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[Despatch Abstract.]

J. H. R. C. — Resolu. IX — Organisation
of archives of the various
universities and learned institutions.

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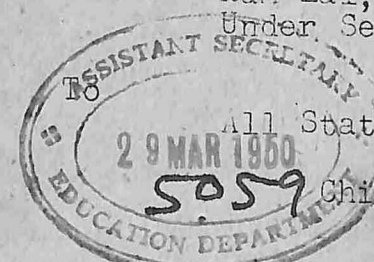
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No.F.02-6/50-A2,
Ministry of Education,
Government of India,
New Delhi 3, the 27th March, 1950.

From Ram Lal, Esquire., M.A.,
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.



All States Govts (Part A & B States)
and
Chief Commissioners (Part C States)

Subject:- Indian Historical Records Commission - 26th Session held at Cuttack in December, 1949 - Resolution IX regarding the organisation of archives of the various Universities and learned institutions in the Indian Union with a view to stimulate study of the cultural part of the country.

Sir,
I am directed to forward herewith for information a copy of Resolution IX passed by the Indian Historical Records Commission at its 26th meeting held at Cuttack in December 1949 together with the relevant extracts from the Proceedings of that meeting as also the observations made thereon by the Secretary, Indian Historical Records Commission with the request that if there be no objection, the same may kindly be forwarded to all the Universities and Scientific and learned institutions started before 1900 under their jurisdiction for favour of necessary action.

The action taken in this regard may kindly be intimated to this Ministry in due course.

Yours faithfully,
Ram Lal
(Ram Lal)
Under Secretary.

Copy forwarded for information to the Secretary, Indian Historical Records Commission, National Archives of India, Queensway, New Delhi with reference to his letter No.F.2-/50c, dated the 16th February, 1950.

By Order,
Ram Lal
(Ram Lal)
Under Secretary.

(Gurcharan) 23/3/50.

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Encl:1

Copy of letter No.F/50-C, dated the 16th February, 1950, from the Secretary, Indian Historical Records Commission, New Delhi to the Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Education: New Delhi.

Subject:- Indian Historical Records Commission-Minutes of the Twenty-sixth meeting held at Cuttack on the 25th December, 1949.

*meeting

I am directed to forward herewith 4 copies of the minutes of the twenty-sixth*of the Indian Historical Records Commission held at Cuttack on the 25th December, 1949 and to state that these have been duly approved by Professor D.V.Potdar who presided in the unavoidable absence of the ex-officio President. The text of the individual resolutions are not quoted below but my observations on them are recorded seriatim.

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Resolution IX It may be forwarded to the provincial etc: Governments with the request to obtain replies from the Universities conveying information on such action as they may take on this recommendation.

Encl:2

Extract from the Proceedings of the meeting of the Indian Historical Records Commission, Twenty-sixth Session.

MEMBERS' MEETING.

Cuttack 25th December, 1949.

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11. Organizing the archive of Universities and Colleges and learned institutions in India.

The Universities, most Colleges and learned institutions in India possess material among their official records which are extremely valuable for the study of cultural history of the country. Research among their archives has produced such a work in India as The History of Hoogly College by K.Z. Chariah, Universities and Colleges in other countries have in many instances organized their archives for this particular purpose- instances of the Universities of Harvard, Yale and Minnesota in the U.S.A. and the University of Oxford in Great Britain may be cited. Universities, Colleges and learned institutions in India may also be suggested to take up immediately the organization of their archives.

The following resolution was passed :-

Resolution IX - The Commission recommends that the suggestion above may be forwarded to all provincial Governments, States, Unions, etc, requesting them to forward it to all Universities and learned and scientific institutions started before 1900 within their areas.

Education Department

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Referred to the Director,
Madras Record Office, for
Remarks.

(By order)

(Gurcharan) 22/2/50.

The Director,
Madras Record Office,
Chittoor.

Assistant Secretary to Govt.

Two Drafts

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Encl (2)

Mem. No. 5059-1E., dated, 12-4-50.

India Historical Records Comm.

Res. No. IX - Organisation of archives
of the various universities & learned institutions.

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1/14. Letter from the Gov. of India, Ministry
of Edu. No F. 92.6/50. + A 2 of 27.3.50

Report to the D. P. J
for remarks. Chaiti M. R.

