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ORDINARY, MS.

Public DEPARTMENT.
G.O., DATED 13. 2. 90
No. 111

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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Directing the transfer
of the M.S. of the British
Manuscript Library to a
room allotted for them in
the Gothic structure building*

READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
188, No. , MISCELLANEOUS.

ENCLOSURE.

CURRENT No.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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From the Director of Public Instruction dated 12th November 1888

" " Military Dept. dated 18th May 1889

" " Public Works Dept. dated 22nd July 1889

" " the Director of Public Instruction dated 18th October 1889

" Dr. Oppert Dated 4th November 1889

" the Director of Public Instruction dated 23rd November 1889
FOR ORDERS.

Circulated for orders

His Excellency the Commander.

= in = Chief and the Hon'ble Mr.

Stokes having inspected the

Banqueting Hall yesterday

it is understood though there was no definite

decision at the last Council that the proposed

to create the Banqueting Hall

would be negatived.

The President of the College and the

agree that the present in S.S. Library

cannot remain where it is at present

that Dr. Oppert proposed as a

to the library within the P.C. building

cannot be accepted. Further that building

quarters for there there is at present out

of the question.

The old Banqueting Hall appears to be

the only place where this library could

be put. It is not so far from

the College and as far as possible

are concerned in the Black Town

than that institution.

It is submitted that Mr. Fogg may be

I have already recorded my opinion
that the proposal to give the old Ban-
queting Hall for a soldiers theatre
recreation room for a place for the
Govt. band to perform in ought to be
rejected. It is dangerous, inconvenient
& incongruous that a building which
is part of the Government office
which is very old & can be used for
civil purposes should be commandeered.
The Hall is very well suited for records
of library, if not crowded as it was before
the removal of the press. The galleries
are already furnished with the second
story, & a connection with the new record
rooms can easily be made by opening
out a built-up door in the middle of
the west wall on the ground floor. It
would hold nearly as much records
as half the ground floor (less rooms
formerly occupied by the press & are
containing records. I think it was a mistake
to clear it out completely as has been done;
and I would move records & books back
into it; then clearing a lot of rooms
in which suitable accommodation
might be found for the Oriental MSS.
library, & possibly for the Angkor general
If necessary a new store floor could
be put in the Hall, which would remove
all objection to its use as a record room.
With regard to C. N. 4776 of 1888, I think
the removal of the Oriental MSS. library
from the Presidency College is essential.
There is no necessary connection between
the College and the Banqueting

My dear Sir,

I should mention that there are white ants in it and that when the seeds were treated here there cannot be any doubt.

Sd/-

For a new Professor makes more space than essential. Under the arrangement I suggest for the Old Bungalow state room can be found further West in the Fort Office and I do not believe that the library will be less useful or less used there than when it was in it.

Yrs
23/10/90

I have inspected the Messing Hall, and am of opinion that water can be put the whole of the Secularist handed over for military purposes, it would not be advisable to hand over the hall for the use of the troops.

C. S. G.

4.1.90

I object to the soldiers being described in an official note as "a host of smoking and drinking".
Tommy

C. S. G.

4.1.90

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FOR ORDERS.

Very little, if any. Precautions against white ants are required every where.

Accommodation for the Oriental Mss. Library

I think the proper use to be made of the old hall is to store records there. It had better be repaired & improved according to the plan made in the last year. The space now made available in the Govt. office might best be utilized by giving it over to the Engineer for an office. The Oriental Mss. Lib. is kept in my opinion, at the ~~present~~ ^{office} of the B.P. S. a room big built for them if necessary. I doubt that it is a good plan to have them in the Govt. office as it will be an excuse for all sorts of interfering in the office to get papers & information and the idea of looking after the Mss. Lib.

8/1/90 L.H.S.

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Presidency College, Madras
10th October 1888.
From, The Principal
Presidency College
To, The Director
Public Instruction, Madras.

Please the honor to enquire whether accommodation for the Oriental Manuscript Library can be found in the Old College, Nungambakam, or in the Fort, in the premises formerly occupied by the Government Press. I need not again point out the inconvenience caused by the presence of the Library in this building. At present it occupies two large class-rooms, rendering it

No. 8192.

From

H. B. GRIGG, Esq., M.A.,

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

To
The Honble the Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George.

