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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 221

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Dated 18-2-1936

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No. 162. Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 18th January 1869, No. 1.

The Committee of Management of the Ootacamund Public Library gave me the enclosed Resolution and Statement of account, and urgently desired me to make known to Government the present financial position of the Society; the very large sum which, by unremitting efforts on their part, they have raised towards the Building Fund during the past year or so, the advanced state of the building, and the pressing necessity of finishing it before the season for visitors commences.

2. *Their financial position.*—I believe I am not exaggerating, when I say that it is entirely owing to the indefatigable exertions of the present Committee, and especially of their Honorary Secretary, (Dr. Pope,) that the large sum of about Rupees 25,000 has been raised by subscriptions and loans from all quarters. The Committee, while gratefully acknowledging the liberality of the public, believe that they have now exhausted every private source of income, and desire to make an earnest appeal to Government for aid.

3. *State of building.*—The whole of the Rupees 25,000 has been spent on the building, which is now roofed in and completed, as far as masonry work is concerned. Rupees 5000 is an outside estimate of what is still wanted to finish it. The season, when visitors flock to Ootacamund, is rapidly approaching. If Government could come to the assistance of the Committee with a timely gift or loan, such as would enable them to keep the present labourers at work, until the place is finished, it would, I think, be assistance well-rendered to an institution of great public utility and of peculiar value here, and one, the promoters of which have practically shown a hearty determination to do what they could for themselves.

4. The Committee informed me that they were very grateful for the monthly sum of Rupees 100, which the Government are good enough to subscribe to the Library, and in proof that the support so given was not misapplied, they appealed to Colonel Strachey of Bengal, to Sir A. Bittleston of Madras, and to others of Bombay, who, during the year, had written for the Rules and Regulations of the Ootacamund Library, with a view to apply them to similar institutions in their neighbourhoods.

From the Reverend G. U. POPE, D. D., Honorary Secretary, Neilgherry Public Library, Ootacamund, to the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills; dated Ootacamund, 18th January 1869. I have the pleasure to append a Resolution of the Managing Committee of the Neilgherry Public Library, passed at their Meeting of this day's date, together with a statement of the accounts of the building.

Resolution of the Managing Committee, Neilgherry Public Library, passed at their Meeting, 16th January 1869.

Resolved that a statement of the accounts of the new building be submitted to the Madras Government, with an earnest request for assistance to complete the building before the season commences. About 25,000 Rupees have been expended on the building, and about 5000 Rupees more are required to complete the whole building.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
18th February 1869.*

Total expenditure on the new Library building, up to the 31st December 1868.

	RS.	A.	P.
Labor.....	8,634	7	1
Chunam.....	2,461	14	0
Bricks.....	4,888	4	8
Sand.....	863	4	0
Timber.....	5,187	2	6
Bamboos.....	430	0	0
Chunam Grinder.....	80	0	0
Galvanized Buckets.....	61	12	0
Tools.....	76	2	0
Stones.....	195	14	0
Superintendence and Writer.....	1,692	7	9
Rope.....	82	4	0
Pump and Piping.....	82	8	0
Foundation stone.....	20	0	0
Excavating Foundation.....	40	0	0
Excavating Platform.....	29	0	0
Sundries.....	395	1	0
Iron Rods, &c.....	88	5	0
Screws.....	63	5	0
Tar.....	86	0	0
Ridge Tiles.....	11	4	0
Total ..	25,468	15	0

No. 163.

ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1869, No. 221.

The Government regret that they do not feel themselves at liberty to comply with this application, or to depart from the principle laid down by them in paragraph 3 of their Order, No. 1100, dated 6th September 1858. The Library at Ootacamund, they observe, cannot in strictness be termed public, being the private property of the subscribers, and not open to the public without payment.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills.

Exd. J. Wright.

Neilgherry Public Library,
Ootacamund.
Jan^y 16. 1868.

To Mr. Bruck Esq.
Commissioner of the Nilgiris.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge
a resolution of the Managing Com.
the N. P. L. passed at their meeting
within days date, together with a statement
of the account of the building
I have the pleasure to acknowledge
Yours truly,
G. W. C. Esq.
G. W. C. Esq., S. D.
Hon. Secy. N. P. Lib.

Dist. of 1868

PUBLIC.

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE
NEILGHERY HILLS

Dated February, 1868.

Recd.

G. O. 1868 February 1868 No. 121

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 162-163.

Declining to comply with the application for
the aid of Government towards completing the new
Library at Ootacamund.

Resolution of Managing Com.

N. P. Lib. passed at the
meeting: Jan. 18. 1869.

"Resolved that a statement of the
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commences. That \$5,000 expenses have
been expended on the building and
that \$5,000 more are required to
complete the whole building."

(A true copy.)

G. W. P. Secy.

From,

The Hon. ^{the} ~~Commissioner~~
Kilgherry Public Library
Co. Faccamand

To,

The Commissioner
Kilgherry

Dated 16
Recd 16 } January

Applie. for
aid of Government
towards new library
Building.

Pres. 18 Sept/1922

Pub/12 Sept
No. 148

To Mr. The Honorary Secretary
Chapman & Co. 10
Essex Street
London

The Commission
of Enquiry

Dated
Recd. -

Statement of
expenditure up to
31st December 1868
on the road to
Burlington.

From 18th Feb 1869 to 1862

Feb 1869 to 1868

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Total of Expenditure on the new Library
Building up to the 31st December 1868.

Labor	
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Bricks	2461 14.
Sand	4888 4 8.
Timber	863 4.
Bamboos	5187 2 6.
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<u>Rs. Rs.</u>	<u>25468 15.</u>

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Public Department.

No. 45.

From

The Municipal Engineer

Dated

1869.

FOR ORDERS.

I do not see how two feet
can comply with this
application - see para 3
of the S.O. of 8th Sept. 1858.
The Library is not really
a Public Library if it public
is meant an institution open
to the public without payment.

A. A.
W. A.

No. 1

Commissioner's Office 13
Ootacamund
18th January 1869

From,

J. H. Spectre Esquire
Commissioner
Nulgherry Hills

To,

The Chief Secretary
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Madras

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I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant
Truly

Commissioner

J. S. D.
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From

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Thy friend
Wm. L. Garrison
to Garrison

1870-1871
1872-1873

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Enclosure. 2

Recommends for the

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Lippmann, a *theatrum*

St. Ann's Library
Public Library for the

to leave of 1700 5000 from
completing of the work

Wm. B. R. R.
Wm. B. R. R.

No 221. 18. July 1891.

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property of the subscribers -
and not from the
public: printed in Great Britain

Wm. H. A. program.

to the owners of the
Whitcomb Hotel Sept 25/31

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Govt. of 1869 Madras.

Public.

To
The Commr of the Madras
Hills.

Dated Feb. 18.

Recd.

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G. O. 18 Feb. 1869, No. 22/.

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Declining to comply with the
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the new library at Colaca
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