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READ—the following papers :—

I

Letter—from R. LL. JONES, Esq., Deputy Director, Madras Observatory.
To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Miscellaneous) Department.
Dated—Madras, the 16th October 1918.
No.—251 M.

With reference to Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 564, Judicial, dated 30th March 1904, I have the honour to forward herewith a list of festivals and eclipses during 1919.

ENCLOSURE

List of festivals and eclipses during 1919.

Festivals.

Vaikunta Ekadasi	...	...	...	January	12, Sunday.
Bhogi Pandigai	...	...	...	Do.	13, Monday.
Pongal	...	...	...	Do.	14, Tuesday.
Mahasivarathri	...	...	...	February	28, Friday.
Telugu New Year's Day	...	...	...	April	1, Tuesday.
Sri Rama Navami	...	...	...	Do.	8 do.
Tamil New Year's Day	...	...	...	Do.	14, Monday.
Easter	...	...	...	Do.	17-22, Thursday to Tuesday.
Avani Avittam	...	...	...	August	11, Monday.
Sri Jayanthi	...	...	...	Do.	19, Tuesday.*
Vinayakachaturthi	...	...	...	Do.	29, Friday.
Mahalaya Amavasai	...	...	...	September	23, Tuesday.
Ayuda Puja	...	...	...	October	3, Friday.
Dipavali	...	...	...	Do.	22, Wednesday.†
Christmas	...	...	...	December	24 to January 2, 1920, Wednesday to Friday.
Ramzan	...	...	...	June	30, Monday.
Bakr-id	...	...	...	September	6, Saturday.
Muharram (last day)	...	...	...	October	5, Sunday.
Bara-Wafat	...	...	...	December	6, Saturday.

* August 20—according to Mr. P. Duraiswami Ayyangar.
† October 21—according to Mr. Visvanatha Srouitigal.

Eclipses.

- In the year 1919 there will be three eclipses, two of the Sun and one of the Moon—
- (1) A total eclipse of the Sun, May 29, invisible in India.
 - (2) A partial eclipse of the Moon, November 8, visible at Madras, begins at 4-28 a.m., ends at 6 a.m. Moon sets at 6-9 a.m.
 - (3) An annular eclipse of the Sun, November 22, invisible in India.

II

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

To—the Secretary to the Government of ^{Bengal} ~~Bombay~~, Financial Department.

Dated—Fort St. George, the 22nd October 1918.

No.—Ref. 2944-1.

I am directed to invite a reference to the correspondence ending with your telegram Mis. No. 8958, dated 27th November 1917 regarding Muhammadan public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act XXVI of 1881, and to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, this Government may be informed of the dates which the Government of ^{Bengal} ~~Bombay~~ propose to notify for the undermentioned Muhammadan festivals for the year 1919:—

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

III

Letter—from J. L. RIEU, Esq., I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Financial Department.

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

Dated—Bombay Castle, the 11th November 1918.

No.—4412.

In reply to your letter No. 2944-1, dated 22nd October 1918, I am directed to state that the dates of the Muhammadan festivals other than the Muharram, which the Government of Bombay propose to notify as public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, XXVI of 1881, for the calendar year 1919 are as shown in the margin. As the Muharram holiday falls on a Sunday *, it will not be notified as a public holiday by this Government.

IV

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. DONALD, M.A., C.I.E., I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Financial Department (Miscellaneous).

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

Dated—Calcutta, the 20th November 1918.

No.—10557-Mis.

In continuation of this department letter No. 9875-Mis., dated the 6th November 1918, I am directed to forward herewith, for the information of the Government of Madras, copies of Notification No. 10506/7-Mis., dated the 19th November 1918, declaring, among others, the days to be observed as public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, and those under the executive order of the Government of Bengal, for the several Muhammadan festivals during the year 1919.

ENCLOSURE

Holidays on account of Muhammadan festivals.

Id-ul-fitr	...	On the 1st July.
Fatiha Duwazdaham	...	On the 6th December, but if the Moon be visible on the 23rd November, then on the 5th December.

