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READ—the following papers:—

I

Letter—from R. L. L. JONES, Esq., Deputy Director, Madras Observatory.
To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Miscellaneous) Department.
Dated—the 17th September 1917.
No.—232-M.

With reference to Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 564, dated 30th March 1904, Judicial, I have the honour to forward herewith a list of festivals and eclipses during 1918.

ENCLOSURE

List of festivals and eclipses during 1918.

Bhogi Pandigai	...	...	...	January 12, Saturday.
Pongal Pandigai	...	...	...	" 13, Sunday.*
Mahasivaratri	...	...	...	March 11, Monday.
Good Friday	...	...	...	" 29, Friday.
Telugu New Year's day	...	...	...	April 12, Friday.
Tamil New Year's day	...	...	...	" 13, Saturday.
Srirama Navami	...	...	...	" 19, Friday.
Id Ramzan	...	...	...	July 10, Wednesday.
Avani Avittam	...	...	...	August 21, Wednesday.
Sri Jayanti	...	...	...	" 29, Thursday.
Vinayakachaturthi	...	...	...	September 9, Monday.
Bakr-id	...	...	...	" 17, Tuesday.
Mahalaya Amavasya	...	...	...	October 4, Friday.
Ayudha Puja	...	...	...	" 14, Monday.
Muharram (last day)	...	...	...	" 16, Wednesday.
Dipavali	...	...	...	November 2, Saturday.
Bara Wafat	...	...	...	December 17, Tuesday.
Vaikunta Ekadasi	...	...	...	

* January 14 for Madras and places to the north-east.

Eclipses.

In the year 1918 there will be three eclipses, two of the sun and one of the moon.

- I. A total eclipse of the sun, June 9, invisible in India.
- II. A partial eclipse of the moon, June 24, invisible in India.
- III. An annular eclipse of the sun, December 3, invisible in India.

II

Letter—from the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO Avargal,
Secretary to Government, Home (Miscellaneous) Department.

To—the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Financial Department,
of Bengal, Financial Department.

Dated—the 8th October 1917.
No.—3214-1.

I am directed to invite a reference to the correspondence ending with Mr. Brayne's letter No. 3408, dated the 27th November 1916, regarding Muhammadan public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, XXVI of 1881, and to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, this Government may be informed of the dates which the Government of ^{Bombay} Bengal propose to notify for the undermentioned Muhammadan festivals for the year 1918:—

Bara Wafat. Ramzan | Bakr-id, Muharram (tenth day).

III

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. G. FRASER, Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Madras.

To—the Chief Secretary to Government.

Dated—the 31st October 1917.

I have the honour to request that Government will sanction the notification, in the next issue of the *Fort St. George Gazette* as public holidays, under section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, of the enclosed list of commercial holidays for the ensuing year, which has been drawn up by the Chamber in accordance with G.O. No. 774, dated the 4th July 1914.

ENCLOSURE

Madras Commercial Holidays, 1918.

Pongal	...	...	...	Saturday and Monday, the 12th and 14th January.
Mahasivaratri	...	...	...	Monday, the 11th March.
Easter	...	...	...	Saturday and Monday, 30th March and 1st April.
Telugu New Year's day	...	...	...	Friday, the 12th April.
Tamil New Year's day	...	...	...	Saturday, the 13th April.
King-Emperor's birthday	...	...	...	One day, to be notified hereafter.
Ramzan	...	...	...	Wednesday, the 10th July.
Avani Avittam	...	...	...	Wednesday, the 21st August.
Sri Jayanti	...	...	...	Thursday, the 29th August.
Vinayakachaturthi	...	...	...	Monday, the 9th September.
Bakr-id	...	...	...	Tuesday, the 17th September.
Mahālaya Amavasya	...	...	...	Friday, the 4th October.
Ayudha Puja	...	...	...	Monday, the 14th October.
Muharram (last day)	...	...	...	Wednesday, the 16th October.
Deepavali	...	...	...	Saturday, the 2nd November.
Bara Wafat	...	...	...	Tuesday, the 17th December.
Christmas	...	...	...	Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Tuesday, the 26th, 27th, 28th and 31st December.

N.B.—The following holidays are already legalized by the Negotiable Instruments Act:—New Year's day, Good Friday and Christmas day.

IV

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. P. R. CADELL, C.I.E., I.C.S., Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Financial Department.

To—the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Home (Miscellaneous) Department.

Dated—Bombay Castle, the 7th November 1917.

No.—3469.

In reply to your letter No. 3214-1, dated 8th October 1917, I am directed to state that the dates of the four Muhammadan festivals which the Government of Bombay propose to notify as public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, XXVI of 1881, for the calendar year 1918 are as shown in the margin.

V

Telegram—from the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Financial Department.

To—the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Home (Miscellaneous) Department.

Dated—the 27th November 1917.

No.—8958, Mis.

Your telegram 584. Bara Wafat 17th December 1918 but, if moon visible 4th December then 16th Ramzan, 16th July, Bakr-id 16th September and Muharram 16th October.

Order—No. 1221, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 3rd December 1917.

The following notification will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and republished, so far as it concerns the months that have still to run, in the first issue of the Gazette of each month of the year 1918:—

NOTIFICATION.

Under the explanation to section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, XXVI of 1881, the Governor in Council is pleased to declare that, in addition to the public holidays expressly defined as such in the said explanation, viz., Sundays, New Year's day (Tuesday, the 1st January), Christmas day (Wednesday, the 25th December) and Good Friday (Friday, the 29th March), the following days shall be public holidays in the year 1918:—

Saturday, the 12th January	...	...	...	Pongal.
Monday, the 14th "	...	...	...	
Monday, the 11th March	...	...	...	Mahasivaratri.
Saturday, the 30th "	...	...	...	
Monday, the 1st April	...	...	...	Easter.
Friday, the 12th "	...	...	...	Telugu New Year's day.
Saturday, the 13th "	...	...	...	Tamil New Year's day.
June *	...	...	...	King-Emperor's birthday.
Wednesday, the 10th July	...	...	...	Ramzan.
Wednesday, the 21st August	...	...	...	Avani Avittam.
Thursday, the 29th "	...	...	...	Sri Jayanti.
Monday, the 9th September	...	...	...	Vinayakachaturthi.
Monday, the 16th "	...	...	...	Bakr-id.
Friday, the 4th October	...	...	...	Mahālaya Amavasya.
Monday, the 14th "	...	...	...	Ayudha Puja.
Wednesday, the 16th "	...	...	...	Muharram (last day).
Saturday, the 2nd November	...	...	...	Dipavali.
Tuesday, the 17th December	...	...	...	Bara Wafat.
Thursday, the 26th "	...	...	...	
Friday, the 27th "	...	...	...	Christmas.
Saturday, the 28th "	...	...	...	
Tuesday, the 31st "	...	...	...	

