Sahib Bahadur                                            | Secretary    | Landlord. Hony. Magistrate and A. Carnatic Pensioner                           | Aziz Bagh Graem's Road, Nungambakkam         |         |

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No. 7. of 1891 - ~~1922~~

I HEREBY CERTIFY, PURSUANT TO ACT XXI OF 1860 OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE REGISTRATION OF LITERARY SCIENTIFIC AND CHARITABLE SOCIETIES, 1860, THAT THE MUHAMMADAN PUBLIC LIBRARY IS INCORPORATED AS SOCIETY UNDER THE AFORESAID ACT.

SIGNED. S. HARI ROW.

REGISTRAR OF JOINT STOCK COMPANIES.

M A D R A S.

4th J U L Y 1891

*True Copy  
Subscribed  
Hon. Secretary*



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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE MUHAMMADAN

PUBLIC LIBRARY, MOUNT ROAD, MADRAS. FOR THE YEAR 1924.

## PARTICULARS.

Rs. A. P. Rs. A. P.

|                                                                               |      |   |    |       |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---|----|-------|------|
| Opening Balance in the Imperial Bank of India,<br>Madras, upto 1st Jan. 1924. | 8000 | 0 | 0  |       |      |
| Cash in the Public Library Madras                                             | 104  | 0 | 11 |       |      |
|                                                                               |      |   |    | 8,104 | 0 11 |
| Subscription                                                                  |      |   |    | 188   | 4 0  |
| Government Grant                                                              |      |   |    | 420   | 0 0  |
| Rent of the Muhammadan Public Library Madras                                  |      |   |    | 2,205 | 0 0  |
| Loan collection from Library assistant                                        |      |   |    | 60    | 0 0  |

Rupees.

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## PARTICULARS.

Rs. A. P. Rs. A.

|                                                                                                                             |       |    |    |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|----|--|
| Purchased books                                                                                                             | 72    | 14 |    |  |
| Binding books                                                                                                               | 35    | 14 | 6  |  |
| News Papers                                                                                                                 | 240   | 14 | 0  |  |
| Preparing English accounts, writing letters,<br>purchasing paper                                                            | 11    | 8  | 0  |  |
| Printing subscription book                                                                                                  | 2     | 8  | 0  |  |
| Miscellaneous Viz. Stationary etc.                                                                                          | 77    | 7  | 6  |  |
| Widows Pension who died                                                                                                     | 24    | 0  | 0  |  |
| Expense for general meeting for 21, 22, & 23 Dec 24                                                                         | 24    | 4  | 9  |  |
| Acting allowance for peons sick                                                                                             | 8     | 12 | 0  |  |
| Salaries of the staff                                                                                                       | 1100  | 0  | 0  |  |
| Electric lights repaired in Dec. 23, Jan. 24<br>Lighting charges                                                            | 66    | 15 | 0  |  |
| Fees paid for correcting estimate                                                                                           | 5     | 8  | 0  |  |
| Charge for copying Hindustani, Arabic, Persian<br>books, catalogue                                                          | 5     | 0  | 0  |  |
| Typing and writing letters                                                                                                  | 4     | 5  | 0  |  |
| Municipal tax for Library Premises                                                                                          | 349   | 10 | 6  |  |
| Quit rent                                                                                                                   | 2     | 4  | 0  |  |
| Repairing upstairs of the Library Premises                                                                                  | 9     | 5  | 0  |  |
| Purchased Hindustani Ink                                                                                                    | 1     | 4  | 0  |  |
| Printing special meeting report and receipt book<br>and Hindustani list of books, Printing and<br>binding English Catalogue | 62    | 0  | 0  |  |
| Repairing upstairs floor and the parapet wall and<br>the Library premises                                                   | 180   | 0  | 0  |  |
| Making Zincpipe for Library premises                                                                                        | 2     | 0  | 0  |  |
| Railway parcel charges for printing Library catalogue                                                                       | 2     | 4  | 0  |  |
| Making chairs for library                                                                                                   | 48    | 0  | 0  |  |
| Making tables do                                                                                                            | 10    | 0  | 0  |  |
| Making glass Bureau                                                                                                         | 40    | 0  | 0  |  |
|                                                                                                                             | 2386  | 10 | 3  |  |
| Balance in the Imperial Bank of India 31/Dec 24                                                                             | 8400  | 0  | 0  |  |
| " Library "                                                                                                                 | 190   | 10 | 8  |  |
|                                                                                                                             | 8590  | 10 | 8  |  |
|                                                                                                                             | 10977 | 4  | 11 |  |

