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Committee meetings- Quorum - fixed at two.

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R. C. No. 31/26-27

6th May 1926
Tanjore,



M. R. Ry. T. SAMBAMURTHI ROW Avl., B A. B. L.,

Honorary Secretary to the Tanjore Maharaja Sarfoji's

Saraswathi Mahal Library Committee, Tanjore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education) Department,

Stone House Hill, Ootacamund.



At its meeting held on the 3rd inst. under the Chairmanship of Mr. H.S.Shield I.C.S., Collector, the Administrative Committee of this library resolved to reduce the quorum for its meeting from three to two. A similar resolution was passed last year on 30-4-1925 but in deference to Government's opinion (Vide Memorandum No.1409 C-1 dated 6th June 1925) the resolution was cancelled at the committee's meeting held on 25-7-1925 and the quorum continued to be three; but great difficulty was experienced in getting together the required quorum in spite of each member being informed of the Government's wishes in the matter.

During the past year 1925-26 (the committee's report for which will be submitted to Government shortly) thirteen meetings were convened. Not one of the meetings was attended by all the five members. Two meetings were adjourned for want of a third member. Only one meeting was attended by four members and each of the ten remaining meetings was conducted by the bare quorum of 3 members. The committee meets generally once every month and business gets dislocated and much inconvenience is felt if any of the meetings ~~is~~ is not held. There is also disappointment keenly felt by those that meet for the honorary work. I may perhaps mention that Mr. H.S.Shield I.C.S. Collector kindly took the trouble of a Ry.train journey

journey in this hot summer from his camp for attending a meeting convened for the 24th April last and he and the undersigned were the only two members that were present, even though among the subjects on the agenda were those relating to the consideration of the Annual Administration and Audit Reports. The meeting had per force to be adjourned for want of a quorum. One of the ex-officio members, the Collector ^{is} ~~is~~ often in camp away from the head-quarters and the other ex-officio member the Dt. Judge does not find time, on some occasions, to attend the meetings, not to speak of the summer recess for two months during which he is away from Tanjore.

Under the circumstances the committee thinks that the quorum had better be reduced to two, and requests that the Government will be pleased to accede to its wishes. It is needless to say that the reduction of the quorum does not in the least stand in the way of more members attending the meeting which under the rules are held on the last Saturday of every month and of which not less than three clear days notice is sent up before hand.

Clause 16 of the scheme framed in G.O.No.1306 Home (Education) dated 5th October 1918 provides that the rules framed by the committee to regulate the procedure and transactions of business at its meeting shall not come into force until they shall ~~not~~ have been published in the Fort St. George Gazette. The rules initially framed by the committee were published at page 15 of Part I.B. of the Gazette dated 14th January 1919. The first of the rules under Part II says that three members will form a quorum. For the word "three" the word "two" will have to be substituted and the amendment duly published in the Gazette.

In accordance with the committee's resolution passed

on



on 3-5-1926 I am submitting this, through the Collector and request that you will be so good as to have the amendment duly published in the Gazette at an early date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. Sambannthi Ravi

Hony. Secretary,
T.M.S.S.M. Library Committee.

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2. I very strongly support the Honorary Secretary's request to modify the reduction of the quorum of the Committee to two.

3. The income of the Library is quite small, most of the charges are fixed and the business to be transacted at the monthly meetings, provided they can be held regularly is certainly well within the competence of the two Trustees. The fact that two would form a quorum does not prevent all the members attending, if they wish. The Agenda of the meeting is being sent to all members.

4. It is only owing to very great personal effort of the Honorary Secretary, that it was possible to assemble 3 members (and even then only 3) at last year's meetings. It is hardly fair on him that he should have so much trouble in getting the Committee business done, in addition to all the work that he does (honorarily) for the Library.

Tanjore Collector & Govt.Agent's)
Office,)
Dated the 9th May 1926.

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for Collector & Govt.Agent

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Law (Education) Department,
Stonehouse Hill, Ootacamund.

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C.No.1503/C - From the Hon. Secretary, Tanjore Maharaja Sarfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library Committee, No.R.C.31/26-27, dated 6-5-26.

Endorsement of the Collector of Tanjore, No-L.Dis.6187-26, dated 11-5-1926.

Subject.- Quorum for meetings of the Library Committee - Reduction.

As advised in Government Memo No.1409/C-1, dated 16-6-25, the Committee has tried to get on with the existing quorum of three members for another year. Though the number of meetings that had to be adjourned for want of a quorum in 1925-26 was only two against six in the previous year, the practical inconveniences of a quorum of three are reported to be great. The Collector strongly supports the suggestion that the quorum might be reduced to two. If the suggestion is accepted, the draft ^{below} ~~above~~ is for approval.

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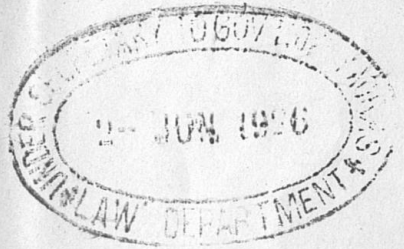
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The following amendment to the rules relating to the ^{Tanjore} Maharaja Serioji's Saraswathi Mahal library framed by the library committee is notified for the information of the public:-

Amendment.

For rule (1) of Part II of the rules in notification No. 5, dated the 10th January 1919, published at pages 15 and 16 of Part I B of the Fort Saint George Gazette, dated the 14th January 1919 substitute the following:-

"Two members will form the

quorum."

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