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READ — the following paper :—

**G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.**

ABSTRACT.—Issuing revised rules for the selection of papers for the Editors' Table.

**Order—No. 362, Home (Miscellaneous), dated the 6th April 1917.**

The Governor in Council hereby directs that the revised rules relating to the selection of papers for the Editors' Table appended to these proceedings shall be observed in all departments of the Secretariat in supersession of all previous orders on the subject.

2. The Superintendent, Government Press, will be informed that papers for the Editors' Table coming under class B, i.e., of local importance and interest, appended to these proceedings, should not be communicated in future to journals and institutions outside this Presidency admitted to the privileges of the Editors' Table.

(True Extract)

E. A. HARVEY,  
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

To the departments of the Secretariat (order with annexure).  
 „ Superintendent, Government Press (order with annexure).

[Appendix.



## APPENDIX

*Revised rules relating to the selection of papers for the Editors' Table in the departments of the Secretariat.*

The following rules have been laid down by the Government of India in regard to the communication to the press of copies of correspondence which have passed between the Local and Supreme Governments:—

I. (i) Correspondence which has passed between the Local and Supreme Governments should not be published unless this course has been authorised by the Supreme Government. Such authorization is conveyed ordinarily by the Government of India *suo motu* when it selects papers for the press room at Delhi or Simla and copies thereof are received by this Government for despatch to editors of local newspapers, marked "For distribution to the press." Where this has not been done, or where a Local Government desires to publish without waiting for the receipt of the papers from the Government of India marked for the press, it is open to the Local Government to take the orders of the Government of India at any stage by separate letter or, if necessary, by telegram. Generally speaking, it is not desirable to publish papers which disclose a difference of opinion between the Supreme and Local Governments or despatches to or from the Secretary of State.

(ii) To the above rule an exception may be made in the case of departmental administration reports. These may be communicated to the press, as soon as they are issued or after they have been reviewed by the Local Government.

(iii) No document which forms part, or is likely to form part, of a correspondence between the India Office and any other Government office in England, shall be published without communication with the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India.

II. Papers published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* shall not as a rule be placed on the Editors' Table.

III. Subject to the above rules, orders relating to the following subjects are generally placed on the Editors' Table, but in cases of doubt the Secretary shall obtain the orders of the Honourable Member in charge of the department.

*Class A containing papers of general importance and interest.*

## FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT (SEPARATE REVENUE).

1. Report on the Administration of the Salt Department.
2. Report on the Administration of the Abkari and opium revenue.

## PUBLIC DEPARTMENT (MARINE).

1. Marine Court of Inquiry—Orders on reports and proceedings of —
2. Lights—Orders relating to changes in —
3. Madras Port Department—Reviews of the Administration reports of —
4. Port Trust Board—Reviews of the Administration reports of the —
5. Port Trust Accounts—Reviews of reports on the audit of the —

## REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1. Annual reviews relating to the following:—
  - (a) Jamabandi Report.
  - (b) Court of Wards Administration Report.
  - (c) Report on the Administration of the Government Cinchona Department.
  - (d) Report on the Administration of the Government Gardens and Parks.
  - (e) Report on the work done in the Fisheries Department.
  - (f) Report on the Administration of the Agricultural Department.
  - (g) Report on the Administration of the Veterinary Department.
  - (h) Report on the Administration of the Forest Department.
  - (i) Report on the working of the Co-operative Societies Act (II of 1912).
  - (j) Statement of sundry industries.
2. Papers relating to cattle shows.
3. Papers relating to agricultural banks.

## LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT (LOCAL SECTION).

1. Review of the report on Sanitation.
2. Review of the report on Vaccination.
3. Report on the Administration of Local Boards and Union Panchayats.

## (MUNICIPAL SECTION).

General Review of the Administration of Municipal Councils.

## (MEDICAL SECTION).

1. Chemical Examiner's Reports—Reviews of the —.
2. Civil Hospitals and Dispensaries—Reviews on the annual reports on —.
3. Lunatic Asylums—Reviews of the annual reports on —.
4. Medical College—Reports on the annual working of the —.

## HOME DEPARTMENT (JUDICIAL).

1. Statistics of Civil Courts—Reviews of the annual —.
2. Statistics of Criminal Courts—Reviews of the annual —.
3. Indian Arms and Explosives Acts—Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the — and the returns of sulphur licences.
4. Indian Factories Act—Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the —.
5. Jails—Reviews of the annual reports of the Inspector-General of Prisons.
6. Joint Stock Companies—Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the Indian Companies Act.
7. Police—Reviews of the Administration Reports.
8. Provident Insurance Societies Act—Report on the working of the —.
9. Registration—Reviews of reports on the working of the — department.

## HOME DEPARTMENT (EDUCATION).

1. Reports on Public Instruction.
2. Reports on the Department of Industries.
3. Quarterly reports of the Tinctorial expert.
4. Educational schemes of general interest.
5. Archaeology—Reviews of annual reports of the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey.
6. Epigraphy—Orders reviewing annual reports of the Assistant Archaeological Superintendent for Epigraphy.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (GENERAL—BUILDINGS, ROADS AND RAILWAYS).

1. Administration Reports.
2. Artesian well borings—Papers relating to —.
3. Buildings of historic or architectural interest—Orders regarding —.
4. Budget estimates—Orders on —.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (IRRIGATION).

1. Administration Reports—
2. Budget Estimates—Orders on the final issue of —.

*Class B containing papers of local importance and interest.*

## FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT (FINANCIAL).

1. Compensation for dearness of food—Orders sanctioning the grant of — (order only).
2. Final Accounts of Provincial Loans and Advances—Review of the —.
3. Final Accounts of Provincial Services—Review of the —.
4. Government Press—Reviews of annual reports on the working of the —.
5. Plague Expenditure—Consolidated estimates of —.
6. Preliminary statements showing the transactions of the Provincial Loans and Advances—Review of the —.

## FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT (SEPARATE REVENUE).

1. Annual reviews relating to the following:—
  - (a) Stamp Administration report
  - (b) Report on the Administration of Income-tax Act II of 1886.
2. General orders under the Merchandise Marks Act.

## PUBLIC DEPARTMENT (MARINE).

1. Landing and Shipping Fees Committees—Orders relating to the constitution of — at ports.
2. Port Marine and Coast Lights Funds—Preliminary accounts of —.
3. Port Marine and Coast Lights Funds—Budget estimates of —.

## REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1. General orders regarding census.
2. Rules and orders relating to Acts and Bills.
3. Papers regarding season and prospects.



## REVENUE DEPARTMENT—cont.

4. Annual reviews relating to—
  - (a) Report on the destruction of wild animals and snakes.
  - (b) Report on the operations of the Irrigation Cess Fund.
  - (c) Report on the Administration of cattle pounds (Triennial).
  - (d) Report on the Administration of Survey, Settlement and Land Records Departments.
  - (e) Report on the operations of the establishments for stamping weights and measures.
5. Orders relating to the classification of forests, the formation of forest panchayats and the forest village system.
6. Important amendments to the Board's Standing Orders.
7. Scheme reports for resettlements.

## LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT (LOCAL SECTION).

1. Orders sanctioning applications for loans.
2. Reviews of the Administration reports of District Boards.
3. Orders sanctioning the constitution of local fund taluks.
4. Orders sanctioning the constitution of unions.
5. Orders approving the annual programme of the Sanitary Engineer showing the investigation and preparation of plans and estimates for water-supply and drainage schemes to be undertaken in the year.

## (MUNICIPAL SECTION).

1. Reviews of the budget estimates of the Corporation of Madras.
2. Reviews of the Administration Reports of Municipal Councils, and the Corporation of Madras.
3. Orders finally dealing with water-supply and drainage schemes of towns.
4. Orders sanctioning applications for loans.
5. Orders sanctioning the constitution of municipalities.

## (MEDICAL SECTION).

Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.

## HOME DEPARTMENT (JUDICIAL).

1. Jail Code—Important orders sanctioning additions to the —.
2. Poisons Act—Report on the working of the —.
3. Village Courts—Reviews on the annual reports on the working of the —.

## HOME DEPARTMENT (EDUCATION).

1. Alterations in the Code of Regulations for European schools.
2. Amendments to the scheme for the award of Secondary School Leaving Certificates.
3. Alterations in University Regulations.
4. Papers regarding scholarships.
5. Papers relating to endowments.
6. Reports on—
  - (a) Arts and Professional Colleges.
  - (b) The Government Museum, the Connemara Public Library and the Marine Aquarium.
  - (c) School of Arts.
  - (d) The Madras Students' Advisory Committee.
  - (e) The Government examinations.
  - (f) The Victoria Jubilee Hostel, Kumbakonam.
  - (g) The Text-Book Committee.
  - (h) The Government Oriental Manuscripts Library.
7. Order on the report of the committee of the Lawrence Memorial School, Ootacamund.
8. Appointments to the Law College Council.
9. Orders sanctioning subsidies to Local Boards and Municipal Councils.
10. Orders sanctioning building grants, etc.
11. Orders relating to the distribution of Imperial grants.

## HOME DEPARTMENT (MISCELLANEOUS)

1. Births, Deaths and Marriages—Reviews of the reports on the registration of —.
2. Malabar Marriage Act, 1896—Report on the working of the —.
3. Monegar choultry and connected institutions—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.
4. Triplicane Langarkhana—Reviews of the annual reports on the —.
5. Madras Planters Labour Act—Annual reports on the working of the —.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (GENERAL—BUILDINGS, ROADS AND RAILWAYS).

1. Divisions (Executive)—Orders relating to the formation of —.
2. Electricity—Orders relating to the supply of energy and the working of the Indian Electricity Act.
3. Steam-boilers and Prime-movers—Annual reports of the Senior Inspector of — and orders relating to the working of the Act.
4. Telegraph offices—Orders sanctioning the opening of —.
5. Water-supply and drainage schemes—Orders relating to —.
6. Works—Orders sanctioning original — of magnitude, or public interest.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (IRRIGATION).

1. Flood damages—Orders and reports on —.
2. Irrigation works of some magnitude.
3. Programme of outlay on productive public works—Orders on —.
4. Transfer of works from Revenue to Public Works Department and vice versa.
5. Water—Rules regarding the supply of —.

IV. The selection and classification under the two heads A & B of papers other than those mentioned in rule III for transmission to the editors of newspapers, etc., and for communication or sale to the public is made by the Secretary of the department concerned, who shall make a reference to the Honourable Member in charge of the department when he is in doubt whether a particular paper should be communicated to the press or not. Such papers should ordinarily contain only the Government Order, which should be complete in itself and should not usually be preceded by the correspondence which has led the Government to their decision, such as reports by subordinate officers or even by heads of departments. Exceptions to this rule may be made (1) where the order is based upon a report a recapitulation of the substance of which is plainly unnecessary and where no material difference on important points exists between the views of the reporting officer and those set out in the order, and (2) where the order is the result of a report of an officer or committee publicly appointed to report on a special set of circumstances; provided that, in doubtful cases falling under this exception, the Secretary of the department concerned shall make a reference to the Honourable Member in charge and obtain his approval to the course proposed.

V. Where portions only of a Government Order or of the correspondence leading up to the Government Order are published, the omission of portions may be indicated by asterisks or in such other manner as may seem suitable.

VI. The following procedure shall be adopted in regard to the selection for the Editors' Table of papers in the departments of the Secretariat:—

(1) When submitting for approval the draft of an order in the press series, the drafting clerk shall enter prominently in red ink below the address entries either (a) "May be placed on Editors' Table" or (b) "Not for Editors' Table", or when the order falls under paragraph III of the above rules and there is no obvious objection to the proceedings being published (c) "Editors' Table." In the cases falling under (a) and (b) the Secretary should initial the entry in proof of his acceptance of the recommendation.

(2) When a paper is selected for the Editors' Table, the entry "Editors' Table" is added to the addresses. The press shall invariably furnish the Secretariat departments with a proof of such a paper before final striking, affixing prominently to this proof a red label "Editors' Table paper." This proof shall be submitted for approval to the Under or Assistant Secretary who will, in case of doubt, take the Secretary's orders.

(3) When instructions are given to strike off such papers, they are placed by the press on the Editors' Table without further orders, a sufficient number of extra copies of such papers being obtained to meet requisitions for copies for sale to the public.

VII. If the Secretary of the department concerned considers it desirable that, instead of a Government Order being placed on the Editors' Table, a press note should be issued, he may direct that this course shall be adopted. In such cases, he shall invariably himself pass the draft press note and if necessary should submit it for the approval of the Honourable Member in charge of the department.



NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 362, HOME (MISCELLANEOUS),  
DATED 6TH APRIL 1917

[SUBJECT.—Selection of papers for Editors' Table.]

Cuttings from "New India", Madras, dated 9th May 1916.

"The Leader" after referring to 15 Madras Government Orders on a variety of subjects, says there are 33 other papers besides of more or less equal unimportance. Would it not have been enough if the above Government Orders had been published in the Gazette? The cost of papers is very high now-a-days and it is only procurable with great difficulty. Sir William Meyer will perhaps see fit to address the Government of Madras on the subject.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

I think we might stop the supply of our Government Orders to this ungrateful paper.

A | Please examine. As a rule we don't supply outside the Presidency. The late Mr. V. Krishnaswami Ayyar got "The Leader" included, but I believe it is a poisonous rag.

A. G. C[ARDEW]—13-5-16.

Please note on A.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—14-5-16.

I cannot help feeling some sympathy with "The Leader" when I read the apparently authentic list of Government Orders communicated to them in one batch. Not only are these Government Orders of no interest whatever to papers of another province, but they do not seem to be the sort of papers that should be placed on Editors' Table even of this Presidency. If thought necessary the principles in which papers are marked for Editors' Table will be re-examined and it may be found desirable to restrict the output somewhat.

E. A. HARVEY—10-6-16.

The article in "The Leader" is by no means bad and I would leave it alone. In regard to Mr. Harvey's suggestion at M enquiry may be made if necessary.

P.R.—12-6-16

I agree.

It seems now that the article in "The Leader" was really rather appreciative, and not contemptuous and merely made a not unreasonable suggestion. Would it not be possible to divide our Editors' Table papers into two classes, A and B, the one to contain papers of general importance and interest and the other those of local importance and interest, and communicate the latter merely to local journals? The Local and Municipal Department seem very lavish with their published Government Orders but that would not matter if copies went only to a local paper or two. I note that Revenue and Public are far more reticent.

A. G. C[ARDEW]—12-6-16.



Please close this file and start a new file and pursue the general question with special reference to **M** and **N**.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—13-6-16.

The rules for the selection of papers for Editors' Table are contained in G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915. The decision as to the selection of such papers rests with the respective departments concerned. Under rule 2 of the above rules is given a list of subjects of the several departments of the Secretariat, the orders relating to which are generally placed on Editors' Table. It is submitted that the departments of the Secretariat may be requested (i) to scrutinise the list with reference to Under Secretary's note, dated 10th June 1916, and (ii) to classify their Editors' Table papers into two groups as required by the Honourable Member in his note dated 12th June 1916.

2. The Superintendent, Government Press, will presumably have no difficulty in selecting Editors' Table papers for journals in other provinces, when once he is furnished with a list \* of Editors' Table papers of general importance. It seems hardly necessary to consult him in the matter.

T.M.R.—20-6-16.

P.D.R.—21-6-16.

Yes; copies of a u.o. note should be sent round to all departments—down to the end of paragraph 1 of note above. Perhaps paragraph 2 may also be sent to Public (Minor).

E. A. HARVEY—23-6-16.

#### FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT

Please see portions marked **A**† and **B** on pages 6 and 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915. Orders relating to the subjects specified therein are now placed on the Editors' Table. All these subjects seem to be purely of local interest and may be furnished to local papers only. If this view is accepted the file may be returned to Public for issue of necessary orders amending Government Order.

T.V.—5-7-16.

T.H.R.—5-7-16.

Those mentioned under Financial are of local interest.

L. E. KERSHAW—6-7-16.

#### ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

In the Ecclesiastical Department (1) orders on the accounts of the Purasawalkam and Washermanpet General Cemeteries and (2) those on the Ecclesiastical rules of the Government of India and amendments thereto are placed on Editors' Table. These orders are seldom, if ever, extracted in the newspapers. The cemetery accounts have only local interest.

See page 5 of G.O. 651, Public, 26th April 1915.

Vide G.O. 67, Ecclesiastical, 4th September 1915 and G.O. 78, Ecclesiastical, 5th October 1915.

The Ecclesiastical rules are communicated by the Government of India to all Local Governments and Administrations and are also published in the *Gazette of India*. Therefore the newspapers in other Provinces are not interested in the Madras Government Orders containing the rules. In the circumstances both sets of orders may be brought under class B (Government Orders containing papers of only local importance and interest).

2. If the Public Department eventually decide to restrict the supply of Editors' Table papers, it may be suggested to them that the Ecclesiastical orders on the accounts of the Purasawalkam and Washermanpet General Cemeteries may be removed from the list of Editors' Table papers on page 5 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 25th April 1915.

A.J.J.—6-7-16.

R. H. COURTENAY—7-7-16.

#### LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

It is submitted that the Public Department may be informed u.o. that Legislative orders on the subjects specified in items (1) to (4) on pages 11 and 12 of the Appendix to G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915, may all be included in class B referred to in the Honourable Member's (Public) note of 12th June 1916, i.e., they need not be communicated to any newspaper or individual outside the Madras Presidency.

C.V.R.—1-7-16.

C.S.—1-7-16.

They are all published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*? should they be separately placed on the Editors' Table?

V. T. KRISHNAMA ACHARI—4-7-16.

All the papers referred to above, viz., Bills, Acts and Notifications, are published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. But as the gazette is not supplied free to editors of newspapers but only on payment of subscription, it may perhaps be desirable to place the papers on the Editors' Table, in order to give publicity to them. If so, it is submitted that they may all be included in class B.