October 4 is a holiday on account of the Muhammadan festival 'Muharram.' As, however, it is also a holiday under the Act on account of the Hindu festivals 'Durga and Lakshmi Pujas,' it is not separately notified as a holiday.

V

Letter—from the Hon'ble Sir GORDON FRASER, Kt., Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Madras.

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

Dated—the 27th November 1918.

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

ENCLOSURE

Madras Commercial Holidays, 1919.

Vaikunta Ekadasi.—Sunday, the 12th January.
Pongal.—Monday and Tuesday, the 13th and 14th January.
Mahasivaratri.—Friday, the 28th February.
Telugu New Year's Day.—Tuesday, the 1st April.
Tamil New Year's Day.—Monday, the 14th April.
Easter.—Saturday and Monday, the 19th and 21st April.
King-Emperor's Birthday.—One day, to be notified hereafter.
Ramzan.—Monday, the 30th June.
Avani Avittam.—Monday, the 11th August.
Sri Jayanthi.—Wednesday, the 20th August.
Vinayachaturthi.—Friday, the 29th August.
Bakr-id.—Saturday, the 6th September.
Mahalaya Amavasya.—Tuesday, the 23rd September.
Ayuda Puja.—Friday, the 3rd October.
Muharram (last day).—Sunday, the 5th October.
Dipavali.—Wednesday, the 22nd October.
Bara-Wafat.—Saturday, the 6th December.
Christmas.—Friday, Saturday, Monday and Wednesday, the 26th, 27th, 29th and 31st December.

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

Order—No. 857, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 4th December 1918.

The following notification will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and republished, so far as it concerns the months that have still to run, in the first issue of the Gazette of each month for the year 1919:—

NOTIFICATION.

Under the explanation to section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act XXVI of 1881, the Governor in Council is pleased to declare that in addition to the public holidays expressly defined as such in the said explanation, viz., Sundays, New Year's day (Wednesday the 1st January), Christmas day (Thursday the 25th December) and Good Friday (Friday the 18th April), the following days shall be public holidays in the year 1919:—

Monday, the 13th January	...	...	...	} Pongal.
Tuesday, the 14th January	...	...	...	
Friday, the 28th February	...	...	...	} Mahasivaratri.
Tuesday, the 1st April	...	...	...	
Monday, the 14th April	...	...	...	} Telugu New Year's day.
Saturday, the 19th April	...	...	...	
Monday, the 21st April	...	...	...	} Tamil do.
June	...	...	...	
Monday, the 30th June	...	...	...	} Easter.
Monday, the 11th August	...	...	...	
Wednesday, the 20th August	...	...	...	} King-Emperor's birth-day.*
Friday, the 29th August	...	...	...	
Saturday, the 6th September	...	...	...	} Ramzan.
Tuesday, the 23rd September	...	...	...	
Friday, the 3rd October	...	...	...	} Avani Avittam.
Wednesday, the 22nd October	...	...	...	
Saturday, the 6th December	...	...	...	} Sri Jayanti.
Friday, the 26th December	...	...	...	
Saturday, the 27th December	...	...	...	} Vinayachaturthi.
Monday, the 29th December	...	...	...	
Wednesday, the 31st December	...	...	...	} Bakr-id.
				} Mahalaya Amavasya.
				} Ayuda Puja.
				} Dipavali.
				} Bara-Wafat.
				} Christmas.

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

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

Thursday, the 2nd January.					
Thursday, the 17th April	...	...	...	...	} Easter.
Tuesday, the 22nd April	...	...	...	...	
Wednesday, the 24th December	...	...	...	...	} Christmas.
Tuesday, the 30th December	...	...	...	...	

(True extract)

L. D. SWAMIKANNU,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce.

„ Accountant-General.
„ Superintendent, Government Press, for publication in the Gazette.
„ Registrar, Madras University.

