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Sub: Library - Tanjong M.H. - Cepani za library
in Siwagaiga Gardens - Purchase of books
& furniture without tenders - irregular
- condoned.

From
Sri S.R.Sellaraj, B.A.,
Commissioner,
Tanjore Municipality,
Tanjore.

To
The Secretary
Local Administration Department,
Madras.

Through (1) Chairman, Municipal Council
Tanjore.
(2) The Inspector of Municipal
councils & Local Boards,
Madras.

Re. A9-17326-47 dated 6-11-47.



Sir,

Sub:- Audit - General Funds - 1946-47 - Purchase of books
and articles of furniture for the library without
tenders - Para 8 of the Audit Report - Condonation.
Requested.

The Sivaganga garden in this town was renovated and improved by the municipality in 1946-47 and has been converted into a lovely garden for the use of the public. It was resolved by the council in its resolution No.243 dated 28-3-47 for opening, among other items, a public lending library at the garden, and sanctioned the purchase locally of articles of furniture for the library and the reading room at a cost not exceeding Rs.800/-. In its resolution No.242 dated 28-3-47, the council sanctioned also the purchase of books for the library for Rs.1193-13-0. Copies of my notes to the council dated 24 and 25-3-47 and the council's resolutions are enclosed.

2. The library and the reading room had to be opened urgently on 30-3-1947. Therefore, the Municipal Engineer enquired locally the local cabinet makers, and inspected the articles of furniture kept by them, and selected such of the articles which were of good quality consistent with the price that obtained in the market. One glass almyrah (big size) was purchased from the District Board Industrial school for Rs.121-3-0. One other almyrah, 5 tables and 15 chairs were purchased from Lakshmi furniture Mart, Tanjore for Rs.514.

3. Some selected books for the library were also required, urgently. The Higginbothams Bookstall, at Tanjore, had their stock of good books both Tamil and English written by standard authors and Indian National Leaders on all subjects, politics, economics, philosophy, religion, and fiction. 262 volumes were selected by me with the help of some prominent gentries of the town. The cost of these books came to Rs.1193-13-0 after deducting a discount of 6 1/4%, and it was paid for in Voucher 2704/3-47. In this connection I beg to state, that when myself and the then Chairman, Municipal council had been to Madras in March '47, we together went to several book dealers and publishers and enquired the prices of books. We were informed that the books would be sold only at the prices printed in each books, and that no discount even would be allowed. But, fortunately in purchasing the books locally, the municipality not only got a discount of 6 1/4%, but it was also able to get in a short period a variety of good books to suit all the tastes of the reading public.

4. In para 8 of the Audit Report (copy submitted), objection has been taken for the purchase of the articles of furniture for Rs.635-3-4 and books to the value of Rs.1193-13-0 without inviting tenders or quotations, and it is pointed out that the irregularity would need to be condoned by Government. In the circumstances stated above, I request Government to be pleased to condone the

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the purchases made without calling for tenders or quotations.

M. S. S. S. S.
COMMISSIONER.

Enc:-5.

FORWARDED.

S. Arumugam
CHAIRMAN.

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Forwarded

S. Arumugam

For inspection

To the Secy to Govt.
L.A. Dept.

17/11/47
M.C.
14/11/47

TANJORE MUNICIPALITY.

Copy of Council Resolution No.243 dated 28-3-47. (3)

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Commissioner's note dated 24-3-47 requesting council's sanction for

(1) accepting with thanks the free offer by Sri Rao Bahadur A.Y. Arulanandaswami Nadar, Chairman, of a Radio Receiver set with loud speakers.

(2) installing the same at the Sivaganga Gardens

(3) Opening in the same place a public lending library subject to certain regulations and providing a public playground for children.

(4) Purchase locally of articles of furniture for the library and the reading room and for the playground at a cost ~~of~~ not exceeding Rs.800 and Rs.1000 respectively and

(5) the appointment of (a) a Radio Operator cum Library Attender on Rs.17-1/3-20 (for Library Attender) + Rs.6 for (Radio Operatory work) and (b) a municipal Head Gardner on Rs.15-1-25.

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Council Resolution No.243 dated 28-3-47.