C.V.R.—6-7-16.

C.S.—6-7-16.

May be placed on the Editors' Table; need not be communicated to newspapers, etc., outside the Presidency.

V.T.K.—6-7-16.

One obvious way of reducing waste of paper is to cease placing on the Editors' Table anything that is published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. It seems to me no answer to say that some papers don't subscribe to the gazette. If they don't, they ought to. The question is a general one, however, and not to be decided by a single department. Will Public kindly take it in hand?

C. G. TODHUNTER—7-7-16.

#### JUDICIAL (A) DEPARTMENT.

The only paper relating to this department which is generally placed on Editors' Table is the Review on the Police Administration Report. This is a paper of general importance and interest and may

Vide G.O. 2561, 23rd October 1915.  
E.A.H.—8-7-16.

be treated as one of class A—vide the Honourable Member's (Public) note, dated 12th June 1916, on page 1 ante.

The annual report on the working of the Planters Labour Act in the districts of Malabar and the Nilgiris is also placed on Editors' Table and in view of its local importance it may be treated as a B class paper.

Vide G.O. 1073, 14th May 1915.  
E.A.H.—8-7-16.



It is observed that Government Orders appointing certain persons as attesting officers under the Planters Labour Act are also placed on the Editors' Table but it does not appear that they serve any useful purpose by being distributed to the Press. It would be sufficient if the orders relating to such appointments are merely published in the gazette as they are done now.

Quite sufficient.

E.A.H.—8-7-16.

As regards the selection of other casual papers for the Editors' Table, orders will be taken as occasion arises (vide also pages 12-13 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915).

B.T.—6-7-16.

A.R.—6-7-16.

W.B.S.—7-7-16.

Yes.

E. A. HARVEY—8-7-16.

#### JUDICIAL (B) DEPARTMENT.

In the list in paragraph (11) of Appendix to G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915, Civil and Criminal Justice reviews alone are mentioned, so far as this department is concerned, as being usually placed on Editors' Table. In respect of these, it is submitted, the importance of the subject-matter dealt with would not admit of their removal from Editors' Table orders. They may also be placed in *class A* containing papers of "general importance and interest" fit for communication outside this Presidency.

2. It may also be noticed here that the annual review of the administration of justice in village courts and also the orders establishing village courts in particular localities in the various districts, which are usually placed on Editors' Table, have been omitted from the list on page 5 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915, referred to in the Public Department note. Perhaps they have also to be considered in this connection. As regards both these orders it may be conceded that they need be placed in *class B* as of local importance and interest only and fit for communication only to local journals. The importance of the subject-matter of both these orders is recognised by both the public and the Government and they may both be retained therefore among the Editors' Table papers.

3. This opportunity may perhaps be taken to request the Public Department to include the two last orders on village administration among the Editors' Table papers concerning this department mentioned in the list appended to G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.

K.M.V.—6-7-16.

The first of the two orders suggested in paragraph 2 above might well be added to class B. I don't think the second is necessary. The persons interested obtain information by other means than the newspapers.

R. H. COURTENAY—10-7-16.

#### PUBLIC (MEDICAL) DEPARTMENT.

Page 5 of G.O. 651, 26th April 1915.

In the Medical Department, the following papers are usually placed on the Editors' Table :—

- (1) Annual reports on Civil Hospitals and Dispensaries.
- (2) " " on Lunatic Asylums.
- (3) " " of the Chemical Examiner.
- (4) " " on the Medical College.
- (5) " " of the Monegar Choultry and connected institutions.
- (6) " " of the Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital.

Of the above, items (1), (2), (3) and (4) relate to important subjects and it seems desirable that information regarding them should be made available to the public beyond this Presidency. Items (5) and (6) are of local interest only and their distribution may be restricted to papers published within the Presidency.

I agree.

V.T.K.—10-7-16.

2. Besides the above, there are other papers of more or less general interest which are occasionally placed on the Editors' table. Instances of such are (1) statutory rules issued under various enactments, such as the Indian Lunacy Act, the Madras Medical Registration Act, etc., (2) general orders relating to the levy of fees, etc., in public hospitals, (3) reports of special investigations undertaken in this Presidency such as that about thermal springs recorded in G.O. No. 1340, dated 14th September 1915. It is doubtful whether these papers will be of much use in other provinces. However, each case will have to be considered on its merits and no general orders are called for in respect of them.

G.O. 1374, 26th October 1914.

G.O. 466, 11th March 1916.

G.O. 1340, 14th September 1915.

The rule should be to make these available locally; where the orders are likely to be of interest outside the Presidency, an exception may be made.

V.T.K.—10-7-16.

K.N.—3-7-16.

N.K.—8-7-16.

V. T. KRISHNAMA ACHARI—10-7-16.

I don't think it is necessary to make all the papers of the second class available even locally. Orders should be taken in each case.

C. G. TODHUNTER—10-7-16.

#### MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Please see Public Department notes on pages 1-2 ante. For Editors' Table purposes, the following classification may, it is submitted, be adopted in regard to the items under Marine Department, specified on page 6 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915 :—

##### *Class A (general importance).*

- (a) Marine Courts of Enquiry : Orders on reports and proceedings of —.
- (b) Cyclone Code : Additions to the —.
- (c) Lights : Orders relating to changes in —.
- (d) Madras Port Department : Reviews of the administration reports of —.
- (e) Port Rules : Additions and changes in —.
- (f) Port Trust Board : Reviews of the administration reports of the —.
- (g) Port Trust Accounts : Reviews of reports on the audit of the —.

##### *Class B (local importance).*

- (a) Conservancy Boards : Orders relating to the constitution of — at ports.
- (b) Landing and Shipping Fees Committees : Orders relating to the constitution of — at ports.
- (c) Landing and Shipping fees : Orders relating to the levy of — at ports.

2. The file may, it is submitted, be passed on to Marine (Financial) with reference to the items 11 and 12 in the list on page 6 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.

T.M.R.—6-7-16.

R.V.S.—6-7-16.

P.D.R.—8-7-16.

R. H. COURTENAY—10-7-16.

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## MARINE (FINANCIAL) DEPARTMENT.

11 and 12 are purely parochial.

L. E. KERSHAW—11-7-16.

## PUBLIC (B) DEPARTMENT.

For a list of the subjects under the Public Department, orders relating to which are generally placed on Editors' table, please see page 5 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915. Of these, the subjects belonging to the Public (B) section are the following :—

- (1) Archæology.
- (2) Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886.
- (3) Epigraphy.
- (4) Malabar Marriage Act, 1896.
- (5) Triplicane Langerkhana.
- (6) Valedictory orders.

Submitted that orders reviewing the annual reports on Archæology and Epigraphy may be considered as of general interest and importance. Orders recording the annual reports on the work done under the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886, are also generally communicated to certain Governments and individuals outside this Presidency, and may also be considered as of general interest—vide, for example, G.O. No. 1370, Public, dated 23rd September 1915. Reports on the working of the Malabar Marriage Act and the Triplicane Langerkhana are of *local interest only*. Valedictory orders issued on the retirement of high public officials which may be placed on Editors' table may also be treated as of local interest only.

E.A.H.—12-7-16.

P.R.—13-7-16.

E.A.H.—12-7-16.

May be treated as of local interest only.

P.R.—13-7-16.

P.R.—13-7-16.

E.A.H.—12-7-16.

For orders.

E.A.H.—12-7-16.

Local please.

P.R.—13-7-16.

2. Besides orders on these subjects, certain Government orders on emigration and passports are also placed on Editors' table, though they have not been included in the list of papers *generally* placed at the disposal of the press. For instance please see G.O. Nos. 1689, Public, dated 23rd November 1915, 604, Public, dated 29th March 1916 and 952, dated 16th May 1916. It is submitted that it would appear impracticable to lay down a general rule relating to all such Government

orders and a convenient arrangement would appear to be to consider on the occasion of the issue of such Government orders whether they are of general interest or local interest and regulate their distribution thereafter.

E.A.H.—12-7-16.

These may all be treated as local.

P.R.—13-7-16.

3. With these remarks, the file may now be returned to the Public (Minor) Section u.o.

M.D.R.—7-7-16.

C.P.K.—11-7-16.

Items (1), (2) and (3) may be classed as **A**; (4), (5) and (6) (*I think*) as **B**. Other papers will be classed as **A** or **B** on their merits and so marked.

E. A. HARVEY—12-7-16.

Nos. (1) and (3) are "general." All the others may be treated as "local."

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—13-7-16.

## JUDICIAL (C) DEPARTMENT.

From the list on pages 5-6 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915, it will be seen that orders relating to the following subjects in Judicial (C) are generally placed on Editors' Table. Reviews on the annual reports on—

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|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                      | (1) Indian Arms and Explosives Acts.                                        |
|                                                      | (2) Indian Factories Act.                                                   |
|                                                      | (3) Jail Administration.                                                    |
| * Items 4 and 6 come as one consolidated report now. | (4) Joint Stock Companies (Indian Companies Act).                           |
|                                                      | (5) Poisons Act.                                                            |
|                                                      | (6) Provident Insurance Societies Act.                                      |
|                                                      | (7) Registration department.                                                |
|                                                      | (8) Important orders sanctioning additions to the Jail Code.                |
|                                                      | (9) Orders on the constitution of Registration districts and sub-districts. |

With reference to the notes at **M** and **N** on page 1 ante, it is submitted that papers 1 to 7 (marked **A**) may be considered to be of *general* importance and interest to be furnished to all papers whether within the Presidency or outside the province, and that papers 8 and 9 (marked **B**) are only orders of *local* importance and interest and it will be sufficient if orders on these subjects are communicated to *local journals only*.

If this classification is approved, the file may be returned to Public Department with the above remarks. It is for consideration whether the report on the Poisons Act (item 5 above) may not be brought under class **B**—matter of local interest and importance only. A copy of the latest report is put up in the file for perusal if necessary.

M.C.—4-7-16.

M.V.V.—11-7-16.

Items 5, 8 and 9 may be classed as **B**. All may continue to be placed on Editors' Table.

E. A. HARVEY—12-7-16.

I agree.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—12-7-16.

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

A list of subjects pertaining to this department, orders relating to which are generally placed on Editors' Table, will be found on page 11 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated the 26th April 1915. With reference to the Under Secretary's remarks at **M** on page 1 ante, it has now to be settled whether any of the subjects in the list may be discontinued from being placed on Editors' Table and whether any, and if so what, subjects should, with reference to the remarks of the Honourable Member (Public) at **N** on page 1 ante, be included in list "A" (papers of general importance and interest) and what should be included in list "B" (papers of local importance and interest). The subjects included in the list on page 11 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated the 26th April 1915, are dealt with below seriatim :—

(1) *Alterations in the Educational rules, the Grant-in-Aid Code and the Code of Regulations for European schools.*—The alterations in the Educational rules and the Grant-in-Aid Code are, as a rule, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, and the Government Orders sanctioning the alterations may, in view of their extensive



application over the whole of the Presidency, continue to be placed on Editors' Table.

P.R.—14-7-16. | As the rules apply only to institutions within this province, they may be included in list "B". The alterations in the Code of regulations for European schools are not generally published in the Gazette and will have to be placed on the Editors' Table. They may be included in list "B".

- (2) *Alterations in the Public Service and Special Test notifications,*  
 (3) *Amendments to the scheme for the award of secondary school-leaving certificates,*  
 (4) *Alterations in University regulations,*  
 (5) *Papers regarding scholarships, and*  
 (6) *Papers relating to endowments.*

P.R.—14-7-16 | All the above may, it is submitted, continue to be placed on Editors' Table and may be included in list "B" as they are only of local importance.

- (7) *Reports on (i) Public Instruction, etc., to (x) Text Book Committee.*

P.R.—14-7-16. | Of the above reports, only those on (i) Public Instruction and (viii) Department of Industries need be included in list "A". The rest may, as usual, be placed on Editors' Table and included in list "B".

- (8) *Government Order on the report of the Committee of Lawrence Memorial School, Ootacamund—may continue to be placed on Editor's Table and included in list "B" as it is only of local importance.*

P.R.—14-7-16. | As these reports are of general importance and interest, they may be placed on Editors' Table and included in list "A".

- (10) *Affiliation of colleges to the University of Madras and (11) Alterations in the rules of Government Colleges.—These are published in the Gazette and the Government Orders placed on Editors' Table. They may be included in list "B" as they are only of local importance.*

P.R.—14-7-16. | These are not published in the Gazette. The orders may, therefore, continue to be placed on Editors' Table and may be included in list "B", as they are of local importance and interest.

- (16) *Educational schemes of general interest.—Submitted that these may continue to be placed on Editors' Table and they may be included in list "A".*

With these remarks the file may be returned to the *Public Department u.o.*

A.S.—12-7-16.

T.K.—12-7-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—14-7-16.

# LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

The list of subjects in this department the orders relating to which are generally placed on Editors' Table are given on pages 8-9 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915. They are examined below seriatim with reference to the instructions contained in pages 1-2 supra:—

| Items.                                                                                                                                         | Office-note.                                                                                                                | Secretary's orders.                                        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| (1) Reviews of the budget estimates of district boards.                                                                                        | These may be omitted from the Editors' Table list as they are not likely to be of any interest to the public.               | ....                                                       |
| (2) (a) Reviews of the budget estimates of municipal councils.                                                                                 | Do.                                                                                                                         | ....                                                       |
| (b) Review of the budget estimate of the Corporation of Madras.                                                                                | Perhaps it will be sufficient to communicate this to the Editors of newspapers in Madras Presidency.                        | ....                                                       |
| (3) Reviews of the administration reports of district boards.                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                            |
| (4) Reviews of the administration report of municipal councils and the Corporation of Madras.                                                  | These may be restricted to local circulation, i.e., to journals in the Madras Presidency.                                   | ....                                                       |
| (5) Review of the report on sanitation.                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                             |                                                            |
| (6) Review of the report on vaccination.                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                             |                                                            |
| (7) Report on the administration of local boards and union panchayats.                                                                         | These may be marked for general circulation.                                                                                | ....                                                       |
| (8) General review of the administration of municipal councils.                                                                                |                                                                                                                             |                                                            |
| (9) Government Orders finally dealing with water-supply and drainage scheme of towns.                                                          | These may be restricted to local circulation.                                                                               | ....                                                       |
| (10) Government Orders sanctioning applications for loans.                                                                                     | These may be restricted to local circulation or perhaps may be taken out of the Editors' Table list altogether.             | V.T.K. C.G.T.                                              |
| (11) Government Orders recording the remarks of the Sanitary Commissioner on the monthly returns of vital statistics.                          | The statistics are published in the <i>Fort St. George Gazette</i> . They may be omitted from the Editors' Table list.      | May remain on Editors' Table for local circulation. V.T.K. |
| (12) Government Orders dealing with the notes of inspection by the Sanitary Commissioner or Deputy Sanitary Commissioners.                     | These are merely submitted for the information of Government and are generally recorded. They may be omitted from the list. | ....                                                       |
| (13) Government Orders dealing with the reports on the inspection of local fund and municipal accounts by the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts. | These may be omitted from the list.                                                                                         | ....                                                       |



| Items.                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Office-note.                                                                                                                                                                                   | Secretary's orders.                                             |
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| (14) Government Orders sanctioning the constitution of local fund taluks.                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                 |
| (15) Government Orders sanctioning the constitution of unions.                                                                                                                                                       | These may be restricted to local circulation.                                                                                                                                                  | ....                                                            |
| (16) Government Orders sanctioning the constitution of municipalities.                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                 |
| (17) Rules issued under the Madras District Municipalities, Madras Local Boards and the City of Madras Municipal Acts, the Places of Public Resort Act and the Indian Tramways Act.                                  | The orders may be marked for general circulation, notwithstanding the fact that the rules themselves are published in the <i>Fort St. George Gazette</i> .                                     | I should say local circulation would do in these cases. V.T.K.  |
| (18) Government Orders sanctioning by-laws under the above mentioned Acts.                                                                                                                                           | These may be marked for general circulation.                                                                                                                                                   | I would remove altogether since the rules are gazetted. G.T. C. |
| (19) Government Orders approving the annual programme of the Sanitary Engineer showing the investigation and preparation of plans and estimates for water-supply and drainage schemes to be undertaken in that year. | These may be restricted to local circulation.                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                 |
| (20) Government Orders sanctioning the alterations in the boundaries of municipalities.                                                                                                                              | These will interest only the local people and they will know the details without any difficulty. Further, these notifications are published in the gazette. They may be omitted from the list. |                                                                 |

2. To sum up, it is submitted that of the twenty items shown on pages 8 and 9 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915, (1) items 1, 2 (a), 11, 12, 13 and 20 may be omitted from the Editors' Table list. (2) items 2 (b), 3, 4, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16 and 19 may be restricted to local circulation, and (3) items 5, 6, 7, 8, 17 and 18 may be marked for general circulation.

C.V.K.—14-7-16.

K.V.V.—14-7-16.

N. CHENGAL RAO—15-7-16.

I agree except in the cases I have made remarks on above.

V. T. KRISHNAMA ACHARI—17-7-16.

I agree throughout except as to Nos. 17 and 18.

C. G. TODHUNTER—17-7-16.

PUBLIC (X) DEPARTMENT.

So far as Public (X) is concerned, there are no subjects orders on which are required to be placed on Editors' Table.

Public (Minor) may be informed accordingly.

A.H.—15-7-16.

R. H. COURTENAY—17-7-16.

# PUBLIC (MINOR) DEPARTMENT.

The Revenue and Public Works Departments have yet to send their replies to the un-official reference regarding the classification of Editors' Table papers. In the meanwhile, the general question raised by the Secretary, Legislative Department, may, it is submitted, be examined.