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Letter No. 5059-2E., dated, 12-4-50.

Ref. 2.

2. Registrar

The Registrar.

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University of Madras

Sir,

India Hist. Rec. Comm. -
26th Sess. - Res. No. IX re the
organisation of archives of the various
Universities & other institutions - in the
Union.

I am directed to forward
a copy of letter No F 92-6/50 - A2
Ministry of Edu. & 27-3-50 on the above
subject to you for your necessary
action. I am to request that the
action in this regard may be initiated
to Govt. in due course.

Yours faithfully,

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TELEGRAMS : UNIVERSITY, MADRAS
PHONE : 86914.

It is requested that all communications should be addressed to The Registrar, University of
Madras, Triplicane P.O., Madras, and not to any person by name.

No. A 1536.

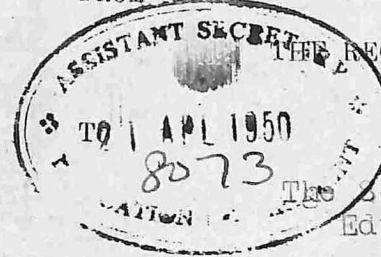
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Enclosures.

UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS,
CHEPAUK, MADRAS.

20 APR 1950

FROM



THE REGISTRAR,

University of Madras.

Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education Department,
Madras.

Sir,

Ref: Your letter/Ref.No.5059-2.E.Education
Dated 12-4-50 regarding resolution of
the Indian Historical Records Commission.

I have the honour to request you to forward to me
copy of the letter referred to in the communication.
This has not been received with the letter.

Yours faithfully,

D. Narayanan
REGISTRAR.

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Letter/Ref. No. 5059-3E., d., 27-4-50

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To
The Registrar,
University of Madras.
(with enclosure)

(Copy of H.1-2 d.7.)

Sir,
G. H. R. C. — Resolution regarding
the organisation of archives
of the various universities and
learned institutions.

P. 5 d. 7.

Ref. your letter No. A1536,
dated, 20-4-50.

I am directed to forward
herewith a copy of letter No.

PP.1-2 d.7.

F. 92-6/50-A2., dated, 27-3-50,
from the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.

To
The Registrar,
University of Madras

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yours faithfully,

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

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To
The Secretary to Government,
Education Department,
Fort St. George, MADRAS.

No. 987 D7/50-1 dated 2nd May 1950.

Sir,

Sub:- Indian Historical Records Commission - Resolution IX -
Organisation of Archives of the various Universities
and learned institutions.

Ref:- Government Memorandum No. 5059.I.E. dated 12-4-1950.

The Resolution of the Indian Historical Records Commission says that it should be forwarded to the Universities in the Province so that such of them or the Colleges affiliated to them as are older than 1900 may take steps to organize their archives. Copies of the Resolution may therefore be forwarded to the Universities in the State. Copies of the correspondence may also be furnished to them. They may be informed that if they require any assistance in organizing their archives, this office would render such assistance.

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In regard to learned and scientific institutions founded before 1900, copies of the correspondence may perhaps be forwarded to the following institutions.

1. The Madras Literary Society, Madras.
2. The Madras Mahajanasabha, Madras.
3. The Theosophical Society, Adyar.
4. The Madras Fine Arts Society, Madras.
5. The Y.M.C.A., Madras.
6. Sri Venkateswara Sanskrit College, Tirupati.

Yours faithfully,

CURATOR,
9-5-1950.

The private institutions and the remaining universities in the State may be addressed (SA) in the matter, after the receipt of the D.P.I.'s reply to the Memo. on page 3 & 7.

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R.C.NO. 949 L.4/50.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, 30-5-50.

From
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education Department,
Fort St. George, MADRAS.

Sir,

Sub: Indian Historical Records Commission - Resolution IX - Organisation of archives of the various Universities and learned institutions.

Ref: Your Reminder dated 18-5-50.

The Registrars of Universities and Sri C.S. Srinivasachari who is the convenor of the Indian Historical Records Commission have been requested to offer their remarks in the matter. I will submit my report on receipt of their remarks.

Yours faithfully,

Next reminder may be sent on

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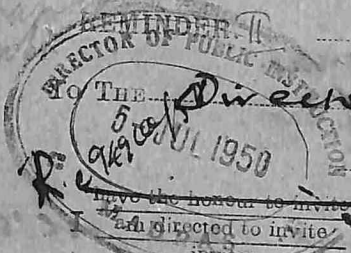
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To be returned before 15.7.50

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Education DEPARTMENT.