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RESOLVED TO ACCEPT WITH THANKS THE FREE OFFER BY SRI RAO BAHADUR A.Y. ARULANANDASWAMI NADAR, CHAIRMAN, OF A RADIO RECEIVER SET WITH LOUD SPEAKERS

2/11/47

(2), (3), (4), 5(a) and 5 (b) - SANCTIONED.

/True Copy/

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2. Copy of Council Resolution No.242 dated 28-3-47.

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2 on 4.5 infra

Read Commissioner's note dated 25-3-47 requesting council's approval of the books purchased by him for the Municipal Public Library to be started at the Sivaganga Gardens and sanction for the payment of the bill dated 21-3-47 of Higginbothams book stall, Tanjore for Rs.593-13-0 for the books supplied by them and sanction for a sum of Rs.600/- for further purchase of books for the library by 31-3-47.

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Council Resolution No.242 dated 28-3-47.

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COMMISSIONER'S NOTE APPROVED.

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/True Copy/

M. S. S. S. S.
COMMISSIONER.

2/11/47

3.

Copy of Commissioner's note dated 24-3-47 to the Municipal council

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Sub:-Sivaganga Gardens - Improvements and Amenities - staff and equipment for Lending library, Children's corner etc., and hours for keeping open the park - Council's sanction solicited

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The council has been pleased to sanction estimates for putting up roads and pathways in and around the park, has sanctioned the renovation of the mandapam for use as a Free Reading room and Library and also for lighting the park with ornamental lights.

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The improvement to the compound walls and the mandapam are well under way. The electric lighting also will be completed soon.

Sri Rao Bahadur A.Y.Arulanandasami Nadar, Chairman, Municipal Council has kindly consented to offer free of cost a radio with loud speakers for reception of news and music, so the Sivaganga gardens will have the following amenities.

1. Full electrically lit park
2. A park where people would enjoy the radio programme
3. A lending library and
4. A free reading room
5. Playground for children

(1) The reading room and lending library will require the following:-

	Approximate cost.
1. Two glass almirahs for keeping the library works	240/-
2. Two long tables each 5' x 2' in length	80/-
3. Two rectangular tables each of 1 1/2 x 3'	30/-
4. Two long benches 5' x 1	30/-
5. Wooden chairs ordinary - 6 Nos.	90/-
6. Rattan chairs - ornamental - 6 Nos.	75/-
7. Lounge chairs " 6 Nos.	150/-
8. Chair 1 No. for the radio operator.	15/-
9. Table 1 No. for keeping radio	40/-

	750/-

Council's sanction is solicited for the ^{selection and} purchase of these articles at a cost not exceeding Rs.800/- as the reading room and library is to be opened on 30th instant it will not be possible to adopt the usual course of calling for quotations etc.

(2) Sanction is also solicited for the appointment of a radio operator cum library attender in the usual scale for the reading room and library.

(3) As the lending library has just been started, till the volumes are increased sufficiently an entrance fee of As.8/- may be charged and a deposit of Rs.5/- and Rs.10/- charged for lending out one or two books respectively at a time to the subscribers returnable in a week and a monthly subscription of as.8/- payable in advance.

(4) As the council has provided these amenities the existing restriction in the hours of use of the park may be completely removed and the public allowed the use of the park, reading room and library from 7 A.M. till 10 in the evening till the last radio programme is over.

It will be the duty of the watchman to close the gates at 10.

(5) It will be better to reserve the portion just at the entrance between the two main gates for the use of the ladies. Six benches will be required and another 24 benches for other places not exceeding Rs.500/- council's sanction is solicited.

(6) It will be very desirable to reserve a corner for the children to be called the "Children's Corner" and to provide the following.

1. Digger and slide (in brick and cement)
2. Horizontal bar (junior size)
3. Parallel bar "
4. Trapezium and swings
5. Horse - (junior size)
6. See saw
7. Merry go round with four seats working on a small stand.

The approximate cost will be Rs.1000/-. Council's sanction is solicited.

(7) Council's sanction is solicited for accepting with thanks the gift of a radio set with loud speakers from Sri Rao Bahadur A.Y.Arulanandaswami Nadar, Chairman, Municipal Council and to maintain it at Municipal cost.

