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Approving, subject to certain modifications, the scheme submitted by the Syndicate of the —
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers :—

G.O., No. 603, Educational, dated 5th December 1903.

ABSTRACT.—Stating that the Government will have no objection to allowing the University of Madras 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 will be passed on the submission by the Syndicate of a definite scheme.

G.O., No. 518, Educational, dated 19th August 1904.

ABSTRACT.—Stating that the consideration of the proposals for the establishment of a University Library in connection with the Connemara Library will be deferred till the return of Mr. Thurston, Principal Librarian of the Connemara Library, from furlough in January next.

READ—also the following papers :—

From EDGAR THURSTON, Esq., Principal Librarian, Connemara Public Library, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated 18th March 1905, No. 296.

With reference to G.Os., No. 603, Educational, dated 5th December 1903, and No. 518, Educational, dated 19th August 1904, on the subject of the establishment of a University Library in connection with the Connemara Library, I have the honour to report that I have had a meeting with the Director of Public Instruction and Principal of the Presidency College as representatives of the Syndicate of the University, at which the various proposals contained in the letters from the Registrar of the University were discussed.

2. I have already (Endorsement No 1031, dated 27th November 1903) expressed my hearty support of the proposal that the University Library should be associated with the Connemara Library. But I would make a few observations with regard to the recommendations contained in the letter from the Registrar of the University, dated 3rd August 1904.

3. As regards the establishment suggested in paragraph 1, I would recommend the addition of a second peon on Rs. 7 per mensem. The library working hours are long (7 A.M. to 5 or 5-30 P.M.) and the peon would be absent daily for two hours for his meals, so that a second peon seems for this as well as other reasons to be essential. It will probably be necessary hereafter to raise slightly the pay of the senior members of my existing library staff, who will certainly have extra work thrown on them in connection with cataloguing, etc. For *inter alia*, the books of the University Library, though kept apart from those of the Connemara Library and Technical Institute and catalogued separately, would also be incorporated (with an initial letter U to show that they belong to the University Library) in the copies of the library catalogue and subject indexes, which are kept on the book-distribution counter for the use of the general readers.

4. In paragraph 2 it is noted that it would be advisable for the Government to assign to the University Library Committee a definite position, such as that of a Board of Advice, in the administration of the Connemara Library. To this proposition I give my assent, on the understanding that the Principal Librarian thereof should continue, as at present, to have the power to purchase books for the Connemara Library without

reference to the Board, while so shaping his library policy that it does not clash with that of the University Library and avoids duplication of books. I should, I need scarcely say, keep the Board thoroughly informed as to the purchases made on behalf of the Connemara Library and willingly co-operate with it in all matters affecting the interests of the two libraries concerned.

5. As regards paragraph 3 (a), I would suggest that special bays in the library should be reserved for the following :—

(1) Fellows and Honorary Fellows of the University.

(2) Members of the staff of colleges affiliated to the University.

(3) Registered graduates of the University (on the production of a reading ticket signed by the Principal Librarian or a member of the Board of Advice).

It is not, in my opinion, necessary to extend the concession to undergraduates, who should continue, as at present, to use the seats set apart for general readers.

6. I would modify paragraph 3 (b) by the addition of a provision that graduates engaged in special research work should be allowed to take away books from either of the libraries on the production of a ticket signed by the Principal Librarian or a member of the Board of Advice, provided only that such books are, in the opinion of the authorities, not likely to be required for reference by readers in the library and on deposit of a sufficient sum of money to cover possible loss of books.

