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No. 399-1/26

Station Madras, Dated the 10th July 1926.

From (Name) F.H.Gravelly Esqr., D.Sc.,

(Designation) Principal Librarian, Connemara Public Library.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Law (Education) Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to call your attention to the congested state of the Connemara Public Library due to the continued housing of the University Library in the same building with it.

The matter was last brought to the notice of the Government in 1921, and arrangements were made to relieve it by the fitting of a neighbouring room not then in use with adjustable steel shelving. Before this was carried out, however, Government found themselves unable to provide the necessary funds, as a result of which I suggested that they should, in the interests of both libraries, inform the University that unless they could

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provide the funds they would have to arrange to go elsewhere within a period of one year. As there was no where they could go they provided the funds and the shelving was erected. It was estimated that the shelving might be expected to last the two libraries for a period of not more than five years, and this it is now evident will be the case. As we have no other disused rooms to offer we shall then be unable to suggest any alternative to immediate removal.

Owing to delay in the arrangements for putting up the new University Library buildings it seems that they are likely even then to have nowhere to move to. I therefore request that Government will be pleased while there is still time for them to build, if they get the foundation in before this year's rains, to point out to them that they will have to go somewhere, whether their permanent building is ready or not, by the end of the year 1928 and that no further extension can be given.

Even now the Connemara Public Library is so cramped that it is impossible to find the space necessary for shifting books from place to place so as to arrange them on a subject basis - a reform long overdue. By the end of 1928 it will have become impossible to add any further books ~~to~~ to either library in the present buildings. And to adopt a policy of curtailment of purchase, as was done by the University Library for reasons of space prior to 1923, would have as disastrous results now as it had then; and from those results it is only just recovering at great additional cost.

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

F. H. Gravely

Principal Librarian.

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Letter No. 2167 C-1 dated 27-7-26

To

The Vice-Chancellor,
University of Madras.

Sir,

I am directed to address you on the question of the arrangements to be made for accommodating the Madras University Library.

2. In Memorandum No. 2281-B-1, dated the 23rd August 1922, the Government invited the attention of the University to the inconvenience caused by the continued location of the University and the Connemara Public Libraries in the same building and suggested that arrangements should be made as early as practicable for shifting the University Library elsewhere. As the University did not find it possible to secure suitable accommodation elsewhere, it undertook to fit an unused room in the Connemara Library building with adjustable steel shelves at a cost of Rs. 12,700 for depositing the books. This arrangement was recognised ^{to be} as a temporary expedient: and the University then stated that the new library buildings would be completed by about 1926 and that even if the whole building was not ready for occupation ~~then~~, a portion would be available to which the books in the

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Connemara Public Library building could be removed.

3. The Principal Librarian reports that even now the Connemara Library is so cramped that it is impossible to find the space necessary for shifting books from place to place in order to arrange them on a subject basis and that, in a year or thereabouts, a stage will be reached at which neither of the libraries can add any further books, if they continue to be housed in the present buildings.

4. I am in these circumstances to request you to be so good as to place the matter before the University authorities and report what action they propose to take for the transfer of the Library from the Connemara Library building.

Copy to the Principal Librarian,
Connemara Public Library, with
refce. to his letter No.399-1/26,
dated 10-7-26.

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SENATE HOUSE, 26 AUG. 1926

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FROM

THE REGISTRAR,
University of Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Law & Education Department, Madras.

Sir,

With reference to para 4 of your letter No.2167 C-1 dated 27th July 1926, I have the honour, by direction of the Vice-Chancellor, to inform you that the Library Committee considered this aspect of the question at its meeting held on the 7th August 1926 and resolved as follows:--

"After having heard the statement of the Chairman that he has informed the Government that in the interests of both the Connemara Public Library and the University Library, the latter will have to go somewhere, whether their permanent building is ready or not, by the end of the year 1928 and that no further extension can be given, it was resolved, in view of the necessarily rapid expansion of the University Library, that the Library Committee urges the Syndicate and the Academic Council to take very early steps to start and complete the foundations before the ensuing North-east Monsoon".

I am further to state that the administrative approval of Government to the revised plans of the Library buildings has just been received, that the work of construction will be started forthwith and that, by the end of 1928, the work will have so far advanced as to admit of the transfer of the University Library to the new premises in December 1928.

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

William McKean
REGISTRAR.

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From

The Principal Librarian.

To

C. P. Liby

The Secy. Genl. & Edu

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re the removal of the unit library

The unit library has
shifted its premises from C.P. library
building to the Senate House on the
12th of this month. The position thus
created has been since occupied
by the C.P. library

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Post copy of telephonic message from the Principal Librarian, Connemara Public Library to the Secretary to the Government, ~~Law~~ Education Department, Madras, dated 14th instant.

Reference G.O. No.1674 Misc. dated 2nd September 1926 regarding the removal of the University Library from the Connemara Public Library.

The University Library has shifted its premises from the Connemara Public Library Buildings to the Senate House on the 12th of this month. The portion thus vacated has been since occupied by the Connemara Public Library.



H. S. Rajawar

Principal Librarian.

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