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[Despatch Abstract.]

THE MADRAS LITERARY SOCIETY'S BOOKS.

Passing orders on the question of finding accommodation in the Connemara Free Library for --, and for the disposal of the library of the Registrar of Books and the patents' publications.

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GOVERNMENT MUSEUM,
Pantheon Road, Egmore,
Madras, 8th February 1896.

From

EDGAR THURSTON, Esq.,
SUPERINTENDENT,
Government Museum,
Madras,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Educational Department.

SIR,

I have the honour to report that, having made considerable progress with the transfer of the books from the Library of the Museum and that of the Government Secretariat, Fort Saint George, to the Connemara Public Library, I discover that the books occupy a much larger space than I anticipated.

2. I, at first, thought that the Eastern wing of the Connemara Public Library would be sufficient to accommodate all the books, which it was proposed to transfer to it. The whole of the ground floor, and nearly one half of the upper storey of the Eastern wing are, however, already full, and there still remains a mass of books, for which room has to be found. The remaining half of the upper

Storey has to be reserved for the publications, at present in the custody of the Registrar of Books, which, it has been decided by G.O. No. 904. Edl., dated 25th November 1895, are to be housed in the Connemara Public Library.

3. There is, therefore, no accomodation available for the books still to be disposed of, other than the Western wing. These would, I estimate, even when placed in double rows, fill the whole of the cupboard space in this wing, and a considerable part of the book-cases on the ground floor.

I have received intimation that I am to receive from England the Parliamentary Debates, and these alone will require a large space. I have also to allow room for the annual addition of the publications of the Commissioner for Patents, which, during three recent years, amounted to 283 volumes, occupying a length of 63 running feet. The latter I had hoped to be able to retain in the Museum Library, but the Curator of Oriental Manuscripts informs me that this is impossible, as the whole of the Library will be required for the manuscripts.

4. I fear, therefore, that it will be impracticable, as has been hitherto contemplated, to allot to the Madras Literary Society any portion of the Connemara

Public

Public Library.

5. As I am anxious to complete the arrangem of the books, with a view to opening the Library to the public as soon as possible, I beg to submit the matter for the consideration and orders o His Excellency the Governor in Council.

I have the honour to b

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Edgar Thurston

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From

Edgar Thurston Esq
Superintendent
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H.M. & circ.

For orders

712/14/2 It was intended from 1893 onwards that the Lit Soc's books should be accommodated in the Connemara Free Library. Mr. Irwin thought there wd. be plenty of room for them, please see his note in G.O. 361 Ed / 30.5.93.

Mr. Thurston is believed to have expressed a similar opinion in a letter in G.O. 916 Ed / 4.12.95 but that G.O. is in circ. with another file, & is not now available.

The question for orders is what's to be done now?

It seems very important

See separate paper

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Western? JG

This is inconvenient. It involves two moves for the Society fairly soon one after the other, & there's no room about the building for many packing cases.

Madras Literary
Society's books. —

I don't think much fitting up will be required, but the rent will be heavy — R 200 a month, I think.

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H.M. & circ.

(for orders)

Plans & estimates were called for in GO $\frac{2.5.95}{347}$ but they have not been submitted yet.

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I believe the Technical Institute have these books now, & doubt if Dhanakoti Mudaliar could take them away without ~~their~~ its consent

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I doubt it. People interested in Educational matters naturally go to the Educational offices.

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Dr. Duncan wants extra rooms for meetings and the manufacture of examination papers — as well as extra space for the museum &c

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to store some of his things there and Mr. Thurston told me that he would be prepared to give up temporarily to the DPI one of the downstairs rooms in the New Buildings which could be used as an Educational Museum. It would be very much more looked at there than if at the College ~~buildings~~. This arrangement might relieve the plethora from which Dr. Duncan is suffering until such time as the new habitation can be erected for the Lity Society. An inspection of the Connemara Library by H.M.'s will show them that at the highest it is out of the question for the Lity Society to occupy a half of it for any appreciable time.

The state of things there is as stated by Mr. Thurston.

JD
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Madras Lit. Socy's
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FOR ORDERS.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR. (3)

THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E. (2)

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giving up a house for & two moves for the short intervals.

