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Investiture of the Orders of the Star of India and of the Indian
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G.O., dated 7th June 1888, No. 395, Political.

[TELEGRAM.]

Dated the 6th June 1888, No. 17 S.I.

From—the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, Simla,
To—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, Ootacamund.

Would His Excellency the Governor like to be delegated to invest Travancore with Star of India, or shall we send for Warrant dispensing with personal Investiture?

[DEMI-OFFICIAL.]

Dated Ootacamund, the 7th June 1888.

From—J. D. REES, Esq.,
To—the Hon. Mr. H. E. STOKES.

His Excellency understands that the Maharajah intends, in any circumstances, to come to Madras before Christmas. If His Excellency the Viceroy thinks that His Highness need not be invested before that date, the Governor is quite willing to do it.

The Governor thinks the Investiture ought to be held in the Banqueting Hall, as suitable ceremony could not take place here.

[TELEGRAM.]

Order—dated 7th June 1888, No. 395, Political.

It is understood Travancore Maharajah intends to come to Madras before Christmas. If Viceroy thinks Investiture can be deferred till October or November, His Excellency the Governor will be willing to perform the ceremony, which could only take place in Madras.

(True Extract.)

H. E. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

[TELEGRAM.]

Dated the 8th June 1888, No. 18 S.I.

From—the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, Simla,
To—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, Ootacamund.

Your telegram to-day. Travancore Investiture, October or November would do very well.
Will procure authority.

[DEMI-OFFICIALS.]

Dated Ootacamund, the 14th June 1888, No. 134.

From—the Hon. Mr. H. E. STOKES,
To—J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq.

His Excellency the Viceroy intends procuring authorization from Her Majesty for His Excellency Lord Connemara to perform the ceremony of investing His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore with the G.C.S.I. lately conferred on him. His Excellency the Governor proposes to perform the ceremony at Madras in the first week in November, and hopes that

His Highness the Maharajah will be able to come to Madras for the purpose at that time. I am directed to ask you to communicate His Excellency's wishes to His Highness the Maharajah, and let me know whether His Highness can meet them.

Dated Bolghatty, Cochin, the 26th June 1888.

From—J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq.,
To—the Hon. Mr. H. E. STOKES.

I addressed His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore in reference to your demi-official of the 14th instant. He replies as follows:—

"I am exceedingly thankful to His Excellency the Governor for so kindly proposing to have the ceremony of investing me with the Insignia of the Star of India at Madras.
"I should have been delighted to go to Madras at the time mentioned, but I regret very much that just at that time my presence in Trivandrum is required owing to ceremonies in the Pagoda in connection with the festival.
"The Avât is on the 10th November, and I think I shall be able to leave this about the 13th or 14th November.
"If His Excellency could kindly fix a date after the 20th November, it will be a great convenience to me, as I hope to reach Madras by that date. But I leave the matter entirely to His Excellency's convenience.
"I may also mention, for your information, that in the second week of January I shall have ceremonies in Trivandrum."

Dated Ootacamund, the 29th June 1888.

From—J. D. REES, Esq.,
To—the Hon. Mr. H. E. STOKES.

In returning these papers, I am desired to say that His Excellency will be much obliged if you will kindly ask Mr. Hannington what is the very earliest date at which His Highness can arrange to be present at Madras for the Investiture in November. His Excellency had proposed to leave Madras on tour about the 15th of November, but can wait a day or two to suit His Highness' convenience, if necessary.

Dated Ootacamund, the 29th June 1888, No. 159.

From—the Hon. Mr. H. E. STOKES,
To—J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq.

I have shown your note of the 26th instant to His Excellency, who desires that you will ask His Highness the Maharajah what is the very earliest date at which he can arrange to be present at Madras for the Investiture in November. His Excellency had proposed to leave Madras on tour about the 15th of November, but can wait a day or two to suit the Maharajah's convenience, if necessary.

Dated Ootacamund, the 9th July 1888, No. 169.

From—J. F. PRICE, Esq.,
To—J. D. REES, Esq.

With reference to your note of the 29th ultimo, I enclose a letter and enclosure received from Hannington this morning.

"Dated Bolghatty, Cochin, the 7th July 1888.

From—J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq.,
To—J. F. PRICE, Esq.

In reply to Mr. Stokes' demi-official of 29th June, on the subject of Investiture of His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore, I enclose copy of a letter received to-day from His Highness."

"Dated Trivandrum, the 4th July 1888.

From—the Maharajah of Travancore,
To—J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq., Resident in Travancore.

I have just received your letter of the 2nd instant. The earliest date on which I shall be able to leave Trivandrum is about the 12th November, and so I cannot be in Madras before the 20th November, the earliest. I should be extremely sorry if I cause any inconvenience to His

Excellency the Governor in any way, as I understand from your letter that His Excellency intends leaving Madras on tour on the 15th November. I do not know how long His Excellency may be absent from Madras on tour, probably until Christmas time.

I have already informed you that I shall have to be in Trivandrum in the second week of January. Under these circumstances, perhaps His Excellency may find it more convenient to have the ceremony in the last week of January, or any time after that."

Dated Ootacamund, the 11th July 1888, No. 210.

From—J. D. REES, Esq.,
To—J. F. PRICE, Esq.

In returning Current No. (demi-official) 201, Political, His Excellency desires me to ask you to kindly write to Mr. Hannington, requesting him to inform His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore, that His Excellency, after perusing His Highness' letter of the 4th of July, to Mr. Hannington, decides upon fixing Wednesday, the 21st of November, for the Investiture of His Highness as a Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India. His Excellency has fixed this date, to meet His Highness' convenience; but I am to say that the ceremony cannot conveniently be deferred to any later date.

Dated the 14th July 1888, No. 174.

From—J. F. PRICE, Esq.,
To—J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq.

His Excellency the Governor desires me, in reply to your demi-official of the 7th instant, to ask you to kindly inform His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore, that His Excellency, after perusing His Highness' letter to you of the 4th instant, has decided upon fixing Wednesday, the 21st of November next, for the Investiture of His Highness as a Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India. I am to say that His Excellency has fixed this date to meet the convenience of His Highness, but that the ceremony cannot conveniently be deferred to any later date.

Dated Trivandrum, the 30th July 1888.

From—J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq.,
To—J. F. PRICE, Esq.

Owing to postal delays and my move from Cochin, I have been unable to reply to your demi-official of the 14th.

His Highness the Maharajah desires me to convey to His Excellency the Governor his best thanks for fixing a day for the Investiture ceremony to suit His Highness' convenience and to inform His Excellency that the 21st November will suit very well.

Dated the 4th August 1888.

From—J. D. REES, Esq.,
To—J. F. PRICE, Esq.

I enclose copy of telegram I sent by His Excellency's orders, which will show His Excellency's wishes in regard to the subject of this bundle. Probably you will hear from the Resident. In any case, the exact date can be settled later.

[TELEGRAM.]

"Dated the 4th August 1888.

From—the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, Ootacamund,
To—the British Resident, Trivandrum.

Governor remembering Maharajah's convenience better suited by later date, and now being able to fix later date than 21st November, will settle about fortnight later. Precise day to be communicated later, probably about 1st December."

[DEMI-OFFICIALS.]

Dated the 7th August 1888.

From—J. D. REES, Esq.,
To—J. F. PRICE, Esq.

Herewith I send a file of your records, with a record of Travancore Function, what I drew up when Under-Secretary, and two files I got from the Foreign Office at Simla, containing First Class sealed pattern Star of India and Indian Empire Functions.

As Henderson says, truly they are very troublesome businesses; but His Excellency wants this Travancore one to be well done.

You know how the affair stands up to date. An authorization was to be got for an Investiture was it, or for a *Presentation of Insignia*. If the former, the precedent of late Maharajah does not apply. I am not sure on the point.

If it is doubtful, do you think it would be worth while asking Durand. It is you *quâ* Political Secretary who carry it out, and we officers of His Excellency's staff are mere pawns who stand and bow to order.

If writing to Durand, you might ask for precedents of *Investiture* by Government of Bombay authorized by Viceroy on occasions of the like nature.

His Excellency thought of holding it at night and not by day. Is there anything to show that these be uncanonical hours?

Again, query if *Presentation* or *Investiture* C.I.E. might be combined or rather immediately follow or precede the other. There will be Colonel Weldon C.I.E. and Venkatagiri K.C.I.E., and perhaps others as well as Mr. Hutchins C.S.I., and the Maharajah G.C.S.I.

I have heard nothing of an Indian Empire Function, but the authorization would be as well obtained in the one case as the other, and the question possibly might be lightly raised with list of Companions, Knights, &c., invested.

Dated the 30th August 1888, No. 245.

From—J. F. PRICE, Esq.,
To—J. D. REES, Esq.

Yours of the 7th instant, regarding Investiture of His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore. I wrote to Lee-Warner to ask if he could give me a programme of anything which took place at Bombay, and I enclose his reply. I have sent for the *Bombay Gazette*, but it has not yet arrived. You have perhaps a copy in your office.

2. With the help of these and of the Government of India papers, it seems possible to draw up a proper programme. You will see from the accompanying telegram from the Government of India that application has been made for an authorization for *Investiture* and not *Presentation of Insignia*.

3. It does not seem necessary to write to Durand, as Lee-Warner has furnished the information required.

4. There is nothing evidently to prevent an Investiture at night (see foot-note to "sealed pattern" of Star of India, pages 12 and 13).

5. As regards the K.C.I.E. and C.I.E. part of the business, it appears to me that if there is to be any ceremony of Investiture, it must, in the former case, be under formal authorization, which will have to be procured.

6. As regards the C.S.Is. or C.I.Es. there is no such thing as Investiture. The book on the Indian Empire (*vide* place marked) speaks only of "decoration," but it would appear that this must be by "Her Majesty's Commands."

7. I remember His Excellency the Duke of Buckingham presenting C.S.Is. and C.I.Es. (*vide* *Fort St. George Gazette* of 24th December 1878); the recipients were merely called up, the Warrants were read out and the decorations pinned on, and then the style and titles of the new-made C.S.I. or C.I.E. were proclaimed. There was, as far as I recollect, no authorization or dispensation.

8. There is a rather queer question with regard to the Investiture which seems to require clearing up. As far as can be found, all Europeans who are invested out here with the Knighthood of any order have first conferred upon them the "Degree and Honor of a Knight Bachelor of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland," and they are after this invested. Up to 1867 all Natives were apparently treated in the same way; but after that year the form of first Knighthood was in their case dropped, and no instance, since then, where this ceremony was observed, can be traced, nor can the reason for discontinuing it be found. It may be that it was intended to save the recipients expense. I presume that they would have to pay the usual

fees for ordinary Knighthood, but you will know this, as His Excellency the Governor was Knighted on the occasion of his Investiture. It might be as well to ascertain from Durand whether the omission which I have mentioned was intentional or not.

9. There is no apparatus here for the ceremony such as Maces and Spears. I suppose that we shall have to procure these from the Government of India. We shall have to ascertain what is required in this respect, and how the Mace and Spear bearers should be dressed. You were at the Function at Calcutta, so you know whether the men there were Europeans or Natives.

10. As regards the list of C.I.Es., &c., I send you one. I return the "Simla records."

G.O., dated 31st August 1888, No. 594, Political.

[DEMI-OFFICIAL.]

Dated the 23rd August 1888.

From—J. D. REES, Esq.,
To—J. F. PRICE, Esq.

Overleaf please kindly find copy of telegram sent to-day by His Excellency's orders to Mr. Hannington.

[TELEGRAM.]

"Dated the 23rd August 1888.

From—the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, Ootacamund,
To—the British Resident, Travancore, Trivandrum.

Tuesday, 4th December, fixed by His Excellency for Investiture. Governor hopes this will suit His Highness' engagements. Please reply."

[DEMI-OFFICIAL.]

Dated the 26th August 1888.

From—J. D. REES, Esq.,
To—J. F. PRICE, Esq.

Overleaf please find copy of Resident's answer to my telegram fixing 4th December for Investiture.

[TELEGRAM.]

"Dated the 24th August 1888.

From—the Resident, Travancore,
To—the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, Ootacamund.

Maharajah says Tuesday, 4th December, quite convenient."

Order—dated 31st August 1888, No. 594, Political.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

[DEMI-OFFICIALS.]

Dated Ootacamund, the 31st August 1888.

From—J. D. REES, Esq.,
To—J. F. PRICE, Esq.

I have your letter of the 30th of August concerning the Investiture. I am not sure whether the late Governor was authorized to "invest" or present Insignia in the case of the last Maharajah of Travancore. The applicability of the procedure which I reduced to writing would depend upon the answer to this question. I have no *Bombay Gazettes* here, and learn nothing from Mr. Lee-Warner's letter. Clearly there must be special authorization for C.I.E. As regards the Knighthood, that point seems to be cleared up in Proceedings 24 to 41 of the

Indian Empire, page 3, where precedents show that the conferring of the honor of Knight Bachelor is now, at any rate, no part of the procedure of the Investiture of a Hindu Prince, at least, so I understand it.

His Excellency desires me to ask you if you will kindly telegraph to Mr. Durand to ask if a Warrant authorizing the Governor to invest has been received, if an Investiture of the K.C.I.E. might be held as a separate ceremony, but on the same occasion, and following that of the G.C.S.I., and whether he will kindly send you a full programme of what the Foreign Office consider the ceremony in either case should be.

I return for reference all the enclosures to your letter.

P.S.—Rajah of Venkatagiri and Colonel Weldon had better be mentioned in the telegram. So far as I understand, the presentation, which has taken place to the Elaya Rajah of Cochin and Mr. Hutchins, would not in any way affect their formal *Investiture*; but Mr. Hutchins will unfortunately not be here, and the Elaya Rajah of Cochin need not be considered, I suppose, unless he expresses any wish.

Dated Ootacamund, the 1st September 1888.

From—J. F. PRICE, Esq.,

To—J. D. REES, Esq.

Yours of yesterday regarding the Investiture.

Could you kindly make it convenient to come over and see me about the matter some time on Monday as all papers are here.

I am telegraphing to Durand as requested.

[TELEGRAMS.]

Dated the 1st September 1888.

From—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, Ootacamund,

To—the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, Simla.

Has Warrant authorizing Governor to invest Travancore Maharajah been received? Can Venkatagiri Rajah be invested K.C.I.E. on same occasion, but as separate ceremony following that of Star India? Kindly send full programme of what you consider the ceremony in either case should be. Weldon would be decorated as Companion, Indian Empire, same time.

Dated the 3rd September 1888, No. 1690 G.

From—the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, Simla.

To—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, Ootacamund.

Yours 1st. Warrant for Travancore received. Venkatagiri's Investiture can take place on same occasion if the Insignia are received in time. Programmes and Warrants will be sent as soon as possible. Indian Empire decorations not yet received, though expected shortly.

