

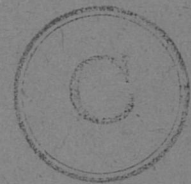
Educational (1903) Department.

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G.O., No 446

DATED 15th September 1903 ✓

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Govt. Oriental Manuscripts Library.

Approving, with remarks, the Director's proposals for keeping the Library open on Sundays and closing it on Fridays, and for publishing a report on the search for manuscripts once in 3 yrs.

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Educational (1903) Department.

CURRENT No. 1119

From

[Name] M. Kuppuswami aiyar

[Designation]

[Station] Madras

No.

Dated 15-7-1903.

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

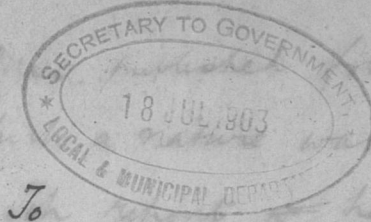
Requesting that the ~~new~~ oriental miss library maybe kept open on Sundays and that ^{the} annual reports on the Search of the Sanskrit and Vernacular manuscripts maybe annually published for information.

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218, Thambu chetty street
Madras. 15 July 1903.



To
The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Educational department.

Respected Sir,

The Madras public highly appreciate the existence of such an institution as the Bonnaman Public Library which is very largely used by the students of the colleges and others interested in the study of language, literature and science. The arrangement by which it is open to the public on Sundays is very much valued by those who cannot afford to go there on other days because of their other avocations. The non-existence of a similar arrangement in the Oriental Mss. Library situated in the same building is very much felt by the college students, pandits and others who are interested in the study and make researches in the oriental language and literature. I am one of those who felt the inconvenience of the present arrangement and therefore request that the Government will be pleased to order that the Oriental Mss. Library be open to the public on Sundays, also more than other days.

2. The late Prof. Seshagovind Sastri who was the curator of the Oriental Mss. Library, has laid the literary public under great obligations, by his very useful reports on the search of Sanskrit and Vernacular Mss.

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 such a nature was published in 1899. Since then
 such reports ~~to~~ has been forthcoming, though a de-
 scriptive Catalogue of the Sanskrit Mss. (only for a part)
 appears to have been published in 1901. It will be
 very useful if reports on a search for Sanskrit and
 Vernacular Mss. ~~acquired~~ made in a certain year
 are published in the next year or the year following.
 The publications of the containing the researches into
 Mss. acquired for the Library during the years 1893
 and 1896-97. have brought to light many an inter-
 esting and useful information, historically and otherwise
 important. Regular and punctual publications
 of ~~researches~~ reports containing researches into the
Mss made by the Librarian and his establishment
 will undoubtedly further the cause of a critical
 study of South Indian Language and Literature.

I, on behalf of the public, make bold, to bring forward the above suggestions for the early and favorable consideration of Government.

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C. No. 1119, From the M. Kuppuswami Aiyar, Dated 15-7-1903.

Endorsement no. 401822-7-03.

Referred to the S.P. for remarks.

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I, on behalf of the handwritten, make bold to
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I am to remain
Yours truly
M. Kuppuswami Aiyar

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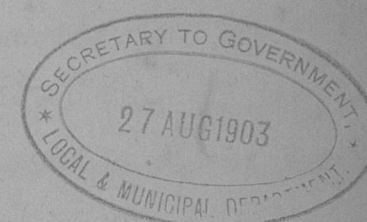
CURRENT No. 1341

From

[Name] The Honourable Mr. G.H. Stuart, M.A.,

[Designation] Director of Public Instruction,

[Station] Madras.



Ref No. C No. 5431 of 03

Received 27-8-1903.

Dated 25th August 1903.

Enclosures one in original

Registered 27-8-1903.

SUBJECT.

Stating that with the approval of Government instructions will be issued to the Curator O.Mss. Library to keep the library open for the public on Sundays and ^{that is} with the existing state of things nothing more can be done in the acquisition and transcription of vernacular manuscripts ^{than what is now being done.}

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To

The Secretary to Government,

Educational Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to return the petition of