2. The suggestion is to cease placing on Editors' Table anything that is published in the Gazette. It is submitted that it is not usual for this Government to supply the Gazette free to newspapers and institutions. Editors' Table privileges are the only means through which newspapers and institutions secure official news. It seems rather hard to make them pay for a privilege which they have hitherto enjoyed free. It seems very doubtful if they will be prepared to incur the expense of subscribing to the Gazette for official information. Besides, the suggestion would seem to be opposed to the very object of Editors' Table privileges—which is to afford the press good facilities for procuring authentic information regarding matters of public interest, which are dealt with in the course of official correspondence. The policy of the Government of India as enunciated in Home Department Resolution No. 2345-2360, dated 25th October 1904, is to satisfy the legitimate desire of newspapers to be supplied liberally with such official news as can be made public without prejudice to the interests of the State. Please see also in this connection paragraph 3 of the Hon'ble Sir Harold Stuart's note, dated 2nd November 1911, and paragraphs 2 and 3 of Sir Murray Hammick's note, dated 6th November 1911 on page 2 of notes to G.O. No. 1895, Public, dated 16th December 1911, regarding the desirability of disseminating official information as widely as possible with a view to avoiding misrepresentations and falsehoods. The suggestion of the Secretary, Legislative Department, will, it is submitted, restrict the dissemination of information.

Oh! A paper which won't take in the Gazette is a rag and deserves no patronage. E.A.H.

Paragraph 1 on page 3 of G.O. 969, Public, 1st December 1904.

The Gazette is the official means of communicating such information to the Public.

Page 3 of G.O. 969, Public, 1st December 1904.

3. The annual cost involved in granting Editors' Table privileges to a newspaper is only about Rs. 94, inclusive of postage. The subscription and postage for the Gazette is Rs. 5-8-0 per quarter payable in advance. All newspapers and institutions admitted to Editors' Table privileges are however supplied free with part IV of the Gazette containing the proceedings of the Legislative Council—vide G.O. No. 88, Legislative, dated 5th July 1910.

4. If paragraph 2 above be concurred in, the Secretary, Legislative Department, may, it is submitted, be requested to reconsider his suggestion: if not, the opinion of the departments of the Secretariat may be invited, before the suggestion is given effect to.

Page 2 of current file in G.O. 760, Public, 14th May 1915.

of the Legislative Council—vide G.O. No. 88, Legislative, dated 5th July 1910.

4. If paragraph 2 above be concurred in, the Secretary, Legislative Department, may, it is submitted, be requested to reconsider his suggestion: if not, the opinion of the departments of the Secretariat may be invited, before the suggestion is given effect to.

T.M.R.—21-7-16.

P.D.R.—25-7-16.

We may legitimately start with the assumption that all reputable journals subscribe to the Gazette; the view that if they don't, they ought to, may be concurred in in this department. The matter is one which Public (minor) is competent to decide and I don't think any end will be served by consulting other departments. The suggestion may be taken into consideration along with the general case, when this is complete.

E. A. HARVEY—27-7-16.



## REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

The Public Department request—

(1) that the list of subjects given at pages 5 to 12 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915, the orders relating to which are generally placed on the Editors' Table, may be scrutinised with a view to restrict the output of Government Orders marked for the Editors' Table.

(2) that the Editors' Table papers may be classified into two groups, class A and class B, the former to contain papers of *general importance* and interest and the latter to contain papers of *local importance* and interest only and to be communicated merely to local journals.

2. The Government Orders of this department which are generally placed on the Editors' Table are examined below with reference to the above two points—

(i) *Rules and orders relating to Acts and Bills—Item 3 at page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—The Acts and Bills referred to are apparently Acts and Bills of the Local Legislative Council. They are of sufficient importance to be placed on Editors' Table but are not necessarily of interest to journals of other Provinces. Papers on these subjects may therefore be included in class B.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

S.R.R.—8-7-16.

K.S.N.—12-7-16.

A.S.R.—18-7-16.

V.P.—31-7-16.

V. A. ANANTARAMA AYYAR—4-8-16.

(ii) *Annual review relating to the destruction of wild animals—Item 5 (a) at page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—This is a subject of local interest. It is submitted that Government Orders on this subject may continue to be placed on the Editors' Table (vide G.O. No. 2715, dated 7th December 1915).

The review is not however of such general importance as to be communicated to journals, etc., outside the Presidency. The Government of India publish every year in the *Gazette of India* a resolution reviewing the result of the measures taken for the destruction of wild animals and snakes in the several provinces in British India and this would give sufficient information to the journals of other provinces in regard to this matter. It is submitted that papers on this subject may be included in class B.

S.R.R.—10-7-16.

V.P.—31-7-16.

A. H. A. TODD—5-8-16.

J. P. BEDFORD—7-8-16.

(iii) *Report on the operations of the Irrigation cess fund—Paragraph 5 (g) at page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—The cess is in existence only in a few of the districts—Chingleput, Trichinopoly, Madura and Coimbatore. It is a matter purely of local importance and interest only and it cannot be said to be a subject of general importance even in this Presidency. It is a question for consideration whether the Government Orders containing the report should be placed on the Editors' Table at all—for the last report vide G.O. No. 2194, dated 29th September 1915.

S.R.R.—10-7-16.

V.P.—31-7-16.

Need not be Editors' Table.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

They may not be of much interest, but it seems desirable that the Government, having hitherto published the accounts of the fund, should not invite speculation by suddenly ceasing to do so.

Class B clearly.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

(iv) *Report on the administration of cattle pounds—Item 5 (h) at page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915, and (v) report on the working of the establishments for stamping weights and measures—Item 5 (r) at page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—These are subjects of public interest in this Presidency and Government Orders thereon may therefore continue to be placed on the Editors' Table.

G.O. 793, 12th March 1914.

G.O. 2038, 7th September 1915.

They do not however appear to be matters of such general importance as to be communicated to other provinces. It is therefore submitted that the Government Orders on these subjects may be included in class B.

S.R.R.—10-7-16.

V.P.—31-7-16.

A. H. A. TODD—5-8-16.

J. P. BEDFORD—7-8-16.

(v) *Important amendments to the Board's Standing Orders.*—Government Orders on these subjects are purely matters of local interest and it is submitted that it would do if they are included in class B only.

S.R.R.—10-7-16.

V.P.—31-7-16.

Yes. I think so.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

(v) *Report on the administration of the Survey, Settlement and Land Records departments—Item (i) of class (5) under "Revenue Department" on page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—Submitted that the above report may continue to be placed on Editors' Table. In view of the fact that the progress of the operations of these departments is mainly a matter of local interest it is submitted that the report may be included in the proposed class B—vide Honourable Member's note on page 1 ante.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

2. In addition to the reports, etc., enumerated under "Revenue Department" on page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915, important orders such as those on scheme reports for resettlement, orders on the report of the Survey and Land Records committee, etc., are marked for Editors' Table—vide Rule III on page 12 of the above Government Order. In regard to Government Orders on scheme reports for resettlement it would seem that as a rule they need be communicated to the local Press only. As regards other orders of a miscellaneous nature, the question whether the subjects are of local interest only or of general interest may be considered with reference to the merits of each case, and the Government Orders marked accordingly under the proposed class A or B (vide Honourable Member's note on page 2 ante).

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

K.S.N.—12-7-16.

C.R.—2-8-16.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

*Reports on the administration of the Agricultural department and of the Government Gardens and Parks.*—These\* are usually placed on Editors' Table and may continue to be so placed in future, these being included in the proposed A class as they are of general public interest.

\* Cf. G.O. 1949, Revenue, 26th August 1915.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.



In the case of such of the other important orders on these subjects which might

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

be placed on Editors' Table, it might be decided as each order issues whether it should go into A class or B class according as it is of general or local interest.

R.R.—31-7-16.

C.R.—2-8-16.

(iv) *Report on the administration of the Forest department—Item (n) of class 5 under "Revenue Department" on page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—The Forest department is one in the administration of which the public take keen interest as will be evidenced from the request of the two district associations (those of Ganjam† and Godavari‡) to

† G.O. 1501, Public, 19th October 1915.

‡ G.O. 932, Revenue, 17th April 1916.

be furnished with their respective district reports in advance before review by

Government. It is submitted therefore that this report may continue to be placed on Editors' Table. The report with its appendices contains much valuable information

Vide G.O. 95, 15th January 1916.

which is not merely of limited local interest, but may be utilized in other

provinces as well for purposes of comparison and analogy. The report, it is submitted, appears to be of sufficient general

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

interest to be included in class A.

2. Since the Government accepted the recommendations of the Forest Committee in G.O. No. 3020, Revenue, dated 13th October 1913, the forest policy is being developed on certain lines with a view to enlist the co-operation of

G.O. 297, 10th February 1916.

G.O. 269, 8th February 1916.

G.O. 1881, 13th August 1915.

G.O. 298, 10th February 1916.

villagers, e.g., classification of forests and formation of forest panchayats and forest village system. Some of the Government Orders on these subjects have been placed on Editors' Table as they

are of considerable interest to the rural population. The object being the solution of local questions, such Government Orders are not likely to be of interest to outsiders, and may, it is submitted, be placed in class B.

K.K.R.—13-7-16.

As a rule these may be placed in class B. Special cases may be differently treated if necessary.

A. H. A. TODD—5-8-16.

Yes: I don't think we can lay down a hard and fast rule.

J. P. BEDFORD—7-8-16.

(vii) *Report on the administration of the Veterinary Department—Item (m) of (5) under Revenue Department on page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April*

Vide G.O. 2022, 4th September 1915.

1915.—Submitted that this report may continue to be placed on the Editors'

Table. The report is one of general public interest and may be included in class A.

T.R.T.—14-7-16.

S.A.—17-7-16.

Class A, I think.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

(viii) *Statement of sundry industries—Item (s) of class (5) under Revenue Department on page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—Submitted

Vide G.O. 816, 8th April 1916.

that this may continue to be placed on the Editors' Table. This report is one of

general public interest and may be included in class A.

T.R.T.—14-7-16.

S.A.—14-7-16.

Class A, I think.

A. H. A. TODD—5-8-16.

J. P. BEDFORD—7-8-16.

(ix) *Cattle shows—Class (7) under Revenue Department on page 8 of G.O.*

Vide G.O. 2120, 17th September 1916.

No. 651, Public, dated 26th April

1915.—Submitted that reports of cattle-shows may continue to be placed on the Editors' Table. The cattle-shows are of local importance only and the reports may be included in class B.

T.R.T.—14-7-16.

S.A.—17-7-16.

Though the last report doesn't contain much information, the Ongole show is really of interest outside the Presidency also; might be in class A.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

(x) *Changes in headquarters—Class (2) under Revenue Department on page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—Changes in headquarters of Revenue

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

divisions and taluks are usually notified in the Fort St. George Gazette. It seems unnecessary to place the Government

Orders containing the notifications on the Editors' Table.

S.R.G.—15-7-16.

S.A.—17-7-16.

(xi) *Jamabandi report—Item 5 (b) under Revenue Department at page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—Submitted that this may continue to

Vide G.O. 486, 2nd March 1916.

be placed on Editors' Table and may be included in class A as the report is of general importance and interest.

K.R.A.—17-7-16.

T.S.R.—4-8-16.

Class A, I think.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

(xii) *Report on the working of the Co-operative Societies Act—Item 5 (g) under "Revenue Department" at page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—Submitted that this may continue to be placed on Editors' Table and may be included in class A as the report is one of

G.O. 15, Revenue, 4th January 1916.

general importance and interest.

K.R.A.—17-7-16.

T.S.R.—4-8-16.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.



*Papers regarding season and prospects—Item (4) at page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—It is submitted that these papers may be included in class B as they are purely matters of local interest.

R.P.—3-8-16.

T.S.R.—4-8-16.

A. H. A. TODD—5-8-16.

J. P. BEDFORD—7-8-16.

*Papers relating to agricultural banks—Item (8) at page 8 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—Papers on this subject are rare. Submitted that these may be placed in class A as they are likely to be matters of general interest.

R.P.—3-8-16.

T.S.R.—4-8-16.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

Perhaps; but I don't see how any hard and fast rule can be laid down.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

(xiii) *Report on the administration of the Government Cinchona Department—Item 5 (e) under "Revenue Department" on page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—Submitted that the report may continue to be placed on the Editors' Table. The report is one of considerable general interest to the public and, as such, may be included in class A (vide portion marked N in Honourable Member's note on page 1 supra).

G.O. 1790, Revenue, 2nd August 1915.

as such, may be included in class A (vide portion marked N in Honourable Member's note on page 1 supra).

A.S.R.—19-7-16.

V. A. ANANTARAMA AYYAR—4-8-16.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

(xiv) *Administration Report of the Fisheries Department—Item 5 (j) under "Revenue Department" on page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—Submitted that the report may continue to be placed on the Editors' Table.

G.O. 1857, Revenue, 9th August 1915.

The subject is one of general importance and interest and may be included in class A (vide Honourable Member's note on page 1 ante).

A.S.R.—19-7-16.

V.A.A.—4-8-16.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

(xv) *General orders regarding census (vide item 1 under Revenue Department at page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915).*—Orders about census such as G.O. No. 779, Revenue, dated 17th March 1911, containing the provisional totals given by the census of 10th March 1911 have been placed on the Editors' Table. As such orders appear to be of purely local interest, they may be included in class B only (vide portion marked N in Honourable Member's note at page 1 supra).

D.T.—20-7-16.

V.A.A.—4-8-16.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

(xvi) *Court of Wards administration report.*—[Vide item 5 (c) under Revenue Department at page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.]

Submitted that the report may be continued to be placed on the Editors' Table.

G.O. 750, Revenue, 1st April 1916.

It is now being sent to certain public and private bodies, such as the University of Bombay, the library of congress, Washington, United States of America, the Sydenham College of Commerce and Industry, Bombay, etc., at the request of those bodies. As it is, however, doubtful whether the administration of wards estate in this Presidency will be of general interest to the people in other provinces, it seems sufficient to communicate the report to the local Press only and include it in class B (vide portion marked N in Honourable Member's note at page 1 supra).

D.T.—20-7-16.

V. A. ANANTARAMA AYYAR—4-8-16.

A. H. A. TODD—5-8-16.

I would put this in class A. The interest in our local magnates is hardly co-terminous with the Presidency. Probably some Bihar people feel more interest in (say) Jeypore affairs than would be felt in Madura or Malabar.

J. P. BEDFORD—7-8-16.

3. The file may be returned to Home (Miscellaneous) Department with the remarks of this department.

S.J.A.—4-8-16.

V.P.—4-8-16.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

In most cases, the classification into A or B presents no difficulty, but some of the classes will have to be decided on *ad hoc* or not at all. Personally, I don't mind such cases being all dealt with in class B in the absence of special orders, if this will tend to the convenience of the Press.

As regards marking for Editors' Table, no general reduction (i.e., elimination of particular classes) seems called for in this department.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The list of papers to be selected for the Editors' Table in the Public Works Department (General Branch) will be found on pages 9 and 10 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915. The list has been carefully scrutinized and revised; and fresh additions have been made where necessary. The revised list of papers for the Editors' Table and their classification into A and B, i.e., papers of general and local interest, is as shown below:—

|                                                                                                                              |   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| (1) Administration reports                                                                                                   | A |
| (2) Artesian well-borings—Orders regarding                                                                                   | A |
| (3) Buildings of historic or architectural interest—Orders regarding                                                         | A |
| (4) Budget estimates—Orders on                                                                                               | A |
| (5) Divisions (executive)—Orders relating to the formation of                                                                | B |
| (6) Electricity—Orders relating to the supply of energy and the working of the Indian Electricity Act                        | B |
| (7) Railways—Orders on the construction and opening of new lines of                                                          | A |
| (8) Steam Boilers and Prime-movers—Annual reports of the Senior Inspector of — and orders relating to the working of the Act | B |
| (9) Telegraph offices—Orders sanctioning the opening of                                                                      | B |
| (10) Water-supply and drainage schemes—Orders relating to                                                                    | B |
| (11) Works—Orders sanctioning original — of magnitude or of public interest                                                  | B |



The file may be returned to the Public Department through Irrigation u.o. for a similar consideration of the orders relating to the Irrigation Branch.

M.B.—15-9-16.

A.S.N.—15-9-16.

D. MARSHALL—18-9-16.

#### PUBLIC WORKS (IRRIGATION) DEPARTMENT.

The list of subjects, the orders relating to which are to be placed on the Editors' Table, will be found on page 10 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915. The list has been scrutinized with reference to the Under Secretary's (Public) note, dated 10th June 1916, and revised. The revised list of subjects and their classification into A or B—papers of general importance and interest or those of local importance and interest—are as shown below :—

Issue in Government Order.  
Items (4) to (7) are published in Gazette.

revised list of subjects and their classification into A or B—papers of general importance and interest or those of local importance and interest—are as shown below :—

|                                                                                                            |                 |   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| (1) Administration reports                                                                                 | ...             | A |
| (2) Budget estimate—Orders on the final issue                                                              | ...             | A |
| Items (3) and (5) should go to Technical papers.                                                           |                 |   |
|                                                                                                            | F.E.M.—9-10-16  |   |
| These require careful consideration before publication and if passed for publication, may be classed as B. |                 |   |
|                                                                                                            | W.M.E.—9-10-16. |   |
| (3) Flood damages—Orders on the reports on                                                                 | ...             | B |
| (4) Irrigation works of some magnitude                                                                     | ...             | A |
| (5) Programme of outlay on productive public works—Orders on                                               | ...             | B |
| (6) Transfer of works from Revenue to Public Works Department and vice versa                               | ...             | B |
| (7) Water—Rules regulating the supply of                                                                   | ...             | B |

The file may be returned to the Public Department u.o.

