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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 428 Press Mis.

Dated 1—10—1861

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department, 1st October 1861.

No. 1. Read the following letter fom Surgeon Major EDWARD G. BALFOUR, Government Agent at Chepauk, and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 20th September 1861, No. 1,195.

I have the honor, with reference to paragraph 3 of G. O., dated 24th June, No. 290 of 1861, to subjoin, for submission to His Excellency the Governor in Council, copy of a letter received in reply from Mr. Advocate General, dated 18th instant, on the subject of caring for the old records, belonging to the times of the Nawabs Wallajah and Oomdut-ul-Oomrah.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council will notice the recommendation for a Police Officer. Up to this time, in arranging for their guard under the recent Orders as per margin,* the Peons of the Agency, have taken the night watches.

*G. O., 24th June 1861, No. 290, paragraph 2.

From T. SYDNEY SMYTH, Esq., Advocate General; to the Government Agent at Chepauk, dated Madras, 18th September 1861.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1,177 of 1861, dated 16th September 1861, enclosing the Government Order, No. 290, dated 24th June 1861.

2. In reply I beg to state, that I considered I had verbally answered the matter of the 3rd paragraph of that Order both to yourself and the Chief Secretary early last July.

3. I think that the records in question ought not to be destroyed, but should be left in the boxes or Almirahs where they are at present kept, with such protection as stout doors and strong locks with a Police Peon to watch can afford, I certainly do not think Government is called on to go to any further expense in preserving or watching them.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) EDWARD G. BALFOUR,
Government Agent.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 1st October 1861, No. 428.

The Government have only to remark, in reference to the allusion made by the Advocate General, to a Police Peon to watch, that the Agent has already been requested to make such arrangements as will provide for the safe custody of the records in question.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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