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Abstract of The Foregoing Estimate. 151

Work

| Quantity   | Description of Work.                                                                                          | Rate |    |    | Per   | Amount    |      |    |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----|----|-------|-----------|------|----|
|            |                                                                                                               | R.   | A. | P. |       | R.        | A.   | P. |
| 1085 cf    | Earthwork excavation.                                                                                         | 1    | .  | .  | 100cf | 10        | 13   | 7  |
| 1845 "     | — do — filling in basement                                                                                    | 12   | .  | .  | "     | 13        | 13   | 5  |
| 5053 "     | Brick work in chumam 1:2:                                                                                     | 51   | .  | .  | "     | 2577      | .    | 6  |
| 108 "      | Arch work — do —                                                                                              | 54   | .  | .  | "     | 58        | 5    | 1  |
| 4166 "     | Plastering with chumam 2 coats<br>1 <sup>st</sup> coat 1:2 and 2 <sup>nd</sup> coat 1:1.                      | 6    | .  | .  | 100sf | 249       | 15   | 4  |
| 46 Cf      | Masonry columns 4' 6" in brick in<br>chumam with cut stones plastering<br>and cornice work complete           | 3    | 8  | .  | Cf    | 161       | .    | .  |
| 1804 "     | Cornice work in brick in chumam 12"x9"                                                                        | 1    | .  | .  | "     | 180       | .    | .  |
| 738 Sft.   | Flooring with 8" Sq tiles and cement<br>pointing                                                              | 14   | .  | .  | 100sf | 103       | 5    | 1  |
| 719 "      | Plastering with cement 3/4" thick 1:3.                                                                        | 12   | .  | .  | "     | 89        | 10   | .  |
| 1668 "     | Terracing with brick on edge and 3" brick<br>jelly 2 courses of tiles and plastering to<br>calding & complete | 77   | .  | .  | "     | 1284      | 5    | 9  |
| 181.125 Cf | Leathwork wrought and put up                                                                                  | 5    | 8  | .  | Cf    | 996       | 3    | .  |
| 192 Sf     | Doors panelled with frames hinges<br>locks & complete with painting                                           | 2    | 12 | .  | Sf    | 432       | .    | .  |
| 150 "      | Windows fully mentioned with glass<br>shutters inside and round iron bars<br>complete with painting           | 2    | 12 | .  | "     | 412       | 8    | .  |
| 11456 "    | Painting 2 coats any colour.                                                                                  | 6    | .  | .  | "     | 87        | 5    | 9  |
| 2 q        | Cut stone work in chumam.                                                                                     | 3    | 8  | .  | Cf    | 7         | .    | .  |
| 1852 "     | Dismantling brick work.                                                                                       | 3    | 8  | .  | 100cf | 64        | 13   | 1  |
| 324 "      | Removing Mangalore tiled roof                                                                                 | 2    | 4  | .  | 100sf | 7         | 4    | 8  |
|            |                                                                                                               |      |    |    |       | 6735      | 68   |    |
|            | Lundries & unforeseen charges                                                                                 |      |    |    |       | 264       | 9    | 4  |
|            | Revised as per current rates                                                                                  |      |    |    |       | Total Rs. | 7000 | -  |

Sd/- P. J. Saranikumar hudd  
22-2-24.

Signed: P. J. Saranikumar  
Signature



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Cost Rs.