T.S.N.—6-10-16.

A.V.S.—6-10-16.

M.S.V.—6-10-16.

P.K.S.—6-10-16.

F. E. MORGAN—9-10-16.

W. M. ELLIS—11-10-16.

#### HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) DEPARTMENT.

The questions for consideration in this file are :—

(1) Restriction of papers placed on the Editors' Table,  
(2) Classification of papers placed on the Editors' Table into classes A and B, the former containing papers of general importance and interest, and the latter containing papers of local interest only, with a view to confining the supply of the latter class of papers to journals, institutions, etc., in this Presidency admitted to the Editors' Table privileges, and  
(3) Mr. Todhunter's suggestion that anything that is published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* need not be placed on the Editors' Table.

2. The departments consulted have considered questions (1) and (2) and have forwarded a revised list of papers that may be placed on the Editors' Table classifying them into classes A and B. A consolidated classified list of the papers to be placed on the Editors' Table has been drawn up in accordance with the suggestions of the departments and will be found in rule II of the appendix to the draft order.

3. The departments concerned have not offered any remarks as to the classification of the following orders :—

(1) *Government Press*.—Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the —.

(2) Annual reports relating to the following :—

(a) Stamp Administration.

(b) Administration of the Salt Department.

(c) Do. of the Income Tax Act (II of 1886).

(d) Do. of Abkari and Opium Revenue.

(3) General orders under the Merchandise Marks Act.

This will do provisionally. The views of departments concerned will have to be obtained. Items (1), 2 (a) and 2 (c) have been classed as B in the draft and the rest as A, subject to the concurrence of Separate Revenue and Public.

E.A.H.—8-12-16.

P.R.—16-12-16.

4. Ecclesiastical state that if it is eventually decided to restrict the supply of Editors' Table papers, orders on the accounts of the Purasawalkam and Washermenpet general cemeteries may be removed from the list of papers placed on the Editors' Table. Submitted that it is entirely for the administrative department to decide whether a particular order should continue to be placed or not on the Editors' Table. Other departments, for instance Local and Municipal, have suggested the removal of certain papers from the list of papers placed on the Editors' Table. Ecclesiastical may, therefore, be asked to state definitely whether the order in question may or may not be removed from the list of papers placed on the Editors' Table.

This may be taken as a recommendation of removal; they may be removed.

E.A.H.—8-12-16.

P.R.—16-12-16.

5. As regards Mr. Todhunter's suggestion that papers published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* may cease to be placed on the Editors' Table, attention is invited to the office-note (Public—Minor) at pages 11-12 ante and to the Under Secretary's remarks thereon. Submitted that orders published in the Gazette relate mainly to (1) postings and transfers, (2) notifications under some legal enactment, and (3) Resolutions of the Government of India. Orders relating to (1) postings and transfers, are not printed and may be left out of account. As regards notifications, it is submitted that only those which are of general interest are published in the *Gazette* and at the same time placed on the Editors' Table. But notifications of a purely local interest are not placed on the Editors' Table, though published in the *Gazette*. Resolutions of the Government of India which are published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* are not generally placed on the Editors' Table. When important resolutions like that on Educational policy are not placed on the Editors' Table on the ground that they are published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, it appears unnecessary to place ordinary orders on the Editors' Table, if they are published in the *Gazette*, whether they relate to matters of general interest or not. Submitted for orders whether Mr. Todhunter's suggestion may be given effect to. The departments of the Secretariat have not offered their opinion on this subject. It is perhaps desirable to obtain their remarks on this point before final orders issue.

E.A.H.—8-12-16.

Not necessary and certainly not desirable. It has taken some months to gather the opinion that we now have.

E.A.H.—8-12-16.

Please leave this alone.

P.R.—16-12-16.

E.A.H.—8-12-16.

Yes.

P.R.—16-12-16.

modification have been retained in the draft.

6. A draft order is submitted for consideration which may go to all departments for acceptance or remarks. In order to make the draft self-contained the rules in G.O. No. 651, Public, dated the 26th April 1915, which require no



7. An addition has been made to the first sentence of rule IV in order to provide for cases in which the classification of orders which do not fall under rule II into A or B will have to be determined only when each order issues.

T.C.N.—7-12-16.

P.D.R.—7-12-16.

#### FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Financial is concerned with the five items under Financial and items (4) and (5) under Public (Marine) in class B in rule III. The orders on the subjects concerned are not published in the Gazette. The draft order may be accepted and the case passed to Separate Revenue.

T.H.R.—22-12-16.

For item (3) on page 6 of draft, the following may be substituted :—

“Final accounts of Provincial Services. Review of the —.”

The alteration is necessitated by the discontinuance of the Provincial appropriation report approved in G.O. No. 100, Financial, dated 18th February 1916.

T.A.S.—25-12-16.

L. E. KERSHAW—27-12-16.

#### FINANCIAL (SEPARATE REVENUE) DEPARTMENT.

Please see paragraph 3 (2) and (3) of the Home (Miscellaneous) Department note at page 18 supra. This department may accept the proposal to place the reports on the administration of the Salt and Abkari and opium revenues in class A and the reports of Stamp and Income-tax revenues in class B.

2. General orders under the Merchandise Marks Act are issued by the Government of India and communicated to all Local Governments. As other Local Governments will communicate them to the local papers of the respective provinces if necessary, it seems unnecessary to include them in class A. They may be included in class B.

D.T.—5-1-17.

K.C.V.—5-1-17.

R. H. COURTENAY—6-1-17.

#### PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Please see paragraph 3 (1) of Home (Miscellaneous) Department's note above. Submitted that this department may agree to “the report on the working of the Government Press” being classed as B, of local importance and interest.

2. The draft may be accepted and the case passed on to the Public (Marine) section.

T.M.R.—9-1-17.

S.D.S.—11-1-17.

L.E.K.—12-1-17.

#### PUBLIC (MARINE) DEPARTMENT.

Please see this department note on page 5 ante and the Home (Miscellaneous) Department note on pages 18-20 ante.

2. Of the items relating to this department (vide pages 3 and 6 of draft order) it is submitted that the following are published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* :—

##### Class A.

1. *Cyclone Code and alterations to Cyclone Code*—vide G.Os. No. 405, Marine, dated 22nd December 1915, and No. 115, Marine, dated 6th April 1916.

2. *Port rules. Additions and changes in*—vide, for example, G.Os. No. 276, Public (Marine), dated 11th October 1916, and 333, Public (Marine), dated 24th November 1916.

##### Class B.

Notifications in orders relating to constitution of Conservancy Boards at ports—vide G.O. No. 235, Marine, dated 22nd July 1914.

2. Notifications in orders relating to the levy of landing and shipping fees at ports—vide G.Os. No. 163, Marine, dated 21st May 1914; No. 369, Marine, dated 30th November 1915; No. 56, Marine, dated 29th February 1916; and No. 223, Marine, dated 24th July 1916.

3. With reference to the ruling that papers published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* shall not as a rule be placed on the Editors' Table, the above items should be omitted from the draft order.

4. Subject to the above remark, the draft order may be accepted and the file passed on to Ecclesiastical.

S.D.S.—18-1-17.

R. H. COURTENAY—19-1-17.

#### PUBLIC (ECCLESIASTICAL) DEPARTMENT.

Please see this department note on page 2 ante and paragraphs 4 and 5 of Home

\* Vide G.O. 67, Ecclesiastical, 4th September 1915. (Miscellaneous) Department note on page 19 ante. As the accounts\* of the Purasawalkam and Washermanpet General

+ G.O. 38, Ecclesiastical, 14th June 1913. cemeteries and the Ecclesiastical rules † of the Government of India and amendments thereto are published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, the orders passed thereon may, it is submitted, be removed from the list of Editors' Table papers with reference to the ruling that papers published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* shall not as a rule be placed on the Editors' Table.

Subject to these remarks the draft order may be accepted and the file passed on to Revenue.

V.P.E.M.—20-1-17.

A.S.M.—20-1-17.

R.H.C.—22-1-17.

#### REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the draft order may be accepted in this department and the file passed on to Local and Municipal Department through F section.

2. When a Government order on a subject not enumerated in rule III of the rules is proposed to be placed on the Editors' Table, orders will be obtained as to whether the Government order should be included in class A or class B.

2. None of the orders on the Revenue subjects in the list at pages 3, 4 and 7 of the draft are published in the gazette and so none of them have to be deleted from those lists with reference to rule II at page 2 of the draft.

S.J.A.—24-1-17.

V.P.—27-1-17.

3. Attention is solicited to the Honourable Member's notes at pages 53-54 of the original of G.O. No. 2330, Revenue, dated 12th October 1916, and the Home

The Honourable Member's note applies to (Miscellaneous) Department may, it is submitted, be requested to consider if the proposed rule V. Honourable Member's suggestions may be embodied in the draft rules.

A.H.A.T.—5-2-17.



4. The file may be passed on to Local and Municipal through F section.

K.R.A.—31-1-17.

C.R.—31-1-17.

A. H. A. TODD—5-2-17.

The draft may, it is submitted, be accepted in this department and the file passed on to Local and Municipal.

R.V.—7-2-17.

N.P.A.—7-2-17.

F. J. RICHARDS—10-2-17.

#### LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL (LOCAL) DEPARTMENT.

Attention is solicited to the notes of this department on pages 8 to 10 ante. With reference to these notes, item (3) under Local section of the portion marked 'B' in the draft order, which relates to returns of vital statistics, should be omitted as these returns are published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. Subject to this remark the draft may, it is submitted, be accepted.

S.N.—15-2-17.

K.V.V.—15-2-17.

#### LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL (LEGISLATIVE) DEPARTMENT.

Please see items (1) to (4) under the "Legislative section" on page 8 of the draft order. The proposal to omit these items from the appendix to the order is based on the notes on pages 3 and 19 supra. It is submitted that this department may agree to the omission as the papers referred to in the four items in question are usually published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, and it is therefore unnecessary to place them on the Editors' Table.

C.S.—15-2-17.

#### LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL (MEDICAL) DEPARTMENT.

Please see the Medical section's note on pages 4 and 5 ante. The four items specified under "Medical section" on page 4 of the draft do not call for any remarks. As for the two items under class B on page 8, it is submitted that the annual reports on Monegar Choultry and connected institutions have to be reviewed in future in the Home (Miscellaneous) Department, as there are no medical institutions among them. That entry should therefore be transferred to the Miscellaneous section of that department. With this modification the draft order may be accepted in Medical and the file passed on to Home (Judicial).

V.S.—15-2-17.

N.C.—15-2-17.

V. T. KRISHNAMA ACHARYA—16-2-17.

#### HOME (JUDICIAL C) DEPARTMENT.

Please see Judicial (C) section note, dated 12th July 1916, and Home (Miscellaneous) Department note on pages 18—20. Orders relating to the creation of new Registration districts or sub-districts, etc., under class 'B', being published in the gazette, may be deleted from the list given in the draft.

2. With this remark the draft order may be accepted.

O.S.—22-2-17.

M.V.V.—26-2-17.

Please see Judicial (A) Section notes, dated the 8th July 1916, on pages 3-4 ante. The Planters Labour Act is now dealt with in Home (Miscellaneous). The draft order may be accepted.

K.V.N.—26-2-17.

W.B.S.—26-2-17.

#### HOME (JUDICIAL B) DEPARTMENT.

Please see Judicial (B) note on page 4 ante. The draft may be accepted.

B.R.—27-2-17.

C.R.—27-2-17.

#### HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

Please see Education Section notes on pages 7 and 8 ante. This department is concerned with the 14 items on page 9 of the draft order. Of these the following items may be omitted with reference to the ruling that papers published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* shall not as a rule be placed on Editors' Table:—

Item (1).—"Alterations in the Educational Rules, the Grant-in-aid Code". The portion of this item relating to Code of Regulations for European schools should stand as the alterations in this Code are not generally published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

Item (2).—Alterations in the Public Service and Special Test notifications.

Item (9).—Affiliation of Colleges to the University of Madras.

Item (10).—Alterations in the rules of Government Colleges.

Subject to the above remarks the draft order may be accepted and the file passed on to Public Works Department u.o.

T.K.—28-2-17.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—2-3-17.

Will Public Works Department kindly return soon as issue has been already long delayed.

E. A. HARVY—3-3-17.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The items specified under Public Works Department (General, Buildings and Roads Branch) on pages 5 and 10 of the draft order are in accordance with the Public Works Department note on pages 17 and 18 ante.

The draft order may be accepted, subject to the following remarks and passed on to Irrigation u.o.

The heading (General—Buildings and Roads Branch) may be altered into (General—Buildings, Roads and Railways).

A.S.N.R.—15-3-17.

Orders relating to the construction of railways are published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and so they may be eliminated with reference to rule II on page 2 of the draft order. Orders relating to the opening of railways are not printed and so item 5 on page 5 of the draft relating to railways may be omitted.

M.A.R.—15-3-17.

G. D. PLUMMER—15-3-17.

W. G. MOLESWORTH—15-3-17.







## Appendix.

Revised rules relating to the selection of papers for the Editors' Table in the depts. of the Sectt.

I. The following rules have been laid down by the Government of India in regard to the communication to the Press of copies of correspondence which have passed between the Local and Supreme Governments:—

(i) Correspondence which has passed between the Local and Supreme Governments should not be published unless this course has been authorised by the Supreme Government. Such authorization is conveyed ordinarily by the Government of India *suo motu* when it selects papers for the Press room at Delhi or Simla and copies thereof are received by this Government for despatch to editors of local newspapers, marked "For distribution to the Press." Where this has not been done, or where a Local Government desires to publish without waiting for the receipt of the papers from the Government of India marked for the Press, it is open to the Local Government to take the orders of the Government of India at any stage by separate letter or, if necessary, by telegram. Generally speaking it is not desirable to publish papers which disclose a difference of opinion between the Supreme and Local Governments or despatches to or from the Secretary of State.

(ii) To the above rule an exception may be made in the case of departmental administration reports. These may be communicated to the Press as soon as they are issued or after they have been reviewed by the Local Government.

(iii) No document which forms part, or is likely to form part, of a correspondence between the India Office and any other Government office in England, shall be published without communication with the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India.

## II. Papers published in the Fort St.

George Gazette shall not as a rule be placed on the Editors' Table.

III Subject to the above rules orders relating to the following subjects are generally placed on the Editors' Table, but in cases of doubt the Secretary shall obtain the orders of the Honourable Member in charge of the department.

CLASS-A containing papers of general importance and interest. 18

## Financial Department. (Separate Rev.)

1. Report on the Administration of the Salt Dept.
2. Report on the Administration of the Abkari and opium revenue.

## Public Department. (Marine)

1. Marine Court of Inquiry.  
Orders on Reports and proceedings of -----
2. Lights.  
Orders relating to changes in ----
3. Madras Port Dept.  
Reviews of the Administration Reports of -----
4. Port Trust Board.  
Reviews of the Administration Reports of the -----
5. Port Trust Accounts.  
Reviews of Reports on the audit of the -----

## Revenue Department.

1. Annual Reviews relating to the following:—
  - (a) Jamabandi Report.
  - (b) Court of Wards Admn. Report.
  - (c) Report on the Admn. of the Govt. Cinchona Dept.
  - (d) Report on the Admn. of the Govt. Gardens and Parks.
  - (e) Report on the work done in the Fisheries dept.
  - (f) Report on the Admn. of the Agricultural dept.
  - (g) Report on the Admn. of the Veterinary Dept.
  - (h) Report on the Admn. of the Forest Dept.
  - (i) Report on the working of the Co-operative Societies Act, (11 of 1912)



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- (j) Statement of sundry industries.
  2. Papers ~~connected with~~ <sup>relating to</sup> cattle shows.
  3. Papers relating to agricultural banks.

Local & Municipal Dept.  
(Local Section)

1. Review of the Report on Sanitation.
2. " " " on Vaccination.
3. Report on the Admn. of Local Boards and Union Panchayats.

(Municipal Section)

General Review of the Admn. of  
Municipal Councils.

(Medical Section)

1. Chemical Examiner's Reports.  
Reviews of the -----
2. Civil Hospitals and Dispensaries.  
Reviews on the annual reports  
on -----
3. Lunatic Asylums.  
Reviews of the Annual Reports  
on -----
4. Medical College.  
Reports on the annual working  
of the -----

Home Department.  
(Judicial)

1. Statistics of Civil Courts.-  
Reviews of the annual -----
2. Statistics of Criminal Courts.-  
Reviews of the annual -----
3. Indian Arms and Explosives Acts.-  
Reviews of the annual reports on  
the working of the -----  
and the returns of sulphur licences.
4. Indian Factories Act.-  
Reviews of the annual reports on  
the working of the -----
5. J a i l s.-  
Reviews of the Annual reports of  
the I.G. of Prisons.
6. Joint Stock Companies.-  
Reviews of the annual reports on  
the working of the Indian Companies Act.

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7. P o l i c e.-  
Reviews of the Admn. Reports.
  8. Provident Insurance Societies Act.-  
Report on the working of the----
  9. Registration.-  
Reviews of reports on the work-  
ing of the ----- dept.

Home Department.  
(Education)

1. Reports on Public Instruction.
2. Reports on the Dept. of Industries.
3. Quarterly reports of the Tinctorial  
Expert.
4. Educational schemes of general  
interest.
5. Archaeology.-  
Reviews of annual reports of the  
Supdt., Archaeological Survey.
6. Epigraphy.-  
Orders reviewing annual reports  
of the Asst. Archaeological Supdt.  
for Epigraphy.

Public Works Department.  
(General-Buildings, Roads  
and Railways)

1. Administration Reports.
2. Artesian well borings.  
<sup>papers relating to</sup> -----
3. Buildings of historic or archi-  
tectural interest.-  
Orders regarding -----
4. Budget Estimates.-  
Orders on -----

Public Works Department.  
(Irrigation)

1. Administration Reports.
2. Budget Estimates.-  
Orders on the final issue of ---



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CLASS-B. Containing papers of local importance and interest.

