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E. T. Privileges.

Directing the supply to the President, Ram Mohun Free Public  
Library, Bezwada, with all copies of annual departmental reports placed  
on E. T.



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Ram Mohan Press Library, Bezwada.

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21 SEP 1918

From (Name) A.Y.C. Campbell Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,  
(Designation) Collector of Kistna District.

To The Secretary to the Government  
HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) DEPARTMENT,  
M A D R A S .

Sir,

In submitting a memorial put in by the President, Ram Mohan free Public Library, Bezwada, requesting the supply to the library free of cost of papers placed on the Editors Table and Government publications, I have the honour to -- invite the attention of the Government to G.O.No. 1038 dated 7th September 17 and to recommend the grant of the petitioner's prayer, as the whole ground floor and verandah of the library have been completed and the building as it stands may be considered as suitable for its purpose.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

Maratimachan  
For Collector.

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21-9-18



To

The Secretary to the Government of

M A D R A S.

Home (Miscellaneous) Department.

Through

The Collector, Kistna.

The humble representation of S.V.Narasimha Sastry, B.A.,  
President, The Andhradesa Libraries Association and  
Ram Mohun Free Public Library, Bezwada,----

Respectfully sheweth:---

1. That the Institution of which the petitioner is the President was established in the year 1911 with the object of diffusing knowledge among people of all sorts and conditions, the said object being achieved by the opening of a Free Public Library and Reading Room and the opening of a Day school for Panchamas;

2. The Library and Reading Room is open to the public from 6 A.M. to 8 P.M. and about 80 readers avail themselves of the use of the library on the average per day.

3. Ladies are supplied with books at their houses free of any subscription through a special peon of the Association and about 60 ladies are now availing themselves of the use of books and periodicals from the library.

4. Another noteworthy feature of the library is a special section opened in it for the use of children. This consists of picture books, books written both in English and Telugu in easy flowing style for the use of children bearing on scientific, biographical and literary subjects as also books containing interesting stories. There are special games such as puzzle boxes, Robinson Crusoe game and other interesting games to recreate the minds of the children and thereby instil knowledge into



their minds. The children are also given lessons in the Library on subjects useful to and understandable by them.

5. The Institution is registered under Act XXI of 1860. It owns a substantial building and extensive site of its own and is located in the heart of Buckinghampet, a healthy and commodious extension of Bezawada town. There are about 4,000 books in the Library, both English and Telugu. The Institution gets about 30 English and 40 Telugu periodicals which are greatly made use of by the reading public. All told, the Institution owns property worth about Rs.15,000/- at cost price. There is a play-ground attached to the Institution which is greatly used by the public.

6. The Institution consists of 150 members from whose subscriptions, the recurring expenditure of the Association is hardly met. In this connection, it may be noted that the only difference between a member of the Association and an outsider is that while a member can take books home under certain conditions, an outsider can only read the same within the precincts of the Library. Further, the Institution is receiving an annual grant of Rs.100/- from the local Municipality for its maintenance and an educational grant from the Government for the Panchama school.

7. The foundation stone for the building of the Association was laid by Sir P.S. Sivaswami Iyer while he was member of the Madras Executive Council and he was gratified to see that the ground-floor of the building was completed before the close of his office.

8. The Institution has since been recognised as a Central Library for the whole of the Telugu Districts at a Conference of the Andhra Librarians held at Vizagapatam and in that capacity the duty of organising Free



Public Library Movement in the Telugu country has now been taken up by it.

9. Besides the activities that are already being conducted under the auspices of the Institution, the work of sending Travelling Library boxes into rural parts has been taken up by the Institution in right earnest and already some boxes have been prepared and fitted up which are on their way to be sent into villages. The management hope they would be able to push on this branch of their work in the near future.

10. Thus, your honour would be pleased to see that, started in 1911, within the short space of half a dozen years, it has greatly improved in the sphere of its influence and the intensity of its work and is satisfying a deeply-felt want.

11. Constituted as the Institution is, it depends on the Benign Government and the public to enable it to extend still further the work it has undertaken.

12. The publications issued by the Government of Madras both in English and Telugu are greatly needed for the Library.

13. The petitioner approaches the Government with a request that all the available Madras Government publications both in English and Telugu may be ordered to be published supplied to the Institution gratis.

14. He further requests that a general order may be issued to continue the supply of the Madras Government publications to the Institution in future also as they are published and also to extend the privileges of the Editor's Table to the Institution.

15. In this connection, the petitioner begs to bring to your honour's kind notice that when the Secretary of the Andhra Conference Committee made a request in a letter dated 23-7-16 to extend the privileges above



forth to all the Library Associations in the Telugu Districts generally, the Government of Madras in their Home (Miscellaneous) Department G.O.No.453 dated 22-12-16 were pleased to order that the request will be considered on its merits when made by individual Associations.

