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Secretary's query :—

Discuss this file. Is it usual to give Editors' Table privileges to such associations? What about the Presidency associations?

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—8-1-20.

Note.

C. H. BROWN—8-1-20.

Attention is requested to pages 8-9 of G.O. No. 1208, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 14th August 1919, containing list of institutions who have been granted full or part Editors' Table privileges. The following institutions in Madras enjoy full Editors' Table privileges :—

- (1) The Madras Chamber of Commerce.
- (2) The Southern India Chamber of Commerce.
- (3) The Madras Mahajana Sabha.
- (4) The South Indian Association.
- (5) The Madras Landholders' Association.
- (6) The Secretary, Madras Ryotwari Landholders' Association.
- (7) The Madras Zamindar and Landholders' Association.

Other associations enjoy part privileges.

2. For orders.

S.N.P.—12-1-20. S.A.—12-1-20.

The District Association is a purely political body as are several others in the above list, though on a larger scale. On the analogy of our Editors' Table policy in regard to newspapers I think that, as tone or conduct do not now matter, a district association might be presumed to have a large enough membership to qualify under the circulation test.

C.H.B.—15-1-20.

I agree that the tone of the association need not be considered. The only question is how far we have to extend these Editors' Table privileges. We have a Publicity Board with local correspondents.

To Publicity Officer for remarks if we should extend Editors' Table privileges to district associations? And if so, on what criteria?

R.R.—15-1-20.

PUBLICITY BUREAU.

I recommend granting Editors' Table privileges to any district association provided that it can show (1) that it is maintaining a good library containing a fair selection of serious books and periodicals dealing with administrative, social, or economic questions with a reading room in a convenient and easily accessible locality, (2) that it has a membership extending to, say, 200 persons, (3) that its rules are such as to make it possible for any member of the public, irrespective of caste, creed or political opinions, to join the association and use its library and reading room.

J. T. GWYNN—19-1-20.

HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) DEPARTMENT

The Publicity Officer recommends the grant of Editors' Table privileges to district associations on certain conditions. These conditions may be accepted. A reference to the District Magistrate, Tinnevely, to ascertain whether the conditions now imposed are fulfilled by the Tinnevely District Association is submitted for orders.

S.N.P.—20-1-20. B.R.—21-1-20.

Rule (3) of the Publicity Officer's proposals will knock out most district associations, I think. On the other hand it is perfectly sound for we don't want to extend publicity privileges to a limited section of the community.

C. H. BROWN—22-1-20.

Just omit the words "to join the association and."

Issue. I shall take His Excellency's orders on receipt of reply.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—23-1-20.

[Memorandum No. 6678-4, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 23rd January 1920—IV.]

V

From the District Magistrate, Tinnevely, dated 17th February 1920, No. 113-Magl.

The Tinnevely District Association—

- (1) has a library but no separate reading room and
- (2) has a membership of nearly 500.

Its rules are such as to admit all members of the public irrespective of caste, creed or political opinion to the association on payment of a nominal subscription of one rupee per annum.

2. For orders whether Editors' Table privileges may be granted.
3. His Excellency's orders have to be obtained.

S.N.P.—23-2-20. B.R.—23-2-20.

I don't see any objection unless the membership is thought on the small side. A circulation of 800 is our newspaper list—but the Publicity Officer has suggested a membership of 200 only.

C.H.B.—24-2-20.

A new departure is invited in the matter of extending Editors' Table privileges to associations.

I recommend that the concession be allowed in the case of such associations in this Presidency as satisfy the following conditions:—

(i) It maintains a good library containing a fair selection of serious books and periodicals dealing with administrative, social or economic questions with a reading room in a convenient and easily accessible locality.

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J.T.G.—11-4-20.

(iv) The concession is recommended by the Collector.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—24-2-20.

I am quite prepared to agree to this but think Mr. Gwynn should be asked his opinion.

W[ILLINGTON]—25-2-20.

With reference to His Excellency's query above, it is submitted that the

The third has been varied by me.

R.R.—26-2-20.

first three of the four conditions above have already been accepted by Mr. Gwynn. The fourth condition relates to the recommendation of the Collector.

For orders whether Mr. Gwynn should be asked his opinion.

S.N.P.—25-2-20. B.R.—25-2-20.