Financial Department.  
(Financial)

1. Compensation for dearness of food.-  
Orders sanctioning the grant of  
----- (Order only)
2. Final Accounts of Provincial Loans  
and Advances.-  
Review of the -----
3. Final Accounts of Provincial Services.-  
Review of the -----
4. Plague Expenditure.-  
Consolidated estimates of -----
5. Preliminary statements showing the  
transactions of the Provincial Loans  
and Advances.-  
Review of the -----
6. Govt. Press.- Reviews of annual reports  
on the working of the -----  
Financial Department.  
(Separate Rev.)

1. Annual reviews relating to the following :-
  - (a) Stamp Admn. Report.
  - (b) Report on the Admn. of Income-tax  
Act II of 1886.
2. General orders under the Merchandise  
Marks Act.

Public Department.  
(Marine)

1. Landing and Shipping Fees Committees.-  
Orders relating to the constitution  
of ----- at ports.
2. Port Marine and Coast Lights Funds.-  
Preliminary accounts of -----
3. Port Marine and Coast Lights Funds.-  
Budget estimates of -----

Revenue Department.

1. General Orders regarding Census.
2. Rules and orders relating to Acts  
and Bills.
3. Papers regarding season and prospects.

4. Annual Reviews relating to  
  - (a) Report on the destruction of  
wild animals and snakes.
  - (b) Report on the operations of the  
Irrigation Cess Fund.
  - (c) Report on the Admn. of cattle  
pounds (Triennial).
  - (d) Report on the Admn. of Survey,  
Settlement and Land Records  
depts.
  - (e) Report on the operations of the  
establishments for stamping  
weights and measures.
5. Orders relating to the classification  
of forests, the formation of  
forest panchayats and the forest  
village system.
6. Important amendments to the Board's  
Standing Orders.
7. Scheme reports for resettlement.

Local & Municipal Dept.  
(Local Section)

1. ~~Govt.~~ Orders sanctioning applications  
for loans.
2. Reviews of the Admn. reports of  
District Boards.
3. ~~Govt.~~ Orders sanctioning the  
constitution of local fund taluks.
4. ~~Govt.~~ Orders sanctioning the  
constitution of unions.
5. ~~Govt.~~ Orders approving the annual  
programme of the Sanitary Engineer  
showing the investigation and  
preparation of ~~pa~~ plans and esti-  
mates for water supply and drain-  
age schemes to be undertaken in  
the year.

(Municipal Section)

1. Reviews of the Budget estimates of  
the Corporation of Madras.
2. Reviews of the Admn. Reports of  
Municipal Councils, and the Cor-  
poration of Madras.
3. ~~Govt.~~ Orders finally dealing with  
water supply and drainage schemes  
of towns.
4. ~~Govt.~~ Orders sanctioning applications  
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5. ~~Govt.~~ Orders sanctioning the constitution of Municipalities.

(Medical Section).

Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital.-  
Reviews of the annual reports  
of the -----

Home Department.  
(Judicial)

1. Jail Code.-  
Important orders sanctioning additions to the -----
2. Poisons Act.-  
Report on the working of the -----
3. Village Courts.-  
Reviews on the annual reports on the working of the -----

Home Department.  
(Education)

1. Alterations in the Code of Regulations for European schools.
2. Amendments to the scheme for the award of Secondary School Leaving Certificates.
3. Alterations in University Regulations.
4. Papers regarding scholarships.
5. Papers relating to endowments.
6. Reports on --  
(a) Arts and Professional Colleges.  
(b) The Govt. Museum, the Commemara Public Library and the Marine Aquarium.  
(c) School of Arts.  
(d) The Madras Students Advisory Committee.  
(e) The Govt. examinations.  
(f) The Victoria Jubilee Hostel, Kumbakonam.  
(g) The Text Book Committee.  
(h) The Govt. Oriental Manuscripts Library.

7. ~~Govt.~~ Order on the report of the committee of the Lawrence Memorial School, Ootacamund.

8. Appointments to the Law College Council.

9. ~~Govt.~~ Orders sanctioning subsidies to Local Boards & Municipal Councils.
10. ~~Govt.~~ Orders sanctioning building grants, etc.
11. ~~Govt.~~ Orders relating to the distribution of Imperial grants.

Home Department.  
(Miscellaneous)

1. Births, Deaths and Marriages.-  
Reviews of the reports on the registration of -----
2. Malabar Marriage Act, 1896.-  
Report on the working of the -----
3. Monegar choultry and connected institutions.-  
Reviews of the annual reports of the -----
4. Triplicane Langarkhana.-  
Reviews of the annual reports on the -----
5. Madras Planters Labour Act.-  
Annual reports on the working of the -----

Public Works Department.  
(General buildings, Roads and Railways).

1. Divisions (Executive) orders relating to the formation of -----
2. Electricity.-  
Orders relating to the supply of energy and the working of the Indian Electricity Act.
3. Steam Boilers and Prime Movers.-  
Annual reports of the Senior Inspector of ----- and orders relating to the working of the Act.
4. Telegraph offices.-  
Orders sanctioning the opening of -----
5. Water supply and drainage schemes.-  
Orders relating to -----
6. Works.-  
Orders sanctioning original ----- of magnitude, or public interest.



Public Works Department.  
(Irrigation)

1. Flood damages.-  
Orders and reports on -----
2. Irrigation works of some magnitude.
3. Programme of outlay on productive public works.-  
Orders on -----
4. Transfer of works from Revenue to P.W.D. and vice versa.
5. Water.-  
Rules regarding the supply of -----

W ~~III~~. The selection of papers other than those mentioned in rule IV for transmission to the editors of newspapers, etc., and for communication or sale to the public is made by the Secretary of the department concerned, who shall make a reference to the Honourable Member in charge of the department when he is in doubt whether a particular paper should be communicated to the press or not. Such papers should ordinarily contain only the Government Order, which should be complete in itself and should not usually be preceded by the correspondence which has led the Government to their decision, such as reports by subordinate officers or even by heads of departments. Exceptions to this rule may be made (1) where the order is based upon a report a recapitulation of the substance of which is plainly unnecessary and where no material difference on important points exists between the views of the reporting officer and those set out in the order, and (2) where the order is the result of a report of an officer or committee publicly appointed to report on a special set of circumstances; provided that, in doubtful cases falling under this exception, the Secretary of the department concerned shall make a reference to the Honourable Member in charge and obtain his approval to the course proposed.

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or when the order falls under paragraph ~~III~~ III of the above rules and there is no obvious objection to the proceedings being published (c) "Editors' table." In the cases falling under (a) and (b) the Secretary should initial the entry in proof of his acceptance of the recommendation.

(2) When a paper is selected for the Editors' table the entry "Editors' table" is added to the addresses. The press shall invariably furnish the Secretariat departments with a proof of such a paper before final striking, affixing prominently to this proof a red label "Editors' table paper." This proof shall be submitted for approval to the Under or Assistant Secretary who will, in case of doubt, take the Secretary's orders.

(3) When instructions are given to strike off such papers, they are placed by the press on the Editors' table without further orders, a sufficient number of extra copies of such papers being obtained to meet requisitions for copies for sale to the public.

VII If the Secretary of the department concerned considers it desirable that, instead of a Government Order being placed on the Editors' table, a press note should be issued, he may direct that this course shall be adopted. In such cases, he shall invariably himself pass the draft press note and if necessary should submit it for the approval of the Honourable Member in charge of the department.

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**G.O. No. 362, 6th April 1917**

**Editors' Table papers**

Issuing revised rules for the selection of papers for the Editors' Table.

READ—the following paper:—

**G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.**

ABSTRACT.—Issuing revised rules for the selection of papers for the Editors' Table.

**Order—No. 362, Home (Miscellaneous), dated the 6th April 1917.**

The Governor in Council hereby directs that the revised rules relating to the selection of papers for the Editors' Table appended to these proceedings shall be observed in all departments of the Secretariat in supersession of all previous orders on the subject.

2. The Superintendent, Government Press, will be informed that papers for the Editors' Table coming under class B, i.e., of local importance and interest, appended to these proceedings, should not be communicated in future to journals and institutions outside this Presidency admitted to the privileges of the Editors' Table.

(True Extract)

**E. A. HARVEY,**  
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

To the departments of the Secretariat (order with annexure).  
„ Superintendent, Government Press (order with annexure).

[Appendix.]

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Minister, Church  
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## APPENDIX.

*Revised rules relating to the selection of papers for the Editors' Table in the Departments of the Secretariat.*

The following rules have been laid down by the Government of India in regard to the communication to the press of copies of correspondence which have passed between the Local and Supreme Governments:—

I. (i) Correspondence which has passed between the Local and Supreme Governments should not be published unless this course has been authorised by the Supreme Government. Such authorization is conveyed ordinarily by the Government of India *suo motu* when it selects papers for the press room at Delhi or Simla and copies thereof are received by this Government for despatch to editors of local newspapers, marked "For distribution to the press." Where this has not been done, or where a Local Government desires to publish without waiting for the receipt of the papers from the Government of India marked for the press, it is open to the Local Government to take orders of the Government of India at any stage by separate letter or, if necessary, by telegram. Generally speaking it is not desirable to publish papers which disclose a difference of opinion between the Supreme and Local Governments or despatches to or from the Secretary of State.

(ii) To the above rule an exception may be made in the case of departmental administration reports. These may be communicated to the press as soon as they are issued or after they have been reviewed by the Local Government.

(iii) No document which forms part, or is likely to form part, of a correspondence between the India Office and any other Government office in England, shall be published without communication with the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India.

II. Papers published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* shall not as a rule be placed on the Editors' Table.

III. Subject to the above rules, orders relating to the following subjects are generally placed on the Editors' Table, but in cases of doubt the Secretary shall obtain the orders of the Honourable Member in charge of the department.

*Class A containing papers of general importance and interest.*

## FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT (SEPARATE REVENUE).

1. Report on the Administration of the Salt Department.
2. Report on the Administration of the Abkari and opium revenue.

## PUBLIC DEPARTMENT (MARINE).

1. Marine Court of Inquiry—  
Orders on reports and proceedings of —
2. Lights—  
Orders relating to changes in —
3. Madras Port Department—  
Reviews of the Administration reports of —
4. Port Trust Board—  
Reviews of the Administration reports of the —
5. Port Trust Accounts—  
Reviews of reports on the audit of the —

## REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1. Annual reviews relating to the following:—  
(a) Jamabandi Report.  
(b) Court of Wards Administration Report.  
(c) Report on the Administration of the Government Cinchona Department.  
(d) Report on the Administration of the Government Gardens and Parks.  
(e) Report on the work done in the Fisheries Department.  
(f) Report on the Administration of the Agricultural Department.  
(g) Report on the Administration of the Veterinary Department.  
(h) Report on the Administration of the Forest Department.  
(i) Report on the working of the Co-operative Societies Act (II of 1912).  
(j) Statement of sundry industries.
2. Papers relating to cattle shows.
3. Papers relating to agricultural banks.

## LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT (LOCAL SECTION).

1. Review of the report on Sanitation.
2. Review of the report on Vaccination.
3. Report on the Administration of Local Boards and Union Panchayats.

## (MUNICIPAL SECTION).

General Review of the Administration of Municipal Councils.

## (MEDICAL SECTION).

1. Chemical Examiner's Reports—  
Reviews of the —
2. Civil Hospitals and Dispensaries—  
Reviews on the annual reports on —
3. Lunatic Asylums—  
Reviews of the annual reports on —
4. Medical College—  
Reports on the annual working of the —



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1. Statistics of Civil Courts—  
Reviews of the annual —.
2. Statistics of Criminal Courts—  
Reviews of the annual —.
3. Indian Arms and Explosives Acts—  
Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the — and the returns of sulphur  
licences.
4. Indian Factories Act—  
Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the —.
5. Jails—  
Reviews of the annual reports of the Inspector-General of Prisons.
6. Joint Stock Companies—  
Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the Indian Companies Act.
7. Police—  
Reviews of the Administration Reports.
8. Provident Insurance Societies Act—  
Report on the working of the —.
9. Registration—  
Reviews of reports on the working of the — department.

HOME DEPARTMENT (EDUCATION).

1. Reports on Public Instruction.
2. Reports on the Department of Industries.
3. Quarterly reports of the Tinctorial expert.
4. Educational schemes of general interest.
5. Archaeology—  
Reviews of annual reports of the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey.
6. Epigraphy—  
Orders reviewing annual reports of the Assistant Archaeological Superintendent for Epigraphy.

Epigraphy.  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (GENERAL—BUILDINGS, ROADS AND RAILWAYS).

1. Administration Reports.
2. Artesian well borings —  
Papers relating to —.
3. Buildings of historic or architectural interest —  
Orders regarding —.
4. Budget estimates —  
Orders on —.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (IRRIGATION).

1. Administration Reports—  
2. Budget Estimates—  
Orders on the final issue of —.
- Class B containing papers of local importance and interest.*
- 7 FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT (FINANCIAL).

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT (FINANCIAL).

1. Compensation for dearness of food—  
Orders sanctioning the grant of — (order only).
2. Final Accounts of Provincial Loans and Advances—  
Review of the—.
3. Final Accounts of Provincial Services—  
Review of the—.
4. Plague Expenditure—  
Consolidated estimates of—.
5. Preliminary statements showing the transactions of the Provincial Loans and Advances—  
Review of the—.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT (SEPARATE REVENUE).

1. Annual reviews relating to the following :—
  - (a) Stamp Administration report.
  - (b) Report on the Administration of Income-tax Act II of 1886.
2. General orders under the Merchandise Marks Act.

~~PUBLIC DEPARTMENT (PUBLIC)~~

- 4 Government Press—  
Reviews of annual reports on the working of the —.  
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT (MARINE).  
1. Landing and Shipping Fees Committees—  
Orders relating to the constitution of — at ports.  
2. Port Marine and Coast Lights Funds—  
Preliminary accounts of —.  
3. Port Marine and Coast Lights Funds—  
Budget estimates of —.

## REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1. General orders regarding census.
2. Rules and orders relating to Acts and Bills.
3. Papers regarding season and prospects.



4. Annual reviews relating to—
- (a) Report on the destruction of wild animals and snakes.
  - (b) Report on the operations of the Irrigation Cess Fund.
  - (c) Report on the Administration of cattle pounds (Triennial).
  - (d) Report on the Administration of Survey, Settlement and Land Records Departments.
  - (e) Report on the operations of the establishments for stamping weights and measures.
5. Orders relating to the classification of forests, the formation of forest panchayats and the forest village system.
6. Important amendments to the Board's Standing Orders.
7. Scheme reports for resettlements.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT (LOCAL SECTION).

- 1. Orders sanctioning applications for loans.
- 2. Reviews of the Administration reports of District Boards.
- 3. Orders sanctioning the constitution of local fund taluks.
- 4. Orders sanctioning the constitution of unions.
- 5. Orders approving the annual programme of the Sanitary Engineer showing the investigation and preparation of plans and estimates for water-supply and drainage schemes to be undertaken in the year.

(MUNICIPAL SECTION).

- 1. Reviews of the budget estimates of the Corporation of Madras.
- 2. Reviews of the Administration Reports of Municipal Councils, and the Corporation of Madras.
- 3. Orders finally dealing with water-supply and drainage schemes of towns.
- 4. Orders sanctioning applications for loans.
- 5. Orders sanctioning the constitution of municipalities.

(MEDICAL SECTION).

Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital—

Reviews of the annual reports of the —

HOME (JUDICIAL) DEPARTMENT.

- 1. Jail Code—  
Important orders sanctioning additions to the —
- 2. Poisons Act—  
Report on the working of the —
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HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) DEPARTMENT.

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Reviews of the reports on the registration of —
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Report on the working of the —
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NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 362, HOME (MISCELLANEOUS),  
DATED 6TH APRIL 1917.

[SUBJECT.—Selection of papers for Editors' Table.]

Cuttings from "New India", Madras, dated 9th May 1916.

"The Leader" after referring to 15 Madras Government Orders on a variety of subjects, says there are 33 other papers besides of more or less equal unimportance. Would it not have been enough if the above Government Orders had been published in the Gazette? The cost of papers is very high now-a-days and it is only procurable with great difficulty. Sir William Meyer will perhaps see fit to address the Government of Madras on the subject.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

I think we might stop the supply of our Government Orders to this ungrateful paper.

A Please examine. As a rule we don't supply outside the Presidency. The late Mr. V. Krishnaswami Ayyar got "The Leader" included, but I believe it is a poisonous rag.

A. G. C[ARDEW]—13-5-16.

Please note on A.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—14-5-16.

I cannot help feeling some sympathy with "The Leader" when I read the apparently authentic list of Government Orders communicated to them in one batch. Not only are these Government Orders of no interest whatever to papers of another province, but they do not seem to be the sort of papers that should be placed on Editors' Table even of this Presidency. If thought necessary the principles in which papers are marked for Editors' Table will be re-examined and it may be found desirable to restrict the output somewhat.

E. A. HARVEY—10-6-16.

The article in "The Leader" is by no means bad and I would leave it alone. In regard to Mr. Harvey's suggestion at M enquiry may be made if necessary.

P.R.—12-6-16.

I agree.

It seems now that the article in "The Leader" was really rather appreciative, and not contemptuous and merely made a not unreasonable suggestion. Would it not be possible to divide our Editors' Table papers into two classes A and B, the one to contain papers of general importance and interest and the other those of local importance and interest, and communicate the latter merely to local journals? The Local and Municipal Department seem very lavish with their published Government Orders but that would not matter if copies went only to a local paper or two. I note that Revenue and Public are far more "reticent."