* The day fixed for the celebration of the King-Emperor's birthday will be notified in due course.

2. The Governor in Council further notifies that on the following days, which are not declared to be public holidays under statutory provision, all public offices at the Presidency town and in the mufassal, with the exception of (1) the Sea Customs office, (2) the Reserve Treasury and Paper Currency office and (3) the General Stamp office (which will be opened from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.), will be closed:—

Wednesday, the 2nd January 1918.			
Thursday, the 28th March	...	...	
Tuesday, the 2nd April	...	...	Easter.
Tuesday, the 24th December	...	...	
Monday, the 30th "	...	...	Christmas.

(True extract)

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Madras.

" Accountant-General.

" Superintendent, Government Press, for publication of notification in Gazette.

" Registrar, Madras University.

Copy to the Hon'ble the Chief Justice of the High Court (with C.L.).

" the Postmaster-General, Madras.

" the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs (with C.L.).

" the Madras Times Printing and Publishing Company (Limited).

" Departments of the Secretariat.

" Messrs. Lyon Lord & Co., Bombay.

" the General Officer Commanding 9th (Secunderabad) Division.

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NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 1221, HOME (MISCELLANEOUS),
DATED 3RD DECEMBER 1917

[SUBJECT.—Holidays.]

*From the Deputy Director, Madras Observatory, No. 232-M.,
dated the 17th September 1917.*

Letter No. 3214-1, Home (Miscellaneous), dated the 8th October 1917.

From the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, dated the 31st October 1917.

*From the Government of Bombay, Financial Department, No. 3469,
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HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) DEPARTMENT.

A list of holidays to be notified under the Negotiable Instruments Act and of the additional holidays to be granted as general holidays for public offices will be found in columns (1) and (2) of the Appendix to G.O. No. 774, Public, dated the 4th July 1914.

2. *Hindu holidays.*—The Deputy Director, Madras Observatory, and the Madras Chamber of Commerce agree as to the dates of Hindu holidays during the year 1918 except as regards the date for Pongal. The Chamber of Commerce mentions the 14th January as the date for this festival while the Deputy Director puts the date on the 13th remarking that for Madras and other places to the north-east the 14th January is the date of the festival. The 13th January is a Sunday. As the Deputy Director himself states that for Madras and certain places the date of Pongal is the

R.R.—1-12-17. 14th January, submitted that this date may be notified as a holiday. There will

be no Vaikunta Ekadasi in 1918.

3. *Easter.*—Good Friday, the 29th March, is a holiday under the Act. Saturday the 30th March, and Monday the 1st April may be notified as statutory holidays under the Act—vide column 2 of Appendix to G.O. No. 774, dated 4th July 1914. Under G.O. No. 774, Public, dated the 4th July 1914 two more holidays have to be declared as non-statutory holidays. Maundy Thursday, the 28th March and Tuesday

R.R.—1-12-17. the 2nd April may accordingly be declared as non-statutory holidays as was done last

year.

4. *Christmas.*—The 1st January 1918 (Tuesday) is a holiday under the Act. The 2nd January (Wednesday) will have to be notified as a non-statutory holiday for public offices as the Government have decided in G.O. No. 774, Public, dated the 4th July 1914, to sanction this additional holiday for Christmas.

Christmas Day (Wednesday the 25th December 1918) is also a holiday under the Act. Submitted that Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Tuesday the 26th, 27th, 28th, and 31st December 1918 respectively will have to be notified as statutory holidays. Two additional holidays have to be notified as non-statutory holidays—vide column of Appendix to G.O. No. 774, dated the 4th July 1914 (c.f. column 2 of Appendix to G.O. No. 774, dated the 4th July 1914). Tuesday the 24th December and Monday the 30th December may accordingly be declared as non-statutory holidays.

5. *Muhammadan holidays*.—The Deputy Director, the Chamber of Commerce, the Governments of Bombay and Bengal are all agreed as to the dates of Ramzan (Wednesday the 10th July) and Muharram (Wednesday the 16th October). These dates may therefore be accepted. The Deputy Director and the Chamber of Commerce fix Tuesday the 17th September as the date for Bakrid, while the Governments of Bombay and Bengal mention the 16th September as the date of this festival. Submitted that the date suggested by Bombay and Bengal may be accepted—vide in this connexion G.O. No. 1318, Public, dated the 10th September 1915.

6. *Bara Wafat*.—The Deputy Director, the Chamber of Commerce and the Government of Bombay fix Tuesday the 17th December as the date for Bara Wafat. The Government of Bengal however fix the 16th or the 17th December as the date according as the moon is visible on the 4th December or not. The Postmaster-General, Madras, suggests that alternate dates may be fixed for Muhammadan holidays. Submitted that after a careful consideration of the whole question the Government decided in 1915 to fix only definite dates for Muhammadan holidays as it would otherwise cause inconvenience to the mercantile public. There appears to be no reason to reconsider this decision especially as the Government of Bombay continue to notify definite dates for Muhammadan holidays. In the present case the 17th December may be declared as a statutory holiday for Bara Wafat.

7. *Eclipses*.—There are two eclipses of the sun and one of the moon. None of the eclipses is visible in India. A draft notification on the usual lines is submitted for approval.

P.C.N.—29-11-17.

P.D.R.—30-11-17.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—1-12-17.

Draft for approval.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—1-12-17.

H. F. W. G[ILLMAN]—2-12-17.

Issue.

R.R.—3-12-17.

[G.O. No. 1221, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 3rd December 1917.]

Holidays.

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Order. No. 1221 dated 3-12-1917.
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Saturday, January the 12th	}	Pongal
Monday, .. 14th		
Monday, March the 11th	...	Mahasivaratri
Saturday, March the 30th	}	Easter
Monday, April the 1st		
Friday, .. 12th	...	Telugu New Year's day.

