

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH

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G.O. No. Ms. 1266 Edn.

Dated the 26th June 1946.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Madras Record Office - Records - East India Company's
period - Annual verification reports - Submission -
Ordered to be revived.

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Registration Department.



From Sri Dewan Bahadur H. Krishnamurti,
Registrar-General of Births, Deaths
and Marriages, MADRAS.

12/4/46

To: The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George.

Through: The Curator, Madras Record Office,
Egmore, Madras.

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No.C./57, dated 30-4-1946.

Sir,

Ref: Memorandum No. 5257 C-1 Law (Regn.) dated
23-8-33.

The contents of the Register of Records
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have been checked with the records in my office and the number of volumes kept is found to be complete. The records are in a fair state of preservation.

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



Encl. nil.

msd. 30-4-46.

for Registrar-General.

Encl. No 23318-TC2 of 4-5-46

Forwarded to Curator. Under
Record office through which the letter is intended
to be sent.
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Madras Record Office,
Chittoor, 11th May 1946.

annual verification report was first prescribed in Government Memorandum No. 5518 E.-7 Finance, dated 21-12-34 and G.O.No. 684 Finance, dated 11-11-35. Since, however, the submission of these reports was ordered to be suspended in G.O.No. 660 Edn., dated 10-5-43, no action seems to be necessary on the present report.

BR.
To

The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Department,
Fort St. George.

CURATOR.
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Madras Record Office Records -
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C. no. 23318

Order 1266 Edn. dated 25.6.46
MS In G.O. No. 660 Edn, ~~23318~~

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dated 10-5-43, ^{the} Govt. ordered that
the submission of the Annual
verification reports on the condition
of the records of the East India
Company's period in certain
Govt. offices ~~presented~~ should be
suspended for the duration of the
war. As the war is ^{now} over, the
Govt. direct that the submission
of the reports be revived. The
reports should be sent to Govt.
through the Curator, M.R.O.

- To
- The Collectors of District ✓
 - The Director of Survey as ^{usual} ~~before~~ ✓
 - " Administrators ^{General and Off. Trustees} ✓
 - " I.G. of Registration ✓
 - " S.G.M. ✓
 - " Chemical Examiner ✓
 - " S.G. ✓
 - " Govt. Solicitor ✓
 - " Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) ✓
 - " Curator, M.R.O. ✓
2. The curator, M.R.O. will, about these records in his annual administration report.
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Madras Record Office,
Chittoor, 19th July 1946.

From

Rao Bahadur Dr.B.S.Baliga,Ph.D.(Lond.),
Curator, Madras Record Office, CHITTOOR.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St.George, MADRAS.

Sir,

40157
Sub:- Records - East India Company's period - Annual
Verification Reports.

Ref:- G.O.No.1266 Education dated 26-6-1946.

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23/7/46
In G.O.No.1266 Education dated 26-6-1946, Government
have ordered that the submission of the Annual Verification
Reports on the condition of the records of the East India
Company's period in certain Government Offices should be
revived and that I should include a paragraph about these
records in my annual administration report. In pursuance of

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this order certain Collectors and Heads of Offices have now sent their reports to this office.. According to the Government Order they are to be forwarded by me to the Government. But, as however the Annual Administration Report of this office for 1945-46 has already been submitted to the Government in May and reviewed by them, no useful purpose will be served by forwarding the reports now received to the Government. I am therefore retaining them in this office. I shall, as usual, forward the reports that may be received next year at the time of submission of the Annual Administration Report. and review them as ordered by the Government.

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CURATOR.
20-7-1946.

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Memo No. 40154 C/46-1 Edn dated 31-7-46.
Records. East India Company
Period - Annual verification reports.

C.no. 40154. From the Curator, M.R.O. No. 1749 D VIII/46
of 19.7.46.

To
The Curator
M.R.O., Chittoor.

M.R.O. The proposal of the
Curator to retain the reports received
from certain collectors and Heads of
offices may be accepted forward the
reports referred to above to
the Govt at the time of submission
of his next administration
report is approved.

