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[Despatch Abstract.]

Indian Historical Records Commission Research and Publication Committee-
12th Meeting held in new Delhi in July 1948- Resolution III regarding
unified control under the Provl.Govt. of all non current district,
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No. F.17-3/48-A.2.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.

NEW DELHI 3, the 28th October, 1948.

From

P.N. Kirpal, Esqr., M.A.(Oxon)LL.B.,
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education & Public Health Department, Madras.

SUBJECT:

INDIAN HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION - R & P
COMMITTEE 12TH MEETING HELD IN NEW DELHI IN JULY
1948 - RESOLUTION III REGARDING UNIFIED CONTROL
UNDER THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS OF ALL NON-
CURRENT DISTRICT, DIVISIONAL AND SUB-DIVISIONAL
RECORDS FOR BETTER PRESERVATION AND HISTORICAL
RESEARCH - SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL REPORTS ON PROGRESS
ACHIEVED IN THIS DURATION TO THE I.H.R.C.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith for information
and such action as Provincial Government deem necessary, a copy of
Resolution III passed by the R & P Committee of the Indian Historical
Records Commission at its 12th meeting held in July 1948 at New Delhi
together with the extracts of the observations made thereon by the
Secretary of the Indian Historical Records Commission, on the subject
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noted above.

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Yours faithfully

for Deputy Secretary

Education and Public Health Dept.

Emdt. No. 80759-1 C2 Edn, dated, 8-11-48

Referred to the Director, Madras
Record Office, for remarks.
(By order)

V. Ramamurti

Assistant Secretary to Govt.

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To the Director,
Madras Record Office,
Chittoor.

Extracts from the letter No. F.1-1(a)/43-C dated the 25th August, 1948, from Dr. S.N. Sen, M.A., Ph.D., D.Litt., Secretary Indian Historical Records Commission to the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Education, New Delhi.

Regarding the Research and Publication Committee-
Proceedings of meeting - held on 10th July, 1948.

I am directed to forward herewith three copies of the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Research and publication Committee held at New Delhi on the 10th July, 1948. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Tara Chand, Chairman of the Committee and the minutes of the proceedings were duly approved by him. The text of the individual resolutions are not quoted below but my observations on them only are recorded seriatim.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

Resolution III. This question was considered by the Commission during the first and twenty second meetings (Resolutions III and V respectively). In the 13th meeting also the question was fully considered (vide item XV, pp. 183-85, IHRC Procs. Vol. XIII). Some of the District records are much older than the records in the provincial headquarters and are therefore of greater historical interest. For instance, the records in the Patna Collectorate are much older than the Bihar Government records in the Secretariat, as the Patna Collectorate was formed much earlier than the constitution of Bihar as a separate province. The District records have been neglected so long. The Madras Government have concentrated all their District records upto 1857 in its Central Record Office. Unless similar measures are taken urgently these valuable records might be lost for ever, considering the urgency of the matter, I would recommend that a directive be given to the provincial and State Governments concerned to concentrate all these records at the Central Repository of the Province and step be taken for their proper preservation, repair and housing. As a preliminary measure the Ordinary and / or the Associate members of the Commission who are nominees of the Provincial Governments and Indian States should be deputed by the authorities concerned to inspect the District records and furnish a report to them for further necessary action as recommended in the Resolution.

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The decision of the Government of India on the various resolutions may kindly be communicated to me as soon as possible.

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Extracts from the Proceedings of the Twelvth meeting of the Research and Publication Committee held on the 10th July, 1948 at New Delhi.

RESOLUTION. III. This Committee recommends that all the non-current District, Divisional and Sub-Divisional records should be centralised at the Provincial headquarters under a unified control directly under the Provincial Governments for better preservation and historical research. It is further recommended that an annual report on the progress achieved in this respect may be submitted to the Indian Historical Records Commission for information.

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

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

No. 2619-D-VII/48-1, dated 15th November '48.

Sir,

Sub:- Indian Historical Records Commission - R & P Committee - 12th meeting held in New Delhi in July 1948 - Resolution III regarding unified control under the Provincial Governments of all non-current district, divisional and sub-divisional records for better preservation and historical research - Submission of annual reports on progress achieved in this duration to the Indian Historical Records Commission.

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Ref:- Endorsement No. 80759-1. C2, Education, dated 8th November 1948.

