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Government of Madras.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
24th March 1874.

No. 210. Read the following letter from W. B. LIDDELL, Esq., Honorary Secretary, Madras Dramatic Society, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 9th March 1874 :—

With reference to G. O., No. 278, of 19th February 1874, sanctioning the estimate of Rupees 5,293 for completing the improvements of the Old College Hall and offering, on the part of Government, to defray one-half of the cost of building a stage, &c., which it is estimated will amount to Rupees 3,550, on the understanding that the Dramatic Society by their contribution of the remaining half will not acquire any proprietary lien on the building, I have the honour to inform you that the Committee of the Madras Dramatic Society are willing to accept this offer from Government, but would submit that the following conditions should be observed, viz. :—

1*st.*—That, as the fixtures and fittings of the stage will be of considerable value, the *Theatre portion* of the building should be absolutely at the disposal of the Dramatic Society unless required for a Government purpose.

2*nd.*—That, as the fittings in the Auditorium, seats, &c., will be the property of the Society, and as their removal at any time will entail labour and expense, the Committee would request that all applications for the use of the Hall should be submitted to them for sanction.

No. 211. ORDER THEREON, 24th March 1874, No. 493.

The Governor in Council accepts the first condition in the foregoing letter, but cannot agree to the second. The "Auditorium" or Hall, that is, all the building, except the stage, must be at the absolute disposal of Government, who will, of course, as far as may be possible, regard the interests and convenience of the Dramatic Society in any arrangements they may make to use the Hall for other purposes.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Committee of the Madras Dramatic Society.
,, Public Works Department.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE COMMITTEE OF THE
MADRAS DRAMATIC SOCIETY,
&c.,
&c.

Dated March, 24th.

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G. O., 24th *March* 1874, *No.* 493.

MARCH.
Nos. 210-211.

College Hall.—The condition proposed by the
Dramatic Society on which they will pay half the
cost of building a stage in the College Hall without
acquiring any proprietary lien on the building, viz.,
that applications for the use of the "Auditorium"
or Hall be submitted to them for sanction, not
accepted, but the interests of the Society promised
to be regarded in any arrangements that may be
made to use the Hall for other purposes.

Madras 9th March 1874.

The Hon'ble D. F. Carmichael
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George.

Sir,

With reference to Government Order No. 278, of 19th February 1874, sanctioning the estimate of Rs 5293.- for completing the improvements of the Old College Hall, and offering on the part of Government to defray one half of the cost of building a stage &c which it is estimated will amount to Rs 3550.- on the understanding that the Dramatic Society by their contribution of the remaining half will not acquire any proprietary lien on the building, I have the honor to inform you that the Committee of the Madras Dramatic Society are willing to accept this offer from Government, but would submit that the following conditions should be observed viz.-

1st That as the pictures & fittings of the stage will be of considerable value, the Theatre portion of the building should be absolutely at the disposal of the Dramatic Society, unless required for a Government purpose.

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2nd. That as the fittings in the Auditorium, Seats &c, will be the property of the Society, and as their removal at any time will entail labor & expense, the Committee would request that all applications for the use of the Hall should be submitted to them for sanction.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

D. Mitchell

Hon.y Sec.y Madras Dramatic Society.

12 Kg Hall /11

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Honorary Secretary, Madras Dramatic Society, dated 9th March 1874.

Order thereon, 24th March 74 No. 493

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From
Chief Secy. to Govt.
To
The Hon'ble
Secy. Madras Dramatic Society.
Dated 24th March 1874.

No. 493.

Acknowledging receipt of letter dated 9th March 1874.

Stating that the conditions in the Dramatic Society's application cannot be complied with.

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any arrangements they may make to use the Hall for other purposes.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

No. 567.

From Wm. H. S. Liddell. Honorary Secy Madras Dramatic Society.

Dated 9th March 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

The second condition virtually gives the Dramatic Society the whole building - old as well as new! I am little in favour of any thing of the meeting all the grounds of the new building - & allowing the D. Society the sole - but not the exclusive use of it.

Their

To R. 23/3/74.

To The Committee of the Madras Dramatic Society

" Public Works Dept.

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Mr Searcy & ale the
"Workmen" & Adds of course those
would use with out them for
this stair - but the building would
be over with all for other workers -
allowed by Cte or those can hardly
be named by Cte

As to the old Hall the Society
should not, I think, be allowed
to hurt or keep any fixtures, in the
forming in the its abolition for
other Workmen - and they may

fairly be expected to remove
their seats &c when it is
required - Otherwise of course comfort
will there in the not their forfeiture

I & J 13. 3.

I would say that in carrying out the
2nd Condition - the Auditorium, or hall - that
is all the building except the stage, - to which
had the absolute disposal of the Soc: but
that the Soc: will of course expect to
find on may be proper, in any arrangements
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The Comtee of the Madras
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