SIR,

In submitting the accompanying copy of letter, No. 312, dated 18th ultimo, from the Principal, Presidency College, inquiring to notice the inconvenience caused by the presence of the Oriental M.S.S. Library in the college premises, and enquiring whether accommodation for the Library could not be found there in the old college or in Fort in the premises formerly occupied by the Government Press, I have the honor to state that

A newspaper for me to put
four Vernacular classes
in two rooms, and one
class in the Examination
Hall. If a Professor
of Physics is sanctioned
do not see how it will
be possible to arrange the
Vernacular classes with
due regard to efficiency
so long as the Oriental
Manuscript Library is in
the College.

I have your
signed D. Duncan
Principal.

True Copy /

H. B. Grigg
Director of
Public Instruction

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that the Library was originally in charge of the Madras Literary Society and was located in the Old College. It was afterwards transferred to the Board of Examiners. On a representation made by the Secretary to the Board in his letter embodied in G. O., Public, No. 178, dated 28th February 1867, the charge of the Library was made over to the Director of Public Instruction in the above Order. In G. O. No. 83, of 15th March 1869 the Professor of Sanskrit, Presidency College, was ordered to be in charge of the Library, and in para 2 of G. O., Ed., No. 258, dated 29th July 1869, the Government recognized the necessity of removing the M.S. from the place which was described by Mr. Powell as a "wretched godown" to some more appropriate

place, and it was accordingly removed to the Presidency College under G. O., Ed., No. 488, 10th February 1870. Owing to the provision made in the Presidency College during the last 10 years for teaching several new subjects, and owing to the increased accommodation that will be necessary for the Laboratory and lecture rooms in connection with the new Professorship of Physics recommended by the Government of Madras, I think the location of the Library in the College is undesirable. I therefore beg to recommend that accommodation be found for it in the rooms vacated by the Press in the Government Office, Fort.

2. I beg to add that the Library cannot be conveniently located in the Old College if my Office should

should be transferred to that
building.

Remember me to Mr.
Sir,
Yours most obedient & sincere
servant

H. P. Fitz
Director of
Public Instruction.

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1888.
Educational Department.

From
THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras,
To
The Honble
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Fort St. George.

No. 8192
12 NOV 88

Dated 12
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November 88

No. 8192

ENCLOSURE 1.

Co. 1110713-2-80

Subject.

Respecting that accommodation
may be found for the
Oriental M.S. Library
in the premises formerly
occupied in the Fort
by the Government Press.

Presidency College, Madras.
No. 358 14th October 1889.

From
The Principal
To
The Director of Public Instruction
Madras

Sir,
With reference to Proceedings
No. 8254 of 23rd September 1889, I have
the honor to inform you that I have
had several consultations with
Mr. Jones, the new Professor of
Physics, with regard to the ac-
commodation needed by him.
Mr. Jones informs me that the
Examination Hall would not
be a suitable place, partly
on account of the difficulty of
dividing it into compartments,
but mainly on account of the
quantity of iron employed in
the construction of the room.
There are already eight iron
pillars supporting the gallery,
and eight additional pillars
are

and a ~~best~~ to be set up to support
the intermediate floor, besides
several iron pillars. The ~~same~~
would seriously interfere with
certain parts of the work of the
class and laboratory, more
especially the parts dealing
with magnetism. For these
reasons the conclusion has
been arrived at that the idea
of using the Hall for the Chair
of Physics must be given up.

The only room which
will meet Mr. Jones' requirements
is that occupied by the Oriental
M.S. Library. This forms in
reality two rooms, communicating
by means of an open archway in
the wall. In addition to these,
Mr. Jones will require two rooms
on the other side of the Corridor,
the one, an ordinary sized room
now occupied by two Bencanlar
classes, the other a small room
occupied by the Panthit Pandit's
class. The giving up of these

two rooms will cause much
inconvenience, but as a temporary
measure I propose to accommodate
the three classes now occupying
them in the Examination Hall.

3. It will not be possible
to transfer the Oriental M.S. Library
to any other room in the College.
Even now I find the greatest
difficulty in getting suitable ac-
commodation for the Bencanlar
classes, one of which has to be
held in the common room of
the Assistant Professors.

4. I have therefore the
honor to request that steps may
be taken towards vacating the
rooms now occupied by the
Oriental M.S. Library. This is
a matter of great urgency, as
it will take two or three months
to prepare the rooms for teaching the
proposals and to transfer and
arrange the apparatus. It is
very desirable that Mr. Jones
should have time to prepare a

list of the apparatus in the form
required for the returns which have
annually to be submitted to
your office. It is also of the
utmost importance that the new
Professor should have every
thing ready to begin class
work when the College opens
next January.