(8) To continue to maintain the park in good condition and to further improve it and make it more and more useful to the public, councils' sanction is solicited for the appointment of a park Head Gardener on a scale of Rs.15-1-25. He will be held responsible for this and other parks and other street corner parks which are now neglected or not put to the fullest use.

/True Copy/

M. S. S. S. S.
COMMISSIONER.

4. Copy of Commissioner's note to the Council dated 25-3-47.

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Sub:-Public library - Purchase of books - Sanction - Requested.

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In the budget for the current year a sum of Rs.2000 has been allotted for the purchase of books etc., for opening a public library. A committee was appointed by the council for selection of books. But as the selection could not be made by the Committee so far, and with a view to open the library before the end of this year certain books which were available in the local Higginbothams Bookstall were selected by me with the aid of the Electrical Engineer, and with certain gentries in the town; and they have been purchased. The number of books purchased is 110 and their cost is 593-13-0 as per the bill dated 21-3-47 of the Higginbothams Bookstall. Councils sanction is requested for the approval of the books purchased, and payment of the bill for Rs.593-13-0.

Councils sanction is also solicited for the further purchase of library books (English and Tamil) for a further sum of Rs.600/-

/True Copy/

M. S. S. S. S.
COMMISSIONER.

5. Copy of para 8 of Audit Report.

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Para 8. TENDERS NOT INVITED.

Furniture was purchased for the library at Sivaganga gardens to the value of Rs.635-3-4 and paid for in voucher Nos.2714 and 2725 of March 1947 for Rs.121-3-4 and Rs.514-0-0 respectively. Tenders were not invited for the supply as required by the rules issued in G.O.No.2492 L.A., dated the 11th September 1941. Even quotations were not obtained from the local suppliers.

Books to the value of Rs.1,193-13-0 were also purchased for the library and paid for in voucher No.2704, of March 1947 without obtaining quotations from the publishers of sellers. The irregularities would need to be condoned by Government.

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M. S. S. S. S.
Commissioner.

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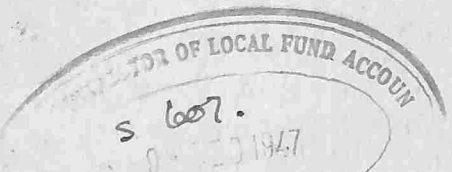
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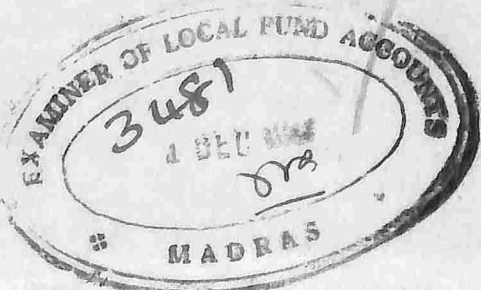
20. 11. 1947



Education and Public Health Dept

Encl no 92341 c2/47 - 1 Edu dt 2-12-47

Referred to the Examiner of Local
Fund Accounts for remarks.



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[Signature]
Assistant Secretary to Govt
Re *8/*
29.11.47 29.11.47

To The Examiner of Local

Fund Accounts,
Madras.

L.F. 7004

Examiner's Office.

The Commissioner has not explained the urgency for opening the library on 20-3-47 itself which is alleged to have necessitated the deviation from the prescribed procedure in the matter of purchase of books and equipment. There is, however, no objection in audit to Government condoning the irregularity, if deemed fit.



The enclosures received are returned herewith.

[Signature]
Assistant Examiner of Local Fund
Accounts.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and P.H. Department,
Madras.

[Handwritten notes and signatures]
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From
Sri S.R. Sellaraj, B.A.,
Commissioner,
Tanjore Municipality,
Tanjore.



Sir,

To
The Secretary to Government,
Local Administration Department,
Madras.
Through The Inspector of Municipal Councils
and Local Boards, Madras.
Chairman, Municipal Council, Tanjore.

Rc.A9-17326/47 dated 20-12-47.

Sub:-Audit - General Funds - 1946-47 - Purchase of books and
articles of furniture for the Library without tenders -
Para 8 of the Audit report - Condonation requested.