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

„ the Postmaster-General, Madras.
„ the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs (with C.L.).
„ the Madras Times Printing and Publishing Company (Ltd.).
„ Departments of the Secretariat.
„ Messrs. Lyon Lord & Co., Bombay.
„ the General Officer Commanding, 9th (Secunderabad) Division (with C.L.).
„ the Deputy Accountant-General, Posts and Telegraphs, Madras.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 857, HOME (MISCELLANEOUS),
DATED 4TH DECEMBER 1918

[SUBJECT.—Holidays.]

From the Deputy Director, Madras Observatory, No. 251 M., dated
16th October 1918.

Letter No. 2944-1, dated 22nd October 1918.

From the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Financial Department, No. 4412,
dated 11th November 1918.

From the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Financial Department,
No. 10557-Mis., dated 20th November 1918.

From the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, dated 27th November 1918.

HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) DEPARTMENT.

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

2. *Hindu holidays*.—The Deputy Director, Madras Observatory and the Chamber of Commerce agree as to the dates of Hindu holidays during the year 1919 except as regards the date for Sri Jayanti. The Chamber of Commerce mentions the 20th August as the date for this festival, while the Deputy Director puts the date on the 19th, though he mentions at the same time that the date according to Mr. P. Duraiswami Ayyangar is the 20th. Submitted that the opinion of the majority may be accepted and the 20th August notified for the feast.

3. *Easter*.—Good Friday, 18th April, is a holiday under the Act. Saturday the 19th and Monday the 21st April may be notified as statutory holidays under the Act—vide column 2 of appendix to G.O. No. 774, Public, dated 4th July 1914. Two more holidays have to be declared as non-statutory holidays under the Government Order quoted above. Maundy Thursday the 17th April and Tuesday the 22nd April may therefore be declared as non-statutory holidays.

4. *Christmas*.—The New Year's day is a holiday under the Act. The 2nd January will have to be notified as a non-statutory holiday for public offices as the Government have decided in G.O. No. 774, dated 4th July 1914, to sanction this additional holiday for Christmas.

Christmas day (Thursday the 25th December 1919) is also a holiday under the Act. Submitted that Friday, Saturday, Monday and Wednesday the 26th, 27th, 29th and 31st December 1919, respectively, may be notified as statutory holidays. Two additional holidays have to be notified as non-statutory holidays—vide appendix to G.O. No. 774, dated 4th July 1914. Wednesday the 24th December and Tuesday the 30th December may accordingly be declared as non-statutory holidays.

5. *Muhammadan holidays*.—The Deputy Director, the Chamber of Commerce and the Governments of Bengal and Bombay are all agreed as to the dates of the Muhammadan holidays—Ramzan, Bakrid and Bara Wafat. These dates may therefore be accepted. Bengal however propose to notify 5th December as a holiday for Bara Wafat if the moon be visible on the 23rd November. But this Government have decided not to notify alternate days for such occasions—vide pages 11-12 of G.O. No. 1318, dated 10th September 1915. The Deputy Director, the Chamber of

2 NOTES TO G.O. No. 857, HOME (MISCELLANEOUS), 4TH DECEMBER 1918

Commerce and the Government of Bombay agree in putting the date of Muharram on Sunday, the 5th October, while the Government of Bengal mentions the date as the 4th. Submitted the former date may be accepted inasmuch as the majority are for it.

6. *Eclipses*.—The Deputy Director reports that there will be three eclipses in 1919, two of the sun and one of the moon. Of these only the lunar eclipse is reported to be visible at Madras. Submitted that no holiday need be notified for this, as no *public holiday* is granted under the Act on account of a lunar eclipse—vide list of holidays in the appendix to G.O. No. 774, Public, dated the 4th July 1914.

A draft notification on the usual lines is submitted.

V.G.—2-12-18.

P.DER.—2-12-18.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—3-12-18.

L. D. SWAMIKANNU—3-12-18.

L. D[AVIDSON]—3-12-18.

[G.O. No. 857, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 4th December 1918.]

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Home (Misc.)

DEPARTMENT

READ AGAIN G.O. No., dated 191 .

" " " " 191 .