Works: —

Place }  
State —

Signature

| Detail of Work.                     | Number | Measurement |                      |                 | Area or Contents | Total quantity of each description of work |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                     |        | Length      | Breadth or Thickness | Height or Depth |                  |                                            |
| 1                                   | 2      | 3           |                      |                 | 4                | 5                                          |
| Dismantling brick work              |        |             |                      |                 |                  |                                            |
| Wall all round.                     | 1      | 84-6        | 1-3                  | 16-0            | 1690             |                                            |
| Doors                               | 2      | 6-0         | 1-6                  | 9-0             | 162              | 1852                                       |
| Total dismantling brickwork         |        |             |                      |                 | cf.              | 1852                                       |
| Removing Mangalore tiled roof       |        |             |                      |                 |                  |                                            |
|                                     | 1      | 27-0        | 12-0                 |                 | 324              |                                            |
| Total removing Mangalore tiled roof |        |             |                      |                 |                  | 324.                                       |
| Earthwork excavation.               |        |             |                      |                 |                  |                                            |
| Wall all round,                     | 1      | 84-6        | 3-0                  | 3-0             | 760 1/2          |                                            |
| Cross wall.                         | 1      | 27-0        | 4-0                  | 3-0             | 324              |                                            |
| Total excavation for foundation.    |        |             |                      |                 | cf.              | 1085                                       |
| Filling in basement                 |        |             |                      |                 |                  |                                            |
| Hall                                | 1      | 27-0        | 27-4                 | 2-6             | 1845             |                                            |
| Total filling in basement           |        |             |                      |                 | cf.              | 1845                                       |
| Brick in chumam.                    |        |             |                      |                 |                  |                                            |
| Wall all round and                  |        |             |                      |                 |                  |                                            |
| Cross wall.                         | 1      | 112-6       | 4-0                  | 1-0             | 450              |                                            |
| Do                                  | 1      | 112-6       | 2-6                  | 4-0             | 1125             |                                            |
| Do                                  | 1      | 112-6       | 1-10 1/2             | 2-6             | 527              |                                            |
| Superstructure.                     | 1      | 112-6       | 1-6                  | 12-0            | 2025             |                                            |
| Do 1st floor.                       | 1      | 84-6        | 1-3                  | 12-0            | 1268             |                                            |
| Parapet wall all round              | 1      | 84-6        | 0-9                  | 2-6             | 158              |                                            |
|                                     |        |             |                      |                 | Total            | 5553                                       |



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| Detail of work                                              | Number | Measurement |                      |                                    | Area or Contents | Total quantity of each description of work |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                                             |        | Length      | Breadth or Thickness | Height or Depth                    |                  |                                            |
| 1                                                           | 2      | 3           |                      |                                    | 4                | 5                                          |
|                                                             |        |             |                      | Brickwork                          | 5553             |                                            |
| Deduct for                                                  |        |             |                      |                                    |                  |                                            |
| Doors                                                       | 4      | 4-0         | 1-6                  | 8-0                                | 192              |                                            |
| Windows.                                                    | 10     | 3-0         | 1-3                  | 5-0                                | 200              |                                            |
| Arch work.                                                  |        |             |                      |                                    | 108              |                                            |
|                                                             |        |             |                      | Total deductions                   | 500              |                                            |
|                                                             |        |             |                      | Total brick in chumam less deduct  |                  | 5053                                       |
| Arch work brick in masonry                                  |        |             |                      |                                    |                  |                                            |
| Doors.                                                      | 4      | 5-0         | 1-6                  | 1-6                                | 45               |                                            |
| Windows.                                                    | 10     | 4-0         | 1-3                  | 1-3                                | 62½              |                                            |
|                                                             |        |             |                      | Total arch work brick in masonry   |                  | 108                                        |
| Plastering with chumam 2 coats,                             |        |             |                      |                                    |                  |                                            |
| Walls all round.                                            | 1      | 84-6        | "                    | 22-0                               | 1859             |                                            |
| Do 1 <sup>st</sup> floor.                                   | 1      | 84-6        | "                    | 22-0                               | 1859             |                                            |
| Do basement                                                 | 1      | 87-6        | "                    | 2-6                                | 219              |                                            |
| Parapet wall all round                                      | 1      | 84-6        | "                    | 6-0                                | 507              |                                            |
|                                                             |        |             |                      |                                    | 4444             |                                            |
| Deduct for,                                                 |        |             |                      |                                    |                  |                                            |
| Doors.                                                      | 4      | 4-0         | "                    | 8-0                                | 128              |                                            |
| Windows.                                                    | 10     | 3-0         | "                    | 5-0                                | 150              |                                            |
|                                                             |        |             |                      |                                    | 278              |                                            |
|                                                             |        |             |                      | Total plastering less deduction of |                  | 4166                                       |
| Masonry columns 1½" & including plastering and cornice work |        |             |                      |                                    |                  |                                            |
|                                                             | 4      | 11-6        | 6"                   | "                                  | 46               |                                            |
|                                                             |        |             |                      | Total masonry columns              |                  | 46                                         |

