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Endt. No. 295.

Transferred to the Local and Municipal Department.

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28th April 1897.

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(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
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„ the Judicial Department.
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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION.

~~In exercise of the power conferred by Section 11 of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1884, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint the undermentioned gentleman to be a Member of the District Board of~~

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GAZETTE—PART I-A.

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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

Current ~~D.O.~~ No. 1771 M.

From The Judicial Department

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CHIEF SECRETARY 26 APR. 1897 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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From The District Magistrate Nilgiris

~~**Order**~~

Endorsement No. 295 d/28th April (1897).
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Ag. Under Secretary

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Nilgiri District Magistrate's Office
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From

H. Tremenheere Esq, I.C.S.
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To

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Judicial Department
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It seems desirable to have at least some water, though not to the extent required under the rules, kept ready to provide against an emergency. Instead of gallons a condition is inserted that at least 5 gallons for every 200 sq feet of area ~~to~~ shd be kept ready. At this rate only 60 buckets of water wd. be necessary

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

for District Magistrate

26/4/97

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(1897) **Department.**

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From

T. H. A. Tremenheere Esqr
I.C.S.

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No.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting that the Assembly Rooms may be specially licensed by Govt as a place of Public Resort

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Nilgiri Collector's Office,
Ootacamund, 26. 4. 1897.

CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
26 APR 1897

My dear P[illegible]

Pray be good enough to obtain very early orders of Government on the accompanying letter, requesting that the Assembly Rooms may be specially licensed by Government as a Place of Public Resort in time for the Fancy Dress Ball on 11. May.

I fear it would be no

Rooms at Ootacamund

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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MENT.

No 1460 M dated 10th September 189

Good requiring Mrs Brown to make any alterations, for she is not keen to keep up the Hall, wanting to turn it into a hotel..

Yours Sincerely

H. Tremenheere.

Ootacamund

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NOTE FOR THE Head clerk.

In para 3 of G.O No. 1087 M dy 5th May 1897 – Brown's assembly rooms only –

please make the following corrections as the Secretary made them while signing the copies for the chairman only & the collr. the Nilgiris. Instead of

"to grant, under section 7 of the said act, a licence for Brown's Assembly rooms,"

read

"to grant, under section 7 of the said act, a license with effect from the 11th inst, for Brown's Assembly Rooms,"

Sub
6/5/97

The Presn has been requested to carry out the Corrs. HR

No VI of the rules issued G.O

No 1460 M dated 10th September 18

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Please make the following Corrections in para. 3 of G.O. (draft) 5th May 1897 —

for "grant under rule 7 of the rules set a license for Assembly Rooms"

Read

"to grant under rule [illegible] the said rules a license [illegible] effect [illegible] the [illegible] for District [illegible]"

License of the Assembly Rooms at Ootacamund

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G. O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. of 189 , dated from the

Current No. 17707 of 1897, dated 28th April from the Jud. Dept.

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FOR ORDERS.

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Please see note at end of office note
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The rooms seem to me quite safe if the entrance doors which open inwards are kept open during entertainments and if the gangways on either side of the stage are also kept clear. On these conditions I think a license may be permanently granted. As to the water supply ~~in~~ these rules were hardly intended for and are not suitable to a building of this kind which has an iron roof & could hardly be set on fire, if one tried to do it. Moreover, they do not allow for the fact that there is a pipe supply of water & no doubt stand pipes close by. I think in special cases the smaller quantity may be safely allowed.

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Under No VI of the rules issued in G.O. No 1460 M dated 10th September 1891, as modified by G.O. No 1063 M dated 22nd June 1896, relating to the grant of licenses for places of public resort, the Government can waive the conditions therein prescribed for the grant of licenses in the case of the Assembly Rooms at Ootacamund.

2. The suggestion made by the District Magistrate of the Nilgiris that power may be taken to relax the conditions prescribed by rule VI also, may be approved.

3. The following draft Order is submitted for approval:—

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Please see suggestion in note below

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{ subject to sections 6 & 7 of Madras Act II of 1888

I think a supply of water is essential & cannot be altogether dispensed with. The amt. here proposed is not too much.

The act will be found printed in G.O. 21 July 1888 no 802 M (in the file)

of the building.

V.R.
30/4/97

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H.O.

As rules IV & V under the Places of Public Resort Act (G.O. 10 Sept. '91 no 1460 M) were modified by G.O. 22/6/96 no. 1063 M. the Govt. can ~~dispense~~ waive altogether the conditions ~~as to the situation of the place to be licensed with regard to adjacent buildings, and also as to the number & size &c. of the exits~~

~~[illegible]~~

Of course the addition to these rules made by the G.O. of 1896 — "except with the special permission of Govt." — must be read subject to sections 6 & 7 of the Act — i.e. if the licensing authority, which in this case is the Chairman of the Municipality (vide section 5) is independently satisfied that the "building may safely be used for the x x entertainment proposed" and "that no objection arising ~~[illegible]~~ from its situation, ownership or the purpose proposed exists", then the specific conditions embodied in these rules may be dispensed with by Govt..

