

Political (1898) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 80 A

DATED 31-1-98.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Ordering publication in the S. L. G. G. of the notification re the ceremonial to be observed on the occasion of the Investiture of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire to be held at the Banqueting Hall Madras on Tuesday the 8th Feb'y 1900.

BACK PAPERS.

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NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Investiture

A Copy of Programme of Ceremonial, which follows ~~the~~ ^{precedents} of 1895 (when the Raja of Bobbili was invested with a K.C.I.E.) is submitted for approval, together with draft of a Major Romilly forwarding a copy for the approval of H.E. the Governor. The programme will be notified in the Fort St George Gazette as on previous occasions. Copies sent to Members of the Order who will receive summonses, as well as to the Hon. Sir Henry Bliss and the Prince of Arcot for information, the attention of Sir Henry Bliss & the Prince being invited to the alteration in the hour viz. from 4 to 9.30 P.M.

The following points may be noticed in connection with the programme:—

- (1) The hour of investiture has been altered to 9.30 P.M. in accordance with the M. S. Secy's draft ^{by the Govt} ~~and today~~
- (2) There is to be no Guard of Honour on the present occasion ^{as it is} being only a C.I.E. ceremonial, unless

* Vide the 1888 precedent

the function is to be combined with the C.I.J. investiture of the Raja of Cochin about which H.E. has telegraphed to the Sec^y of the Order. (3) The ceremony of Knighthood has been omitted in the case of the Prince of Arcot in accordance with Sir H. Durand's letter appearing on p. 7 of the 1888 pamphlet and marked with red chalk.

For orders as to whether there is to be a Rehearsal of the Ceremonials to be observed at the Investiture. If there is to be one, the Honble. Sir Henry Bliss and the Prince of Arcot will have to be requested to attend ^{on} the day and at the hour to be named. The Work Cards will be got out directly the programme is approved. The duty of attaching the Stars to the breasts of the Knights to be newly invested should, according to custom & precedent, be performed by two Junior Knights or in their absence by two Companions. ~~who will have to be selected~~ For orders as to who should be the "Work Card" detailing their duties will be sent to them for information in due course.

Telegram to Foreign in this form has been sent ~~to make~~ quite sure
Cmb

The Raja of Bobbili (the recipient) attended the dress rehearsal in 1895 at Ottacumund but in the 1888 ceremony the recipients were represented by proxies
Cmb

Let a corrected proof first.
17.1.98.
Submitted Cmb 18/1/98

+ This can be decided when it is known who is coming
Cmb

Department.

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C. No.

TELEPHONE MESSAGE.

From

The Chief Assistant

CHIEF SECRETARIAT,

To

The Supt. Govt Press

Dated 24.1.1898.

^{Very Urgent} Please expedite your reply to my note regarding the lithographing of the badge in the Ceremonial programme in connection with the approaching Investiture.

Cmb 24.1.98

Chief Assistant

Return to Invocation Clerk

Cmb 24/1/98

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. Form 1011
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Chas Asst
Chief Secy

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Govt Press

I am trying to send you a proof of the
star day 5 P.M. and I will telephone
to you again.

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24-1-91

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C. No.

Political DEPARTMENT.

SUBJECT.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

~~THE HONBLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.T.E.~~

~~THE HONBLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

*Investiture of Sir H. Bliss
& the Prince of Arcot
with the K.C. & C.I.E.*

FOR ORDERS.

I am glad in the case of Sir H. Bliss, it is
provided that the Governor is to confer
on him the title of a Knight
Member. I should like to know the
details of the ceremony on which and
when. A printed note should be
found.

A.B.K.
28.1.17

Three proof copies of the Programme
of ceremonial which follows
present, are attached.

The programme will be sent
notified in the Fort St. George Gazette
as on previous occasions &
copies will be sent members
of the Order, and to Sir H. Bliss
& the Prince of Arcot.

Formal letters of summons
will be sent to every member
of the Order, and in accordance
with precedent an intimation
to those living away from
Madras that attendance is not
compulsory if found inconvenient.

The hour of investiture is
fixed at 9.30 in accordance
with the Mil. Secy's O. of 17th
me is the Guard

will be arranged
of Honour ~~in the usual manner~~
in the usual manner, and
~~is only a 1000~~
with present arms when
~~the President in 1888~~
His Excy. enters the Hall.

The Ceremony of Knighthood
has been omitted in the case of
the Prince of Arcot in accordance
with Sir H. Durand's letter on p. 7.
of the 1888 pamphlet (red print)
A telegram has been sent to
"Foreign" on this subject tomorrow.

With ref. to the third & fifth clauses
on p. 2 of the proof it seems probable
that the Rajas of Venkatasiri &
Bobbili will both be present & will
perform the duties assigned to
Junior Knights. The former
told me today he wd come & said
he thought his brother (Bobbili) would
come.