16. That the petitioner made a similar representation on 16-7-17 in reply to which G.O.No.1038 dated 7-9-17 was issued stating that the petitioners request would be considered 'on completion of the building in which the Library is to be located'.

17. The petitioner submits that the main building in which the library is located which measures 1,600 Sq.ft was completed about 3 years ago and it was only the verandah which was ~~was~~ under construction at the time of the last letter. Even that verandah which measures 1,400 Sq.ft has since been completed. Thus, there is ample accommodation to locate the Free reading room and Free public Library and to receive 300 or 400 readers simultaneously. Further, the buling is fully furnished with the necessary furniture.

18. Thus, it will be seen that the construction of the building has been completed. The building commands a most prominent view on the side of the Bandar canal. It is most airy and attracts many readers every day.

19. That the petitioner begs to append hereto copies of a few selected entries made by distinguished visitors who had kindly paid their visits to the Institution.

20. In conclusion, the petitioner prays that your honour will be pleased to order the supply of all Madras Government publications in English and Telugu now available, and order the supply of new publications as they get ready as also to extend the privileges of the Editor's Table



not help admiring the thought and labour that have been spent on its making. It is remarkable what a hold the Library Movement has taken in the Telugu country. The people have in it a most useful means of general education."

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Hon'ble Rao Bahdur B.N.Sarna, Member of the Imperial Legislative Council,----

"I wish the enterprise every success. It is an inspiring example to young men to follow, and shows clearly how the future of the country is intimately bound up with the activities of our young men who help the leisured class pursuing in the right direction. The building is a monument of the energy of the officers of the Association and the library is a nucleus from which is bound to grow up an educational activity in these districts full of promise. I heartily join in the appeal for funds".

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Hon'ble Rao Bahdur M.Ramachandrarow, Member of the Madras Legislative Council,-----

"I have the pleasure of visiting the Ram Mohun Free Library and Reading Room this morning. I have been much pleased with the work which is being done by the enthusiastic gentlemen connected with the management of this institution. It has a great future before it as a means of popular education."

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V.V.S.Avadhani Esq., Sub-Judge, Berhampore,----

"This institution is started by the single purpose and earnestness of a few enthusiastic young men of this place. There is well assorted supply of English and Telugu books and several men take advantage of them."

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Revenue (SRI) Dept

Om 151. no I / 18-19 / 21-10-18

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A Copy of a petition from the President of the Ram Mohun Free Public Library, Bezwada, of the 18th July 1918, together with the Govt order thereon, is forwarded to the Provincial Publicity Board, Madras, for information. It is suggested that the Board might consider the possibility of utilizing this institution and any other similar institutions in the Presy for the dissemination of war news. Propagandist work.

DESPATCHED  
22 OCT. 1918

The Govt to the Pres.  
Pub Bd, Madras.  
(with Encls)

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Home (mis) Dept.

E.T. Privileges.

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From the Collector and St. Michael's Mission.

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Reference is directed to the notes to No. 1038 Home (mis) of 7.9.17. Now that the building in which the Ram Mohan Public Library and Reading Room, <sup>(is to be located)</sup> Begwada, is reported to be suitable for the purpose and there is evidence <sup>(of its usefulness)</sup> from the opinion expressed by distinguished visitors to the Library, there is perhaps no need to call for information regarding the usefulness or stability of the institution. Further the D.M. has recommended the grant of the petitioners prayer.

M 7-8-17.

M 9.

No. 614 26.8.18

Submitted that, as in the case of the Tanjore Palace Library, this institution may be given free copies of annual departmental reports, placed on E.T. There is perhaps no need to admit it to full E.T. privileges.

The request of the <sup>President</sup> Secretary of the Library, in para 13 of the petition to be furnished with



all available publications is too indefinite. Further we have not ordered the supply of back issues in the case of the Tanjore Palace Library. If any specific report or reports are required, the President may be left to come up separately for their supply.

A draft order is sub<sup>d</sup> for consideration.

Ans.  
5.10.18.

S.  
The library seems a unique & an excellent institution & we may give it reasonable encouragement.

Wm  
10/10/18

after issue to Rev Spd. I wonder if the Publing Board can utilise institutions of this nature to disseminate war news

Wm  
10/10/18

Rev Spd

Resp 151 W.O. I/18  
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To Secy.

Paras 1-10 of the petition at pp 2-4 cf. set out the special

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features of the Ram Mohun Free Public Library, Berwada. It seems therefore that the Library might perhaps be useful to the Pub. Bd. for the dissemination of war news. A copy of the petition and of the foot's order thereon may perhaps be Commd. to the Publicity Bd. with the suggestion that the Bd. may consider the possibility of utilizing this library and <sup>other</sup> similar institutions elsewhere for the dissemination of war news.

A draft memo is submitted. After issue the papers may be returned to Home (Mis).

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① A memo ✓

② Home <sup>Misc</sup> ~~no~~ ✓

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 The President, Queen Mary  
 Free Public Library (2 to)  
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