Saturday

2.

Saturday, April the 13th	...	Tamil New Year's day.
June (a)	...	King-Emperor's birth day.
Wednesday, July the 10th	...	Ramzan
Wednesday, August the 21st	...	Avani Avittam
Thursday, .. 29th	...	Sri Jayanti
Monday, September the 9th	...	Vinayakachaturti
Monday, .. 16th	...	Bakrid
Friday, October the 4th	...	Mahalaya Amavasai
Monday, .. 14th	...	Ayudha Puja
Wednesday, .. 16th	...	Muharram (last day)
Saturday, November the 2nd	...	Dipavali
Tuesday, December the 17th	...	Barawafat.
Thursday, .. 26th)		
Friday, .. 27th)		
Saturday, .. 28th)	...	Christmas
Tuesday, .. 31st)		

(a) The day fixed for the celebration of the King-Emperor's birthday will be notified in due course.

2. The Governor in Council further notifies that on the following days, which are not declared to be public holidays under statutory provision, all public offices at the Presidency town and in the mufassal, with the exception of (1) the Sea Customs office, (2) the Reserve Treasury and Paper Currency office, and (3) the General Stamp office (which will be opened from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) will be closed:-

Wednesday, January the 2nd, 1918

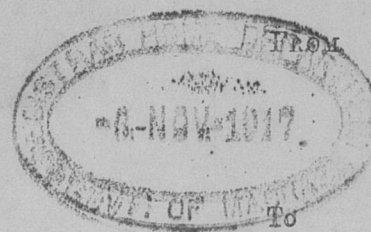
Thursday, March the 28th)
Tuesday, April the 2nd) Easter

Tuesday, December, the 24th)
Monday, .. 30th) Christmas.

Not for E.T.

To the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Madras.
 .. Accountant-General.
 .. Supdt. Government Press
 .. Registrar, Madras University
 Copy to the Hon'ble the Chief Justice of the H.C. with C.L.
 .. Postmaster General, Madras.
 .. Director of Posts and Telegraphs with C.L.
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 .. Messrs. Lyon Lord & Co. Bombay.
 .. G.O.C. 9th (Secunderabad) Dn.

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Number of enclosures

Post Office.

No. BH-5/3.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL,

Madras CIRCLE.

The CHIEF SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS,
Home (Miscellaneous) Department,
Fort Saint George, MADRAS.

Dated Madras, the 5 November, 1917.

SIR,

With reference to the correspondence ending with this office letter, No. BH-5, dated the 3rd November, 1917, I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to favour me, at your very early convenience, with a list of public holidays to be observed in this presidency during the calendar year 1918.

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

W. G. G.

for Postmaster-General.

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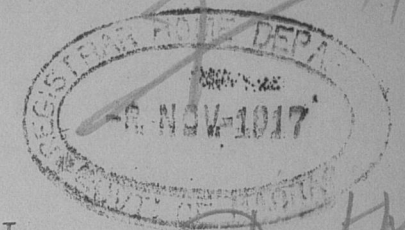
Nil.

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8-11-17

Post Office.

No. BH-5/3.



From

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL,

Madras CIRCLE

To

The CHIEF SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS,
Home (Miscellaneous) Department,
FORT SAINT GEORGE.

Number of enclosures

Dated Madras, the 31 October, 1917.

SIR,

Referring to Madras Government G.O., No. 390 Home (Miscellaneous) Department, dated the 6th December, 1916, I have the honour to say that "Id-uz-zuba" or "Bakrid" was fixed for observance on the 27th September, 1917, and a public holiday announced accordingly.

2. The Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs sanctioned a Post Office holiday for the 27th September, 1917, agreeably to this notification. The Muhammadan community of this Presidency, however, observed the 28th instead of the 27th September. No official information regarding the change in the date of observance having been received in this office, I was unable to accede to several requests made to me for a change in the date of this holiday.

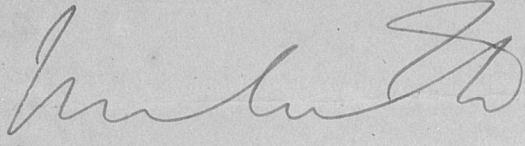
3. I forward the accompanying copy of the Director-General's circular on the subject of holidays to be observed by post offices in India and Burma for the year 1917. It will be seen that an alternative day of observance was notified by three other provinces, viz., Bihar and Orissa, United Provinces, and the Punjab and North-Western Frontier Province, according to the appearance of the moon, by suitable footnotes.

4. I shall be obliged if Government will consider the desirability of adopting a similar procedure in respect of Muhammadan festivals sanctioned for this Presidency in future

notifications

notifications regarding public holidays.

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


G. G. G. POSTMASTER-GENERAL.


Docs. accg:-

A copy of the supplement to Director-General's circular,
No. 45, dated 21st December, 1916.

uIn/30-10-17.

Posts and



Telegraphs

(POST OFFICE)

Supplement to Director-General's Circular No. 45.

THURSDAY, 21st DECEMBER 1916.

I.—Publication of the January 1917 Supplement to the *Post Office Guide*.

General File.

With reference to Part II of the Supplement to this office Circular No. 34, dated 28th September 1916, it is notified for general information that the January 1917 Supplement to the *Post Office Guide*, will be issued during the present month.

2. The Supplement will be supplied *free of charge* in accordance with the instructions in para. 4 of the Circular referred to above.

II.—Partial restoration of mail communication with the territory known as German East Africa.

General File.

In modification of Part III of this office Circular No. 20, dated the 27th August 1914, unregistered articles of the letter mail intended for Tanga, Daressalaam and other places in German East Africa, which are under British occupation, may now be accepted for despatch to those places provided that they are fully prepaid at the rates of postage applicable to similar articles for the British East Africa Protectorate.

2. A postal notice on the subject is under issue.

III.—Additional Post Office holidays in 1917.

General File.