C. H. BROWN—26-2-20. R.R.—26-2-20.

PUBLICITY BUREAU.

I agree with the Secretary.

J. T. GWYNN—27-2-20.

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Of the four conditions to be imposed on district and other associations to get Editors' Table privileges, the District Association, Tinnevely, satisfies conditions (i), (ii) and (iv). As regards condition (iii), reference is requested to page 3 of the current file wherein the Secretary of the Association says he proposes to introduce a rule throwing open the library to the public early this month. For orders whether the District Magistrate of Tinnevely can now be asked whether such a rule has been introduced. If it has been, Editors' Table privileges may be granted.

S.N.P.—2-3-20.

Yes: draft to District Magistrate.

C.H.B.—3-3-20.

Draft memorandum submitted.

S.N.P.—3-3-20.

Issue.

C.H.B.—4-3-20.

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VII

*From the District Magistrate, Tinnevely, dated 29th March 1920,
R.O.C. No. 394/Magl.*

As the library has not been thrown open to the public, for orders whether the District Magistrate may be asked to inform the association that Editors' Table privileges cannot be granted to it until its library is thrown open to the public.

S.N.P.—8-4-20. S.A.—8-4-20.

It is perhaps rather unfair to expect an association to maintain a library for the general public. The use of the library would be one of the most obvious advantages and attractions of membership. But if the criteria on pages 2 and 3 are to hold good then we must reply as suggested above.

C. H. BROWN—9-4-20.

Has Publicity Officer any remarks to offer?

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—9-4-20.

PUBLICITY BUREAU.

Please see my note dated 19th January 1920. I there proposed three conditions. The third was that it should be open "to any member of the public to *join the association and* use its library and reading room." I did not propose that the association should be required to admit people who had not joined the association to its reading room and library.

On pages 2 and 3 the Secretary proposed to adopt the three conditions suggested by me and to add a fourth. In writing out the third condition the Secretary omitted the words "join the association and." I did not think that he thereby intended to make it a condition that the association should admit non-members to the use of its reading room and library and I do not think that such a condition should be insisted on.

J. T. GWYNN—11-4-20.

HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) DEPARTMENT.

Submitted for orders. If the Publicity Officer's view is concurred in, Editors' Table privileges may be granted to the District Association, Tinnevely.

S.N.P.—16-4-20. S.A.—16-4-20.

Yes?

C.H.B.—17-4-20.

If condition (3) be drafted by the addition of the words "and join the association and," it will rule out all associations. However I would understand condition (3) to refer to members of the association only.

Yes.

R.R.—17-4-20.

A draft order is submitted.

S.N.P.—19-4-20. S.A.—19-4-20.

May issue after His Excellency has seen.

C.H.B.—20-4-20. R.R.—21-4-20.

I really cannot understand Secretary's note, dated 17th April 1920. Would he be good enough to bring this file and explain to me?

W[ILLINGDON]—22-4-20.

After discussion with Mr. Ramachandra Rao I wish to get my Hon'ble Colleague's views on what is to my mind a really important matter of principle with regard to Editors' Table papers.

The Tinnevely District Association which consists, as I understand, of gentlemen who are members of the Congress, asks for the privilege of these papers. And this raises the question "Are we going to agree to Mr. Ramachandra Rao's suggestion in paragraphs 1 and 2 of his note on pages 2 and 3 of this file which agrees in the main with Mr. Gwynn's original note on page 2 and give this privilege to any association of 200 members which has a library?" Paragraph 3 cannot stand, for one cannot expect members of a particular association to allow members of the public indiscriminately into their club rooms.

Personally from a publicity point of view I have no objection, but it is likely to be a heavy business in sending out these papers in the future to *all* such associations as are eligible.

If there were a public library in each place, that would solve the difficulty, but they do not exist yet. I should be glad of my Hon'ble Colleagues' views on this matter.

Please circulate.

W[ILLINGDON]—22-4-20.

Circulated.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—22-4-20.

I do not think we ought to undertake to supply the whole of our Editors' Table papers to a small local institution of this kind. I take it that a large majority of the printed matter which we send them will never be looked at.

2. I would place the Tinnevely Association on the same footing as the Union Club, Tanjore, the Victoria Club, Cuddalore, and the Public Library at Bezwada and send them only the annual departmental reports.

