

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

21st September 1878, No. 1430.

Books and Publications.

Read the following paper:—

No. 74. *Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department (Public), dated Simla, 12th September 1878, No. 1641.*

Read again the undermentioned papers:—

Despatch from Secretary of State, No. 6 (Statistics and Commerce), dated 11th January 1877.

Office Memorandum to Legislative Department, No. 1082, dated 4th June 1877.
Circular to Local Governments and Administrations, Nos. 21-1205 to 1214, dated 21st June 1877, and endorsements to the several Departments of the Government of India, Nos. 1215 to 1219.

Despatch to Secretary of State, No. 56, dated 30th July 1877.

Despatch from Secretary of State, No. 72 (Public), dated 12th July 1877.

Circular to Local Governments and Administrations, Nos. 44-2075 to 2084, dated 16th November 1877.

Despatch to Secretary of State, No. 101, dated 30th November 1877.

Circular to Local Governments and Administrations, Nos. 1-1 to 10, dated 2nd January 1878.

Despatch from Secretary of State, No. 38 (Statistics and Commerce), dated 28th February 1878.

Despatch from Secretary of State, No. 39 (Statistics and Commerce), dated 28th February 1878.

Letter to Comptroller-General, No. 951, dated 17th May 1878.

Read also—

Despatch from Secretary of State, No. 78 (Statistics and Commerce), dated 25th April 1878.

Letter from Comptroller-General, No. 685, dated 12th July 1878.

RESOLUTION.—In January 1877, the Secretary of State decided that, as a rule, a copy of each official publication received from India should be presented to the following institutions:—

British Museum.
Bodleian Library, Oxford.
University Library, Cambridge.

Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.
Trinity College, Dublin.
Royal Asiatic Society.

At the same time, the Secretary of State forwarded a letter from the Principal Librarian of the British Museum, urging the claims of that Institution to be supplied with a copy of all modern books published in this country. This claim was apparently based on the provisions of the Act 5 and 6 Vic., Cap. 45, which applied, among other places, to "all parts of the East and West Indies," and enacted that a copy of every book should, within twelve months of its sale or publication, be delivered on the part of the publisher thereof at the British Museum. It was added that the Trustees of the Museum were willing to pay for a copy of all books (Vernacular and English) published in this country, and that they desired to receive the principal newspapers also.

2. The Government of India, while admitting that the Statute 5 and 6 Vic., Cap. 45, extends to British India, remarked that its provisions had never been enforced in this country. And as Act XXV of 1867 provides only for the supply to Government of three copies of every book, pamphlet, &c., printed or lithographed in British India, viz., one copy for transmission to the Secretary of State, one copy for the Government of India, and the third for the Local Government, it was resolved to introduce a Bill into the Legislative Council to amend that Act by providing that in Section 9 the word "four" be substituted for "three," that in Section 11 "two" be substituted for "one," and that in Section 16 "four" be substituted for "three;" and by making the necessary alteration in the preamble. Pending further legislation, Local Governments and Administrations were asked, in the circular of 21st June 1877, to take steps to ensure that a copy of all publications of the nature mentioned in the English Copyright Act, printed or lithographed under their orders, and not falling within Home Department Resolution, No. 61-2548, dated 10th October 1874, regarding the distribution of official publications, might be sent to the Secretary of State for transmission to the British Museum. These proceedings were reported to the Secretary of State in the despatch, dated 30th July 1877; and the Marquis of Salisbury was asked to ascertain the wishes of the Trustees of the Museum in respect of newspapers, copies of which it was suggested might be obtained direct from the publishers, and without reference to the Government of India.

3. In July 1877, the Secretary of State forwarded to the Government of India a copy of a minute on the subject of certain arrangements connected with the Library of the India Office, and requested that the instructions contained in the 11th and 12th Resolutions of that minute might receive due attention in future. Those Resolutions were as follow:—

"11. That the Government of India be requested to communicate with the Secretary of State before entering into engagements for the prosecution or patronage of literary works in Europe.

"12. That they also be requested to transmit to the Secretary of State, under Act XXV of 1867, Section 11, only such works as appear of interest, and to retain any others, a catalogue of all works being periodically forwarded, and any notification being issued which under Section 20 or 21 may be needed to effect this object without violation of the law."