READ ALSO:—

C. No., From the, No., dated 191 .

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ORDER.

P.S. .

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in the year 1919 :-

Monday, the 13th Jany. - Pongal.
Tuesday, the 14th Jany. -
Friday, the 28th Feby. - Mahasivaratri.
Tuesday, the 1st April - Telugu New Year's day.
Monday, the 14th April - Tamil -do-
Saturday, the 19th April - Easter.
Monday, the 21st April -

Monday June King Emperor's Birth day.

Monday, the 30th June - Ramzan

Monday, the 11th August - Avani Avittam

~~Wednesday the 20th August~~
~~Tuesday the 19th August~~ - Sri Jayanthi.

Friday, the 29th August - Vinayachaturthi. K
Saturday, the 6th September - Bakrid.

Tuesday, the 23rd Septr. - Mahalaya
Amavasya.

Friday, the 3rd Octr. - Ayuda Puja.

Wednesday, the 22nd Octr. - Deepavali

Saturday, the 6th Decr. - Bara-wafat.

Friday, the 26th Decr.

Saturday the 27th

Monday, the 29th

Christmas.

~~Tuesday, the 30th~~

~~Wednesday, the 31st~~

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

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Thursday the 2nd Jany 1919

Thursday, the 17th April } - Easter.
Tuesday the 22nd April }

Wednesday, the 24th Decr. } - Christmas
~~Tuesday~~, the 30th , }

To the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce

„ A.G.

„ S.G.P., for publication in the Gazette.

„ Registrar, Madras University.

Copy to the Hon'ble the C.J. with C.L.

„ P.M.G., Madras.

„ D.G. of Posts & Telegraphs with C.L.

„ Madras Times and Printing & Publishing Co. (Ltd.)

„ Depts. of the Sectt.

„ Messrs. Lyon Lord & Co., Bombay.

„ G.O.C., 9th (Secd) Dn. with C.L.

„ By beautiful Post
Telegraph, Madras



Posts and Telegraphs.

No. BH-5/3.

From

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL,

To

M A D R A S C I R C L E

Number of enclosures

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Fort Saint George, M a d r a s.

Dated Madras, the 7 Novr., 1918.

SIR,

Referring to the correspondence ending with this office letter No. BH-5, dated the 3rd November, 1914, I have the honour to request you kindly to favour me, at a very early convenience, with a list of public holidays to be observed in this presidency during the calendar year 1919.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

[Signature]
for Postmaster-General.

Docs. accg:-

Nil.

ske/5-11-18.

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6th November 1918

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Vtm
9.11.18



The Chief Secretary,

Public Department,

Government of Madras,

Madras.

Sir,

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

Thanking you in anticipation,

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

PER PRO. LYON, LORD & COMPANY LIMITED,

Erst Bowman

MANAGER.

Home(mis)3283
12-11-1918

No. 9875-Mis.

GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

(MISCELLANEOUS).

Calcutta, the 6th November, 1918.

From

The Hon'ble Mr. JAMES DONALD, M.A., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

To

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

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2944-1 dated the 22nd October 1918, and in reply to say that this Government is in correspondence with the Government of Bombay and the Muhammadan Defence Association, Calcutta, with regard to the dates of the four Muhammadan festivals in question and that the dates will be communicated to you as soon as they are fixed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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For Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

1-11-18.

J.

6th November 1918

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Public Department,
Government of Madras,
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Thanking you in anticipation,

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Home (mis) 3268
11-11-18

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GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL
MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT
PERSONNEL OFFICE

The Chamber of Commerce

The Supt; Ahmed (Mio)

Refer: your T.M. of date 10/10/1914
The question of holidays
comes before the general monthly
meeting of the Chamber on the
1st inst and the reply will be
sent to you in the course of
a day or two

300 Bks. 4-17.

OFFICE OF THE

Dated 10/10/1914
Hours 9 Minutes 7

TELEPHONIC MESSAGE.

