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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

Despatch from the Right Honorable Lord CROSS, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India Office, London, 31st December 1890, No. 21, Public (Records).

I transmit herewith,* for your Excellency's information, a "Press List" of all the documents now in existence between the years 1599 and 1630. This will show the manner in which the records in the possession of your Government should be arranged and recorded.

Press Lists of Indian Records.

*In MS. Printed copies will follow.

2. I am aware that there are not now, either at Calcutta or Madras, any documents of so early a date as 1630, but a few do exist at Bombay, and these have been included in the present list.

3. It would be a convenience that I should be supplied with similar "Press Lists" of the most ancient records now in the possession of your Government at an early date, so that those not now in existence here may be included in the lists prepared at this office before they are printed and transmitted to India, and I shall be glad to be informed what arrangements have been made by your Excellency for this purpose.

ORDER—dated 4th April 1891, No. 262, Public.

In the Despatch read above, the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India forwards a "Press List" of the documents in the India Office between the years 1599 and 1630, and requests that similar lists of the most ancient records now in the possession of the Madras Government may be supplied to him at an early date, in order that those not in existence in the India Office may be included in the lists under preparation there before these are printed and transmitted to India. He also requests to be informed of the arrangements made for the purpose.

2. The subject of the indexing of the old records has already engaged the attention of Government and for this purpose two indexers were, under G.O., dated 12th April 1886, Mis. No. 774, added to the establishment of the Chief Secretariat. Indexes for the Consultations of the Public Department for the years 1698 to 1707 and 1792 to 1838 have thus been prepared. The form in which these are prepared differs, however, from the "Press List" forwarded by the Secretary of State in that they are arranged alphabetically, whilst the latter are chronological and in the form of a table of contents. The earliest records in the Madras record-room bear date 1670, and His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that, for purposes of reference, the "Press List" may well take the place of the indexes now under preparation for records prior to the year 1770. The preparation of the indexes for the period 1670 to 1770 will accordingly be discontinued.

3. It is not clear whether the term "most ancient records" is intended to include papers belonging to so late a date as the middle of the last century, and the Secretary of State will be addressed on the point. Meanwhile, the preparation of the "Press Lists" will be proceeded with from the year 1670.

4. As it will not be possible for the existing staff to perform the work in sufficient time, a special establishment of four clerks and one attender, as shown in the margin, will be employed for the purpose. The two special indexers will also be temporarily transferred to the work.

4 clerks on Rs. 30	..	..	..	Rs. 120
1 attender on Rs. 10	..	..	..	10
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(True Extract.)

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*Under Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.
for Chief Secretary.*

To the Accountant-General.
" Departments of Secretariat. *P.W.D.*
Copy to Superintendent, General Records.

Exd. P. L. Pereira.

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