

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

22nd March 1881, No. 390.

Memorial Rules.

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No. 84. *From the Hon. C. GRANT, C.S., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home, Revenue, and Agricultural Department (Public), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Fort William, 26th February 1881, No. 9-294 [Current No. 461].*

I am directed to forward, herewith, copy of Home Department Resolution, No. 1438, dated the 24th September 1880, enjoining caution in the use of the discretionary power of withholding petitions under Clause 8, Rule XII of the Rules for the submission, receipt, and transmission of memorials addressed to Her Majesty the Queen, Empress of India, or to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

2. I am to suggest, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that the principle set forth in this Resolution might with advantage be adopted in future.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home, Revenue, and Agricultural Department (Public), dated Simla, 24th September 1880, No. 1438.

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Nos. 1439 to 1443.

Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the several Departments of the Government of India for information and guidance, with reference to previous correspondence ending with the endorsement from this Department, No. 54—2123-2127, dated the 7th November 1879.

(True Extract.)

C. GRANT,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 85.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1881, No. 390.

The Governor in Council directs that the principle set forth in the Resolution of the Home Department be adopted in future.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
„ Military Department.
„ Public Works Department.

Gobt. of (1881) Madras.
PUBLIC.

To
THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c., &c.

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Recorded with
reference to 80 5374
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(Sd) J. P.

Letter to the
Committee.

Dated March, 22nd.

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G.O., 22nd March 1881, No. 390.

MARCH.
Nos. 84-85.

Memorial Rules.—The principle set forth in Resolution of Government of India, Home Department, enjoining caution in the use of the discretionary power of withholding petitions under Clause 8, Rule XII, of the Memorial Rules, to be adopted in future.

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Secretary to Government.

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„ Military Department.
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Secy P. H. Code Committee.
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