[DEMI-OFFICIALS.]

Dated the 4th September 1888, No. 264.

From—J. F. PRICE, Esq.,

To—H. M. DURAND, Esq.

I write to acknowledge your telegram in reply to mine of the 1st instant, regarding the Investiture of the Rajah of Venkatagiri with the Insignia of the Second Class of the Order of the Indian Empire.

2. I presume that, if the usual Warrant from Her Majesty dispensing with the ceremony of Investiture is received with the Insignia, intended for the Rajah, you will take steps to have it cancelled, and to procure the necessary authorization for Investiture by His Excellency the Governor.

3. It appears from the notes printed at pages 3, 4 and 5 of the "Indian Empire" file, Simla Record Proceedings 24—41 of 1888, that since 1867, no Natives admitted to the higher classes of the Order of the Star of India were, in accordance with the provisions of rule XV of the Statutes, Knighted prior to Investiture. Was this omission intentional, and is it desired that, on the occasion of the Investiture of the Maharajah of Travancore by His Excellency the Governor, the ceremony of Knighting should be omitted?

4. If any amendment of rule XV has been made by Her Majesty under rule III, will you be so kind as to furnish me with a copy for record.

Dated Ootacamund, the 4th September 1888.

From—J. F. PRICE, Esq.,

To—J. D. REES, Esq.

The enclosed has just been received from Foreign in reply to the telegram which I sent. Please return when no longer required.

[ENCLOSURE.—Telegram from the Government of India, Foreign Department, dated 3rd September 1888—*supra*.]

G.O., dated 4th September 1888, No. 605, Political.

Dated the 4th September 1888.

From—J. D. REES, Esq.,

To—J. F. PRICE, Esq.

I return the telegram with many thanks. Does Foreign Secretary mean that he is going to ask for Warrant to invest Venkatagiri? You have not so far formally asked on His Excellency's behalf for such a Warrant, have you? If not, I am to ask you now to telegraph, asking that His Excellency may be authorized to invest Venkatagiri, and to ask Mr. Durand to take measures to ensure receipt of Insignia and Indian Empire Warrant in time.

Order—dated 4th September 1888, No. 605, Political.

Copy of telegram despatched to Foreign, Simla, on the 4th September:—

"Your telegram 3rd. Please obtain authorization for His Excellency to invest Venkatagiri. Will be much obliged if you will take measures to ensure receipt Insignia and authorization in time."

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

[DEMI-OFFICIALS.]

Dated Simla, the 13th September 1888.

From—H. M. DURAND, Esq.,

To—J. F. PRICE, Esq.

I am sending to you the Insignia, Grant and Warrant for Travancore which are here complete. No avoidable delay shall take place in forwarding to you the Insignia, &c., for the Rajah of Venkatagiri and Colonel Weldon when they arrive from England, whence they are believed to be now on their way, as we were advised of their despatch on the 10th August. His Excellency the Grand Master will, at the same time, authorize His Excellency the Governor to invest the Rajah.

With reference to the programme for Travancore now sent, I may mention that full precedents for this class of ceremonial were forwarded to Rees last July, through Colonel Henderson. I allude to this because the papers contained much useful information for such ceremonials not detailed in the programme.

As you may probably not understand how the ceremony for Venkatagiri will fit in with that of Travancore, I send herewith an advance copy of the draft of the programme for the former.

Letter, dated Simla, the 20th September 1888.

From—H. M. DURAND, Esq.,

To—J. F. PRICE, Esq.

I have received your demi-official letter, dated the 4th September 1888, regarding the Investiture of the Rajah of Venkatagiri.

With reference to paragraph 2, you will see from my demi-official letter of the 13th instant, that His Excellency the Grand Master will authorize Lord Connemara, who is a Knight Grand Commander of the Order, to invest the Rajah.

As regards "Knighting," it is not the custom to perform this ceremony in the case of non-Christian Natives of India. No amendments have been made to the Statutes.

Dated the 27th September 1888, No. 304.

From—J. F. PRICE, Esq.,

To—H. M. DURAND, Esq.

I have to thank you for the programmes, which you have so kindly sent us, of the ceremonies to be observed when His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore and the Rajah of Venkatagiri are invested next December, and am to ask whether there is any objection to His Excellency Lord Connemara's wearing his Indian Empire robes during the Star of India Investiture.

Letter, dated 28th September 1888, No. 646, Political.

From—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,

To—the Secretary to the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of the Insignia of a Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India, forwarded with your letter, No. 35 S. I., dated the 13th instant, for the Investiture of His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore.

[DEMI-OFFICIAL.]

Dated the 28th September 1888, No. 307.

From—J. F. PRICE, Esq.,

To—H. M. DURAND, Esq.

With reference to my official letter of this date, acknowledging the receipt of the Insignia of the G.C.S.I. referred to in your letter, dated 13th instant, 35 S.I., I write to say that, with the Star, Collar, and Badge of the 1st class of the Order, and the riband, a second Badge, though as there is a place for it in the case it must form part of the Insignia. It corresponds closely with the Badge of the 2nd class, except that it is slightly larger instead of being smaller in size than that appointed for Knights Grand Commanders, and the motto is in gold: not diamonds.

Please inform me whether this second Badge is intended for non-Collar days. It is apparently not mentioned in the Statutes, which refer, as far as I can find (section), only to the Badge set in diamonds and is not described in Burke's Peerage. No mantle has been received, and I shall be glad to know whether His Highness the Maharajah is expected to provide himself with one.

An onyx Cameo having Her Majesty's Royal effigy thereon within a gold ornamented oval, enamelled in light blue, inscribed with the motto of the Order, "Heaven's Light Our Guide," in gold, and surmounted by a Star of five points in silver.

G.O., dated 5th October 1888, No. 659, Political.

Read—the following letter:—

From H. M. DURAND, Esq., Secretary to the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Simla, the 13th September 1888, No. 35 S.I.

Star of India.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your telegram, dated the 4th September, I am directed by His Excellency the Grand Master of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India to forward:—

- (1) The Grant of Her Majesty the Queen, Empress of India, conferring upon the Maharajah of Travancore the dignity of a Knight Grand Commander of the said Order.
- (2) A Special Warrant authorizing His Excellency the Governor of Madras to invest His Highness.

* Sent per parcel post insured.

- (3) The Insignia* of a Knight Grand Commander.
- (4) A covenant containing a provision for the due restoration of the Insignia, which I am to request may be signed by the recipient of the decoration, in pursuance of Section XVI of the Statutes of the Order, and then returned to me.
- (5) A copy of the Statutes referred to in the preceding paragraph.

2. I enclose for guidance a draft programme of the ceremony to be observed on the occasion, which can be altered to suit local circumstances where necessary. I am to request that a copy of the proceedings, as carried out, may be furnished to me.

Order—5th October 1888, No. 659, Political.

Recorded.

2. The following letters will be despatched:—

(Here enter letters Nos. 660, 661 and 662, dated 5th October 1888.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

Letter, dated the 5th October 1888, No. 660, Political.

To His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

In obedience to the Commands of Her Majesty the Queen, Empress, I hope to have the pleasure of investing your Highness with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, and have therefore to request the presence of your Highness at Madras on the 4th December next.

I remain,
Your sincere friend,
CONNEMARA.

OOTACAMUND,
5th October 1888.

Letter, dated the 5th October 1888, No. 661, Political.

From—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,
To—the Rajah of Venkatagiri.

SIR,

By the Commands of Her Majesty the Queen, Empress, His Excellency the Baron Connemara, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, proposes the 4th December next to invest you with the Honorable Insignia of the Second Class of the same Most Eminent Order.

2. I am commanded by His Excellency to request your presence at Madras on the day named.

3. You will, in due course, receive more precise information as to the time of the ceremony.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

OOTACAMUND,
5th October 1888.

Letter, dated the 5th October 1888, No. 662, Political.

From—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,
To—Colonel WELDON, Madras Staff Corps.

SIR,

I am commanded to inform you that His Excellency the Baron Connemara, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, will decorate you with the Badge of the Third Class of the same Most Eminent Order, on the 4th December next, at the Banqueting Hall, Madras.

2. You will in due course receive more precise information as to the time of the ceremony.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

OOTACAMUND,
5th October 1888.

[DEMI-OFFICIALS.]

Dated Simla, the 10th October 1888.

From—H. M. DURAND, Esq.,

To—J. F. PRICE, Esq.

Indian Empire.

In reply to your demi-official letter of the 27th September 1888, I should say that it might be more strictly correct if His Excellency the Governor did not wear the Indian Empire robe at the Star of India Investiture.

2. He will be empowered specially as a high personage to conduct the Star of India ceremony. His being a G.C.I.E. has nothing to do with that. On the other hand, His Excellency conducts the Indian Empire ceremony because he is a G.C.I.E., and then of course wears the robe.

3. But if His Excellency finds it more convenient, when he is conducting both ceremonies on the one occasion, not to robe in the middle of the proceedings, there is no objection to his wearing the Indian Empire robe throughout.

Dated Simla, the 10th October 1888.

From—H. M. DURAND, Esq.,

To—J. F. PRICE, Esq.

Indian Empire.

I have to reply to your demi-official of the 28th of September regarding the Insignia of the First Class of the Order of the Star of India.

2. The second Badge you refer to is undoubtedly part of the Insignia of a Knight Grand Commander, and is, I understand, worn at the end of the sash, the diamond Badge being appended to the Crown on the Collar.

3. His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore is expected to provide himself with a mantle of the Order, and if there is any difficulty in getting the garment in Madras, Ranken and Co. of Calcutta will probably be able to make it.

Order—dated 23rd October 1888, No. 76 R., Political.

Telegram despatched to Resident in Travancore and Cochin, Trichoor, on 16th October 1888:—

“Inform Maharajah Foreign Secretary says he must provide his own mantle for Investiture ceremony. Ranken and Co., Calcutta, can make the article.”

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

Letter, dated Simla, the 15th October 1888, No. 59 I.E.

From—the Secretary to the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire,
To—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George.

I am directed by His Excellency the Grand Master to transmit to you, for delivery to Colonel T. Weldon, the Grant of Her Majesty the Queen, Empress of India, conferring upon him the dignity of a Companion of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, together with a Badge and a copy of the Statutes of the said Order.

2. An acknowledgment is requested.

[TELEGRAMS.]

Dated the 21st October 1888.

From—the British Resident, Travancore and Cochin, Trichoor,
To—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, Madras.

Maharajah telegraphs urgent will order mantle, if necessary. Predecessors had none for this ceremony. Is it to be Investiture or Presentation? Are pages and banner-bearer necessary? Please instruct.

Dated the 22nd October 1888.

From—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, Fort St. George,
To—the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, Simla.

Any objection including Travancore Resident in procession Investiture as a Political officer.

Dated the 23rd October 1888.

From—the Secretary, Most Exalted Order, Star of India,
To—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, Fort St. George.

Your telegram 22nd, no objection.

Dated the 23rd October 1888, No. 77 R.

From—the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras,
To—the Resident in Travancore, Trichoor.

Your telegram, 21st instant. Ceremony is of Investiture, not Presentation. Mantle therefore considered essential. Will write to you about attendants, &c.

Dated the 24th October 1888.

From—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,
To—the Secretary, Indian Empire.

Her Majesty's Grant describes Rajah Venkatagiri as Companion, Star India. This not the case. Father was one. May correction be made, or is any action necessary. Error could be explained to Rajah, and words omitted in recital. Should they be scored out in the Grant?

Dated the 25th October 1888.

From—the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, Camp, Karwar,
To—the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras.

Your telegram, 23rd. Governor thinks pages, banner-bearer not necessary, but two attendants might be allowed.

Dated the 26th October 1888.

From—the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras,
To—the Resident in Travancore, Trichoor.

The following telegram will be despatched:—

“Pages and banner-bearer not necessary; but if His Highness Maharajah wishes it, two attendants would be suitable.”

Dated the 26th October 1888.

From—the Secretary of Order of the Indian Empire,
To—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

ABSTRACT.—Stating that Her Majesty's Grant can be corrected by scoring out C.S.I. affixed to the name of the Rajah of Venkatagiri.

Letter, dated Trivandrum, the 27th October 1888, No. 105.

From—J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq.,

To—J. F. PRICE, Esq.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, a letter from His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore, to His Excellency the Governor in Council, and request you will be good enough to submit the same to His Excellency.

2. A copy of the letter is enclosed.

Letter, dated Trivandrum, the 25th October 1888.

To

His Excellency the Right Honorable ROBERT BOUKEE, LORD CONNEMARA, Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Commander of the Order of the Indian Empire, Governor in Council, Fort St. George, &c., &c., &c.

MY LORD,

I have just received, through the British Resident, your Lordship's letter of the 5th instant, informing me that, in obedience to the Commands of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen-Empress, your Lordship proposes to invest me with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, on the 4th December next.

I propose leaving Trivandrum on the 23rd proximo, and hope to arrive at Madras on the morning of the 1st December.

The honour the Queen-Empress has been graciously pleased to confer on me, comes all the more gratefully, from Her Majesty having delegated to your Lordship the duty of investing me with the Insignia.

With sentiments of high consideration.

G.O., dated the 29th October 1888, No. 695, Political.

Read—the following paper:—

From J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq., Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Trivandrum, 26th September 1888, No. 91.

I have the honor to forward copy of a communication from the Dewan of Travancore, No. 3617—P-281, of this date (and its enclosure), informing me of His Highness the Maharajah's intention of visiting Madras to receive the Insignia of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India in December next.

2. I request that Government will be pleased to issue orders to the district officers through which His Highness passes, to give the required assistance to the officers sent in advance to make preparations, and also to furnish the guards of police required to preserve order at the stations.

ENCLOSURES.

From T. RAMA ROW, Esq., Dewan, to the British Resident of Travancore, dated Trivandrum, 26th September 1888, No. 3617—P-281.

I have the honor to inform you that His Highness the Maharajah proposes to leave Trivandrum on the 23rd November next, on a visit to Madras to receive the Insignia of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, to which Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen-Empress has been pleased to admit His Highness.

2. His Highness will be attended by the Dewan and other officers.

3. The programme noted at foot gives the stages of His Highness' journey in British India, and the dates of arrival at, and departure from, each station. When the programme is finally revised in communication with the Railway Companies, printed copies of the same will be duly forwarded to you.

4. A party of His Highness' officials will leave Trivandrum shortly to make arrangements at Madras and at the several halting stages. I request you will be good enough to address the Collectors and other officers *en route*, with a view to assistance being rendered to our officials in the way of procuring labour, materials and provisions, if such assistance from the local officers is found necessary. Each of our officials forming the party will be furnished with a certificate under my signature, as per form enclosed.