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W. 10.2.96 I went over the Library the other day with Mr. Thurston and there is no doubt that even setting the "Patent" volumes aside he will have to occupy part of the Southern wing of the building. There are still some more books to come in & thousands will fill up a good deal of space — and I hear that Sabapati Mudaliar is going to hand all his technical library books over to the ~~Technical~~ Connemara Library. I do not know where the "Patent" volumes can be put! There is no room for them in the Museum. Dr. Duncan might perhaps manage if he occupied the building in the College Compound which the Registrar of books is giving up

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After a long consultation and an inspection of the buildings in company with Messrs Duncan & Thurston I have come to the conclusion (1) that the Literary Society must be moved from its present quarters ~~at~~ once, in order to provide new rooms & extra space wh. are desirable for the Director & necessary for the Commn., (2) that the Society's library cannot be accommodated in the Connemara buildings unless some change in the arrangements that have been ordered is made, & (3) that it can be moved there if room is provided by placing the Registrar's books & the Patent books & such other books as should not form part of a Reading Library elsewhere.

As regards the Registrar's books there seems to me no need to move them at all. They are books to be stored not read; the place where they are accommodated is fit for no other purpose than that of a Store godown. None of the belonging

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of the Director & Commr. could be placed there. It is not a room that the public wd care to spend any time in, being hot & narrow & ill-lighted. Few of the books — not 50 I believe — are such as people would want to read, & they might be easily moved to the Connemara Library without disturbing the Registrar's arrangements. The idea of moving the books to the Connemara Building was an immaterial part of a general idea that all Govt. books in Madras shd be accommodated there. My own opinion is that we shd only have in the Free Library books that the public will want to read.

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As regards the Patent books I find that they are a great mass of books wh. are half of them unbound & which are all useless for the purposes of a reading library. Reference will be made to most of them never, & to the rest very seldom — once in a year or so. Mr. T. describes those for 3 years as amounting to 283 vols, occupying 63 running feet. They

and such serials as are not wanted for a reading library (such as old departmental reports of other provinces) shd be get-at-able when want but shd not cumber the library & it would be a positive mis appropriation of space to plac them in the Library room of th Connemara Building. It is, however, necessary to provide a place for them somewhere else where they can be kept safely & found when wanted. At first I thought a go-down wd have to be built for them, but on going over the old buildings of the Museum I found that the work-room, though admirably fit for a book godown, was not fit for a work room. In this room the Stuffer has to stuff birds & fishes &c. and they have to be kept in cases till they are ready (often after a long ~~while~~ time) to be placed in the Museum. Like the Registrar's book-room it is hot & narrow and ill lighted, though it would be a good place for storing books such as I have described, & there is not sufficient space & light for store-cases. On the whole I think it will be best to build a new work-room & place the Patent books &c

in the old work room. The new building need not be expensive. The compound is a large one. A site can easily be found in it where a plain building can be erected. Some expense must be incurred to secure accommodation for the Literary Society's library, & this will be advantageous not only temporarily but permanently.

If the Registrar's books are left where they are (& where his office is to be) & the Patent books & such serials as are seldom wanted are stored in plain teak-wood racks in the work room of the old museum there will be sufficient accommodation for the Literary Society. The C. A. might be asked to prepare an estimate in consultation with the Supt. There will be four rooms in the tower. One will be wanted for the Botanist (when we get him) - one for the Assist. Librarian. One might be assigned for the Lit. Society's bookbinder.

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I have nothing to say to the contrary

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Madras Literary Socy.

books

H.E. the Governor.

Will this meet the wishes of the Lit. Society? If so - I agree

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It is in the opinion of Govt. essential that the Lit. Soc. shd. remove at the earliest possible date from the quarters in the Director of Public Instruction's office which it now occupies, and an effort must accordingly be made to so rearrange the accommodation in the Connemara Free Library as to enable this to be done. ~~The~~

2. The library of the Registrar of Books is ~~hardly~~ unlikely to be of ~~great~~ much interest to readers in the Free Library & it may safely be left in ~~its~~ the ~~present~~ quarters which it has hitherto occupied.

3. The Patents publications are similarly of small interest to the general reader, & these should be ~~ke~~ kept in the present Museum work-room, & not in the

Free Library. (4) The Cons. Arch. will be requested in the D.P.W. to prepare at the earliest possible date in consultation with the Supt. of the Govt. Museum plans & estimates for erecting sufficient plain teak racks ~~shelves~~ in the present work room to hold the Patent Library, & for a new workroom which should be built as cheaply as may be in some part of the Museum compound where its presence will not interfere with the appearance of the Museum & Free Library buildings.

5 The D.P.W. will be requested to furnish Govt. at an early date with the plan & estimate for new quarters for the Lit. Soc. which were called for in G.O. $\frac{347. \text{ Public}}{7.5.95}$

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