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Subject.

Recording copy of a cor-
respondence received from the
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supply of Indian public
collections to the Trustees of
British Museum.

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22ND MARCH 1884, No. 590, PUBLIC.

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, 24th January 1884, No. 12 (Statistics and Commerce).

In continuation of my despatch of 6th December, No. 212, I forward, herewith, an extract of a letter addressed to the British Museum on the 5th of that month, and of the reply, dated the 13th, relative to the arrangements for supplying that institution with copies of books published in India.

2. In accordance with the decision arrived at in this correspondence, I request that the quarterly catalogues from the N. W. Provinces, Punjab, British Burma, Mysore, Assam, Central Provinces and Hyderabad, may continue to be forwarded as at present until further orders, but that in regard to Bengal, Madras and Bombay, all transactions may in future be carried on through Messrs. Thacker Spink and Co., and not through this office.

ENCLOSURES.

Extract letter to the British Museum, dated India office, 5th December 1883.

I am now directed by Lord Kimberley to request that you will point out to the Trustees of the British Museum that the time has, in His Lordship's opinion, arrived for reviewing the working of the arrangement which was made in 1878 for the supply to that institution from the several Indian collectorates of books other than those published by or with the patronage of Government.

The arrangement that such books should be procured for the Museum through the agency of this office, was determined on for the convenience of the trustees, whom it would save "the trouble and expense of employing an agent in India" (see Mr. Newton's letter of the 3rd April 1878). It has, however, been found to entail on this office an amount of labor quite incommensurate, as His Lordship thinks the trustees will fully admit, with the nature of the obligations which rests on the Indian Government in the matter.

A very voluminous, and sometimes intricate, correspondence is occasioned by the numerous errors which in a business of this nature can perhaps be avoided.

His Lordship will therefore be glad if you will submit, for the consideration of the trustees, the question of their employing an agent or agents in India, to attend to this business or of otherwise relieving the Government from the duties it has undertaken in relation to it.

To the Principal Librarian, British Museum.

From E. A. BOND, Esq., to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, dated British Museum, 13th December 1883.

I have had the honor to lay before the Trustees of the British Museum Mr. Godley's letter of the 5th instant, referring to certain discrepancies in accounts received for books supplied from Indian presidencies, and stating that in your Lordship's opinion the time has arrived for

discontinuing the arrangement which has been in force since 1878 for supplying the Museum with Indian publications through the India office.

I am directed by the trustees to state that, at their meeting on Saturday last, they approved a recommendation by the keeper of printed books that Messrs. Thacker Spink and Co. of Calcutta should be employed experimentally, for a period of twelve months, as agents to obtain for the Museum, and arrange for the payment for, publications (European and Native) from the presidencies of Bengal, Bombay and Madras. This agency to take effect early next year.

As regards other portions of India the trustees request that your Lordship will be pleased to continue the present arrangement for a further period of six months, in order to give time to secure an agent for the districts outside the three presidencies.

At the same time, I have to represent that it will greatly assist the trustees in obtaining all the books they require if the official lists (three copies of each) of general publications from all parts of India can continue to be supplied, and that it would be a further advantage if your Lordship sees no objection to the lists being sent not as at present through the India office, but directly by post to the British Museum from India.

No. 414.

Endorsement on the above.

Copy of extract paragraphs 1 and 2 (and the enclosures) forwarded to the Government of Madras with the request that the instructions contained therein may be carefully observed.

(By order.)

HOME DEPT. (BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS),
CALCUTTA, 7th March 1884.

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

ORDER—dated 22nd March 1884, No. 590, Public.

Communicated for careful observance to the departments of the Secretariat, to the Director of Public Instruction, and to the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, in continuation of G.O., 25th January 1884, No. 132.

(True Extract.)

R. S. French

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue department.

„ Military department.

„ Public Works department. ✓

„ Director of Public Instruction.

„ Superintendent, Government Central Museum.

„ Librarian.

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MARCH.

Books and Publications.

Communicating to the Secretariat departments,
&c., for careful observance, extract from a des-
patch from the Secretary of State, requesting
that all transactions connected with the supply
of books from Bengal, Madras and Bombay to
the British Museum, may be carried on in
future through Messrs. Thacker Spink and Co.
of Calcutta.

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17TH OCTOBER 1884, No. 2264, PUBLIC.

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, 31st July 1884, No. 45 (Public—Records).