A. G. C[ARDEW]—12-6-

Please close this file and start a new file and pursue the general special reference to M and N.

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The rules for the selection of papers for Editors' Table are contained in G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915. The decision as to the selection of such papers rests with the respective departments concerned. Under rule 2 of the above rules is given a list of subjects of the several departments of the Secretariat, the orders relating to which are generally placed on Editors' Table. It is submitted that the departments of the Secretariat may be requested (i) to scrutinise the list with reference to Under Secretary's note, dated 10th June 1916, and (ii) to classify their Editors' Table papers into two groups as required by the Honourable Member in his note dated 12th June 1916.

2. The Superintendent, Government Press, will presumably have no difficulty in selecting Editors' Table papers for jour-

\* To be issued in a Government Order as in G.O. 651, Public, 26th April 1915. nals in other provinces, when once he is furnished with a list \* of Editors' Table papers of general importance. It seems

hardly necessary to consult him in the matter.

T.M.R.—20-6-16.

P.DER.—21-6-16.

Yes; copies of a u.o. note should be sent round to all departments—down to the end of paragraph 1 of note above. Perhaps paragraph 2 may also be sent to Public (Minor).

E. A. HARVEY—23-6-16.

#### FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Please see portions marked A† and B on pages 6 and 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915. Orders relating to the subjects specified therein are now placed on the Editors' Table. All these

subjects seem to be purely of local interest and may be furnished to local papers only. If this view is accepted the file may be returned to Public for issue of necessary orders amending Government Order.

T.V.—5-7-16.

T.H.R.—5-7-16.

Those mentioned under Financial are of local interest.

L. E. KERSHAW—6-7-16.

#### ECCELESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

In the Ecclesiastical Department (1) orders on the accounts of the Purasawalkam and Washermanpet General Cemeteries and (2) those on the Ecclesiastical rules of the Government of India and amendments thereto are placed on Editors' Table. These orders are seldom, if ever, extracted in the newspapers. The cemetery accounts have only local interest.

See page 5 of G.O. 651, Public, 26th April 1915.

Vide G.O. 67, Ecclesiastical, 4th September 1915 and G.O. 78, Ecclesiastical, 5th October 1915.

The Ecclesiastical rules are communicated by the Government of India to all Local Governments and Administrations and are also published in the *Gazette of India*. Therefore the newspapers in other Provinces are not interested in the Madras Government Orders containing the rules. In the circumstances both sets of orders may be brought under class B (Government Orders containing papers of only local importance and interest).

2. If the Public Department eventually decide to restrict the supply of Editors' Table papers, it may be suggested to them that the Ecclesiastical orders on the accounts of the Purasawalkam and Washermanpet General Cemeteries may be removed from the list of Editors' Table papers on page 5 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 25th April 1915.

A.J.J.—6-7-16.

R. H. COURTENAY—7-7-16.



## LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

It is submitted that the Public Department may be informed u.o. that Legislative orders on the subjects specified in items (1) to (4) on pages 11 and 12 of the Appendix to G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915, may all be included in class B referred to in the Honourable Member's (Public) note of 12th June 1916, i.e., they need not be communicated to any newspaper or individual outside the Madras Presidency.

C.V.R.—1-7-16.

C.S.—1-7-16.

They are all published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*? should they be separately placed on the Editors' Table?

V. T. KRISHNAMA ACHARI—4-7-16.

All the papers referred to above, viz., Bills, Acts and Notifications, are published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. But as the *Gazette* is supplied free only to public offices. Copies can, however, be purchased from the Superintendent, Government Press. of newspapers but only on payment of subscription, it may perhaps be desirable

to place the papers on the Editors' Table, in order to give publicity to them. If so, it is submitted that they may all be included in class B.

C.V.R.—6-7-16.

C.S.—6-7-16.

May be placed on the Editors' Table; need not be communicated to newspapers, etc., outside the Presidency.

V.T.K.—6-7-16.

One obvious way of reducing waste of paper is to cease placing on the Editors' Table anything that is published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. It seems to me no answer to say that some papers don't subscribe to the *gazette*. If they don't, they ought to. The question is a general one, however, and not to be decided by a single department. Will Public kindly take it in hand?

C. G. TODHUNTER—7-7-16.

## JUDICIAL (A) DEPARTMENT.

The only paper relating to this department which is generally placed on Editors' Table is the Review on the Police Administration Report. This is a paper of

Vide G.O. 2561, 23rd October 1915.

E.A.H.—8-7-16.

be treated as one of class A—vide the Honourable Member's (Public) note, dated 12th June 1916, on page 1 ante.

The annual report on the working of the Planters Labour Act in the districts of

Vide G.O. 1073, 14th May 1915.

E.A.H.—8-7-16.

Malabar and the Nilgiris is also placed on Editors' Table and in view of its local importance it may be treated as a B class paper.

It is observed that Government Orders appointing certain persons as attesting officers under the Planters Labour Act are also placed on the Editors' Table but it does not appear that they serve any

useful purpose by being distributed to the Press. It would be sufficient if the orders

Quite sufficient.

E.A.H.—8-7-16.

relating to such appointments are merely published in the *gazette* as they are done now.



As regards the selection of other casual papers for the Editors' Table, orders will be taken as occasion arises (vide also pages 12-13 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915).

- B.T.—6-7-16.
- A.R.—6-7-16.
- W.B.S.—7-7-16.

Yes.

E. A. HARVEY—8-7-16.

JUDICIAL (B) DEPARTMENT.

In the list in paragraph (11) of Appendix to G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915, Civil and Criminal Justice reviews alone are mentioned, so far as this department is concerned, as being usually placed on Editors' Table. In respect of these, it is submitted, the importance of the subject-matter dealt with would not admit of their removal from Editors' Table orders. They may also be placed in class A containing papers of "general importance and interest" fit for communication outside this Presidency.

- 2. It may also be noticed here that the annual review of the administration of justice in village courts and also the orders establishing village courts in particular localities in the various districts, which are usually placed on Editors' Table,

have been omitted from the list on page 5 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915, referred to in the Public Department note. Perhaps they have also to be considered in this connection. As regards both these orders it may be conceded that they need be placed in class B as of local importance and interest only and fit for communication only to local journals. The importance of the subject-matter of both these orders is recognised by both the public and the Government and they may both be retained therefore among the Editors' Table papers.

3. This opportunity may perhaps be taken to request the Public Department to include the two last orders on village administration among the Editors' Table papers concerning this department mentioned in the list appended to G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.

K.M.V.—6-7-16.

The first of the two orders suggested in paragraph 2 above might well be added to class B. I don't think the second is necessary. The persons interested obtain information by other means than the newspapers.

R. H. COURTENAY—10-7-16.

PUBLIC (MEDICAL) DEPARTMENT.

In the Medical Department, the following papers are usually placed on the Editors' Table:—

Page 5 of G.O. 651, 26th April 1915.

- (1) Annual reports on Civil Hospitals and Dispensaries.
- (2) " " on Lunatic Asylums.
- (3) " " of the Chemical Examiner.
- (4) " " on the Medical College.
- (5) " " of the Monegar Choultry and connected institutions.
- (6) " " of the Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital.

Of the above, items (1), (2), (3) and (4) relate to important subjects and it seems desirable that information regarding them should be made available to the public beyond this Presidency. Items (5) and (6) are of local interest only and their distribution may be restricted to papers published within the Presidency.

I agree.

V.T.K.—10-7-16.



2. Besides the above, there are other papers of more or less general interest which are occasionally placed on the Editors' table. Instances of such are (1) statutory rules issued under various enactments, such as the Indian Lunacy Act, the Madras

G.O. 1374, 26th October 1914.

G.O. 466, 11th March 1916.

G.O. 1340, 14th September 1915.

Presidency such as that about thermal springs

The rule should be to make these available locally; where the orders are likely to be of interest outside the Presidency, an exception may be made.

V.T.K.—10-7-16.

Medical Registration Act, etc., (2) general orders relating the levy of fees, etc., in public hospitals, (3) reports of special investigations undertaken in this Presidency recorded in G.O. No. 1340, dated 14th September 1915. It is doubtful whether these papers will be of much use in other provinces. However, each case will have to be considered on its merits and no general orders are called for in respect of them.

K.N.—3-7-16.

N.K.—8-7-16.

V. T. KRISHNAMA ACHARI—10-7-16.

I don't think it is necessary to make all the papers of the second class available even locally. Orders should be taken in each case.

C. G. TODHUNTER—10-7-16.

#### MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Please see Public Department notes on pages 1-2 ante. For Editors' table purposes, the following classification may, if it is submitted, be adopted in regard to the items under Marine Department, specified on page 6 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915:—

##### *Class A (general importance).*

- (a) Marine Courts of Enquiry: Orders on reports and proceedings of —.
- (b) Cyclone Code: Additions to the —.
- (c) Lights: Orders relating to changes in —.
- (d) Madras Port Department: Reviews of the administration reports of —.
- (e) Port Rules: Additions and changes in —.
- (f) Port Trust Board: Reviews of the administration reports of the —.
- (g) Port Trust Accounts: Reviews of reports on the audit of the —.

##### *Class B (local importance).*

- (a) Conservancy Boards: Orders relating to the constitution of — at ports.
- (b) Landing and Shipping Fees Committees: Orders relating to the constitution of — at ports.
- (c) Landing and Shipping fees: Orders relating to the levy of — at ports.

2. The file may, if it is submitted, be passed on to Marine (Financial) with reference to the items 11 and 12 in the list on page 6 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.

T.M.R.—6-7-16.

R.V.S.—6-7-16.

P.D.R.—8-7-16.

R. H. COURTENAY—10-7-16.

#### MARINE (FINANCIAL) DEPARTMENT.

11 and 12 are purely parochial.

L. E. KERSHAW—11-7-16.



For a list of the subjects under the Public Department, orders relating to which are generally placed on Editors' table, please see page 5 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915. Of these, the subjects belonging to the Public (B) section are the following:—

- (1) Archæology.
- (2) Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886.
- (3) Epigraphy.
- (4) Malabar Marriage Act, 1896.
- (5) Triplicane Langerkhana.
- (6) Valedictory orders.

Submitted that orders reviewing the annual reports on archæology and epigraphy may be considered as of general interest and importance. Orders recording the annual reports on the work done under the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886, are also generally communicated to certain Governments and individuals outside this Presidency, and may also be considered as of general interest—vide, for example, G.O. No. 1370, Public, dated 23rd September 1915. Reports on the working of the Malabar Marriage Act and the Triplicane langerkhana are of *local interest only*. Valedictory orders issued on the retirement of high public officials which may be placed on Editors' table may also be treated as of local interest only.

E.A.H.—12-7-16.

P.R.—1-7-16.

E.A.H.—12-7-16.

May be treated as of local interest only.

P.R.—13-7-16.

P.R.—1-7-16.

E.A.H.—12-7-16.

For orders.

E.A.H.—12-7-16.

Local please.

P.R.—13-7-16.

2. Besides orders on these subjects, certain Government orders on emigration and passports are also placed on Editors' table, though they have not been included in the list of papers *generally* placed at the disposal of the press. For instance please see G.O. Nos. 1689, Public, dated 23rd November 1915; 604, Public, dated 29th March 1916 and 952, dated 16th May 1916. It is submitted that it would appear impracticable to lay down a general rule relating to all such Government

E.A.H.—12-7-16.

These may all be treated as local.

P.R.—13-7-16.

orders and a convenient arrangement would appear to be to consider on the occasion of the issue of such Government orders whether they are of general interest or local interest and regulate their distribution thereafter.

3. With these remarks, the file may now be returned to the Public (Minor) Section u.o.

M.D.R.—7-7-16.

C.P.K.—11-7-16.

Items 1, 2 and 3 may be classed as **A**; 4, 5 and 6 (*I think*) as **B**. Other papers will be classed as **A** or **B** on their merits and so marked.

E. A. HARVEY—12-7-16.

Nos. 1 and 3 are "general." All the others may be treated as "local."

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—13-7-16.



## JUDICIAL (C) DEPARTMENT.

From the list on pages 5-6 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915, it will be seen that orders relating to the following subjects in Judicial (C) are generally placed on Editors' Table. Reviews on the annual reports on—

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|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                      | (1) Indian Arms and Explosives Acts.                                                 |
|                                                      | (2) Indian Factories Act.                                                            |
|                                                      | (3) Jail Administration.                                                             |
| * Items 4 and 6 come as one consolidated report now. | * (4) Joint Stock Companies (Indian Companies Act).                                  |
|                                                      | (5) Poisons Act.                                                                     |
|                                                      | * (6) Provident Insurance Societies Act.                                             |
|                                                      | (7) Registration department.                                                         |
|                                                      | (8) Important orders sanctioning additions to the Jail Code.                         |
|                                                      | <b>B</b> (9) Orders on the constitution of Registration districts and sub-districts. |

With reference to the notes at **M** and **N** on page 1 ante, it is submitted that papers 1 to 7 (marked **A**) may be considered to be of *general* importance and interest to be furnished to all papers whether within the Presidency or outside the province, and that papers 8 and 9 (marked **B**) are only orders of *local* importance and interest and it will be sufficient if orders on these subjects are communicated to *local journals only*.

If this classification is approved, the file may be returned to Public Department with the above remarks. It is for consideration whether the report on the Poisons Act (item 5 above) may not be brought under class **B**—matter of local interest and importance only. A copy of the latest report is put up in the file for perusal if necessary.

M.C.—4-7-16.

M.V.V.—11-7-16.

Items 5, 8 and 9 may be classed as **B**. All may continue to be placed on Editors' Table.

E. A. HARVEY—12-7-16.

I agree.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—12-7-16.

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

A list of subjects pertaining to this department, orders relating to which are generally placed on Editors' Table, will be found on page 11 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated the 26th April 1915. With reference to the Under Secretary's remarks at **M** on page 1 ante, it has now to be settled whether any of the subjects in the list may be discontinued from being placed on Editors' Table and whether any, and if so what, subjects should, with reference to the remarks of the Honourable Member (Public) at **N** on page 1 ante, be included in list "A" (papers of general importance and interest) and what should be included in list "B" (papers of local importance and interest). The subjects included in the list on page 11 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated the 26th April 1915, are dealt with below seriatim:—

(1) *Alterations in the Educational rules, the Grant-in-Aid Code and the Code of Regulations for European schools.*—The alterations in the Educational rules and the Grant-in-Aid Code are, as a rule, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, and the Government Orders sanctioning the alterations may, in view of their extensive application over the whole of the Presidency, continue to be placed on Editors' Table.



P.R.—14-7-16. As the rules apply only to institutions within this province, they may be included in list "B". The alterations in the Code of regulations for European schools are not generally published in the Gazette and will have to be placed on the Editors' Table. They may be included in list "B".

- (2) *Alterations in the Public Service and Special Test notifications,*  
 (3) *Amendments to the scheme for the award of secondary school-leaving certificates,*  
 (4) *Alterations in University regulations,*  
 (5) *Papers regarding scholarships, and*  
 (6) *Papers relating to endowments.*

P.R.—14-7-16. All the above may, it is submitted, continue to be placed on Editors' Table and may be included in list "B" as they are only of local importance.

- (7) *Reports on (i) Public Instruction, etc., to (x) Text Book Committee.*

P.R.—14-7-16. Of the above reports, only those on (i) Public Instruction and (viii) Department of Industries need be included in list "A". The rest may, as usual, be placed on Editors' Table and included in list "B".

- (8) *Government Order on the report of the Committee of Lawrence Memorial School, Ootacamund—*may continue to be placed on Editor's Table and included in list "B" as it is only of local importance.

P.R.—14-7-16.

- (9) *Quarterly reports of the tinctorial expert.*—As these reports are of general importance and interest, they may be placed on Editors' Table and included in list "A".

P.R.—14-7-16.

- (10) *Affiliation of colleges to the University of Madras and (11) Alterations in the rules of Government Colleges.*—These are published in the Gazette and the Government Orders placed on Editors' Table. They may be included in list "B" as they are only of local importance.

P.R.—14-7-16.

- (12) *Appointments to the Law College Council, (13) Government Orders sanctioning building grant, (14) Government Orders sanctioning subsidies to local bodies, and (15) Government Orders relating to distribution of Imperial grants.*—These are not

P.R.—14-7-16. published in the Gazette. The orders may, therefore, continue to be placed on Editors' Table and may be included in list "B", as they are of local importance and interest.

- (16) *Educational schemes of general interest.*—Submitted that these may continue to be placed on Editors' Table and they may be included in list "A".

P.R.—14-7-16.

With these remarks the file may be returned to the Public Department u.o.

A.S.—12-7-16.

