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G.O. NO. 390 Education.

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Dated 15-2-49

[Despatch Abstract.]

Library - Connemara Public Library - Installation of a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in the Library - Proposal Approved.

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Received ....Registered ....

From (Name)Sri R. Janardhanam Nayudu, B.A., L.T., D.E.(Oxon.), D.L.S.(Lond.), F.L.A.,
Designation Librarian, Connemara Public Library, Egmore,
Station Madras. 8

18 AUG 1948

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras. 9

Enclosures:

No. 767A/48/CPL dated 16th August 1948.

Sir,

Sub: Statue of Lord Cornwallis within the Connemara Public Library - Why it has come to be there - No connection at all between the two - request for its removal to the Fort Museum at Fort St. George and to install in its place a statue or bust of Mahatma Gandhi.

I have the honour to state that there is a gigantic white marble statue installed in the Connemara Public Library at one end of its reading hall. It was at first erected near the Custom House at Madras and for some reason (of which I know an unofficial hearsay account) it was removed from there to Fort St. George. Later, it was found that the corrosive influence of sea water had spoiled the appearance of the statue and, therefore it was once again shifted from there to the Connemara Public Library, in the year 1906.

This statue has absolutely no connection with the Connemara Public Library. Indians and foreigners who visit the Library ask the question as to why this statue has come to stay in the Library and why at least, now, no steps are being taken to shift it to a place where it ought to be, say a historic Museum like that of Fort Museum, Madras.

I feel convinced that the suggestion of the learned and patriotic visitors is worthy of being considered. Muslims resent very much what is exhibited on the pedestal of the statue, namely, Lord Cornwallis receiving
A from Tippu Sultan, the latter's sons as hostages. If the Government are pleased to accept the suggestion from the public, orders may be kindly passed directing the Public Works Department authorities to shift it (as they did the statue of Neil from Mount Road to Government Museum) to the Fort Museum,
B Fort St. George. When this is done, I request the Government will be pleased also to direct the Public Works Department, that a life size statue or bust of Mahatma Gandhi be installed in that place to inspire the readers and the visitors,
C now and for ever. Sanction is also requested to purchase and install in the Library, portraits of the great leaders and Savants of this country such as Ramakrishna, Parama Hamsa, Swami Vivekananda, Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, Tiruvalluvar, Kambar, C.F.Andrews, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Babu Rajendra Prasad, Pandit Jawaharlal
X and others, the cost of which will be met from a special provision requested from Government, to start with a sum of Rs.200/-. //

In conclusion, I have to state that the removal of the statue will also help to increase the space for books in the Library (which is very urgently needed) for which I shall submit proposals after my return from the United Kingdom where I shall carefully study the plans of the different kinds of Libraries.

I remain, Sir,
Yours faithfully,

R. Janardhanam

LIBRARIAN. (18. VIII. 1948)

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Endt. No. 61893/48-1C2. Edn., dated, 10-9-'48.

Library – C.P.L. – Statue of Lord Cornwallis – Shifting from the C.P.L. to the Fort Museum.

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P. 1 ante – Ref: From the Librarian, C.P.L., No. 767A/48/CPL., dated, 16-8-'48.

A Copy of the letter from the Librarian ~~read~~ C.P.L., read above, is forwarded to the Supdt., Archaeological Survey of India, Southern Circle, + He is requested to offer his remarks on the request of the Librarian regarding the Shifting of the Statue of Lord Cornwallis from the Connemara Public Library, Egmore,

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Egmore, to the Fort Museum, Fort St. George.

~~Ahu~~ 6/9/48.

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To

The Supdt., Archaeological Survey of India, Southern circle. (with copy of C.7.)

17.9.48

Note The Fort Museum is under the control of the Archaeological dept. After receipt of reply, other requests of the S.E Librarian may be considered.

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Telegraphic Address:
Archaeological Superintendent,
~~Madras~~ (MADRAS).

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Office of the Superintendent,
Archaeological Survey of India,
Southern Circle,

Fort St. George, ~~Madras~~, the 4th October 1948.

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FROM

V.D. Krishnaswami Esq., M.A., Dip. Arch. (Cantab),
Superintendent,
Archaeological Survey of India,
Southern Circle,
Fort St. George, Madras.9.

