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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 7th December 1858.

No. 121. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department, dated 1st December 1858, No. 1490.

Extending to the Provinces the scale of holidays sanctioned by Government for adoption by the Public Offices in the Presidency. } (Vide Public Consultation, 7th December 1858, Nos. 25-26.)

No. 122. ORDER THEREON, No. 2637; dated 6th December 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Officiating Chief Engineer.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,

Acting Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

No. 1490.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 1st December 1858.

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot.

Submits for the consideration and orders of Government copy of Mr. Sullivan's letter of the 13th Instant, on the subject of the extension to Officers in the Mofussil of the holidays granted to Officers at the Presidency at Christmas, Easter, &c. (Here enter 15th November 1858, No. 65.)

Order.—To remove all doubt on the question referred in the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council is pleased to extend to the Provinces the scale, sanctioned in Extract Minutes Consultation 27th May 1852, No. 491, of holidays to be adopted by the Offices under Government at the Presidency. Copy of the Extract Minutes Consultation, and of the Memo. appended to it, will accordingly be furnished for the guidance of Civil Authorities in the Mofussil who are to understand that the Rules are to be adhered to, and no extra holidays given unless for very special reasons.

2. Provision will of course be made by Heads of Departments for the despatch of emergent business during all holidays.

3. Copy of these orders will be sent for the guidance of the Public Offices in the Presidency, where it is believed too much laxity prevails.

(A true Extract.)

W. H. BAYLEY,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 27th May 1852, *No.* 491.

Read the following letter from the Military Board.

Bring to notice the great inconvenience felt in the conduct of public business whenever leave is granted to Native Clerks on account of their Festivals, and propose, with the sanction of Government, to strike out, as an experimental measure a certain number of days from the list of leave granted to each class. (Here enter 26th March 1852, No. 49.)

1. The Governor in Council considers the number of Holidays which it has been the practice to allow at the Military Board to be excessive, and approves of the Military Board's proposition to reduce it. He does not however perceive the necessity of making general Holidays to all classes of public Servants on festivals and ceremonials applicable only to particular sects, and he thinks it preferable that leave should be given only on such occasions to those whose religion or usage renders their absence from duty necessary.

2. This has been the rule of late in the Government Office, and the Governor in Council resolves to forward for the information and guidance of the Military Board a list of Holidays allowed in the Government Office which it would be desirable should be adopted by the Offices at the Presidency generally.

3. The Governor in Council would not however desire to preclude Heads of Departments from granting to their establishments leave on any very special occasion of public amusement, provided such indulgence is merited by the Servants and the business of the Office permit it.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. C. MONTGOMERY,

Chief Secretary.

To

The *Public Works Department*
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General—granted by announcement in the Official Gazette.		Christian.				Hindoo.												Mahomedan.	
		General to Christians.		Roman Catholics.		General to Hindoos.		Vishnava.		Siva.		Teloogoo.		Tamil.		Wearing Thread.			
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Christmas	2	Ash Wednesday ...	1	Saint Thomas' Mount Feast..	1	Pongal...	2	Triplicane Feast in April ...	1	Sevarathree ...	1	New Year's Day... ...	1	New Year's Day	1	Auvani Auvuthum ...	1	Buckreed...	2
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Queen's Birthday...	1					Dassara Feast...	1											Sheebiburat	1
						Deepavallee Feast	1											Ramzan.....	2
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(Signed) H. C. MONTGOMERY,
Chief Secretary.

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