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| Detail of work                                                 | Number | Measurement |                      |                 | Area or Contents | Total quantity of each description of work |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                                                |        | Length      | Breadth or Thickness | Height or Depth |                  |                                            |
| 1                                                              | 2      | 3           |                      |                 | 4                | 5                                          |
| Coruie work brick in chumam (9x12)                             | 2      | 90-0        |                      |                 | 180              |                                            |
| Total coruie work brick in chumam                              |        |             |                      |                 | 180              |                                            |
| Flooring with 8" sp bricks over chumam and pointed with cement |        |             |                      |                 |                  |                                            |
| Hall                                                           | 1      | 27-0        | 27-4                 |                 | 738              |                                            |
| Total flooring with sp bricks                                  |        |             |                      |                 | 738              |                                            |
| Plastering with cement ¾" thick                                |        |             |                      |                 |                  |                                            |
| Hall                                                           | 1      | 27-3        | 27-6                 |                 | 749              |                                            |
| Total plastering with cement                                   |        |             |                      |                 | 749              |                                            |
| Roofing with best Madras terrace 9" thick                      |        |             |                      |                 |                  |                                            |
|                                                                | 2      | 28-9        | 29-0                 |                 | 1668             |                                            |
| Total roofing with Madras terrace                              |        |             |                      |                 | 1668             |                                            |
| Teak wood wrought and put up                                   |        |             |                      |                 |                  |                                            |
| Beams                                                          | 6      | 10-3        | 1-0                  | 0-8             | 41               |                                            |
| Joists                                                         | 4x19   | 14-9        | 0-6                  | 0-3             | 140½             |                                            |
| Total teak wood wrought & put up                               |        |             |                      |                 | 181½             |                                            |
| Doors panelled with frames hinges & complete with painting     |        |             |                      |                 |                  |                                            |
| Hall                                                           | 6      | 4-0         |                      | 8-0             | 192              |                                            |
| Total doors panelled with frames                               |        |             |                      |                 | 192              |                                            |



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| Detail of work                                                               | Measurement |                      |                 | Area or Contents | Total quantity of each description of work |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                                                              | Length      | Breadth or Thickness | Height or Depth |                  |                                            |
| 1                                                                            | 2           | 3                    |                 | 4                | 5                                          |
| Windows fully veneered and with glass shutters inside complete with painting |             |                      |                 |                  |                                            |
| Hall-                                                                        | 10          | 3-0                  | 5-0             | 150              |                                            |
| Total windows veneered & pf-                                                 |             |                      |                 |                  | 150                                        |
| Painting 2 coats any colour                                                  |             |                      |                 |                  |                                            |
| Beams-                                                                       | 2           | 27-3                 | 2-9             | -                | 150                                        |
| Joints-                                                                      | 38          | 27-3                 | 1-3             | -                | 1306                                       |
| Total painting 2 coats any colour pf                                         |             |                      |                 |                  | 1456                                       |
| Cut Stone work in Chumam                                                     |             |                      |                 |                  |                                            |
| Under beams-                                                                 | 4           | 1-0                  | 1-0             | 0-6              | 2                                          |
| Total cut stone work in Chumam - pf                                          |             |                      |                 |                  | 2                                          |

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Secretary to the Muhammadan Public Library

C. No. 374 C - From the Collector of Madras, No. 10/25 dated 27-1-25. Muhammadan Public Library, Madras - Improvements to buildings - Application for grant.

In their Memo No. 1040 C, dated 28-5-24 the Government declined to entertain the application of the Muhammadan Public Library, Madras for a grant towards improvements to its buildings as there was no specific provision in the budget for any grant to libraries. The Collector of Madras now requests that provision for this purpose may be made in the budget for next year. It is too late to apply for any new provision to be made in the budget for next year. This Dept. had suggested that a provision of Rs. 10,000 should be made in the next year's budget for grants to public libraries and the Finance Committee placed the scheme in Class II, i.e. schemes that are urgently necessary. <sup>we</sup> cannot, however, be <sup>be</sup> sure that provision will be included in the budget until the budget is finally voted on by the Council. Moreover these grants were generally made to libraries to be ~~not~~ utilised on equipment, specially books and in no case on buildings. Perhaps an exception may be made in the case of this library in view of the recommendation of the Collector that it is growing in usefulness and popularity. The application may lie over till ~~the~~ the budget is finally voted on by the Council. If provision is actually made, ~~the~~ the application may be forwarded to the D.P.I. for consideration along with similar applications.

pie. f.  
G.O. No. 573 dt. 22.4.25

Vice notis on 15.1.25

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19.2.25  
VTK 5/2



The D.P.I. is being asked to submit proposals for the distribution of <sup>the provision</sup> amount of Rs.10,000 ~~provided~~ in the budget for grants to public libraries. This ~~application~~ <sup>case</sup> may also be sent u.o. to him for consideration along with similar applications that may be ~~received~~ received by the Director.

