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19TH MARCH 1895, MIS. NO. 253, FINANCIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

ORDER—dated 19th March 1895, Mis. No. 253, Financial.

In paragraph 7 of his despatch, dated 11th September 1879, No. 114, recorded in G.O., dated 10th April 1880, No. 540, Public, the Secretary of State pointed out that at least one copy of every work printed for Government should invariably be forwarded to the India Office, as numerous cases had been brought to his notice of publications of considerable interest and importance which had not been received there. Subsequently the Government of India, under instructions from the Secretary of State, directed * that two copies of all

* Paragraph 4 of Resolution recorded in G.O., dated 5th October 1883, No. 1958, Public. Government publications, of which ten copies were not sent under separate orders,

should be regularly transmitted. At the same time it was remarked that it was not necessary to collect and forward to the Secretary of State ephemeral productions. In paragraph 5 of Home Department letter recorded in G.O., dated 27th May 1892, No. 584, Financial, it was stated that one of these copies was intended in all cases for the British Museum. In order to enable the Secretary of State and the authorities of the British Museum to check any omissions that might occur in the transmission of such books to England, the submission by the Superintendent, Government

Press, of quarterly lists of all official publications was instituted.† In G.O., dated 2nd January 1895, No. 5, Financial,

the Superintendent was further directed to give the Financial Department timely intimation of the issue of publications from the Press in order to enable this department to see that the rules are properly carried out.

2. The examination of the lists submitted by the Superintendent for the first three quarters of 1894 shows that the following publications have not been forwarded to the India Office:—

(1) *Quarterly Returns of Rail-borne Trade.*

(2) *Toddy Sales Statement.*

These are *returns* compiled by the Board of Revenue and are not works published by Government; they should not be included in the quarterly lists.

(3) *Postal Directory of the Madras Circle, Volumes I, II, and III.*

This is not a Madras Government publication and the Postal Department has been debited with the cost of printing it. The Postmaster-General will, however, be requested to state whether copies of this publication have been furnished to the India Office.

(4) *Review of the Balances on the Books of the Accountant-General, Madras.*

This is a periodical *return* printed by the Accountant-General at the Government Press and submitted to the Comptroller-General. It is not a publication of Government and the Superintendent should not include it in future quarterly lists.

- (5) *Review of the Balances on the Books of the Controller of Military Accounts, Accounts Branch, Madras Circle, on 31st March 1893.*

The remarks made in the previous case apply as well to this.

- (6) *List of Lights and Lighthouses on the Coasts of the Madras Presidency corrected up to 31st December 1893.*

Although a reprint of Appendix B to the Presidency Port Officer's letter in G.O., dated 2nd October 1894, Nos. 391-92, Marine, this is of sufficient interest to be forwarded separately to the Secretary of State. The Presidency Port Officer will in future supply two copies for transmission to the India Office.

- (7) *List of Lighthouses in the Madras Presidency.*

This is a list of 5 pages intended apparently for departmental use. It may be treated as an ephemeral publication.

- (8) *Madras Educational Rules, Section V (Hindustani).*

- (9) *Rules for Railways under Construction (Tamil).*

- (10) *Indian Postal Abstract (Malayalam, Canarese, Telugu and Tamil).*

- (11) *Revised Grant-in-aid Code (Hindustani, Canarese, Malayalam and Tamil).*

These are translations which need not be forwarded.

- (12) *The Countess of Dufferin's Fund. The National Association for supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India. Eighth Report of the Madras Branch (December), 1893.*

- (13) *Report of the Royal Victoria Hospital for Caste and Gosha Females, Madras (1893).*

These have been included by the Superintendent in the list for the quarter ending 31st March 1894. The mere fact of their being printed free of cost is no reason for their inclusion. They are not Government publications and should not be included in the quarterly lists.

- (14) *Syllabus of all the Subjects studied by Students of the Madras Medical College.*

The Director of Public Instruction will be requested to furnish a copy of this publication.

- (15) *Quarterly Sheet of Circulars, General Orders, &c., relating to the Indian Medical Department, 4th quarter of 1892, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters of 1893 and 1st quarter of 1894.*

They are not Government publications and the Superintendent should exclude them from future lists.