Branch.



Director of Public Instruction
have the honour to invite attention to Govt. Memo

No. 5059/15, dated 12.4.50 and to
request that the reply to it may be expedited.
request that this reminder may be returned at once
with information as to—

- (1) the stage at which the matter now is, and
- (2) the date by which a reply may be expected,
- (3) the circumstances which have caused the delay.

Office E.du. Sect

Station Fort St. George

Dated 30-6-50

Signature.

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SUBJECT. 19650

Indian Historical Records
Commission — Resolu. TX —
Organisation of Archives of
the various universities
and learned institutions.

Copy of letter from the Convenor, Indian Historical Records Commission, Regional Records Survey Committee, Madras to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Ref:--Your Re.No.949-LA/40 dated 25-5-50

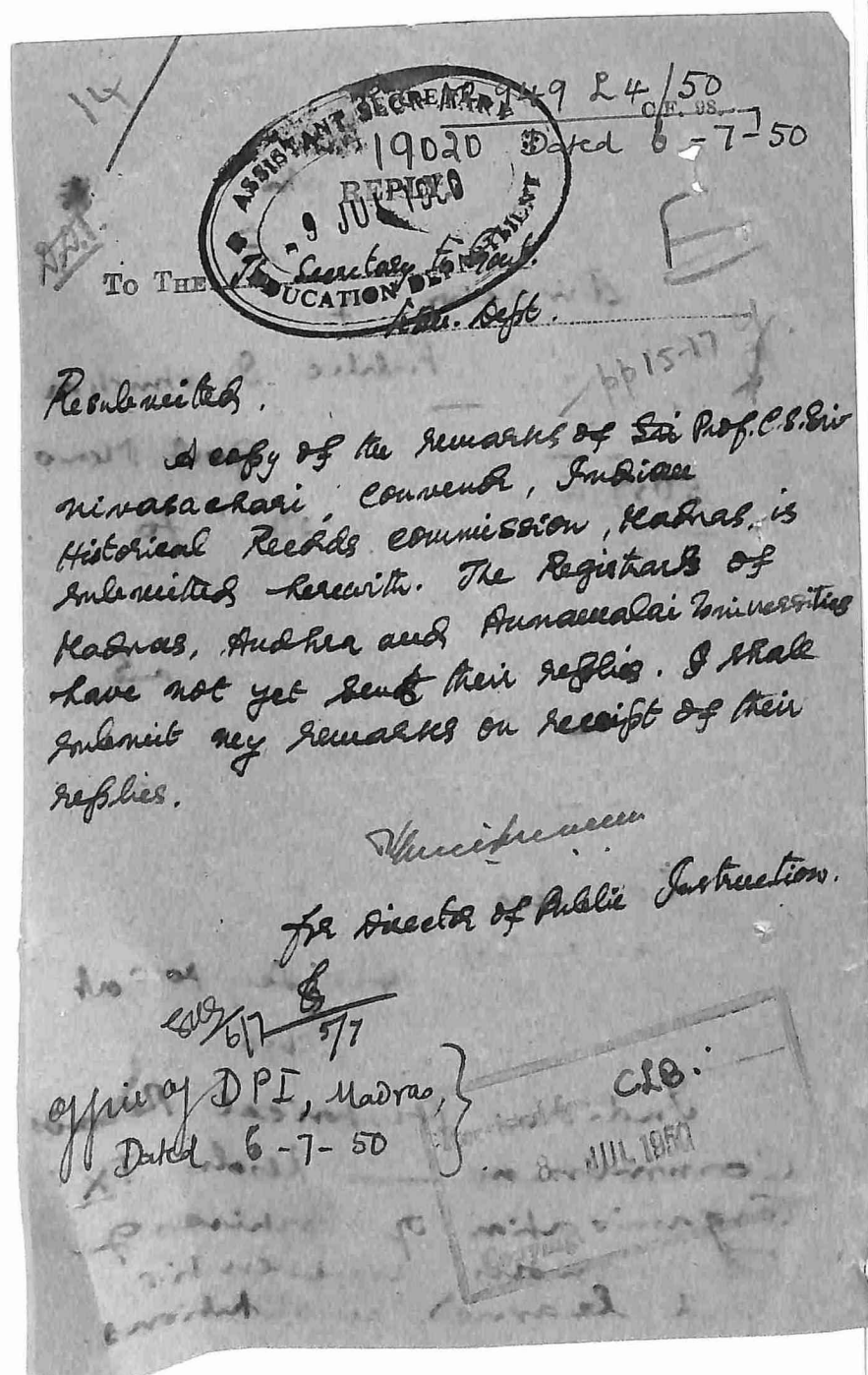
Sub:--Indian Historical Records Commission Resolution IX-Organization of archives of the various Universities and learned Institutions.

