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G.O., No. 520, 4th August 1906.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers:—

I

Letter—from Diwan Bahadur V. Krishnama Chariyar, Registrar of Books, Madras.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial (Books) Department.
Dated—the 19th April 1906.
No.—187.

Having received these two weeks but Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, I beg to represent that this portion of the Government Gazette is comparatively useless, while Parts I and II are practically more important for the purposes of this office, since they notify new appointments and transfers of Revenue and Judicial officers, especially of District Registrars of Assurances, who form the mufassal agency of this office under the Government rules framed according to section 20 of the Book Registration Act XXV of 1867 and Act X of 1890, and of Magistrates, Sub-Magistrates and Police officers, through whom prosecutions for violation or evasion of the provisions of the above enactments and for infringement of copyright law have to be often instituted. The parts relating to—

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3. I beg, therefore, to suggest for the consideration of Government whether it might not be an advantage to the public to accord to this office a preferential treatment in the matter of the weekly supply of the full edition of the *Fort St. George Gazette* as has been the practice since the creation of this office in 1868 or nearly forty years ago.

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The Superintendent, Government Press, is requested to revert to the practice of supplying a full copy of the *Fort St. George Gazette* to the Registrar of Books, Madras.

(By Order.)

C. M. Schmidt,
Registrar.

To the Registrar of Books.
,, Superintendent, Government Press.
Copy to the Director of Public Instruction.

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(By Order.)

C. A. Souter,
Ag. Under Secretary to Govt.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

IV

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. Bourne, D.Sc., F.R.S., Director of Public Instruction.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—Madras, the 4th July 1906.
No.—Ref. on Cur. No. 4398.

With reference to Memorandum No. 246, Educational, dated 4th June 1906, I have the honour to state the records show that the library attached to the office of the Registrar of Books was intended to be a reference library open to the public under G.O., No. 173, Educational, dated 25th February 1890. But as the books were not catalogued, it was ordered in G.O., No. 498, Educational, dated 14th July 1890, that the library should not be open to the public before the compilation of the proposed catalogue and the Director was asked to report when it would be ready. A report was submitted in this office No. B.B./937, dated 29th October 1890, that the catalogue would be ready by the beginning of 1891; and nothing further seems to have been done in the matter.

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Memorandum No. 329, Educational, dated 18th July 1906.

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

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Director of Public Instruction.
,, Superintendent, Government Museum.

Educational Department.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 520, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 4TH AUGUST 1906.

[Subject.—*Supply of the Fort St. George Gazette to the Registrar of Books.*]

From the Registrar of Books, dated 19th April 1906, No. 187.

Financial Department (Books Branch).

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Vide Educational department note, dated 22nd March 1906, on page 56 of G.O., No. 36, dated 18th April 1906.

E. K. G.—2-5-06.

C. M. Schmidt—4-5-06.

To the Educational Department.

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Submitted that the Director may be asked whether the Registrar of Books should get the full copy of the *Fort St. George Gazette* or only copy of Part I-B. If the Registrar has a public reference library the supply of the full edition seems desirable.

P. T. Tharyan—7-5-06.

C. A. Souter—8-5-06.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction.

I find upon enquiry that two or three prosecutions only have been launched by the Registrar during the last five years. Considering this and considering that any official may be addressed by his title the contention of the Registrar that he requires to be kept posted up to date in the *personnel* of the Registration department has not much force.

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Rubbish He has nothing to do with Acts, etc
G. S. F[ORBES].

4. He does *not* apparently require the Educational portion. He would *like* to have the Gazette, but I was justified in saying there was no necessity.

A. G. BOURNE—14-5-06.

There may be no actual necessity, but it is the merest trifle and, as the Registrar thinks he wants it, I would supply him with a full copy as formerly.

A. BUTTERWORTH—15-5-06.

To the Financial Department (Books Branch).

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT (BOOKS BRANCH).

A A draft endorsement asking the Superintendent, Government Press, to supply the Registrar with a full copy of the Gazette is submitted. Perhaps no action need be taken on the Director of Public Instruction's remarks regarding the question whether the Registrar's office can be considered a public library.

E.K.G.—19-5-06.

The draft endorsement * may issue and the papers be returned to the Educational Department for any further action considered desirable with reference to **A**.

* Issued as Memorandum No. 608—2, dated 23rd May 1906.

[The notes and papers regarding supply of *Fort St. George Gazette* to the Registrar should be added ultimately to G.O., No. 36, dated 18th April 1906.]