- (16) *Statement of the Monthly Receipts under certain Major Heads from 1884-85 to date.*

This is merely a form for a monthly return submitted to Government by the Accountant-General for information. It should be excluded from future quarterly lists.

- (17) *Rules for the guidance of Inspectors of Accounts, Military Accounts Department, Madras.*

This is stated to be printed for local distribution and is apparently an office manual and need not be forwarded.

- (18) *The Notifications and Rules made by the Governor-General in Council under the Indian Arms Act, 1878.*

This is a compilation of rules and need not be forwarded.

- (19) *Statement showing the Abstract of Average Rainfall at stations in Madras Presidency up to 1892.*

Although compiled from statistics of the Meteorological Department, this contains statistics for the stations at which rainfall is gauged by the Public Works Department establishment. The Public Works Department will forward future issues of this publication to the Secretary of State.

- (20) *Names of Zamindars, &c., in the several districts of the Madras Presidency revised up to 31st December 1893.*

The Revenue Department should transmit copies of this to the India Office.

- (21) *Circular Order No. II of 1893 (Board of Revenue, Separate Revenue).*

This is not a publication by Government and should not have been included in the quarterly list.

- (22) *Office Manual of the Accountant-General, Madras, Chapter XII.*

This is not a Government publication so far as this Government is concerned.

- (23) *Hand-book of Travelling Allowance Rules (Public Works Department).*

This is a compilation from the rules in the Civil Service Regulations and should not be forwarded.

- (24) *Compendium of Port Rules Instructions to Commanders, Cyclone Code, Boat and Explosive Rules.*

The Presidency Port Officer will be requested to furnish a copy for the information of Government.

- (25) *Administration Report of the Army Clothing Department, Madras and Bombay, for 1893-94.*

This is a report over which this Government has no control. Though printed at the Government Press this Government has nothing to do with its distribution.

- (26) *Administration Report of the Public Works Department, Railway Branch, for 1893-94.*

The Public Works Department will be requested to state whether there is any reason why copies of this report should not be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

- (27) *College of Engineering Manual, Building Materials and Construction by Sergeant B. O. Reynolds.*

The Director of Public Instruction will be requested to forward two copies of this manual for transmission to the India Office.

- (28) *Summary of Financial Returns from the Clergy ministering to English Congregations in the Diocese of Madras, 1893-94.*

- (29) *Financial Review. Army Remount Accounts.*

These are merely returns submitted to Government. The Superintendent will exclude them from future lists.

- (30) *South Arcot Lower Coleroon Anicut System Left Rajah Vaikal.*

- (31) *South Arcot Lower Coleroon Anicut System Left Vadvar Channel.*

These are merely returns printed for office use in the Public Works and Revenue Departments. They are not publications and the Superintendent should not include them as such.

(32) *Catalogue of the Library of the Madras Government Museum.*

(33) *Catalogue of the Pathological Preparations in the Museum of the Madras Medical College.*

Copies of these publications need not now be forwarded.

(34) *Second Supplement to the List of Notifications, Rules and Orders which have the force of Law.*

Two copies of the revised edition of the list which will issue in 1897 will be furnished to the Secretary of State.

(35) *The Indian Councils Act, the Rules for the Conduct of Business in the Legislative Council, &c.*

Two copies of this publication will be forwarded to the India Office.

(36) *Regulations and Standing Orders for the Garrison of Fort St. George and Madras.*

There is no reason why this should have been treated as a Government publication. It should not have been included in the quarterly list.

(37) *Village Officers' Manual, Volume II.*

The Revenue Department will forward copies of this as well as of volume I to the India Office.

32. The Superintendent, Government Press, at present excludes establishment lists from his quarterly lists. This is incorrect. All Government publications should be included in future lists. The Superintendent will, however, note that mere periodical returns or departmental circular orders printed at the Government Press, such as some of the items referred to above, are not Government publications.

(True Extract.)

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Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent, Government Press.

- „ Revenue Department.
- „ Public Works Department.
- „ Director of Public Instruction.
- „ Superintendent, Government Central Museum.
- „ Presidency Port Officer.
- „ Postmaster-General.
- „ Home Despatcher.