

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 858

DATED 25 March 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Officers of the Civil Services. Pro: Public Dept
Comtg. the request of the Govt of India to be furnished
with a copy of the report made to the Secretary of State
in cases where - are killed or severely wounded by
fanatics or others or meet with sudden or violent
death in any very exceptional circumstances, recorded
with reference to G.O. No. 693.W & 10.3.97.

Communicating to the departments of the Secretariat and to certain heads of departments the request of the Government of India to be furnished with a copy of the report made to the Secretary of State in cases where — are killed or severely wounded by fanatics or others, or meet with sudden or violent death in any very exceptional circumstances.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From L. M. THORNTON, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 22nd February 1897, No. 4-Public—205.

In continuation of the letter from this department, Nos. 842-843, dated the 15th April 1887, I am directed to forward a copy of the despatches from the Secretary of State marginally noted, and to request compliance with the orders therein contained as to telegraphing information respecting officers of the Civil Services who are killed or severely wounded by fanatics or others, or meet with sudden or violent death in any very exceptional circumstances. I am to ask that in such cases a copy of the report that may be made to the Secretary of State may at the same time be sent to this department.

ENCLOSURES.

Despatch from the Right Hon'ble Lord GEORGE FRANCIS HAMILTON, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the Governor-General of India in Council, No. 109 (Military), dated India Office, London, the 17th December 1896.

With reference to your telegram marginally quoted, I request that your Excellency will issue instructions that the procedure for telegraphing information regarding the death or wounds of officers and men killed or wounded in action, or in the performance of duty, may be followed also on occasions when officers are killed or severely wounded by fanatics or others, or meet with sudden or violent death in any very exceptional circumstances. In such cases, it is very desirable that this office should be in a position to give early information to the relatives and friends of the killed or injured.

Viceroy to Secretary of State, dated 6th November 1896.

"Your telegram of 2nd November. Yeates died of wounds on 29th October. Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Bombay, informed War Office. MacLachlan doing well. Both wounded at the same time as Downes."

Despatch from the Right Hon'ble Lord GEORGE FRANCIS HAMILTON, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the Governor-General of India in Council, No. 121 (Public), dated India Office, London, the 17th December 1896.

In my Military despatch, No. 109, of this day's date, I have called upon your Excellency to issue instructions that the existing procedure for telegraphing information regarding the death or wounds of officers or men killed or wounded in action, or in the performance of duty, may be followed also on occasions when officers are killed or severely wounded by fanatics or others, or meet with sudden or violent death in any very exceptional circumstances.

2. I have now further to request that the same course may be adopted, with discretion, when officers of the Civil Services are killed or wounded in like circumstances.

ORDER—No. 227, Public, dated 8th March 1897.

Communicated to the departments of the Secretariat and to all heads of departments under the Chief Secretary, in continuation of G.O., No. 644, Public, dated 7th May 1887.

(True Extract.)

Attest
for Chief Secretary.

To the departments of the Secretariat. *P.W.D.*
" all heads of departments under the Chief Secretary.
Ed. A. Raitt.