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To The Right Honorable ¹¹⁵⁹
John Earl of Clare

President and Governor in Council

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My Lord

As Members of the managing
-mittee for the formation of a Club at Bombay,
beg leave to address your Lordship in the hope
obtaining your sanction to a measure, which is
alone wanting to complete the object for which
Committee were appointed -

The Committee have at last de-
-ted their attention to the Theatre, within the
Fort; the only suitable place for a Club ~~there~~

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It appears that the ground
which the Theatre stands, with a certain space
around, was granted for the use of the Public
during the Government of Mr. Hornby, and
subsequently confirmed by Sir William Medley
Government, on the 21st August 1789. We have
the honor to enclose a copy of the Minutes of
Council of that date, obtained from the Public
records -

The ground has ever since con-
-nued in the undisturbed possession of the
Managers of the Theatre, for the time being;
but the affairs of that concern have become
so deeply involved in debt, the decay of the
taste

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lastly for Theatrical representations present
 all hope of its being relieved from its
 amount. Under these circumstances the
 are willing to make over the Theatre for
 purposes of a Club House, on payment of
 provided your Lordship in Council will
 good enough to relinquish all claim
 so as to enable the Committee of Managers
 with the sanction of a General meeting
 -itors, to be called for that purpose, to
 an offer made by a respectable Merchant
 wealth, to pay off the debt amounting
 30000 Rs.pees, and to expend a further
 that amount in converting the present
 into a Club House, on being secured a
 rent equivalent to 6 per Cent on the value
 as the Building thus obtained
 will not afford all the accommodation
 for the purposes of a Club House, we solicit
 your Lordship's permission, to erect a range of
 apartments ^{on the} ^{west} side, over the adjoining land
 now appropriated to Fire Engines. We
 however to suggest, that if the Fire
 were removed to some other place
 Fort (and we are led to believe there
 be no difficulty in finding a suitable
 your Lordship would greatly promote the
 interest and comfort of the community
 by allowing the whole of the ground,
 the north side of the Green, to be over-

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by a Club House which in appearance should
 not disgrace, as the present Buildings do the
 neighbourhood of the Town Hall.

We have the honor to be

My Lord
 your Lordships
 most obedient
 Humble Servants.

Bombay
 9th January
 1833.

The Commissioners
 of the Public Works

[Signature]
 J. B. [Signature]

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 After considering this subject I particularly
 quite anxious in thinking that the
 of the subscribers to this letter could
 not be a decided to. I am also against
 interfering with the Theatre premises in
 any way, at the expense of the
 follow the repair of the property by
 Government and no means should
 be shifting the debt due by it.
 As the new law states, times may
 change when the receipts may enable
 the bank to clear its debts.
 N. 10 F I am willing to deposit immediately [Signature]