During the year 1917 the Post Office holiday on account of Good Friday and the additional Post Office holidays on account of the following festivals

will be observed in the several postal circles on the dates shown against each:—

	Bengal and Assam.	Bihar and Orissa.	United Provinces.	Punjab and North-West Frontier.	Bombay.	Madras.	Central.	Burma.
Pongul	...	...	...	...	...	Jan. 13	...	...
Sri Panchmi or Basant Panchmi.	Jan. 27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shivratri	...	...	...	...	Feb. 20	...	Feb. 20	...
Holi or Doljatra	...	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	...	...	...	...	...
Telugu New Year's Day	...	...	...	...	Mar. 24	...	...	...
Good Friday	Apl. 6	Apl. 6	Apl. 6	Apl. 6	Apl. 6	Apl. 6	Apl. 6	Apl. 6
Baisakhi	...	...	...	Apl. 13	...	...	...	...
Tamil New Year's Day	...	...	...	...	Apl. 13	...	...	...
Burmese New Year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Apl. 14
Beginning of Buddhist Lent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	July 3
Idul-fitr or Ramzan	July 21	July 20	July 20	July 20	July 21	July 21	July 21	...
Janmastami or Gokul Ashtami.	Aug. 9	Aug. 9	Aug. 10	Aug. 10	Aug. 9	...	Aug. 10	...
Id-uz-zuha or Bakrid	Sep. 27	Sep. 27	Sep. 27	Sep. 27	Sep. 27	Sep. 27	Sep. 27	...
End of Buddhist Lent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Oct. 1
Dasehra, Ayudha Puja or Durga Puja.	Oct. 23	Oct. 25	Oct. 25	Oct. 25	Oct. 25	...	Oct. 25	...
Tazaindaing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Oct. 29
Diwali, Dipavali or Kali Puja.	Nov. 14	Nov. 14	Nov. 15	Nov. 13	Nov. 14	Nov. 13	Nov. 14	...

(a) If the moon be visible on July 19th, the holiday will be observed on July 20th, otherwise on July 21st.

(b) If the moon be visible on September 17th, the holiday will be observed on September 27th, otherwise on September 28th.

(c) If the moon be visible on September 16th, the holiday will be observed on September 26th, otherwise on September 27th.

2. With the exception of Good Friday these days are *not* Telegraph holidays. The working hours of the telegraph branch of combined offices on these days except Good Friday should, therefore, be those prescribed in the *Telegraph Guide* for ordinary working days and not those prescribed for holidays, and ordinary telegrams should be accepted as usual.

W. MAXWELL,

Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs.

POSTAL NOTICE.

PARTIAL RESTORATION OF MAIL COMMUNICATION WITH THE TERRITORY KNOWN AS GERMAN EAST AFRICA.

Unregistered articles of the letter mail will now be accepted for despatch to Tanga, Daressalaam and other places in German East Africa, which are under British occupation. Prepayment is compulsory at the rates of postage applicable to similar articles for the British East Africa Protectorate.

CALCUTTA: } W. MAXWELL,
The 21st December 1916. } Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs.

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Letter No. 3214-2
Rfec
To
12.11.17

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The Secretary to the Govt
of Bengal, Finl dept

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Sir,

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a reference to my letter
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Negotiable Instruments Act,
xxvi of 1881, for the year 1918,
and to request that with
the permission of H.E. the
Governor in Council this
Govt may be informed when
a reply may be expected.

cc
10.11.17.
Fsd
For the Regt

cc
12/11/17

Draft reminder to
the Govt of Bengal is submitted
for approval. Reply from the Govt
of Bombay has been received.

p 12 C F

cc
10.11.17. Fsd 10/11

Home dept
(His)

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Govt of Bengal
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5847 Reference correspondence
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3214 dach two ~~reporting~~
of 12th instant regarding
Muhammadian public
holidays 1918. ^{A telegraphic} ~~They will~~
~~be obliged if reply is requested~~
~~Matter very urgent.~~
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~~when it may be expected.~~

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For Reg.

As the question
will have to be settled by the
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Home Sec 116

23/11/17

The Chief Secretary,

Public Department,

Government of Madras,

MADRAS.

Sir,

We have the honour to request that, as in previous years, you will be so good as to forward to us, as soon as the information is available, a list of the Public Holidays in Madras for next year to be observed under the Negotiable Instruments' Act. We hope this information will be obtainable before the end of this month, as we have instructions to pass it on to a Publishing House in London.

Thanking you in anticipation.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants.

PER PRO. LYON, LORD & COMPANY LIMITED.

[Signature]
MANAGER

Bombay, 21st November 1917
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GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

Finance Department.

Miscellaneous Branch.

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Dated Calcutta, the 30th Novr. 1917.

From

The Hon'ble Mr. J. Donald, M.A., I.C.S.,

Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

To

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The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Home Department.

Sir,

In continuation of this Department letter No. 8958-Mis, dated the 27th November 1917, I am directed to forward herewith for the information of the Government of Madras, copies of the Notifications No. 8617/18-Mis, dated the 28th November 1917, which are about to issue, declaring the days to be observed as public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, and those to be observed as office holidays under the executive order of Government during the year 1918.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. Donald

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

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NOTIFICATIONS.

No. 8617 Mis.—The 28th November 1917.—Under section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, XXVI of 1881, the Governor in Council hereby declares the following days to be public holidays during the year 1918:—

February, 15th	...	...	Sri Panchami.
March, 27th	...	...	Doljatra.
" 30th	...	...	Easter Saturday.
April, 1st	...	...	Easter Monday.
" 13th	...	...	Chaitra Sankranti.
June, 9th	...	...	Dasahara.
July, 10th	...	...	Id-ul-fitr.
August, 29th	...	...	Janmastami.
September, 16th	...	...	Id-uz-zuha.
October, 4th	...	...	Mahalaya.
" 12th, 14th, 15th and 19th	...	...	Durga and Lakshmi Pujas.
" 16th	...	...	Muharram.
November, 4th	...	...	Kali Puja.
" 12th	...	...	Jagadhatri Puja.
December, 24th	...	...	Christmas Eve.
" 26th and 27th	...	...	The first and second days following Christmas Day.
" 31st	...	...	The last day of the year.

(a) Sundays, New Year's Day, Good Friday (29th March) and Christmas Day are public holidays under the Act.

(b) The second and last days of the Durga and Lakshmi Pujas (13th and 20th October) and the first day of Kali Puja (3rd November) fall on Sundays in 1918. They are public holidays under the Act and are therefore not included in the list of public holidays separately declared for 1918.

