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[Despatch Abstract.]

Catalogue of Books Communicating
to the Registrar of Books letter from
the India office requesting that the —
intended for the British Museum may be
sent in future direct by post addressed
to the keeper of the dept. of Oriental printed
books and maps, British Museum

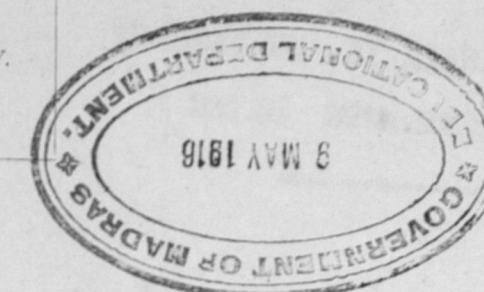
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The Under Secretary of State for India,
Record Department,
India Office,
London, S. W.
and the following reference quoted:—
R & R. 457.



INDIA OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON, S. W.
13th April 1916.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 11th February, 1916, No.141, I beg to enclose herewith copies of a Memorandum by the Librarian of this Office, and of a letter from the Keeper of the Department of Oriental Printed Books and MSS., British Museum, regarding the supply of books to those Institutions under the Indian Copyright Act.

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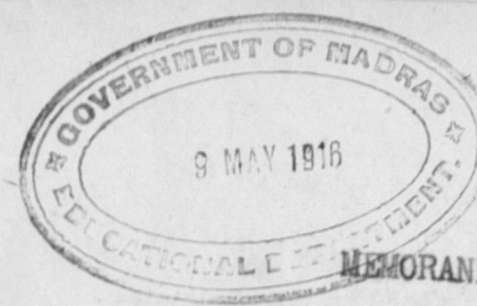
I would suggest that in future the Catalogues intended for the British Museum should be sent direct by post addressed to the Keeper of the Department of Oriental Printed Books and MSS. British Museum, by which means considerable delay would be obviated.

Yours faithfully,

William Foster

Registrar and
Superintendent of Records.

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department,
Madras.



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MEMORANDUM BY LIBRARIAN, INDIA OFFICE.
DATED 29th MARCH 1916.

So far as this Library is concerned, the statement that "the marked catalogues of books are received 'sometimes eight or nine months after the issue of the 'quarterly catalogues' is clearly erroneous. As will be seen from the annexed schedule (Column VIII) the maximum interval during the last five years between the date of issue and the date of despatch from here is 198 days.

*It takes nearly 20
more days to reach
Madras*

If we date not from the time of issue, but from the end of the particular quarter, the maximum interval is 254 days, about 8½ months, in which case the catalogue may have been received in Madras a day or two over a year from the commencement of the quarter. In this instance the catalogue was received in the Library 58 days after the date of issue and 114 days after the end of the quarter. In two other instances where the return of the catalogue approximated to the end of a twelvemonth the interval between issue and receipt in the Library was 185 and 122 days respectively, and from the end of the quarter 245 days and 183 days.

I have always borne in mind the necessity of returning the catalogues in time, and I should have pleasure in cooperating with the Madras officials to that end. In this view I make the following observations:-

(1) The interval between end of the quarter and date of issue is now normally two months, which in view of the size of the catalogues is not unreasonable.

(2) The interval between date of issue and date of receipt in the Library has latterly increased, and is normally at least 1½ months (not to mention the above-mentioned cases of 185 and 122 days). I suggest that

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the Madras officials be requested to despatch the copies as promptly as possible.

(3) The period of detention in the Library has varied considerably, from 1 day to (quite exceptionally) 140: the normal period is about two months. Any longer delay would be due to abnormal pressure of work.

The Madras catalogue fills ordinarily about 100 folio pages, Bombay slightly less, the U.P. about 60-70 pages, the Punjab about 50-60, Bengal from 150-200; and there are numerous smaller lists from other provinces and administrations Burma, C.P., Assam, Mysore, Rajputana, Bihar and Orissa, &c. &c. All these are received more or less about the same time, and they have to be gradually worked off, some being despatched by nearly every mail. Although a considerable amount of work is involved in making the selection from this huge bulk of catalogue matter in all the languages and combinations of languages current in India, I see no reason to apprehend in the future a failure to return the lists (if received here regularly and in good time) so as to reach the Madras administration within nine months from the end of the quarter. The average has been according to the Table about 6 months.

Madras Quarterly Catalogue.

