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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording notes relative to the supply of Provincial Contract
papers to the Hon'ble J.D. Rees at Calcutta.

26/3/97

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No. 152

B.O.
Were the notes meant
to be recorded in Public
place?

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19.3.97

29/3/97

Received 18-2-97
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Registered 19.2.97

Enclosures
Spare copies

Note

This contains notes which
may be required for future
reference

SUBJECT.

Regarding the Provin-
cial contracts, and the
action of the Madras Govt
in the matter.

BACK PAPERS.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
18 FEB. 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
No 152

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My dear Cnee,

These are being dealt with separately

My letters of yesterday about the questions asked regarding Translatorship, & Residences. I am not sure if I made it clear that I am not asking for any action. My intention at any time was only to place you in possession of information for use, if circumstances required.

About the Plague
Provincial Contract
presume there is nothing
I can or should do.

I have received
telegrams on the latter
subject, but obviously can
do nothing unless

desired to move by my
Government. At the same time I think
the Govt of India much overstates the danger from
stopping pilgrimages for the present.
Probably some thing

should be said on the
occasion of the Budget
debate as regards the contract.
To that end
will you kindly cause

[G.]

14-12-95.

D.O. No. 152

SUBJECT.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

FOR ORDERS.

me to be posted in
what has passed, when
once the final representation
has been made by Govt.

I believe the question will
be finally settled very soon?

Yours sincerely
J. J. Price C.I.E.

Now, I should say.
I am sure he would be
seen as the representative
of this Govt. and as a person
of (at least reflected) importance -
but I don't see why we should
trouble to write him letters
to assist him in puffing
himself.

20/4/97

I don't think it would be
advisable to tell Mr. Rees
anything which would justify his
speaking before the Council
as a representative of Madras
to a matter between the
Government, & which he
settled before the Budget
debates.

22/4/97

The whole reply of any - should
be made to Mr. Rees.

18/4/97

Mr. Rees is the representative of Madras
in the Supreme Council. He is an able
official of high standing, and I think he
should be posted in the views of the Govt. He
might have opportunities of giving information
and of making suggestions that might
benefit the Madras Govt. - and this before
the budget comes on for discussion in the
Council, and before the details of the Contract
are definitely settled. I think a copy of
the whole correspondence with respect to
the Contract should be sent to Mr. Rees.

25-2-97

I regret that I cannot agree. I
don't consider that Mr. Rees is in any
way a representative of this Govt.

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1,000-19-2-97.

(1897) Department.

D. O. No. 187

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From The Hon Ld Rees
Calcutta

D. O.

No.

Dated 23/2/97

Received 28/2/97

Registered 1/3/97

Enclosures -

Spare copies -

SUBJECT.

Requesting to be
furnished with papers
about the settlement
of the new Prov. Contract
in view to inform himself
on the subject before the
Budget discussion takes
place.

As addl member of the Viceroys Council.
how can I agree as to other remarks
made by H.E. - I am not prepared to
make Mr. Rees in any way an
intermediary between this Govt & the
Govt of India and should particularly
object to his intervening in the financial
business for which I am responsible.

BS
1/3/97

I do not think we should do
anything which may tend
to show that Mr. Rees is our
representative.

2/3/97

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SUBJECT

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14, CHOWRINGHEE,
CALCUTTA.

23/2/57



BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

My dear Price
Will you kindly let me have
news about the settlement of the
Principal Contract? The budget
version is not very far off & I
now propose to inform myself
is about before it takes place.
We are very anxious for
you will no doubt write,
not I presume I may use
discretion, as I did last
year. As the Viceroy referred

as addl memb

with concurrence to my remarks
I as I heard nothing from
Government on the subject
I may, I presume, fairly
conclude, that it was all
right last year.

But this time there
is the curtailment of the
Publ. assignment, which

as addl. v.

C 1/3/97

C 5/3/97

R 4/3/97

R 10/3/97

Public DEPARTMENT.

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1930-14-12-96.

Do No. 152

SUBJECT.

Do from the Hon. Mr. Rees.

3 H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

1. THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

2. THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

FOR ORDERS.