(c) The day which may be fixed for the celebration in India of the birthday of His Majesty the King-Emperor of India shall also be a public holiday and will be notified separately in due course.

No 8618 Mis.—The 28th November 1917.—With reference to the above notification, the Governor in Council hereby notifies that on the following days during 1918 which are not declared to be "public holidays", the offices under the Government of Bengal and all Revenue and Magisterial Courts in Bengal, with the exception of the offices of the Collector of Customs, Shipping Master, the Registrar of Assurances, Calcutta, the Collector of Stamp Revenue, Calcutta, and the Opium Sale Branch of Government, shall be closed:—

I.—Holidays on account of Muhammadan festivals.*

Id-ul-fitr	...	...	On the 11th July.
Fatiha Duwadaham	...	...	On the 17th December, but if the moon be visible on the 4th December, then on the 16th December.

October 15th is a holiday on account of the Muhammadan festival "Muharram". As, however, it is also a holiday under the Act on account of the Hindu festivals Durga and Lakshmi Pujas it is not separately notified as a holiday.

* Muhammadan officials with the exception of those employed in the offices of the Collector of Customs, the Shipping Master, the Registrar of Assurances, Calcutta, and the Collector of Stamp Revenue, Calcutta, are allowed to absent themselves from office on the following days, in addition to the six days allowed by the above notifications:—

Muharram	...	...	3 days.
Akhiri Chahar Shamba	...	...	1 day.
Shabibarat	...	...	1 "
Id-uz-zuha	...	...	1 "
			6 days.

II.—Holidays on account of Hindu festivals.

Sri Panchami	...	February, 16th
Durga and Lakshmi Pujas	...	October, 9th, 10th, 11th, 17th and 18th.
Jagadhatri Puja	...	November, 13th.

October 16th is a holiday on account of the Durga Puja. As, however, it is also a holiday under the Act on account of the Muhammadan festival "Muharram", it is not separately notified as a holiday.

III.—Other Holidays.

The third, fourth and fifth days following Christmas Day, *i.e.*, the 28th, 29th (Sunday) and 30th December.

J. DONALD,
Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

Nos. 8619—8633Mis.

Copy forwarded to the (1) Board of Revenue; (2) Inspector-General of Registration; (3) Chairman, Calcutta Corporation; and (4) General, Municipal, Revenue, Judicial, Political, Police, Appointment, Public Works, Marine, Irrigation, Legislative and Accounts Departments of this Government for information.

By order of the Governor in Council,

H. P. V. TOWNEND,

Offg. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

CALCUTTA,

The 28th November 1917.

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Letter No. 2664-1/6-12-17
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of The Post Master General
Madras,
Sir,

In forwarding
a copy of G.O. No 1221 Home
(mis) dated 3rd Dec^r 1917,
containing a list of holidays
to be observed in the Madras
Pres^d. during 1918, I am
directed to state that
we have, after a careful
consideration of the suggestion
contained in para 4 of your
letter no B.H. 5/3 dated 31st Oct^r 17,
regarding the modifying of
alternate holidays for certain
Muhammadan feasts, decided
to fix only definite dates
for the feasts in question following
the practice in the Bombay Pres^d,
as it would, otherwise cause
inconvenience to the mercantile
Public.

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October 18th is a holiday on account of the Durga Puja. As however
it is also a holiday under the Act on account of the Muhammadan festival
"Muharram", it is not separately notified as a holiday.

The third fourth and fifth days following Christmas Day, i.e. the 28th,
29th (Sunday) and 30th December.

J. DONALD,
Secy to the Govt of Bengal.

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of Registration; (3) Municipal Corporation; and (4) General Manager,
Bengal, Revenue, Municipal, Political, Police, Appointment, Public Works, Marine,
Frigation, Legislative and Accounts Departments of the Government for
information.

By order of the Governor in Council.

H. V. TOWNSEND,
Secy to the Govt of Bengal.

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TELEPHONIC MESSAGE.

From Chief Sup A.G. Ofc

To Registrar



Please state when the office will re-open after the Xmas holidays and whether any other holiday occur in the first week of January, 18. The information is urgently required for fixing the pension payment day in January 18th.

To Registrar Home
27-11-17 for favour of disposal
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27.11-17

For the Registrar

Submitted that the list of holidays for the year 1918 has not been settled pending receipt of a reply from the Bengal Govt to Letter no 3214-1, Home (His), d the 8.10.17 regarding Muhammadan holidays.

2 It appears unnecessary to await the Bengal Govt's reply for answering the query of the Chief Supdt, A.G.S office as no Muhammadan holidays occur in the first week of January. The 1st January 1918 is a holiday under the Act. The 2nd January 1918 (Wednesday) will have to be notified as a non-statutory holiday for public offices as Govt have decided in G.O no 774 Pub d the 4.7.14 to sanction this additional holiday for Christmas. The offices will therefore reopen on the 3rd January after Christmas. No other holiday occurs in the first week of January. The following draft reply is submitted for approval:-

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From the Registrar,
Home dept.

To The Chief Supt.
A.G.'s office

Reference: your letter of the 27th instant. ^{Final} ~~the~~ orders have ^{not} yet been passed fixing the list of public holidays for the year 1918. But from information available at present it may be said that the offices will reopen after Xmas on the 3rd January 1918. ~~and that~~ No other holiday occurs in the first week of January.

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For the Registrar

Submitted that the

list of holidays for the year 1918

has not been settled pending receipt

of a reply from the Board of Govt

to letter no 504 of 1/11/17, dated 15/11/17

8/10/17 regarding Muhammadan

holidays.

It is suggested that the

Board of Govt should be

approached for their views

on the subject of the

holidays for the year 1918.

The Registrar is requested to

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G.O. No. 1221, 3rd December 1917

Holidays

Directing the publication in the Fort St. George Gazette of a notification regarding—
during the year 1918 under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

READ—the following papers:—

I
Letter—from R. LL. JONES, Esq., Deputy Director, Madras Observatory.
To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Miscellaneous) Department.
Dated—the 17th September 1917.
No.—232-M.

With reference to Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 564, dated 30th March 1904, Judicial, I have the honour to forward herewith a list of festivals and eclipses during 1918.

ENCLOSURE

List of festivals and eclipses during 1918.