5. I have consulted Mr.
Appert, the Curator of the Library,
informing him that I was addressing
you on the subject, and stating
my regret that I could not
make any suggestion for con-
tinuing to accommodate the
Library in this building.

I am, Sir,
Signed D. Daman
Principal.

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H. B. Grigg

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Director of Public Instruction

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras, 18 October 1889.

No. 8979.

From

H. B. GRIGG, Esq., M.A.,

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

To
The Honble the Chief Secretary
to Government,
Fort St. George.

SIR,

In my letter No 8192 of
12th November 1888, I pointed out
the necessity for the removal
of the Oriental MS Library
from the Presidency College
and requested Government the
favor of accommodation
being provided for it in a
portion of the Fort building
formerly occupied by the
Government Press. I beg to state
that no orders have been
received on my letter in this
office.

Yrs

2.

Dr. Duncan
has written to me again pointing
out the great inconvenience
caused by the location of the
Oriental MSS Library in the
College premises.

3.

From a letter
from Dr. Duncan, copy
of which is enclosed, it will
be seen that extra accommodation
is absolutely necessary for the
Professor of Physics recently
appointed who has already
taken charge, and that it is
not possible to arrange
for the accommodation of the
new class in the examination
Hall, as was intended by me
when submitting proposals
for the establishment of a
Physics chair. In any case,
for reasons given in my
letter referred to above, the
retention of the Library in the
College

College is undesirable.

In these circumstances
I beg to request the very early
sanction of Government for the
provision of accommodation
for the Library in the Fort,
if, as I trust is the case,
insufficient accommodation
can be found for it in the
space vacated by the Govern-
ment Press.

Yours faithfully,

Sir,

Yours most obedient servant

L. P. S. J. S.

Director of
Public Instruction.

for

Public
Education

No. 98

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Educational Department.

From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

To

The Honble

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Fort St. George.

No.

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ENCLOSURE One

Co III 0713-2-90

Subject.

Sanctifying
Requesting the provision
of accommodation
for the Oriental
Miss Library in
the Fort.

For orders.

If it is decided that the Old Banqueting
Hall is not to be made over for a Museum
then this room might be handed
over. It would be I submit granting
that there was room for it in the old
Barr buildings which there is certainly
not, as being objectionable to house
the manuscripts in the parlour of the
Office which the Govt. records are.
The only other place in which the
manuscripts could be put would
be one or two of the rooms upstairs
but it is understood that the Govt.
manuscripts using these for the Sans
Creek or Sanskrit or both.

Arrangement

23 Oct.



CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Presidency College.
24 NOV 1889

My dear Sir,
I have written about the Library to Mr.
Gardner, who will communicate my proposals.
Since I have seen you, I have come to the
conclusion that very little indeed is required to
satisfy all parties. The Govt. records should be
placed in its present room to suit the
Library either be placed in the Examination Hall,
which was originally assigned to Mr. Jones, or
the Library may be located in the inclosure
at the back of the Powell statue, a position
I suggested previously for the Physical Science
Museum.

This arrangement is perhaps the best
for the time being, as it disturbs no
one, and what is better still,

at his or expense whatever:

Yours sincerely,

John D. P. P.

To
the Hon. J. F. Price.

From

Dr. Offert,
Presy College,
Madras.

Co. 111 813-2-90ms

No.

Dated 4

Received

Enclosures

} Nov 89.

SUBJECT.

On the
Location of the Oriental
ms library.

Madras October 28. 1889.

From
The Curator,
Govt. Oriental Manuscripts
Library

To
The Director of Public Inst.
Madras.

Sir,

Acting under instructions from you the Principal of the Presidency College informs me that I shall be required to vacate the two rooms now occupied by the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library which are wanted it would appear for the newly appointed Professor of Physics.

2. These rooms I may mention were made over to me for the time being when certain alterations were made in the Library Hall for the better accommodation of the Professor of Biology. As a temporary arrangement it was found necessary then

to remove the collection of oriental
manuscripts of which I am the
custodian from the place in the
Library Hall originally assigned
to them in which they had remained
undisturbed for nearly 20 years.
A reference to S. O. No 258 dated
29 July 1869 and S. O. No 46 dated
10 February 1870 will show that
when the College was being built
this place was specially set apart
and made available for the oriental
library, it evidently being the intention
of Government that the library should
be permanently located in the
college building.

