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Government (1898) of Madras.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers:—

Official Memorandum from the Chief Secretary to Government, No. 91, dated 29th September 1892.

The Superintendent, Government Press, is requested to despatch to the Editors named below those annual departmental reports * the reviews on which have been marked for the "Editors' Table" at the same time as he despatches the connected proceedings of Government:—

* In the Chief Secretary's departments.

To the Editor, "Madras Mail."
" " "Times."
" " "Standard."
" "Hindu."
" "Madras Christian College Magazine."

G.O., R. No. 398, Financial, dated 29th March 1897.

Read—also the following paper:—

From the Proprietor of the "Swadesamitran", dated 14th October 1898.

Order—No. 1080, Financial, dated 19th November 1898.

The Proprietor of the "Swadesamitran" will be informed that the Government regrets that it cannot accede to his request for the gratuitous supply of administration reports.

2. In future, no copies of general or departmental administration reports shall be supplied *gratis* to Proprietors or Editors of newspapers, English or vernacular, except to those journals which are now on the free list. In the case of these only the reports supplied at present will continue to be furnished and no additions whatever shall be made to the free list.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Proprietor of the "Swadesamitran."
" Superintendent, Government Press.
" Departments of the Secretariat.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

[F. 23] 1,000—26-1-98.

Financial (1898) Department.

CURRENT No.

From G. Subramania Iyer B.A.
Proprietor of the "Swadesamitran"

No.

Dated 14 October 1898.
Received 17 October 1898.
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SUBJECT.

Requesting that the "Swadesamitran" may be supplied with all departmental reports and other publications.

Orders

The request of the Proprietor of the "Swadesamitran" to be supplied with copies of departmental reports gratis has once before been negatived vide G.O. R No 398 dt 29.3.97 K. The Proprietor repeats that request & points out that "as all available information is locked up in the English language" it is hard to deny to vernacular newspapers the privilege of receiving departmental reports gratis, a privilege which is enjoyed by their "wealthier English contemporaries".

It is not however a fact that all

English newspapers enjoy this privilege:
ly a select few do – vide Memo No.
1 dy 29.9.92 – and they are the
eading journals in Madras.
Besides, if "Swadesamitran" is
o have this privilege there is no
eason perhaps why other vernacular
ewspapers, for example the "Andhraprakasika"
hould not. The reports are available
for sale to the public and the fact
that the "Swadesamitran" happens to
be edited at present by an English-
Knowing gentleman who has ceased his
connection with the Hindu & is able to
pay his undivided attention to the
Swadesamitran is perhaps no reason
for departing from the usual practice
of denying the privilege of supplying
reports which can be obtained at
the Govt Press.

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CS.

The point is whether the 'Swadesamitran' can be considered a leading paper – A.S.B may be asked if the newspaper can be held to be the leading Tamil journal in the Presidency. If the 'Swadesamitran' is supplied with administration reports gratis, in virtue of its

position as the leading Tamil newspaper, the question arises whether the leading newspapers in other vernaculars should not be granted a similar privilege. We may however perhaps wait until they ask for it

CWS
25/7/96

H. M.

I do not think the question is whether the "Swadesamitran" is a leading paper or not but whether Govt. is prepared to follow the policy which is embodied in the Memo. marked M. I do not think two courses are possible in this case. Either Govt. must be prepared to supply gratis these publications to all papers which ask for them or else it must refuse to enlarge the number of papers which now get them. A leading paper has no more claim to this privilege than a small struggling one. I think the policy of the Memo wrong. I do not want to go behind it or take away what it has given but it is necessary to point out that it never seems to have been seen by any one but the Asst. Secretary. It may be that the information of the reports is locked up in them in

English

* Vide printed copy of Memo M (not available in Rio)
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31.7.96

…sh but I do not see how that forms
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o the public gratis in any country in
the world I believe. I think the request
should be refused and that it should be
laid down by G.O. that such papers are
in no case to be supplied gratis in future
except to the papers now getting them
and in their case only the reports now
supplied should be so in future and no
additions should be made to the list.

28/10/98.

This is quite as far as we can go - Personally, I wd not make the Gratis supply to any paper, English a vernacular, leading or not

31/10/98

I agree with the conclusions of the Chief Secy.

A.G.H. 6.11.98

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Disp. G.O. a.

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* To the Chief Secys depts

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Genl. Admn. 1091 P/29/9/92 Examined

Order:-

The Superintendent, Govt. Prep. will be requested to despatch as arrange

to the editors named below the annual departmental reports for those reviews on which have been marked for the at the same time as he despatches the connected proceedings of

"Editor's Table," together with a

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The Editor, "Madras Mail"
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To the Supdt. Govt. Prep. 26/9 for CS
Copied despd 29/9/92

The Swadesamitran office
100, Mount Road, Madras
14th October 1898.

CURRENT NO. 2895

From
M. Subramania Iyer Avl B.A.
Proprietor and Publisher of the Swadesamitran

To
The Chief Secretary to the Government of
Madras.

CHIEF SECRETARY
17 OCT. 1898
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Sir,

I have the honour to request you will be good enough to place the following matter before the Government of Madras for their favourable consideration and orders.

The Swadesamitran which is now published thrice a week in the Tamil language has been in Existence for the last 18 years. It is the only leading Tamil news-paper in the Presidency. The Editor is now supplied with all the orders of Government which are placed on the Editor's table. An application was made last year for the supply of bound departmental reports also; but the Government then regretted its inability to supply these reports gratis. It is needless for me to point out the important task which the Vernacular papers are performing. They are very much handicapped considering the fact that all available information is locked up in the English language. To deny to them the privilege which their wealth their English

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Government looks like pampering the rich and
starving the needy. I therefore request that the
Government will be pleased to grant the
Swadesamitran the supply of all reports and
~~their publications~~ that are supplied to the English daily
press. Here I may state for your information
that having retired lately from the Editorship
of the Hindu newspaper, I am devoting myself
to the improvement of the Swadesamitran which
I have had with me for over eighteen years
and which I propose to publish from
January next as a daily newspaper.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
G. Subramania Iyer.
Proprietor and Publisher.

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Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

Memo
Again ~~G.O.~~, dated 29 Sept 1892, No. 91 (A)

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