

Educational (1896) Department.

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G.O., No. 3 //

Dated 19th May 1896

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[Despatch Abstract.]

CONNEMARA PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Authorizing the Public Works department to prepare an estimate for the erection of a handrail for the upper gallery in the--; and calling the attention of the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, to G.O., No. 310, dated 19th May 1896, regarding the hours of closing the library.

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Educational (1896) Department

From

Edgar Thurston Esq.
Superintendent Govt.
Museum

No 363
Enclosure - One

Dated 2nd May
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Subject

Forwarding copy of a letter received from the Secretary of the Madras Library Society relating to the Coimbatore Public Library and recommending the suggestion that a hand rail should be placed along the existing rail would be the best means of protection against accident from over balancing; and that arrangements can easily be made for opening and closing the Library at 5.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. on different days.

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For orders

It is submitted that the P.W.D. may be authorised to prepare an estimate for the erection of a hand rail as suggested.

With ref. to para 3. It is submitted that there will be no necessity for any arrangement of the kind proposed by the Supdt, if the Coimbatore Public Library is kept open till 5.30 p.m. from 1st Oct. to 31st March & till 6 p.m. from 1st April to 30th Sept.

Order No 311. D 19 May 1896
The D.P.W. will be authorised to prepare an estimate for the erection of the hand rail suggested.

2. With ref. to para 3. the Supdt's attention will be called to G.O. No 310. D 19 May 1896 under which the hours of closing the library will be 5.30 p.m. from 1st Oct. to 31st March and 6 p.m. from 1st April to 30th Sept.

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Supdt. C. M. (from order)

Madras Literary Society and
Auxiliary of the Royal Asiatic Soc.
Old college, Nungambaukam

Madras. 24. April 1895

No 176

From,

C. Michie Smith Esq.

Honorary Secretary,

Madras Literary Society

To

C. Hurston, Esq.

Superintendent, Government
Museum, Madras.

Sir,

Under instructions from the Committee
of the Madras Literary Society, I have the
honor to address you on two matters connected
with the Commemorative Library.

2. As you are aware, the Committee is of
opinion, that under present arrangements
the upper gallery book cases are decidedly
unsafe. There is absolutely no protection
against a most serious accident, if anyone
taking out or putting in books was to
overbalance himself even slightly. The gallery
is so narrow that the steps have to be placed
parallel to the wall and a very slight failure
in the matter of balance would precipitate

man on the top of the steps to the floor below -
fall that would most probably prove
fatal. The best remedy seems to be the erection
of a hand rail, ^{about 5 feet above the existing rails}. Such a rail could be designed
so as to be in keeping with the rest of the
wood work, and need not in the least
disfigure the library.

3. The other point is with regard to the
hours of opening and closing the Library. At
present our Library is open at this season from
6. A.M. to 6 P.M., and in the cold weather from
6.30 A.M. to 5.30 P.M. It is essential for
most of our members, who can come to the
Library only in the morning or evening, that
the Library should open early and close late,
but the Committee propose the hour of
opening should in the future be 7. A.M.
and the hour of closing, as at present, 6 P.M.
from 1st April to 30th September and
5.30 P.M. for the rest of the year. I trust
that you will find it practicable to permit
us to have the Library open between these
hours in the Courtenay Library.

I have &c,
Signed J. C. Michie Smith
Hon'y Secretary
M. L. S.

True

(True copy)

J. C. Michie Smith

Superintendent Government
Museum.

No. 363

GOVERNMENT MUSEUM,

Pantheon Road, Egmore,

Madras, 2nd May 1896.

From

EDGAR THURSTON, Esq.,

SUPERINTENDENT,

Government Museum,

Madras,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Educational Department.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward, herewith,
copy of a letter received from the Secretary
of the Madras Literary Society relating
to the Cownemara Public Library.

2. I have discussed, with the Secretary
of the Society, the question of the
possibility of accident happening to
anyone engaged in placing books on, or
removing books from, the shelves in the
uncomfortably narrow upper gallery. And
though no accident occurred to any of my
Library Staff during the transfer thereto of
the books belonging to the Museum Library
I agree with the suggestion that a hand re-

5 feet above the existing rails (designed so as to be in keeping with the rest of the wood-work) would be the best means of protection against accident from over-balancing.

3. As regards para 3 of the letter under consideration, arrangements can easily be made for a member of the staff of the Courmemara Public Library to be on duty until 5.30 p.m. from 1st October to 31st March, and until 6 p.m. from 1st April to 30th September, and to be responsible for closing the Library.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

Edg A. Thurston

Superintendent Government

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