5. It will be a convenience if a small body of police be present at each station to keep order on the arrival and departure of His Highness' special train.

6. The Railway authorities on the line should have instructions to render the company assistance that may be required.

Programme.

No. of miles.	Station.	Date and hour.	Day of the week.	Station.	Date and hour.	Day of the week.
	Leave Thovalay ..	1888.				
	" Nanguneri ..	25th Nov. ..	P.M. Sunday ..	Arrive Nanguneri ..	1888.	
	" Tinnevely ..	26th ..	A.M. Monday ..	" Tinnevely ..	26th Nov. ..	A.M. Monday.
	" Trichinopoly ..	28th ..	7 P.M. Wednesday ..	" Trichinopoly ..	26th ..	P.M. Do.
	" Salem ..	29th ..	9 P.M. Thursday ..	" Salem ..	29th ..	7 A.M. Thursday.
	" Madras ..	30th ..	8 P.M. Friday ..	" Madras ..	30th ..	6 A.M. Friday.
	" Cuddalore ..	9th Dec. ..	9 P.M. Sunday ..	" Cuddalore ..	1st Dec. ..	7 A.M. Saturday.
	" Madras ..	10th ..	7 P.M. Monday ..	" Madras ..	10th ..	6 A.M. Monday.
	" Tinnevely ..	11th ..	9 P.M. Tuesday ..	" Tinnevely ..	11th ..	6 A.M. Tuesday.
	" Nanguneri ..	12th ..	P.M. Wednesday ..	" Nanguneri ..	12th ..	5 A.M. Wednesday.
	" Panagudi ..	13th ..	A.M. Thursday ..	" Panagudi ..	13th ..	A.M. Thursday.
		13th ..	P.M. Do. ..	" Thirupattinam ..	14th ..	A.M. Friday.

The bearer, is an officer of the Travancore State deputed to make arrangements at the stations at which His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore and suite will encamp *en route* to Madras and on the return journey.

HUZUR CUTCHERRY,
TRIVANDRUM, 1888.

(Signed) T. RAMA ROW,
Dewan of Travancore.

Order—29th October 1888, No. 695, Political.

The foregoing letter and its enclosures will be communicated to the Collectors of Tinnevely, Trichinopoly, Salem, South Arcot, and Madras, in view to their paying His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore all the marks of respect due to his high station, and affording him any assistance which he may need within the limits of their respective districts.

2. Collectors will also arrange that every assistance is afforded to the party deputed to carry out the requisite arrangements for His Highness and suite at the stations at which he proposes to halt.

3. Copy of this order will be furnished to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, for communication to the Agents of the South of India and Madras Railways, also to the Inspector-General of Police, who will make the requisite police arrangements as desired in paragraph 5 of the Dewan's letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

" Collector of Tinnevely.
" " of Trichinopoly.
" " of Salem.
" " of South Arcot.
" " of Madras.
" Inspector-General of Police.
" Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.
" Public Works Department (Railway Branch).
" Military Department.

[DEMI-OFFICIALS.]

Dated Trivandrum, 30th October 1888.

From—J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq.,

To—J. F. PRICE, Esq.

His Highness the Maharajah seems to me somewhat unnecessarily uneasy in regard to the details of his Investiture and his trip to Madras.

2. He desires me to request that a copy of the programme of the ceremony may be sent to him as soon as the details are settled.

3. He is also anxious because no Government Order has as yet been issued in regard to assistance being afforded, &c., at the various places where he stops on his journey. This of course could not be done until the detailed programme of his route was supplied through the Dewan, and it only came to hand a couple of days ago.

Letter, dated the 2nd November 1888, No. 708, Political.

From—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,

To—the Secretary to the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 59 I.E., dated the 15th instant, with its enclosures and of the C.I.E. Badge forwarded for delivery to Colonel T. Weldon.

Letter, dated Simla, the 15th October 1888, No. 60 I.E.

From—the Secretary to the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire,

To—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George.

Indian Empire.

I am directed to inform you that, in virtue of the power given to the Grand Master of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, by section XV of the Statutes, His Excellency is pleased to authorize the Right Honorable the Baron Connomara, as a Knight Grand

Commander, to invest the Rajah of Venkatagiri with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Order, to which dignity he has been appointed by Her Majesty the Queen, Empress of India.

2. I enclose the Grant of Her Majesty in favour of the Rajah; the Insignia for him; a copy of the Statutes; and a programme of the ceremony which may appropriately be observed on the occasion of the Investiture.

3. I am to request that you will be good enough to favour me with a detailed report of the proceedings actually observed on the occasion.

Order of the Indian Empire, Madras, the November 1888.

Ceremonial to be observed at the Investiture of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, to be held at Government House, Madras, on _____ day, the _____ November 1888.

The Investiture will be held at Government House, Madras, on _____ day, the _____ November 1888, immediately after the Investiture of the Order of the Star of India. All Members of the Order present in Madras will be requested to attend.

On the termination of the Investiture of the Order of the Star of India, the Members of the Order of the Indian Empire will take the seats in front of the Dais, in order of seniority.

After robing, His Excellency the Baron Connemara, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, preceded by the Chief Secretary to Government, and His Excellency's Staff, and followed by His Excellency's pages and attendants, will re-enter the room and take his seat on the Dais.

A salute of 17 guns will be fired as His Excellency enters the room, and the Band will play the National Anthem.

The Members of the Order will rise from their seats, make their reverence to His Excellency as he passes, and remain standing.

The Chief Secretary will report that the business is the Investiture of Rajah Velugoti Sri Rajagopalakrishna Yachendra Bahadur of Venkatagiri as a Knight Commander, and the decoration of Colonel Thomas Weldon, Madras Staff Corps, as a Companion of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, under the Sovereign's Grants.

Investiture of the Knight Commander.

* Two Junior Knights or Companions to act as Junior Knights.

† The Insignia must be kept beforehand on this table.

As above.

the Star of the Order, will decorate the Rajah therewith.

The Rajah will then be conducted by the Chief Secretary to the front of the Dais, and will make his reverence to His Excellency.

As above.

The Under-Secretary will next take from the table the Riband and Badge of the Order and deliver them to His Excellency.

His Excellency, remaining seated, will invest the Rajah with the Riband and Badge, and will address to him the following admonition:—

"In the Name of the Queen and Empress of India and by Her Majesty's Command, I hereby invest you with the Honorable Insignia of the Order of the Indian Empire, of which Most Eminent Order Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to appoint you to be a Knight Commander."

The newly-invested Knight Commander will then make his reverence to His Excellency, and will be led by the Chief Secretary to the seat appointed for him.

Those standing will resume their seats.

Decoration of the Companion.

The Chief Secretary will next present to His Excellency the Badge of the Third Class of the Order for Colonel Thomas Weldon.

The Under-Secretary will then conduct Colonel Weldon to the front of the Dais, where he will make his reverence.

His Excellency will hand the Badge to the Chief Secretary, who will decorate Colonel Weldon with it.

Thereafter Colonel Weldon will make his reverence to His Excellency, and will be conducted by the Under-Secretary to the seat appointed for him.

The Chief Secretary will then represent that there is no further business.

His Excellency and Staff will leave the room in the order in which they entered, the Band playing a March.

Full dress will be worn by all officers on this occasion, and evening dress by gentlemen who are not entitled to wear uniform.

(By Command of His Excellency the Governor.)

Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Order—dated 2nd November 1888, No. 706, Political.

Paragraph 1 will be communicated to the Private Secretary for information of the Right Honorable the Baron Connemara, and the following letter will be despatched:—

"No. 707.

To—the Secretary to the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 60, dated the 15th instant, with its several enclosures and of the Insignia of a K.C.I.E."

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Fort St. George, 5th November 1888, No. 85 R.

SIR,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Baron Connemara, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, to request your presence in Madras on the 4th December next at the Investiture of the Orders of the Star of India and the Indian Empire to be held on that day at the Banqueting Hall at 4 P.M.

2. I enclose a copy of the programme of the ceremonials to be observed on the occasion, and

I have, &c.,

Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the several Knights and Companions of the Orders
of the Star of India and Indian Empire at Madras.

[DEMI-OFFICIAL.]

Dated Trivandrum, the 10th November 1888.

From—J. C. HANNINGTON, Esq.,

To—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE.

The Maharajah telegraphed to Ranken (Calcutta), for the mantle about the 20th October, so it will not be his fault if it does not come in time.

Two attendants accompany His Highness, but he and I would be glad to know what part they are to take in the performance.

"Are they to wear any particular dress? Are they expected to form part of the procession or hold the mantle or anything of that kind?"

Such are His Highness' questions. We here are ignorant of the details of the ceremony.

I suppose we will have a rehearsal if it be a complicated ceremonial, as was done at Calcutta.

[TELEGRAM.]

Dated the 10th November 1888.

From—the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras,
To—the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

Should Nawab Banganapalle, C.S.I., and Zemindar Punganúr, C.I.E., be asked to attend function in December. Former is at a distance, latter not well off.

Dated Camp, the 12th November 1888.

From—the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, Camp,
To—the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George.

Your telegram about Banganapalle-Punganúr. Please invite without ordering.

Dated the 13th November 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,
To—J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq.

Draft programme of the Investiture ceremonials has been despatched to you for the Maharajah's information as requested in your demi-official of the 30th October. The programme is likely to be slightly modified, and a revised one will, in that case, be sent to you.

A G.O. (dated 29th October 1888, No. 695) issued on the 31st idem in regard to assistance, &c., at the various places where His Highness stops on his journey.

[DEMI-OFFICIALS.]

Dated the 13th November 1888, No. 363.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,
To—C. KOUGH, Esq., Collector of Kurnool.
W. J. H. LE FANU, Esq., Collector of North Arcot.

Will you please cause the accompanying letter to be forwarded, without delay, to the Nawab of Banganapalle, and will you at the same time write to him yourself, explaining that the invitation is not to be regarded as a command and he need not come unless he desires to do so.

2. I have left the heading and conclusion of the letter blank, as I cannot ascertain the terms usually employed. Please fill the blanks in before despatching.

Letter, dated the 13th November 1888, No. 737.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,
To—the Nawab of Banganapalle, C.S.I.

I am commanded by His Excellency the Baron Connemara to invite you to be present at Madras on the 4th December next, at the Investiture of the Order of the Star of India to be held at the Banqueting Hall at 4 P.M.

2. I enclose a copy of the programme of the ceremonials to be observed on the occasion.

Letter, dated the 13th November 1888, No. 737.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,
To—the Zemindar of Punganúr, C.I.E.

I am commanded by His Excellency the Baron Connemara, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, to invite you to be present at Madras on the 4th December next, at the Investiture of the Order of the Indian Empire to be held at the Banqueting Hall at 4 P.M.

2. I enclose a copy of the programme of the ceremonials to be observed on the occasion.

Dated the 16th November 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,
To—J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq.

In reply to the questions put in your demi-official of the 10th instant, regarding the part to be taken by the attendants of the Maharajah in the approaching Investiture, I am to say that they will merely walk behind His Highness in the procession and will take no other part in the ceremony. Their dress will be left to His Highness' discretion. There will be a rehearsal before the ceremony.

Dated Kurnool, the 16th November 1888.

From—C. KOUGH, Esq.,
To—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE.

Your demi-official, 363, of 13th.

His invitation has been duly forwarded to Nawab of Banganapalle, together with a note from myself on the lines indicated.

We usually write here (when corresponding in the English language) "My dear Sir" and "Yours faithfully."

I hear he is unwell and so not likely to attend.

Dated Trivandrum, the 17th November 1888.

From—J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq.,
To—J. D. REES, Esq.

His Highness the Maharajah wants to know whether his pages at the Investiture should wear any particular dress.

I told him that I thought a couple of good-looking Travancore lads, dressed neatly in oriental costume, would suit very well. He, however, wishes to be certain on the point, and if his pages ought to wear the same dress as the pages of His Excellency the Governor.

"Could they kindly arrange at Government House to lend me two pages with their proper dress, &c."

In my ignorance this seems to me rather funny. However, will you kindly ascertain what are His Excellency the Governor's wishes, and let me know as soon as possible. I start for Cochin on the 20th, but if you will direct your letter to me as "Resident," Captain Atkinson will open it and do the needful.

G.O., 17th November 1888, No. 850, Financial.

The Accountant-General will place the sum of Rs. 4,000 at the disposal of the Honorable Mr. J. F. Price, Chief Secretary to Government (to be accounted for and adjusted in due course), for expenditure on the public service.

Dated Fort St. George, the 21st November 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,
To—J. D. REES, Esq.

The Rajah of Cochin, who is a K.C.I.E., has not been asked to the Investiture of the Rajah of Venkatagiri. Should he be—the invitation being of the nature of that sent to the Nawab of Banganapalle and the Zemindar of Punganúr, i.e., one which he need not regard in the light of an order.

He is a long way off and the journey and stay here and his return would cost him a good deal.

The programme sent by the Foreign Department says, as you will see, that only Members of the Order at Madras will be required to attend. I think that we shall have enough.

Please let me have a reply soon.

Dated the 22nd November 1888.

From—the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor,
To—the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

I did not know His Highness was to have pages. However, Price and you will know.

Dated the 22nd November 1888.

From—Major J. J. S. CHISHOLME,
To—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE.

What reply do you think ought to be sent to the Maharajah? I hardly think he ought to have pages, unless its necessary to help him.

[TELEGRAMS.]

Dated the 22nd November 1888.

From—the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras,
To—the Resident in Travancore.

Your letter to Rees about pages. See my telegram of 26th October stating pages unnecessary. Attendants' dress left to Maharajah's discretion, as stated in my letter of 16th.

Dated the 22nd November 1888.

From—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,
To—the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department.

Should Maharajah, Travancore, stand or kneel on one knee when being invested with the Collar of the Order?

[DEMI-OFFICIAL.]

Dated the 22nd November 1888.

From—J. D. REES, Esq.,
To—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE.

His Excellency says there is no need to ask Cochin Rajah. He thinks Hannington might explain that no omission was intended, but His Highness' convenience consulted.

[TELEGRAMS.]

Dated the 23rd November 1888.

From—the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras,
To—the Resident in Travancore, Trivandrum.

What about Maharajah's robes? If not certain that they will arrive, please hurry Ranken up.

Dated the 23rd November 1888, No. 51 S.I.

From—the Secretary to the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Calcutta,
To—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, Madras.

Your telegram 22nd, about Investiture. It is usual for person being invested to stand and bend forward.

Dated the 24th November 1888.

From—the Resident in Travancore, Trivandrum,
To—the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras.
Maharajah's robes promised in Madras on 1st December.

Letter, dated Venkatagiri, the 25th November 1888.

From—the Rajah of Venkatagiri,
To—the Chief Secretary to Government.