Resubmitted to the
Honible Members with reference
to H.E. the Governor's note

JDB
26/2/97

26.2.97

Resubmitted with D.O. NO.
187 from the Honible Mr. Rees.

JDB
4/3/97

4/3/97

Having nothing to add to what
I have already said - no papers
have been ^{already} made available to
the general public, which Mr.
Rees no doubt has, should
be furnished to him. Of course
he can make such remarks
as he pleases, but I should
not furnish him with any material
whatever -

RS

5/3/97

I think we might furnish him
with all the published papers, but I
don't think we should give any instructions.

I think we have shown much of courtesy in being so
long in answering Mr. Rees' D.O.
The papers mentioned by the Hon. Mr.
Grose should be sent at once to the Hon.
Mr. Rees. I should like to see what they are. Let
H.G.H. copy the notes. 9.3.97

even if admitted to be
inevitable, cannot but
be most unacceptable.
Of course I should make a
guarded & discreet reference
to the matter, if touched upon.
Sincerely
JDB

C 10/3/97
Prov: Contract papers

[G.
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2,000-25-11-96

NOTE FOR THE Chief Secretary.

The printed papers
regarding the Provincial Contracts
consist of:-

1. go. no 904-5 & 29-12-96
2. " " 25-26 & 12-1-97
3. " " 43 & 18-1-97
4. " " 46-47 & 19-1-97

Of these only go. no 46
& 19-1-97 has been placed
on the Editor's Table. The
Honble Mr. ^{Rees} is apparently to
be furnished with a copy of
this order and nothing else.

This is not absolutely
clear.

JTB
10/3/97.

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NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

The C.S. says "I have
not the G.O." but the
over addressed to Mr
Rees is in the file still.
Will C.S. kindly say
whether he deesd:
another copy of the
G.O. to Mr Rees?

50B
15/3/97

Copy of telephone from the Chief Secretary to
Hon'ble Mr. Grose.

In your note on the question of supplying
Rees with papers regarding the Provincial Contract you say.
"I think we might furnish him with all the published papers."
Do you mean by this all those which have been printed or
merely such as have been placed on the Editor's Table and made
available ~~to~~ the general public.

(Sd) J.F.Price.

10.3.97

Code
Class.

INDIAN  TELEGRAPHS. Month/ Number.

To
(Office)

Telephonic

From
(Office)

message

Words.

Day.

Hour.

Minute.

Official
Instructions.

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To
(Person)

Chief Secretary

From
(Person)

Hon. Mr. Croze

All printed papers can be supplied

10-3-97

64 Word Form.

F.C.2.

Acc. from

I.N.

Sent to

I.N.

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By

Telegraph Master.

C. G. P.—No. 220 T.—18-9-94—20,000,000

While his personal unpopularity is such as to be injurious to any cause which he may seek to advocate.

I can hardly believe that the Hon. Mr. Croze appreciated the full significance of the

The printed papers connected with the Contract are submitted herewith for His inspection. I request that the papers may be returned by train in order

INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. Monthlin Number.

Code Class.

To *Telephonic* From *message*

Words. Day. Hour. Minute. Official Instructions.

To *Mr. Price* From *Mr. Sim*

64 Word Form.

F.C.2.

Reply

The only go. in any way connected with the Provincial Contract which has been placed on the Editors' Table is No 46 dated 21st Jan 97. The letter No 47 of the same date has not been supplied to the newspapers.

Sent to *LN.* By *CS* At *11/3/97* Mts. by *CS* 11/3/97

Telegraph Master.

C. G. P. - No. 220 T. - 18-9-94 - 10.00.000

which his personal unpopularity is such as to be injurious to any cause which he may seek to advocate.

I can hardly believe that the Hon. W. J. P. has appreciated the full significance of the

note to him. The printed papers connected with the Contract are submitted herewith for his inspection. I request that the file may be returned by express in order

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1,000-14-12-96.

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Public DEPARTMENT.