7. I note that the sum of Rs. 28,000 is immediately available for the purchase of books for the University Library, and that it is proposed to spend annually Rs. 4,500 on the purchase of books and binding. The annual budget provision for the purchase of books and binding for the Connemara Library is Rs. 3,200. If the expenditure of the proposed sum is sanctioned by the Senate of the University, it is clear that the University Library will increase at a quicker rate than the Connemara Library and it becomes necessary to look forward in the all-important question of space. It will probably be found essential, within a short time, to erect a special building, of simple construction and capable of extension, within the museum grounds, for housing the serials (part : blue-books, reports, etc.) which increase rapidly, take up a very large amount of space and are seldom referred to. But for the present it would, I think, only be necessary to have the end book-cases in each of the terminal alcoves widened, and to add book-cases in the two central galleries upstairs, outside the sub-librarian's room, and in the two end rooms, and cases for folios in each alternate alcove on the ground-floor. The upper halves of the book-cases in the galleries, which run round the entire length of the upper storey, are at present mainly unoccupied, though capable of holding a very large number of books, for the reason that the floor-space is exceedingly narrow, and the act of depositing books in or taking books out of the cases, which have to be reached by means of a ladder, is not entirely devoid of risk of bodily accident. These shelves would have to be utilised at once so as to concentrate the books of the Connemara Library and Technical Institute. I have conferred with the Consulting Architect, who recommends the addition of strong brass girdles and iron stanchions as being a sufficient protection.

The Consulting Architect further suggests, as a means of increasing the area for books, the addition of four large central cases with galleries, in harmony with the cases in the alcoves, and running parallel to the long axis of the library.

Endt. No. 231, Educational, dated 18th April 1905.

Referred to the Syndicate of the Madras University for favour of remarks.

(By Order.)

A. GALLETTI,
Asst. Secretary to Government.

From C. A. PATERSON, Esq., Registrar of the University of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Senate House, 4th May 1905, No. 1232.

With reference to Government Endorsement No. 231, Educational, dated the 18th April last, herewith returned, I am directed by the Syndicate to inform you—

(1) that in regard to paragraph 3 of Mr. Thurston's letter under reference the Syndicate approves of the proposal to appoint a second peon on Rs. 7 per mensem;

(2) that the views of the Syndicate on the subject of the position and duties of the proposed University Library Committee were communicated in paragraphs 1 and 2 of my letter No. 2116, dated the 3rd August 1904, and that the Syndicate has no observations to make in respect to paragraph 4 of Mr. Thurston's letter; and

(3) that the Syndicate approves of Mr. Thurston's proposals in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the letter under reference.

ORDER—No. 361, Educational, dated 26th May 1905.

The scheme submitted by the Syndicate with its Registrar's letter No. 2116, dated 3rd August 1904, for the establishment of a University Library in connection with the Connemara Public Library is approved subject to the modifications proposed by Mr. Thurston in paragraphs 3, 5 and 6 of his letter read above.

2. As regards increased accommodation dealt with in paragraph 7 of Mr. Thurston's letter, orders will issue in the Public Works Department for the preparation of the necessary estimates.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Registrar, Madras University.
" Superintendent, Government Museum.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Public Works Department.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 361, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
26TH MAY 1905.

[SUBJECT.—*University Library.*]

From the Superintendent, Government Museum, No. 296, dated 18th March 1905.

In November 1903 the Syndicate of the Madras University submitted for the approval of Government the outlines of a scheme for the establishment of a University Library in connection with the Connemara Public Library. Mr. Thurston, to whom the scheme was referred for remarks, heartily supported it, but suggested that representatives of the Syndicate should be invited to draw up, in conjunction with himself, a working scheme for submission to Government. Accordingly, Government in their order No. 603, Educational, dated 5th December 1903, expressed their willingness to allow the University the use of the Connemara Library for the deposit of their (University's) books on condition that the books while remaining the property of the University were available to the general readers of the Connemara Library and called on the Syndicate to submit a definite scheme showing clearly what sum the University would engage to spend annually on books, establishment and contingencies and on what conditions.

2. In reply, the Syndicate submitted in August 1904 the following proposals:—

(1) *Expenditure*.—That a sum of Rs. 6,000 per annum should be allotted to the library to be utilised as follows:—

(a) Establishment (Rs. 864)—

One assistant librarian on Rs. 50 a month.

One attendant on Rs. 15 a month.