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To

The Secretary,
Education and Public Health Department,
Government of Madras.

Subject:— Statue of Lord Cornwallis in the Connemara Public Library - Shifting to the Fort Museum

Ref: Your endorsement No.61893/48-1 C2 Education, Dt. 10.9.1948.

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SIR,

A glance at the history of the premises of the Fort Museum will show that four large life size portraits of Lord Cornwallis, Sir Eyre Coote, General Medows and Marquis Wellesley were originally hung in the Long Hall in the first floor, the then Banqueting Hall. When the new Banqueting Hall (now Rajaji Hall) was erected these portraits along with others got shifted there and it seems the Madras Government have decided to transfer them permanently to the Victoria Technical Institute, Egmore for display.

It is but fitting that the marble statue of Lord Cornwallis, which is as much a piece of art as his painting, and first erected on the parade ground west of the Fort Square about 1800, should find once again its exhibition to the public in the Fort Museum affording as it does its right historic background. As a piece of art and workmanship by the famous sculpter, Thomas Banks of the East India Company's days, the Fort Museum is the most appropriate place where it

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can be exhibited for public view, to its own advantage with least offence to Muslim sentiment.

As regards its preservation, the statue will be in a covered place where it will be protected against the corrosive action of the sea breeze and it will be in the care of our Archaeological Chemist, who is working all over India for the preservation of paintings and other relics. It may interest the Local Government to recall that at their instance the Brahadiswara Temple paintings at Tanjore are being subjected to protective treatment by our Archaeological Chemist for the last two years. He will take particular care of the statue and I may say that it will be in as good a state of preservation as the marble figures in the High Court, which are as much under the influence of sea as Fort St. George.

If the Government should decide on its transfer the Public Works Department may be instructed to see to its installation in the Fort Museum at the place which I shall allot for it.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.Krishnaswami

SUPERINTENDENT.

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Library — Connemara Public Library — Installation of a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in the Library — Proposal — Approved.

P.1 C.7. Ref: From the Librarian, C.P.L., No. 767-A/48/CPL, dated, 16-8-4

PP.5-6 C.7. From the Supdt., Archaeological Survey of India, S.C., No. 40/15-3339, dated, 4-10-'48.

Order M.S. 390 Edn., dated, 15-2-49

P.7 N.7. 'The Govt. ~~approval~~ approve the proposal of the Librarian, C.P.L., that the Statue of Lord Cornwallis ~~should~~ may be removed from the ~~Library C.P.L.~~ Connemara Public Liby. to the Fort Museum and that a ~~Statue~~ bust of Mahatma Gandhi should be installed in its place ¶ The Librarian is informed that the

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Devt. not on p.3 N.7. Govt. have sanctioned a Scheme for the Sale of 70 bronze busts of Mahatma Gandhi from the model prepared by Sri D.P. Roy Chowdhury, Principal, Govt. School of Arts and Crafts, Madras. The bronze replicas will be cast in Italy and the cost of each ~~will be~~ is estimated at about Rs. 2,250/- He is requested to contact the Principal, School of Arts and Crafts, Madras, inspect the model

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model and send a requisition to Govt. in Devt. note p. 3 N.7
the Devt. Dept. ~~##~~ at an early date. The bust should be purchased only ~~in~~ on approval by Govt. ~~that it is a good representation of late Mahatma Gandhi.~~

3 ~~2~~. Instructions regarding the transfer of the statue of Lord Cornwallis from the Connemara Public Library to the Fort Museum will be issued separately from ~~the P.W.D.~~ the Public Works Dept. P.W.D. note on p. 2 N.7.

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~~3~~4. The ~~other~~ proposal of ~~the~~ Librarian, C.P.L., ~~Cotland~~ to instal in the Library portraits of the other ~~great~~ leaders in the country ~~in his letter read above, are~~ should be deferred.

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To

The Librarian,
C.P.L., Egmore.
The Supdt., Archl.
Survey of India, S.C.,
Fort St. George,
~~The~~ The P.W.D. (~~[illegible]~~)
The A.G. (thro' Fin)

Copy to S.F.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Education and Public Health Department.
G.O.Ms.No.390 Education dated 15th February 1949.

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Abstract.

