Date taken out.	For what purpose.			Initials of clerk taking the paper or of attender.	Date returned.	Initials of attender.
	Department.	C. No.	Year.			

Financial (1895) Departmen

ORDINARY PRINTED.

G.O., No 999.

Dated 12th Dec 1895.

INDEXED.

9/u

[Despatch Abstract.]

THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE OF BIBLIOGRAPHY.-

Communicating to the Departments of the Secretariat, the Honourable the Judges of the High Court and others, letter from the Government ~~Press~~ of India requesting that the catalogues of large libraries be sent to the Belgian Consulate-General, Bombay, for transmission to -----.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
	91		96				
	566		96				
	57		96				
	2488		96				

Govt. of {1895} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., No. 999, 12th December 1895.

DECEMBER.

The International Office of Bibliography.

Communicating to the Departments of the Secretariat, the Hon'ble the Judges of the High Court and others, letter from the Government of India requesting that the catalogues of large libraries be sent to the Belgian Consulate-General, Bombay for transmission to —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper :—

From L. M. THORNTON, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Books), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 15th November 1895, No. 13 Books—879.

In forwarding, for the information of the Government of Madras, the accompanying translation of a letter from the Consul-General for Belgium at Bombay, dated the 1st ultimo, I am directed to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, arrangements may be made for supplying that officer as early as possible with duplicate copies of the catalogues of any large official libraries that there may be in the Presidency. I am to ask also that if it is feasible to cause the catalogues of any large non-official libraries to be sent in duplicate to the Belgian Consulate-General, this also may be done.

Enclosure.

[*Translation.*]

Sir, Bombay, 1*st October* 1895.

I have the honour to inform you that an office named the International Office of Bibliography has existed for some years at Brussels. This institution was started by private agency under the patronage of the Royal Government and has set itself to ascertain experimentally the simplest and most logical method of cataloguing all scientific, literary and artistic works. The object is to have a complete index going back to the most remote period and kept up regularly with the names of new publications as they make their appearance. This office, which has classified 400,000 bibliographical works, has adopted the system termed "decimal classification"—a system which has received the unanimous approbation of the International Conference which has just assembled at Brussels. The Royal Government, taking a lively interest in the work and having regard to the wish expressed by the above-mentioned Conference, has decided to take the International Office of Bibliography at Brussels under its protection. In adopting this course the object of the Royal Government is to continue officially the experiment set on foot by the above-named office. Such an undertaking is apparently calculated to attract the attention of all foreign countries and the Royal Government takes the liberty to appeal to their kind assistance to render this experiment more complete and conclusive.

I am therefore instructed, Sir, to ask you to kindly forward, in duplicate, printed catalogues of the various large libraries of your country. As the object in view is to collect exact information regarding the largest possible number of works published, the Royal Government would thankfully receive, in addition to the catalogues of official libraries, the catalogues of other important libraries which foreign Governments would be so good as to place at its disposal. The Royal Government would also be pleased to receive the documents in question without delay if possible. I shall not fail to inform you of the results of the experiment undertaken by my Government in the circumstances I have above mentioned. My Government further intends, if necessary, to record in a report, which will be sent to foreign Governments, the conclusions of the official enquiry. The Governments interested in the matter will then be able, if need be, to examine together the steps that it may be necessary to take to secure the existence of the institution permanently and to imprint on it a stamp really international which would contribute materially to its success.

I take this opportunity, Sir, to repeat the assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed) LEON DOSOGNE,
Consul-General for Belgium.

To the Secretary to the Government of India,
Foreign Department, Simla.

Order—No. 999, Financial, dated 12th December 1895.

Communicated to the Departments of the Secretariat, the Hon'ble the Judges of the High Court, the Director of Public Instruction, and the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, with the request that copies of such catalogues as are available may be forwarded at an early date to the Financial Department for transmission.

2. The undermentioned Societies and Institutions will also be requested to be so good as to forward to the Chief Secretariat two copies of the catalogues of their respective libraries:—

The Madras Literary Society.
" Trustees of the Theosophical Society's Library, Adyar.
" Nilgiri Library Committee.
" Oriental and Mixed Library of the Srinivasan Mandiram, Bangalore City.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Public Department.
" Educational Department.
" Hon'ble the Chief Justice, with C.L.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Superintendent, Government Central Museum.
" Honorary Secretary, Madras Literary Society.
" Trustees, Adyar Library (Theosophical Society).
" Honorary Secretary, Nilgiri Library.
" Secretary, Oriental and Mixed Library, Srinivasan Mandiram, Bangalore City.
" Librarian.

Exd. A. Raitt.