4. The request, made in the 11th Resolution, was circulated on the 16th November 1877 to Local Governments and Administrations and to the several Departments of the Government of India. With reference to the 12th Resolution, the Government of India addressed the Secretary of State in the following terms, after observing that the words "of interest," which occur in that Resolution, were likely to be variously interpreted by the several Local Governments:—

"We have no Central Agency competent to read all the books published in this country, and to select only those which may appear to be valuable or of interest; and if we were to await an expression of opinion from the Librarian at the India Office as to what books he would require, it would be probably difficult, after the length of time which would necessarily intervene, to obtain the works which he might indicate. We propose, therefore, to continue to require the deposit of books under Section 9 of Act XXV of 1867, and to forward to England only those books which, from a perusal of the quarterly catalogues, the Librarian at the India Office may select for the Library, the remainder being resold in India to the best advantage. We solicit your Lordship's orders on this proposal."

On the 2nd January 1878, the despatch containing the above proposal was forwarded to the Local Governments, with the remark that, although the proposal should not, pending further instructions, be acted upon, the Governor-General in Council considered it advisable that steps should at once be taken to render the information given in the quarterly catalogues as full as possible, in order that those catalogues might enable the authorities at the India Office to judge how far each publication is worthy of transmission to England.

5. The Secretary of State, in his reply, No. 38, dated 28th February 1878, intimates that he entirely approves the proposal to forward to England only such books published in this country as may be selected by the Librarian at the India

Office. He also says that the authorities of the British Museum have withdrawn their offer to pay for copies of all Indian publications, and that it will consequently be necessary to defer the amendment of Act XXV of 1867, and to recall the orders issued to Local Governments and Administrations on the 21st June 1877. He further requests that the quarterly catalogues may in future be transmitted in duplicate, in order that one copy may be furnished to the British Museum; and he also inquires what has been the annual expenditure incurred since the passing of Act XXV of 1867, in payment for copies of works deposited in all parts of India under its provisions.

6. In another despatch of the same date, No. 39, the Secretary of State says that, so far as official publications are concerned, the British Museum will, as far as possible, be supplied with a copy from the number sent to the India Office; and he desires that in future the number of such publications required for the several Libraries mentioned in his despatch of 11th January 1877, and for retention in the Record Department of the India Office, ten in all, should always be separately addressed to the Secretary, Statistics and Commerce Department (Record Branch), India Office.

7. In a later Despatch, No. 78, dated 25th April 1878, the Secretary of State informs the Government of India that he has agreed to a request of the Trustees of the British Museum that the books selected for the Museum and for the India Library, i.e., those marked in the quarterly catalogues by Dr. Haas of the Museum, and Dr. Rost of the India Office, may be sent home in the same consignment. He further requests that five copies of the catalogues may be sent for the use of the British Museum in addition to the one asked for in his Despatch, No. 38, dated the 28th February last.

8. In accordance with the Secretary of State's instructions, the Legislative Department will be informed that it will not be necessary to amend Act XXV of 1867.

* *Note.*—These orders directed the transmission to the India Office, for the use of the British Museum, of one copy of all Indian publications of the kind described in the British Copyright Act.

† *Vide* Home Department Circular, Nos. 1-1 to 10, dated 2nd January 1878.

such books published in India as may be selected by the Librarian at the India Office, the remainder being resold in India to the best advantage; and that seven copies of the quarterly catalogues must, in future, be sent to the India Office, so that six copies may be furnished to the British Museum.

‡ *N.B.*—These ten copies are to be part of, and not in addition to, the number despatched under previous orders to the India Office.

the Secretary, Statistics and Commerce Department (Record Branch), India Office; and to send home in the same consignment all books which may be marked in the quarterly catalogues by Drs. Haas and Rost.

9. The Comptroller-General has been asked for a statement showing the annual expenditure incurred since the passing of Act XXV of 1867 on account of copies of works deposited in all parts of India. This statement is now being compiled by the Comptroller-General, and, when received, it will be transmitted to the Secretary of State for India.

To Secretary of State, No. 56 (Public), dated 30th July 1877.

From Secretary of State, No. 38 (Statistics and Commerce), dated 28th February 1878.

Ordered that a copy of this Resolution, and of the despatches marginally noted, be forwarded to the Legislative Department, for information and guidance.

Ordered, also, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations, for information and guidance.

Ordered, further, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the other Departments of the Government of India for the issue of any orders which may be necessary, with reference to Home Department endorsements, Nos. 1215 to 1219, dated 21st June 1877.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. BERNARD,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 75. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1878, No. 1430.