Library - Connemara Public Library - Installation of a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in the Library - Proposal - Approved.

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READ:

From the Librarian, Connemara Public Libary, No.S 767-A/48/CPL dated 16-8-48.

From the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, Southern Circle, No.40/15-3339 dated 4-10-1948.

ORDER:

The Government approve the proposal of the Librarian, Connemara Public Libarary, that the statue of Lord Cornwallis may be removed from the Connemara Public Library to the Fort Museum and that a bust of Mahatma Gandhi should be installed in its place.

2. The Librarian is informed that the Government have sanctioned a scheme for the sale of 70 bronze busts of Mahatma Gandhi from the model prepared by Sri D.P.Roy Chowdhury, Principal, Government School of Arts and Crafts, Madras. The Bronze replicas ~~will be~~will be cast in Italy and the cost of each is estimated at about Rs.2,250/-. He is requested to contact the Principal, School of Arts and Crafts, Madras, inspect the model and send a requisition to Government in the Development Department at an early date. The bust should be purchased only on approval by Government.

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3. Instructions regarding the transfer of the statue of Lord Cornwallis from the Connemara Public Library to the Fort Museum will be issued separately from the Public Works Department.

4. The proposal of the Librarian, Connemara Public Library to instal in the Library portraits of the other leaders in the country should be deferred.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

M.V.SUBRAMANIAN,
Secretary to Government.

To the Librarian, Connemara Public Library, Egmore.
To the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, Southern Circle, Fort St.George.
To the P.W.D.
To the Accountant-General through Finance.
Spare copy.

True copy/Forwarded/By order.

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Superintendent.

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Buildings. Connemara Public library. Transfer of the Statue of Lord Cornwallis to the Fort Museum

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The attention of the CE (gl) is invited to

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para 3 of Go 390 E&PH Dt 15-2-49 (copy enclosed) and he is requested to issue instructions to the E E concerned to arrange for the removal of the statue to the Fort Museum; the expenditure on the removal being debited to contingencies of the dept. The Supdt Archaeological survey of India Southern circle Fort St george Madras may be contacted in this matter.

CE
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To
The CE(gl) with a copy of the enc p94 ✓
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~~~~ Librarian Connemara Public Library ✓
To the Supdt. Archaeological Survey of India Southern circle Fort St george Madras ✓
" EAH dept ✓
" AG Madras ✓
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P. 1 c.f. From the Librarian, C.P.L., No.767-A/48/CPL., dated 16-8-48.

pp. 5-6 c.f. From the Supdt., Archaelogical Survey of India, Southern Circle, No.40/15-3339, dated 4-10-48.

LIBRARY - C.P.L. - Statue of Lord Cornwalli~~s~~- Removal from the C.P.L. - Proposal.

The Librarian, C.P.L., in his letter on page 1 c.f., has submitted proposals to Govt. (1) to remove the statue of Lord Cornwalli~~s~~ from the C.P.L. to the Fort Museum, ~~and~~ (2) to instal ~~direct~~ after the removal of the statue, a life size statue or bust of Mahatma Gandhi in its place & (3) to permit the purchase and installation in the Library portraits of great leaders of this country. The proposals are examined below:-

Request for the removal of the statue of Lord Cornwa

P. 4 c.f. The Supdt. of Archaelogical Survey of India, under whose control the Fort Museum is, was consulted in the matter. He is agreeable to the proposal of the Librarian, C.P.L. He states that the Fort Museum is the most appropriate place for the exhibition of the statue to the public and that the statue will be in a covered place where it will be protected against the corrosive action of the sea breeze and it will be in the care of the Archaeological Chemist of the Govt. of India. He requests that the P.W.D. may be instructed to arrange for the transfer of the statue from the C.P.L. to the Fort Museum if the Govt. should decide on its transfer. This Dept. may agree to the transfer of the statue and the P.W.D. may be requested to issue necessary instruction in the matter.

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pp. 5-6 c.f.

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Request for the installation of the statue or bust of Mahatma Gandhi:- It is for orders whether the recommendation may be accepted. P.W.D. and ~~P.H.~~ Public may see for remarks.

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May be accepted

Installation of portraits of leaders in the C.P.L.