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only for the duration of the War and as the War is now over I beg to suggest that the report of the High Court may also be revived from next year. The report may reach this office before 31st March every year as in the case of the reports of the other offices.

2. Copies of the letters referred to above are furnished for reference.

Encl: 2.
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Copy of letter No.5518 E.R-6, dated 21st December 1934 from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of Madras to the Hon'ble the Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature at Madras.

Sub:- East India Company's period - Reference - Correspondence ending with Law (General) Department's letter No. 6691 B-4, dated 15th October 1934.

I am directed to state that with a view to prevent the disappearance of official records of the East India Company's period, which are in the custody of the heads of departments and offices, and some of which are undoubtedly of historical importance, the Government have decided that, until the records can be deposited in the Madras Record Office, each officer having custody of these records should make an annual count-over to see that each volume or bundle (not its contents) is present and furnish a report to Government through the Curator, Madras Record Office as regards the condition of these records. I am to request that the Hon'ble the Judges will so good as to furnish an annual report to the Government through the Curator, Madras Record Office, noting the progress made in the preparation of the inventory of the records of the East India Company's period in the custody of the High Court and the mufassal courts, the results of the annual verification and the condition of these records generally. The first report will be for the calendar year 1934 and may reach the Curator before the 31st March 1935 so that he may embody in the annual administration report of the Madras Record Office a paragraph showing the condition of the records of the East India Company's period in the custody of Heads of departments and offices.

8. Copy of letter Ref. No. 1134.E/43-(O)-6, dated 26th April 1943, from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Home Department to the Honourable the Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Madras.

Sub:- War - Elimination of unnecessary work during the war - war - Suspension of periodical returns.

Ref:- Mr. Thompson's letter R.O.C.No.2292-42-C3 dated 26th March 1943.

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In paragraph 2 of Mr. Thompson's letter R.O.C.No.2292-42-C3 dated 3rd February 1943, the Hon'ble the Judges have suggested that the annual return on the salient features on the Administration of Civil Justice and the supplemental reports thereto may be abolished. I am to say that as the preparation of the Presidency Administration Report has not been discontinued, Heads of Departments will have to send as usual the summary of the salient features of the administration of their respective departments for the preparation of Part I of that report and supply materials for the preparation of Part II of the report with reference to G.O.No. 1106, Public (General), dated 6th July 1939. The Government regret therefore that they are unable to accept the suggestion of the High Court.

2. REPORT SHOWING THE CONDITION OF RECORDS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY'S PERIOD. The Government accept the proposal of the Hon'ble the judges that this report may be discontinued for the duration of the war.

3. The further report promised in Mr. Thompson's letter R.O.C. No. 142-43-B3, dated 5th April 1943, is awaited.

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ASSISTANT CURATOR,
Madras Record Office,
Chittoor, 9-6-1947.

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Letter No. 48857 C2/47 - 2 F du dated 10-7-47
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To ✓ Hon'ble the Chief Justice
The Registrar,

High Court of Judicature, Madras.
(with enclosing)

Depo
Hon. Sir,

Records - East India Company's Period - Annual
Verification report - Submission

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I am directed to enclose a copy of this Govt's proceedings no. 1266 Edn dated 26-6-46 for your information and to request that the annual verification reports on the condition of the records of the East India Company period may be sent to Court through the Curator, N.R.O. before 31st March every year.

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Copy to the Curator, N.R.O.