C. M. SCHMIDT—21-5-06.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

At the last revision of the list of officers supplied with copies of the *Fort St. George Gazette* it was decided that the Registrar of Books should get only Part I-B, and not the whole of the *Fort St. George Gazette*. In requesting that the former practice might be reverted to, the Registrar observed "it is desirable that the public "Reference Library attached to this office should be furnished with the complete edition "of the Gazette for the use of visitors that resort to it and seek to refer to the bound "volumes like administration reports and other works issued by order of Government. As a public library open to all classes of readers the supply of the full "edition of the Gazette appears to be as important to them as other official reports"—paragraph 2 of Registrar's letter, No. 187, dated 19th April 1906.

On this the Director of Public Instruction observed :—"The idea that his (the "Registrar's) office is or should be a public library requires to be nipped in the bud. "The books are there for official reference only : there is no staff to attend to visitors : "the Connemara Library is close by : the number of visitors is at present very small "and in any case it should not be a place where loafers may drop in to look at the "Gazette"—Director's unofficial note on page 1 *supra*.

2. The question now is should any orders issue in terms of the Director's note? The Registrar is the Director's subordinate and if any orders are necessary they should apparently be issued by the Director. If considered necessary the Director may be told so u.o.

P. T. THARYAN—29-5-06.

C. A. SOUTER—30-5-06.

Are there any orders to the effect that the Registrar's library may be used by the public ? In any case before orders issue the Director of Public Instruction should ask the Registrar whether there are any particular reasons for allowing the public to use his library.

A. BUTTERWORTH—1-6-06.

The draft placed below is submitted for approval.

P. T. THARYAN—1-6-06.

C. A. SOUTER—2-6-06.

[Memorandum to the Director of Public Instruction, dated 4th June 1906, No. 246.]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 4th July 1906, *No.* 4398.

The Director of Public Instruction states that the library attached to the office of the Registrar of Books was intended to be a reference library open to the public under G.O., No. 173, Educational, dated 25th February 1890. But as the books were not catalogued it was ordered in G.O., No. 498, Educational, dated 14th July 1890, that the library should not be open to the public before the compilation of the proposed catalogue, and the Director was asked to report when it would be ready. A report was submitted by the Director on 29th October 1890 that the catalogue would be ready by the beginning of 1891 ; and nothing further seems to have been done in the matter. The cataloguing work was undertaken and brought down from 1867 to 1889. For the cataloguing work from 1890 onward, the Registrar recommended a bonus of Rs. 70 to the assistant clerk of his office. The proposal was sanctioned by the Director in September 1903 ; but the work has not been taken up yet and the books are only arranged in the library as they are registered. The Director of Public Instruction considers the Registrar's office to be quite unsuitable for a public library. The very fact that the matter has been allowed to lie over without action ever since 1890 is itself an indication that the public care very little for the library. Further there is no accommodation for readers in the present library which is situated on the ground floor in a store room in which there is hardly standing accommodation. The Director suggests the advisability of combining the collection of registered books with the Connemara Public Library after they have been kept in the Registrar's office for a period of five years.

P.K.M.—7-7-06.

The present correspondence arose from the stoppage under the advice of the Director of Public Instruction of the full copy of the *Fort St. George Gazette* supplied to the Registrar of books and the issue to him of only Part I-B and its supplements. The Registrar then represented that the library attached to his office was a public Reference Library, and that it should be supplied with the full copy of the Gazette. His request has now been complied with—Memorandum No. 608-2.

Pages 38 and 56 of G.O., No. 36, Financial (Books), dated 18th April 1906.

2. The question was then raised whether the library is really a public Reference Library and whether there were any particular reasons for allowing the public to use the library. The Director's letter No. 4398, of the 4th instant abstracted above, shows that the library has not yet been thrown open to the public and that there is no accommodation in the building for readers.

It is submitted that the Director may be asked to inform the Registrar accordingly.

3. The Director raises the further question whether the collection of registered books in the library should not be transferred to the Connemara Public Library after they have been in the Registrar's library for five years. The Director once before suggested the transfer of the whole of the Registrar's Library to the Connemara public Library as well as the removal of the Registrar himself from the premises of the Old College building—please see paragraphs 2 and 3 of his letter printed on page 2 of

G.O., No. 565, Educational, dated 10th September 1904. The question, however, then arose in connection with the provision of office accommodation for the Inspector of European and Training Schools for which separate arrangements were made, and it was considered undesirable to move the Registrar and his library from the premises of the Old College building—Mr. Cardew's note, dated 30th March 1904, and orders thereon on page 2 of the notes with G.O., No. 565, Educational, dated 10th September 1904. Should Mr. Thurston be now consulted on the present modified suggestion regarding the removal of books more than five years old from the Registrar's library.

P. T. Tharyan—7-7-06.

B | It may be held at once that the library attached to the office of the Registrar of Books is not a public library.

C | The question of the transfer of books after five years to the Connemara Public Library may be separately dealt with.

H. D. Taylor—13-7-06.

As to **B** yes: as to **C** consult Mr. Thurston, sending him these notes u.o.

