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APRIL.

Books.

Sanctioning, with remarks, the printing at the Government Press of a book entitled "Some Manners and Customs in Southern India" and directing the Superintendent, Government Press, to send Mr. Thurston specimens of paper kept in stock or suitable for the purpose for his selection.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From E. THURSTON, Esq., Superintendent, Government Museum, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated 3rd March 1905, No. 240.

I have the honour to request the sanction of Government for the publication, at the Government Press, of a book entitled "Some Manners and Customs in Southern India," which deals with the following subjects :—

Marriage customs.
Death ceremonies.
Deformity and mutilation.
Omens ; evil eye ; charms ; animal superstition ; sorcery ; *ex votos*.
Torture in bygone days, and some stray survivals.
Corporal punishment in vernacular schools.
Names of natives.
Convade (hatching).
Earth-eating.
Boomerang.
Fire by friction.
Fire-walking.
Hook-swinging.
Meriah sacrifice.
Infanticide.
Steel-yards, clepsydras, knuckle-dusters, cock-fighting, etc.

2. I am not by any means satisfied with the quality of the paper on which the museum bulletins are printed, and, as my proposed book will have some distribution to anthropologists, societies, etc., in Europe, etc., I shall be very grateful if, as a special case, His Excellency the Governor in Council will be pleased to authorise the Superintendent, Government Press, to print the book on whiter and better paper, such, for example, as was used for the latest edition of Moore's 'Malabar Law and Custom,' recently issued by Messrs. Higginbotham & Co.

3. I have not as yet finally decided on the number of copies to be struck off, but would, as a provisional estimate, mention 700. The book, would, I think, run to about 400—500 pages.

ORDER—No. 248, Educational, dated 15th April 1905.

Sanctioned.

2. The book will be a Government publication and the copyright in it will be vested in Government.

3. The Superintendent, Government Press, should send Mr. Thurston specimens of paper kept in stock or suitable for the purpose for his selection.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintendent, Government Museum.
" " " Press.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 248, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
15TH APRIL 1905.

[SUBJECT.—*Publication of a book entitled "Some Manners and Customs in Southern India".*]

From the Superintendent, Government Museum, No. 240, dated 3rd March 1905.

The Superintendent, Government Museum, requests sanction for the printing at the Government Press of a book entitled "Some Manners and Customs in Southern India". Under paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 1199, Public, dated 25th November 1902, all heads of departments are authorized to indent on the Superintendent, Government Press, for printing work, but under paragraph 3, works of an unusual character should not be carried out by the Government Press without the sanction of Government. It has been held that works of this nature are works of an unusual character—*vide* the notes connected with G.O., No. 506, Educational, dated 13th August 1904. Hence the sanction of Government is necessary for printing this work at the Government Press.

2. The subject-matter of the present publication is ethnographical. It is not known whether Mr. Thurston desires to publish his book in his capacity as the Superintendent of Ethnography, or to publish it in his capacity as the Superintendent of Government Museum. In the former case, the required sanction should be given in the Public Department.

3. With reference to the request contained in paragraph 2 of Mr. Thurston's letter, the Superintendent, Government Press, may be asked to use the paper of the required quality. The necessary instructions may be embodied in the draft order sanctioning the printing.

4. If it is thought that sanction may be accorded in the Educational Department, the draft placed below may issue with the concurrence of the Public Department.

K. KUPPUSWAMI MUDALIYAR—17-3-05.

Mr. Thurston apparently means that the book is to be a Government publication so that if copies are sold the value should be credited to Government in full. In that case the copyright in it will also remain with Government. This is not however quite clear from the letter. Should he be asked?

P. T. THARYAN—17-3-05.

We can at the same time telephone to Superintendent, Government Press, to send over samples of the best papers he stocks.

A. GALLETT—18-3-05.

The book is likely to be one of very considerable interest, and there may be a considerable public demand for it. It would be a pity to restrict a work of this nature to Government offices and not make it available for sale to the public. The demi-official placed below will issue to Mr. Thurston.

2. What procedure was adopted in the case of Mr. Hammick's Manual. Was this printed at Government Press?

H. D. TAYLOR—27-3-05.

Submitted that Mr. Hammick's Manual was printed at a private press—Srinivasa Varadachari & Co.

P. T. THARYAN—27-3-05.

Issue the demi-official.

H. D. TAYLOR—27-3-05.

Demi-official from H. D. TAYLOR, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department, to the Superintendent, Government Museum, dated 27th March 1905, No. 84.

With reference to your letter No. 240, dated 3rd March, requesting that a book entitled "Some Manners and Customs in Southern India" may be published at the Government Press, I am directed to ask that you will state more clearly whether you intend the book to be a Government publication, edited by you in your official capacity and published at the expense of and on behalf of Government, or whether you desire that the book should be published at the press on your behalf in your private capacity for general sale on your private account. The copyright in books published at the Government Press ordinarily vests in Government.

Demi-official from E. THURSTON, Esq., Superintendent, Government Museum, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Madras, 28th March 1905, No. 335.

In reply to your No. 84 of yesterday. My idea is that the book should be a Government publication, published at the expense of Government on behalf of myself in my official capacity. In other words Government would publish it for me, and retain the copyright. I cannot, of course, tell whether it will command a ready sale. But, as Risley says, my "methods are not too didactic", and the book will not be too solid for those who are not expert ethnologists. So I think it possible that there may be a demand for it.

I don't want to have any share in profit (if there is one). Government would take the chance of profit or loss. Presumably I should be allowed 20 or 25 personal copies. And there would have to be a distribution list for leading societies, museums, etc., which I would draw up hereafter. I am in difficulty as to the number of copies, of which the edition should consist, and I imagine that the best plan would be to notify that the book is in the Press, and get people to register their names for it. Or we might have a small edition to commence with, and keep the type standing, while awaiting developments. Herewith I send (for favour of return) proofs of a few of the illustrations.

The permission required by Mr. Thurston may now be given with the concurrence of the Public Department.

2. The Superintendent, Government Press, may also be asked to send a specimen of the best paper he has or samples of paper he would wish to purchase.

P. T. THARYAN—29-3-05.

A. GALLETTI—30-3-05.

Yes; please draft for approval.

H. D. TAYLOR—1-4-05.

The draft placed below is submitted for approval; if approved, it may be sent to the Public Department for acceptance.

K. KUPPUSWAMI MUDALIYAR—3-4-05.

P. T. THARYAN—4-4-05.

A. GALLETTI—4-4-05.

Type please.

H. D. TAYLOR—6-4-05.

Typed and resubmitted.

P. T. THARYAN—7-4-05.

To the Public Department for acceptance.

H. D. TAYLOR—8-4-05.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Draft may be accepted.

A. Y. G. CAMPBELL—10-4-05.

Yes.

G. S. FORBES—11-4-05.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Issue.

A. GALLETTI—12-4-05.

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From

[Name] Edgar Thurston Esquire

[Designation] Superintendent Government Museum

[Station] Madras



No. 240

Dated 3rd March 1905.

Received 3-3-1905.

Enclosures Nil

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SUBJECT.

Requesting sanction of Government for the publication at the Government Press of a book entitled 'Some manners and customs in S. India, that the Superintendent Press may be authorized to print the book on white and better paper like the latest edition of Moore's Malabar Law and Customs and estimating provisionally seven hundred copies required of the book.

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