T.K.—12-7-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—14-7-16.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

The list of subjects in this department the orders relating to which are generally placed on Editors' Table are given on pages 8-9 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated



26th April 1915. They are examined below seriatim with reference to the instructions contained in pages 1-2 supra :--

| Items.                                                                                                                     | Office-note.                                                                                                                | Secretary's orders.                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| (1) Reviews of the budget estimates of district boards.                                                                    | These may be omitted from the Editors' Table list as they are not likely to be of any interest to the public.               | ....                                                       |
| (2) (a) Reviews of the budget estimates of municipal councils.                                                             | Do.                                                                                                                         | ....                                                       |
| (b) Review of the budget estimate of the Corporation of Madras.                                                            | Perhaps it will be sufficient to communicate this to the Editors of newspapers in Madras Presidency.                        | ....                                                       |
| (3) Reviews of the administration reports of district boards.                                                              | These may be restricted to local circulation, i.e., to journals in the Madras Presidency.                                   | ....                                                       |
| (4) Reviews of the administration report of municipal councils and the Corporation of Madras.                              |                                                                                                                             |                                                            |
| (5) Review of the report on sanitation.                                                                                    | These may be marked for general circulation.                                                                                | ....                                                       |
| (6) Review of the report on vaccination.                                                                                   |                                                                                                                             |                                                            |
| (7) Report on the administration of local boards and union panchayats.                                                     |                                                                                                                             |                                                            |
| (8) General review of the administration of municipal councils.                                                            | These may be restricted to local circulation.                                                                               | ....                                                       |
| (9) Government Orders finally dealing with water-supply and drainage scheme of towns.                                      |                                                                                                                             |                                                            |
| (10) Government Orders sanctioning applications for loans.                                                                 | These may be restricted to local circulation or perhaps may be taken out of the Editors' Table list altogether.             | V.T.K. C.G.T.                                              |
| (11) Government Orders recording the remarks of the Sanitary Commissioner on the monthly returns of vital statistics.      | The statistics are published in the <i>Fort St. George Gazette</i> . They may be omitted from the Editors' Table list.      | May remain on Editors' Table for local circulation. V.T.K. |
| (12) Government Orders dealing with the notes of inspection by the Sanitary Commissioner or Deputy Sanitary Commissioners. | These are merely submitted for the information of Government and are generally recorded. They may be omitted from the list. | ....                                                       |



| Items.                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Office-note.                                                                                                                                                                                   | Secretary's orders.                                                                                                              |
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| (13) Government Orders dealing with the reports on the inspection of local fund and municipal accounts by the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts.                                                                       | These may be omitted from the list.                                                                                                                                                            | ....                                                                                                                             |
| (14) Government Orders sanctioning the constitution of local fund taluks.                                                                                                                                            | These may be restricted to local circulation.                                                                                                                                                  | ....                                                                                                                             |
| (15) Government Orders sanctioning the constitution of unions.                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                  |
| (16) Government Orders sanctioning the constitution of municipalities.                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                  |
| (17) Rules issued under the Madras District Municipalities, Madras Local Boards and the City of Madras Municipal Acts, the Places of Public Resort Act and the Indian Tramways Act.                                  | The orders may be marked for general circulation, notwithstanding the fact that the rules themselves are published in the <i>Fort St. George Gazette</i> .                                     | I should say local circulation would do in these cases. V.T.K.<br>I would remove altogether since the rules are gazetted. C.G.T. |
| (18) Government Orders sanctioning by-laws under the above mentioned Acts.                                                                                                                                           | These may be marked for general circulation.                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                  |
| (19) Government Orders approving the annual programme of the Sanitary Engineer showing the investigation and preparation of plans and estimates for water-supply and drainage schemes to be undertaken in that year. | These may be restricted to local circulation.                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                  |
| (20) Government Orders sanctioning the alterations in the boundaries of municipalities.                                                                                                                              | These will interest only the local people and they will know the details without any difficulty. Further, these notifications are published in the gazette. They may be omitted from the list. |                                                                                                                                  |

2. To sum up, it is submitted that of the twenty items shown on pages 8 and 9 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915, (1) items 1, 2 (a), 11, 12, 13, and 20 may be omitted from the Editors' Table list, (2) items 2 (b), 3, 4, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16 and 19 may be restricted to local circulation, and (3) items 5, 6, 7, 8, 17 and 18 may be marked for general circulation.

C.V.K.—14-7-16.

K.V.V.—14-7-16.

N. CHENGAL RAO—15-7-16.

I agree except in the cases I have made remarks on above.

V. T. KRISHNAMA ACHARI—17-7-16.

I agree throughout except as to Nos. 17 and 18.

C. G. TODHUNTER—17-7-16.



## PUBLIC (X) DEPARTMENT.

So far as Public (X) is concerned, there are no subjects' orders on which are required to be placed on Editors' Table.

Public (Minor) may be informed accordingly.

A.H.—15-7-16.

R. H. COURTENAY—17-7-16.

## PUBLIC (MINOR) DEPARTMENT.

The Revenue and Public Works Departments have yet to send their replies to the un-official reference regarding the classification of Editors' Table papers. In the meanwhile, the general question raised by the Secretary, Legislative Department, may, it is submitted, be examined.

2. The suggestion is to cease placing on Editors' Table anything that is published in the Gazette. It is submitted that it is not usual for this Government to supply the Gazette free to newspapers and institutions. Editors' Table privileges are the only means through which newspapers and institutions secure official news. It seems rather hard to make them pay for a privilege which they have hitherto enjoyed free. It seems very doubtful if they will be prepared to incur the expense of subscribing to the Gazette for official information. Besides, the suggestion would seem to be opposed to the very object of Editors' Table privileges—which is to afford the press good facilities for procuring authentic information regarding matters of public interest, which are dealt with in the course of official correspondence. The policy of the Government of India as enunciated in Home Department Resolution No. 2345-2360, dated 25th October 1904, is to satisfy the legitimate desire of newspapers to be supplied liberally with such official news as can be made public without prejudice to the interests of the State. Please see also in this connection paragraph 3 of the Hon'ble Sir Harold Stuart's note, dated 2nd November 1911, and paragraphs 2 and 3 of Sir Murray Hammick's note, dated 6th November 1911 on page 2 of notes to G.O. No. 1395, Public, dated 16th December 1911, regarding the desirability of disseminating official information as widely as possible with a view to avoiding misrepresentations and falsehoods. The suggestion of the Secretary, Legislative Department, will, it is submitted, restrict the dissemination of information.

Oh!

A paper which won't take in the Gazette is a rag and deserves no patronage.

Paragraph 1 on page 3 of G.O. 969, Public, 1st December 1904.

The Gazette is the official means of communicating such information to the Public.

Page 3 of G.O. 969, Public, 1st December 1904.

3. The annual cost involved in granting Editors' Table privileges to a newspaper is only about Rs. 94, inclusive of postage. The subscription and postage for the Gazette is Rs. 5-8-0 per quarter payable in advance. All newspapers and institutions admitted to Editors' Table privileges are however supplied free with part IV of the Gazette containing the proceedings of the Legislative Council—vide G.O. No. 88, Legislative, dated 5th July 1910.

Cf. Superintendent's, Government Press, Telephonic Message in G.O. 188, Public, 4th February 1916.

Page 2 of current file in G.O. 760, Public, 14th May 1915.

of the Legislative Council—vide G.O. No. 88, Legislative, dated 5th July 1910.



4. If paragraph 2 above be concurred in, the Secretary, Legislative Department, may, it is submitted, be requested to reconsider his suggestion: if not, the opinion of the departments of the Secretariat may be invited, before the suggestion is given effect to.

T.M.R.—21-7-16.

P.D.R.—25-7-16.

We may legitimately start with the assumption that all reputable journals subscribe to the Gazette; the view that if they don't, they ought to, may be concurred in in this department. The matter is one which Public (minor) is competent to decide and I don't think any end will be served by consulting other departments. The suggestion may be taken into consideration along with the general case, when this is complete.

E. A. HARVEY—27-7-16.

#### REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

The Public Department request—

(1) that the list of subjects given at pages 5 to 12 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915, the orders relating to which are generally placed on the Editors' Table, may be scrutinised with a view to restrict the output of Government Orders marked for the Editors' Table.

(2) that the Editors' Table papers may be classified into two groups, class A and class B, the former to contain papers of *general importance* and interest and the latter to contain papers of *local importance* and interest only and to be communicated merely to local journals.

2. The Government Orders of this department which are generally placed on the Editors' Table are examined below with reference to the above two points—

(i) *Rules and orders relating to Acts and Bills—Item 3 at page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—The Acts and Bills referred to are apparently Acts and Bills of the Local Legislative Council. They are of sufficient importance to be placed on Editors' Table but are not necessarily of interest to journals of other

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

Provinces. Papers on these subjects may therefore be included in class B.

S.R.R.—8-7-16.

K.S.N.—12-7-16.

A.S.R.—18-7-16.

V.P.—31-7-16.

V. A. ANANTARAMA AYYAR—4-8-16.

(ii) *Annual review relating to the destruction of wild animals—Item 5 (a) at page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—This is a subject of local interest. It is submitted that Government Orders on this subject may continue to be placed on the Editors' Table (vide G.O. No. 2715, dated 7th December 1915).

The review is not however of such general importance as to be communicated to journals, etc., outside the Presidency. The Government of India publish every year in the *Gazette of India* a resolution reviewing the result of the measures taken for the destruction of wild animals and snakes in the several provinces in British India and this would give sufficient information to the journals of other provinces in regard to this matter. It is submitted that papers on this subject may be included in class B.

S.R.R.—10-7-16.

V.P.—31-7-16.

A. H. A. TODD—5-8-16.

J. P. BEDFORD—7-8-16.



(iii) *Report on the operations of the Irrigation cess fund—Paragraph 5 (g) at page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—The cess is in existence only in a few of the districts—Chingleput, Trichinopoly, Madura and Coimbatore. It is a matter purely of local importance and interest only and it cannot be said to be a subject of general importance even in this Presidency. It is a question for consideration whether the Government Orders containing the report should be placed on the Editors' Table at all—for the last report vide G.O. No. 2194, dated 29th September 1915.

S.R.R.—10-7-16.

V.P.—31-7-16.

Need not be Editors' Table.

A. H. A. TODD—5-8-16.

They may not be of much interest, but it seems desirable that the Government, having hitherto published the accounts of the fund, should not invite speculation by suddenly ceasing to do so.

Class B clearly.

J. P. BEDFORD—7-8-16.

(iv) *Report on the administration of cattle pounds—Item 5 (h) at page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915, and (v) report on the working of the establishments for stamping weights and measures—Item 5 (n) at page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—These are subjects of public interest in this Presidency and Government Orders thereon may therefore continue to be placed on the Editors' Table.

G.O. 793, 12th March 1914.

G.O. 2038, 7th September 1915.

They do not however appear to be matters of such general importance as to be communicated to other provinces. It is therefore submitted that the Government Orders on these subjects may be included in class B.

S.R.R.—10-7-16.

V.P.—31-7-16.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

(v) *Important amendments to the Board's Standing Orders.*—Government Orders on these subjects are purely matters of local interest and it is submitted that it would do if they are included in class B only.

S.R.R.—10-7-16.

V.P.—31-7-16.

Yes. I think so.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

(v) *Report on the administration of the Survey, Settlement and Land Records departments—Item (i) of class (5) under "Revenue Department" on page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—Submitted that the above report may continue to be placed on Editors' Table. In view of the fact that the progress of the operations of these departments is mainly a matter of local interest it is submitted

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

that the report may be included in the proposed class B—vide Honourable Member's note on page 1 ante.

2. In addition to the reports, etc., enumerated under "Revenue Department" on page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915, important orders such as those on scheme reports for resettlement, orders on the report of the Survey and Land Records committee, etc., are marked for Editors' Table—vide Rule III on page 12 of the above Government Order. In regard to Government Orders on scheme reports for resettlement it would seem that as a rule they need be communicated to

Cf. G.O. 53, 8th January 1916; G.O. 1177, 23rd May 1916.

G.O. 775, 4th April 1916.



the local Press only. As regards other orders of a miscellaneous nature, the question whether the subjects are of local interest only or of general interest may be considered with reference to the merits of each case, and the Government Orders marked accordingly under the proposed class A or B (vide Honourable Member's note on page 2 ante).

K.S.N.—12-7-16.

C.R.—2-8-16.

A. H. A. Todd—5-8-16.

*Reports on the administration of the Agricultural department and of the Government Gardens and Parks.*—These\* are

\* Cf. G.O. 1949, Revenue, 20th August 1915.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

usually placed on Editors' Table and may continue to be so placed in future, these being included in the proposed A class as they are of general public interest.

In the case of such of the other important orders on these subjects which might be placed on Editors' Table, it might be decided as each order issues whether it should go into A class or B class according as it is of general or local interest.

R.R.—31-7-16.

C.R.—2-8-16.

(iv) *Report on the administration of the Forest department—Item (n) of class 5 under "Revenue Department" on page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—The Forest department is one in the administration of which the public take keen interest as will be evidenced from the request of the two district associa-

† G.O. 1501, Public, 19th October 1915.

‡ G.O. 932, Revenue, 17th April 1916.

tions (those of Gaujāmt and Gōdāvari†) to be furnished with their respective district reports in advance before review by

Government. It is submitted therefore that this report may continue to be placed on Editors' Table. The report with its appendices contains much valuable information

Vide G.O. 95, 15th January 1916.

which is not merely of limited local interest, but may be utilized in other provinces as well for purposes of comparison and analogy. The report, it is submitted, appears to be of sufficient general interest to be included in class A.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

2. Since the Government accepted the recommendations of the Forest Committee in G.O. No. 3020, Revenue, dated 13th October 1913, the forest policy is being developed on certain lines with a view to enlist the co-operation of

G.O. 297, 10th February 1916.

G.O. 269, 8th February 1916.

G.O. 1881, 13th August 1915.

G.O. 298, 10th February 1916.

villagers, e.g., classification of forests and formation of forest panchayats and forest village system. Some of the Government Orders on these subjects have been placed on Editors' Table as they

are of considerable interest to the rural population. The object being the solution of local questions, such Government Orders are not likely to be of interest to outsiders, and may, it is submitted, be placed in class B.

K.K.R.—13-7-16.

As a rule these may be placed in class B. Special cases may be differently treated if necessary.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.



Yes: I don't think we can lay down a hard and fast rule.

J. P. BEDFORD—7-8-16.

(vii) *Report on the administration of the Veterinary Department—Item (m) of (5) under Revenue Department on page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—Submitted that this report may continue to be placed on the Editors' Table. The report is one of general public interest and may be included in class A.

Vide G.O. 2022, 4th September 1915.

T.R.T.—14-7-16.

S.A.—17-7-16.

Class A, I think.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

(viii) *Statement of sundry industries—Item (s) of class (5) under Revenue Department on page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—Submitted that this may continue to be placed on the Editors' Table. This report is one of general public interest and may be included in class A.

Vide G.O. 816, 8th April 1916.

T.R.T.—14-7-16.

S.A.—14-7-16.

Class A, I think.

A. H. A. TODD.—5-8-16.

J. P. BEDFORD—7-8-16.

(ix) *Cattle shows—Class (7) under Revenue Department on page 8 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—Submitted that reports of cattle-shows may continue to be placed on the Editors' Table. The cattle-shows are of local importance only and the reports may be included in class B.

Vide G.O. 2120, 17th September 1916.

T.R.T.—14-7-16.

S.A.—17-7-16.

Though the last report doesn't contain much information, the Ongole show is really of interest outside the Presidency also; might be in class A.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16,

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

(x) *Changes in headquarters—Class (2) under Revenue Department on page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—Changes in headquarters of Revenue divisions and taluks are usually notified in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. It seems unnecessary to place the Government Orders containing the notifications on the Editors' Table.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

S.R.G.—15-7-16.

S.A.—17-7-16.

(xi) *Jamabandi report—Item 5 (b) under Revenue Department at page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—Submitted that this may continue to be placed on Editors' Table and may be included in class A as the report is of general importance and interest.

Vide G.O. 486, 2nd March 1916.

K.R.A.—17-7-16.

T.S.R.—4-8-16.

Class A, I think.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.



(xii) *Report on the working of the Co-operative Societies Act—Item 5 (g) under "Revenue Department" at page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—Submitted that this may continue to be placed on Editors' Table and may be included in class A as the report is one of general importance and interest.

G.O. 15, Revenue, 4th January 1916.

K.R.A.—17-7-16.

T.S.R.—4-8-16.

A. H. A. TODD—5-8-16.

J. P. BEDFORD—7-8-16.

*Papers regarding season and prospects—Item (4) at page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—It is submitted that these papers may be included in class B as they are purely matters of local interest.

R.P.—3-8-16.

T.S.R.—4-8-16.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

*Papers relating to agricultural banks—Item (8) at page 8 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—Papers on this subject are rare. Submitted that these may be placed in class A as they are likely to be matters of general interest.

R.P.—3-8-16.

T.S.R.—4-8-16.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

Perhaps; but I don't see how any hard and fast rule can be laid down.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

(xiii) *Report on the administration of the Government Cinchona Department—Item 5 (e) under "Revenue Department" on page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—Submitted that the report may continue to be placed on the Editors' Table. The report is one of considerable general interest to the public and, as such, may be included in class A (vide portion marked N in Honourable Member's note on page 1 supra).

G.O. 1790, Revenue, 2nd August 1915.

as such, may be included in class A (vide portion marked N in Honourable Member's note on page 1 supra).

A.S.R.—19-7-16.

V. A. ANANTARAMA AYYAR—4-8-16.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

(xiv) *Administration Report of the Fisheries Department—Item 5 (j) under "Revenue Department" on page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.*—Submitted that the report may continue to be placed on the Editors' Table. The subject is one of general importance and interest and may be included in class A (vide Honourable Member's note on page 1 ante).

G.O. 1857, Revenue, 9th August 1915.

A (vide Honourable Member's note on page 1 ante).

A.S.R.—19-7-16.

V.A.A.—4-8-16.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

(xv) *General orders regarding census (vide item 1 under Revenue Department at page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915).*—Orders about census such as G.O. No. 779, Revenue, dated 17th March 1911, containing the provisional totals given by the census of 10th March 1911 have been placed on the Editors' Table.



Table. As such orders appear to be of purely local interest, they may be included in class B only (vide portion marked **N** in Honourable Member's note at page 1 supra).  
D.T.—20-7-16.

V. A. ANANTARAMA AYYAR—4-8-16.

A. H. A. TODD—5-8-16.

J. P. BEDFORD—7-8-16.

(xvi) *Court of Wards administration report*.—[Vide item 5 (c) under Revenue Department at page 7 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915.]

Submitted that the report may be continued to be placed on the Editors' Table.

G.O. 750, Revenue, 1st April 1916.

