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THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

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To

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY

TO GOVERNMENT,

Fort St. George.

No. 9200

Dated 24th

Despatched 25

Received 26th

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ENCLOSURES.

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Educ. C. 572 regarding
the Victoria Technical
Institute on the 10th July

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once establishes itself
in the Cornmarket build-
ings it is doubtful whether
it would ever leave them

A fuss was made at
home about the lecture
theatre being used for
public entertainments.
What would be said if a
large portion of the main
building was handed
over to a private Society?

The Govt: has promised
to let the Secy of State
know what is decided
about the buildings.

30.8.5. It would be very explainable.
The Society has for very many
years been allowed to occupy
a Govt. building and to accumulate
a large collection of valuable books.
It is almost impossible for them
absolutely impossible for Govt. The
Society to find a place other than
the Cornmarket library of Govt.
There is no other place in the

* now with H.E.

* It is easy enough to stipulate
that they must go out on the
of certain notices.

I agree with the C.S.
and sustain the proposal
of the S.P.I. as the only
possible pending
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agree - but the other part of the
memorandum should be opened to
public too at the same time with
other books can be placed in it.
Public will then see that it must take
time before it will be possible to place
whole available space at their disposal -
they could not with any reason grudge
space which would otherwise be empty - being
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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. 7-
" Superintendent, Government Central Museum. 3
" Honorary Secretary of the Madras Literary Society. 3
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