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To scrutinize all these applications, to arrange them according to examinations and tests and those relating to each examination according to stations, a room or rooms are needed with ample space and other facilities—space and facilities which do not exist at present. Meanwhile, the question papers are being printed—about 280 distinct question papers being required. These must be scrupulously kept apart, sorted for the different stations, and securely locked up till the date of despatch. There are, for instance, seventy-five stations to which question papers for the Lower Secondary examination alone have to be despatched, and about twenty packets have to be prepared for each station. One packet disappeared last year in the course of sorting for despatch, and the wonder is that more accidents of the kind have not occurred. I have always regretted that I did not invite the two Hon'ble members to visit my office before going to the hills and see for themselves. Even if the Literary Society were to vacate its present rooms, I should not have enough room; but that would give immediate relief.

5. I understand that the committee of the Literary Society has resolved to inform Government that it would prefer the alternative of Government building and the Society undertaking to pay rent. I need not again urge that this means time—probably years—and my office cannot remain as it is much longer. My proposed solution of the difficulty seems simple and inexpensive and can be carried out at once. I would recommend that the Society be allowed the use of a part of the Connemara building as a temporary arrangement, and that it be not interfered with in any way, but be allowed to restrict the books to its own members and subscribers. The cost of the transfer of the books to the Connemara building would amount to only a few hundred rupees and should be borne by Government, and the cost of the retransfer of the books to the Society's new premises when erected should also be borne by Government. The Society would be put to no expense and the books would enjoy the benefit of a little fresh air in course of transit. The Society's book-cases could be stored in the godowns in this compound.

6. I do not think that all the advantage of this proposal would be on the side of the Society. The portion of the Connemara building occupied temporarily by the Society would be all the better of being used and kept clean. Experience would also

be acquired at the expense of the Society as to how far the working arrangements provided in the building are suitable for a large library. And finally a practical demonstration would be given of the fallacy of the suggestion that the Society's library would fill the whole or the major portion of the book-shelves.

7. I would earnestly beg of Government to make it possible for me, as far as accommodation goes, to carry on the work of my offices efficiently.

Order—No. 873, Public, dated 19th October 1895.

The Government sanctions the proposals of the Director of Public Instruction as the only *modus vivendi* possible, pending the consideration of final arrangements for accommodation for the library of the Literary Society.

2. In separate Proceedings it has been decided that the Superintendent, Central Museum, shall have charge of the new buildings on the Pantheon Road, and that officer has been requested to propose a distribution of the accommodation available. The Honorary Secretary of the Literary Society should accordingly place himself in communication with Mr. Thurston in regard to the temporary transfer of the Society's Library to the new buildings. An approximate estimate of the cost of the removal of the books should be furnished.

3. The Government desires that very early steps may be taken for opening the Connemara Free Library. The Superintendent of the Central Museum will lose no time in transferring the Museum library to the new buildings, and the Director of Public Instruction will be requested to take steps for the removal thereto of the library of the Registrar of Books. Attention is invited to G.O., No. 461, Educational, dated 23rd June 1894.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Superintendent, Government Central Museum.
" Honorary Secretary of the Madras Literary Society.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. A. Raitt.