It is now being sent to certain public and private bodies, such as the University of Bombay, the library of congress, Washington, United States of America, the Sydenham College of Commerce and Industry, Bombay, etc., at the request of those bodies. As it is, however, doubtful whether the administration of wards estate in this Presidency will be of general interest to the people in other provinces, it seems sufficient to communicate the report to the local Press only and include it in class B (vide portion marked **N** in Honourable Member's note at page 1 supra).

D.T.—20-7-16.

V.A.A.—4-8-16.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

I would put this in class A. The interest in our local magnates is hardly co-terminous with the Presidency. Probably some Bihar people feel more interest in (say) Jeypore affairs than would be felt in Madura or Malabar.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

3. The file may be returned to Home (Miscellaneous) Department with the remarks of this department.

S.J.A.—4-8-16.

V.P.—4-8-16.

A.H.A.T.—5-8-16.

In most cases, the classification into A or B presents no difficulty, but some of the classes will have to be decided on *ad hoc* or not at all. Personally, I don't mind such cases being all dealt with in class B in the absence of special orders, if this will tend to the convenience of the Press.

As regards marking for Editors' Table, no general reduction (i.e., elimination of particular classes) seems called for in this department.

J.P.B.—7-8-16.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The list of papers to be selected for the Editors' Table in the Public Works Department (General Branch) will be found on pages 9 and 10 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915. The list has been carefully scrutinized and revised; and fresh additions have been made where necessary. The revised list of papers for the Editors' Table and their classification into A and B, i.e., papers of general and local interest, is as shown below :—

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| (1) Administration reports                                                                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | A |
| (2) Artesian well-borings—Orders regarding                                                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | A |
| (3) Buildings of historic or architectural interest—Orders regarding                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | A |
| (4) Budget estimates—Orders on                                                                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | A |
| (5) Divisions (executive)—Orders relating to the formation of                                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | B |
| (6) Electricity—Orders relating to the supply of energy and the working of the Indian Electricity Act | ... | ... | ... | ... | B |



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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| (7) Railways—Orders on the construction and opening of new lines of                                                                 | A |
| (8) Steam Boilers and Prime-movers—Annual reports of the Senior Inspector of — and orders relating to the working of the Act ... .. | B |
| (9) Telegraph offices—Orders sanctioning the opening of ... ..                                                                      | B |
| (10) Water-supply and drainage schemes—Orders relating to ... ..                                                                    | B |
| (11) Works—Orders sanctioning original — of magnitude or of public interest ... ..                                                  | B |

The file may be returned to the Public Department through Irrigation u.o. for a similar consideration of the orders relating to the Irrigation Branch.

M.B.—15-9-16.

A.S.N.—15-9-16.

D. MARSHALL—18-9-16.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
(IRRIGATION BRANCH).

The list of subjects, the orders relating to which are to be placed on the Editors' Table, will be found on page 10 of G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 26th April 1915. The list has been scrutinised with reference to the Under Secretary's (Public) note, dated 10th June 1916, and revised. The

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Items (4) to (7) are published in Gazette.

revised list of subjects and their classification into A or B—papers of general importance and interest or those of local

importance and interest—are as shown below :—

- |                                                                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| (1) Administration reports ... ..                                                   | A |
| (2) Budget estimate—Orders on the final issue ... ..                                | A |
| (3) Flood damages—Orders on the reports on ... ..                                   | B |
| (4) Irrigation works of some magnitude ... ..                                       | A |
| (5) Programme of outlay on productive public works—Orders on ... ..                 | B |
| (6) Transfer of works from Revenue to Public Works Department and vice versa ... .. | B |
| (7) Water—Rules regulating the supply of ... ..                                     | B |

The file may be returned to the Public Department u.o.

T.S.N.—6-10-16.

A.V.S.—6-10-16.

M.S.V.—6-10-16.

P.K.S.—6-10-16.

F. E. MORGAN—9-10-16.

W. M. ELLIS—11-10-16.



The questions for consideration in this file are :—

(1) Restriction of papers placed on the Editors' Table,  
(2) Classification of papers placed on the Editors' Table into classes A and B, the former containing papers of general importance and interest, and the latter containing papers of local interest only, with a view to confining the supply of the latter class of papers to journals, institutions, etc., in this Presidency admitted to the Editors' Table privileges, and

(3) Mr. Todhunter's suggestion that anything that is published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* need not be placed on the Editors' Table.

2. The departments consulted have considered questions (1) and (2) and have forwarded a revised list of papers that may be placed on the Editors' Table classifying them into classes A and B. A consolidated classified list of the papers to be placed on the Editors' Table has been drawn up in accordance with the suggestions of the departments and will be found in rule II of the appendix to the draft order.

3. The departments concerned have not offered any remarks as to the classification of the following orders :—

(1) *Government Press*.—Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the —.

(2) Annual reports relating to the following :—

(a) Stamp Administration.

(b) Administration of the Salt Department.

(c) Do. of the Income Tax Act (II of 1886.)

(d) Do. of Abkari and Opium Revenue.

(3) General orders under the Merchandise Marks Act.

This will do provisionally. The views of departments concerned will have to be obtained.

Items (1), 2 (a) and 2 (c) have been classed as B in the draft and the rest as A, subject to the concurrence of Separate Revenue and Public.

E.A.H.—8-12-16.

P.R.—16-12-16.

4. Ecclesiastical state that if it is eventually decided to restrict the supply of

This may be taken as a recommendation of removal; they may be removed.

E.A.H.—8-12-16.

P.R.—16-12-16.

Editors' Table papers, orders on the accounts of the Purasawalkam and Washermenpet general cemeteries may be removed from the list of papers placed on the Editors' Table. Submitted that it is

entirely for the administrative department to decide whether a particular order should continue to be placed or not on the Editors' Table. Other departments, for instance Local and Municipal, have suggested the removal of certain papers from the list of papers placed on the Editors' Table. Ecclesiastical may, therefore, be asked to state definitely whether the order in question may or may not be removed from the list of papers placed on the Editors' Table.

5. As regards Mr. Todhunter's suggestion that papers published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* may cease to be placed on the Editors' Table, attention is invited to the office-note (Public—Minor) at pages 11-12 ante and to the Under Secretary's remarks thereon. Submitted that orders published in the Gazette relate mainly to (1) postings and transfers, (2) notifications under some legal enactment, and (3) Resolutions of the Government of India. Orders relating to (1) postings and transfers, are not printed and may be left out of account. As regards notifications, it is submitted that only those which are of general interest are published in the *Gazette* and at the same time placed on the Editors' Table. But notifications of a purely local interest are not placed on the Editors' Table, though published in the *Gazette*. Resolutions of the Government of India which are published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* are not generally placed on the Editors' Table. When important resolutions like that on Educational policy are not placed on the Editors' Table on the ground that they are published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, it appears unnecessary to place ordinary orders on the Editors' Table, if they are published in the *Gazette*.



*Print the marginal remarks in the plain*

Press

E.A.H.—8-12-16. Not necessary and certainly not desirable. It has taken some months to gather the opinion that we now have.

E.A.H.—8-12-16.

Please leave this alone.

P.R.—16-12-16.

6. A draft order is submitted for consideration which may go to all departments

E.A.H.—8-12-16.

Yes.

P.R.—16-12-16.

7. An addition has been made to the first sentence of rule IV in order to provide for cases in which the classification of orders which do not fall under rule II into A or B will have to be determined only when each order issues.

T.C.N.—7-12-16.

P.D.R.—7-12-16.

## FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Financial is concerned with the five items under Financial and items (4) and (5) under Public (Marine) in class B in rule III (page 6 of draft order). The orders on the subjects concerned are not published in the Gazette. The draft order may be accepted and the case passed to Separate Revenue.

T.H.R.—22-12-16.

For item (3) on page 6 of draft, the following may be substituted:—

"Final accounts of Provincial Services. Review of the —."

The alteration is necessitated by the discontinuance of the Provincial appropriation report approved in G.O. No. 100, Financial, dated 18th February 1916.

T.A.S.—25-12-16.

L. E. KERSHAW—27-12-16.

## FINANCIAL (SEPARATE REVENUE) DEPARTMENT.

Please see paragraph 3 (2) and (3) of the Home (Miscellaneous) Department note at page 19 supra. This department may accept the proposal to place the reports on the administration of the salt and abkari and opium revenues in class A and the reports of stamp and income-tax revenues in class B.

2. General orders under the Merchandise Marks Act are issued by the Government of India and communicated to all Local Governments. As other Local Governments will communicate them to the local papers of the respective provinces if necessary, it seems unnecessary to include them in class A. They may be included in class B.

D.T.—5-1-17.

K.N.—5-1-17.

R. H. COURTENAY—6-1-17.

## PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Please see paragraph 3 (1) of Home (Miscellaneous) Department's note above. Submitted that this department may agree to "the report on the working of the Government Press" being classed as B of local importance and interest.

2. The draft may be accepted and the case passed on to the Public (Marine) section.

T.M.R.—9-1-17.

S.D.S.—11-1-17.

L.E.K.—12-1-17.



PUBLIC (MARINE) DEPARTMENT.  
Department note on page 5 ante and the Home (Miscellaneous)

Please see this department note on page 5 ante and the Home (Miscellaneous) Department note on pages 19-20 ante.

2. Of the items relating to this department (vide pages 3 and 6 of draft order) it is submitted that the following are published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*:-

## Class A.

1. *Cyclone Code and alterations to Cyclone Code*—vide G.Os. No. 405, Marine, dated 22nd December 1915, and No. 115, Marine, dated 6th April 1916.

2. *Port rules. Additions and changes in*—vide, for example, G.Os. No. 276, Public (Marine), dated 11th October 1916, and 333, Public (Marine), dated 24th November 1916.

## Class B.

Notifications in orders relating to constitution of conservancy boards at ports—vide, ~~eg.~~ G.O. No. 235, Marine, dated 22nd July 1914.

2. Notifications in orders relating to the levy of landing and shipping fees at ports—vide, ~~eg.~~ G.Os. No. 163, Marine, dated 21st May 1914; No. 369, Marine, dated 30th November 1915; No. 56, Marine, dated 29th February 1916; and No. 223, Marine, dated 24th July 1916.

3. With reference to the ruling that papers published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* shall not as a rule be placed on the Editors' table, the above items should be omitted from the draft order.

4. Subject to the above remark, the draft order may be accepted and the file passed on to Ecclesiastical.

S.D.S.—18-1-17.

R. H. COURTENAY—19-1-17.

## PUBLIC (ECCLESIASTICAL) DEPARTMENT.

Please see this department note on page 2 ante and paragraphs 4 and 5 of Home

\* Vide G.O. 67, Ecclesiastical, 4th September 1915. (Miscellaneous) Department note on page 20 ante. As the accounts \* of the Purasawalkam and Washermanpet General

† G.O. 38, Ecclesiastical, 14th June 1913. cemeteries and the Ecclesiastical rules † of

the Government of India and amendments thereto are published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, the orders passed thereon may, it is submitted, be removed from the list of Editors' table papers with reference to the ruling that papers published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* shall not as a rule be placed on the Editors' table.

Subject to these remarks the draft order may be accepted and the file passed on to Revenue.

R.S.E.M.—20-1-17.

K.A.M.—20-1-17.

R.H.C.—22-1-17.

## REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the draft order may be accepted in this department and the file passed on to Local and Municipal Department through F section.

2. When a Government order on a subject not enumerated in rule III of the rules is proposed to be placed on the Editors' table, orders will be obtained as to whether the Government order should be included in class A or class B.

2. None of the orders on the Revenue subjects in the list at pages 3, 4 and 7 of the draft are published in the gazette and so none of them have to be deleted from those lists with reference to rule II at page 2 of the draft.

S.J.A.—24-1-17.

V.P.—27-1-17.



3. Attention is solicited to the Honourable Member's notes at pages 53-54 of the original of G.O. No. 2330, Revenue, dated 12th October 1916, and the Home

The Honourable Member's note applies to proposed rule V.

A.H.A.T.—5-2-17.

(Miscellaneous) Department may, it is submitted, be requested to consider if the Honourable Member's suggestions may be embodied in the draft rules.

4. The file may be passed on to Local and Municipal through F section.

K.R.A.—31-1-17.

C.R.—31-1-17.

D.J.—31-1-17.

S.R.—1-2-17.

A.M.—1-2-17.

T.A.R.—2-2-17.

T.S.R.—2-2-17.

K.A.M.—2-2-17.

S.A.—2-2-17.

W.A.G.—2-2-17.

S.P.G.—3-2-17.

M.M.R.—3-2-17.

A. H. A. Todd—5-2-17.

The draft may, it is submitted, be accepted in this department and the file passed on to Local and Municipal.

B.S.—7-2-17.

N.P.A.—7-2-17.

R.R.—7-2-17.

T.S.N.—9-2-17.

F. J. RICHARDS—10-2-17.

#### LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL (LOCAL) DEPARTMENT.

The Local and Municipal sections are concerned with the portions marked 'A' and 'B' on pages 4, 7 and 8 of the draft order. Attention is solicited to the notes of this department on pages 8 to 10 ante. With reference to these notes, item (3) under Local section of the portion marked 'B' in the draft order, which relates to returns of vital statistics, should be omitted as these returns are published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. Subject to this remark the draft may, it is submitted, be accepted.

S.N.—15-2-17.

K.V.V.—15-2-17.

#### LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL (LEGISLATIVE) DEPARTMENT.

Please see items (1) to (4) under the "Legislative section" on page 8 of the draft order. The proposal to omit these items from the appendix to the order is based on the notes on pages 3 and 21 supra. It is submitted that this department may agree to the omission as the papers referred to in the four items in question are usually published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, and it is therefore unnecessary to place them on the Editors' table.

C.S.—15-2-17.

#### LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL (MEDICAL) DEPARTMENT.

Please see the Medical section's note on pages 4 and 5 ante. The four items specified under "Medical section" on page 4 of the draft do not call for any remarks. As for the two items under class B on page 8, it is submitted that the annual reports



on Monegar Choultry and connected institutions have to be reviewed in future in the Home (Miscellaneous) Department, as there are no medical institutions among them. That entry should therefore be transferred to the Miscellaneous section of that department. With this modification the draft order may be accepted in Medical and the file passed on to Home (Judicial).

V.S.—15-2-17.

N.C.—15-2-17.

V. T. KRISHNAMA ACHARI—16-2-17.

## HOME (JUDICIAL C) DEPARTMENT.

Please see Judicial (C) section note, dated 12th July 1916, on page 7 ante and Home (Miscellaneous) Department note on pages 19-20. Orders relating to the creation of new Registration districts or sub-districts, etc., under class 'B', being published in the gazette, may be deleted from the list given in the draft.

2. With this remark the draft order may be accepted.

C.R.V.—22-2-17.

M.V.V.—26-2-17.

Please see Judicial (A) Section notes, dated the 8th July 1916, on pages 3-4 ante. The Planters Labour Act is now dealt with in the Home (Miscellaneous). The draft order may be accepted.

K.V.N.—26-2-17.

W.B.S.—26-2-17.

## HOME (JUDICIAL B) DEPARTMENT.

Please see Judicial (B) note on page 4 ante. The draft may be accepted.

B.R.—27-2-17.

C.R.—27-2-17.

## HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

Please see Education Section notes on pages 7 and 8 ante. This department is concerned with the 14 items on page 9 of the draft order. Of these the following items may be omitted with reference to the ruling that papers published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* shall not as a rule be placed on Editors' Table:—

Item (1).—“Alterations in the Educational Rules, the Grant-in-aid Code”. The portion of this item relating to Code of Regulations for European schools should stand as the alterations in this Code are not generally published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

Item (2).—Alterations in the Public Service and Special Test notifications.

Item (9).—Affiliation of Colleges to the University of Madras.

Item (10).—Alterations in the rules of Government Colleges.

Subject to the above remarks the draft order may be accepted and the file passed on to Public Works Department u.o.

T.K.—28-2-17.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—2-3-17.

Will Public Works Department kindly return soon as issue has been already long delayed.

E. A. HARVEY—3-3-17.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The items specified under Public Works Department (General—Buildings and Roads Branch) on pages 5 and 10 of the draft order are in accordance with the Public Works Department note on pages 17 and 18 ante.



The draft order may be accepted, subject to the following remarks and passed on to Irrigation u.o.

The heading (General—Buildings and Roads Branch) may be altered into (General—Buildings, Roads and Railways).

A.S.N.R.—15-3-17.

Orders relating to the construction of railways are published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and so they may be eliminated with reference to rule II on page 2 of the draft order. Orders relating to the opening of railways are not printed and so item 5 on page 5 of the draft relating to railways may be omitted.

M.A.R.—15-3-17.

G. D. PLUMMER—15-3-17.

W. G. MOLESWORTH—15-3-17.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (IRRIGATION).

Please see this department note on page 18 supra. The draft order may, it is submitted, be accepted and the case returned to Home (Miscellaneous).

G.V.—16-3-17.

T.M.G.—16-3-17.

M.S.V.—16-3-17.

F. E. MORGAN—17-3-17.

HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) DEPARTMENT.

The alterations suggested by departments have been carried out in the draft order, a clean copy of which is submitted.

2. Please see the Hon'ble Sir Alexander Cardew's note, dated the 5th November 1916, at pages 53-54 of G.O. No. 2330, Revenue, dated the 12th October 1916, as regards rule IV of the rules in G.O. No. 651, Public, dated the 26th April 1915. This rule has been reproduced as rule V in the annexure to the draft order in the

E.A.H.—5-4-17. present case. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Honourable Member's

note referred to above the word "may" may be substituted for the word "should" in rule V of the rules.

T.C.N.—31-3-17.

P.D.R.—4-4-17.

Verify my correction on page 10 and issue.

E. A. HARVEY—5-4-17.

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