The object of the resolution forwarded by the Government of India is that all non-current district, divisional and sub divisional records should be concentrated in the Central Record Offices of the Provinces concerned. This idea was first suggested to the Indian Historical Records Commission by me and a resolution to this effect was passed by the Commission at its meeting held at Peshawar in 1945. (Please see paragraph 6 of my letter No. 1438-D-VII/46-1 dated 17th June 1946 disposed of in letter Ms. No. 1574, Education, dated 14th August 1946). The observations of the Secretary, Indian Historical Records Commission, forwarded by the Government of India will show that the Madras Government have already concentrated all their district records up to 1857 in their Central Record Office and that the other provincial and State Governments should do the same thing so far as their records are concerned. No action is therefore now necessary so far as this Government are concerned. The report referred to in the concluding portion of the observations of the Secretary

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is also unnecessary so far as this province is concerned inasmuch as the records in question have already been centralised here.

2. The only question to be considered is whether it is possible to concentrate in the Madras Record Office the records subsequent to 1857. Obviously this is not a suitable time for transferring any more records. The matter can be taken up only after this office is shifted back to Egmore and even then only if it is found that there is space in the Record Office buildings to keep them.

Yours faithfully,

W. Mahalingam
CURATOR.

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From the Curator, M.R.O.,
No. 2619-D-VII/48-1, dated, 15-11-48.

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The Curator,
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No. 7. 17-3/48-A. 2., dated, 29-10-'48.

PP. 5-6 C. 7. From the Curator, M.R.O., No. 2619-D-VII/48-1,
dated, 15-11-'48.

F. H. R. C. — Research and Publication
R. & P. Committee —

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The Govt. of India have
forwarded to this Govt., for information
and such action as this Govt. may deem
necessary, a copy of the ~~Resolution~~ Resolution III
passed by the R. & P. Committee of the
Indian Historical Records Commission at
its 12th Meeting held in July 1948 at
New Delhi, together with the extracts
of the observations made thereon
by the Secy., F. H. R. C., on the subject
mentioned above. The Curator, M.R.O.,
has offered his remarks in the matter.
He states that the idea of bringing
under the control of Provincial Govts. all
non-current district, divisional and
sub-divisional records was suggested
by him to the F. H. R. C. and that a
Resolution to this effect was passed
by the Commission at its meeting held
at Peshawar in 1945. In this Commission

the Curator invites a reference to his letter to this Govt. and this ~~Govt.~~ Government's reply to the Govt. of India on the subject. It would appear from the reply sent by this Govt. to the Govt. of India that this Govt. do not ~~propose~~ ^{propose} to take any further action in the matter. The Curator states that it may be observed from the ~~observations~~ ^{notes} of the Secy., G.H.R.C., on the resolution, that the Madras Govt. have already concentrated all their dt. records up to 1857 in their central Record Office and that the other Provincial and State Govts. should do the same thing in respect of their records. In the circumstances, he does not consider that any further action in the matter is called for. His views may be agreed to. As all the dt. records in this Province, up to 1857, have already been concentrated in the Madras Record Office, the Curator does not consider it necessary that ^{an annual} report on the progress made in the matter of centralising the dt. records in the Provincial Record Offices should be sent to the Indian Historical Records Commission as contemplated in the resolution. His recommendation may be accepted. The Curator states that the only question for consideration is whether it is possible to concentrate in the Madras Record Office, the records subsequent to 1857. He observes in this connection that this

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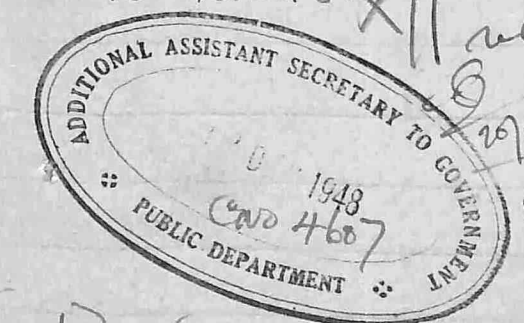
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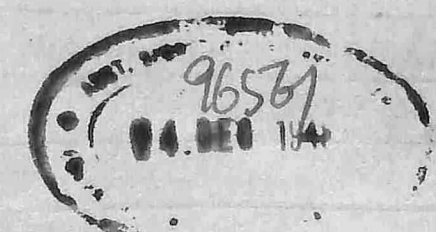
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is not the suitable time for transferring any more records to the Madras Record Office and that the question can be taken up only after the Madras Record Office has been shifted back to Madras and even then only if it is found that there is space in the Record Office buildings to keep those records. The Curator's recommendations may be accepted. No reply to the Govt. of India seems necessary. The papers may be recorded for future reference. May be circulate BHM (Gen) after perusal by Public

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