3. That Government had good
reasons for desiring that the library
should permanently be provided
with quarters in the Presidency
College will be apparent I think
from the following considerations.
The Professor of Sanskrit is ex officio
according to various Government
orders, the Curator of the Government

Oriental Manuscript Library
and this decision has been re-
affirmed quite recently when
Government issued an order that
the future Professor of Sanskrit
while retaining his position as
Curator of the Govt. Oriental
Mss Library should not draw
the allowance assigned to the
present incumbent. The Professor
ought I submit to have the library
placed sufficiently near him for
reference and inspection. This library has
a large collection of valuable manuscripts
is continually consulted by Pandits
and students of the college as well
as by native scholars from outside
and may well be regarded as it
was (e.g.) by the late W. Edmond
Thompson as a most useful
appendage to the Presidency College.
If it is to continue its usefulness
it should remain located in a
building easy of access to the Curator
and

and to all who may desire to consult it.

4. Should circumstances be such as to necessitate the removal of the Manuscripts from the rooms they now occupy while at the same time preventing their return to the place originally set apart for them which are in fact their legitimate quarters I would propose the following arrangement. As great alterations are proposed with respect to the Presidency College and new accommodations are to be made for the different Professors of Science I suggest that the Minerals and stands with apparatus and minerals which are at present located in the gallery of the Examination Hall be temporarily removed to the vacant place upstairs behind the statue of W. Powell where there is ample room for their accommodation and where they can also be sufficiently protected. The

place so gained should be turned into an Examination Hall and the lower floor be assigned to the Govt. Oriental Library. The upper story would make a first rate Examination Hall if the new flooring be erected on a similar level as in the Western wing.

5. In case this proposal should also not be adopted I suggest that a new wing be added to the College on its North Western side and the lower part be made available for the Oriental Library as there does not exist at present as far as I am aware anywhere any building suitable for its accommodation.

I have &c.

J. S. Boston Esq. Esq.
Curator Govt. Oriental Library

J. S. Boston

J. S. Boston

Director of Public Instruction

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Presidency College Madras.
8th November 1879.

No 399.

From

The Principal

To

The Director of Public Instruction
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your memorandum
No 9427 dated 1st instant I have
the honor to remark that it appears
in my opinion misapprehends
the purport of S.O. No 258 dated
27 July 1879 and S.O. No 46 dated
10 February 1870 in thinking that when
the Presidency College was in course
of construction the plans were modified
so as to provide accommodation for
the Oriental Res. Library. In fact
it appears to refer to the room occupied
by the Manuscripts up to last year
as the place originally set apart
for them which is in fact their
legitimate quarters. But in Mr.
Whisholme's original plan of the

building made in 1865 this room
at the back of the library is marked
"Reading Room". This was the purpose
for which it was intended and
this purpose was never lost sight
of by W. Thompson and has always
kept in view by myself. Consequently
when the room was vacated by the
Library last year the opportunity
was taken to locate the Reading Room
there. From information received
from the office of the Consulting
Architect I learn that no change
was made in the original plan of
any of the rooms in consequence
of H. O. No 259 dated 29 July 1869.
My impression of what took place
is that W. Schuchman in consultation
with W. Thompson agreed to allot
what was to be the Reading Room
to the Pres Library as a temporary
arrangement the number of students
in the College being then comparatively
small. That it was intended
permanently to locate the library
here

here I can find no evidence.
2. But I do not think it matters
in the least with the intention
20 years ago to locate the library
in this building permanently or
only temporarily. If Govt. be convinced
that the presence of the library is now
interfering with the working of the
College with the larger number of
students and the greater variety of subjects
taught there will I fancy be no
hesitation in taking steps for its
removal. The building of additional
rooms ^{here} I understand out of the
question at present.
3. As to suggestion that
the ground floor of the Examination
Hall should be given up to him
cannot be entertained. As stated
in a previous letter the Examination
Hall downstairs will have to be
temporarily whitened for 3 Vanda
classes while the upper floor will
still be required as a Museum
and Examination room. As for
the

the space behind W. Powell's statue
which in consideration of effort has
suggested as a ^{possible} place
for his library it is utterly impracticable
to give it up to such a purpose.

I have etc.
/ St. D. Dureau
Principal
Encl. copy
to
Director of Pub. Inst.