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The Librarian, C.P.L., requests permission for the purchase and installation in the Library portraits of great leaders of this country and for the purpose he ~~xxx~~

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requests that a special provision of Rs.200. in the first instance. It is for orders whether the recommendation of the Librarian may be accepted. Fin. may see for remarks.

May be accepted

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2. The file may be sent to P.W.D. Public and Fin. for remarks.

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E.&P.H. U.O. ~~No.~~ No.
61893-2C2
6-11-'48.

E.& P.H. Dept.'s notes ~~at~~ pp 1-2 above may be perused. This Dept may agree to the suggestion of E.&P.H at 'A' on p1 ante. Regarding 'B' at p 1 ante, this Dept. has no remarks. E.&P.H. may be requested to consult Dev, regarding the suggestion for the installation of the statue or bust of Mahatma Gandhi. The file may be passed on to Pub.

'B' at p 2 of R

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Public (Elections) Department.

With reference to B on page 1 ante E & P.H. may be informed that it has been ordered in circulation that there is no objection to the installation of Mahatma Gandhi's bust in ~~a~~ a Government office - vide extract of notes at Ⓜ ~~It is proposed~~ There ~~is also~~ seems no objection to his proposal at X above.

16/11/48.

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

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The proposal is strongly supported in his Dept
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The proposed statue or bust should be worthy of Mahatmaji
The same applies to portraits of National leaders
~~C.S.~~
/E & P.H.

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Please see the note of P.W.D. and Public Departments on page 2 ante. With reference to the suggestion of P.W.D. at R in their note on page 2 ante, the file may be sent to Devt. Dept. also. Fin. Dept. has not seen the case as suggested at Q on page 2 ante. The file may be marked to Devt. also.

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28 NOV 1948
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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Notes of E&PH Dept. above may be perused with reference to PWD notes at 'R' in p 2 above, this Dept has no objection for the installation of the statue or Bust of Mahatma Gandhiji. The file may now be passed on to Finance.

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25/11/48

(Notes from p1 above).

The file has been sent to this Dept with ref. to 'B' p1 above & 'R' p.2 above. ~~Sri Roychowdhuri~~ ~~Prin~~ The Govt have sanctioned a scheme for the sale of 79 bronze busts of Mahatma Gandhi from the model prepared by Sri D.P. Roy Chowdhury, Principal, Govt School of Arts & Crafts, Madras. The bronze replicas ~~busts~~ will be cast in Italy and the cost of each bust will be about Rs 2250/-. If a bust is required for the Connemara Library, the Librarian may be requested to contact the Principal, School of Arts, Madras, inspect the model and ~~~~ send a requisition to this Dept at an early date. With these remarks, the file may be passed on to Finance

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Fin (Exp B)

The case has been sent to this dept. with reference to the proposal to instal a ~~statues~~ or ~~busts~~ of Mahatma Gandhi and portraits of other national leaders in the Connemara Public Library. Devt. have stated that a bronze bust of Mahatma Gandhi ~~was~~ from the model prepared by Sri. D. P. Roy Chowdhary may be supplied, if required, and that the cost of a ~~stat~~ bust is Rs 2250. In respect of portraits of great leaders, the Librarian has requested that a special provision of Rs 200 may be made in the first instance. Chief Secretary has remarked that the busts and portraits should be worthy of the great men. ~~This dept.~~ may agree to the proposal being sanctioned in the course of the year as the expr. involved is not very large. If H.M. Fin. may however see

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The case relates to ~~the~~ the removal of the Statue of Lord Cornwallis from the Connemara Public Library to the Fort Museum and the installation ~~of~~ of a life size Statue or bust of ~~the~~ Mahatma Gandhi in its place and ~~of~~ the purchase of the portraits of great leaders of this country ~~at a~~ for installation in the Connemara Public Library. The proposals are noted below:—

(1) Request for the removal of the Statue of Lord Cornwallis from the C. P. L.

The ~~Supdt.~~ Supdt. of the Archaeological Survey of India, under whose control the

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the Fort Museum is, was consulted in the matter. He is agreeable to the proposal of the Librarian, C.P.L., for the removal of the Statue from the Library to the Fort Museum and requests that the P.W.D. may be instructed to arrange for the transfer of the Statue from the C.P.L. to the Fort Museum. The Public Works Dept. has agreed to the proposal.