In continuation of my letter, dated 13th ultimo, I beg to inform you that I shall reach Madras on the evening of the 30th instant, Friday next, by the ordinary train, and to request you to kindly issue orders to arrange for His Excellency the Governor's carriage and escort, as usual.

[DEMI-OFFICIALS.]

Dated the 26th November 1888.

From—the Hon. J. F. PRICE,
To—Raja Sir T. MADAVA RAO, K.C.S.I.
The Hon. Mr. C. G. MASTER, C.S.I.

The duty of decorating His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore with the Riband and Badge of a Knight Grand Commander, of attaching his Star and robing him should, according to custom and precedent, be performed, at the Investiture on Tuesday, the 4th December 1888, by the two Junior Knights of the Order of the Star of India.

In D. O. to Sir T. Madava Rao. { His Excellency the Governor has nominated you as one of the Knights for this duty. The Honorable Mr. Master will act as the other Knight.

In D. O. to the Honorable Mr. Master. { His Excellency the Governor has nominated you to act as one of the Knights for this duty. Raja Sir T. Madava Rao will be the other Knight.

I am requested by His Excellency to ask you to kindly assist at the ceremony by attaching the Star and helping to robe decorating the Maharajah of Travancore with the Riband and Badge the Maharajah of Travancore.

I enclose a copy of the programme and a "work card" showing in detail all the part you take in the ceremony.

Dated the 26th November 1888.

From—the Hon. J. F. PRICE,
To—The Hon. Mr. T. MUTHUSWAMI AIYAR, C.I.E.
Surgeon-General G. BIDIE, C.I.E.

The duty of attaching the Star of the Order of the Indian Empire to the breast of the Honorable the Rajah of Venkatagiri, who is to be invested on Tuesday, the 4th December 1888, should, according to custom and precedent, be performed by the two Junior Knights, but as no Knights of the Order will be present at the Investiture on the 4th December next, His Excellency has chosen you and the Hon. Mr. T. Muthuswami Aiyar, C.I.E., from among the Companions to act in this matter as Knights.

Your duties are not complicated, as you will see from the enclosed programme. I also send you a "work card" which will give in detail all the part you take in the ceremony.

WORK CARDS.

Star of India.

HIS EXCELLENCY.

1. Join in procession from Assembly Room, following the Private Secretary and Military Secretary, and followed by attendants.

Investiture of G.C.S.I.

2. Receive from the Chief Secretary the Sovereign's Grant in favor of the Maharaja of Travancore.

3. Deliver the Maharaja of Travancore's Grant to Chief Secretary.

4. On receiving Collar from Under Secretary (remaining seated), invest the Maharaja of Travancore therewith, and address to him the following admonition:-

In the name of the Queen and Empress of India and by Her Majesty's Command, I hereby invest you with the Honorable Insignia of the Order of the Star of India, of which Most Exalted Order Her Majesty has been most graciously pleased to appoint you to be a Knight Grand Commander.

5. Join in return procession to the Assembly Room, following the Private Secretary and the Military Secretary.

Indian Empire.

HIS EXCELLENCY.

1. Join in procession from Assembly Room, following the Private Secretary and the Military Secretary.

Investiture of K.C.I.E.

2. On the Raja of Venkatagiri being brought before, read Order. Companions to attend Star.

3. On receiving Ribbon and Badge from Under Secretary, invest the Raja with them, and address to him as follows:-

In the name of the Queen and Empress of India and by Her Majesty's Command, I hereby invest you with the Honorable Insignia of the Order of the Indian Empire, of which Most Exalted Order Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to appoint you to be a Knight Commander.

Decoration of C.I.E.

1. Receive Badge from Chief Secretary for Colonel T. Weldon.
5. Deliver Badge to Chief Secretary for Colonel Weldon when he is brought before Dais.
6. Join in return procession to Assembly Room, following Private and Military Secretaries.

Star of India

CHIEF SECRETARY

1. Join in procession from Assembly Room, following the Under Secretary, take position on right of His Excellency.
2. (After the National Anthem) Report to His Excellency "By authority of a Special Warrant from Her Majesty the Queen the business before Your Excellency is the investiture under the Sovereign's Grant of His Highness Sri Padmanabha Dasa Varja Balarama Varma Kalashchurn Kiritapati Muni Sultan Maharaja Raj Rana Raja Bahadur Shamsir Jang of Travancore as a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India."

Investiture of G.C.S.I.

3. Immediately after 2 deliver the Maharaja of Travancore's Grant to His Excellency.
4. Then withdraw with Under Secretary and Knight and Companion to conduct Maharaja into His Excellency's presence.
5. Join in procession formed in the Assembly Room, following the Under Secretary.
6. Receive Grant from His Excellency and read it.
7. Then conduct Maharaja to the table and deliver Riband and Badge to Companion; then deliver Star to Knight.
8. When Maharaja is seated, conduct him to front of Dais.
9. After His Excellency's introduction, conduct Maharaja making his reverence to the Maharaja to seat appointed for him.
10. On the Guard of Honour presenting arms, proclaim the Maharaja's full title as follows:—
"His Highness Sri Padmanabha Dasa Varja Balarama Varma Kalashchurn Kiritapati Muni Sultan Maharaja Raj Rana Raja Bahadur Shamsir Jang of Travancore, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India."
11. Then represent that there is no further business.
12. Join in return procession to the Assembly Room, following the Under Secretary who heads the procession.

Assembly Chamber

CHIEF SECRETARY

Join in procession from Assembly Room, to the room where the Investiture will be held, following the Under Secretary, take position on right of His Excellency.

2. (After the National Anthem) Report to His Excellency "The business before Your Excellency is the investiture of the Hon'ble Raja Velugoti Sri Raja Gopala Krishna Yachendra Bahadur Panch Hajar Masabdar of Venkatagiri as a Knight Commander, and the decoration of Thomas Weldon, Esquire, Colonel in the Army, Lieutenant-Colonel in the Madras Staff Corps, as a Companion of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, under the Sovereign's Grants."

3. After the Raja of Venkatagiri has been led up to the Dais and has made his reverence, conduct him to the table.

4. Give Star to the two Companions when desired by His Excellency.

5. When decorated with Star, conduct the Raja before Dais.

6. After His Excellency has invested and addressed Raja, and latter has made reverence, lead the Raja to seat appointed for him as a Knight.

Decoration of C.I.E.

7. Present to His Excellency the Badge for Colonel Weldon.

8. On receiving Badge from His Excellency for Colonel Weldon, attach it in its proper place.

9. Then when Colonel Weldon has been conducted to his seat by Under Secretary, represent that there is no further business.

10. Join in return procession to Assembling Room, following the Under Secretary who heads the procession.

Star of India

UNDER SECRETARY

1. Head procession into room where the investiture will be held.

Investiture of G.C.S.I.

2. Withdraw with Chief Secretary and two Junior Knights to conduct the Maharaja of Travancore to His Excellency's presence, Chief Secretary and Under Secretary leading Junior Knights following.

3. Head procession, bearing insignia of order, and on arrival in room where the investiture will be held place insignia on table.

4. When the Maharaja of Travancore is seated and the Raja of Venkatagiri has been led up to the Dais, conduct the Raja to seat appointed for him as a Knight.

5. Head the procession to the Assembly Room, following the Under Secretary who heads the procession.

Madian Empire.

UNDER SECRETARY.

1. Head procession into room where the Investiture will be held.

Investiture of K.C.I.E.

2. Immediately after Chief Secretary has reported the business before His Excellency, with two Companions conduct the Raja of Venkatagiri from seat to Dais.
3. When the Raja is decorated with Star and led before Dais, deliver Riband and Badge, with due reverence, to His Excellency.

Decoration of C.I.E.

4. After Chief Secretary has presented badge to His Excellency, conduct Colonel Weldon from seat to front of Dais.
5. When decorated, conduct Colonel Weldon to seat appointed for him among the Companions, not to his former seat.
6. Head the procession to the Assembling Room.

Star of India

Sir T. Madhava Row, K.C.S.I.
Hon'ble Mr. Master, C.S.I.

Investiture of Q.C.S.I.

1. Both Withdraw with Chief Secretary following him, to conduct Maharaja into His Excellency's presence.
2. Join in procession, following Chief Secretary.
3. On arrival at the Companions' seats, advance with Maharaja between you to within a few paces from Dais, and subsequently accompany him to the table.
4. (Junior) On receiving Riband and Badge from Chief Secretary, decorate Maharaja therewith.
5. (Senior) On receiving Star from Secretary, attach it in proper place.
6. (Both) Robe Maharaja with Mantle.
7. When Maharaja is conducted to Dais, after being robed, withdraw to your places and remain standing until after the proclamation.
8. At conclusion of ceremony, join in return procession.

Madian Empire

TWO COMPANIONS.

1. With Under Secretary conduct the Raja of Venkatagiri from seat to Dais.
2. Accompany the Raja to the table.
3. On receiving Star from Chief Secretary attach it in proper place.
4. When Raja is reconducted to Dais, with draw to your seats and remain standing until Raja has been conducted to his seat.

Star of India.

H. H. The Maharaja of Travancore

1. Join in procession formed in the Assembling Room, following Sir T. Madhava Row, K.C.S.I. and Hon'ble Mr. Master, C.S.I. and followed by your attendants.
2. On arrival at the Companions' seats, advance between the two gentlemen named above to within a few paces from Dais, and make reverence to His Excellency.
3. After Grant is read, accompany Chief Secretary to the table in order to be decorated with Riband, Badge, and Star and robed with Mantle.
4. When robed, accompany Chief Secretary to front of Dais and make your reverence to His Excellency.
5. On being introduced with Collar and receiving Mantle, make your reverence to His Excellency, accompany Chief Secretary to seat appointed for you, and remain standing in front of it until after proclamation, all resume seats, and do not stand up during any subsequent part of the proceedings.
6. At conclusion of ceremony, join in return procession, followed by attendants of His Excellency and escorted by your own attendants.

Madian Empire

Raja of Venkatagiri

1. Accompany Under Secretary and two Companions from seat to Dais.
2. Make your reverence, and then accompany Chief Secretary to the table and be decorated with Star.
3. Accompany Chief Secretary to front of Dais and make your reverence to His Excellency.
4. On being introduced and introduced with Mantle, make your reverence to His Excellency and accompany Chief Secretary to seat appointed for you.

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Indian Empire

Colonel Weldon

1. Accompany Under Secretary from seat in front of Dais and make your reverence to His Excellency.
2. After being decorated, make your reverence to His Excellency and accompany the Under Secretary to seat appointed for you among the Companions.

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Official Memorandum, dated the 26th November 1888.

From—the Chief Secretary to Government,

To—the Military Secretary to the Right Honorable the Governor.

The undersigned has the honor to inform the Military Secretary to the Right Honorable the Governor that the Rajah of Venkatagiri is expected to arrive at Madras on Friday evening, the 30th instant, by the ordinary train, reaching the Central Station at about 5-45 P.M.

Letter, dated Fort St. George, the 27th November 1888, No. 7990, Military.

From—Brigadier-General A. KENNEY-HERBERT,

To—the Adjutant-General, Ootacamund.

I am directed to request that you will be good enough, with the permission of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to issue the necessary instructions to the General Officer Commanding, Madras District, in order that the following military arrangements may be carried out on the occasion of the ceremonial of the Investiture of the Orders of the Star of India and Indian Empire, on the 4th December 1888.

A Battery of Artillery to be in position in Government House Park, near the Banqueting Hall, at 4 P.M., and to fire:—

1st.—A salute of 17 guns when the procession enters the Hall about 4-30 P.M.

2nd.—A salute of 19 guns immediately after His Excellency the Governor has finished the admonition in the ceremonial of the Investiture of His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore G.C.S.I.

3rd.—A salute of 17 guns as His Excellency again enters the Hall for the Investiture of the Order of the Indian Empire.

A Guard of Honor from Her Majesty's Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry of 100 rank and file, with colors, to be formed up inside the Banqueting Hall at 4 P.M., entering by the Private Entrée Entrance.

A Guard of Honor from a Native Regiment of 100 rank and file, with colors, to be formed at 4 P.M. in front of the North Entrance to the Banqueting Hall.

Copy forwarded to—

The Political Department,

„ Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, } for information.

„ General Officer Commanding, Madras District,

[DEMI-OFFICIAL.]

Dated the 28th November 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE.

MY DEAR SIR,

I have not yet received any reply to my letter of the 5th instant, and I presume that you will be able to attend the ceremony on the 4th December. Kindly let me know whether I am right.

To N. R. Pogson, Esq., C.I.E.

„ Hon'ble Mir Humayun Jah Bahadur, C.I.E.

„ Rev. W. Miller, LL.D., C.I.E.

„ G. Hamnett, Esq., C.I.E.

„ Sir S. Ramasami Mudaliar, Kt., C.I.E.

„ Hon'ble P. Chentsal Row, C.I.E.

[TELEGRAMS.]

Dated the 28th November 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,

To—Dewan SESHAYYA SASTRI, C.S.I.

No reply yet received to my letter, 5th instant. Presume you will be able to attend ceremony. Kindly inform me whether I am right. Reply prepaid one rupee.

[Replies received from the gentlemen named above intimating their intention to be present.]

Dated the 28th November 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,
To—the Collector, North Arcot.

Does Zemindar, Punganur, intend being present ceremony 4th December? Wire reply.

Dated Camp, Kalwa, the 28th November 1888.

From—C. KOUGH, Esq.,
To—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE.

The Nawab of Banganapalle intimates his intention of arriving at Madras Central Station on 1st December.

Will you kindly give instructions for the usual marks of respect to be shown him on arrival, at his residence, and during his sojourn in Madras.

Dated the 28th November 1888.

From—the Chief Secretary to Government,
To—the Political Agent, Kurnool, Kalwa.

Your demi-official. State hour Nawab arrives Madras on 1st. Could he not arrange for 2nd or is it too late?

[TELEGRAMS.]

Dated the 29th November 1888.

From—the Political Agent, Kurnool, Panyam.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras.

Banganapalle Nawab requires accommodation provided in Madras; arrives 1st December morning.

Dated the 29th November 1888.

From—the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras,
To—the Political Agent, Kurnool, Panyam.

Your telegram not understood. Government do not undertake provide accommodation for Nawab. What is it that you want done? Wire sharp.

Dated 29th November 1888.

From—the Collector of North Arcot,
To—the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras.
Punganur has not replied. Special messenger sent.

[DEMI-OFFICIALS.]

Dated the 29th November 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,
To—the Hon. P. CHENTSAL RAO, C.I.E.

MY DEAR SIR,

As invitations to be present at the ceremony on the 4th December are issued by the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, I would suggest that you should apply, for such as you may wish to obtain, to that officer, giving him the names, &c., of your friends.