The requisitions contained in paragraph 8 of the foregoing Resolution will be complied with.

2. The Resolution will be communicated to all Departments of the Secretariat, to the Director of Public Instruction, and to Dr. Burnell, in continuation of G.O., dated 10th January 1878, No. 53.

(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
„ the Military Department.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Director of Public Instruction.
„ the Superintendent of the Government Central Museum.
„ Dr. Burnell.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

Despatch from the Right Honorable the EARL OF KIMBERLEY, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Most Honorable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 12th July 1883, No. 106 (Statistics and Commerce).

In reply to your letter, No. 3 (Forests), 15th May last, explaining why certain publications have been supplied direct to the British Museum, and with reference to the despatches marginally noted, I shall be glad if, in order to avoid sending twice to the same place and to secure uniformity of practice, you will cause instructions to be issued that this office

may be furnished with lists of distribution of all official publications supplied by your Government and the Local Governments to institutions in this country and in Europe generally, and if it is preferred to send the books themselves through this office, they should be sent ready addressed to the persons or institutions for whom they are designed. In some cases at present books are distributed direct by departmental officers: this course is not a convenient one, and books should in all cases be forwarded from India through the several Governments.

No. 7-1021.

Endorsement on the above.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras with reference to Home Department Resolution, No. 1641, dated 12th September 1878, and with a request that the Secretary of State's instructions may be carefully observed.

(By order of the Governor-General of India in Council.)

HOME DEPT., (BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS), (Signed) E. COLLEN,
FORT WILLIAM, 31st Aug. 1883. Offg. Secy. to Govt. of India, Mily. Dept.,
in charge of Home Dept.

Books and Publications.—Certain requisitions contained in paragraph 8 of a Resolution of the Government of India regarding the transmission of books and publications to be complied with, and the Resolution communicated to Departments of the Secretary, to the Director of Public Instruction, and to Dr. Bunnell.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 74-75.

G.O., 21st September 1878, No. 1430.

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Subt. of (1878) Madras.

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ORDER—dated 17th September 1883, No. 1839, Public.

Communicated to all Departments of the Secretariat, to the Director of Public Instruction, and to the Superintendent, Government Central Museum.

2. The instructions of the Secretary of State will be carefully observed.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Military Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Director of Public Instruction,
" Superintendent, Government Central Museum, } for information.
" Librarian.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Gobt. of (1883) Madras.

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G.O., 17th September 1883, No. 1839.

SEPTEMBER.

Books and Publications.

Communicating to all Departments of the Secretariat, &c., endorsement of the Government of India forwarding copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State requesting that the India Office may be furnished with lists of distribution of all official publications supplied by the Government of India and the Local Governments to institutions in England and in Europe generally.

25TH JANUARY 1884, No. 132, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

Extract paragraph 2 of despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Most Honorable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India office, London, 6th December 1883, No. 210 (Statistics and Commerce).

I have to request that you will omit the names of these institutions (which are noted in the margin) from your lists of distribution of books and publications, and will cause the copies of all works for these libraries to be forwarded direct to this office in accordance with the rule laid down in Lord Salisbury's despatch, No. 39, dated 28th February 1878.

British Museum, London.
University Library, Cambridge.
Bodleian Library, Oxford.
Trinity College, Dublin.
Advocates Library, Edinburgh.
Royal Asiatic Society, London.

No. 94.

Endorsement on the above.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Government of Madras for information and guidance, in continuation of Home department endorsement, No. 1021, dated 31st August 1883.

(By order of the Governor-General of India in Council.)

HOME DEPARTMENT,
12th January 1884.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER—dated 25th January 1884, No. 132, Public.

Communicated to the departments of the Secretariat, to the Director of Public Instruction, and to the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, in continuation of G.O., dated 17th September 1883, No. 1839.

(True Extract.)

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Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue department.

„ Military department.
„ Public Works department.
„ Director of Public Instruction.
„ Superintendent, Government Central Museum.
„ Librarian.

Exd. J. Wright.

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G.O., 25th January 1884, No. 132.

No: 276 W d/1st February 1884

JANUARY.

Books and Publications.

Communicating to the departments of the
Secretariat and to the officers concerned, extract
from a despatch from the Secretary of State
requesting omission of the names of certain
institutions from lists of distribution of —, &c.

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