With reference to the cases of books sent from time to time from India, addressed to the British Museum, I have to acquaint your Excellency that I have received from the Trustees a suggestion that notice should be given to publishers, authors, and others, desirous of presenting works to the Museum, that their agents are Messrs. Thacker, Spink and Company of Calcutta and Bombay. Your Government will doubtless be willing to assist in forwarding these donations to the Trustees, and I request that your Excellency will take the necessary steps to carry out their suggestion.

No. 1504.

Endorsement on the above.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras for information and guidance, and with the request that the wishes of the Trustees of the British Museum may be communicated to the general public concerned.

(By Order of the Governor-General of India in Council)

HOME DEPT. (BOOKS),
CALCUTTA, 6th October 1884.

(Signed) E. COLLEN,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. dept.,
in charge of the Home department.

ORDER—dated 17th October 1884, No. 2264, Public.

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

2. The letter will also be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and laid on the Editors' table for general information.

(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.

The Editors' table.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Books and Publications.

Communicating to the officers concerned copy of despatch from the Secretary of State received from the Government of India on the subject of presenting works by publishers, &c., to the British Museum through Messrs. Thacker, Spink and Co., of Calcutta and Bombay, and directing its publication in the Gazette.

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Mr. Mackenzie, Home Secretary to the Government of India, was good enough to assure Mr. Bendall, an assistant who is specially engaged on the Oriental section of the Library here, and who lately visited India, that he would gladly assist in carrying into effect the arrangements above suggested.

No. 1492.

Copy forwarded to the Governments of Madras, Bombay, and Bengal for information and guidance, in continuation of this Office endorsement, No. 414—16, dated the 7th March 1884.

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Copy forwarded to Local Governments (except Madras, Bombay and Bengal) and Administrations for information and guidance.

By Order of the Governor General of India in Council,

HOME DEPARTMENT,
BOOKS;
CALCUTTA,
The 25th October 1885.

W. J. B. BIRD, Captain,

Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India,
in charge Home Dept.

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(True Extract)

James
Under Secretary

To
The Rev. Department
" Military Department.
" Public Works Department
" Director of Public Instruction
" Superintendent, Govt. Central Museum

Public Department
Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following:—

No. 67 Public—(Records), dated India Office, London, the 27th August 1885.

From—Her Majesty's SECRETARY OF STATE for India.

To—His Excellency the Right Honourable the GOVERNOR GENERAL of India in Council.

In continuation of my predecessor's Statistics and Commerce Despatch No. 12, dated 24th January 1884, I forward herewith a copy of a letter from the Trustees of the British Museum, dated 21st July 1885, submitting the arrangements they propose to adopt for the future supply to them of Indian Publications.

2. These arrangements have been approved by me in Council, and I therefore request that Your Excellency will be so good as to give the necessary instructions for carrying them into effect.

Dated British Museum, the 21st July 1885.

From—EDWARD A. BOND, Esq.

To—Her Majesty's SECRETARY OF STATE for India.

Referring to my letter to the India Office, of the 13th December 1883, and to previous and later correspondence respecting the supply of Indian publications to the British Museum, I have the honour to inform Your Lord-

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ship that the arrangements which the Trustees of the Museum now recommend for adoption, are as follows:—

- (1) That the agency of Messrs. Thacker, Spink and Company of Calcutta be continued for the supply of books from the whole of India except the Bombay Presidency and the North-Western Provinces.
- (2) That works from the Presidency of Bombay be sent from the Government Book Depôt at Bombay at the authorised commission of 5 per cent. exclusive of the cost of transmission: the Curator of the Depôt, Narayana Vishnu Bapat, acting as the Trustees' agent for the Presidency.
- (3) That the agency for the North-Western Provinces be for the present entrusted to Brajbhushan Das, book-seller of Benares, who has been recommended as suited for the post by Dr. Thibant, Principal of the Government College, Benares.
- (4) That all accounts be rendered by agents direct to the Trustees: the exchange to be reckoned at the rate fixed from time to time by the Government of India.

I am to request that if the suggested arrangements meet with Your Lordship's approval, you will be pleased to cause the necessary communications to be made to the Government of India, with a view to instructions being sent to Local Governments to assist Messrs. Thacker, Spink and Company and the Trustees' other agents in obtaining books published elsewhere than in Presidency towns, it being understood that the agents remit to the local magistrates the value of the book in each case.

In regard to British Burma, the existing arrangements under which books are sent here through the India Office work quite satisfactorily. The only change here proposed is that in future the books should be forwarded to Messrs. Thacker, Spink and Company, as payments will be made through that firm.

In other districts it is believed that official assistance would only be required by the agents in isolated cases of exceptional difficulty.

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