C. No.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Provincial Contract
papers

Resubmitted to Mr. Bliss with reference to
the notes of the Hon'ble Mr. Bliss & Hon'ble Mr. Grose of
his date. The only printed paper on the Editor's table is that
at the bottom of the file: the other have not been so
FOR ORDERS. 10/3/97

There is not any particular
objection to sending Mr. Rees
the unpublished papers, i.e.
those already placed on the Editor's
Table. But to any proposal
to send him all the printed
papers, I must offer the
best means promising opportunity
to put Mr. Rees in possession
of the arguments we have used
in addressing India would
be to make him Grose as our
representative. This would be
most unwise. Mr. Rees is utterly
ignorant, so far as I know, of
financial questions and his
ill therefore, in all probability
be unable in any way to assist
while his personal unpopularity
is such as to be injurious to
any cause which he may seek
to advocate.

I can hardly believe that
the Hon'ble Mr. Grose appreciated
the full significance of the

The papers file regarding ^{submitted} the papers connected
with the Dock contract ^{Mr. Rees} are resubmitted
to him with reference to the notes of the
Hon'ble Mr. Grose and Mr. Bliss
dated 5th & 9th inst. respectively.

Being uncertain as to what the Hon'ble
Mr. Rees meant I telephoned to him: a
copy of the message and the reply sent to me
are appended beneath this note.

Mr. Rees ^{apparently} means that all printed
papers should go. The impression published
is however always understood in this Office
that ^{not} ~~these~~ papers printed but those
made public i.e. by being placed on the
Editor's table. I therefore enquire of the
Hon'ble Mr. Grose.

The printed papers connected with the
contract are submitted herewith for
his inspection. I request that the
file may be returned by train in order

that I may be able to send the papers for
H.S. Res. No. 46 by this morning's mail.

LD

10/3/97

word printed used by
him, which includes all
the letters we have addressed
to India, and I shall therefore
send this for his further consider-
ation.

LD

10/3/97

Amuse

On looking through the papers,
I came to the conclusion that
we had better not send Mr.
Rees any paper not published
in the course of the word
as used in the office.

LD

10/3/97

I have nothing to add to what I have already said.

A.S.H.

12.3.97

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Submitted to the CS.
It is not known whether a
copy of S.O. No. 46 Ind. 319 Jan 97
is to be sent to the Hon. Mr. Rees.
If the CS. decides to do so a copy of
the go. go. put up in a stamped
cover.

The Govt. of India offices close
at Calcutta about the 2nd instant.

13/3/97

I have sent the 2nd instant
GO but I am not sure
I have brought the
Rees' I don't know
10/3/97

seen

A.S.H.

17.3.97

sent by CS.

LD

18/3/97

C 15/3/97
R 17/3/97

Public

DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT.

Provincial Contract papers

LD

In accordance with the order of the
place in the file marked with red tape
a copy of the paper sent to the Hon. Mr. Rees
is put up with the red tape. Those
which were with white tape and having been
distributed have not been sent.

This is in accordance with the decision of
the meeting of Govt.

I did not say that the paper sent to Mr.
Rees was through a mistake but perhaps
mistaken today. I however telegraphed
to him saying the Govt. and asked
and he can get a copy from the
Govt. of India Office.

LD

15/3/97

that I may be able to send the papers for
H.S. Res. by this evening's mail.

~~Amtham...~~ H.D.

10/3/97

word printed used
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the letters we have addressed
to India, and shall therefore
send this for his further consider-
ation

H.D.
10/3/97

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I came to the conclusion that
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10/3/97

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H.D.

12.3.97

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13/3/97

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10/3/97

[G.
26]
1,000-14-12-06.

C. No.

Public

DEPARTMENT.

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and he can get a copy from the
Govt. of India Office.

LD

15/3/87

sent by CB
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18/3/87

C 15/3/87
R 15/3/87

Despatched
15/3
1873

The following telegram
will be despatched to
Calcutta.

Honble Mr. J. D. Russ C.I.E
14. Chowringhee.

178x Only published papers
connected with contract to be
sent Have accordingly posted
order No. 46, dated 19th
January. Fear however that
it may be too late for
meeting Government has
no instructions to give you

for copying

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No.

DATED

as to C. No.

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IN ORIGINAL.

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B = Not to be copied
P = Copy abstract only.
Q = Copy heading only