One peon on Rs. 7 a month.

(b) Contingencies (Rs. 500).

(c) Purchase of books and binding charges (Rs. 4,500).

(2) *Control and administration*.—That the management of the University Library should be vested in a Committee of five Fellows who would purchase books, etc., frame rules for issue of books and keep accounts.

(3) That the Library Committee should be constituted a Board of Advice in connection with the administration of the Connemara Library.

(4) That special bays or rooms in the (Connemara) Library should be reserved for—

(1) Fellows or Honorary Fellows of the University.

(2) Members of the staff of affiliated colleges.

(3) Graduates of the University.

(4) Undergraduates of the University.

(5) That Fellows, professors or graduates engaged in research work should be allowed to take books away from both the University and Connemara Libraries.

3. As Mr. Thurston had then gone on leave, Government ordered that the consideration of the Syndicate's proposals should be deferred till his return, but informed the Syndicate that books could not be allowed to be taken out from the Connemara Library—*vide* G.O., No. 518, Educational, dated 19th August 1904.

4. In the present current Mr. Thurston submits his remarks on the proposals of the Syndicate which are summarised in paragraph 2 of these notes. He says he has discussed the matter with representatives of the Syndicate.

5. As regards establishment Mr. Thurston suggests the appointment of a second peon on Rs. 7 a month.

Out of the sum of Rs. 6,000 which the Syndicate proposes to allot annually, Rs. 4,500 is reserved for books, Rs. 500 for contingencies and the balance of Rs. 1,000 is available for establishment. The cost of the establishment proposed by the Syndicate comes to Rs. 864 and the balance, Rs. 136, is more than sufficient to cover the cost of the additional peon. The Syndicate will therefore have no objection to the appointment of the additional peon.

6. Mr. Thurston also says that it will be necessary hereafter to raise slightly the pay of the senior members of the Connemara Library establishment who will have extra work thrown on them. This does not appear to be necessary, but it may be considered when the time comes.

7. Mr. Thurston agrees to the University Library Committee being constituted an Advisory Board in connection with the administration of the Connemara Library, but considers that he should continue to have the power to purchase books for the Connemara Library without reference to the Board. This seems to be necessary. Of course Mr. Thurston would see that there is no duplication of books and that his policy does not clash with that of the University Committee.

8. Mr. Thurston agrees to reserving special bays in the library for Fellows of the University, members of the staff of affiliated colleges and registered graduates, but does not consider that this concession should be extended to undergraduates. Submitted there is no necessity to extend the concession to undergraduates.

9. As regards taking out books from the library, Mr. Thurston would allow graduates engaged in special research work to take away books not likely to be required by readers in the library on depositing a sufficient sum of money to cover possible loss. In G.O., No. 518, Educational, dated 19th August 1904, Government said they would not allow books to be taken out from the Connemara Library. Perhaps Government would agree to the modified proposal of Mr. Thurston. It should, however, be made a rule that rare books which it would not be possible to replace if lost

Not if these books are placed in a separate catalogue and bear a distinctive label.

H. D. TAYLOR.

should on no account be allowed to be taken out, but any how there may be some difficulty and risk in working a very indefinite rule like this.

10. In paragraph 7 of his letter Mr. Thurston deals with the question of increased accommodation. This may be considered and estimates called for when the establishment of the University Library in connection with the Connemara Library is settled.

11. Recently the Government of India have resolved to make a special grant of 5 lakhs annually for a period of five years for the benefit of University and collegiate education (G.O., No. 190, Educational, dated 28th March 1905). In 1904-1905 this Presidency has been assigned an allotment of Rs. 70,000; out of this sum, Rs. 5,000 has been granted to the University to meet travelling allowances of Fellows, a grant of Rs. 15,000 has been promised to meet initial expenditure in connection with the inspection of colleges, and the Director of Public Instruction has been requested to submit proposals for the utilization of the balance of Rs. 50,000. If Government

I have more than once warned this clerk to confine himself to the record and not to make suggestions which he has no business to make.