Bhogi Pandigai	...	...	...	...	January 12, Saturday.
Pongal Pandigai	...	...	...	...	" 13, Sunday.*
Mahasivaratri	...	...	...	...	March 11, Monday.
Good Friday	...	...	...	...	" 29, Friday.
Telugu New Year's day	...	...	...	...	April 12, Friday.
Tamil New Year's day	...	...	...	...	" 13, Saturday.
Srirama Navami	...	...	...	...	" 19, Friday.
Id Ramzan	...	...	...	...	July 10, Wednesday.
Avani Avittam	...	...	...	...	August 21, Wednesday.
Sri Jayanti	...	...	...	...	" 29, Thursday.
Vinayakachaturthi	...	...	...	...	September 9, Monday.
Bakr-id	...	...	...	...	" 17, Tuesday.
Mahalaya Amavasya	...	...	...	...	October 4, Friday.
Ayudha Puja	...	...	...	...	" 14, Monday.
Muharram (last day)	...	...	...	...	" 16, Wednesday.
Dipavali	...	...	...	...	November 2, Saturday.
Bara Wafat	...	...	...	...	December 17, Tuesday.
Vaikunta Ekadasi	...	...	...	...	

* January 14 for Madras and places to the north-east.

Eclipses.

In the year 1918 there will be three eclipses, two of the sun and one of the moon.

- I. A total eclipse of the sun, June 9, invisible in India.
- II. A partial eclipse of the moon, June 24, invisible in India.
- III. An annular eclipse of the sun, December 3, invisible in India.

II

Letter—from the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO Avargal,
Secretary to Government, Home (Miscellaneous) Department.
of Bombay, Financial Department.
of Bengal, Financial Department.

To—the Secretary to the Government
Dated—the 8th October 1917.
No.—3214-1.

I am directed to invite a reference to the correspondence ending with
Mr. Brayne's letter 3408, dated the 27th November 1916
your telegram No. 6368 Mis., dated the 28th November 1916, regarding Muhammadan public
holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, XXVI of 1881, and to request that,
with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, this Government
may be informed of the dates which the Government of ^{Bombay} Bengal propose to notify for
the undermentioned Muhammadan festivals for the year 1918:—

Bara Wafat, Ramzan | Bakr-id, Muharram (tenth day).

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III

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. G. FRASER Esq., Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Madras.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government.
Dated—the 31st October 1917.

I have the honour to request that Government will sanction the notification, in the next issue of the *Fort St. George Gazette* as public holidays, under section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, of the enclosed list of commercial holidays for the ensuing year, which has been drawn up by the Chamber in accordance with G.O. No. 774, dated the 4th July 1914.

ENCLOSURE

Madras Commercial Holidays, 1918.

Pongal	...	...	...	Saturday and Monday, the 12th and 14th January.
Mahasivaratri	...	...	...	Monday, the 11th March.
Easter	...	...	...	Saturday and Monday, 30th March and 1st April.
Telugu New Year's day	...	...	...	Friday, the 12th April.
Tamil New Year's day	...	...	...	Saturday, the 13th April.
King-Emperor's birthday	...	...	...	One day, to be notified hereafter.
Ramzan	...	...	...	Wednesday, the 10th July.
Avani Avittam	...	...	...	Wednesday, the 21st August.
Sri Jayanti	...	...	...	Thursday, the 29th August.
Vinayakachatirthi	...	...	...	Monday, the 9th September.
Bakr-id	...	...	...	Tuesday, the 17th September.
Mahalaya Amavasya	...	...	...	Friday, the 4th October.
Ayudha Puja	...	...	...	Monday, the 14th October.
Muharram (last day)	...	...	...	Wednesday, the 16th October.
Deepavali	...	...	...	Saturday, the 2nd November.
Bara Wafat	...	...	...	Tuesday, the 17th December.
Christmas	...	...	...	Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Tuesday, the 26th, 27th, 28th and 31st December.

N.B.—The following holidays are already legalized by the Negotiable Instruments Act:—New Year's day, Good Friday and Christmas day.

IV

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. P. R. CADELL, C.I.E., I.C.S., Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Financial Department.
To—the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Home (Miscellaneous) Department.
Dated—Bombay Castle, the 7th November 1917.
No.—3469.

In reply to your letter No. 3214-1, dated 8th October 1917, I am directed to state that the dates of the four Muhammadan festivals which the Government of Bombay propose to notify as public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, XXVI of 1881, for the calendar year 1918 are as shown in the margin.

Ramzan-id	..	10th July, Wednesday.
Bakr-id	..	16th September, Monday.
Muharram	..	16th October, Wednesday.
Bara Wafat	..	17th December, Tuesday.

V

Telegram—from the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Financial Department.
To—the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Home (Miscellaneous) Department.
Dated—the 27th November 1917.
No.—8958, Mis.

Your telegram 584. Bara Wafat 17th December 1918 but if moon visible 4th December then 16th Ramzan, 10th July, Bakr-id 16th September and Muharram 16th October.

VI

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. DONALD, I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Finance Department, (Miscellaneous Branch).
To—the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Home (Miscellaneous) Department.
Dated—Calcutta, the 30th November 1917.
No.—8995 Mis.

In continuation of this Department letter Mis. No. 8958, dated the 27th November 1917, I am directed to forward herewith, for the information of the Government of Madras, copies of the notifications No. 8617/18 Mis., dated the 28th November 1917, which are about to issue, declaring the days to be observed as public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, and those to be observed as office holidays under the executive order of Government during the year 1918.

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July, 10th	...	...	...	Id-ul-fitr.
August, 29th	...	...	...	Janmastami.
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" 12th, 14th, 15th and 19th	...	...	...	Durga and Lakshmi Pujas.
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November, 4th	...	...	...	Kali Puja.
" 12th	...	...	...	Jagadhatri Puja.
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" 26th and 27th	...	...	...	The first and second days following Christmas day.
" 31st	...	...	...	The last day of the year.

(a) Sundays, New Year's day, Good Friday (29th March) and Christmas day are public holidays under the Act.

(b) The second and last days of the Durga and Lakshmi Pujas (13th and 20th October) and the first day of Kali Puja (3rd November) fall on Sundays in 1918. They are public holidays under the Act and are therefore not included in the list of public holidays separately declared for 1918.