[TELEGRAM.]

Dated the 29th November 1888.

From—the Collector of Kurnool,
To—the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras.

Banganapalle Nawab arrives Madras by Mail train on the morning of the 1st; it is too late to arrange otherwise.

[DEMI-OFFICIAL.]

Dated Camp, Paniem, the 29th November 1888.

From—C. KOUGH, Esq.,
To—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE.

Since writing to you, I have just received intimation that the Nawab of Banganapalle will require quarters in Madras, and wired asking you to kindly arrange for them. A furnished bungalow is the kind of thing he likes.

Please see that he has the usual attention shown him on arrival at Central Station on morning of 1st December, and that he has a guard at his residence. Excuse my reiterating this, but he is rather touchy on such matters, whilst, by his courteous demeanour and conduct generally, he merits all we can do for him.

[TELEGRAM.]

Dated the 30th November 1888.

From—the Political Agent, Kurnool, Panyam,
To—the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras.

Nawab has since made private arrangement for accommodation.

[DEMI-OFFICIALS.]

Dated the 30th November 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,
To—Sir T. MADHAVA ROW, K.C.S.I.
The Hon. Mr. MASTER, C.S.I.
Surgeon-General G. BIDIE, C.I.E., M.B.
The Hon. Mr. Justice T. MUTHUSAMI AIYAR, C.I.E.

An undress rehearsal of the Investiture ceremonials will take place in the Banqueting Hall at 4-30 P.M. to-morrow, Saturday, December 1st, and I am to ask that you will be kind enough to attend. There will probably be a dress rehearsal at the same hour on Monday, December 3rd, but I shall be able to give you definite information about this when I see you to-morrow.

Dated Fort St. George, the 1st December 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,
To—Sir T. MADHAVA ROW.
Colonel M. PROTHEROE.
Honorable Mr. MASTER.
N. R. POGSON, Esq.
Honorable Mr. Justice MUTHUSAMI AIYAR.
Do. MIR HUMAYUN JAH BAHADUR.
Dr. G. BIDIE.
Rev. Dr. MILLER.
G. HAMNETT, Esq.
Sir S. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR.
Honorable P. CHENTSAL RAO.
Resident in Travancore.
Ex-Raja of Venkatagiri.
Nawab of Banganapalle.
A. SESHAYA SASTRI, Esq.
Colonel T. WELDON.

A full-dress rehearsal of the ceremonials to be observed at the Investitures of the Orders of the Star of India and the Indian Empire will be held at 4-30 P.M. on Monday, the 3rd December, at the Banqueting Hall, and I am directed, by His Excellency the Governor, to request that you will be kind enough to attend.

Letter, dated the 1st December 1888.

From—the ex-Rajah of Venkatagiri, c.s.i.

To—the Chief Secretary to Government.

With reference to your kind favor, dated 5th November last, No. 85, I beg to inform you that I shall be present at the Investiture of the Orders of the Star of India and Indian Empire at 4 p.m. on the 4th instant, at the Banqueting Hall.

[DEMI-OFFICIALS.]

Dated the 2nd December 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,

To—the Rajah of Venkatagiri, K.C.I.E.

A rehearsal of the ceremonials to be observed at your Investiture will take place at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 3rd December, at the Banqueting Hall, and I am desired, by His Excellency the Governor, to request that you will attend.

In order to allow of the Star being easily attached, you should have two loops of thin silk sewn on the left breast of your coat, as shown in the margin. The loops should be one above the other and one inch and a quarter apart. Please have this done before the rehearsal to-morrow, and wear the coat that you propose to wear at the Investiture.

The matter of which you spoke to me yesterday has been set right. Your correct title will be given when I announce the fact that you are to be invested by His Excellency the Governor, and an erratum will go to the Gazette.

Dated the 3rd December 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,

To—J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq.

I send herewith, for the signature of His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore, the covenant agreeing to return the Insignia of a Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India. Will you kindly obtain the signature of His Highness and then return the document to me.

CEREMONIAL

TO BE OBSERVED AT

THE INVESTITURE

OF

THE MOST EXALTED ORDER OF THE STAR OF INDIA

TO BE HELD AT

THE BANQUETING HALL, MADRAS, ON TUESDAY, THE 4TH DECEMBER 1888.

Object of the Investiture.

ON Tuesday, the 4th December 1888, at 4 o'clock p.m., His Excellency the Right Hon'ble Sir ROBERT BOURKE, BARON CONNEMARA, G.C.I.E., P.C., Governor of Madras, will, as thereto authorized by a Warrant under Her Majesty's Sign Manual, invest His Highness SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANGI BALARAMA VARMA KULASEKHARA KIRITAPATI MANI SULTAN MAHARAJA RAJ RAMA RAJA BAHADUR SHAN SHER DANI OF TRAVANCORE, with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India.

Persons who will attend the Ceremony.

All Members of the Order present in Madras will be required to attend.

Arrangement of Seats, &c.

The seats of Members of the Order will be placed on either side of the Dais, right and left, in alternate order according to seniority.

A vacant seat will be kept for His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE in the First Class of the Order.

Preliminary Ceremonies.

The Members of the Order will meet in the Assembly Room. A procession will be formed of His Excellency the BARON CONNEMARA and the Members of the Order according to ancient custom, the Junior preceding the Senior Members. As the procession enters the room where the Investiture will be held, a salute of 17 guns will be fired. All present will rise and remain standing until His Excellency has taken his seat.

The following will be the order of the procession:—

The Under Secretary to Government, Political Department.

The Chief Secretary to Government.

Companions of the Order.

Knights Commanders.

Aide-de-Camp to the Governor.

Aide-de-Camp to the Governor.

Military Secretary to the Governor.

Aide-de-Camp to the Governor.

Private Secretary to the Governor.

His Excellency the Right Hon'ble Sir Robert Gourke, Baron Connemara,
G.C.S.I., P.C.

Attendants of His Excellency the Baron Connemara.

On reaching their seats the Members of the Order will file off, right and left, and will make their reverence to His Excellency as he passes. The Band will play the National Anthem.

The Chief Secretary will now report that by authority of a Special Warrant from HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN granted to His Excellency, the business is the investiture, under the SOVEREIGN'S COMMISSION, of His Highness Sri PADMANABHA DASA VANJI BALARAMA VARMA KULASHEKHARA KIRITPATI MANI SULTAN MAHARAJA RAJ RAMA RAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHIR JANG OF TRAVANCORE as a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India.

Investiture.

The Chief Secretary will then deliver to His Excellency the SOVEREIGN'S Grant of the dignity of a Knight Grand Commander.

The Chief Secretary, the Under Secretary, Sir T. MADHAVA RAO, K.C.S.I., and the Hon'ble Mr. MASTER, C.S.I., will then withdraw in order to conduct the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE into His Excellency's presence.

A procession will be formed in the Assembling Room of

The Under Secretary to Government, Political Department.

The Chief Secretary to Government.

The Hon'ble Mr. MASTER, C.S.I.

The Hon'ble Mr. MASTER, C.S.I.

His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE.

Attendants of His Highness.

The Guard of Honour will present arms as His Highness passes. All Members of the Order will rise and remain standing until the proclamation herein-after mentioned is made.

His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE, with Raja Sir T. MADHAVA RAO, K.C.S.I., and the Hon'ble Mr. MASTER, C.S.I., will advance to within a few paces from the Dais, where he will make his reverence, and the Under Secretary will place the Insignia on the table.

The Chief Secretary, having received from His Excellency and read the SOVEREIGN'S Grant in favor of His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE, will

conduct His Highness to the table, and the Hon'ble Mr. MASTER, receiving the Riband and Badge from the Chief Secretary, will decorate His Highness therewith; after which Raja Sir T. MADHAVA RAO, receiving the Star of the Order from the Chief Secretary, will attach it in its proper place.

Raja Sir T. MADHAVA RAO, and the Hon'ble Mr. MASTER, will next robe His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE with the mantle of the Order.

This done, His Highness the MAHARAJA will be conducted by the Chief Secretary to the front of the Dais, and will make his reverence to His Excellency.

Meanwhile Raja Sir T. MADHAVA RAO and the Hon'ble Mr. MASTER will withdraw to their places and remain standing.

The Under Secretary will take from the table the Collar of the Knight Grand Commander, and will, with due reverence, deliver it to His Excellency.

His Excellency, remaining seated, will then invest His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE with the Collar, and will address to him the following admonition:—

"In the name of the Queen and Empress of India, and by Her Majesty's Command, I hereby invest you with the Honorable Dignity of the Order of the Star of India, of which Most Exalted Order Her Majesty has been most graciously pleased to appoint you to be a Knight Grand Commander."

A salute of 19 guns will then be fired.

When the admonition has been given, the newly-invested Knight Grand Commander will make his reverence to His Excellency, and will be conducted by the Chief Secretary to the seat appointed for him, in front of which he will remain standing. The Guard of Honour will present arms, and the Chief Secretary will proclaim the full titles of His Highness the MAHARAJA, that is to say:—

"His Highness Sri PADMANABHA DASA VANJI SIR BALARAMA VARMA KULASHEKHARA KIRITPATI MANI SULTAN MAHARAJA RAJ RAMA RAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHIR JANG OF TRAVANCORE, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India."

The proclamation being ended, all will resume their seats.

The Chief Secretary will then represent that there is no further business.

A procession of the Members of the Order will thereupon be formed, and will leave the room where the investiture was held and return to the Assembling Room in the reverse order to that in which it entered, a Grand March being performed and the Guard of Honour presenting arms.

Full dress will be worn by all Officers on this occasion, and evening dress by Gentlemen who are not entitled to wear uniform.

(Sd.) _____, His Excellency the Governor.

J. F. PRICE

Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

WORK CARDS.

Star of India.

HIS EXCELLENCY.

1. Join in procession from Assembly Room, following the Private Secretary and Military Secretary, and followed by attendants.

Investiture of G.C.S.I.

2. Receive from the Chief Secretary the Sovereign's Grant in favor of the Maharaja of Travancore.

3. Deliver the Maharaja of Travancore's Grant to Chief Secretary.

4. On receiving Collar from Under Secretary (remaining seated), invest the Maharaja of Travancore therewith, and address to him the following admonition :—

In the name of the Queen and Empress of India and by Her Majesty's Command, I hereby invest you with the Honorable Insignia of the Order of the Star of India, of which Most Exalted Order Her Majesty has been most graciously pleased to appoint you to be a Knight Grand Commander.

5. Join in return procession to the Assembly Room, following the Private Secretary and the Military Secretary.

Indian Empire.

HIS EXCELLENCY.

1. Join in procession from Assembly Room, following the Private Secretary and the Military Secretary.

Investiture of K.C.I.E.

2. On the Raja of Venkatagiri being brought before Dais, order Companions to attach Star.

3. On receiving Riband and Badge from Under Secretary, invest the Raja with them, and address him as follows :—

In the name of the Queen and Empress of India and by Her Majesty's Command, I hereby invest you with the Honorable Insignia of the Order of the Indian Empire, of which Most Eminent Order Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to appoint you to be a Knight Commander.

Decorations of C.I.E.

4. Receive Badge from Chief Secretary for Colonel T. Weldon.
5. Deliver Badge to Chief Secretary for Colonel Weldon when he is brought before Dais.
6. Join in return procession to Assembly Room, following Private and Military Secretaries.

Star of India.

CHIEF SECRETARY.

1. Join in procession from Assembly Room, following the Under Secretary, take position on right of His Excellency.
2. (After the National Anthem) Report to His Excellency "By authority of a Special Warrant from Her Majesty the Queen the business before Your Excellency is the investiture under the Sovereign's Grant of His Highness Sri Padmanabha Dasa Vanji Balarama Varma Kulasekhara Kiritapati Mani Sultan Maharaja Raj Rama Raja Bahadur Shamshir Jang of Travancore as a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India."

Investiture of G.C.S.I.

3. Immediately after 2 deliver the Maharaja of Travancore's Grant to His Excellency.
4. Then withdraw with Under Secretary and Knight and Companion to conduct Maharaja into His Excellency's presence.
5. Join in procession formed in the Assembly Room, following the Under Secretary.
6. Receive Grant from His Excellency and read it.
7. Then conduct Maharaja to the table and deliver Riband and Badge to Companion; then deliver Star to Knight.
8. When Maharaja is robed, conduct him to front of Dais.
9. After His Excellency's admonition, and Maharaja making his reverence, lead the Maharaja to seat appointed for him.
10. On the Guard of Honor presenting arms, proclaim the Maharaja's full titles as follows:—
"His Highness Sri Padmanabha Dasa Vanji Sir Balarama Varma Kulasekhara Kiritapati Mani Sultan Maharaja Raj Rama Raja Bahadur Shamshir Jang of Travancore, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India."
11. Then represent that there is no further business.
12. Join in return procession to the Assembling Room, following the Under Secretary who heads the procession.

Indian Empire.

CHIEF SECRETARY.

1. Join in procession from Assembly Room to the room where the Investiture will be held, following the Under Secretary, take position on right of His Excellency.
2. (After the National Anthem) Report to His Excellency "The business before Your Excellency is the Investiture of the Hon'ble Raja Palagoti Sri Raja Gopala Krishna Venkataraja Bahadur Panch Hazar Manabdar of Venkatagiri as a Knight Commander, and the decoration of Thomas Weldon, Esquire, Colonel in the Army, Lieutenant-Colonel in the Madras Staff Corps, as a Companion of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, under the Sovereign's Grants."
3. After the Raja of Venkatagiri has been led up to the Dais and has made his reverence, conduct him to the table.
4. Give Star to the two Companions when desired by His Excellency.
5. When decorated with Star, conduct the Raja before Dais.
6. After His Excellency has invested and addressed Raja, and latter has made reverence, lead the Raja to seat appointed for him as a Knight.

Decorations of C.I.E.

7. Present to His Excellency the Badge for Colonel Weldon.
8. On receiving Badge from His Excellency for Colonel Weldon, attach it in its proper place.
9. Then when Colonel Weldon has been conducted to his seat by Under Secretary, represent that there is no further business.
10. Join in return procession to Assembling Room, following the Under Secretary who heads the procession.

Star of India.

UNDER SECRETARY.

1. Head procession into room where the Investiture will be held.

Investiture of G.C.S.I.

2. Withdraw with Chief Secretary and two Junior Knights to conduct the Maharaja of Travancore into His Excellency's presence, Chief Secretary and Under Secretary leading, Junior Knights following.
3. Head procession, bearing Insignia of Order, and on arrival in room where the Investiture will be held, place Insignia on table.
4. When the Maharaja of Travancore is robed and led before Dais, take Collar from the table, and, with due reverence, deliver it to His Excellency.
5. Head the procession to the Assembly Room.

Indian Empire.