~~and~~
A dress rehearsal seems essential
for the successful cooperation of
all. Perhaps this might be
held on the 7th when the two
Rajas wd have arrived. Would
this date at ^{4 or 5} p.m. be convenient?
Notices for the rehearsal ^{also} will have
to be issued.

A DO. is being sent to the Mail?
Secy. on the matters left in his hands.

MA 19.1.98.

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12.25/11/98

H.E.

Political Dept

Copy of telegram from
Foreign and of that to which
it is a reply - regarding the
form ^{to be observed} in the Knighting of the
Hon. Sir Henry Bliss at the
approaching investiture are
submitted to His Excellency the
Governor for information.

CMS.
25/1/98

This answers
His Excy's ~~exemption~~
note on the office note
accompanying the proof
of the Investiture Programme.
The information given above
will be entered on His Excy's
work-card which is press
proof of which will shortly
be ready.

MA 26.1.98

Some will have to go home
& back again to Govt. House by 8 p.m.

Return to Investiture Clerk.

Copy of telegram despatched to the Government of India.

Foreign Department, Simla, dated 17th January 1898:-

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Please wire whether this correct/what formula is used by Governor and does he stand or sit.

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Calcutta, dated 19th January 1898:-

8 I E your telegram 21 January seventeenth proceed-
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nor remains seated Bliss kneels on right knee Governor touches
his left shoulder with sword and says rise Sir Henry or Sir
William Bliss as case may be.

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R-27/11

Hon: Sir Henry Bliss, K.C.I.E.

Political Dept

Copy of telegram from
Foreign - and of that to which
it is a reply - regarding the
form in the Knighting of the
Hon: Sir Henry Bliss at
the approaching investiture
are submitted ~~to him~~ for
information.

Other details
CMB
25/11/46 of the ceremonial
are being worked
out & will be communicated
as soon as practicable.

At 20.1.98

Return to Investiture Clerk.

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20/1/98

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Please wire whether this correct/~~what~~ formula is used by Governor and does he stand or sit.

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Political DEPARTMENT

C. No.

His Excy. the Governor

SUBJECT.

Investiture.

FOR ORDERS.

seen
H.A.
29.1.98.

A proof copy of the ceremonial programme in connection with the approaching investiture is submitted with reference to certain points :-

I. ~~Investiture~~
Several minor alterations, which have arisen in drafting the work cards, have been made.

II. The firing of a salute - The Mily. Secy. to H.E. the Governor has raised the point whether, since a salute cannot be fired when His Excellency enters the Hall, it should be fired at some hour shortly before or after the ceremony. As regards this, it is submitted that a salute is a part of the ceremony itself and it would not be appropriate to fire it otherwise ~~than~~ during the ceremony. No trace of a salute being fired in 1895, when the Raja of Bobbili was invested, or at the 1892 investiture, both of which were held at night, can be traced.

III. The Guard of Honour :- From the 1888 programme in the blue book it will

I think the Salute
had better be omitted
as it cannot be fired at
the time of the Investiture.
H.A.

will be seen that there was a guard of honour for the Star of India investiture, and that although there were two ceremonies on the same evening H.E. the Governor left the Banqueting Hall after the Star of India proceedings and re-entered it in procession for the Indian Empire investiture. The guard of honour on that occasion presented arms (1) as H.H. the Maharaja of Travancore entered the Banqueting Hall, (2) after the investiture of the Maharaja as a Knight Grand Commander of the Order of Star of India and (3) when the C.S.I. procession left the hall; but it took no part in the Indian Empire proceedings. In 1892 the guard of honour presented arms as the Grand Master passed into the Banqueting Hall and as he passed out but no ~~compliment~~ ^{compliment} was paid by the guard to the Maharaja of ~~Travancore~~ ^{Vizianagram} when he was invested as a G.C.I.E. or to Sir Henry Stokes and Sir Muthuswami Aiyar when they were invested as Knight Commanders of the Indian Empire. In 1895, for the Bobbili investiture, there was no guard at all, as this was merely a C.I.E. investiture and the precedent of 1888 was followed. The point is, like the greater part of the ceremonial, one for His Excellency's decision and it is unlikely that any objection will be taken by the Govt. of India to a guard being present. If a guard or guards of honour are decided on orders are solicited as to the part they should take in the ceremonial as the Programme should lay down

Except by being present. It is not recorded that the Guard of H. marched out of the Hall.

Under no circumstances would these gentlemen be entitled to be included by the Guard of Honour.

* It was The Guard presented arms

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down clearly when they are to present arms.

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I think the Guard of Honour should be present and present arms when H.E. enters the Hall, and when he leaves it. A Guard of Honour is present at a levee and it will add considerably to the impressiveness of the ceremony - the details of which are left to His Excy's decision.

MA 26. 1. 98

Please see the passages marked a a (in blue pencil) in the accompanying proof

In order to ^{secure} ~~avoid~~ the separation between the two Investitures I have (see b b in blue pencil) divided the Chief Secy's announcement into two parts (1) that the first business is the Investiture of Hon Mr Bliss, and when

There should be a Guard of Honour outside the Banqueting Hall, facing the Grand Entrance, and another in the Hall inside the Hall.

