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Communicating to the departments of the Secretariat letter from the Government of India giving certain instructions to be observed by Local Governments and Administrations in submitting their reports on draft Legislative Bills.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From H. W. C. CARNDUFF, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Legislative Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, 9th March 1899, No. 547.

I am directed to address you regarding the practice observed by Local Governments and Administrations in submitting their reports on Bills introduced in the Legislative Council of the Governor-General and circulated for opinion.

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for Chief Secretary.

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

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Communicating to all departments of the Secretariat letter from the Government of India requesting that in future, when submitting opinions on draft Legislative Bills, a list thereof may also be forwarded to that Government.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
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READ—the following paper:—

From A. WILLIAMS, Esq., I.C.S., Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Legislative Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, 2nd March 1899, No. 435.

With reference to your letter, No. 289, Judicial, dated the 14th ultimo, submitting opinions on the Bill to amend the law relating to the forgery of currency notes and bank notes, I am directed to point out that a list of those opinions was not sent, and to request that a list may be furnished in such cases in future.

ORDER—No. 481, Judicial, dated 18th March 1899.

Communicated to all departments of the Secretariat.

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G. STOKES,
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Lsd. P. Sootharam.