15/4. 15.4.25  
V.T.K. 17.4  
D.P.I. u.o.  
Law Encl 324C-1  
22-4-25

U.O. Reply No. 983 B/25, 9<sup>10</sup>/<sub>25</sub>



Against a budget allotment of Rs.10,000/- applications were received in this office by 15-7-25 aggregating Rs.49,546. Consequently, if exceptional consideration were shown to the Muhammadan Public Library, Madras, a fifth of the budget allotment which is already insufficient to meet the requests made will have to be taken from the amounts recommended to the various libraries. Further, no reason appears to exist for granting any deviation from the principle laid down that ordinarily the amount should be spent on books and not on buildings. Attention in this connection is invited to G.O.No.719 L.E., dated 3rd May 1921. I am submitting separately my recommendations for the distribution of the allotment of Rs.10,000/-.



X.E. 3207C  
10/10/25

9.10.25

Law (Edn) Deptt:

The D. P. I. advised against any portion of the current year's provision of Rs 10,000 for grants to libraries being given as a subvention to the Muhammadan Literary Society for carrying out improvements to its buildings. The Collector of Madras considers that the institution deserves support.

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If the application is to be considered favourably it may perhaps be possible to find the amount by reappropriation.  
2. It may also be noted here that no provision has been asked for in the budget for 1926-27 on account of public libraries except the demand for Rs 20,000 recently sent up by the Registrar General of Panchayats. A separate reference to the Finance Deptt. for repeating this year's provision of Rs 20,000 in the next year's budget.

20.10.25

This is a matter for the Political Deptt, in previous orders sanctioning grants were issued.

Law (Edn) No. 324C-2  
21.10.25



8. No. 1843

V.T.K. 21.10  
Political U.O.

Political Deptt.

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Attention is invited to G.O. No. 438, Political D. 7-6-1887 and G.O. No. 639 Political D. 24-9-1888 in which sanction was accorded to the grant of Rs. 2500 and Rs. 3500 respectively towards the construction of a building for the Muhammadan Public Library, Triplicane. A request for sanction of



half the estimated cost towards the improvement of the building was considered and negatived in G.O. No. 585 Political & 15-12-1921. Reference is solicited to the D.P.'s remarks at Page 2 ante from which it would appear that he is against any portion of Rs 10,000 provided in the current year for grants to public libraries, being directed to the Muhammadan Lib. recommends. The P.C.S. suggests in his letter that the institution deserves the support of Govt. on account of its increasing popularity. It is for orders whether a grant should be

sanctioned. If sanctioned, the amount cannot be met from "29 Political" or "44-Territorial and Political Pensions" as there is no likelihood of any savings. Perhaps it may be met from the anticipated savings in "28 Ecclesiastical" under the head "Pay of officers".

[Reference is <sup>however</sup> solicited to the Hon. Sir Arthur Knapp's note at page 20 of Enclt. No. 1040 C-2 (Law Edn) & 28-5-24 wherein he <sup>has ordered</sup> suggests that the papers,

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M.C.F.

It has been ascertained from the A.G.'s office that no savings are probable under any of the Political heads.

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should be transferred to Law Dept. for disposal.]

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3-11-25

The view taken in the notes to memo. No 1040 C-2 & Law, & 28/5/24, was that Political was not concerned with the request, as the <sup>building</sup> grant for the Library is not a political charge.

For orders whether the file may be retransferred to Law for disposal.

C.A.

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A

Has any grant ever been made from End of hidia funds to the Librarian?

B

Does the Local End give grants to public libraries? (I think it does) I go in what dept. are the grants dealt with?

all  
6.11.25

B.S.'s query at A above.