No. 3078
Financial

From
The Government of India
Home

No. 13 Books / 879

Dated 15-11-95
Recd 22-11-95
Reg^d 23-11-95
Enclosure 1
Y-S-Cs of both current + endors

Subject

Requesting that arrangements may be made for supplying the Consul General for Belgium at Bombay as early as possible with duplicate copies of the Catalogues of any large official Libraries that there may be in the Presidency.

L
28/11/95

TRANSLATION.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, SIMLA.

Bombay, the 1st October 1895.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you that an office named the International Office of Bibliography has existed for some years at Brussels. This institution was started by private agency under the patronage of the Royal Government and has set itself to ascertain experimentally the simplest and most logical method of cataloguing all scientific, literary and artistic works. The object is to have a complete index going back to the most remote period and kept up regularly with the names of new publications as they make their appearance. This office, which has classified 400,000 bibliographical works, has adopted the system termed "decimal classification"—a system which has received the unanimous approbation of the International Conference which has just assembled at Brussels. The Royal Government, taking a lively interest in the work, and having regard to the wish expressed by the above mentioned Conference, has decided to take the International Office of Bibliography at Brussels under its protection. In adopting this course the object of the Royal Government is to continue officially the experiment set on foot by the above-named office. Such an undertaking is apparently calculated to attract the attention of all foreign countries and the Royal Government takes the liberty to appeal to their kind assistance to render this experiment more complete and conclusive.

I am, therefore, instructed, Sir, to ask you to kindly forward, in duplicate, printed catalogues of the various large libraries of your country. As the object in view is to collect exact information regarding the largest possible number of works published, the Royal Government would thankfully receive, in addition to the catalogues of official libraries, the catalogues of other important libraries which foreign Governments would be so good as to place at its disposal. The Royal Government would also be pleased to receive the documents in question without delay if possible. I shall not fail to inform you of the results of the experiment undertaken by my Government in the circumstances I have above mentioned. My Government further intends, if necessary, to record in a report, which will be sent to foreign Governments, the conclusions of the official enquiry. The Governments interested in the matter will then be able, if need be, to examine together the steps that it may be necessary to take to secure the existence of the institution permanently and to imprint on it a stamp really international which would contribute materially to its success.

I take this opportunity, Sir, to repeat the assurance of my highest consideration.

LEON DOSOGNE,
Consul General for Belgium.

G. I. C. P. O.—No. 645 H. D.—1-11-895.—200.—W. B. G.

CURRENT No. 3078

13 Books
No. 879

FROM

L. M. THORNTON, ESQ.,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Madras

CHIEF SECRETARY'S
22 NOV. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Home Department.
Books.

Calcutta, the 15th November 1895.

SIR,

IN forwarding, for the information of the Government of Madras, the accompanying translation of a letter from the Consul-General for Belgium at Bombay, dated the 1st ultimo, I am directed to request that, with the permission of His Excy. the Governor in Council, arrangements may be made for supplying that officer as early as possible with duplicate copies of the catalogues of any large official libraries that there may be in the Presidency. I am to ask also that if it is feasible to cause the catalogues of any large non-official libraries to be sent in duplicate to the Belgian Consulate-General, this also may be done.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

L. M. Thornton

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

1895
Finance Dept.
Enclos. No. 1
To
C. No. 3078

[G. 24.]
1,000—15-11-95.

2nd DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.
Again G.O., dated 189 , No.
Current No. 3078 of 1895; dated 15th Nov, from the Govt.
" " " 189 , " , "
" " " 189 , " , "

ORDER. No 999 dt/12 Dec'95

Communicated to the Depts: of the Secretariat, the Hon: the Judges of the High Court, the Director of Public Instruction and the Supt. Govt. Central Museum for Compliance. The Catalogues should be forwarded to the Financial Dept: for transmission.

2. The undermentioned Societies & Institutions will also be requested to be so good as to forward to the Chief Supt: two copies each of the Catalogues of their respective libraries

The Madras Library Society;
" Trustees of the Theosophical Society's Library, Adyar;
" Nilgiri Library Committee

With the request that copies of such catalogues as are available may

The Oriental & Mixed Library
of the Srinivasan Mandiram,
Bangalore City.

Catalogues of Libraries
for
the Belgian Consulate General

~~FROM ORDERS.~~

C. S.

To The Rev. Dept. 7
" R.P. Dept. 11
" Public Dept. 1
" Edl. Dept. 1
" Hon the Chief Justice with C.L. 6 dated 6/1/95
" Dir: of Public Instn 7
" Lybt. G.C. Museum.
" Hony. Secy: Mad: Lit: Soc: 1
" Trustees Adyar Library (Theosophical Society)
" Secy: Nilgiri Library 1
Secy: Oriental & Mixed Library, Srinivasan Mandiram, Bangalore City.