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No. 8618.—The 28th November 1917.—With reference to the above notification, the Governor in Council hereby notifies that on the following days during 1918 which are not declared to be "public holidays", the offices under the Government of Bengal and all Revenue and Magisterial Courts in Bengal, with the exception of the offices of the Collector of Customs, Shipping Master, the Registrar of Assurances, Calcutta, the Collector of Stamp Revenue, Calcutta, and the Opium Sale Branch of Government, shall be closed:—

I.—Holidays on account of Muhammadan festivals.*

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Fatiha Duwazdaham	...	...	...	On the 17th December, but if the moon be visible on the 4th December then on the 16th December.

October 15th is a holiday on account of the Muhammadan festival "Muharram". As, however, it is also a holiday under the Act on account of the Hindu festivals Durga and Lakshmi Pujas it is not separately notified as a holiday.

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Akhiri Chahar Shamba	...	...	...	1 day.
Shabibarati	...	...	...	1 "
Id-uz-zuha	...	...	...	1 "
				6 days.

II.—Holidays on account of Hindu festivals.

Sri Panchami	...	...	February, 16th.
Durga and Lakshmi Pujas	...	...	October, 9th, 10th, 11th, 17th and 18th.
Jagadhatri Puja	...	...	November, 13th.

October 16th is a holiday on account of the Durga Puja. As however, it is also a holiday under the Act on account of the Muhammadan festival "Muharram", it is not separately notified as a holiday.

III.—Other Holidays.

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J. DONALD,

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

Nos. 8619-8633 Mis.

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(By Order of the Governor in Council)

H. P. V. TOWNEND,

Offg. Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

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1st April	...	...	...
1st May	...	...	...
1st June	...	...	...
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1st June	...	...	...
1st July	...	...	...
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1st September	...	...	...
1st October	...	...	...
1st November	...	...	...
1st December	...	...	...

(a) The day which may be fixed for the celebration of the King-Emperor's birthday will be notified in due course.
 (b) The day which may be fixed for the celebration of the King-Emperor's birthday will be notified in due course.
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VII
Letter—from the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO Avargal, Secretary to Government, Home (Miscellaneous) Department.
Dated—the 6th December 1917.
No.—3664-1.

In forwarding a copy of of G.O. No. 1221 Home Miscellaneous, dated the 3rd December 1917, containing a list of holidays to be observed in the Madras Presidency during 1918, I am directed to state that the Government have, after a careful consideration of the suggestion contained in paragraph 4 of your, letter No. B.H. 5/3, dated the 31st October 1917, regarding the notifying of alternative holidays for certain Muhammadan feasts, decided to fix only definite dates for the feasts in question following the practice in the Bombay Presidency, as it would otherwise cause inconvenience to the mercantile public.

Order—No. 1221, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 3rd December 1917.

The following notification will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and republished, so far as it concerns the months that have still to run, in the first issue of the Gazette of each month of the year 1918:—

NOTIFICATION.

Under the explanation to section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, XXVI of 1881, the Governor in Council is pleased to declare that, in addition to the public holidays expressly defined as such in the said explanation, viz., Sundays, New Year's day (Tuesday, the 1st January), Christmas day (Wednesday, the 25th December) and Good Friday (Friday, the 29th March), the following days shall be public holidays in the year 1918:—

Saturday, the 12th January	...	...	...	Pongal.
Monday, the 14th "	...	...	...	Mahasivaratri.
Monday, the 11th March	...	...	...	Easter.
Saturday, the 30th "	...	...	...	Telugu New Year's day.
Monday, the 1st April	...	...	...	Tamil New Year's day.
Friday, the 12th "	...	...	...	King-Emperor's birthday.
Saturday, the 13th "	...	...	...	Ramzan.
June	...	...	...	Avani Avittam.
Wednesday, the 10th July	...	...	...	Sri Jayanti.
Wednesday, the 21st August	...	...	...	Vinayakachaturthi.
Thursday, the 29th "	...	...	...	Bakr-id.
Monday, the 9th September	...	...	...	Mahalaya Amavasya.
Monday, the 16th "	...	...	...	Ayuda Puja.
Friday, the 4th October	...	...	...	Muharram (last day).
Monday, the 14th "	...	...	...	Dipavali.
Wednesday, the 16th "	...	...	...	Bara Wafat.
Saturday, the 2nd November	...	...	...	Christmas.
Tuesday, the 17th December	...	...	...	
Thursday, the 26th "	...	...	...	
Friday, the 27th "	...	...	...	
Saturday, the 28th "	...	...	...	
Tuesday, the 31st "	...	...	...	

* The day fixed for the celebration of the King-Emperor's birthday will be notified in due course.

2. The Governor in Council further notifies that on the following days, which are not declared to be public holidays under statutory provision, all public offices at the Presidency town and in the mufassal, with the exception of (1) the Sea Customs office, (2) the Reserve Treasury and Paper Currency office and (3) the General Stamp office (which will be opened from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.), will be closed:—

Wednesday, the 2nd January 1918.	...	...	...
Thursday, the 28th March	...	...	...
Tuesday, the 2nd April	...	...	...
Tuesday, the 24th December	...	...	...
Monday, the 30th "	...	...	...

(True extract)

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
 Secretary to Government.

- To the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Madras.
 " Accountant-General.
 " Superintendent, Government Press, for publication of notification in Gazette.
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VII

Letter from the Hon'ble Director, Madras Observatory, dated the 3rd December 1917, in reply to Government Order (Miscellaneous) Department, dated the 6th December 1917.

In forwarding a copy of G.O. No. 1221, HOME (Miscellaneous), dated the 3rd December 1917, containing a list of holidays to be observed in the Madras Presidency during 1918, I am directed to state that the Government have after a careful consideration of the suggestion contained in paragraph 4 of your letter No. B.H. 52, dated the 31st October 1917, regarding the notifying of alternative holidays for certain Muhammadan festivals, decided to fix only definite dates for the festivals in question following the practice in the Bombay Presidency, as it would otherwise cause inconvenience to the mercantile public.

