

Marine (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 655 Marine

DATED 27 July 1898.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Communications addressed to H.M. the Queen

Pres: Political Dept drawing the attention of
the Secy of the Secretariat to certain notifications
of the Govt of India regarding the procedure to be
followed in the transmission of Communications
addressed to H.M. the Queen, Members of the
Royal Family, & high officials including
public bodies, associations or residents in
Native States & in British India, recorded.

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Communications addressed to Her Majesty the Queen, &c.

Drawing the attention of departments of the Secretariat to certain notifications of the Government of India regarding the procedure to be followed in the transmission of communications addressed to Her Majesty the Queen, to members of the Royal Family and to high officials in England by public bodies, associations or residents in Native States and in British India.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., No. 286, Political, dated 8th July 1873.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin and to the Government Agents at Chepauk and Tanjore letter from the Government of India forwarding extract from a despatch from the Secretary of State prescribing the course to be adopted in future in the submission of letters, of whatever kind, addressed by Native Princes and Chiefs to Her Majesty the Queen, to members of the Royal Family, or to high officials in England.

G.O., No. 432, Political, dated 28th October 1873.

ABSTRACT.—Recording a despatch from the Secretary of State forwarding one addressed to the Government of India on the subject of the rules to be observed in replying to letters from Native Princes, Chiefs, &c., to Her Majesty the Queen.

G.O., Nos. 415, 416, Political, dated 26th June 1884.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Vizianagram Indian Association extract from the Government of India letter requesting that the thanks of Her Majesty the Queen-Empress may be conveyed to the Association for their address of condolence on the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany.

G.O., No. 460, Political, dated 15th July 1893.

ABSTRACT.—Drawing attention to the ruling regarding transmission of communications intended for Her Majesty the Queen, the members of the Royal Family and high officials in England, and indicating the procedure to be followed in this Presidency.

G.O., No. 521, Public, dated 6th May 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Recording a letter from the Government of India requesting that all communications in connection with the celebration of the Jubilee may be addressed to the Home Department and re-publishing a notification on the subject.

READ—also the following:—

Notifications of the Government of India, Foreign Department, No. 1368, Political, dated 23rd June 1873, and Home Department, No. 1377, Public, dated 23rd June 1887.

No. 1368.—Under instructions from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council is pleased to notify that all letters or communications addressed to Her Majesty the Queen, to Members of the Royal Family, or to high officials in England, must be transmitted through Local Governments, Administrations, &c., to the Government of India in the Foreign Department, and that the receipt of letters otherwise transmitted will not be acknowledged.

This notification does not apply to petitions and memorials regarding the administration of affairs in India, or to appeals from the orders of officers in India when addressed to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India in Council. Such documents should, as heretofore, be forwarded to the Department of the Government of India concerned with the questions to which they relate.

No. 1377.—In modification of the instructions contained in Foreign Department Notification No. 1368 P., dated the 23rd June 1873, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to decide that all letters or communications addressed to Her Majesty the Queen, Empress of India, or to members of the Royal Family, or to high officials of Her Majesty's Government in England by public bodies or associations in British India, or by individuals resident in British India, shall in future be sent, through Local Governments and Administrations, to the Home Department for transmission to their destination.

The receipt of letters otherwise transmitted will not be acknowledged.

ORDER—No. 466, Political, dated 9th July 1898.

In G.O., No. 460, Political, dated the 15th July 1893, the attention of officers and of the public generally was drawn to the ruling of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India that all communications intended for Her Majesty the Queen, the members of the Royal Family and high officials in England should be forwarded through the Government of India. It was at the same time pointed out that the proper procedure to follow in this Presidency is to forward such communications, whether they are telegrams or not, to the Chief Secretary to Government with the request that they may be duly transmitted.

2. When the order quoted in the foregoing paragraph was passed, Home Department notification, No. 1377, Public, dated the 23rd June 1887, to which the Government of India drew attention in its letter No. 677, dated 30th April 1897, recorded in G.O., No. 521, Public, dated 6th May 1897, appears to have been overlooked. The attention of departments of the Secretariat will therefore be drawn to the notifications of the Government of India read in the preamble to this order, which require that communications to Her Majesty the Queen, to members of the Royal Family and to high officials in England, from public bodies or associations in Native States or from residents in Native States shall be transmitted to the Foreign Department of the Government of India and that similar communications from public bodies, associations and residents in British India shall be forwarded to the Home Department of that Government. Communications of the former class will be disposed of in the local Political Department and those of the latter class in the Administrative Department concerned with the subject-matter dealt with therein.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

To the Departments of the Secretariat. *(Marine)*