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G.O., No. 670—71

DATED 24-11-1910.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Conference of Curators of Museums.

Informing the Govt of India that the Travancore State was not asked to take part in the —— which was held in 1907 and that there was no special reason for the omission excepting that in the letter from the Govt of India of the 27th April 1907 the Govt of Madras were asked to report only the names of their own delegates.

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S 20. OCT. 1910 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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CURRENT NO. 1713 POLITICAL

Rec'd 21.10.10

From

The Under Secretary to the Government of India

in the Foreign Department,

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Political Department.

Dated Simla, the 15th October 1910.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the letter from the Government of India in the Department of Commerce and Industry, to the address of the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department, No.6950-6956-36, dated the 3rd October 1910 relative to the Conference of Curators of Museums in India.

2. I am to invite attention to paragraph 5 of the letter from the Secretary, Standing Committee, Museums Conference, Calcutta, dated the 8th September 1910, which formed an enclosure to the letter under reference, and to enquire whether the Travancore State was asked to take part in the Conference which was held in 1907 and if not, whether there was any special reason for the omission.

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

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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Educational Department. 4

C.No.206o, from the Government of India, Foreign Deptt. No.2147, dated 15-

Subject.

Conference of Curators of Museums.

The Government of India enquire whether the Travancore State had been asked to take part in the Conference of Curators of Museums held in 1907 and if not, whether there was any spceial reason for the omission.

2. The desire of the Government (of India) to institute for the first time a conference of Curators of Museums was communicated to this Government in Mr. Robertson's letter No.3651-3657-15 dated 27th April 1907 on page 2 of G.O. Nos.361, Educational, dated 11th June 1907. The Government of India therein stated, "they consider that, for the "present, a preferable course would be to invite "local Governments and Native States interested "in the development of provincial museums to send "representatives ---- to an experimental conference "to be held in Calcutta during the cold weather "of 1907-1908". They added, "on receipt of replies "from all Local Governments and States who may

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desire to send delegates, the Trustees of the "Indian Museum, Calcutta, will be placed in direct "communication with the nominated delegates &c".

3. From the portion of India's letter reproduced above it will be seen that it did not convey any request to this Government to consult the Native State of Travancore. On the other hand, the tenor of the letter showed that the Government of India were themselves inviting "Local Governments and Native States" to send their representatives to the Conference. In these circumstances, this Government did not feel called upon to ask the Travancore Durbar to take part in the Conference of 1907.

Please see note below
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4. It is for consideration whether the Government of India may be informed accordingly or whether before replying to India, the Travancore Durbar may be consulted as to whether they will send their representatives to attend the Conference which the Standing Committee proposes to hold in Calcutta in the Cold weather of 1911-12. In the latter case India's letter may perhaps be forwarded

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u.o. to the Political Department to whom it is addressed.

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11.6.07

Mr. Robertson's letter of the 27th April 1907, which issued from the Department of Commerce and Industry of the Govt. of India was addressed to the Educational Depart of this Govt and it contained two specific requests, namely, (1) that the numbers and names of the delegates whom the Govt. of India Madras proposed to depute to the Conference might be communicated to the Govt of India and (2) that suggestions might be made in regard to additional Subjects to be discussed at the Conference. The Govt. of Madras were not asked in the letter to consult the Native States in the Presidency. A copy of this letter together with copy of the correspondence was however forwarded by the Depart of Commerce and Industry to the Foreign Depart of the Govt. of India, with the request that the latter Depart might furnish the information called for in para. 2 of Mr. Robertson's letter in the case of Native States who might be willing to send delegates to the proposed conference. The Endorsement above referred to should in the

vide para-2 of above letter

Vide Endt. Nos 3658-3659 IS dated 27-4-07, on f. 5 of So. No. 361 Estl dy 11.6.07. XII

the ordinary course have been forwarded by the Foreign Deptt of the Govt of India to the Political Deptt, Madras. for action. It is not known whether any and if so what action was taken by the Foreign Deptt of the Govt of India on the above endorsement, and the Political Deptt may, it is submitted, be asked to state whether it was received there and what action was taken upon it.

So far as the Ext. Deptt was concerned, the letter from India was not understood as requiring a reference to the Native States, from this Deptt and no action was accordingly taken in that direction.

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I am inclined to think that the invitation to the Travancore State to take part in the last Conference should have been issued by this Govt., but Political Dept. will say whether this view is correct. If so, the simplest course will be to inform the Govt of India that the Travancore State was not asked to take part in the 1907 Conference, that the omission was due to

an receipt that the Durbar will be invited to send a delegate to the next Conference as soon as the date of the meeting is settled.

Political Dept. may see for favour of remarks at this stage.

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT
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MADRAS GOVT

CURRENT NO.
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POLITICAL
8—11—10

Political Department

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A copy of Commerce and Industry letter No. 3651-3657-15, dated the 27th April 1907, with its enclosures, was forwarded by the Commerce and Industry Department to the Foreign Department, but no communication was received in Political asking this Government to invite the Travancore Darbar to take part in the Conference of Curator

Encl. on page 5 of above G.O.

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If the Govt wanted any action to be taken as regards Native States in this Presy, the Foreign Dept. should have communicated to the Pol Dept of this Govt Mr Robertson's letter of the 27th April 1907. and action would then have been taken here in Educational or Political as regards the issue of instructions to Pol officers to ascertain whether any Native State desired to send representatives to the Conference. As there was no specific request in that letter that Native States in this Presidency should be consulted and as no instructions were received from the Foreign Dept that any partiular State should be invited to take part in the Conference, it seems doubtful whether it is necessary to acknowledge that there was an oversight on the part of this Govt

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The oversight certainly seems to have been on the part of India.

XII Mr Robertson's letter of 27-4-07 did not explicitly say that local Govts were to consult Native States in political relations with them, nor

does this seem to have been implied. As a copy of that letter was communicated to the Foreign Dept., it might have been expected that that Dept. would have initiated any action that was required in respect of Native States. But the Foreign Dept. did not communicate with this Govt., and this Govt. accordingly, did not communicate with Native States.

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Educational Department

Submitted to D.S.

2. Orders are solicited as to what reply should be given to the Govt. of India.

PD
21.11.10

Draft please saying (1) that Travancore was not asked to take part in the 1907 Conference & (2) that there was no special reason for Travancore not sending a mission except that as in para 2 of the Resolution's letter of 27.4.07 the Govt. of Madras were only asked to depute a number & names of their own delegates

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The draft letter to India placed below is Submitted for approval.

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C. No. 2060, From the Govt of India, Foreign, No. 2147-G, dated 15—10—1910.
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ORDER.

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No. 670, dated 24. 11. 1910.

The Govt of India will be addressed.

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23.11.10.

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Letter - to, No 671 dy 24. 11. 10

The Secretary to the Govt of India;
Foreign Department.

Sir,

Mr. Jeffs

In reply to ~~Foreign Department~~ letter addressed by you
to the Chief Secretary to the Govt of
Madras, Political Department, (No. 2147-G.
dy 15-10-10) enquiring whether the Travancore
State ~~had been~~ was asked to take part in
the Conference of Curators of Museums
which was held in 1907 and if not whether

there

there was any special reason for the omission I am directed to state,

that the Travancore State was not asked to take part in the Conference of 1907; and

that there was no special reason for the omission except that in para. 2 of Mr. Robertson's letter of the 27th April 1907, No. 3651-3657-15, the Govt of Madras were only asked to report only the number and the names of their own delegates.

I have &c.

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23.11.10.

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