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(2) Request for the installation of the Statue or bust of Mahatma Gandhi and the purchase of the portraits of the great leaders for installation in the C.P.L.

This Dept. has supported the proposal for the installation of a Statue or bust of Mahatma Gandhi in the C.P.L. and the proposal for the purchase of the ~~potraits~~ portraits of great leaders at a cost of Rs. 200/- for installation in the Library. The Development Dept. has noted that the Govt. have sanctioned a Scheme for the Sale of 70 bronze busts of Mahatma Gandhi from the model prepared by Sri D. P. Roy Chowdry, Principal, School of Arts and Crafts, Madras, ~~and~~ that the cost of each bust will be about Rs. 2,250/- and that if a bust is required for the Library, the Librarian, C.P.L., may ~~inspect the model~~ send a requisition to that Dept. at an early date. The Finance Dept. agrees to the

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the proposals ~~and~~ for the purchase of a bust of Mahatma Gandhi at a cost of Rs. 2,250/- and the purchase and installation of the portraits of the great leaders in the library at a cost of Rs. 200/- and suggests ~~that~~ the scheme may be sanctioned in the course of the year, as the expenditure involved is not very large ~~and~~ also suggests the circulation of the case to H.M. (Fin). — P. 4 ante

The Public Dept., while agreeing to the proposals in this file, has stated in the L.7 that the installation of the bust of Mahatma Gandhi and the installation of the portraits of the great leaders in the C.P.L. at Govt. cost, will be an exception made in the case of the C.P.L., as the Govt. have decided that no expenditure need be incurred ~~in the~~ from public funds on the installation of portraits of Mahatma Gandhi in public offices, and hence suggests that this case may be circulated to H. Pr. and H.M. (Fin). — P. 2 ante; P. 17 N.7. in L.7.

The file may be circulated to H.M. (Edn), H.M. (Fin.) and H. Pr. for orders whether the expenditure on the installation of the bust of Mahatma Gandhi and the portraits of the great leaders in the ~~C.P.L.~~ Connemara Public Library may be incurred by the Govt. as a special case.

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H.M. (Fin.)
H.Pr.

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This may be done. The bust may be selected on our approval that it is a good representation. The file may be put up again to me after the proposal is approved.

ISA
14.12.48

Other national leaders may be deferred.
Mahatma's Bust alone may be installed.

B.G.A
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I agree with H.M. Finance
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May be recirculated to H.M. (Edn) with reference to the minutes above.

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A draft order is submitted for approval.

P.W.D. & Fin. may see

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7 FEB 1949

E. & P.H. W.O. No. 61893/48-4 C_2.
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P.W.D. (C)

(Previous note of this Dept, at p. 2 ante.)

E. & P.H. Dept.'s summarising note from the middle of p. 4 ante and the orders in circulation above may be perused. The draft order below may also be perused. E. & P.H. may be requested to send the file to this Dept. for further action with reference to para 2 of the draft order.

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The file may be passed on to Fin.

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Fin (Exp B)

(Previous finance notes on page 4 above).

The orders in circulation on page 7 above may be perused. The draft order below may be accepted and the case returned to E&P.H.

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15 MAR 1949

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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10 FEB 1949
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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The draft may issue.
After issue the file may be sent to P.W.D. with reference to X on 1-7 ante.

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P.W.D. (a.i.)

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With reference to the note at A above, the file may be sent to P.W.D. U.O.

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E.&P.H. Dept.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

A draft order is sent. After issue the file may be returned to E&P.H. for putting away in the record.

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The ~~re~~ papers may now be put away.
~~be put away recorded for future reference~~

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

From

Sri T.S.Venkatarama Ayyar,
B.E., I.S.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.(Bldgs.)
Chepauk, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

Letter No. 2593 Wks/49-9 Dated 2nd May 1950.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
C
6 - MAY 1950
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Sir,

Sub: Buildings - Connemara Public Library - Transfer of Statue of Lord Cornwallis to the Fort Museum.

Ref: This Office letter No.2593 Wks/49-5 dated 9-8-49 and reminder dated 10-9-49.

I invite attention to this office letter cited above and request to be informed when orders of Government thereon may be expected.

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for Chief Engineer, P.W.D.,(Buildings).