Ref:-This office Rc.A9-17326/47 dated 6-11-47. ✓

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I beg to request that early orders may kindly be passed
on this office above reference.

S. Sellaraj
COMMISSIONER.

FORWARDED.

S. Azhagum Vaidyan
CHAIRMAN. *25.12.47*



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28/12/47

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Office of the Inspector of
Local Boards
Massachusetts

N. Dis. No. 74-48 8/10-1-48

Forwarded in continuation of this
p. 2 ante office endorsement N. Dis. No. 47398-47 8
15-11-47.

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Inspector 1071

8/11/48

5087 ML To the Secretary of State LA Dept
Massachusetts

P. 6 ante 5/1/48 L.A. Dept (C+D)
EPH. no in continuation of L.A. no. 43373-1C
dated 20.11.47.

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19-1-48
19-1-48

8/1/48 EPH

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10-1-48

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g.o. No. 2492-L.A., dated 11-2-41,
quoted at X on page 5 ante, is
required for this file. It has
been called for from the N.R.O.
This may lie over till 9-2-48.

4/2/48
6-2-48

7-2-48

(Share copy)

The above g.o. is not
available in the Records Office
at Eugene - The Dgh. has been
called for from the Chitt. Dr.
This may continue to lie over
till 13-2-48.

10/2/48
10-2-48

11-2-48

12/ Please see the note
at X on page 11 ante and also
the H.R.O. slip at pages 15-16 infra.
"E₂" section may please put up
the G.O. for reference.

16/2/48.

G.O. No. 2492. L.A., dated, 11-9-41,
was obtained from "E₂" section on 19-2-48.

19/2/48.

From
Sri S.R. Sellaraj, B.A.,
Commissioner,
Tanjore Municipality,
Tanjore.

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To
The Secretary to Government,
Local Administration Department,
Madras.
Through the Inspector of Municipal Councils
and Local Boards, Madras.
Chairman, Municipal Council, Tanjore.

ASST. SECRETARY
11 FEB 1948
INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND LOCAL BOARDS
26 JAN 1948
Sub: - Audit - General Funds - 1946-47 - Purchase of books and
articles of furniture for the Library without tenders -
Para 8 of the Audit report - Condonation. Requested.
Ref: - This office Rc.A9-17326/47 dated 6-11-47 and reminder
thereon No.Rc.A9-17326/47 dated 20-12-47. P. 9 ante

Sir,

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I request that early orders may kindly be passed on
this office above reference.

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DEPT.
4 FEB 1948
SECRETARY, L.A.D.

LA no 43373-1C
20/1/48

S. Sellaraj
21.1.48
COMMISSIONER.

FORWARDED

S. Azhagum Vaidya
23.1.48.
CHAIRMAN.

DISPATCHED.
29 JAN 1948
VG.21-1.

LA Dep. Secy
F & P H W in continuation from LA no. no
43373-1C d 20.11.47. P. 6 ante
6.2.48
H. V. S. LA no 43373-1C d 20.11.47. P. 6 ante

Office of the Inspector
of Local Boards
Madras
N.O. No. 4451-48 of 2-48

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government
L.A. Dept. in continuation of this office
P.2 anteensorsements N.O. No. 47398 of 15-11-47
P.10 anteens N.O. No. 74-48 of 10-1-48 for
of issuing orders.

W. S. S. S. S.
For Inspector

29.1.48 M.V. 30/11/48

To the Secretary to Govt L.A. Dept.
Post St George Road

12778
From Sri S.R. Sellaraj, B.A.,
Commissioner,
Tanjore Municipal Council,
Tanjore.
To The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Madras.
Inspector of Municipal Councils
and Local Boards, Madras.
Chairman, Municipal Council, Tanjore.
12 MAR 1948
A9-17326/47 dated 9-3-48.

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Sub:- Audit - 1946-47 - Tanjore Municipal Council - Opening a
library at Sivaganga gardens - Purchase of books and
furniture without tenders - Irregularity - Condonation
Requested.
Ref:- Government Memorandum No. 92342/47-3-22 Edn. dated 2-3-48.