The resolution No.IX passed by the Indian Historical Records Commission at its 26th meeting held at Cuttack in December 1949, and the observations on that made by the Secretary to the Commission, request that the archives of the universities and scientific and learned institutions stated before 1900 A.D. may be examined with a view to their utilisation as material for the study of the cultural history of the country.

✓ The Presidency College, the Medical College, the Engineering College, the Madras Literary Society and the (Defunct) Old College or the College of Fort St. George go back in their origin to the first half of the 19th century. Their records should be abundant and enable scholars who care to delve into them to construct readable and instructive accounts, as has been done by Prof. K. Zachariah for the Hooghly College on the occasion of its centenary. The object of the Commission is to request States Governments to stimulate such activity in these and similar institutions. Naturally enough, Professors and Scholars of History connected with these institutions and with the University of Madras which has completed 90 years of existence may be asked to take up this task with the help of persons in charge of the records of these Offices.

3 The Provincial Historical Records Survey Committee at their meeting held on 24-4-1950, have passed the following resolution:--

(3) The Convenor be requested to write to commercial firms and public bodies requesting them to furnish an idea of the nature and contents of the records in their possession and whether they are willing to throw open these records to bona fide scholars.



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Institutions to be addressed to:

Messrs. Parry and Co.,
Messrs. Binny and Co.,
The Madras Mahajana Sabha
The Tamil Sangham, Mathurai
The Madras Literary Society
The Y.M.C.A., Madras.
The Servants of India Society, Madras Branch,
The Salvation Army, Madras,
and others.

The Survey Committee or its individual members may be utilised in the work suggested above; and I assure you, sir, that myself and my colleagues on the Committee, will be most happy to be of some little assistance in this matter.

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Convenor.

/True copy/

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For Director of Public Instruction.

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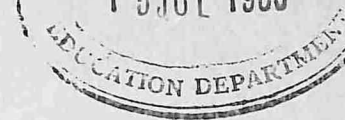


UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS.

UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS,
CHENNAI, MADRAS.

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Enclosures.

FROM

THE REGISTRAR,

University of Madras.

TO

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education Department.

Sir,

Ref: Your letter No.5059-2 E Education dated the 12th April 1950 regarding resolution of the Indian Historical Records Commission on the organization of archives of the various Universities etc.

I have the honour to inform you that it may be possible for the University to collect material for compiling the cultural history of the province. The old records in many of the Colleges that were started in South India before 1900 by Christian Missionaries, Organized bodies or private individuals are bound to throw very useful light on the history of higher Education in South India.

Yours faithfully,

R. R. Ramesh

REGISTRAR.

Copy to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, for information with reference to letter Re.No.949 I4/40 dated 25-5-50.

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Submitted for journal. The L. P. D. whose reply to the memo. at p. 14 has not been received, may be reminded again on 10.8.50. (P. D. his return reply at p. 14 and)

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Submitted for journal of the interim reply from the L. P. D. on p. 14. C.F. He may be reminded on 10.8.50, if necessary.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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Indian Historical Records Commission -
Resolution IX - Organisation of archives
of the various Universities and learned
Institutions -

Ref: Government Memorandum No.5059-1 E
Education dated 12/4/1950.

The Registrar, Annamalai University, informs me that the Resolution No. IX of the Indian Historical Records Commission mentioned in the Government Memorandum cited does not relate to that university as it was started only in 1929. The Registrar, Madras University has already sent his remarks direct to Government in his letter No. A.2651 dated 14/7/50 and a reply from the Andhra University is still awaited. I am reminding the Registrar in the matter and I shall submit a final reply as soon as his remarks are received. I have already submitted to Government on 6/7/50 the views of the Convenor, Indian Historical Records Commission, Regional Records Survey Committee, Madras.