Oct. 11/1899

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras, 23 November 89.

No. 10181.

From
H. B. GRIGG, Esq., M.A.,
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras,

To
The Honble the Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort. St. George.

SIR,
In submitting, in continuation
of my letter No 8949 dated 18 October
1889, copies of letters from the Curator
Oriental Manuscripts Library
and the Principal Presidency College
for the consideration of Government,
I have the honor to state that I
entirely endorse Mr Dureau's remarks
the necessities of the Professor
as regards accommodation for
teaching must have I think,
precedence to those of the Curator.
I admit however the expediency of
locating the library at the college,
among other reasons, for those given

effort. But this must be
continued until the college building
is enlarged. Should this ultimately
be done for the improvement of the
science department of the college
I would most cordially take
into consideration the provision
of a suitable room or rooms for
the Oriental Library.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours most obedt servant

H. V. Fitz

Director of Public Works

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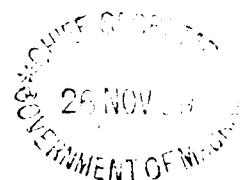
Educational Department.

From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras,

To

The Honble
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Fort St. George.



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Dated 23rd

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ENCLOSURES. 2.

Subject.

Submitting with remarks
copies of further corres-
pondence regarding the
provision of a Comptroller
for the Oriental Press
Salary.

Dear Sir

I am sending back the
paper about location of P. M. S.
use of Banquetting Hall as
theatrical, as His Ex. wants it
brought up in Council
please. *for signing*
H. G. P. P. *Y. P. S.*

Table Dept

O. M. d/11 July 90

It having been decided
to move back a portion of the
Government Records into the
old Banquetting Hall in the
Compound of the Government
Office in the Fort, the
Consulting Architect to
Government is requested to
be so good as to cause a
doorway to be opened in the
wall adjoining the General
Record Department in order
to connect the Banquetting
Hall with the Record
Department. He is also re-
quested to direct an
officer of his Department to
inspect the building in question
in view to any necessary
repairs being executed at the
same time.

(Sd) J. P. S.

Chief Secretary

To
The Consulting Architect
to Government.

The records must be
moved back into the Banquet
Hall ~~from the~~ the
old doorway by knocking
open: The Records to 55
must be brought over after
they are moved

JJ

Council

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~~Salary.~~

No 90.

Presidency College, Madras
5 February 1890.

From The Principal

To The Director of Public Inst.
Madras.

Sir, I have the honor to inform you
that the Professor of Physics is unable
to begin practical work with his
class owing to want of accommodation
and to request that steps may be
taken to remove the Oriental
Manuscript Library to some other building
as the accommodation required cannot
be obtained in any other way.

I have &c.

W. S. S. Stuart

Acting Principal

Enclosure

S. S. S. Stuart
Ag Director Pub. Inst.

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Council No. 173

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

February 1890.

No. 1280.

From

D. Duncan Esq. M. A. D. Sc.

~~H. B. GRIGG, Esq. M. A.~~

Acting

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

To

The Honble the Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to this office letter
dated 23rd November 1889. No 10181. I
have the honor to forward copy of a
letter from the Acting Principal
Presidency College pointing out the
necessity of providing the Professor
of Physics with accommodation for
carrying on the work of his chair.

Recd 5 Feb
No 30.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Yours most obedt servant

D. Duncan
Ag Director of Pub. Inst.

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Educational Department.

From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

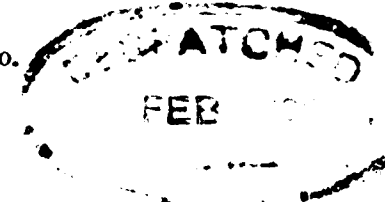
Mudras,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

Fort St. George.

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Dated 7⁵

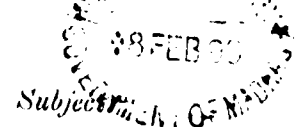
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7 January 1890

No. 1283

ENCLOSURE



Submitting copy of a letter
from the Ag. Principal,
Presidency College, pointing
out the necessity of providing
the Professor of Physics
with accommodation for
carrying on his work of
his chair.

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13 Feb 90. No. 111.

~~Memorandum~~
~~to the Director of Public Instruction~~

The M/s to be
will be transferred to
a room which has
been allotted for
them in the Govt.
Secretariat buildings.

The Chief Secy. will make the necessary
arrangements. forwarding

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D.P.S.