

11TH APRIL 1887, No. 516, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

ORDER—dated 11th April 1887, No. 516, Public.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that, in future, the names of officers from whom general or periodical reports to Government are over-due shall be published once a fortnight in the *Fort St. George Gazette* in the following form:—

NOTICE.

The following ^{annual}_{monthly} reports, due on the dates named below, have not yet been received:—
quarterly, &c.,

Name of Report.	Date when due.	Name and designation of officer from whom due.	Department of Government to which due.

(True Extract.)

H. Stokes
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Military "
" Public Works "
" Legislative "
" Judicial "
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Marine Department.
" Ecclesiastical Department.
" Financial "
" Political "
" Educational "
" Heads of Departments under the Public Department.

Exd. A. Raitt.

The U. R. Clerk will prepare and submit a draft notice accordingly. Care should be taken that it is complete - and that all returns, reports or sent from their office have been attended to.

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6. The Government therefore resolve to maintain the recent orders against which the Board protest.

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To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Departments of the Secretariat.
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No 2165 w a/15th August/87

Com. to the officers of
the P. W. D. in confirmation of
P. O. No. 1220 w a/4th May 1887.

(B) J. S. A.

Govt. of (1887) Madras.

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12TH JULY 1887, No. 948, PUBLIC.

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ABSTRACT.—Requesting Government to reconsider their order of 11th April 1887 directing the publication, in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, of the names of officers from whom general or periodical reports to Government are overdue.

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2. The Board's principal objections to it are as follows :—

- (1) Heads of departments will be gazetted for delays which are in most cases due to the default of a subordinate.
- (2) Officers will submit imperfect reports rather than risk the consequences of delay.
- (3) "The Government can always ascertain without difficulty who is really in fault in any case of delay and punish him suitably, and it is therefore unnecessary to resort to a course which will often bring unmerited disgrace on hardworking officers."

3. With regard to the first objection, it is observed that the effect of the order in question will be, as was intended, to cause heads of departments to insist on punctual submission of reports by their subordinates. If a Collector or head of a department fails to keep his subordinates up to the mark, he is deserving of censure. There is nothing to prevent the Collector, for instance, publishing in the Gazette of his district the names of his defaulting subordinates, in the same way as is done by Government in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. With regard to reports due to the Board of Revenue, the Government will have no objection to the Board publishing lists of those that are in arrears in the *Fort St. George Gazette* side by side with the returns due direct to Government.

4. If an officer submits a report so imperfect that it has to be returned to him for further information, he will be gazetted as a defaulter until a complete and satisfactory report is submitted. By this course the danger pointed out by the Board in paragraph 6 of their Proceedings will be reduced to a minimum and will be far outweighed by the advantages of increased celerity in the submission of returns. It is observed, moreover, that before the new system was introduced, reports were often very late and very incomplete besides.

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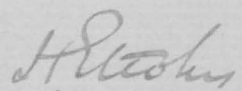
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