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I. M. no. 2482 C/50-1 dt 22.5.50.

The Addl. C.E.

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Connemara Public Library —
Transfer of Statue of Lord Cornwallis
to Fort Museum.

CF Your letter no. 2593 Wks/49-9 dt 2-5-50

Pl. furnish a copy of your quoted/pict letter no. 2593 Wks/49-5 dt 9-8.49 as it does not appear to have been received here

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter No.2593 Wks/49-10 Dated the 2-6-50. 1950.

From
Sri T.S. Venkatarama Ayyar,
B.E., I.S.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D., (Buildings)
Chepauk, MADRAS.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT IV
10 JUN 1950
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P.W.K. DEPARTMENT

Sir,

CONNEMARA PUBLIC LIBRARY - Transfer of Statue of Lord Cornwallis to Fort Museum.

Ref: Government Post copy of Telephonic Message No.2482 c/50 -1 dated 22-5-50. — p 1 ante

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A copy of this office letter No.2593 Wks/49-5 dated 9-8-49 is furnished herewith. — p 7 below

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for Chief Engineer, P.W.D.(Buildings)

Encl: 1 copy of letter referred to:
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Enclosure;

Copy of letter No.2593 Wks/49-5 dated 9-8-49, from the Chief Engineer, P.W.D.(Gl.), Madras to the Secretary to Government, P.W.D., Madras.

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BUILDINGS - Connemara Public Library - Transfer ofthe Statue of Lord Cornwallis to the Fort Museum.
Ref: P.W.D., Memo.No.1539 C/49-1 dated 3-3-49. - p 11 cf (G)

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In the Government Memo, cited above, it has been directed that the expenditure on the removal ofthe statue of Lord Cornwallis from the Connemara Public Library to the Fort Museum should be debited to the 'Contingencies of the Department' It is not clear as to which department's contingencies the expenditure is to be debited. The following facts are brought to the kind notice of Government in this connection.

pp 7-8 cf (G) 2. From G.O.No.Ms.390 Education dated 15-2-49 it is seen that the proposal of the removal ofthe statue was initiated by the Librarian, Connemara Library, evidently in consultation with the Superintendent, Archeological Survey of India. In the memo. under reference, it has also been directed that the Supdt., of the Archaeological Survey should be contacted about the removal of the statue. As the work of removal of the statue is to be carried out in the interests of the Connemara Library, or the Archaeological Department or both, the expenditure on the work seems to be debitable to either the contingencies of the Archaeological Department or to minor works relating to Scientific Departments under "50.Civil works" As the expression 'Contingencies of the Department', occurring in the Government Memo. is not quite explicit regarding the debit of expenditure, I request orders of Government, specifying the head of account to which the expenditure on the removal ofthe statue is debitable.

Sd. T.S.Venkatarama Ayyar,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (Bldgs.)

(True Copy) G. Chandrasekharan
Senior Superintendent. 7/6

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Endt no. 2482 C/50-2 dt 20.6.50

Buildings - Connemara Public Library - Transfer of Statue of Lord Cornwallis to Fort Museum.

p 7 ante From the C.E. No 2573 Whs/49-5 dt 9-8-49.

p 7 ante Copy of the letter read above is forwarded to the Supt., Archaeological Survey of India, Southern Circle for remarks in consultation with the Librarian, Connemara Public Library

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The Supt.
Arch. Survey of India
Southern Circle } (A & O)
p 7 ante
Copy to Librarian
Connemara Pub. Library

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 40/15/ 2351

Department of Archæology, Southern Circle.

Telegraphic Address:
Archæological Superintendent,
MADRAS 9.
Telephone : 2152.

Fort St. George, Madras 9, dated 29th June 1950.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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29 JUN 1950
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

From
V.D. Krishnaswami Esq., M.A., Dip.Arch.(Cantab),
Superintendent.

To
The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.9.

Subject :— BUILDINGS--Connemara Public Library--Transfer of Statue of Lord Cornwallis to Fort Museum.

Ref:-- Your Endorsement No.2482 C/50-2, dated 20th June 1950. - p 8 ante

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Sir,

In reply to the above endorsement, I am to state that it was never, as far as I can see, the intention of anybody that the Department of Archaeology should have anything to do with the expense of transporting the statue from the Connemara Library to the Fort Museum. This will be clear from all the correspondence ending with the G.O. of the 15th February ordering the transfer.

