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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

•PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

11th November 1878, No. 4,318 W.

General.

Establishment.

Read the following:—

No. 145. Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Establishment—General), dated Simla, 24th October 1878, No. 92 P.W.

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ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1878, No. 4,318 W.

COMMUNICATED to all Officers of the Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

" Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Railway Branch

GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of (1878) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEERS,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November 11th.

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NOVEMBER

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Publication of Notices or Advertisements in Official Gazettes.—Circular from the Government of India, forwarding copy of a Resolution laying down certain Rules for the communication to all Officers of the Public Works Department.

Circular No. 92 Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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ESTABLISHMENT.

General.

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To

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3. His Excellency the Governor General in Council believes it to be very probable that some of these advertisements appeared in public journals as well as in the gazettes; in such cases, there can be no objection to the publication of such notices in the Government gazettes also. It is understood, also, that in remote provinces, like Assam or Nagpore, notices are published in the official gazette, because there is no local newspaper at all. But, even in such cases, the departure from the principles laid down in the Resolution of February last, either affects the newspapers which may happen to circulate in such a province, or else prevents the successful establishment of a local journal. Such local newspapers, though they may have their shortcomings, must, in the end, do much good to the provinces where they may be started.

4. The Governor General in Council recognises that it can rarely be expedient for a Government department to publish its advertisements in every journal in the country, though, in the cases of some postal notices, such publication might be decidedly beneficial. Each Government or Department would naturally select one or more journals, such as circulate most largely among the communities for whose information a notice was intended. Some notices would be published in vernacular journals, and some in English newspapers. His Excellency the Governor General in Council is confident that, after this second expression of the views of the Government of India, public servants of all provinces and all departments will do the best to give effect to those views. In some departments, there may at first be some small additional expense; but, in the end, the objects of the public and of the Government will be better served.

5. In order that there may be no doubt about the intentions of the Government of India, the Publisher of the *Gazette of India* will be directed not to publish, without special orders of the Government of India, any notice or advertisement, save those which he is compelled to publish by law, unless the officer sending the notice or advertisement certifies that it has been either published, or sent for publication, in at least one public journal.

Copy of the foregoing Resolution forwarded to—

- (a) all Local Governments* and Administrations† for such action as may be deemed necessary;
- (b) all Departments of the Government of India for observance, and for communication to the Departments subordinate to them, and with the request that all advertisements intended, by Departments of the Government of India, for publication in the public journals may be sent for such publication to the Press Commissioner;
- (c) the *Gazette of India* for publication in the Supplement.

* To the Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces and Oudh and Punjab.

† Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, British Burma, Mysore and Coorg, and Assam, Resident to Hyderabad.

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