Yours faithfully,

For Director of Public Instruction

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The final report promised at
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may be awaited till 20.9.50, when
he may be reminded.

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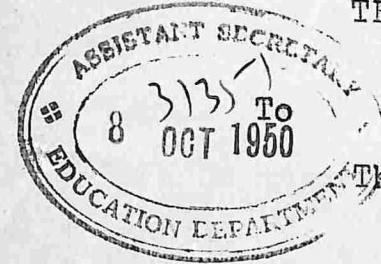
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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
MADRAS.



The Secretary to Government,
Education Department, Madras.

Re.No. 949 14/50 dt. 7/10/50.

Sir,

Sub:-Indian Historical Records Commission--Resolution IX
Organisation of archives of the various Universities
and learned institutions.

Ref:-Government Memo. No.5059-1 E, Edn. dt.12/4/50.

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In continuation of my letter of even No. dt. 16/8/50 I
have to state that it is reported by the Registrar, Andhra
University, that besides a few manuscripts and Estampages, there
are no other records of importance in his Library. It is also
stated that unless a planned and systematic attempt is made
to collect local records of Historical interest no Archives
section of any importance can be formed in that Library.
Further as the resolution refers only to Institutions started
before 1900, it is presumed that the Andhra University cannot
come within its scope. As it is, the Madras University alone
comes under the scope of the Resolution. The organisation
of an Archives Section as Contemplated in the resolution may
perhaps be tried by the Madras University.

Yours faithfully,

M. V. Srinivasan

For Director of Public Instruction.

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G.O. Ms. No. 3087 Edn. dated 18-11-50.

Sub:- Indian Historical Records ^{Commission} ~~Congress~~ - Resolution IX -
Organisation of archives of the various Universities
and learned institutions.

Read:- From the Government of India, Ministry of Educa-
tion, No. F.92-6/50-A2 dated 27-3-50.

The Indian Historical Records ^{Commission} ~~Congress~~ has passed
at its meeting held at Cuttack in December 1949 a resolu-
tion (Resolution IX) requesting that the archives of the
Universities and scientific and learned institutions
started before 1900 A.D., may be organized with a view to
the utilisation of the records with them as material for
the study of the cultural history of the country. A Copy
of the resolution together with the enclosures is communi-
cated to the ^{authorities} ~~persons~~ and institutions noted below* and ~~the~~ ^{the}
suggestion in the resolution is commended for adoption.

To

- (make copy of H.P. 1-20)
- * The Secretary, Madras
Literary Society, Madras.
 - The Secy., Mahajana Sabha, Madras.
 - The Secy., The Theosophical
Society, Adyar.
 - The Secy., Y.M.C.A., Madras.
 - The Principal, Sri Venkateswara
Sanskrit College, Tirupati.
 - The Principal, Presi-
dency College, Chepauk. } through
the D.P.I.
 - The Principal, Engi-
neering College, Guindy }
 - The Principal, Madras Medical } Thro' the
College, tho' the S.G. S.G.
 - Messrs. Parry & Co., Madras.1.
 - ,, Binny & Co., Madras 1.
 - The Secy., Tamil Sangham,
Mathurai.
 - The Branch Secy., Servants of
India Society, Madras.
 - The Salvation Army, Madras.

To the Principal, Pachaiyappas College, Madras.

" Principal, Madras Christian College, Tambaram.

,, Board of Revenue.

,, President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

,, D.P.I.

,, S.G.

,, Curator, M.R.O.

To Prof. C.S. Srinivasachari, Convener, Regional Records Survey Committee, Kancheepuram.

To the Registrar, Madras Unity

,, Andhra Unity., Waltair.

S/cs.

Draft II.

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Letter/Ref.No. 5059 E/50-4 En. D. 17.11.50

To The Under Secy. to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Education, New Delhi (With enclosure).

Sir,

Sub:- I.H.R.C.- Resoln. IX--Organisation of archives of the various universities and learned institutions in the Indian Union with a view to stimulate study of cultural part of the country.

With ref. to your letter No. F.92-6/

50- A2 dated 27-3-50, I am directed to forward for the information of the Govt. of India a copy of the Proceedings issued by this State on the subject.