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The Chamber of Commerce
Madras

To

The Supt; Ahmed (Mio)

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10/10/14

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20-11-18

C.B. 271

OFFICE OF THE

Dated

191

Hours

Minutes



TELEPHONIC MESSAGE.

From

The asst accounts officer
A G's office

To

The Registrar, chief Secretariat.

Will you please send us an advance
Copy of the list of holidays for the
year 1919. The information is required
before next week to intimate to
pensioners on what dates in Jan'y.
1919 they have to appear to receive
their pensions from this office.

Registrar Home

19-11-18

John
19.11.18

H. C. S. 11-18

NOTICE

Will you please send me a copy of the list of telegrams for the year 1909. The information regarding the same is to be furnished to the telegraph office. I am sure that they will be able to supply the same. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours faithfully,
 Registrar General

11-11-18

C.

POSTS  TELEGRAPHS. Home No. 3427
 22-11-18

NOTICE.

This form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

Charges to pay.

Office Stamp.

Rs.

As.

Handed in at (Office of Origin).

Date.

Hour.

Minute.

Service Instructions.

Words.

TO

The Chief Secy. to Govt.

Recd. here at

H.

M.

1399 of 22-11-18 kindly see the office letter no. BH 5 of 6-11-18 about being holidays to be observed in the Presidency during the Calcutta year 1909. To Home Dept. no.

W. 22/11/18

N.B. - The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.

Home Dept (ins)

Telephone 3382-1. 23-11-18

To the Asst. Accounts Officer
At the Office.

Reference your telephone
message of the 19th inst. regard-
ing holidays for 1919. Orders
have not yet issued fixing the
list of holidays for next year.
~~The usual practice is for~~
~~the offices to be closed on the~~
the offices ~~to~~ reopen after
the Christmas holidays on the

3rd January

Replied:
23.11.18

CR
23/11/18

N.R.

Thursth Jan 1919 (Wednesday) is
a holiday under the Negotiable In-
struments Act. The 2nd January
(Thursday) will have to be
notified as a non-statutory
holiday with reference to s. 774
of the Act.
Replied 4.7.14.

Replied:
28.11.18

P.T.D.

Letter

23/11/18

23.11.18

Pat Copy

Letter 3427-1 8/23-11-18

To the Postmaster General.

Sir,
With reference to your

letter no BH 5/3 dated the 6th Nov 1918, I am directed to inform you that the

list of holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act for the year 1919 has not yet been issued.

These facts are awaiting the reply from the Bengal Govt to a reference made to them on the subject.

The list will be sent to you as soon as it is published.

Recd
20-11-18

A
13/11/18

Write to the Govt. of Bengal for early reply please.

A
28/11

R. D.
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Office of the Deputy Accountant-General, Post Office and Telegraphs, Madras

Record DEPARTMENT.

Telegraphic address:—A. G. P. T.
* To be quoted in reply.

Dated Madras the 2nd Dec 1918

FROM T. P. Russell Stracey Esq.
THE Deputy ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL, POST OFFICE AND TELEGRAPHS,

Madras.

To THE Secretary,
Home and Judicial Department,
Chief Secretariat, Madras.

No. of enclosures—

SIR,

I have the honor to request that you will kindly furnish me, at your earliest convenience, with a list of holidays during the calendar year 1919 as it is required for the submission of a report to the Accountant-General, Posts and Telegraphs, Calcutta which is due from this office on the 13th instant.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant

J. P. Russell Stracey
Deputy Accountant-General

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MADRAS COMMERCIAL HOLIDAYS, 1919.

Vaikunta Ekadasi.—Sunday, the 12th January.

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N. B.—The following Holidays are already legalised by the Negotiable Instruments Act :—New Year's Day, Good Friday and Christmas Day.

857- mis) 4-12-18

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Deepavali.	,, 22, Wednesday. (*)
Christmas.	Decr. 24, to Wednesday
	1920 Jany: 2) to Friday.
Ramzan.	June 30 Monday.
Bakrid.	Septr. 6, Saturday.
Mohurram (Last day)	Octobr. 5, Sunday.
Bara Wafat.	Decr. 6, Saturday.