M. Kuppuswami Aiyar referred to me with endorsement No. 401 Edl. d/22nd July 1903 with the following remarks:-

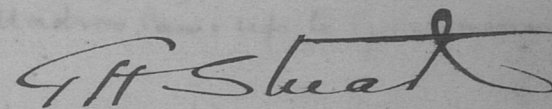
2. The proposal to keep the library open on Sundays has been made to me by the Curator and I shall now, with the approval of Government, instruct him to have the library open on Sundays and closed on Fridays instead.
3. In regard to the publication of ~~the~~ reports on the collection of Manuscripts made every year, the Curator has already proposed in para 7(1) of his reports on the library for 1901-1902 and 1902-1903 to publish such reports in the form of supplements to the Descriptive catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts in the library, but as the No. of rare and important Manuscripts acquired in a year is not large enough to be treated in a separate volume the Curator considers that a separate report on important works in the collections may be published once in three years as he states, is done in other presidencies.
4. Regarding para. 3 of the petition he reports that the funds now at his disposal are mainly, if not wholly, devoted to the collection of Manuscripts bearing on the Sanskrit language and literature the allotment of Rs. 600/- being insufficient for acquiring in addition manuscripts in the different vernacular languages of Southern India. An additional grant for the latter purpose was applied for in 1898, but it was not sanctioned. No regular search therefore for vernacular manuscripts seems to have been

ever instituted and the Curator states that very little information is forthcoming regarding the existence and availability for purchase and transcription of such manuscripts. With the funds at his disposal and with the information that is available regarding vernacular manuscripts it does not appear to be possible for him to do more than is now being done in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



(1) Director of Public Instruction.

C. No. 1119, From the M. Kuppuswami aiyar, No. _____, Dated 15-7-1903.
1341 " " Director of Public Instruction, 5431 " 25-8-1903.

Subject: - Regarding the oriental manuscripts Library.

In his letter dated the 15th ultimo, M. Kuppuswami aiyar of Madras came up to Government with three requests, viz.,

(1) that the oriental manuscripts Library might be kept open on Sundays;

(2) that reports on the ^{search for} collection of manuscripts made every year might be published for general information;

(3) that equal, if not more, attention should be devoted to the acquirement of, and researches into, Vernacular manuscripts.

2. In regard to (1) the Director to whom the letter was referred for remarks states that this proposal has been made to him by the Curator himself and ^{he} now proposes to instruct him with the approval of Government to have the library open on Sundays and closed on Fridays instead. Submitted that this proposal may be approved.

3. In regard to (2) the Director reports that it was already proposed by the Curator in his report for 1901-02 and reiterated in his report for 1902-03, to publish such reports in the form of Supplements to the

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descriptive catalogue of Sanskrit manuscripts in the library. As the number of rare and important manuscripts acquired ⁱⁿ a year is not large enough to be treated in a separate volume, it is considered that a separate report on important works in the collections may be published once in three years, as is done in other presidencies. ^{This proposal also} ~~For orders as to whether this may be approved.~~

4. With reference to the third request, it is ^{stated} ~~observed~~, that the funds now at the disposal of the Curator are mainly, if not wholly, devoted to the collection of Sanskrit manuscripts and that the allotment of Rs. 600 is insufficient for acquiring in addition manuscripts in the different Vernacular languages of Southern India. An additional grant for the latter purpose ^{was}, it is stated, applied for in 1898 but was not sanctioned. ^{The Director} ~~The Curator~~ states that with the funds at ^{the Curator's} disposal and with the very little information that is forthcoming regarding the existence and availability for purchase and transcription of such manuscripts it does not appear to be possible for him to do more than is now being done in the matter. ~~orders are solicited.~~ A descriptive catalogue of the

^{MSB} ~~MSB~~ vernacular manuscripts in the library is now being prepared. It may be left to the Curator to renew his proposal for acquiring fresh Vernacular manuscripts - if he thinks it advisable - after the catalogue work is finished.

^{MSB} ~~MSB~~ I should like to see the orders of 13th June, 1898, ^{have}

with another current.

I. The original of G.O. No. 341 Educational, dated 13th June 1899, is submitted.

^{MSB} ~~MSB~~ 12/9/03

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Please draft accordingly.

The draft placed below may issue.

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C. No. 1119, From the M.R. M. Kuppanawami Aiyar, No. _____, dated 15-7- 1903

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No. 446, dated 15-9-1903

The Director's proposals (1) to keep the Oriental Manuscripts Library open on Sundays and closed on Fridays and (2) to publish a report on the search for manuscripts once in three years are approved.

2 With reference to para: 4 of the Director's letter it is observed that a descriptive catalogue of the vernacular manuscripts in the library is now under preparation. If the Director considers that search should be made for such manuscripts, application may be made for the necessary funds after the ^{Catalogue} ~~work~~ _{now in hand} is finished.

To Mr. D. P. I.
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