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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from G. B. H. FELL, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,
Home Department (Public).
To—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.
Dated—Simla, the 8th August 1907.
No.—2071.

I am directed to say that the question of celebrating "Empire Day" in Indian schools has again been under the consideration of the Government of India, and to convey the following observations on the subject.

2. In 1904 the Secretary of State inquired whether it was practicable to give effect to Lord Meath's "Empire Day" scheme in India. The idea underlying the project appeared to the Government of India to be too much at variance with Indian ways of thought, and they deprecated, on various grounds, any attempt to introduce the celebration into this country. It has come to the notice of the Government of India that certain officers of the Education Department have been in direct communication with Lord Meath and have on their own responsibility issued instructions for the observance of "Empire Day" in the schools under their control. This action has evoked some undesirable criticisms which show that the apprehensions of the Government of India were not altogether unjustified. They think that it is inexpedient, at all events for the present, to introduce this celebration into India. They recognise that the observance of "Empire Day" may be an excellent idea when it falls in with the general wishes of the population, and they have no intention of discouraging any spontaneous expression of loyalty on the occasion. But they desire that Government officials should not take the initiative in connection with the "Empire Day" movement.

3. The Government of India understand, however, that there is at present no recognised holiday for schools on the King-Emperor's Birthday, as the day fixed for the official celebration thereof generally falls in the school vacations. They are inclined to think that there ought to be such a holiday for all schools, both European and Indian, throughout India; and they anticipate that the celebrations connected with it, if sensibly conducted, might have a good effect on the rising generation. I am accordingly to suggest for the consideration of the Governor in Council that all schools and colleges should be granted a holiday on the 9th November, which is the actual birthday of His Majesty the King, Emperor of India, and that steps should be taken to encourage, by the manner in which the holiday is kept, a feeling of personal loyalty to the Sovereign. The Government of India think, however, that the title of "Empire Day" should be avoided in any orders which may be issued regarding this holiday and that the reason for granting it should be based entirely on the birthday of His Majesty.

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(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction (order only).

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 707, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
18TH OCTOBER 1907.

[SUBJECT.—Grant of a holiday for schools and colleges on the birthday of His Majesty (9th November).]

Previous papers.

G.O., No. 924, Public,	dated 16th September 1902.
" " 711 Judicial	" 16th May 1903.
" " 111 "	" 19th January 1904.
" " 1015 "	" 15th June 1906.
" " 495 "	" 16th March 1907.
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" " 648 "	" 10th August "

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

From the Government of India, Home Department, dated 8th August 1907, No. 2071.

To the Educational Department.

K.K.—15-8-07.

C. S. SIMPSON—15-8-07.

A. GALLETI—16-8-07.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Please put up any correspondence on the subject, and note existing holidays in schools.

H. D. TAYLOR—18-8-07.

No correspondence on the subject can be traced in Educational except G.O., No. 175, Educational, dated 23rd March 1907, in which will be found some leaflets on the subject of the "Empire Day" movement from the Earl of Meath.

2. In May 1906, the Madras Chamber of Commerce suggested that the 24th of May should be recognised as "Empire Day" and that it should be notified as a public holiday. The Chamber also suggested that His Majesty the King-Emperor's birthday, which is now celebrated in June, should be celebrated on the actual date of His Majesty's birth, namely, 9th November.

3. The Government of India, to whom these suggestions were forwarded, declined to adopt either of the proposals—*vide* India's letter No. 616, dated 5th March 1907, on page 1 of G.O., No. 495, Judicial, dated 16th March 1907.

4. The existing holidays in schools are given in rule 88 (i) of the Educational rules. A holiday is allowed for King-Emperor's birthday, but there is no information as to when this holiday is granted in the several schools. In the case of the Government Colleges, a holiday is given on the 9th November in the * Presidency College, Madras, and the † Teachers' College, Saidapet, but no holiday appears to be given on this account in the Law College, College of Engineering and the Medical College. There is no information in regard to other colleges.

* Page 11 of the College calendar.

† Page 15 of the Teachers' College calendar.

5. It is submitted that the Director of Public Instruction may be asked u.o. to state on what date the holiday on account of the King-Emperor's birthday is given to schools and colleges.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—20-8-07.

C. A. SOUTER—20-8-07.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION'S OFFICE.

In the majority of cases the holiday has been given on the day notified in the gazette (28th June this year).

