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University of Madras.

Stating that the Government will have no objection to allow the — the use of the Connemara library for the deposit of the books purchased out of the Griffith fund and that further orders in the matter can be passed only on the submission by the syndicate of a definite scheme.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From C. A. PATERSON, Esq., M.A., LL.B., Registrar of the Madras University, to the Secretary to Government, Educational department, dated Senate House, 21st November 1903, No. 5024.

In October 1901 the university received from Messrs. Lydall & Sons, Solicitors, London, a sum of Rs. 25,619 being the value, deducting costs, of the one-tenth share of the residuary estate bequeathed to the university by the late Mr. William Griffith. The amount was invested in $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Government securities of the nominal value of Rs. 26,000. The present amount of the funded capital is nearly Rs. 28,000.

2. The question of the best way of utilising the legacy has since been engaging the attention of the syndicate; and it has now formulated generally certain proposals for utilising the legacy by the establishment and organisation of a library in connection with this university.

3. I am accordingly directed to submit, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the outlines of the scheme under which, if Government will assent thereto, it may be possible in a very few years to organise a well-equipped library which will answer many of the requirements of the university.

4. As matters now stand the organisation of an independent library is beyond the power of the university. The accommodation in the Senate house is altogether inadequate for the purposes of a large library and the funds at the disposal of the university are insufficient for the purpose of providing the necessary accommodation, purchasing such works as would be required in a university library and meeting the expenses of administration.

5. The syndicate therefore requests that the Government will be pleased to allow the university to be associated with the management of the Connemara Library in view to making that a university as well as a public library.

6. The time may, however, come when it may be expedient for the university to have a library exclusively its own and on its own premises; and it is therefore necessary that it should reserve the power of removing at any time the books purchased from its funds.

7. If Government accede to this request the university will at once have the advantage of access to a good library building with ample shelf space and of being able to utilise the existing collection of books. The university might then devote the Griffith's legacy to the purchase of various works—more especially works of reference and scientific journals—which are not at present in the Connemara Library, but which should find place in a good university library. Again, it is believed, it would be quite within the means of the University to contribute at least the sum of Rs. 6,000 annually for the purchase of new books and the payment of the salaries of such additions to the staff of the Connemara Library as might be necessary.

8. It would, the syndicate presumes, be possible to arrange that professors and teachers in institutions affiliated to the university and university students should have special privileges accorded to them in the library, such as having special rooms in the buildings appropriated to their use and special rules as to the conditions under which books might be issued to them.

9. As regards the management of the combined libraries the syndicate is prepared to leave the general control in the hands of the Superintendent of the Government Central Museum, but it would be necessary for the university to appoint an advisory board to assist the Superintendent in the administration of the Library.

10. The Syndicate does not propose at present to go into any further details as these cannot well be discussed until the Government has expressed its willingness to entertain proposals on the lines indicated above. It appears, however, to that body that these proposals offer a practical and practicable way of solving the problem of providing a much needed library for the university and at the same time of developing the usefulness of the Connemara library.

11. The syndicate is well aware that there are many objections that may be raised to the scheme, but it does not believe that the difficulties that may arise in the effort to give effect to the scheme are insuperable.

12. I am directed to request the favour of an early reply to this communication.

Endorsement No. 663, Educational, dated 26th November 1903.

Referred to the Superintendent, Government Museum, for early remarks.

(By Order.)

A. GALLETTI,
Ag. Asst. Secretary to Government.

Endt. No. 1031, dated 27th November 1903.

The proposal, which I have already discussed with Mr. Bilderbeck, is an altogether admirable one, which has my hearty support. I agree entirely with the conditions suggested and cannot see any objections thereto. As I am off to Europe at the beginning of February, and am particularly anxious to go personally into the various questions which arise in connection with the administration of the university library, I would ask that the matter may be considered as very urgent, and suggest that representatives of the syndicate be invited, in conjunction with myself, to draw up a working scheme for submission to Government.

E. THURSTON,
Superintendent, Government Museum.

ORDER—No. 603, Educational, dated 5th December 1903.

The Government will be prepared to allow the university the use of the Connemara Library for the deposit of the books purchased out of the Griffith fund, provided that these books while remaining the property of the university, are available to the general readers of that library. Further orders on the proposals of the syndicate must, however, be deferred until a definite scheme is placed before Government showing clearly what further sum the University will engage to spend annually on books, establishment and contingencies and on what conditions. The syndicate will, therefore, be requested to draw up in communication with the Superintendent of the Government Museum and submit this scheme as early as possible.

(True Extract.)