UNDER SECRETARY.

1. Head procession into room where the Investiture will be held.

Investiture of K.C.I.E.

2. Immediately after Chief Secretary has reported the business before His Excellency, with two Companions conduct the Raja of Venkatagiri from seat to Dais.

3. When the Raja is decorated with Star and led before Dais, deliver Riband and Badge, with due reverence, to His Excellency.

Decoration of C.I.E.

4. After Chief Secretary has presented badge to His Excellency, conduct Colonel Weldon from seat to front of Dais.

5. When decorated, conduct Colonel Weldon to seat appointed for him among the Companions, not to his former seat.

6. Head the procession to the Assembling Room.

Star of India.

Sir T. Madhava Row, K.C.S.I.

Hon'ble Mr. Master, C.S.I.

Investiture of G.C.S.I.

1. (Both) Withdraw with Chief Secretary (following him) to conduct Maharaja into His Excellency's presence.

2. Join in procession, following Chief Secretary.

3. On arrival at the Companions' seats, advance with Maharaja between you to within a few paces from Dais, and subsequently accompany him to the table.

4. (Junior) On receiving Riband and Badge from Chief Secretary, decorate Maharaja therewith.

5. (Senior) On receiving Star from Secretary attach it in proper place.

6. (Both) Robe Maharaja with Mantle.

7. When Maharaja is conducted to Dais after being robed, withdraw to your places and remain standing until after the proclamation.

8. At conclusion of ceremony, join in return procession.

Indian Empire.

TWO COMPANIONS.

1. With Under Secretary conduct the Raja of Venkatagiri from seat to Dais.

2. Accompany the Raja to the table.

3. On receiving Star from Chief Secretary, attach it in proper place.

4. When Raja is reconducted to Dais, withdraw to your seats and remain standing until Raja has been conducted to his seat.

Star of India.

H. H. The Maharaja of Travancore.

1. Join in procession formed in the Assembling Room, following Sir T. Madhava Row, K.C.S.I., and Hon'ble Mr. Master, C.S.I., and followed by your attendants.

2. On arrival at the Companions' seats, advance between the two gentlemen named above to within a few paces from Dais, and make reverence to His Excellency.

3. After Grant is read, accompany Chief Secretary to the table in order to be decorated with Riband, Badge, and Star and robed with Mantle.

4. When robed, accompany Chief Secretary to front of Dais and make your reverence to His Excellency.

5. On being invested with Collar and receiving admonition, make your reverence to His Excellency, accompany Chief Secretary to seat appointed for you, and remain standing in front of it until, after proclamation, all resume their seats. (Do not stand up during any subsequent part of the proceedings.)

6. At conclusion of ceremony, join in return procession, following attendants of His Excellency and followed by your own attendants.

Indian Empire.

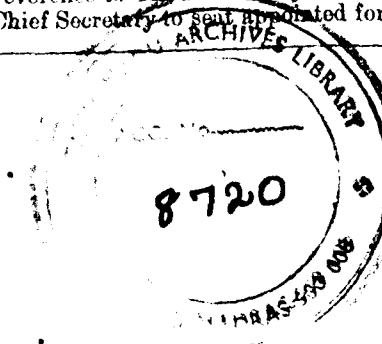
Raja of Venkatagiri.

1. Accompany Under Secretary and two Companions from your seat to Dais.

2. Make your reverence, and then accompany Chief Secretary to the table to be decorated with Star.

3. Accompany Chief Secretary to front of Dais and make your reverence to His Excellency.

4. On being invested and addressed, make your reverence to His Excellency and accompany Chief Secretary to seat appointed for you.



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Indian Empire.

Colonel Weldon.

1. Accompany Under Secretary from seat to front of Dais and make your reverence to His Excellency.
2. After being decorated, make your reverence to His Excellency and accompany the Under Secretary to seat appointed for you among the Companions.

Official Memorandum, dated the 26th November 1888.

From—the Chief Secretary to Government.

To—the Military Secretary to the Right Honorable the Governor.

The undersigned has the honor to inform the Military Secretary to the Right Honorable the Governor that the Rajah of Venkatagiri is expected to arrive at Madras on Friday evening, the 30th instant, by the ordinary train, reaching the Central Station at about 5-45 P.M.

Letter, dated Fort St. George, the 27th November 1888, No. 7990, Military.

From—Brigadier-General A. KENNEDY-HUNTER,

To—the Adjutant-General, Ootacamund.

I am directed to request that you will be good enough, with the permission of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to issue the necessary instructions to the General Officer Commanding, Madras District, in order that the following military arrangements may be carried out on the occasion of the ceremonial of the Investiture of the Orders of the Star of India and Indian Empire, on the 4th December 1888.

A Battery of Artillery to be in position in Government House Park, near the Banqueting Hall, at 4 P.M., and to fire:—

1st.—A salute of 17 guns when the procession enters the Hall about 4-30 P.M.

2nd.—A salute of 19 guns immediately after His Excellency the Governor has finished the admonition in the ceremonial of the Investiture of His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore G.C.S.I.

3rd.—A salute of 17 guns as His Excellency again enters the Hall for the Investiture of the Order of the Indian Empire.

A Guard of Honor from Her Majesty's Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry of 100 rank and file, with colors, to be formed up inside the Banqueting Hall at 4 P.M., entering by the Private Entrance.

A Guard of Honor from a Native Regiment of 100 rank and file, with colors, to be formed at 4 P.M. in front of the North Entrance to the Banqueting Hall.

Copy forwarded to—

The Political Department,

„ Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, } for information.

„ General Officer Commanding, Madras District,

[DEMI-OFFICIAL.]

Dated the 28th November 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE.

My DEAR SIR,

I have not yet received any reply to my letter of the 5th instant, and I presume that you will be able to attend the ceremony on the 4th December. Kindly let me know whether I am right.

To N. R. Pogson, Esq., C.I.E.

„ Hon'ble Mir Humayun Jah Bahadur, C.I.E.

„ Rev. W. Miller, LL.D., C.I.E.

„ G. Hamnett, Esq., C.I.E.

„ Sir S. Ramasami Mudaliar, Kt., C.I.E.

„ Hon'ble P. Chentsal Row, C.I.E.

[TELEGRAMS.]

Dated the 28th November 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,

To—Dewan SESHAYYA SASTRI, C.S.I.

No reply yet received to my letter, 5th instant. Presume you will be able to attend ceremony. Kindly inform me whether I am right. Reply prepaid one rupee.

[Replies received from the gentlemen named above intimating their intention to be present.]

Dated the 28th November 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,
To—the Collector, North Arcot.

Does Zemindar, Punganur, intend being present ceremony 4th December? Wire reply.

Dated Camp, Kalwa, the 28th November 1888.

From—C. KOUER, Esq.,
To—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE.

The Nawab of Banganapalle intimates his intention of arriving at Madras Central Station on 1st December.

Will you kindly give instructions for the usual marks of respect to be shown him on arrival, at his residence, and during his sojourn in Madras.

Dated the 28th November 1888.

From—the Chief Secretary to Government,
To—the Political Agent, Kurnool, Kalwa.

Your demi-official. State how Nawab arrives Madras on 1st. Could he not arrange 2nd or is it too late?

[TELEGRAMS.]

Dated the 29th November 1888.

From—the Political Agent, Kurnool, Panyam.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras.

Banganapalle Nawab requires accommodation provided in Madras; arrives 1st December morning.

Dated the 29th November 1888.

From—the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras,
To—the Political Agent, Kurnool, Panyam.

Your telegram not understood. Government do not undertake provide accommodation Nawab. What is it that you want done? Wire sharp.

Dated 29th November 1888.

From—the Collector of North Arcot,
To—the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras.
Punganur has not replied. Special messenger sent.

[DEMI-OFFICIALS.]

Dated the 29th November 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,
To—the Hon. P. CHENTRAL RAO, C.I.E.

MY DEAR SIR,

As invitations to be present at the ceremony on the 4th December are issued by the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, I would suggest that you should apply, for such as you may wish to obtain, to that officer, giving him the names, &c., of your friends.

[TELEGRAMS.]

Dated the 29th November 1888.

From—the Collector of Kurnool,
To—the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras.

Banganapalle Nawab arrives Madras by Mail train on the morning of the 1st; it is too late to arrange otherwise.

[DEMI-OFFICIAL.]

Dated Camp, Panyam, the 29th November 1888.

From—C. KOUER, Esq.,
To—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE.

Since writing to you, I have just received intimation that the Nawab of Banganapalle will require quarters in Madras; and wired asking you to kindly arrange for them. A furnished bungalow is the kind of thing he likes.

Please see that he has the usual attention shown him on arrival at Central Station on morning of 1st December, and that he has a guard at his residence. Excuse my reiterating this, but he is rather touchy on such matters, whilst, by his courteous demeanour and conduct generally, he merits all we can do for him.

[TELEGRAM.]

Dated the 30th November 1888.

From—the Political Agent, Kurnool, Panyam,
To—the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras.

Nawab has since made private arrangement for accommodation.

[DEMI-OFFICIALS.]

Dated the 30th November 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,
To—Sir T. MADHAVA ROW, K.C.S.I.
The Hon. Mr. MASTER, C.S.I.
Surgeon-General G. BIDIE, C.I.E., M.B.
The Hon. Mr. Justice T. MUTHUSAMI AYYAR, C.I.E.

An undress rehearsal of the Investiture Ceremonials will take place in the Banqueting Hall at 4-30 p.m. to-morrow, Saturday, December 1st, and I am to ask that you will be kind enough to attend. There will probably be a dress rehearsal at the same hour on Monday, December 3rd, but I shall be able to give you definite information about this when I see you to-morrow.

Dated Fort St. George, the 1st December 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,
To—Sir T. MADHAVA ROW.
Colonel M. PROTHEROE.
Honorable Mr. MASTER.
N. R. POGSON, Esq.
Honorable Mr. Justice MUTHUSAMI AYYAR.
Do. MIR HUMAYUN JAH BAHADUR.
Dr. G. BIDIE.
Rev. Dr. MILLER.
G. HAMNETT, Esq.
Sir S. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR.
Honorable P. CHENTRAL RAO.
Resident in Travancore.
Ex-Raja of Venkatagiri.
Nawab of Banganapalle.
A. SESHAYA SASTRI, Esq.
Colonel T. WELDON.

A full-dress rehearsal of the ceremonials to be observed at the Investitures of the Orders of the Star of India and the Indian Empire will be held at 4-30 p.m. on Monday, the 3rd December, at the Banqueting Hall, and I am directed, by His Excellency the Governor, to request that you will be kind enough to attend.

Letter, dated the 1st December 1888.

From—the ex-Rajah of Venkatagiri, c.s.i.

To—the Chief Secretary to Government.

With reference to your kind favor, dated 5th November last, No. 85, I beg to inform you that I shall be present at the Investiture of the Orders of the Star of India and Indian Empire at 4 P.M. on the 4th instant, at the Banqueting Hall.

[DEMI-OFFICIALS.]

Dated the 2nd December 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,

To—the Rajah of Venkatagiri, K.C.I.E.

A rehearsal of the ceremonials to be observed at your Investiture will take place at 4-30 P.M. on Monday, 3rd December, at the Banqueting Hall, and I am desired, by His Excellency the Governor, to request that you will attend.

In order to allow of the Star being easily attached, you should have two loops of thin silk sewn on the left breast of your coat, as shown in the margin. The loops should be one above the other and one inch and a quarter apart. Please have this done before the rehearsal to-morrow, and wear the coat that you propose to wear at the Investiture.

The matter of which you spoke to me yesterday has been set right. Your correct title will be given when I announce the fact that you are to be invested by His Excellency the Governor, and an erratum will go to the Gazette.

Dated the 3rd December 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,

To—J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq.

I send herewith, for the signature of His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore, the covenant agreeing to return the Insignia of a Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India. Will you kindly obtain the signature of His Highness and then return the document to me.

CEREMONIAL

TO BE OBSERVED AT

THE INVESTITURE

THE MOST EXALTED ORDER OF THE STAR OF INDIA

TO BE HELD AT

THE BANQUETING HALL, MADRAS, ON TUESDAY, THE 4TH DECEMBER 1888.

Object of the Investiture.

ON Tuesday, the 4th December 1888, at 4 o'clock P.M., His Excellency the Right Hon'ble Sir ROBERT BOURKE, BARON CONNEMARA, G.C.I.E., P.C., Governor of Madras, will, as thereunto authorized by a Warrant under Her Majesty's Sign Manual, invest His Highness SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANJI BALARAMA VARMA KULASHEKHARA KIRITAPATI MANI SULTAN MAHARAJA RAJ RAMA RAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHIR JANG OF TRAVANCORE, with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India.

Persons who will attend the Ceremony.

All Members of the Order present in Madras will be required to attend.

Arrangement of Seats, &c.

The seats of Members of the Order will be placed on either side of the Dais, right and left, in alternate order according to seniority.

A vacant seat will be kept for His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE in the First Class of the Order.

Preliminary Ceremonies.

The Members of the Order will meet in the Assembly Room. A procession will be formed of His Excellency the BARON CONNEMARA and the Members of the Order according to ancient custom, the Junior preceding the Senior Members. As the procession enters the room where the Investiture will be held, a salute of 17 guns will be fired. All present will rise and remain standing until His Excellency has taken his seat.

The following will be the order of the procession :—

The Under Secretary to Government, Political Department.

The Chief Secretary to Government.

Companions of the Order.

Knights Commanders.

Aide-de-Camp to the Governor.

Aide-de-Camp to the Governor.

Military Secretary to the Governor.

Aide-de-Camp to the Governor.

Private Secretary to the Governor.

His Excellency the Right Hon'ble Sir Robert Bourke, Baron Connemara,
G.C.B., P.C.

Attendants of His Excellency the BARON CONNEMARA.

On reaching their seats the Members of the Order will file off, right and left, and will make their reverence to His Excellency as he passes. The Band will play the National Anthem.

The Chief Secretary will now report that by authority of a Special Warrant from HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN granted to His Excellency, the business is the Investiture, under the SOVEREIGN'S Grant, of His Highness SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANJI BALARAMA VARMA KULASHEKHARA KIRITAPATI MANI SULTAN MAHARAJA RAJ RAMA RAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHIR JANG OF TRAVANCORE as a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India.

Investiture.

The Chief Secretary will then deliver to His Excellency the SOVEREIGN'S Grant of the dignity of a Knight Grand Commander.

The Chief Secretary, the Under Secretary, Sir T. MADHAVA RAO, K.C.S.I., and the Hon'ble MR. MASTER, C.S.I., will next withdraw in order to conduct the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE into His Excellency's presence.

A procession will be formed in the Assembling Room of—

The Under Secretary in the Political Department, bearing the Insignia of the Order.

