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From
Rao Bahadur
Dr. B.S. Baliga, Ph.D. (Lond.),
Curator, Madras Record Office,
CHITTOOR.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department,
Fort St. George.

No. 110-D-VII/48-11, dated 16th October 1948.



Sub: Indian Historical Records Commission - Report on the
Post-war Reorganisation of Archives Offices in India.

Ref: Education and Public Health Department Memorandum No.
69926 C2/47-6, Edn., dated 19th November 1947. P. 250.7.04 (Y)

In paragraph 2 of the Government Memorandum referred to above, I was ordered to furnish full details and estimates of expenditure for organizing a local record office for two or three districts. Accordingly I chose three districts, Chingleput, South Arcot and North Arcot, which I thought might first be taken up conveniently, and wrote to the heads of the various departments requesting them to furnish me with the particulars of the non-current records contained in the District Offices under their control situated in these three districts. Their replies have now been received and the particulars furnished by them have been tabulated. The result shows that the bulk of the records is much greater than what I expected. No less than 200 racks are required to house them. Even if one of the districts were to be left out, the bulk will be too large to go into a building of ordinary size. Considering that there is now an acute scarcity of office accommodation everywhere, it is doubtful whether a building which will accommodate these records and which belongs to the Government can be found in any of the three districts in question or in

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Madras. Nor will it be easy to rent such a large building. The only course is to construct a new building, but in these times of financial stringency and scarcity and high price of building materials, I feel that it will not be proper on my part to recommend that a building should be constructed for this purpose. Although I have not obtained an estimate of the cost of putting up a new building, I am sure that it may cost about a lakh of rupees. The racks and the establishment will also naturally cost a fairly large sum. I am, therefore, constrained to suggest that the scheme may be postponed to better times.

Yours faithfully,

M. H. H. (C. S.)
CURATOR.
16-10-1948.

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16-10-48.

E. H. H. (C. S.)

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Ref: From the Curator, M. R. C.,
No. 110-D-VII/48-II, dated, 16-10-48.

Order 3321 Edu., dated, 28/12/48
H. S.

In the circumstances explained by the Curator, M. R. C., in his letter read above, the Govt. approve his proposal that the scheme for the establishment of local record offices for centralising all non-current records of the Dt. Offices, the Dt. Bds., and the Municipalities

as well as those under private hands, may be deferred for the present.

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To
The Curator,
M.R.O., Chittoor.

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From the Curator, M.R.O., No.110-D-VII/48-11, dated 16-10-1948.

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In his letter No.3163-D.VII/46-5, dated 13-6-'47 to Govt., the Curator, M. R. O., suggested the establishment of local record office to centralise all the non-current records of the District Offices, the District Boards and Municipalities as well as those of private owners. His suggestion was examined and he was asked to furnish full details and estimates of expenditure for organising a local record office for two or three districts.

2. The Curator M.R.O. in his reply states that he consulted the various departments concerned regarding the establishment of a Local Record Office for the three districts, Chingleput, South Arcot, ~~Mad~~ and North Arcot. He states that not less than 200 racks are required to house the non-current records and even if one of the district is to be left out, the bulk will be too large to go into a building of ordinary size. In view of the acute scarcity of office accommodation everywhere, the Curator feels doubtful whether a building will be constructed for the purpose which will cost nearly a lakh of Rs. besides establishment. He therefore recommends that the Scheme may be postponed to better times. For orders whether the recommendation of the Curator may be accepted.

3 The file may be circulated to H.M.(Edn.)

May be accepted.
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