The municipal Sivaganga gardens which is of much his-
torical importance was renovated by the council at a cost of about
Rs. 10,000/- in 1946-47. Sri Rao, Bahadur A.Y. Arulanandasami Nadar,
the then Chairman, Municipal Council donated a radio receiver set
to be installed at the gardens for the use of the public. The
council wanted to throw open the gardens for the public use on 30-3-47
and along with it wanted also to have the public radio and lights
switched on, and a free public reading room and library also opened
on the same occasion. Therefore there was no time to observe all
the formalities required under the rules in the purchase of books
and articles of furniture required for the library, and the council
sanctioned their local purchase in its resolution No. 243 dated
28-3-48 (copy already submitted). The articles of furniture were
selected by me and the Municipal Engineer personally after satisfying
ourselves that they were cheap considering their quality etc. The
books were also selected personally and all of them have been approved
by Educational authorities as very useful for a Public Library.

I beg to submit that I have also already explained in
my letter No. Rc. A9-17326-47 dated 6-11-47 how the books and furniture
were purchased locally.

In the circumstance, I request Government to be
pleased to condone the irregularity pointed out in audit.

S. S. S. S.
COMMISSIONER.

FORWARDED.

S. S. S. S.
CHAIRMAN.

VG.9-3.

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Office of the Inspector
of Local Boards
N.O. No. 12778-48 of 3-48

Forwarded.

To the Secretary to Govt L.A. Dept.
Post St George Road

From
Sri S.R.Sellaraj, B.A.,
Commissioner,
Tanjore Municipality,
Tanjore.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Local Administration Department,
Madras.
Through the Inspector of Municipal Councils
and Local Boards, Madras.
2. Chairman, Municipal Council, Tanjore

Re. A9-17326/47 dated 2-1-48.

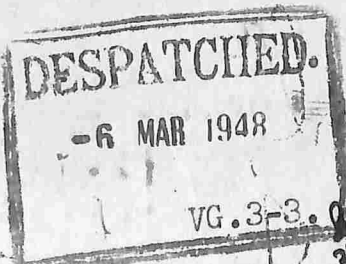
Sir,

Sub:-Audit - General Funds - 1946-47 - Purchase of books
and articles of furniture for the Library without
tenders - Para 8 of the Audit report - Condonation
requested.

Ref:-This office Rc.A9-17326/47 dated 6-11-47 and reminders
thereon dated 20-12-47 and 20-1-48.

I request that early orders may kindly be passed
condoning the purchase of books and articles of furniture for the
use of Library in the circumstances explained in my letter dated
6-11-47.

S. Sellaraj
COMMISSIONER. 22/48



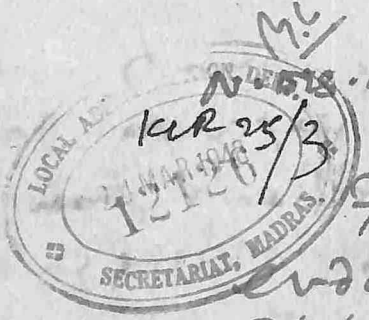
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S. Azarany Naidu
CHAIRMAN. 6.3.48.

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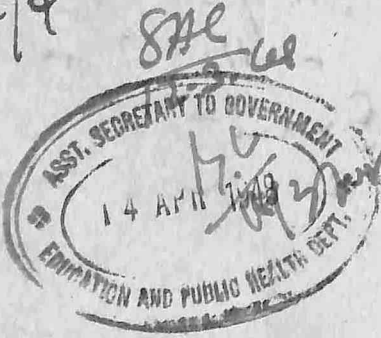
Office of the Director
of Social Welfare
Madras

N.S. No. 12018-48 dt. 3.4.48



For research & dissemination of this information
Endorsement N.S. No. 47398-47915-1149,
74.48 & 60.48 and 4451-48 dt. 2.2.48 for
favor of issuing orders

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Agreed to the Secretary to Govt L.A. Dept
Madras

L.A. Dept (C)

May be transferred to RPH co. in continuation
of L.A. No. 1367-48-1C dated 20.1.48.

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E & PH
L.A. No. 12126/48-1C
9/4/48

11 E.H. (12)

Library - Tanjore Municipality - Opening
of a library in Sivapanga Garden
- Purchase of books & furniture
without tenders - irregularity
contd.

