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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	27-2-	1867.

Not to be folded or roughly handled.

Read the following papers :—

No. 147. From R. RICE, Esq., Assistant Collector, South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 9th January 1867.

It having occurred to me, a short time ago, that the establishment of a Public Reading Room in Cuddalore, for the members of the East Indian and Native Community, would be productive of material benefit, I convened a Meeting of the principal Native inhabitants for the purpose of considering the project.

I am happy to state that the scheme was very favorably received, and considerable support was promised on the spot.

Accordingly, it was resolved to open an Institution of the above nature from the 1st January 1867.

I may mention that the Collector of the District, Mr. Reade, has expressed his high approval of the project, and has kindly consented to become Patron of the Institution. At present, it is contemplated to subscribe to the leading Indian journals (English and Vernacular) of the three Presidencies, together with some English newspapers and periodicals.

In addition to this, some of the European residents at the station have kindly promised to contribute English journals and periodicals of general interest, after they have perused them themselves. It is also proposed to establish a library after some time.

I have entered thus briefly into detail, in order that you might understand the nature of the Institution; and I have the honor to request that, if the scheme meets with your approval, the grant-in-aid which I am informed the Government is willing to give, and in some instances has given, to Institutions of a similar nature, may be granted to this also.

2. I have also the honor to request that, if in accordance with the usual practice, the *Fort Saint George Gazette* may be ordered to be supplied gratis to the "Cuddalore Public Reading Room." Awaiting a reply, I have the honor to be &c.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
17th January 1867.

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Ag. Under Secy. to Government.

No. 148. From the Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 22nd January 1867, No. 131.

I have the honor to return the accompanying letter from Mr. R. Rice, Assistant Collector of South Arcot, which was referred to me for remarks by endorsement dated the 17th instant.

2. It appears to me that, in the present instance, application for Government aid has been made somewhat prematurely.

3. I do not consider that Government should lend any assistance towards providing Newspapers and Periodicals for a Reading Club; I think the expense of procuring light literature of this description should be borne entirely by the members of the Club.

4. The formation of a Public Library of standard works, where such an Institution is called for by a sufficient number of educated men, is a measure in which the co-operation of Government is no doubt perfectly legitimate; in fact, such co-operation is expressly provided for in No. 22 of the Grant-in-aid Rules.

27th February 1867.

5. I notice, however, that Mr. Rice speaks of the formation of a Library as an event that will take place "after some time." In these circumstances, it seems unnecessary for me to say more at present than that, when a grant is requested, in conformity with Rule 22, full information should be given regarding the number and position of the subscribers to the Library, the subscriptions actually paid up, those promised, the books proposed to be purchased, with their prices, and the provision contemplated for the accommodation and safe custody of the books. On receipt of a well digested plan, conveying full and satisfactory information on the points I have named, I presume Government will not object to give a grant equal to the amount raised by local subscriptions.

6. I see no objection to the Cuddalore Public Reading Room being allowed to receive gratis a copy of the *Fort Saint George Gazette*.

No. 149. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1867, No. 214.

A copy of the letter from the Director of Public Instruction, in whose views the Government concur, will be furnished to Mr. R. Rice, with an intimation that, on receiving from him full and satisfactory information on the several points noted in paragraph 5, the Government will be prepared to make a grant in aid of the proposed Library.

2. A copy of the *Fort Saint George Gazette*, Class G., will, as requested, be furnished, free of charge, to the Cuddalore Public Reading Room, on the Government being informed by the Collector that a house or room has been secured for the Reading Society, at a spot easy of access to the majority of those who may have become members.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of South Arcot.
" Director of Public Instruction.
To R. Rice, Esq.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Jan 9 - 9. 1867

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The Chief Secretary to Government -

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"Cuddalore Public Reading Room" —
Awaiting a reply

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Sir, Your most obedient
servant
Robert Rice
Dist. Collector - South Arcot.

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of Public Instruction

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From

E. B. POWELL, Esq.,
Director of Public Instruction.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
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Office of the Director of
Public Instruction,
MADRAS, 22nd January 1867.

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

E. B. Powell
Director of Public Instruction.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter;

From Mr. R. P. Pico. (Received 9th January 1867)
" Director of Public Instruction. (— 22nd — — — — — A. 121)

Order thereon 27 Feb'y. 1867. No. 214.

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Charles Leitch
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From
The Director of Public Instruction,
To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.
S.M.M.

Dated 22nd January 1867.
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No. 181.
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Remarks and recommendations
in connexion with the application for
aid for a Reading Club at Cuddalore.

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we propose to make a
grant in aid of the pro-
posed Library.

2. A copy of the

Statute of George IV. 1801,
Class 4.

will, as requested, be
furnished, free of charge,

to the Bangalore Public

Reading Room, on the

Government building -

- formed by the collector

that a house or room

has been secured for

the reading society at

a spot easy of access

to the majority of those

who may have become

members -

It is my opinion,
should not be furnished
before the 10th term from
Mr. Rice, the youngest candidate
in the district, that he has
secured a house or room for
the reading society at a spot
a suitable easy of access
to all those who may have
become members -

Spending the whole thing
wherever the suitable

W.D.

Director of the Public
Reading Room }
J. N. Rice Esq. } 2/3

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated, 24th February 1864.

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