The Memorandum dated 3rd March 1949, forwards the above G.O. to the Chief Engineer for the issue of instructions to the Executive Engineer concerned to arrange for the removal, its expenditure being debited to contingencies of the Department. I find no context that could be stretched to cast any doubt upon the Department being the Public Works Department mentioned in the heading of the Memo. The direction regarding the debit of the expense to contingencies of the Department c have no relation to any Department not under the control of th

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Local Government, as mine is.

Accordingly the Executive Engineer concerned viz., North Presidency Division is himself found forwarding the estimate, amounting to Rs.3,200 for the countersignature of the Librarian without any thought of any other Department than his getting concerned with the expense.

As I cannot understand the Chief Engineer, in -- seeking to involve this Department in the expense while purporting to proceed under the terms of the Memo. of the 3rd March 1949, I regret to say that I am wholly unable to offer any relevant remarks. All that I have ever offered on the part of my Department, should the Local Government decide to shift it to the Museum, is space for the statue.

I had no part at any time in the initiative for the shifting which has been all a matter between the Librarian and the State Government.

Yours faithfully,

SUPERINTENDENT.

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Endt. no. 2482 C/50-3 d/4-7-50

Referred to the Librarian, Connemara Pub. Library, in continuation of endt. no. 2482 C/50-2 d/20.6.50.

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From (Name) Sri R. Janardhanam Nayudu, B.A.L.T.,D.E.(Oxon.),D.L.S.(Lond.),F.L.A.	To
Designation Librarian, Connemara Public Library,	The Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, MADRAS.9.
Station Egmore, MADRAS.8.	

Enclosures:

No. 767A/48/CPL dated 8th July 1950. ~~194~~.

SECRETARY TO G...
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11 JUL 1950
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Sir,

Sub: Statue - Lord Cornwallis - Shifting of to Fort Museum.
Ref: Government Endorsement No.2482-C/50-3 Public Works Department, dated 4-7-1950.

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I have the honour to submit that the proposal for shifting the statue of Lord Cornwallis was initiated only by me and hence I have no objection to the expenditure being debited to "50.Civil Works - Provincial - Scientific Departments". I have also accepted the estimate furnished by the Executive Engineer, North Presidency Division for Rs.3,200 debitable under the head and have sent duly countersigned the estimate on 25-5-1950 in my letter No.767A/48.

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2. I have also to state that if the Department of Archaeology, Government of India, agree for an apportionment of the expenditure connected with the removal and re-erection at Fort Museum, I have no objection to it, if Government give such a direction.

I remain, Sir,
Yours faithfully,

R. Janardhanam

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O. M. 2482 C/50-5 d/ 29-7-50

Building - Connemara Public Library, Madras - Transfer of Statue of Lord Cornwallis to Fort Museum - Debit of expre - orders.

p 1 cf Ⓖ O. M. no. 1539 C/49-1 PW d/ 3-3-49

p 7 cf from the C.E. no. 2593 Who/49-5 d/ 9.8.49

from the Supt. Deft. of Archaeology

pp 9.10 cf Southern Circle no. 40/15/2351 d/ 29.6.50

p 11 cf from the Librarian, Connemara Public Library No. 767A/48/CPL d/ 8.7.50

The expenditure on the removal of the Statue of Lord Cornwallis to Fort Museum ~~approval~~ approved in G.O. no. 390 Edn d/ 15-2-49 should be debited to, "50. a. Civil Works - Original Works - Buildings - Ex P.W.R. - I. Ordinary Areas - Scientific Departments - Minor Works".

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Librarian, C.P. Library
Supt. Archaeological Survey, Southern Circle
To Edn. Deft
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Note:- In view of the reasons stated by the Supdt., Archaeological Survey in his letter on pp 9-10 C.F. no useful purpose, will, it seems be served by asking the Archaeological Dept. to share a portion of the expense as suggested by the Librarian, Connemara Public Library.

para 2 at p 11 C.F.

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The Draft memo. on p 1 ante may be issued. After issue, the pp. ~~file~~ may be ~~added~~ stitched with G.O. No. 390 Edn d 15.2.49.

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