In institutions which are closed for the summer vacation at that time the holiday is taken on the 9th November.

A. G. BOURNE—19-9-07.

Submitted to the Secretary.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—22-9-07.

C. A. SOUTER—23-9-07.

The 9th November may be prescribed as a holiday in all Educational institutions (Government or aided).

H. D. TAYLOR—24-9-07.

Has Public Department any remarks to offer?

G. S. F[ORBES]—25-9-07.

To the Public Department.

H. D. TAYLOR—26-9-07.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

The Educational Department proposes to prescribe the 9th November as the date on which a holiday is to be granted to all Educational institutions for the celebration of the King-Emperor's birthday.

2. The latest order received from the Government of India on the subject of the celebration of the King's birthday is contained in Home Department letter No. 1967, dated 31st July 1907, printed in G.O., No. 648, Public, dated 10th August 1907, and extracted below :—

"I am directed to say that in future years the King's birthday will be celebrated in India on the same date in June as may be announced for its observance in England. The date fixed for the celebration will be communicated in due course to the local Government each year. I am to request that in notifying in future the public holidays to be kept during the ensuing year no date for the observance of His Majesty's birthday may be specified, but that a footnote may be added to the effect that the day which may be fixed for its celebration will be notified separately in due course."

From this, it appears that the general holiday for the celebration of the King's birthday is to be given on some date in June, to be announced each year.

K.K.—30-9-07.

3. In Home Department letter No. 1797, dated 12th June 1902, the Government of India directed "that in future years a State holiday should be notified under the Negotiable Instruments Act on May

"30th or such other date as may be appointed for the celebration of the King's birthday in India, and that no holiday should be declared on May 24th or November 9th in future."

The orders above quoted however refer only to public and mercantile offices, and no objection need be raised to the grant of a holiday to all schools in India on November 9th.

C. S. SIMPSON—1-10-07.

A. GALLETTI—1-10-07.

There seems to be no objection in Public.

H. BRADLEY—2-10-07.

Is it the intention to give a holiday both in June and in November?

G. S. F[ORBES]—3-10-07.

To the Educational Department.

H. BRADLEY—5-10-07.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The intention is, it is submitted, to give a single holiday on 9th November in all cases. Please see first three lines of paragraph 3 of India's letter, which contemplates a single holiday.

H. D. TAYLOR—9-10-07.

Very well.

G. S. F[ORBES]—10-10-07.

Draft please.

H. D. TAYLOR—10-10-07.

A draft is submitted for approval.

T.K.—11-10-07.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—11-10-07.

A great deal!

G. S. F[ORBES].

Paragraph 1 may not perhaps be thought necessary, though it can do no harm.

C. A. SOUTER—14-10-07.

Paragraph 1 is unnecessary and may be omitted.

For approval.

H. D. TAYLOR—15-10-07.

Paragraph 1 cannot possibly be approved in a Government Order. It is what the Government of India say to us. Nor most of paragraph 2. Please always be careful to distinguish intimations of their views, which the Government of India may make to us, from instructions which we issue to the public. Ordinarily the former are for our information. To issue paragraphs 1 and 2 would be to tempt the sedition monger and to have offered him an opportunity for flooding the newspapers with controversy. The office should, I think, have perceived this. Issue as altered.

G. S. F[ORBES]—17-10-07.

Issue.

H. D. TAYLOR—18-10-07.

[G.O., No. 707, Educational, dated 18th October 1907.]

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FROM

G. B. H. FELL, Esq.,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Chief Secretary to the Government
of Madras.

Home Department.
Public.

Simla, the 8th August 1907.

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I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

G. B. H. Fell

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

NOTES.

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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

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From the G. I. D., Home Dept. 2071: 8.8.07.



Grant of a holiday for schools & colleges
on the birthday of His Majesty (G.I.D.)

(Pub. No. 2934-1
16-8-07)

To the Educational Dept.



K. M. 15/8/07
C. S. Simpson 16/8/07

Educational Dept.

Please put up any correspondence on the subject -
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5. It is submitted that the D.P.I. may be asked up to state whether on what date the holiday on account of King Emperor's Birthday is given to schools & colleges.

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In the D.P.I. (No.)

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Cd Simpson 14.10.07
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To Educator Dept

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Edl. Box. No. 23.

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C. No.1999, from the Public Department, No.2934--1, dated 16-8-1907.

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for the official celebration
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To the D.P.I.

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