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I.H.R.C. - Resolution IX - Organisation of
archives of the various Universities and
learned institutions.

Ref: From the Govt. of India No.F.92-6/50-A2
Ministry of Edn. No.F.92-6/50-A2.d/27-3-1950.

From the Curator, M.R.O.No.987 D7/50-1 dated
2-5-1950.

From the D.P.I. 949 L 4150 dated 7-10-1950.

The Indian Historical Records Commission
at its meeting held at Cuttack in December passed a re-
solution (Resolution IX) requesting that the archives
of the Universities scientific and learned institutions
started before 1900 A.D. may be examined with a view to
their utilisation as material for the ^{study} ~~storing~~ of the
Cultural history of the country. The D.P.I. reports that
as the resolution refers only to institutions started
before 1900, the Madras University alone comes under the
^{scope} ~~scope~~ of the resolution and that the organisation of an
Archives Section as contemplated in the resolution may
be tried by the Madras University.

The Registrar, Madras University states that
it may be possible for the University to collect material
for compiling the cultural history of the Province and
that the old records in many of the Colleges ^{For} have been
started in S.India before 1900 by Christian missionaries,
organised bodies or private ^{individuals} ~~industries~~ are bound to throw
very useful ~~light~~ light on the history of higher educa-
tion in South India.

The Convenor, (Indian Historical Records Commission)
R.R.S.C. states as follows:-

The Presidency College, the Medical College,
the Engineering College, the Madras Literary Society and

(Defunct) Old College or the College of Fort St.George

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4 Copies of correspondence ~~for~~ from the Govt. of India together with the remarks of the Convenor extracted above may perhaps be communicated to the S.G., D.P.I. ^{University & Madras} ~~at~~ the Madras Literary Society for taking action on the lines of the remarks of the Convenor. They may also be told that if they require any assistance in organising their archives, ~~assistance~~, the M.R.O. will render ~~sanction~~ such assistance.

5 For orders whether copies of correspondence should also be sent to the institutions specified at A on page 10 of. except the Madras Literary Society mentioned above by the Convenor of ^{Regional Records Survey Committee} ~~India H.R.O. M.R.O.~~

6 Health and Public may see before circulation.

It does not seem to be necessary to ~~consult~~ address the D.P.I. again or the S.G. or Health as proposed -

It may be sufficient to communicate the resⁿ at M on p 2 of to the Universities

and other learned bodies to be selected by the Govt. and comm^d to them the suggestion in the Resⁿ - Please put up a list of the institutions suggested in the correspondence in the of. llh
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With ref to A above a list is put up at (H).

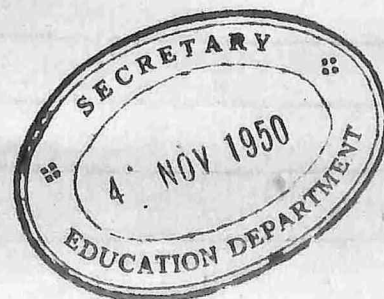
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The Resolution of the Indian Historical Records Commⁿ at M on p 2 of for the organization of Archives of learned institutions, Universities etc may be commended to the heads of the ^{private} institutions to be in the list at (H) to which the Pachayappa's of the Madras Christian College may be added, the D.P.I. (so far as Govt. Colleges are concerned), the B^d of Res & the P^t H.R. & B^d - A copy of our order may be sent to the S.G. & Mr E.T. may see -

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Am E.T. may see -



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A draft order is mchd. for appl.

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All official letters, packages etc.
should be addressed to the Registrar
by designation and not by name.

ANDHRA UNIVERSITY,

WALTAIR.

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13th December, 19450



TELE { GRAMS: "UNIVERSITY," WALTAIR.
PHONE: VIZAGAPATAM NO. 8

L. Dis. No. C2-9769/50.

Encl.
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From
18 DEC 1950
To

THE REGISTRAR, ANDHRA UNIVERSITY.

The Secretary to Government,
Education Department,
Fort St. George, M A D R A S.

Sir,

Sub: Indian Historical Records Commission - Resolution IX -
Organisation of Archives of the various Universities
and Learned Institutions.

pp 25-26 of Ref: G.O. Ms. No. 3087 Edn. dated 18-11-1950.
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Besides a few Manuscripts and Estampages, there are no
other records of importance in our Library. Unless a planned
and systematic attempt is made to collect local records of
Historical interest, no ~~Historical~~ Archives Section of any
importance can be formed in our Library.

