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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From H. DALY, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 12th June 1897, No. 2220-I—A.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter *, No. 348, dated the 1st June 1897, forwarding congratulatory kharitas addressed by the Prince of Arcot to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Empress of India, and to His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General on the completion of the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign.

2. I am to request that the accompanying reply from the Viceroy and Governor-General may be delivered to the Prince, if possible, on the 21st or 22nd June 1897. A copy of the Viceroy's letter is enclosed for the information of the Governor in Council.

ENCLOSURE.

From His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General of India, to the Prince of Arcot, Kharita, dated Simla, the 12th June 1897.

It has afforded me sincere pleasure to receive your letter, of the 12th May 1897, conveying your congratulations on the completion of the sixtieth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Empress of India. That Her Majesty's reign has now exceeded in its duration the reign of any of Her predecessors on the British throne is an historical event of the highest importance. Much might be written of the benefits which this reign has secured to Her Majesty's subjects. During this period, the power of the Empire having been increased and consolidated, and the blessings of peace and security having been thereby attained, the efforts of Government have, under the benign rule of Her Majesty, been constantly directed to the encouragement of every movement that could tend to the well-being of the inhabitants of Her vast dominions. The progress of knowledge, both as to the conditions under which human life exists, and the means by which those conditions can be improved, has been unexampled, and great discoveries, such as those of the use of steam and electricity, for which an age of peace and prosperity has afforded the opportunity, have been utilised in the work of civilisation; so that the products of the soil are gathered into the markets of the world to the mutual advantage of the cultivators in the remote district and of the crowded population in the great city, while the fruits of the knowledge and experience of the scholar, and the man of affairs, are made available to those who dwell in the distant regions of the earth.

It is specially gratifying to me to receive such testimony of your affection and devotion for Her Majesty's person on an occasion so full of significance to Herself as the present one. I have reason to know that it was Her Majesty's wish and intention to assemble around Her, at the ceremonies of this day, the representatives of Her Indian Empire. Her Majesty abandoned that intention, because in this year of famine and pestilence She was resolved to issue no command or even invitation that could result in drawing away any single individual from the primary duty of carrying relief to the suffering and distressed. You will, I am sure, find in that decision one more instance of the thoughtful care and tenderness for Her people, and for none more than for Her Indian subjects, which has been one of the guiding characteristics of Our Sovereign's life.

I shall not fail to send to England the letter which you have addressed to Her Majesty. If we cannot personally present our homage on bended knee, it can be as lovingly felt and as loyally expressed, and I rejoice to know that from every part of India our united message of devotion will flash across the sea to Her Majesty in Her distant home.

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J. F. PRICE,
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To the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends.

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