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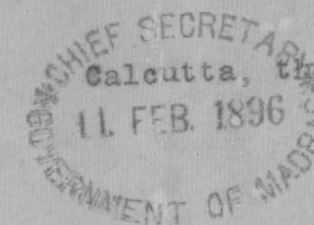
[Despatch Abstract.]

MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE.

Transmitting to the President of the Madras Municipality a letter from the Government of India acknowledging receipt of a telegram from the Municipal Commissioners of Madras conveying a message of condolence with Her Majesty the Queen-Emress on the occasion of the death of ^{Royal} His Highness Prince Henry of Battenberg, and requesting the Collectors of Madras and Kistna to report whether any --- were sent direct to England from their districts.



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6th February 1896.

My dear Sir,

Referring to paragraph 2 of Home Department letter No. 252 of this date regarding the messages of condolence sent on the occasion of the death of His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Battenberg, I am desirous to say that the Secretary of State's telegram refers only to "messages from Devikot Madras, Ramnad" without giving any particulars. We do not, therefore, know exactly what persons or bodies in those places sent the messages; and I am to ask that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, enquiry may be made and acknowledgments sent, if possible, to the actual senders of the messages.

I am also to enclose a copy of a subsequent telegram, dated the 4th instant, which has been received from the Secretary of State, from which it would seem that messages from Devikota and Ramnad only have to be acknowledged.

Yours truly,

L. H. Threlkeld

able J. F. Price, C. S. I.,

Secretary to the Government of Madras.

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From

L. M. Thornton, Esq.,

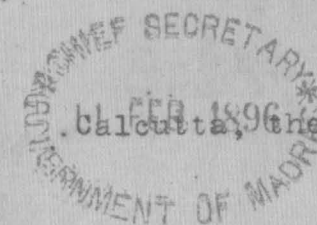
Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Home Department.

(Public)



Calcutta, 1896. 5 February 1896.

Sir,

I am directed to forward for delivery to the Chairman of the Municipal Commissioners, Madras, the accompanying letter conveying thanks for the message of condolence sent by them on the occasion of the death of His late ^{Maurice} Royal Highness Prince Henry of Battenberg.

2. I am to add that in a telegram of the 1st instant the Secretary of State has desired that the messages of condolence sent direct to England from Devikota, Madras and Ramnad should also be acknowledged.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

L. M. Thornton

Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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Subject
requesting to ~~convey~~ forward
the Municipality
Madras the accom-
panying letter ex-
pressing the thanks
the Queen Empress
these letter of Con-
gratulation on the death

The consequence of the ref^l was
nothing to do with the LA M Dept.
The Public Deptⁿ communication
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order
mms 1. The enclosed letter of
acknowledgment will be ~~trans-~~
~~mitted to the Secy of the Govt. of India~~
~~to the L & M. Dept. as necessary.~~

2. The Collector of Madurai
will be requested to acknowledge
with thanks the messages of
condolence sent ^{direct to England} from Devakota
and Rannad on the occasion
of the death of H.R.H Prince Henry
of Battenberg

3. The Commissioner of Police, Madrid will be requested to ascertain whether and report whether any murder shot taken had from the Municipal Comm: has sent word from Madrid

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 not [unclear]
 Collector. *Madroira* (9).

The very opposite! The orders of the For. Dept. related to all letters from Native Princes or chiefs. The S. of States Despatch directed that letters from all Natives of India sh^d. go thro. "H^{rs} Port." That despatch w^{as} of course received in Home Dept.; & a copy sent to For: which issued its own orders regarding Native States.

~~He is on end of the road is~~
 From the far. Sept^r 2^d no more

Note by G. S. Forbes Esq. D.C.B.

As regards para 1 of the order as originally drafted, the following is submitted:-

The orders of the G.O. of I. M. letters addressed to H. M. the Queen and Members of the Royal Family are contained in G.O. No. 286 P.D. of 8. July 1873, to which attention was directed in Col. Talbot's D.O. of the 11th Sept 1894. (vide copy of D.O. 367-A. of 16. October 1894 in file ~~of the same~~ ^{attached} ~~document~~). It will be seen that the orders of 1873 apply to all letters and from all natives in India. This Govt. issued special instructions on the subject in G.O. No. 460 P.D. of 15 July 1893, under which all communications from the Madras Presidency intended for H. M. the Queen, The Members of the Royal Family & high officials in England should pass through the Chief Secy to Govt. (Political Dept). It has been customary for the P.D. Dept to deal with addresses & messages of congratulation.

Handbook of Procedure & Precedents
 the earliest presented to H.R.H.
 the Duke of York on his
 marriage was transmitted thro
 Political. The custom has grown
 up of looking upon Political
 as the ceremonial dept here.
 It makes all arrangements
 for Viceroy's visits.

In regard to addresses to
 the Royal Family it seems
 better to let one dept deal with
 them. The A. Sec. Dept, ~~was~~ it
 sub^d, acted contrary to G.O. 460
 N. of 1893 in sending on the
 Municipal Commis telegrams. It
 should have been transferred to
 Political. It is true that the Pol.
 D. of 1893 mentions no particular
 Dept. under the Chief Secy but
 Pol. Dept is clearly meant.

It was proposed to forward
 reply to the Commis thro' the
 A. Sec. Dept to keep the Chan
 correspondence in that Dept. Complete
 C.S.
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 course if it is the practice to deal

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And the For. Secy had the
 trouble to transfer it to
 Home Public sec H.D. Lett
 of 7th May 1894.

And Mr. Talbot's letter of
 11th Sept 94 related solely
 to congratulations of Naka
 Chiefs in India. ~~Secy~~

W. Fowler's Despatch 1888
 G. S. Forbes Esq. D.C. is also
 in Public

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Names to the For. Secy for transmission the office of
 are sent to the Home (Pub) Dept of the Secy of India. For to
 For. Secy the trouble of transferring them. The Secy of India
 is to the Secy of State in the Public Dept of the India Office.
 addresses from Native States that it be sent to the For.
 of the Memorial Rules is under a Wh. & the Home Secy
 since the Draft was

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The enclosed letter of
 acknowledgment will be transmitted
 to the President of the Madras
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2. The Collector of Madras
 be requested to ascertain and
 whether any ^{telegraphic} messages of condolence
 were sent direct to England
 from "Devakota" and "Rannach" or
 the occasion of the death of
 Prince Henry Maurice of Batten
 The collector of Kistna will make
 similar inquiries as regards
 "Devarakota"

It is quite evident that
 Madras after "Devakota"
 is a description of the
 latter place

3. The Commissioner of Police
 will enquire and inform Govt
 whether any message other than
 that from the Municipal Com
 was sent direct from Madras
 and whether any acknowledgment
 has been received.

C.S.
 21.2.96
[Signature]