The Chief Secretary to Government.

Raja Sir T. MADHAVA RAO, K.C.S.I.

The Hon'ble MR. MASTER, C.S.I.

The Resident in Travancore.

His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE.

Attendants of His Highness.

The Guard of Honour will present arms as His Highness passes. All Members of the Order will rise and remain standing until the proclamation herein-after mentioned is made.

His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE, with Raja Sir T. MADHAVA RAO, K.C.S.I., and the Hon'ble MR. MASTER, C.S.I., will advance to within a few paces from the Dais, where he will make his reverence, and the Under Secretary will place the Insignia on the table.

The Chief Secretary, having received from His Excellency and read the SOVEREIGN'S Grant in favor of His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE, will

conduct His Highness to the table, and the Hon'ble MR. MASTER, receiving the Riband and Badge from the Chief Secretary, will decorate His Highness therewith; after which Raja Sir T. MADHAVA RAO, receiving the Star of the Order from the Chief Secretary, will attach it in its proper place.

Raja Sir T. MADHAVA RAO, and the Hon'ble MR. MASTER, will next robe His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE with the mantle of the Order.

This done, His Highness the MAHARAJA will be conducted by the Chief Secretary to the front of the Dais, and will make his reverence to His Excellency.

Meanwhile Raja Sir T. MADHAVA RAO and the Hon'ble MR. MASTER will withdraw to their places and remain standing.

The Under Secretary will take from the table the Collar of the Knight Grand Commander, and will, with due reverence, deliver it to His Excellency.

His Excellency, remaining seated, will then invest His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE with the Collar, and will address to him the following admonition :—

"In the name of the Queen and Empress of India, and by Her Majesty's Command, I hereby invest you with the Honorable Insignia of the Order of the Star of India, of which Most Exalted Order Her Majesty has been most graciously pleased to appoint you to be a Knight Grand Commander."

A salute of 19 guns will then be fired.

When the admonition has been given, the newly-invested Knight Grand Commander will make his reverence to His Excellency, and will be conducted by the Chief Secretary to the seat appointed for him, in front of which he will remain standing. The Guard of Honour will present arms, and the Chief Secretary will proclaim the full titles of His Highness the MAHARAJA, that is to say :—

"His Highness SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANJI SIR BALARAMA VARMA KULASHEKHARA KIRITAPATI MANI SULTAN MAHARAJA RAJ RAMA RAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHIR JANG OF TRAVANCORE, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India."

The proclamation being ended, all will resume their seats.

The Chief Secretary will then represent that there is no further business.

A procession of the Members of the Order will thereupon be formed, and will leave the room where the Investiture was held and return to the Assembling Room in the reverse order to that in which it entered, a Grand March being performed and the Guard of Honour presenting arms.

Full dress will be worn by all Officers on this occasion, and evening dress by Gentlemen who are not entitled to wear uniform.

(By Command of His Excellency the Governor.)

J. F. PRICE,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

CEREMONIAL

TO BE OBSERVED AT

THE INVESTITURE

OF

THE MOST EMINENT ORDER OF THE INDIAN EMPIRE

TO BE HELD AT

THE BANQUETING HALL, MADRAS, ON TUESDAY, THE 4TH DECEMBER 1888.

Object of the Investiture.

ON Tuesday, the 4th December 1888, immediately after the Investiture of the Order of the Star of India, His Excellency the Right Hon'ble Sir ROBERT BOURKE, BARON CONNEMARA, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire will, as thereunto authorized by the GRAND MASTER of the said Most Eminent Order, invest the Hon'ble the RAJA OF VENKATAGIRI, with the Insignia of the Second Class, and will decorate Colonel THOMAS WELDON, Madras Staff Corps, with the Badge of the Third Class of the Order, in accordance with HER MAJESTY'S Commands.

Persons who will attend the Ceremony.

All Members of the Order present in Madras will be required to attend.

Arrangement of Seats.

On the termination of the Investiture of the Order of the Star of India, the Members of the Order of the Indian Empire will take their seats on either side of the Dais, right and left, in order of seniority.

Seats will be provided for the Hon'ble the RAJA OF VENKATAGIRI and Colonel WELDON in a convenient position, and vacant places will be kept for them in the appropriate class of the Order.

Preliminary Ceremonies.

After robing, His Excellency the BARON CONNEMARA, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, preceded by the Under Secretary and the Chief Secretary to Government and His Excellency's Staff and followed by His Excellency's Pages and Attendants, will re-enter the room and take his seat on the Dais.

A salute of 17 guns will be fired as His Excellency enters the room, and the Band will play the National Anthem.

The Members of the Order will rise from their seats, make their reverence to His Excellency as he passes, and remain standing.

The Chief Secretary will report that the business is the Investiture of the Hon'ble RAJA VELUGOTI SRI RAJA GOPALA KRISHNA YACHENDRA BAHADUR OF

Ceremonial of Investiture.

VENKATAGIRI as a Knight Commander, and the decoration of THOMAS WELDON, Esquire, Colonel in the Army, Lieutenant-Colonel in the Madras Staff Corps, as a Companion of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire under the SOVEREIGN'S GRANTS.

Investiture.

The Under Secretary to Government and two Companions, in place of two Junior Knights, will conduct the RAJA OF VENKATAGIRI to the Dais, where the RAJA will make his reverence, after which he will be conducted to the table on the left of the Dais.

The Under Secretary to Government and the two Companions receiving from the Chief Secretary the Star of the Order, will decorate the RAJA therewith.

The RAJA will then be conducted by the Chief Secretary to the front of the Dais, and will make his reverence to His Excellency.

Meanwhile the Under Secretary to Government and the two Companions will withdraw to their places and remain standing.

The Under Secretary will next take from the table the Riband and Badge of the Order and deliver them to His Excellency.

His Excellency, remaining seated, will invest the RAJA with the Riband and Badge, and will address to him the following admonition:—

"In the name of the Queen and Empress of India and by Her Majesty's Command, I hereby invest you with the Honorable Insignia of the Order of the Indian Empire, of which Most Eminent Order Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to appoint you to be a Knight Commander."

The newly-invested Knight Commander will then make his reverence to His Excellency, and will be led by the Chief Secretary to the seat appointed for him.

Those standing will resume their seats.

Decoration of the Companion.

The Chief Secretary will next present to His Excellency the Badge of the Third Class of the Order for Colonel THOMAS WELDON.

The Under Secretary will then conduct Colonel WELDON to the front of the Dais, where he will make his reverence.

His Excellency will hand the Badge to the Chief Secretary, who will decorate Colonel WELDON with it.

Thereafter Colonel WELDON will make his reverence to His Excellency, and will be conducted by the Under Secretary to the seat appointed for him.

The Chief Secretary will then represent that there is no further business.

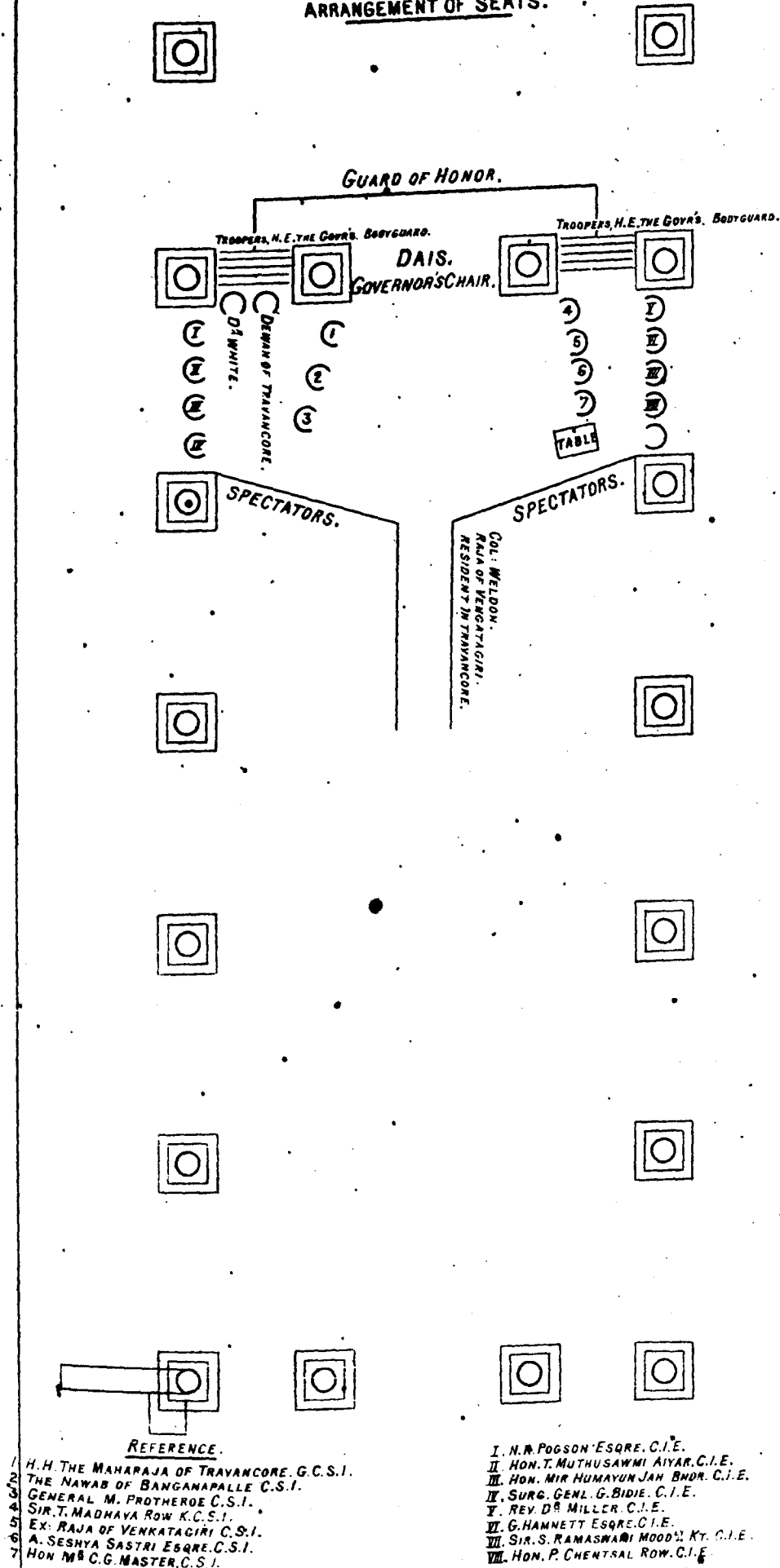
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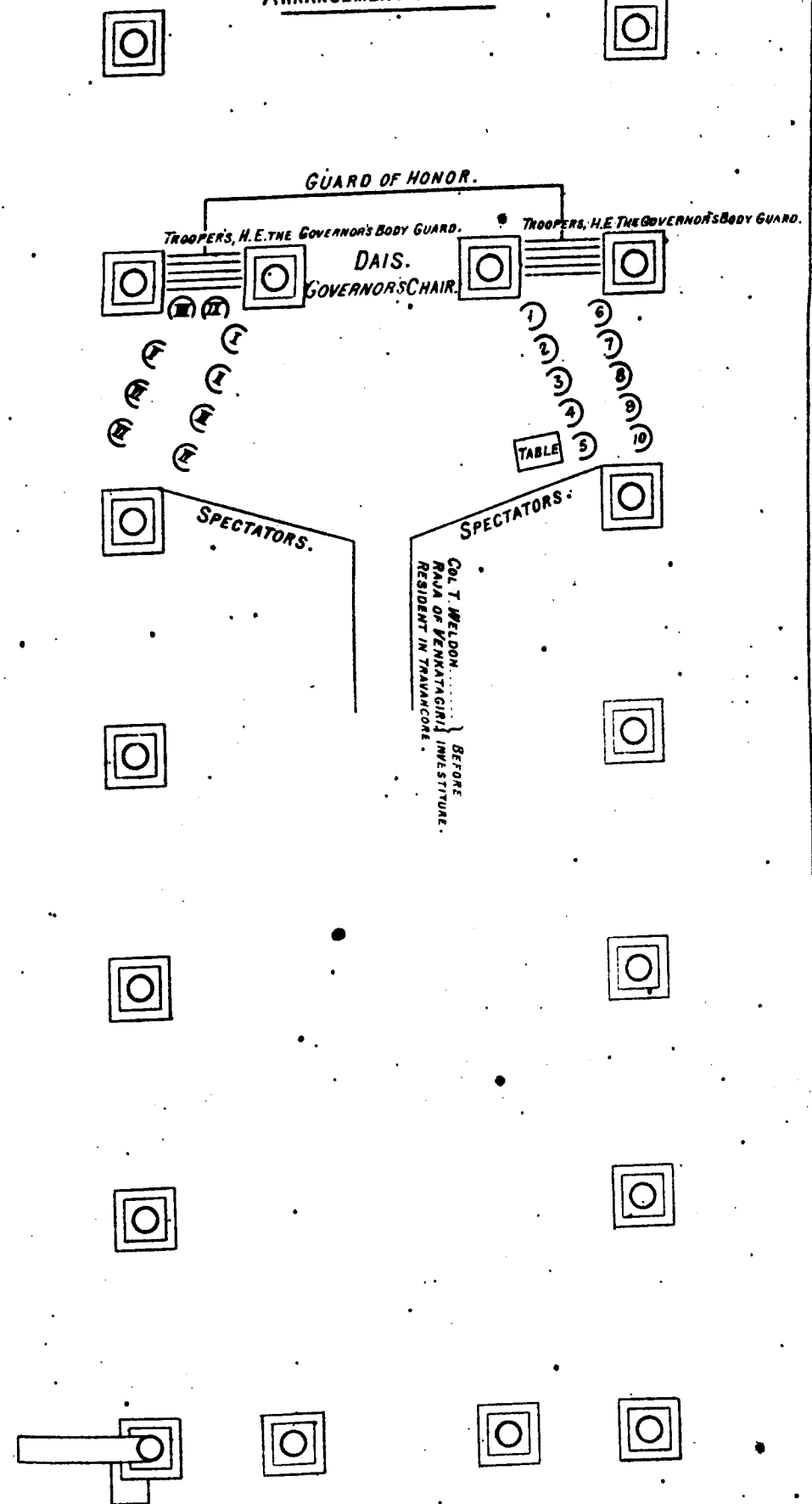
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Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

STAR OF INDIA INVESTITURE.**ARRANGEMENT OF SEATS.**

INDIAN EMPIRE INVESTITURE.

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Investiture of the Star of India.

ORDER OF THE PROCESSION ENTERING THE HALL.

The Under Secretary to Government, Political Department.
The Chief Secretary to Government.

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His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE, G.C.S.I.