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would give a liberal grant from this amount, the University would perhaps like to have a library of its own. From paragraph 4 of Mr. Paterson's letter No. 5024, dated 21st November 1903 (in

G.O., No. 603, dated 5th December 1903), it will be seen that it was the consideration of funds to provide a separate building for the University Library that made the Syndicate request Government to allow the use of the Connemara Library building for their library, but as observed above circumstances have slightly changed in this respect since the proposals were first put forward.

T. KANAKASUNDARAM PILLAI—7-4-05.

P. T. THARYAN—9-4-05.

Refer Mr. Thurston's letter to the Syndicate? The Government may endorse Mr. Thurston's suggestions?

A. GALLETTI—10-4-05.

H. D. TAYLOR—14-4-05.

I do not see reason to dissent from Mr. Thurston's proposals, but they may as well be referred for the Syndicate's remarks.

J. T[HOHSON]—15-4-05.

Please draft reference.

H. D. TAYLOR—15-4-05.

The draft endorsement placed below may issue.

N.L.R.—15-4-05.

P. T. THARYAN—17-4-05.

Issue.

A. GALLETTI—18-4-05.

[Endorsement No. 231, Educational, dated 18th April 1905.]

From the Registrar, Madras University, No. 1932, dated 4th May 1905.

The Registrar reports that Mr. Thurston's proposals in paragraphs 3, 5 and 6 of his letter are approved by the Syndicate and that the Syndicate have no observations to make on paragraph 4 of his letter. Submitted that in these circumstances the proposals may be approved. As regards the question of increased accommodation dealt with in paragraph 7 of Mr. Thurston's letter, estimates may perhaps be called for at once as provision of book cases with galleries and new building will take a long time.

N.L.R.—8-5-05.

P. T. THARYAN—9-5-05.

Government is to pay for this, apparently, as also for the increase in the pay of the existing library staff.

A. GALLETTI—9-5-05.

Can the pay of the additional peon be met by reappropriation?

H. D. TAYLOR—9-5-05.

Submitted that the Syndicate will pay for the peon.

A. GALLETTI—9-5-05.

To the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

H. D. TAYLOR—10-5-05.

I have nothing to add to Mr. Thurston's proposals; they represent what he, Mr. Bilderbeck and I agreed upon at the meeting to which he refers.

A. G. BOURNE—13-5-05.

Please draft for approval.

H. D. TAYLOR—15-5-05.

The draft placed below is submitted for approval. If approved, it may issue with the concurrence of the Public Works Department.

R.N.—16-5-05.

P. T. THARYAN—16-5-05.

I have put in a paragraph about Mr. Thurston's suggestion that the pay of some members of his staff should be raised in case Secretary thinks something should be said about it; but as Mr. Thurston's suggestion only regards what may become necessary at some future time, it would perhaps be better not to refer to it at all.

A. GALLETT—17-5-05.

No reference need be made to increased establishments or allowances which may be needed in the future. Any such suggestion will only result in an immediate application being made. Let the matter wait till necessity actually arises.

2. The draft will be sent to Public Works Department for acceptance of paragraph 2.

H. D. TAYLOR—18-5-05.

To the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Paragraph 2 may be accepted in this Department.

C. V. GANGADHARA SASTRI—20-5-05.

Yes.

S. B. MURRAY—20-5-05.

Accepted.

W. B. DEWINTON—20-5-05.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

For approval.

H. D. TAYLOR—23-5-05.

Approved.

J. T[OMSON]—24-5-05.

A[MPHILL]—25-5-05.

Issue.

H. D. TAYLOR—26-5-05.

[G.O., No. 361, Educational, dated 26th May 1905.]

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CURRENT No. 507.

From

[Name] Edgar Thurston Esq.

[Designation] Principal Librarian, Connemara Public Library

[Station] Madras.

No. 296

Dated 18th March 1905.

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The Secretary to Government,
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The Registrar M. V.
" S. G. M. V.
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