~~[illegible]~~. The rules as published assume, that the whole space may be fully occupied & provide accordingly. But here as the Dist. Mte points out this is not so in the ~~[illegible]~~ case ~~[illegible]~~ of Browns Rooms for the class of entertainments for which they are ordinarily used.

The limitation of the numbers present within the building is a fair & reasonable ground for a modification of the general conditions [illegible] in the rules.

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FOR ORDERS.

The Rooms may have a packed audience & the present exits are by no means easy

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the relaxation of the rules in the present instance is fit.

It is not quite clear whether the application is intended to refer only to the performance on the 11th inst. or is meant to be general.

In the latter case I think that we shd. have to introduce into the sanction some specific limitation of the numbers permitted to be in the building ~~[illegible]~~ e.g. that the rules will be relaxed as proposed provided the number do not exceed say 500 or 600.

With regard to Rule VI prescribing the disposal & supply of water to be ready at hand, no power has yet been taken by Govt to modify the conditions therein prescribed. The same general observations however apply, and there is no objection to a proviso being added to the rule to the effect that Govt. having regard to the nature of the entertainment, the numbers permitted to be present in the building, or other circs., may as a special case authorize the licensing authority to grant a license for any building, with such modification of the aforesaid requirements as to the ~~[illegible] supply~~ amount and disposal of the water supply, as ~~[illegible]~~ may be ~~[illegible]~~ deemed suitable and sufficient

It seems better to ~~[illegible]~~ set out the proviso at some length instead of merely inserting "~~[illegible]~~ unless otherwise permitted by Govt". It is desirable to make it clear that the responsibility is on the licensing officer: & that the Govt. will relax the conditions only on a consideration of special circs.

It has to be determined whether the present sanction is to apply only to the performance on the 11th. or is to be general & if the latter whether subject to any condition as to members. If there is any difficulty about a general license the qn may be reserved for more mature consideration [illegible] sanction limited to the present [illegible] proceed accordingly S.T.R. 3/5/97

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No. 5

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Order. No. 1087-M. dd 5th May 1897

Rule VI of the rules made under the Places of public Resort Act II of 1888 (M) will be modified by the addition of a proviso enabling the Govt. to authorize the licensing authority in ~~[illegible]~~ special ~~case of~~ cases to issue in respect of any premises ~~any premises to issue a~~ a license ~~[illegible]~~ any premises with such modification of the conditions contained in the rule which prescribe the disposal of the water supply & the minimum amount to be stored as may be deemed to be suitable & sufficient.

2. The following notification will be published in the Fort St George Gazette:

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Under the provisions of

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Under the provisions of section 14 of the Places of Public Resort Act II of 1888 (H) H.E. the G. in C. is pleased to make the following ~~addition~~ alteration in the rules for the granting of licenses under sec. 7 of the said Act.

& published in the Fort St. Geo. Gaz. of the 13 Octr. 1891

Rule VI. Add at the end of the rule the following proviso:

"Provided that ~~[illegible]~~ H.E. the G. in C. may authorize the licensing authority, in view of the particular construction or disposition of any building or enclosure, the circumstances of ~~their~~ its use, or other special reasons, to issue for such building or enclosure a license with such modification of the aforesaid conditions prescribing the disposal of the water supply and the minimum amount to be stored as may be deemed suitable and sufficient"

This Notifn must appear in the Gazette Tuesday

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3. ~~In accordance with~~ ~~Rule XX of~~ With regard to the application of the Dept. [illegible] of

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(with reference to Rules V ~~& VII~~ of the Rules made under Act II of 1888 (M) ~~a~~)

with effect from the 11th instant

the Nilgiris, read above, H.E. the Govr. is pleased (to authorize the Chairman of the Ootacamund Municipality ~~to~~ grant under Sec. 7 of ~~Act II of 1888 (M)~~ the said Act, a license for Brown's Assembly Rooms, Ootacamund, ~~as that~~ a permanent place of public resort, provided that the main ~~door~~ entrance doors are kept open during the whole time of the entertainment or meeting and that the gangways on either side of the stage are also kept clear, and further that a supply of not less than five gallons of water for every 250 sq. feet of area is kept stored in buckets disposed along the walls of the building in such manner as the licensing authority may consider proper.

S. R.
5/5/97

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