G. S. F[orbes]—14-7-06.

To the Superintendent, Government Museum.

Office of the Superintendent, Government Museum.

I am strongly of opinion that the library of the Registrar of Books should be maintained apart from the Connemara Public Library, and am not in favour of the transfer of the books thereto after five years. If this course was decided on, the first step, I take it, would be to transfer to the Connemara Library all books received prior to 1901. That would mean burthening the library with a mass of trivial literature, which would, I gather from consulting the catalogue of the Registrar's Library (1894), be perfectly useless for the class of readers who come to the Connemara Library.

E. Thurston—26-7-06.

Resubmitted.

H. D. Taylor—28-7-06.

The Registrar may maintain his library, but only for reference by his office and himself not for the public. Works that may be consulted by the public will ordinarily be in the Connemara Library or should be purchased.

G. S. F[orbes]—31-7-06.

Please draft.

H. D. Taylor—2-8-06

The draft placed below is submitted for approval.

P. T. Tharyan—2-8-06.

C. G. Mackay—3-8-06.

H. D. Taylor—4-8-06.

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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF BOOKS,

No. 187.

Madras, 19 April 1906.

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DEWAN BAHADUR V. KRISHNAMA CHARIAR,

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Office of the Registrar of Books.

No. 187, 19th April 1906.

Despatched 23rd April } 1906.
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Sir,

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For Director of Public Instruction.

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Memo. 329 dt 18-7-06

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C. No. 608, From the Regr. of Books, No. 187, Dated 9. 4. 1906.

Vide Edl. dept note of 22-3-06 on page 56 of G.O. 36/18.4.06 below

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Nevertheless he was [illegible] to do without [illegible]

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There may be no actual necessity but it is the merest trifle & if the Registrar thinks he wants it, I would supply him with a full copy as formerly.

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.
(Book Branch)

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LOCAL & MUNICIPAL
29 MAY 1906
SECRETARIAT.

For Reg

A draft Endorsement asking the L.G.P. to supply the Registrar with a full copy of the gazette is Sub. Perhaps no action need be taken on the D.P.I.'s remarks re the question whether the Registrar's office can be considered a Public Library. A

EHJ
19.5.06

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The draft end may issue & the papers be returned to Ed. for any further action considered desirable with reference to A.
[The notes & papers re supply of Fort St George Gazette to the Reg. should be added ultimately to G.O. 36 of 18.4.06]

Cml
21.5.06

Financial Books
U.O.D
608–3
25.5.06.

Edl no 184 R
29/5/06.
Page 1 supra.

Edl Dept (U.O)

Educational Departt

At the last revision of the list of officers supplied with copies of the Fort St George Gazette it was decided that the Registrar of Books should get only Part I-B & not the whole Gazette. (of the Fort St George)
In requesting that the former practice might be reverted to

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the Registrar observed "it is desirable that the Public "Reference Library attached to this office should be furnished "with the complete edition of the Gazette for the use of visitors "that resort to it and seek to refer to the bound volumes "like Administration reports and other works issued by order "of Govt. As a Public Library open to all classes of readers "the supply of the full edition of the Gazette appears to be as "important to them as other official reports" – para. 2 of Registrar's letter no 187 dt 19-4-06.

On this the D.P.I. observed "The idea that his "(the Registrar's) Office is or should be a public library "requires to be nipped in the bud. The books are there for "Official reference only, there is no staff to attend to visitors, "the Connemara Library is close by, the number of visitors "is at present very small and in any case it should not be "a place where loafers may drop in to look at the Gazette" – Director's U.O. note on page 3 supra.

The question now is should any orders issue in terms of the Director's note? The Registrar is the Director's subordinate and if any orders are necessary they should apparently be issued by the Director. If considered necessary the Director may be told so U.O.

AH
29/5/06

Lee
Ces
30.5.06.

Are there any orders to the effect that the Registrar's library may be used by the Public? In any case before orders issue the D.P.I. should ask the Registrar whether there are any particular reasons for allowing the public to use his library.

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The draft placed below is submitted for approval.

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26.06.

[Memo to the D.P.I. no. 266 d/ 4.6.06.]

from the D.P.I no: 4398 d/ 6.7.06

The D.P.I states that the library attached to the office of the Registrar of Books was intended to be a reference library
E open to the public under G.O. No. 173 Edl d/ 25-2-1890. But as the books were not catalogued, it was ordered in G.O. No.
F 498 Edl d/ 14-7-1890 that the library should not be open to the public before the compilation of the proposed catalogue and the Director was asked to report when it would be ready. A report
X was submitted by the Director on 29.10.1890 that the Catalogue would be ready by the beginning of 1891; and nothing further seems to have been done in the matter.