A. R. K[NAPP]—22-4-20.

C. G. T[ODHUNTER]—23-4-20.

I would rather encourage these district associations; and the Tinnevely District Association appears to be a particularly good one; please see paragraph 3 of the memorial at page 1 of these proceedings and Mr. Cox's recommendation at page 2. The Tinnevely Association is as likely to benefit by the supply of the Editors' Table papers as several of the associations which now get them and which are mentioned at page 1 ante.

P. R[AJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR]—24-4-20.

The case may again be circulated to His Excellency the Governor.

S.N.P.—26-4-20. S.A.—26-4-20.

W. S. BROWN—27-4-20.

R.R.—28-4-20.

Discuss in Council.

W[ILLINGDON]—29-4-20.

On the spare copy submitted to the Honourable Member (Hon'ble Mr. Davidson) for reference in Council, the Honourable Member has remarked:—

"I understand the main file will come to me for opinion and therefore return this spare set of printed papers. The case has ceased to be very urgent."

The main file is submitted.

R.R.—22-5-20.

My view is in accord with that stated at A supra. The Government order may deal only with the case of the Tinnevely District Association; but the same principle of disposal should be followed in the event of applications being received from other District Associations which satisfy Mr. Gwynn's three conditions, unless the Collector, for reasons stated and accepted by Government opposes the grant of the concession.

L. D[AVIDSON]—23-5-20.

Draft.

R.R.—25-5-20.

Draft order submitted. It may be circulated to His Excellency the Governor.

S.N.P.—25-5-20.

W.S.B.—26-5-20.

R.R.—26-5-20.

I agree to the draft.

W[ILLINGDON]—29-5-20.

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To the Superintendent, Government Press.
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" District Magistrate, Tinnevely.
" Publicity Officer.

For approval
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NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 1040, HOME (MISCELLANEOUS),
DATED 1st JUNE 1920.

[SUBJECT.—*Editors' Table privileges—District Association, Tinnevely.*]

I
Letter from the Secretary, District Association, Tinnevely, dated 1st November 1919.

[*Endorsement No. 6678-1, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 4th November 1919—II.*]

III
From the District Magistrate, Tinnevely, dated 24th December 1919, D. Dis. No. 595-Mgl.

HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) DEPARTMENT.

Secretary's query:—
Discuss this file. Is it usual to give Editors' Table privileges to such associations? What about the Presidency associations?
R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—8-1-20.

Note.

C. H. BROWN—8-1-20.

Attention is requested to pages 8-9 of G.O. No. 1208, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 14th August 1919, containing list of institutions who have been granted full or part Editors' Table privileges. The following institutions in Madras enjoy full Editors' Table privileges:—

- (1) The Madras Chamber of Commerce.
- (2) The Southern India Chamber of Commerce.
- (3) The Madras Mahajana Sabha.
- (4) The South Indian Association.
- (5) The Madras Landholders' Association.
- (6) The Secretary, Madras Ryotwari Landholders' Association.
- (7) The Madras Zamindar and Landholders' Association.

Other associations enjoy part privileges.

2. For orders.

S.N.P.—12-1-20. S.A.—12-1-20.

The District Association is a purely political body as are several others in the above list, though on a larger scale. On the analogy of our Editors' Table policy in regard to newspapers I think that, as tone or conduct do not now matter, a district association might be presumed to have a large enough membership to qualify under the circulation test.

C.H.B.—15-1-20.

I agree that the tone of the association need not be considered. The only question is how far we have to extend these Editors' Table privileges. We have a Publicity Board with local correspondents.

To Publicity Officer for remarks if we should extend Editors' Table privileges to district associations? And if so, on what criteria?
R.R.—15-1-20.



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PUBLICITY BUREAU.

I recommend granting Editors' Table privileges to any district association provided that it can show (1) that it is maintaining a good library containing a fair selection of serious books and periodicals dealing with administrative, social, or economic questions with a reading room in a convenient and easily accessible locality, (2) that it has a membership extending to, say, 200 persons, (3) that its rules are such as to make it possible for any member of the public, irrespective of caste, creed or political opinions, to join the association and use its library and reading room.

J. T. GWYNN—19-1-20.

HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) DEPARTMENT.