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From the Commr. Tanjore Municipality
RC - A 9-17326-47 dt.
6.11.47 dt. 9.8.48
From the Examr. of L. 7. Acc.
L. 7. 7004- dt. 20.1.48

Order 1125 Edu dt 5-5-48

Ms. The Govt. consider that
they cannot accept the explanation
contained in his letter
cited

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Cited for irregular expenditure incurred in the purchase of books & furniture without inviting tenders in respect of the library & reading room in the Sivapanga gardens. They, however, contend the irregularity was special case - the Commr. should see that such irregularities do not recur -

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To the Commr. Tanjore Mty. No. 100 P. 7. 1.5.48. Examr Ld. Copy to P. 7.

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E.O.H.

Memo. No. 92341/47-3 C2. Edu., d. 2-3-48.2

Audit - 1946-47 - M.B. Ch., Tanjore - Opening a library at Sivapanga gardens - Purchase of books and furniture - Irregularities

P.P. 1-2 d. 7.

P. 7 d. 7.

Ref: From the Commr., Tanjore Mty., Re. A 9-17326-47, d. 6-11-47. From the Exr., L. 7. Accts., L. 7. 7004, dated, 20-1-48.

The Commr., Tanjore Mty., is requested to explain the urgency for opening the library on 30-3-47 itself, dispensing with the invitation of tenders of and the

the calling of ² quotations for
the purchase of furniture and
books respectively for the library.

19/2/48.
C.M.A.
23.2.48

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To The Commr.,
Tanjore Mty.
(thru the chairman)

Note.

Attention is invited to the
remarks of the Exr. on page 7 c. 7. on
the Commissioner's letter on pp. 1-2 c. 7.
The ~~Explanation of the Commr.~~ for
his the urgency of opening the library,
necessitating the deviation from the procedure
laid prescribed for the purchase of
furniture and books for the library, as
stated by the Exr., are not known. The
Commr.

Rule 1 (1) on
p. 2 c. 7. of (K)



E. P. H. No. 0. No.
92341/47-2 C. 2. Edu.
26-2-48.



L. No. 8206/48-1 C
28.2.48

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1. Memo No. 92342-47-3-62 2 23-48

Commr. may be asked to explain the
The draft Memo. on pages 1-2 ante is
for approval.

19/2/48.
C.M.A.
23.2.48

Failure to observe the rules is not
accidental but deliberate in this case
as the expenditure is
met by the Govt. of India.

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Draft may be perused.

27.2.48 P. Secy

27.2.48 S. R. B. H.

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Memo
From the Man! Comm^r No. A 9-17336-47
Dy 9.3.48.

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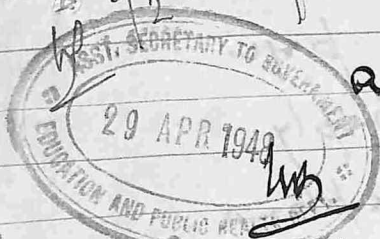
Please see the memo on pages
1 & 2 ante. The Comm^r's reply
on page 154 contains no explana-
tion for the urgency with which
the expenditure on the library
& reading room was incurred
without observing the rules -
It is doubtful whether the donation
of a radio set by the Chairman
can be deemed a valid reason
for such urgency.

However, as the expenditure

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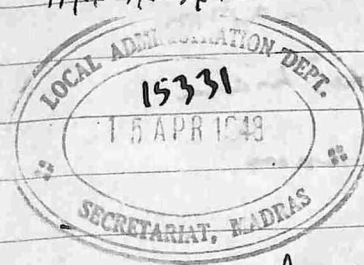
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Edu & P. H. U. No
92341 Ca/47. 4 Edu
14.4.48



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has already been incurred it is for
consideration whether the irregularity
may now be condoned with a warning.
It may see for remarks, if

12.4.48 S
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L.A. Dept (C)

Please see the note of 28/4/48 on
pp 4-5 above. This Dept may agree
with the views of E.P.H.

24/4/48

26/4/48

27.4.48

E.T.P.H.

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The note of the LIT dept on p 5 above - A draft
order is submitted for approval.

Re

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MA

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~~3.5.68~~

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Edw & Pt (C2)

MA

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