*. August 20 according to Mr.P.Doraiswami Ayyangar.

(*) October 21 according to Mr.Viswanatha Srourthigal.

Eclipses.

In the year 1919 there will be three eclipses two of the sun and one of the moon.

1. A total eclipse of the sun. May 29th, Invisible in India.
2. A partail eclipse of the moon. Novr.8th, visible at Madras,begins at 4-28 A.M. ends at 6 A.M. Moon sets at 6-9 A.M.
3. An annular eclipse of the sun,Novr.22nd, Invisible in India.

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NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 857, HOME (MISCELLANEOUS),
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[SUBJECT.—Holidays.]

From the Deputy Director, Madras Observatory, dated 16th October 1918,
No. 251-M

Letter No. 2944-1, dated 22nd October 1918.

From the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Financial Department, dated
11th November 1918, No. 4412.

From the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Financial Department, dated
20th November 1918, No. 10557-Mis

From the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, dated 27th November 1918.

HOME (MISCELLANEOUS) DEPARTMENT.

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

2. *Hindu holidays.*—The Deputy Director, Madras Observatory and the Chamber of Commerce agree as to the dates of Hindu holidays during the year 1919 except as regards the date for Sri Jayanti. The Chamber of Commerce mentions the 20th August as the date for this festival, while the Deputy Director puts the date on the 19th, though he mentions at the same time that the date according to Mr. P. Duraiswami Ayyangar is the 20th. Submitted that the opinion of the majority may be accepted and the 20th August notified for the feast.

3. *Easter.*—Good Friday, 18th April, is a holiday under the Act. Saturday the 19th and Monday the 21st April may be notified as statutory holidays under the Act—vide column 2 of appendix to G.O. No. 774, Public, dated 4th July 1914. Two more holidays have to be declared as non-statutory holidays under the Government Order quoted above. Maundy Thursday the 17th April and Tuesday the 22nd April may therefore be declared as non-statutory holidays.

4. *Christmas.*—The New Year's day is a holiday under the Act. The 2nd January will have to be notified as a non-statutory holiday for public offices as the Government have decided in G.O. No. 774, dated 4th July 1914, to sanction this additional holiday for Christmas.

Christmas day (Thursday the 25th December 1919) is also a holiday under the Act. Submitted that Friday, Saturday, Monday and Wednesday the 26th, 27th, 29th and 31st December 1919, respectively, may be notified as statutory holidays. Two additional holidays have to be notified as non-statutory holidays—vide appendix to G.O. No. 774, dated 4th July 1914. Wednesday the 24th December and Tuesday the 30th December may accordingly be declared as non-statutory holidays.

5. *Muhammadan holidays.*—The Deputy Director, the Chamber of Commerce and the Governments of Bengal and Bombay are all agreed as to the dates of the Muhammadan holidays—Ramzan, Bakrid and Bara Wafat. These dates may therefore be accepted. Bengal however propose to notify 5th December as a holiday for Bara Wafat if the moon be visible on the 23rd November. But this Government have decided not to notify alternate days for such occasions—vide pages 11-12 of G.O. No. 1318, dated 10th September 1915. The Deputy Director, the Chamber of Commerce and the Government of Bombay agree in putting the date of Muharram on Sunday, the 5th October, while the Government of Bengal mentions the date as the 4th. Submitted the former date may be accepted inasmuch as the majority are for it.

2. NOTES TO G.O. No. 857, HOME (MISCELLANEOUS), 4TH DECEMBER 1918.

6. *Eclipses*.—The Deputy Director reports that there will be three eclipses in 1919, two of the sun and one of the moon. Of these only the lunar eclipse is reported to be visible at Madras.

run on / Submitted that no holiday need be notified for this, as no *public holiday* is granted under the Act on account of a lunar eclipse—vide list of holidays in the appendix to G.O. No. 774, Public, dated the 4th July 1914.

A draft notification on the usual lines is submitted.

V.G.—2-12-18.

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