The Publicity Officer recommends the grant of Editors' Table privileges to district associations on certain conditions. These conditions may be accepted. A reference to the District Magistrate, Tinnevely, to ascertain whether the conditions now imposed are fulfilled by the Tinnevely District Association is submitted for orders.

S.N.P.—20-1-20. B.R.—21-1-20.

Rule (3) of the Publicity Officer's proposals will knock out most district associations, I think. On the other hand it is perfectly sound for we don't want to extend publicity privileges to a limited section of the community.

C. H. BROWN—22-1-20.

Just omit the words "to join the association and."

Issue. I shall take His Excellency's orders on receipt of reply.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—23-1-20.

[Memorandum No. 6678-4, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 23rd January 1920—IV.]

V

From the District Magistrate, Tinnevely, dated 17th February 1920, No. 113-Magl.

The Tinnevely District Association—

- (1) has a library but no separate reading room and
- (2) has a membership of nearly 500.

Its rules are such as to admit all members of the public irrespective of caste, creed or political opinion to the association on payment of a nominal subscription of one rupee per annum.

2. For orders whether Editors' Table privileges may be granted.

3. His Excellency's orders have to be obtained.

S.N.P.—23-2-20. B.R.—23-2-20.

I don't see any objection unless the membership is thought on the small side. A circulation of 800 is our newspaper list—but the Publicity Officer has suggested a membership of 200 only.

C.H.B.—24-2-20.

A new departure is invited in the matter of extending Editors' Table privileges to associations.

I recommend that the concession be allowed in the case of such associations in this Presidency as satisfy the following conditions:—

(i) It maintains a good library containing a fair selection of serious books and periodicals dealing with administrative, social or economic questions with a reading room in a convenient and easily accessible locality.

(ii) It has a membership extending to 200 persons.

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(iii) Its rules are such as to make it possible for any member of the public irrespective of caste, creed or political opinions to use its library and reading room.
(Join the association and?)
J.T.G.—11-4-20.

(iv) The concession is recommended by the Collector.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—24-2-20.

I am quite prepared to agree to this but think Mr. Gwynn should be asked his opinion.

W[ILLINGDON]—25-2-20.

With reference to His Excellency's query above, it is submitted that the first three of the four conditions above have already been accepted by Mr. Gwynn. The fourth condition relates

The third has been varied by me.

R.R.—26-2-20.

to the recommendation of the Collector.

For orders whether Mr. Gwynn should be asked his opinion.

S.N.P.—25-2-20. B.R.—25-2-20.

C.H.B.—26-2-20.

R.R.—26-2-20.

PUBLICITY BUREAU.

I agree with the Secretary.

J. T. GWYNN—27-2-20.

HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) DEPARTMENT.

Of the four conditions to be imposed on district and other associations to get Editors' Table privileges, the District Association, Tinnevely, satisfies conditions (i), (ii) and (iv). As regards condition (iii), reference is requested to page 3 of the current file wherein the Secretary of the Association says he proposes to introduce a rule throwing open the library to the public early this month. For orders whether the District Magistrate of Tinnevely can now be asked whether such a rule has been introduced. If it has been, Editors' Table privileges may be granted.

S.N.P.—2-3-20.

Yes: draft to District Magistrate.

C.H.B.—3-3-20.

Draft memorandum submitted.

S.N.P.—3-3-20.

Issue.

C.H.B.—4-3-20.

[Memorandum No. 1126-2, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 4th March 1920-VI.]

VII

From the District Magistrate, Tinnevely, dated 29th March 1920,
R.O.C. No. 394/Magl.

As the library has not been thrown open to the public, for orders whether the District Magistrate may be asked to inform the association that Editors' Table privileges cannot be granted to it until its library is thrown open to the public.

S.N.P.—8-4-20. S.A.—8-4-20.

It is perhaps rather unfair to expect an association to maintain a library for the

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general public. The use of the library would be one of the most obvious advantages and attractions of membership. But if the criteria on pages 2 and 3 are to hold good then we must reply as suggested above.

C. H. BROWN—9-4-20.

Has Publicity Officer any remarks to offer?

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—9-4-20.

PUBLICITY BUREAU.

Please see my note dated 19th January 1920. I there proposed three conditions. The third was that it should be open "to any member of the public to join the association and use its library and reading room." I did not propose that the association should be required to admit people who had not joined the association to its reading room and library.