Submitted that so far no grant <sup>has</sup> been made from the Govt. of India funds - vide J.O. at from the Baymaster, Barmati stipends at



Query at B supra

submitted that grants

are made ~~distributed~~ to the public libraries

in the Law (Edu) department - Please see

G.O. No 1863 Law (Edu) d 28-10-25.

Attention is drawn to the fact that

grants are made and G.O. 719 Law (Edu)

d 3-5-1921. But the grants are

required to be spent on the purchase of books and not on buildings.

vide flag (A)

G.O. 719 Law (Edu) d 3-5-21  
G.O. 1863 Law (Edu) d 28-10-25

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I shall be obliged if you will kindly advise whether such expenditure as that proposed here is ever admissible from Govt. funds.

19/11/25

Finance (Exp)

Encl.

Poll: 190-2  
24-11-25



Jch 41513/CP

K on p. 9 of 23-11-25

p. 9 of 2

It is proposed to carry out certain improvements to the Unbhamraon Public Library, Unbhamraon at an estimated cost of Rs 7000.

Against this estimate of Rs 7000 the Library Committee can spend Rs 5000 from its own funds and a Govt. grant is asked for to meet the balance, viz Rs 2000.

2. The library seems to have been originally started ~~mainly~~ for the benefit of the Carnatic

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stipendiaris. Building grants amounting to Rs 2,500 were given by Govt. in 1887 and 1888.

The last Nawab of the Carnatic was helping this institution with a monthly allowance, which on his death, was continued by Govt. The monthly allowance given to the library by Govt. is Rs 35. and it is debited to the head "44. Territorial

and of which the Carnatic is the owner. The library has been registered as a public library.

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and it is open to all classes of people and is not restricted to Carnatic stipendiaris alone. The question of whether the Govt. of Madras can be asked to give a grant towards the cost of the proposed improvements to the building was considered and decided by the Govt. of Madras in May 1921. It was decided that the Carnatic stipendiaris should be the library. The question now for consideration is whether a grant from Provincial funds towards the cost of improvements to the building is admissible. Grants from Provincial funds are given to public libraries to be spent on equipment, especially books but not on buildings. - vide para 1 of G.O. 719 Law (Edu) dated 3-5-21 and para 1 of G.O. 1863 Law (Edu) dated 28-10-25. To give a building grant to the Unbhamraon Public Library will not be in accordance with the accepted principle of Govt. but will set

Vide note on p. 209 Memo at 2

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dated 28-10-25. To give a building grant to the Unbhamraon Public Library will not be in accordance with the accepted principle of Govt. but will set



an inconvenient  
up ~~at~~ precedent. Moreover, there is no  
budget provision to meet the expenditure in the  
current year (The current year's provision of  
Rs 10,000 for grants to libraries has already been  
distributed.) ~~But the provision for grants to  
public libraries is not yet made.~~  
28.11.25

D.P. J. m. m.  
page 2 ante

The Muhammadan Public Library, Triplicane,  
has to be treated just like other public  
libraries. Grants are being given  
by this Govt. for the purpose of encouraging  
public libraries, but the principle has  
been laid down that the grants should  
be spent on equipment and especially  
on books, but not on buildings.

S.O. 719 Smt. 33.5.21 Hg O  
S.O. 1683- 3.28.25. Hg A.

Page 2 (Hm) Hg O  
Page 1 Hg A

If a building grant were given  
for the Muhammadan Public Library, Triplicane,  
it will be difficult to resist similar  
applications for building grants from  
other public libraries (the number is  
comparatively large).

\* Page 5 Hg O  
Page 2 Hg A

OSL  
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The provision of grants to public  
libraries was first considered in  
S.O. 723 Home (Education) dated  
23.6.1920, in which the grants  
were restricted to books in aid

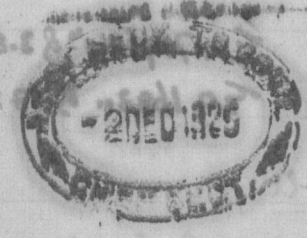
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C. K. M.  
R. 12.12.25

of local Boards.  
Subsequent to S.O. 719  
Law (Education) dated 17.3.1921  
it was laid down that these grants  
should be spent on equipment &  
books but not on buildings.

The Muhammadan Public

Library does not come within  
the scope of these orders, & it  
is for consideration whether a  
can can be made out of  
according to special treatment.



Fin: u.o. No. 415132 Exp-1  
2.12.25.

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