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 that Dr. Scherman may in future
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From S. C. HILL, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Books), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, 31st May 1900, No. 908.

I am directed to forward a copy of a letter from Dr. Lucian Scherman, of the Munich University, requesting the assistance of the Government of India in the publication of the periodical *Orientalische Bibliographie*. This periodical contains a systematical and thoroughly reliable account of all books, essays and reviews regarding Oriental philology and history.

2. I am to state, for the information of the Government of Madras, that this department has subscribed for ten copies of the work, and that the name of the editor has been placed on the list of persons to whom the Home Department publications are regularly supplied, and to suggest that, if any copies of the periodical are required by the Government of Madras, Dr. Scherman may be addressed direct.

3. I am to add that, if His Excellency the Governor in Council sees no objection, the editor's name may be placed on the free distribution list of Archaeological, Ethnological and Philological publications of the Government of Madras.

ENCLOSURE.

From Dr. LUCIAN SCHERMAN, Privatdozent at the University of Munich, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Gisela-Str. 8, Munich (Bavaria), 23rd November 1899.

I beg to call your attention to a literary undertaking, which has now been carried on for twelve years: the *Oriental Bibliography*, the editorship of which, four years ago, was laid in my hands. This work will, in the form of periodical issues, give a systematical and thoroughly reliable account of all books, essays and reviews regarding Oriental philology and history, in order to bring them in the shortest possible time to the notice of interested scholars. The best way of giving you a clear idea of what is aimed at, and really done by, the *Oriental Bibliography*, XII, dealing with the literature of the year 1898. From that volume it will clearly appear what a considerable share the literature of India has in my work, not only as far as Part I (General Matters) is concerned, but also in Part IV, 2 (India), the character of which is more special. A great assistance I derive here from the quarterly-issued official "Catalogues of books" registered in the different Provinces of India; these catalogues, for which I am most grateful, are sent over to me by the Government of the respective Provinces.

It is a matter of course that a work as the *Oriental Bibliography* has only a comparatively small number of purchasers. On the other hand, the work altogether and the print in especial are very difficult, and involve great expenses. So it was only with great sacrifices on the part of the publishers, as well as on my own part, that our work could be continued hitherto. Well aware of these facts, the American Oriental Society and two of the most eminent German learned societies, the "Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft" and the "Bayerische Akademie der Wissenschaften", have put an annual contribution at my personal disposal. But the relief offered thus is by no means sufficient to overcome all difficulties. Urged by the precarious state of our finances and considering how deeply India is interested in the progress and continuation of the *Oriental Bibliography*, I take the liberty of applying to the Indian Government for an assistance similar to that offered by the adduced societies. If any further information with respect to my work would be regarded necessary, I refer to Mr. G. A. Grierson, who is able to give any particulars you might wish for. He will also corroborate my statement, how much the advancement of Oriental philology is interested in the continuance of the *Oriental Bibliography*, and also the International Congresses of Orientalists have declared the latter indispensable for a successful progress of all studies concerning Oriental culture and languages.

At the same time, I take the liberty of asking another favour on behalf of my work. I should be very much obliged to you, if I could have—besides the official catalogues mentioned above—also sent over the archaeological, philological and ethnological works published by the Government of India. These publications are sent to the libraries sometimes only a long time after they have been issued; it is, however, of the highest importance that the readers of the *Oriental Bibliography* should be made acquainted with these most valuable publications as soon as possible. I should also esteem it a great favour if I could have the publications of the last census of India.

Memorandum No. 1526, Public.

Referred to the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, and to the Government Epigraphist for report whether any copies of the work in question are required by them.

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

14th June 1900.

From the Government Epigraphist, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 20th June 1900, No. 159.

With reference to memorandum No. 1526, Public, dated 14th June 1900, I have the honour to request that this office may be supplied with two copies of Dr. Lucian Scherman's *Orientalische Bibliographie*.

From A. REA, Esq., F.S.A. SCOT., M.R.A.S., Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bangalore, 27th June 1900, No. 262.

With reference to memorandum No. 1526, Public, dated 14th June 1900, I have the honour to state that I should be glad to have one copy of the work referred to.

ORDER—No. 668, Public, dated 12th July 1900.

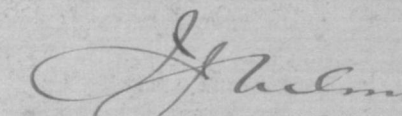
The supply to the Government Epigraphist, of two copies of the periodical *Orientalische Bibliographie*, is sanctioned. The further necessary orders will be issued in the Financial Department.

2. The Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, is already * supplied with a copy of the publication by the Government of India.

3. The name of Dr. Lucian Scherman has been † included in the distribution list of the Imperial Series of the Reports of the Archaeological Survey of India.

† G.O., No. 337, Public, dated 2nd April 1900. The annual reports of the Government Epigraphist and the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, will in future be forwarded to him. The question of placing his name on the free distribution list of Ethnological and Philological publications will be considered in the Educational Department.

(True Extract.)


for Chief Secretary.

To the Government Epigraphist.
" Superintendent, Archaeological Survey.
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