

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 499

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Dated 9-11-1861

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
9th November 1861.*

No. 25. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Department,
dated 5th November 1861, No. 1,488.

*Communicating for observance letter from the
Government of India relative to the Classifi-
cation under specified Departments of letters
addressed to that Government in the Foreign
Department.* } (Vide Proceedings Public Department, dated
5th November 1861, Nos. 22 and 23.)

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 9th November 1861, No. 499.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Circular from Colonel H. M. DURAND, C.B., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India; to the Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Fort William, the 30th September 1861, No. 5,718.

Foreign Department.

Inconvenience being caused to the Office of the Secretary of State by the present system of recording all papers in the Foreign Department under one head, I am directed to inform you that, from the 1st October 1861, the Records of the Foreign Office will be divided into six distinct Departments:—

1st. Judicial.	4th. Military.
2nd. Revenue.	5th. Political.
3rd. Finance.	6th. General.

I. The Judicial Department shall embrace all papers relating to—

Civil Courts.

Criminal Courts.

Police.

Thuggee and Dacoitee Commission, and the like.

II. The Revenue Department shall embrace all papers relating to Land Tax, Special Cesses, Sayer, Transit duties, Customs, and similar matters.

III. The Finance Department shall embrace all questions relating to the funds for support of contingents, Pensions, Nizamut Fund, Reports on the Financial condition (as distinguished from Administration) of Native States or British Provinces, and the like.

IV. The Military Department shall embrace all correspondence relating to the organization and discipline of the Forces under the Foreign Office, to questions of leave to Military Officers to England or out of India, and, generally, any question affecting the Army or Regimental standing of Officers under control of the Foreign Department.

V. The Political Department shall embrace all papers regarding our relations with Native States, except such as relate to matters falling under any of the previous heads.

VI. The General Department shall relate to all questions affecting leave (except leave of Military Officers to England or out of India), the Clergy, the Medical Department, &c., and generally all correspondence not included in any of the above-mentioned Departments.

It will be obviously impossible, without much trouble, to carry out this arrangement so as to obviate the inconvenience complained of by the Secretary of State, unless a similar classification is adopted in your Office.

I am, therefore, to request that all communications which you may address to the Secretary to Government in the Foreign Department may be classed under one or other of the above heads according to the Department to which it belongs.

ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1861, No. 1,488.

Communicated to the following Departments of the Secretariat for observance, viz:—

Finance.
Judicial.
Military.
Political.
Revenue.

(True Extract.)

Signd/ J. D. Linn

Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department.

" Judicial do.
" Military do.
" Political do. ✓
" Revenue do.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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