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15. We note that the collections which will form the nucleus of the Connemara Free Library are those of (1) the Government Museum Library, (2) the Library of the Registrar of Books, (3) the Library of Oriental Manuscripts; and that accommodation is to be provided for the Madras Literary Society's Library and for the Library of the Technical Institute.

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15. Printed catalogues, with manuscript additions up to date, will be placed in the library. Copies may be had on payment on application to the Librarian.

16. Sticks and umbrellas must be left at the door. Dogs shall not be admitted.

17. The attendants will not be permitted to receive a gratuity of any kind.

From the Secretary, Victoria Technical Institute, dated 24th July 1894, No. 96.

ORDER—dated 16th August 1894, No. 597, Public.

The thanks of Government are due to the members of the committee for their careful and practical report, which has been submitted with commendable promptitude.

2. It will be communicated to the Council of the Technical Institute and the Committee of the Literary Society for such observations as they may desire to offer.

The council will be informed that the hopes held out to them in 1890 were expressed under circumstances which have entirely changed. It was then anticipated that the Technical Institute would soon be so strengthened by private subscriptions that it would be able to take the lead in developing technical education throughout the Presidency, and would have to teach and so need class rooms as well as an office room and a lecture theatre. It was not intended even in 1890, that the workshops, &c., which are essential to technical education should be established near the Connemara Library, or that practical work involving noise and dirt should be carried on there. It is now very evident that the Institute is not so strong as was anticipated in 1890 and it appears to Government that the limited funds which are available and which at present show no prospect of expanding can best be spent in the manner proposed in the report printed with these Proceedings. An office room and the occasional use of the lecture theatre will probably meet all the requirements of the Institute, and its books can be accumulated as suggested in paragraph 20 of the report.

It appears probable that the Literary Society will require a separate room in which the new books, &c., can be kept before they are placed in the library after circulation.

The Committee of the Society will be requested to favour Government with any remarks they may have to offer on this point and on the "draft rules and regulations" for the use of the library; and to furnish for reference a copy of the rules of the Society.

3. With advertence to paragraph 19 of the report, the Government is of opinion that the Oriental Manuscripts Library must have separate accommodation and not be merged in the general library as proposed. As it has a special staff and room for copying would be necessary, if sufficient space cannot be found in the Connemara buildings it is possible it might be accommodated in the Museum after the removal of the Art and Ethnological sections. It is observed that no proposals for utilizing this space have been made by the Superintendent.

4. The Honorary Secretary, Madras Dramatic Society, will be informed that there will be no objection to the use of the lecture theatre for performances, but that no separate room for "properties" can be spared. The Society will—if it desires to do so—be permitted to erect at its own cost a store room near the building on a site to be approved by Government. Any expenditure for the protection of "scenery" would have, of course, to be met by the Society.

5. The Director of Public Instruction will be requested to submit his views on the proposed transfer * of collections from the School of Arts; and the suggestion that the collection of arms, &c., in the Arsenal

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6. The Government agrees generally in the observations in paragraph 21 of the report, but will defer passing definite orders pending the settlement of the main question in regard to the disposal of the buildings.

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1895 No 276, forwarding copy of a report on the proposal of Government
regarding the transfer of the Society's books to the Connemara Library.

Order d/ 7th May 1895 No. 347.

On ^{the} consideration of all the circumstances of the
case, the Governor in Council is of opinion that it would probably be
preferable to build accommodation for the Literary Society adjoining
the office of the Director of Public Instruction. Before a decision is
arrived at on this point however the Government desires to be furnished
with plans and an estimate of the expenditure that this would involve.
The Public Works Department will be requested to take the necessary
action without delay. The Consulting Architect should consult the
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