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[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing the Honorary Secy, Madras Literary Society that no rules have yet been framed for the Commemora Library, that the Library will not for the present be a lending one, & that only annual grants to the extent of Rs 5000 will be made for the purchase of books, and addressing the Under Secretary of State for copies of the rules in force at issue of the largest free public libraries in England.

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CURRENT No.

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No. 590.

Current No 787.

MADRAS LITERARY SOCIETY
AND
AUXILIARY OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY.

Old College,
NUNGAMBAUKAM,
Madras, 15th Aug. 1893.

To
The Hon. The Chief Secy. to Govt.
Fort St. George
Madras

Sir,

With reference to G. O. No 361 dated 30th May 1893 (Educational Department) offering the Madras Literary Society as a Free Library. I am a Committee to request that you will furnish it with a copy of the rules if any have been drawn up, under which the Free Library will work when fully organised. Also that you will inform the Committee whether it is proposed to endow the Free Library with a lump sum for the purchase of books, or whether such purchases will be made gradually by annual grants, and what is the proposed amount of such lump sum or annual grant; and whether the Free Library will be a lending library or merely a consulting library. In view of the opening of the Coomaraswami Library it may possibly be desirable for the Literary Society

Asst.
NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

As the whole question of
framing rules, etc. will
now apparently have to
be taken up, I have
transferred the current to
Public which is, I believe,
the proper dept. to deal
with it.

By
12/9

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Asst.

Can you kindly let me
know if there has been
any correspondence in
the Public Dept. about
the Commemorative Free Library
since the Hon. Sir H. J. Stokes
wrote his note of 16 May last?
I fancy this Current
(787) ought to be
transferred to Public.

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of file.

As there has been nothing
further in Public 3.5.13. *13/9*

Cust no 787.

NOTE FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY.

~~The~~ cust was sent up on the 17th Aug.
as marked & the References at 004 was
requested to obtain & put up all Rev &
Public Dept papers on the subject. I sent
it without a note because nothing
definite could be ascertained from the
papers available here. As I know that
there was some correspondence in the Rev.
Dept regarding the Public Library from
enquiries made of me by the Clerk who
dealt with the paper there I asked the
References to obtain it & put up. If
he had done that, the U.S. would have
known from the H.M.'s note in the
G.O. that nothing had been settled
regarding the future of the Commission
Public Library and there would have
been no necessity for referring the
papers

back to me. Please see G. & 17th May
1893 no 1838 Rev. (tied with red tape),
then the Hon. Member says "The new
Library is so nearly finished that it
is time to pass formal orders in the
matter. I will write a note about it
in Public". The following are the answers
that I can give to the questions of the
Society.

1. No Rules re. C. Public Library have been drawn.
2. It is not known whether the Govt proposes
to endow the Library with a lump sum for
books: most probably it will do.
3. 200- 20.
4. It is not known whether the Library
is to be a lending one or a consulting
one.

I have now obtained & put up all papers
regarding the Library in the P. W. D. & Rev.
Dept., but none of them throws any
light on the questions raised by the
Society. The Hon. Sir Henry Stokes' note
will mark out what the future of
the Library shall be. $\frac{18}{5.9.}$

H. Pillar

What is the good of
sending up a paper
in this way? See how
far the Society question
can be answered.

This is marked back -
as having an 17.
sent up but I have come
just now it
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done
21/9/93

Head Clerk

NOTE FOR THE ~~UNDER SECRETARY~~.

Please have this letter
despatched by the next
mail without fail and let
me know.

The orgl which is here
will be sent down in the
course of the week for tables
and index.

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For 12/9/93.

Pub No. 778 d/19/9/93

Public Dept

Letter 219th September 1893,
No 778.

To The Under Secy of State
for India.

Sir,

The building in
Madras intended for
use as the "Commemara
Library" is approaching
completion and ^{the Govt} ~~this~~
~~Govt~~ is desirous of
framing ~~some~~ ^{rules} for
^{of the library, which is to be a free}
~~into the~~ governance. I am
accordingly directed to
request that ^{this Govt. may} ~~step forward~~
^{be permitted for} ~~he take~~ ~~for obtaining~~
~~and transmitting for~~
reference ^{with} copies of the
rules in force at some
of the largest free
public libraries in
England.

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Current No 2

The Hon. Secy Madras
Literary Society requests
certain information in
regard to the (free) Com-
memara Library. The
letter is with ref: to G.O.
of 30.5.93, No 361 Educ:
in which the Literary
Society was informed
that account would be
provided for its books &c
in the Commemara
Library on certain con-
ditions.

The letter has been trans-
ferred to Public, and the
U.S. has noted "as the
"whole question of framing
"rules &c will now appar-
"ently have to be taken
"up I have transferred
"the current to Public
"which is, I believe, the
"proper dept: to deal
"with it."

The Hon. Member's
attention is, therefore,

Rev. Sept 20. 2/17. 5-9
No. 1838 (in file):-

"The Museum Library
will certainly be trans-
ferred to the Commemorative
Library. This has been
intended all along, partly
in view to the provision
of additional space re-
quired in the Museum.
The new Library is so
nearly finished that it
is time to pass formal
orders in the matter. I
will write a note about
it in Public."

The existence of the
forgoing remarks was
not known in Public
until yesterday or the
matter wd. have been
brought to the H. H. notice.

Instructions are
now requested.

J. B. B.

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J. B. B.
15/9/93

1. Rules have not yet been drawn
2. The Free Library will not be a
lump sum, but annual payments
purchasing books will be made.
3. It is not possible at present to the
amount of such payments will be, but
likely to exceed Rs 5000 in addition
now made to the Museum Library
grant? I think Rs 1000? The Museum
4. The Free Library will not be
into the existing Library.

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Current No. 787.

Educational DEPARTMENT.

From 245:3-5-89
218:20-4-89
22:20-2-89 SC
The Honorary Secretary,
Madras Literary Society.

No. 590

Dated 15th August 1893

Received 17th do

Enclosures -

SUBJECT.

Requesting to be furnished
with certain information
regarding the organisation
and working of the Com-
muna Free Library.

to the Under Secy of State
for India:

(H.E. separate letter
attached).

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18/9/93

To the Secy: Secy
M. L. Society
Educ. Dept
(in original)

submitted to us.

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Order 19th Sep 1893. No 777.

In reply to his letter No. 590 of the 15th August last, the Hon: Secy of the Madras Literary Society will be informed that no rules for the Commemorative Library have yet been framed, but action in the matter will now be taken. It is not the intention of Govt: to endow the library with a lump sum but annual grants for the purchase of books will be made. The amount of such grants cannot be stated ^{at present} ~~now~~, but they are not likely to exceed Rs: 5000 in addition to the grant made to the Museum Library. The Commemorative Library will not - at any rate for the present - be a lending library.

The following letter will be addressed

Public Dept

Note for the Hon. Sir H. G.
Stokes K.C.S.G.

The budget estimate
passed for the purchase
of books & publications for
the Museum Library is
Rs. 1800 - please see p. 0.
d/16.11.92, No. 1229. File.

S.D.B.
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