Besides, since the resolution of the Indian Historical
Records Commission refers only to Institutions started before
1900, we presume that this institution is not intended for
reference in this connection.

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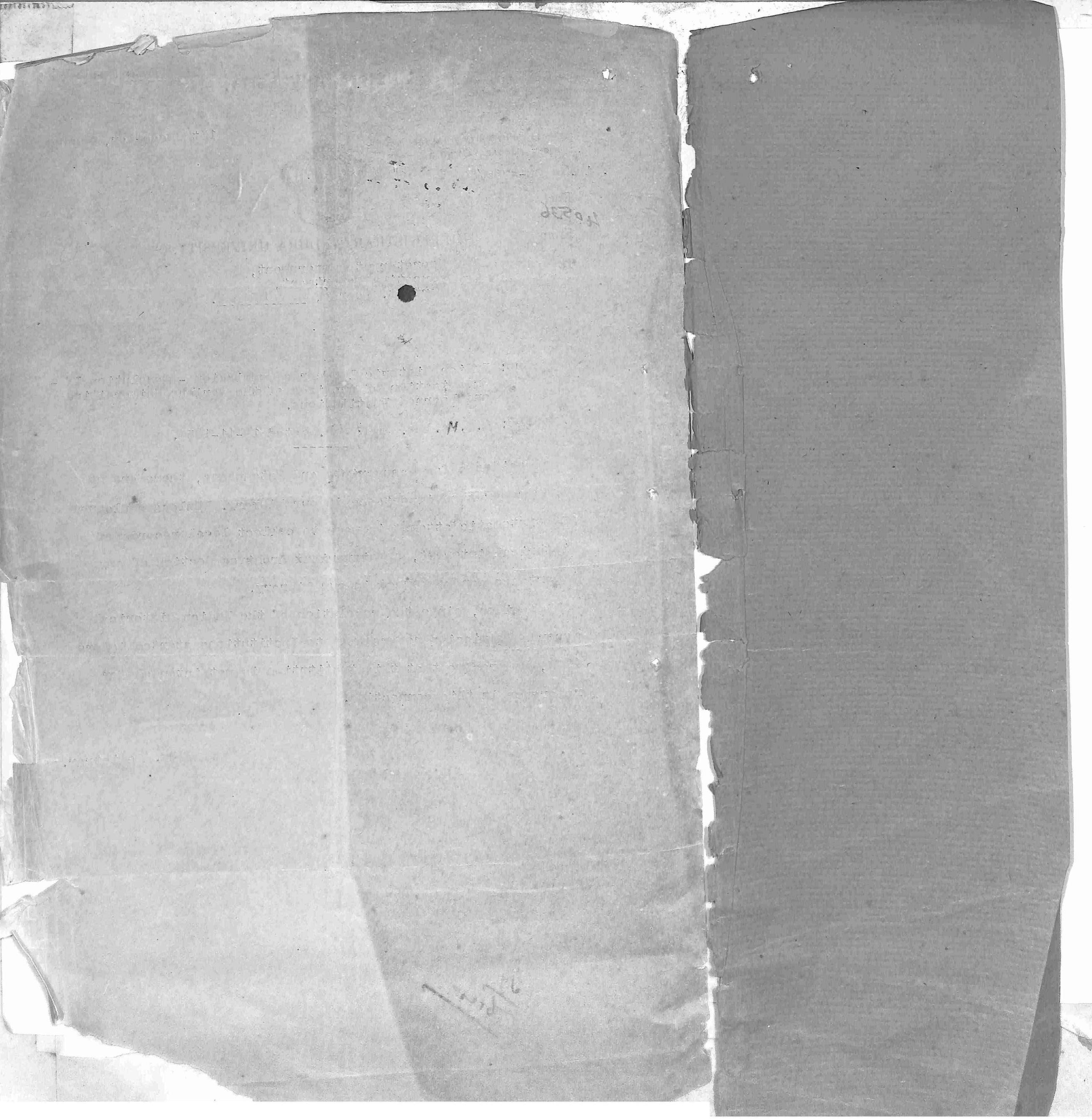
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