On pages 2 and 3 the Secretary proposed to adopt the three conditions suggested by me and to add a fourth. In writing out the third condition the Secretary omitted the words "join the association and." I did not think that he thereby intended to make it a condition that the association should admit non-members to the use of its reading room and library and I do not think that such a condition should be insisted on.

J. T. GWYNN—11-4-20.

HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) DEPARTMENT.

Submitted for orders. If the Publicity Officer's view is concurred in, Editors' Table privileges may be granted to the District Association, Tinnevely.

S.N.P.—16-4-20.

S.A.—16-4-20.

Yes?

C.H.B.—17-4-20.

If condition (3) be drafted by the addition of the words "and join the association and," it will rule out all associations. However I would understand condition (3) to refer to members of the association only.

Yes.

R.R.—17-4-20.

A draft order is submitted.

S.N.P.—19-4-20.

S.A.—19-4-20.

May issue after His Excellency has seen.

C.H.B.—20-4-20.

R.R.—21-4-20.

I really cannot understand Secretary's note, dated 17th April 1920. Would he be good enough to bring this file and explain to me.

W[ILLINGDON]—22-4-20.

After discussion with Mr. Ramachandra Rao I wish to get my Hon'ble Colleagues' views on what is to my mind a really important matter of principle with regard to Editors' Table papers.

The Tinnevely District Association which consists, as I understand, of gentlemen who are members of the Congress, asks for the privilege of these papers. And this raises the question "Are we going to agree to Mr. Ramachandra Rao's suggestion in paragraphs 1 and 2 of his note on pages 2 and 3 of this file which agrees in the main with Mr. Gwynn's original note on page 2 and give this privilege to any association of 200 members which has a library?" Paragraph 3 cannot stand, for one cannot expect members of a particular association to allow members of the public indiscriminately into their club rooms.

Personally from a publicity point of view I have no objection, but it is likely to be a heavy business in sending out these papers in the future to *all* such associations as are eligible.

If there were a public library in each place, that would solve the difficulty, but they do not exist yet. I should be glad of my Hon'ble Colleagues' views on this matter.

Please circulate.

W[ILLINGDON]—22-4-20.

Circulated.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—22-4-20.

I do not think we ought to undertake to supply the whole of our Editors' Table papers to a small local institution of this kind. I take it that a large majority of the printed matter which we send them will never be looked at.

2. I would place the Tinnevely Association on the same footing as the Union Club, Tanjore, the Victoria Club, Cuddalore, and the Public Library at Bezvada and send them only the annual departmental reports.

A. R. K[NAPP]—22-4-20.

C. G. T[ODHUNTER]—23-4-20.

These proceedings
I would rather encourage these district associations; and the Tinnevely District Association appears to be a particularly good one; please see paragraph 3 of the memorial at page 1 in the current file and Mr. Cox's recommendation at page 2, in the current file. The Tinnevely Association is as likely to benefit by the supply of the Editors' Table papers as several of the associations which now get them and which are mentioned at page 1 ante.

P. R[AJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR]—24-4-20.

The case may again be circulated to His Excellency the Governor.
S.N.P.—26-4-20. S.A.—26-4-20. W. SCOTT BROWN—27-4-20.

R.R.—28-4-20.

Discuss in Council.

W[ILLINGDON]—29-4-20.

(Hon. Mr. Dandson)
On the spare copy submitted to the Honourable Member for reference in Council, the Honourable Member has remarked:—

"I understand the main file will come to me for opinion and therefore return this spare set of printed papers. The case has ceased to be very urgent."

The main file is submitted.

R.R.—22-5-20.

My view is in accord with that stated at A supra. The Government order may deal only with the case of the Tinnevely District Association; but the same principle of disposal should be followed in the event of applications being received from other District Associations which satisfy Mr. Gwynn's three conditions, unless the Collector, for reasons stated and accepted by Government opposes the grant of the concession.

L.D[AVIDSON]—23-5-20.

Draft.

R.R.—25-5-20.

Draft order submitted. It may be circulated to His Excellency the Governor.
S.N.P.—25-5-20. W.S.B.—26-5-20. R.R.—26-5-20.

I agree to the draft.

W[ILLINGDON]—29-5-20.

P. R[AJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR]—31-5-20.

[G.O. No. 1040, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 1st June 1920.]

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