

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From H. LUSON, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 16th June 1898, No. 1374.

I am directed to forward, for the information and guidance of the Government of Madras, a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin regarding the supply to the India Office of copies of reports and papers of special public interest printed in India which have subsequently to be presented to Parliament. I am to request that, as far as practicable at present, effect may be given to the instructions therein contained, which are intended to obviate reprinting by Her Majesty's printers. A further communication will follow on receipt of a reply from the Secretary of State to the despatch of the Government of India.

I am to suggest that, in the case of any document of special public interest, not a periodical, which it is intended to print, the Government of Madras might ascertain previously from the Secretary of State whether extra copies should be printed for presentation to Parliament.

ENCLOSURES.

DESPATCH from the Right Hon'ble Lord GEORGE HAMILTON, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 10th February 1898, No. 8 Public (Records).

In my despatch, Railway, No. 112, dated the 2nd December last, your Excellency was asked to arrange for the transmission of 650 additional copies of the annual Administration Report on Indian Railways, Part I, for supply to Her Majesty's Stationery Office, in order to obviate the necessity of reprinting that report for issue as a Parliamentary Paper.

2. I have now to request that 700 copies of future issues of the annual Review of the Trade of India may be sent home for the same purpose. In addition, as copies of the reprint will no longer be available, the 43 copies at present supplied for office use and distribution should be increased to 150.

3. It is desired to extend this system, as far as practicable, to other reports printed in India and subsequently presented to Parliament. In the case, therefore, of any lengthy document on a subject of special public interest, such as Sir Antony MacDonnell's recent famine resolution, the type should not be broken up until your Government shall have ascertained whether further copies will be required for this purpose.

4. The copies sent home for office use, &c., should be stitched and bound as at present, but those intended for utilization as Parliamentary Papers should be forwarded in sheets, without title-page or cover, and should be separately packed. Any maps or plans that may be necessary should of course be included. In every case this office should be advised of the expenses incurred for paper, press-work, and freight, in order that the amount may be recovered from Her Majesty's treasury.

DESPATCH from His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the Governor-General of India in Council, Home Department (Public), to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, dated Simla, 16th June 1898, No. 48.

We have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No. 8 Public (Records), dated the 10th February 1898, regarding the supply to the India Office of copies of reports and papers of special public interest printed in India which have subsequently to be presented to Parliament, and to say that we are issuing the necessary orders which will insure compliance with your Lordship's instructions on the subject so far as is practicable at present.

2. In the absence, however, of a complete list of all periodical reports which are presented to Parliament, it is not possible to carry out these instructions in their entirety, and we would request that we may be furnished with such a list.

3. Your Lordship's instructions in regard to non-periodical or occasional papers will be borne in mind, but it will help us materially if, on receipt of any such papers which it is decided should be presented to Parliament, your Lordship intimates by telegram the number of copies required, and also if, whenever it is possible, we are informed beforehand, in regard to any paper which your Lordship knows is being printed, that it will be presented to Parliament and that copies should be sent.

ORDER—No. 811, Public, dated 27th June 1898.

Communicated to the departments of the Secretariat and to the Superintendent, Government Press.

(True Extract.)

A. K. Russell
Do/ Chief Secretary.

To the departments of the Secretariat. (Pension)
„ Superintendent, Government Press.

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