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Chief Secretary.

To the Honorary Secretary, Madras Literary Society.
„ Superintendent, Government Museum.
„ Director of Public Instruction.

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Old College, Nungumbaukum
Madras, December 1895

From,

The Honorary Secretary to the
Madras Literary Society

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
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Sir
Your Most Obedt Servant
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FOR ORDERS.

It has been decided not to try to unite the Lit. Soc.'s Library with the Public Library, so, during their temporary occupation of the Connemara building, they shd have complete control over their books. Mr. Thurston will of course decide where the books are to be put. The Lit. Soc. shd have one of the rooms at the end of the Library for Reading and Committee meetings; & it shd also be allowed a place for the bookbinder either in some corner of the Connemara buildings or in the old Museum. Mr Thurston shd decide where it is to be. The Society shd be told that it will be called upon to vacate as soon as the new premises are ready. It may be necessary [illegible]

Perhaps the Madras Literary Society may be allowed to have complete control over its books while they are lodged in the Connemara Public Library. This means that members of the Public reading in the Connemara Public Library will not be entitled to use the Society's books.

The first G.O. on the subject is No. 361/30.5.93 Public. In that the Lit. Soc. were told that the rooms occupied by it were wanted for the D.P.I., and that therefore accommodation for ~~the~~ its library wd. be found in the Con. Pub. Lib. on condition that it allowed the use of its books to readers in the library itself, & that this arrangement might be cancelled by Govt. at any time. The Soc. was in other respects

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to be allowed to manage its own books & issue them to its own subscribers, & its books were to be separate from the others.

In its report read in G.O. $\frac{347}{7.5.95}$ the Soc. claimed that it was entitled to much consideration at the hands of Govt; said it didn't want at all to leave its present quarters; & suggested that if the course proposed by Govt. were followed Govt. sd. pay it Rs 4x94 being the amount of subscripns. received from members who read its books on the premises (para 11) or (para 12) that a number of conditions should be imposed on the transfer of the books, one of which was that the Soc. should only be moved on 5 years' notice by Govt.

×On this Govt. said it thought that it wd. be better to build the Soc. new accommodation; called for estimates before deciding finally; & asked the Soc. if it wd. pay for the building itself, ~~or~~ receiving a lump grant towards its cost, or wd. pay rent for a building erected by Govt.

Library of the Madras Literary Society.

FOR ORDERS.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR. (3)

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

THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE. (1)

Before, as we shall be getting books & may possibly want the space the Lit. Soc. will occupy before the new premises are ready. We might say that – in that case – we will give them at least a year's notice. The removal of the books might take place as soon as Mr. T. is ready for them

JG
25.1.96

× G.O. No. 347 dated 7/5/95

But in this case, if their new quarters are not ready, we must hire a house for ~~them~~ to keep their books in

HWB
27/1/96

It must be laid down that although the use of the Lit. Society's books is to be restricted to its members – the duty of attending to the cleanliness & order of the books – shelves and rooms placed at the Society's disposal will be in the hands of Mr. Thurston – That they will remain here as long as Govt. can keep them – but that in the event of their having to be removed, Govt. will give them 12 months' notice.

[It is understood that Govt. will as soon as it can make suitable provision for them elsewhere, and even if no ~~proper~~ Govt. building is ready for them whenever they may have to be turned out, Govt. will hire, or otherwise arrange for, their accommodation) Their removal into the C. Library will therefore give Govt. the space wh. the D.P.I. is clamouring for, while Govt. will have breathing time to look round and see where their future permanent home should be.

× G.O. No. 579 dated 24.6.95

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× G.O. No. 837 dated 19/10/95

Before any reply was received to this the D.P.I. (who had not been consulted about it) wrote in to say (G.O. $\frac{579}{24.6.95}$ Public) that he could not wait until a new building for the Soc. was built, & wanted the rooms in his office, occupied by it, as soon as possible. Govt. in reply× declined to reconsider G.O. $\frac{347}{7.5.95}$ & asked the D.P.I. to suggest what course might best be followed in the meantime. He suggested (G.O. $\frac{873.\ \text{Public}}{19.10.95}$), that the Soc. might be given temporary accommodation in the Connemara Library, that it be not interfered with in any way & allowed to restrict its books to its own subscribers & that the cost of the move to the Library & from thence to the new building when erected should be borne by Govt.

This was sanctioned× (without consulting the Lit. Soc.), & an estimate for removing the books called for.

The Lit. Soc. now asks that the conditions on which the removal is to be made should be clearly stated, & that especially, it should be definitely laid down whether the Soc.'s books are to be under its own complete control. Such a statement seems only necessary. Things are very indefinite as they stand, & the new building won't be ready for several years.

It is understood (i) that Mr. Thurston is to be in chief charge of the buildings (para. 2. of G.O. $\frac{873.\ \text{Public}}{14.10.95}$) & that (ii) the Society is now to be allowed to restrict its own books to its own subscribers (para 5. of Dr. Duncan's letter in that G.O.), though Hon. Mr. Grose's note in G.O. $\frac{347}{7.5.95}$ says otherwise. Mr. Thurston will therefore tell the Soc. where to put its books. The care of the cleanliness of whole library will apparently be in the hands of Mr. Thurston's men. Orders are required as to whether the Soc. may be given one of the small rooms at the end of the library & a place for its book binder (para 13. of the report in G.O. $\frac{347}{7.5.95}$ and G.O. $\frac{361}{30.5.93}$).

It seems also necessary for Govt. to say that the Soc. must go out, if required, as soon as its new premises have been finished. Govt's decision on all these matters must be commd. to the Lit. Soc.

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Literary Society's books

(for orders)

1. Hon. Mr. Grose CIE
2. Hon. Mr. Bliss CIE
3. H.E. the Governor

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FOR ORDERS.

Allowing the Lit. Society to put their books into the Connemara Library and to retain complete control over them appears to be the most satisfactory arrangement.

I have from time to time been over the Library Room with Dr. Thurston. He has been putting the books which he has into the Northern half of the room and they have filled it up to a much greater extent than either of us ever anticipated. All the lower half is already full, a part of the upper portion is occupied and more books have to come in. I think though that this half will probably hold all the books for the Free Library. Dr. Thurston thinks so too.

This would leave the Southern portion for the Literary Society's books which amount I ~~[illegible]~~ believe to some 40,000 volumes ~~[illegible]~~. These would probably not be far from filling that half. Dr. Thurston does not want the small room at the end of the Southern half so the Society might have that for Committee meetings & a reading room.

Where the bookbinders are to go I cannot say. Perhaps Dr. Thurston can find a place for them in the old buildings; there is none for them in the new ones.

It would be advisable to fix definitely a time within which or notice given the Society must move out but it would perhaps be as well to wait until Dr. Thurston has all his books in and is in a position to know what room he will have left in the Free Library half. A rough estimate can then be made as to when Govt. will be likely to want the other half and would have to call upon the Lit. Society to move to other quarters.

The Society could move into the ~~[illegible]~~ Connemara Library at once and the conditions as regards vacating it could be definitely settled afterwards.

Govt. has agreed to pay the cost of moving the books but the estimate called for has not yet come in. Is this to be awaited or may the Society be told to move in at once?

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