The Librarian

No. 999, FINANCIAL, 12TH DECEMBER 1895.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From L. M. THORNTON, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Books), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 15th November 1895, No. 13 Books—879.

In forwarding, for the information of the Government of Madras, the accompanying translation of a letter from the Consul-General for Belgium at Bombay, dated the 1st ultimo, I am directed to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, arrangements may be made for supplying that officer as early as possible with duplicate copies of the catalogues of any large official libraries that there may be in the Presidency. I am to ask also that if it is feasible to cause the catalogues of any large non-official libraries to be sent in duplicate to the Belgian Consulate-General, this also may be done.

ENCLOSURE.

[*Translation.*]

SIR,

BOMBAY,
1st October 1895.

I have the honour to inform you that an office named the International Office of Bibliography has existed for some years at Brussels. This institution was started by private agency under the patronage of the Royal Government and has set itself to ascertain experimentally the simplest and most logical method of cataloguing all scientific, literary and artistic works. The object is to have a complete index going back to the most remote period and kept up regularly with the names of new publications as they make their appearance. This office, which has classified 400,000 bibliographical works, has adopted the system termed "decimal classification"—a system which has received the unanimous approbation of the International Conference which has just assembled at Brussels. The Royal Government, taking a lively interest in the work and having regard to the wish expressed by the above-mentioned Conference, has decided to take the International Office of Bibliography at Brussels under its protection. In adopting this course the object of the Royal Government is to continue officially the experiment set on foot by the above-named office. Such an undertaking is apparently calculated to attract the attention of all foreign countries and the Royal Government takes the liberty to appeal to their kind assistance to render this experiment more complete and conclusive.

I am therefore instructed, Sir, to ask you to kindly forward, in duplicate, printed catalogues of the various large libraries of your country. As the object in view is to collect exact information regarding the largest possible number of works published, the Royal Government would thankfully receive, in addition to the catalogues of official libraries, the catalogues of other important libraries which foreign Governments would be so good as to place at its disposal. The Royal Government would also be pleased to receive the documents in question without delay if possible. I shall not fail to inform you of the results of the experiment undertaken by my Government in the circumstances I have above mentioned. My Government further intends, if necessary, to record in a report, which will be sent to foreign Governments, the conclusions of the official enquiry. The Governments interested in the matter will then be able, if need be, to examine together the steps that it may be necessary to take to secure the existence of the institution permanently and to imprint on it a stamp really international which would contribute materially to its success.

I take this opportunity, Sir, to repeat the assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed) LEON DOSOGNE,
Consul-General for Belgium.

To the Secretary to the Government of India,
Foreign Department, Simla.

Order—No. 999, Financial, dated 12th December 1895.

Communicated to the Departments of the Secretariat, the Hon'ble the Judges of the High Court, the Director of Public Instruction, and the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, with the request that copies of such catalogues as are available may be forwarded at an early date to the Financial Department for transmission.

2. The undermentioned Societies and Institutions will also be requested to be so good as to forward to the Chief Secretariat two copies of the catalogues of their respective libraries:—

The Madras Literary Society.
" Trustees of the Theosophical Society's Library, Adyar.
" Nilgiri Library Committee.
" Oriental and Mixed Library of the Srinivasan Mandiram, Bangalore City.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Educational Department.
" Hon'ble the Chief Justice, with C.L.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Superintendent, Government Central Museum.
" Honorary Secretary, Madras Literary Society.
" Trustees, Adyar Library (Theosophical Society).
" Honorary Secretary, Nilgiri Library.
" Secretary, Oriental and Mixed Library, Srinivasan Mandiram, Bangalore City.
" Librarian.

Exd. A. Baitt.

Govt. of {1895} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., No. 999, 12th December 1895.

DECEMBER.

The International Office of Bibliography.

Communicating to the Departments of the Secretariat, the Hon'ble the Judges of the High Court and others, letter from the Government of India requesting that the catalogues of large libraries be sent to the Belgian Consulate-General, Bombay for transmission to —.

First copy sent to Press.

Returned for signature.

Despatched in print.

Number of copies required. { Order complete. / Letter only. / Order complete with Letter.

Read again G.O., No. dated 189

Current No.

Enclosures to C. No.

Order of Government

Letter of Government

Statement with ditto.

Papers not filed up, being meant for despatch in original.

N.B.—
A = Print in full.
B = Not to be printed.
P = Print abstract only.
Q = Print heading only.