I Quarter	II Date of Issue	III Date of receipt in Library.	IV. Date of Despatch from Library.	V Interval 1-2	VI. Interval 2-3	VII Interval 3-4	VIII Interval 2-4	IX Interval 1-4
1911 - 1(Mar:25)	June 30	Aug: 2	Aug: 18	96 days	33 days	16 days	49 days	145 days.
	2(June 24)	Aug: 22	Sept:20	59 "	39 "	30 "	69 "	128 "
	3(Sept:29)	Oct:31	Dec:15	58 "	35 "	10 "	45 "	103 "
	4(Dec:25)	Jan:30 1912	Mar: 4 1912	36 "	33 "	71 "	104 "	140 "
1912 - 1(Mar:25)	Apr:30	May 28	July 5	36 "	28 "	38 "	66 "	102 "
	2(June 24)	July 30	Oct: 31	36 "	93 "	1 "	94 "	130 "
	3(Sept:29)	Oct: 29	Nov:30	30 "	32 "	41 "	73 "	103 "
	4(Dec:25)	Jan:28,1913.	Feb:25,1913	34 "	28 "	67 "	95 "	129 "
1913 - 1(Mar:25)	Apr: 28	Aug:16	Sept:19	35 "	109 "	34 "	143 "	178 "
	2(June 24)	July 29	Aug:19	35 "	21 "	66 "	97 "	132 "
	3(Sept: 29)	Nov: 11	Dec: 10	43 "	29 "	72 "	101 "	144 "
	4(Dec:25)	Feb:17, 1915	Mar:18,, 1915	23 "	29 "	100 "	129 "	152 "
1914 - 1(Mar:25)	May 19	June 15	Sept: 11	55 "	27 "	88 "	105 "	160 "
	2(June 24)	Aug:25	Oct: 16	62 "	52 "	46 "	98 "	160 "

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1914 - 3(Sept:29)	Nov:24	Jan:21,1915	June 11,1915	56 days	58 days	140 days	198 days	254 days
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1915 - 1(Mar:25)	May 25	Sept:24	Nov:17	61 "	122 "	54 "	176 "	237 "
2(June 24)	Aug:31	Oct: 6	Jan:26, 1916	68 "	36 "	112 ^x "	148 "	216 "
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DEPARTMENT OF ORIENTAL PRINTED BOOKS & MSS.

BRITISH MUSEUM,

LONDON.

April 3rd 1916.

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To William Foster Esq,

Registrar and Superintendent of Records,

India Office.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 31st (R & R. 457).

I am fully in accord with the wish indicated in the letter from the Secretary of Madras, viz: that the Catalogues of Books registered should be returned to the Registrar of Books at Madras sooner than is now done. Unfortunately, as far as this Department is concerned, it is impossible to expedite the arrangement under the present system. I for my part mark and return the Catalogues always within a week from the day of their reaching this Department; but I regret to say that there is much avoidable delay before they arrive here. They are addressed to the "Librarian of the British Museum", and hence are sent to the care of the Keeper of Printed Books, whose office is always heavily burdened with deliveries of books, so that it may often be impossible to clear the Catalogues and pass them on to this Department until a considerable time. As an instance, I may mention that last week I received from the Registrar of Books at Madras a letter requesting me to expedite the despatch of the marked copy of the Catalogue for the Second Quarter of 1915. This Catalogue had not yet reached my hands; but I at once caused inquiries to be made, and found it in the office of the Keeper of Printed Books, waiting

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2 (Sept:30)	Aug: 31	Oct: 9	Jan: 30, 1916	"	98	"	38	"	113	"	146	"	510	"
3 (June 30)	May 30	Sept: 24	Nov: 15	"	97	"	133	"	94	"	110	"	503	"
1 (Mar:30)	Feb: 28	Apr: 23	June 11, 1916	"	90	"	108	"	9	"	101	"	501	"
4 (Dec:30)	Nov: 30	Jan: 31, 1916	Mar: 11, 1916	"	99	days	98	days	140	days	100	days	324	days
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its time to be cleared and handed over to me. This regrettable and unnecessary delay could be easily avoided if the Catalogues were sent to me personally from Madras, and all communications regarding them from the Registrar there were addressed to this Department, instead of to the "Librarian of the British Museum"; and I sincerely hope that this arrangement will be speedily made, and thus an end may be put to the present unsatisfactory state of affairs.

At the same time I have much pleasure in testifying to the great ability and energy with which the Registrar at Madras administers his duties, which in this connection are made far more difficult by the present arrangements.

I have, &c,

(Sd.) L. D. Barnett.

Keeper.

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