Madras office written to for the original

The Cataloguing work was undertaken

and brought down from 1867 - 1889. For the Cataloguing work from 1890 onward, the Registrar recommended a bonus of R 70/ to the Assistant clerk of his office. The proposal was sanctioned by the Director in September 1903; but the work has not been taken up yet and the books are only arranged in the library as they are registered. The D.P.I. considers the Registrar's Office, ~~as~~ to be quite unsuitable for a public library. The very fact that the matter has been allowed to lie over without action ever since 1890, is itself an indication that the public care very little for the library. Further the there is no accommodation for readers in the present library which is situated on the ground floor in a store room, in which there is hardly standing accommodation. The Director suggests the advisability of ~~removing~~ combining the collection of registered books with the Connemara public library, after they have been kept in the Registrar's Office, for a period of 5 years.

Thos
7.7.06.

The present correspondence arose from the stoppage

⑥ Pages 38 & 56 of G.O. no 36 Fin (Books) dt 18-4-06 - flag 23.

under the advice of the D.P.I. of the full copy of the Fort St George Gazette ~~issued~~ supplied to the Registrar of Books and the issue to him of only Part I. B and its supplements.

Para. 2 of his letter on Page 2 of current.

The Registrar then represented that the Library attached to his Office was a Public Reference Library and that it should be supplied with the full copy of the Gazette. This

Memo. no 608-2 on page 5 of current.

request has now been complied with.

2. The question was then raised whether the Library

Pages 5 & 6 supra.

is really a Public Reference Library and whether there were any particular reasons for allowing the Public to

Pages 7 & 8 of current

use the Library. The Director's letter no 4398 of the 4th instant abstracted above shows that the Library has not yet been thrown open to the Public and that there is no accommodation in the building for readers.

It is submitted that the Director may be asked to inform the Registrar accordingly.

3. The Director raises the further question whether the collection of registered books in the Library should not be transferred to the Connemara Public Library after they have been in the Registrar's Library for five years. The Director once before suggested the transfer of the whole of the Registrar's Library to the Connemara Public Library ~~and also~~ as well as the removal of the Registrar himself from the premises of the Old College building - please see paras 2 & 3 of his letter

D.

printed ~~with~~ on page 23 G.O. No 565 Edl dt 10th September 1904. The question however then arose in connection with the provision of Office accommodation for the Inspector of European & Training Schools for which separate arrangements were made and ~~the~~ it was considered undesirable to move the Registrar and his Library from the premises of the Old College building – Mr. Carden's note dt 30-3-04 & orders thereon on page 2 of the notes with G.O. No 505 Edl. dt 10th September 1904. Should Mr. Thurston be now consulted on the present modified suggestion regarding the removal of books more than 5 years old from the Registrar's Library? D

P.J.
7/7/06

A It may be held at once that the library attached to the Office of the Registrar of books is not a public library.

B The question of the transfer of Books after five years to the Connemara Public Library may be separately dealt with.

H.W.D.
13-7-06

H.M.

As to A yes: as to B. consult Mr Thurston, sending him these notes &c.

S.G.M. u.o

H.D.T.
16.7.06

Draft separately submitted.
P.J. 16/7/6

Desp
16/7/6

Edl. No. 520 D
16.7.06

Rgd. 1096
20-7-06.

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I am strongly of opinion that the Library of the Registrar of Books should be maintained apart from the Connemara Public Library, and am not in favour of the transfer of the books thereto after five years. If this course was decided on, the first step, I take it, would be to transfer to the Connemara Library all books received prior to 1901. That would mean burdening the Library with a mass of trivial literature, which would, I gather from consulting the Catalogue of the Registrar's Library (1894), be perfectly useless for the class of readers who come to the Connemara Library.

No. 729 26.7.06.

Resubmitted

28-7-06

The Registrar may maintain his library, but only for reference by his office himself not for the public. Works that may be consulted by the public will ordinarily be in the Conn^a Lib^y or sh^d be purchased.

G.T. 31/

Please draft
2.8.06

Note to E.T.

The draft placed below is submitted for approval.
3.8.06

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4.8.06

[G.O. No. 520 Edl. dy 4.8.06]

Note 5-20 Bell

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" - 1086 " " D.P.I. " 4398 " 4-7- 1906
" " ......, " " Memo, " 329, " 18-7- 1906.

Disp " H.S.
4/8/6

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ORDER
P.S.

No. 520, dated 4-8- 1906.

In continuation of Memo. No 329 dt 18th July 1906 the D.P.I. is informed that the Registrar of Books may maintain his library but only for reference by his office and himself, not for the public. The Govt. do not consider it advisable to transfer any of the books from this library ~~soon after they have been there for five years~~ to the Connemara Public library.

3-8-06

PH
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4.8.06.

To the D.P.I.
" Agm. √

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