A. G. CARDEW,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Registrar, Madras University.
" Superintendent, Government Museum.

Exd. C. Parthasarathy.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 603, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
5TH DECEMBER 1903.[SUBJECT.—*Establishment of a University Library.*]

From the Registrar, Madras University, No. 5024, dated 21st November 1903.
From the Superintendent, Government Museum, No. 1031, dated 27th November 1903.

The University has received a sum of Rs. 25,619 from the estate of the late Mr. William Griffith and is anxious to utilize this sum in the establishment of a University library. There are difficulties in the way of its organizing an independent library and it therefore desires to be associated with the management of the Connemara library for the present. It will be prepared to set apart Rs. 5,000 annually for the purchase of books and to employ such additional staff at the Connemara library as may be required. Professors and teachers in institutions affiliated to the University and University students should have special privileges, such as having special rooms and special rules regulating the issue of books to them. The general control of the library will be in the hands of the Superintendent of the Government Museum, but the Syndicate will appoint an advisory board. These are the general outlines of the scheme and details will have to be worked out.

The Registrar's letter hardly says as much as this. A. G. CARDEW.

2. The proposal has the cordial support of Mr. Thurston who is anxious to have the details arranged before he goes on furlough early next year. Orders are therefore solicited whether the Syndicate may be asked to nominate a small representative committee for the purpose of working out the details with Mr. Thurston.

P. T. THARYAN—30-11-03.

A. GALLETTI—1-12-03.

Mr. Thurston's support is a valuable credential, but the scheme must also be considered on its merits. The trust money will, of course, remain the property of the University, and as the income of Rs. 28,000 at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. is Rs. 980, the substantial proposal is that the University shall contribute Rs. 980 a year to the Connemara library, in return for which it desires to be "associated with the management" of the library, to appoint an advisory board, and be accorded such privileges as special rooms to be reserved to members of the University and special conditions as to books. At the same time, the University proposes to retain the ownership of all books bought out of its funds.

2. It seems clear that this proposal would not be a suitable one, the University contribution of Rs. 980 per annum being an insufficient set-off for the claims the University puts before. Government at present makes the following provision for the Connemara library :—

	Rs.
Establishment (exclusive of Superintendent Mr. Thurston)	2,700
Books	2,000
Miscellaneous contingencies, say	1,000
Total	5,700

There is also the interest on the capital of 4 or 5 lakhs laid out on the buildings. I do not think it would be reasonable to give the University so large a share in the results of so large an expenditure in return for so small a subscription.

3. The Registrar of the University goes on to say that "it is believed it would be quite within the means of the University to contribute at least" Rs. 6,000 a year for purchase of books, staff, etc. If this proposal were made definite, and a "firm offer" of Rs. 6,980 is received, then the scheme would be more acceptable. The University probably really mean to make such an offer, and, if it is made, the plan may prove a good one. It is only intended to suggest in this note—not that it should be rejected—but that there is some reason for caution.

4. There is nothing to prevent the Syndicate, in communication with Mr. Thurston, drawing up a working scheme: indeed it would have been better had this been done before Government was addressed. It is always unsatisfactory to deal with mere ifs and ans. The one vital question that can now be settled is whether the Government will consent to books bought out of the Griffith Endowment being hall marked as belonging to the University, and so liable to removal at the will of the Syndicate. There are objections, no doubt, to this course, but unless it is allowed the whole scheme must fail. Therefore it may be accepted as the basis of the negotiations that the University may be permitted to deposit in the Connemara library, for the use of all users of the library, such books as are purchased out of the Griffith's fund, on condition that books to the average value of Rs. 980 (or whatever sum the fund will yield) are thus bought and deposited annually. No decision can be given on other matters until a definite scheme is drawn up, showing clearly what further sum the University is prepared to spend annually on the Connemara library and on what conditions.

A. G. CARDEW—1-12-03.

I agree generally. I see no particular objection to the arrangement in certain rooms of the books purchased out of the Griffith's fund—these books being available to general readers but being the property of the University. Even if the University's contribution was no more than this Rs. 1,000 a year, I do not see any serious objection to allowing the members of the University special privileges in regard to these books, but in such case I should not allow them a voice in the general management of the Connemara library, or at any rate more than a consultative voice. The University will restrict their selections to works of a more specialized character than the general library would ordinarily purchase, and their contributions should in a few years raise the library to a very high class.

However we should, as the Secretary suggests, ask for more definite proposals.

G. S. F[ORBES]—2-12-03.

The draft order placed below is submitted for approval.

P. T. THARYAN—4-12-03.

A. GALLETTI—5-12-03.

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