Attendant on His Highness the MAHARAJA
OF TRAVANCORE.

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Brigadier-General M. PROTHEROE, C.S.I.

[DEMI-OFFICIALS.]

Dated the 6th December 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,

To—J. C. HANNINGTON, Esq.

I send herewith, for delivery to His Highness the Maharajah, a copy of the Statutes of the Order of the Star of India. Please acknowledge its receipt.

[Note.—Her Majesty's Grant was given by the Chief Secretary to the Dewan of Travancore after the Investiture Ceremony was over.]

Dated the 6th December 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,

To—the Rajah of Venkatagiri.

I send herewith the Grant of Her Majesty the Queen, Empress of India, conferring upon you the dignity of a Knight Commander of the Order of the Indian Empire, and a copy of the Statutes of the Order. Please acknowledge their receipt.

Dated the 6th December 1888.

From—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE,

To—Colonel T. WELDON.

I send herewith the Grant of Her Majesty the Queen, Empress of India, conferring upon you the dignity of a Companion of the Order of the Indian Empire and a copy of the Statutes of the Order. Please acknowledge their receipt.

Dated the 6th December 1888.

From—J. C. HANNINGTON, Esq.,

To—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE.

I return, duly signed and witnessed, the covenant regarding the Insignia of G.C.S.I. which accompanied your demi-official of the 3rd instant.

Dated Mothi Mahal, Mount Road, the 7th December 1888.

From—the Rajah of Venkatagiri,

To—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE.

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your kind letter of the 6th instant, with its enclosures, the Grant of Her Majesty the Queen, Empress of India, conferring upon me the dignity of a Knight Commander of the Order of the Indian Empire, and a copy of the Statutes of the Order.

Letter, dated Madras, the 7th December 1888, No. S. 83.

From—Colonel T. WELDON, C.I.E., Commissioner of Police,

To—the Hon. Mr. J. F. PRICE, Chief Secretary to Government.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Her Majesty's Grant conferring on me the dignity of a Companion of the Order of the Indian Empire, also of a copy of the Statutes of the Order, both forwarded with your demi-official letter, dated 6th instant.

Dated Government House, Madras, the 8th December 1888.

From—the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor,

To—the Chief Secretary to Government.

His Excellency desires me to write to you and express his satisfaction with the arrangements made at the recent Investiture of the Star of India and the Indian Empire. Everything in His Excellency's opinion was well managed and reflects great credit upon those responsible. His Excellency will be much obliged if you will communicate his appreciation to Mr. Stuart and to any others who may have been specially instrumental in assisting you to bring about such satisfactory results.

The Most Exalted Order of the Star of India.

NOTIFICATION.

Fort St. George, December 11, 1888.

AN Investiture of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India was held at Madras on Tuesday, the 4th December 1888, in the Banqueting Hall, Government House, for the purpose of investing, in obedience to the Command of HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, EMPRESS OF INDIA, and SOVEREIGN of the aforesaid Order, His Highness SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANJI BALARAMA VARMA KULASHEKHARA KIRITAPATI MANI SULTAN MAHARAJA RAJ RAMA RAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHIR JANG OF TRAVANCORE, with the Insignia of the First Class of the Order.

The following Members of the Order, who were summoned, attended the Investiture:—

Raja Sir Tanjore Madhava Rao, K.C.S.I.
Raja Velugoti Kumara Yachama Nayudu Bahadur of Venkatagiri, C.S.I.
Saiyid Fath 'Ali Khan Bahadur, C.S.I., Nawab of Banganapalle.
M.R.Ey. Amaravati Seshaya Sastri Avergal, C.S.I.
Brigadier-General Montagu Protheroe, C.B., C.S.I.
The Honorable Mr. Charles Gilbert Master, C.S.I.

The seats of Members of the Order were placed on either side of the Dais, right and left, in alternate order according to seniority.

Preliminary Ceremonies.

The Members of the Order met in the Assembly Room. A procession was formed of His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir ROBERT BOURKE, BARON CONNEMARA, G.C.I.E., P.C., Governor of Madras, and the Members of the Order according to ancient custom, the Junior preceding the Senior Members. As the procession entered the Banqueting Hall, a salute of 17 guns was fired. All present rose and remained standing until His Excellency took his seat.

The following was the order of the procession:—

The Under Secretary to Government, Political Department.

The Chief Secretary to Government.

Companions of the Order.

Knight Commander.

Aide-de-Camp to the Governor.

Aide-de-Camp to the Governor.

Military Secretary to the Governor.

Aide-de-Camp to the Governor.

Private Secretary to the Governor.

His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir ROBERT BOURKE, BARON CONNEMARA, G.C.I.E., P.C.

Pages and Attendants of His Excellency.

On reaching their seats the Members of the Order filed off, right and left, and made their reverence to His Excellency as he passed. The Band played the National Anthem.

The Chief Secretary then reported that by authority of a Special Warrant from HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN granted to His Excellency, the business was the Investiture, under the SOVEREIGN'S Grant, of His Highness SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANJI BALARAMA VARMA KULASHEKHARA KIRITAPATI MANI SULTAN MAHARAJA RAJ RAMA RAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHIR JANG OF TRAVANCORE as a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India.

Investiture.

The Chief Secretary then delivered to His Excellency the SOVEREIGN'S Grant of the dignity of a Knight Grand Commander.

The Chief Secretary, the Under Secretary, Sir T. MADHAVA RAO, K.C.S.I., and the Honorable Mr. MASTER, C.S.I. (in place of a Second Knight Commander), then withdrew in order to conduct His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE into His Excellency's presence.

A procession was formed in the Assembling Room of—

The Under Secretary in the Political Department, bearing the Insignia of the Order.

The Chief Secretary to Government.

Raja Sir T. MADHAVA RAO, K.C.S.I. | The Honorable Mr. MASTER, C.S.I.

The Resident in Travancore.

His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE.

Attendants of His Highness.

The Guard of Honor presented arms as His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE passed. All Members of the Order rose and remained standing until the proclamation herein-after mentioned was made.

His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE, with Raja Sir T. MADHAVA RAO, K.C.S.I., and the Honorable Mr. MASTER, C.S.I., advanced to within a few paces from the Dais, and the Under Secretary placed the Insignia on the table.

The Chief Secretary, having received from His Excellency and read the SOVEREIGN'S Grant in favor of His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE, conducted His Highness to the table, and the Honorable Mr. MASTER, receiving the Riband and Badge from the Chief Secretary, decorated His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE therewith; after which Raja Sir T. MADHAVA RAO, receiving the Star of the Order from the Chief Secretary, attached it in its proper place.

Raja Sir T. MADHAVA RAO and the Honorable Mr. MASTER next robed His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE with the mantle of the Order.

This done, His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE was conducted by the Chief Secretary to the front of the Dais, and made his reverence to His Excellency.

Meanwhile Raja Sir T. MADHAVA RAO and the Honorable Mr. MASTER withdrew to their places and remained standing.

The Under Secretary took from the table the collar of the Knight Grand Commander, and, with due reverence, delivered it to His Excellency.

His Excellency, remaining seated, then invested His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE with the collar, and addressed to him the following admonition:—

"In the name of the Queen and Empress of India, and by Her Majesty's Command, I hereby invest you with the Honorable Insignia of the Order of the Star of India, of which Most Exalted Order Her Majesty has been most graciously pleased to appoint you to be a Knight Grand Commander."

A salute of 19 guns was then fired.

When the admonition had been given, the newly-invested Knight Grand Commander made his reverence to His Excellency, and was conducted by the Chief Secretary to the seat appointed for him, in front of which he remained standing. The Guard of Honor presented arms, and the Chief Secretary proclaimed the full titles of His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE, that is to say—

"His Highness SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANJI SIR BALARAMA VARMA KULASHEKHARA KIRITAPATI MANI SULTAN MAHARAJA RAJ RAMA RAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHIR JANG OF TRAVANCORE, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India."

The proclamation being ended, all resumed their seats.

The Chief Secretary then represented that there was no further business.

A procession of the Members of the Order was thereupon formed, and left the room where the Investiture was held and returned to the Assembling Room in the reverse order to that in which it entered, a Grand March being performed and the Guard of Honor presenting arms.

Full dress was worn by all Officers on this occasion, and evening dress by Gentlemen who were not entitled to wear uniform.

(By Command of His Excellency the Governor.)

J. F. PRICE,

Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Madras.

The Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire..

NOTIFICATION.

Fort St. George, December 11, 1888.

AN Investiture of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire was held at Madras on Tuesday, the 4th December 1888, in the Banqueting Hall, Government House, by the Right Honorable the BARON CONNEMARA, Knight Grand Commander of the said Most Eminent Order, immediately after the Investiture of the Order of the Star of India, for the purpose of investing, as thereunto authorized by the GRAND MASTER of the said Most Eminent Order, the Honorable the RAJA OF VENKATAGIRI, with the Insignia of the Second Class, and of decorating Colonel THOMAS WELDON, Madras Staff Corps, with the Badge of the Third Class of the Order, in accordance with HER MAJESTY'S Commands.

The following Members of the Order, who were summoned, attended the Investiture:—

Norman Robert Pogson, Esq., C.I.E., F.R.A.S.
The Honorable Mr. Justice Tiruvarur Muthuswami Aiyar, C.I.E.
The Honorable Mir Humayun Jah Bahadur, C.I.E.
Surgeon-General George Bidie, C.I.E., M.B.
The Rev. William Miller, C.I.E., LL.D.
George Hamnett, Esq., C.I.E.
Sir Savalai Ramaswami Mudaliar, KNT., C.I.E.
The Honorable Palle Chentsal Rao, C.I.E.

On the termination of the Investiture of the Order of the Star of India, the Members of the Order of the Indian Empire took their seats near the Dais in order of seniority.

Preliminary Ceremonies.

After robing, His Excellency the BARON CONNEMARA, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, preceded by the Under Secretary and the Chief Secretary to Government and His Excellency's Staff and followed by His Excellency's Pages and Attendants, re-entered the room and took his seat on the Dais.

A salute of 17 guns was fired as His Excellency entered the room, and the Band played the National Anthem.

The Members of the Order rose from their seats, made their reverence to His Excellency as he passed, and remained standing.

The Chief Secretary reported that the business was the Investiture of the Honorable RAJA VELUGOTI SRI RAJA GOPALA KRISHNA YACHENDRA BAHADUR PANCH HAZAR MANSABDAR OF VENKATAGIRI as a Knight Commander, and the decoration of THOMAS WELDON, Esquire, Colonel in the Army, Lieutenant-Colonel in the Madras Staff Corps, as a Companion of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire under the SOVEREIGN'S Grants.

Investiture.

The Under Secretary to Government and two Companions, in place of two Junior Knights, conducted the Honorable the RAJA OF VENKATAGIRI to the Dais, where the RAJA made his reverence, after which he was conducted to the table on the left of the Dais.

The Under Secretary to Government and the two Companions receiving from the Chief Secretary the Star of the Order, decorated the RAJA therewith.

The Honorable the RAJA of VENKATAGIRI was then conducted by the Chief Secretary to the front of the Dais, and made his reverence to His Excellency.

Meanwhile the two Companions withdrew to their places and remained standing.

The Under Secretary next took from the table the Riband and Badge of the Order and delivered them to His Excellency.

His Excellency, remaining seated, invested the Honorable the RAJA of VENKATAGIRI with the Riband and Badge, and addressed to him the following admonition:—

"In the name of the Queen and Empress of India and by Her Majesty's Command, I hereby invest you with the Honorable Insignia of the Order of the Indian Empire, of which Most Eminent Order Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to appoint you to be a Knight Commander."

The newly-invested Knight Commander then made his reverence to His Excellency and was led by the Chief Secretary to the seat appointed for him.

Those standing resumed their seats.

Decoration of the Companion.

The Chief Secretary next presented to His Excellency the Badge of the Third Class of the Order for Colonel THOMAS WELDON.

The Under Secretary then conducted Colonel WELDON to the front of the Dais, where he made his reverence.

His Excellency handed the Badge to the Chief Secretary, who decorated Colonel WELDON with it.

Thereafter Colonel WELDON made his reverence to His Excellency, and was conducted by the Under Secretary to the seat appointed for him.

The Chief Secretary then represented that there was no further business.

His Excellency and Staff left the room in the order in which they entered, the Band playing a March.

Full dress was worn by all Officers on this occasion, and evening dress by Gentlemen who were not entitled to wear uniform.

(By Command of His Excellency the Governor.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Madras.

Letter, dated 19th December 1888, No. 822.

From—the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras,

To—the Secretary to the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Calcutta.

With reference to your letter, dated 13th September 1888, No. 35 S.I., I am directed to forward five copies of the programme of the Investiture of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India held by His Excellency the Governor at Government House, Madras, on the 4th December 1888, and five copies of the notification regarding the ceremony which was subsequently published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. The covenant for the restoration of the Insignia, signed by His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore, is returned as requested.

3. I am to request that three copies of the statutes of the order may be furnished for record in this office.

Letter, dated 19th December 1888, No. 823.

From—the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras,

To—the Secretary to the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire.

With reference to your letter, dated 15th October 1888, No. 60 I.E., I am directed to forward five copies of the programme of the Investiture of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire held by His Excellency the Governor at Government House, Madras, on the 4th December 1888, and five copies of the notification regarding the ceremony which was subsequently published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

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Receipts and Expenditure on account of the Investiture Ceremonies.

RECEIPTS.

	RS.	A.	P.
Received from the Accountant-General ...	4,000	0	0
By sale of standing gallery in the Banqueting Hall ...	69	1	0
By sale of red cloth purchased for the ceremony ...	129	1	0
Total ...	4,198	2	0

EXPENDITURE.

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Class I (b) Contingent charges—						
Honorarium to clerk in Private Secretary's office ...	30	0	0			
Oakes and Co. for ribbons and pins ...	4	3	10			
Times office for printing ...	2	8	0			
Vest and Co. for cards ...	2	12	0			
Lawrence Asylum Press for violet ink ...	5	8	0			
Stamp for receipt sent to Mr. S. W. Ottman for Rs. 69-1-0...	0	1	0			
				45	0	10
Class I (a) Expended by Major J. J. Scott Chisholme, Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor ...	845	0	4			
Moses and Co. for cushions and covering of dais, &c. ...	241	14	0			
Paid Public Works Department for erection of standing gallery..	258	0	0			
Paid Public Works Department for erection of small dais ...	45	12	6			
				1,390	10	10
Total ...				1,435	11	8
Refunded to the Madras Bank ...				2,762	6	4
				4,198	2	0

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ—file of correspondence regarding the Investiture of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India and of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire held at Government House, Madras, on the 4th December 1888.

ORDER—thereon 9th February 1889, No. 67, Political (Mis.).

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

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