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Work on Sundays.

Directing the attention of all Collectors and District Magistrates to the attached précis of orders on the subject of the discontinuance of — in public offices.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

ORDER—No. 1213, Public, dated 11th November 1896.

The attention of all Collectors and District Magistrates will be directed to the attached précis of orders on the subject of the discontinuance of work on Sundays in public offices.

(True Extract.)

A. L. Hanuman
for Ag. Chief Secretary.

- To all Collectors.
 „ all District Magistrates.
 „ all Heads of Departments under the Chief Secretary.
 „ the Revenue Department.
 „ the Public Works Department.
 „ the Marine Department.

L. M. Dept

Précis of orders regarding work in public offices on Sundays.

In 1839 the Court of Adawlut wrote to Government as follows regarding the discontinuance of Sunday work in Courts of Justice :—

“Excepting in a very few instances Courts are nowhere kept open on Sundays under this Presidency, the exceptions being the Courts of certain of the District Munsifs only in the Northern and Southern divisions. The Judges have thought fit to issue instructions enjoining a discontinuance of the practice wherever it prevails providing only for the performance of certain ministerial acts in cases of emergency when delay would be productive of public inconvenience.”

Judicial Consultation, No. 314, dated 8th April 1839. This was urged on the Magistracy also in G.O., No. 2809, Judicial, dated, 27th November 1877.

2. In January 1847, the Government of India issued an order “prohibiting labour on Sunday in all Government works in the several Presidencies subordinate” to them, and directed that “all public works carried on by order of the Government, whether under the direction of its own officers or through the agency of its contractors, shall be discontinued on the Sunday, except in cases of urgent necessity.”

Paragraph 19, Chapter 9, Volume I, of the Public Works Department Code, directs that—

“The execution of work generally by the department shall be suspended on Sunday except in cases of actual necessity.”

3. In January 1858, the Collector of Vizagapatam drew the attention of Government to the fact that Sunday was not observed in all the native public offices throughout the Presidency. Government, adverting to the orders of 1839 and 1847, caused inquiries to be made of Collectors as regards the actual practice in the Revenue, Police, Sea Customs and Salt departments and called for information as to the probability of any inconvenience resulting from the closing on Sundays, for ordinary business, of offices pertaining to those branches of the public service. The majority of the district authorities having answered in the negative, the Governor in Council sanctioned the general adoption of the practice in Government offices in Consultation No. 265, Revenue, dated 2nd March 1859, a proceeding which met with the approval of the Secretary of State as expressed in his despatch No. 25, dated 27th October 1859.

G.O., No. 1694, Revenue, dated 14th December 1859.

The following extract is from page 329 of the Standing Orders of the Board of Revenue :—

“All public offices throughout the country must be closed on Sundays Provision for the despatch of emergent business during holidays will be made by all heads of offices and on all days except those when by general consent business is suspended arrangement must be made for the sale of stamps to the public.”

Standing Order No. 55 lays down the rate of remuneration to Customs officials for the transaction of business on Sundays, defined there as “close holidays.”

4. Work on Sundays and other close holidays is often absolutely necessary in the Marine department. The rules regulating overtime fees for such extra work are contained in G.Os., Nos. 167 and 227, Marine, dated 27th April and 25th May 1891, respectively.

5. In paragraph 4 of resolution No. 449, dated 2nd February 1892, recorded in G.O., No. 697, Judicial, dated 8th April 1892, the Government of India issued orders in view to the reduction of work on Sundays in the Government Presses under its control in the following terms :—

"The Governor-General in Council . . . requests that all officers who send work to a Government Press will be careful not to send work for execution on a Sunday unless it is exceptionally urgent. The Superintendents of the Printing Presses under the Government of India are hereby authorized to use their discretion with reference to the circumstances of each case, as to whether work should be taken up on Sunday or not, unless one of the authorities noted in the margin certifies that the work is so urgent that it must be undertaken on Sunday."

A Member of Council of the Governor-General.
A Secretary to the Government of India.
The Comptroller-General.
The Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General.
The Adjutant-General in India.
The Quartermaster-General in India.

Similar detailed instructions were considered unnecessary with regard to the Government Press at Madras, the Superintendent observing that he avoided working on Sundays as much as possible; and that it was only when a Secretary to Government, a Secretary to the Board of Revenue or the head of an important department wrote to him stating the urgency of a paper and the time within which it was required that it was dealt with on a Sunday, if necessary.

6. In G.O., No. 722, Financial, dated 23rd September 1895, it was ruled that charge of an office should in no case be assumed on a Sunday unless such a course is, under the terms of article 254 of the Civil Service Regulations, absolutely necessary.

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