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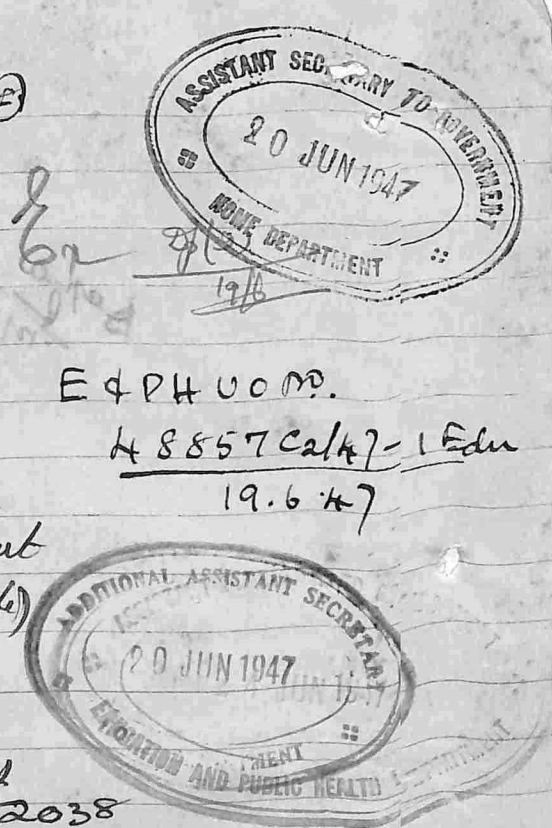
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C.23318. From the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, No.C/57 dated 30-4-46.
Encl. of the Curator, M.R.O. Chittoor, No.1214.DVII/1 dated 11-5-46.

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RECORDS - East India Company's period - Annual verification.

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of G.O.660 Edn., dated 10-5-43 - ~~flag (a)~~. As the submission of the annual Administration Report of the M.R.O. had been suspended for the duration of the war, Heads of Departments and a few other officers were informed in the above G.O. that the annual Report on the condition of the East India Company's Records in their offices should also be suspended for the duration of the war. The Registrar-General of Births etc. has submitted the report at pp.1-2 c.f. apparently as the war is over. It has ~~separately~~ been decided that the annual Administration Reports of departments from 1944, 45 onwards should ~~also~~ be printed. It is, therefore, for consideration now whether Heads of Depts. may be asked to resume the submission of the report on the condition of records of the East India Company's period and the Curator, M.R.O., asked to embody a para about these records in his Annual Report. The Remarks of the Curator may be invited u.o.



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Madras Record Office.

When the periodical report in question was first prescribed it was thought that, even though it was not possible to transfer all the old records in the offices of the Heads of Departments and offices in Madras to the Madras Record Office, an annual verification of these records should be made in the same way in which, for instance, the annual verification of articles of stationery or furniture is made. It was apprehended that without some such verification old records in these offices would gradually disappear and be lost, for ever, to the historian as well as to the administrator. The Heads of Departments and offices were therefore asked to prepare inventories

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C.23318. From the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, No.C/57 dated 30-4-46.
Endt. of the Curator, M.R.O. Chittoor, No.1214.DVII/4
1 dated 11-5-46.

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of their old records of the East India Company's period upto 1857, where such inventories did not already exist, and they were required to check the records with these lists once in a year and to furnish a report or certificate in regard to the continued preservation of the records. So far as the Collectors were concerned it was believed that it would be sufficient if they sent copies of the reports which they were already sending every year to the Board of Revenue. They were however required to include in their reports not only the East India Company's records up to 1857 but also the records of the Crown period in English subsequent to 1857 and up to the introduction of the disposal number system in or about the year 1890. The reports of the Heads of Departments and Offices and Collectors were ordered to be made in respect of calendar years and were to reach the Madras Record Office before the end of the financial year and the Madras Record Office was ordered to include in its annual administration report a paragraph on the records covered by the reports. The reports of the various Heads of Departments etc., were received regularly from 1935 onwards and they were discussed briefly in the administration reports of the Madras Record Office until 1943, when, owing to the scarcity of paper, these reports were ordered by the Government to be stopped.

It is no doubt desirable to revive the periodical report since the preservation of the old records in the offices in question is important alike from the point of view of the historian and from the point of view of the administrator and such a preservation can, perhaps, properly be ensured only by means of the annual verification and certificate. The bulk of the records in each office is not generally large and inventories must have been prepared in all the offices by this time. The annual verification ought not, therefore, to entail much time and labour. This office may suggest to the Government that it will be a good thing to revive the periodical. If the periodical is revived, a paragraph about their condition, will, as before, be included in the Annual Administration Reports of this Office.



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M.R.O.U.O. No. 1366-DVII/46
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The Curator's suggestion at 'A' above may be accepted. A draft order is submitted for approval.

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