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No. 58. Read the following letter from J. A. BOURDILLON, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort William, 16th November 1875, No. 2367 :—

Expenditure—Stores.

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to invite the attention of the Government of Madras to the subject of the expenditure incurred for the purchase of books published in India, and to suggest the expediency of some restrictions upon the discretion now exercised by heads of offices in this matter.

2. It appears to the Government of India that, as a rule, books should not be bought, at the public expense, without the previous sanction of the Local Government or, under its instructions, of certain responsible heads of departments, and further that such sanction should not, except for special reasons, be given to the purchase of any books except law books.

3. Moreover the Government, as a rule, should not undertake to supply, at the public cost, commentaries or annotations on Acts of the Legislature; such works ordinarily form part of an officer's private library.

4. Directories, and such like works, should only be allowed under special circumstances where there may be evident inconvenience to the public service if they are not at hand for reference. The Local Government should decide to what offices books published by the Government should be supplied, such as the Postal Guide, the Civil Lists, the Codes of the Financial or Public Works Departments, the Army Lists, &c. In future, indents for such books should not be complied with unless received through the Local Government or authorized by some general or special order of the Local Government. No payment should be required for books of this class.

5. The suggestions in this letter have reference only to *books published in India*. The purchase of *newspapers and other periodicals* and of *books published in Europe or America* is subject to separate regulations.

6. The Government of India will be glad to see, in due course, any instructions which may be issued in consequence of these orders.

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The Governor in Council believes that the rules advocated by the Government of India have always been observed in this Presidency.

2. The Accountant-General will report whether he admits charges in contingent bills for the purchase of books published in India unsupported by special or general sanction of Government.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

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The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras

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I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. A. Bourdillon

Offg Under *Secretary to the Government of India.*

With 33 enclosures.

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