Order No. 1221, HOME (Miscellaneous), dated 3rd December 1917. The following notification will be published in the Madras Gazette and reprinted as far as it concerns the months that have still to run in the first issue of the Gazette of each month of the year 1918:—

NOTIFICATION
Under the extension to section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, XXVI of 1881, the Government in Council is pleased to declare that in addition to the public holidays expressly defined as such in the said extension, viz., Good Friday, Tuesday, the 1st January, Christmas day, Wednesday, the 25th December, and Good Friday, the 25th March, the following days shall be public holidays in the year 1918:—

Monday, the 1st January	Monday, the 1st April
Tuesday, the 2nd January	Tuesday, the 2nd April
Wednesday, the 3rd January	Wednesday, the 3rd April
Thursday, the 4th January	Thursday, the 4th April
Friday, the 5th January	Friday, the 5th April
Saturday, the 6th January	Saturday, the 6th April
Sunday, the 7th January	Sunday, the 7th April
Monday, the 8th January	Monday, the 8th April
Tuesday, the 9th January	Tuesday, the 9th April
Wednesday, the 10th January	Wednesday, the 10th April
Thursday, the 11th January	Thursday, the 11th April
Friday, the 12th January	Friday, the 12th April
Saturday, the 13th January	Saturday, the 13th April
Sunday, the 14th January	Sunday, the 14th April
Monday, the 15th January	Monday, the 15th April
Tuesday, the 16th January	Tuesday, the 16th April
Wednesday, the 17th January	Wednesday, the 17th April
Thursday, the 18th January	Thursday, the 18th April
Friday, the 19th January	Friday, the 19th April
Saturday, the 20th January	Saturday, the 20th April
Sunday, the 21st January	Sunday, the 21st April
Monday, the 22nd January	Monday, the 22nd April
Tuesday, the 23rd January	Tuesday, the 23rd April
Wednesday, the 24th January	Wednesday, the 24th April
Thursday, the 25th January	Thursday, the 25th April
Friday, the 26th January	Friday, the 26th April
Saturday, the 27th January	Saturday, the 27th April
Sunday, the 28th January	Sunday, the 28th April
Monday, the 29th January	Monday, the 29th April
Tuesday, the 30th January	Tuesday, the 30th April
Wednesday, the 31st January	Wednesday, the 31st April

The Government in Council further notified that on the following days, viz., the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st of each month, the public offices of the Government will be closed.

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NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 1221, HOME (MISCELLANEOUS), DATED 3RD DECEMBER 1917

[SUBJECT.—Holidays.]

HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) DEPARTMENT.

A list of holidays to be notified under the Negotiable Instruments Act and of the additional holidays to be granted as general holidays for public offices will be found in columns (1) and (2) of the Appendix to G.O. No. 774, Public, dated the 4th July 1914.

2. *Hindu holidays.*—The Deputy Director, Madras Observatory, and the Madras Chamber of Commerce agree as to the dates of Hindu holidays during the year 1918 except as regards the date for Pongal. The Chamber of Commerce mentions the 14th January as the date for this festival while the Deputy Director puts the date on the 13th remarking that for Madras and other places to the north-east the 14th January is the date of the festival. The 13th January is a Sunday. As the Deputy Director himself states that for Madras and certain places the date of Pongal is the 14th January, submitted that this date may be notified as a holiday. There will

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be no Vaikunta Ekadasi in 1918.

3. *Easter.*—Good Friday, the 29th March, is a holiday under the Act. Saturday the 30th March, and Monday the 1st April may be notified as statutory holidays under the Act—vide column 2 of Appendix to G.O. No. 774, dated 4th July 1914. Under G.O. No. 774, Public, dated the 4th July 1914 two more holidays have to be declared as non-statutory holidays—Maundy Thursday, the 28th March and Tuesday the 2nd April may accordingly be declared as non-statutory holidays as was done last

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year. G.O. No. 390, dated the 6th December 1916.

4. *Christmas.*—The 1st January 1918 (Tuesday) is a holiday under the Act. The 2nd January (Wednesday) will have to be notified as a non-statutory holiday for public offices as the Government have decided in G.O. No. 774, Public, dated the 4th July 1914, to sanction this additional holiday for Christmas.

Christmas Day (Wednesday the 25th December 1918) is also a holiday under the Act. Submitted that Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Tuesday the 26th, 27th, 28th, and 31st December 1918 respectively will have to be notified as statutory holidays. Two additional holidays have to be notified as non-statutory holidays—vide column of Appendix to G.O. No. 774, dated the 4th July 1914, (cf. column 2 of Appendix to G.O. No. 774, dated the 4th July 1914. Tuesday the 24th December and Monday the 30th December may accordingly be declared as non-statutory holidays.

5. *Muhammadan holidays.*—The Deputy Director, the Chamber of Commerce, the Governments of Bombay and Bengal are all agreed as to the dates of Ramzan (Wednesday the 10th July) and Muharram (Wednesday the 16th October). These dates may therefore be accepted. The Deputy Director and the Chamber of Commerce fix Tuesday the 17th September as the date for Bakrid, while the Governments of Bombay and Bengal mention the 16th September as the date of this festival.

From the Deputy Director, Madras Observatory
No 232-14 & the 17.9.17

Letter No 3214-1, Home (Misc), & the 8.10.17
From the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce
& the 31.10.17

From the Govt of Bombay, Public Dept, No 3464
& the 7.11.17
Telegram from the Govt of Bengal No 8958 & the 27.11.17

Submitted that the date suggested by Bombay and Bengal may be accepted—vide in this connexion G.O. No. 1318, Public, dated the 10th September 1915.

6. *Bara Wafat*.—The Deputy Director, the Chamber of Commerce and the Government of Bombay fix Tuesday the 17th December as the date for Bara Wafat. The Government of Bengal however fix the 16th or the 17th December as the date according as the moon is visible on the 4th December or not. The Postmaster General, Madras, suggests that alternate dates may be fixed for Muhammadan holidays. Submitted that after a careful consideration of the whole question the Government decided in 1915 to fix only definite dates for Muhammadan holidays as it would otherwise cause inconvenience to the mercantile public. There appears to be no reason to reconsider this decision especially as the Government of Bombay continue to notify definite dates for Muhammadan holidays. In the present case the 17th December may be declared as a statutory holiday for Bara Wafat.

7. *Eclipses*.—There are two eclipses of the sun and one of the moon. None of the eclipses is visible in India. A draft notification on the usual lines is submitted for approval.

T.C.N.—29-11-17.

P.D.E.R.—30-11-17.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—1-12-17.

Draft for approval.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—1-12-17.

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