This is quite right.

this investiture is complete
& (2) that the further business
is the investiture of the Prince
of Arcot. His shirt change
secures the pause between the
two ceremonies which I men-
tioned to His Excy. as being desirable
that the advantage of empha-
sizing the investiture of the
Prince of Arcot wh. will be agreeable
to the latter.

Work cards for all who take
part in the ceremonies
are being printed & proofs
will be submitted.

MA 27.1.98.

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DO.
31.1.98

My dear Romilly

I understand you will
arrange about the guard-of-honour
and the Band required at the investiture.

Yours truly

Curt
21.1.98

MA
29.1.98

Major J W Romilly D.S.O.
Army Secy to H.R.H.
Duke of Devon.

[Note - It is as well to make sure about
the guard-of-honour
the point, as both in 1888 & 1892
(see places marked with tape in para-
graphs below) it was the Military
which was asked to attend
the arrangements about the guard
of-honour.]

Military Secy. sees to
all this part.
Curt

Return to Investiture Clerk.

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NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Please see the samples
of the star sent to the Supdt
Genl. Press. It is not very
successful though better than
the 1892 pattern

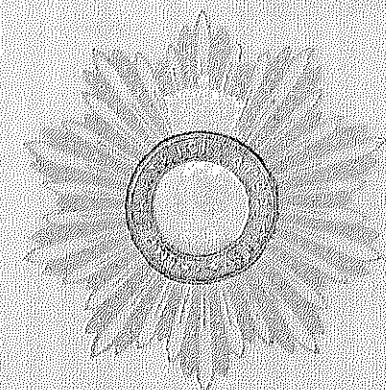
agreed /

Chas
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Yes - it is not very
good - but is
approved.
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Telephoned to Press that Ch
has approved of the star.

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1/2/98



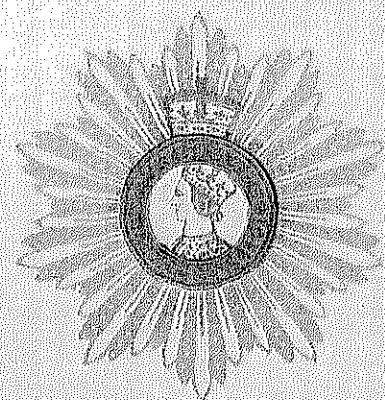
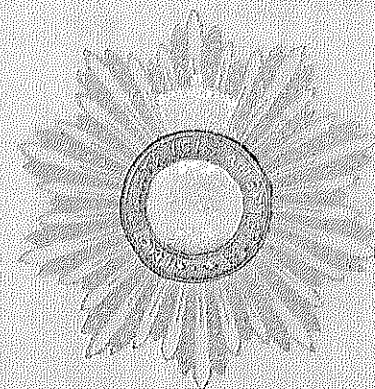
NOTE FOR Chief Asistand,
Chief Sevelaual

Here are two copies of the
order as it will appear.

It is the best that can
be produced in fool paper
as proof - the color portrait
will look better I hope
when it gets time to dig -
The sooner I commence
printing copies, finally,
the better

R. H. Rice

1/9/98



NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Prince of Arcot's Titles

G.O. No. 340 Pt. 1, 2nd July 1890 (printed on page 1 of G.O. No. 373 Pt. 1, 18.6.92) states that the ^{titles} ~~titles~~ of the Prince of Arcot are "Prince Muhammad Munawar, Khan Bahadur, Amir - i. Arkat" and in para 1 of G.O. No. ~~373~~ ³⁷³ Pt. 1, 18.6.92 it is stated that these ^{titles} ~~titles~~ are to be the only ones used in addressing him.

These orders, in ^{preferring} ~~including~~ the "Prince" are at variance with para 4 of G.O. No. 35 Pt. 1, 1/6. Jan'y 1893 and with the provisional issue, the first edition and the last edition (By Civil list p. 428) of the "Titles list". Please see also the notifications of 10th and 17th Feb'y 1891 n.g.o's No. 84 of 7.2.91 and No. 104 of 17.2.91 which do not prefix the Prince. In fact the "Prince" is redundant as Amir = Prince.

Subd. that the form in the programme may be adhered to. It follows India's letter of the Sorocchino Grant. Aug. 1, 2. 98

The Prince of A. called to see me this morning, I mentioned this among other matters. I explained that no change could be made. 12.7.22.78

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Poll. DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:--

Again G.O., No. , dated 189 .
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ORDER No 80 A of 31.1.98.
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The following Notification
will be published in the Fort
St. George Gazette

Notification

The following Ceremonial
will be observed on the occasion
of the Investiture of the Most
Eminent Order of the Indian
Empire to be held at the
Banqueting Hall, Madras,
on Tuesday, the 8th February 1898.

(H.E. programme
attached.)

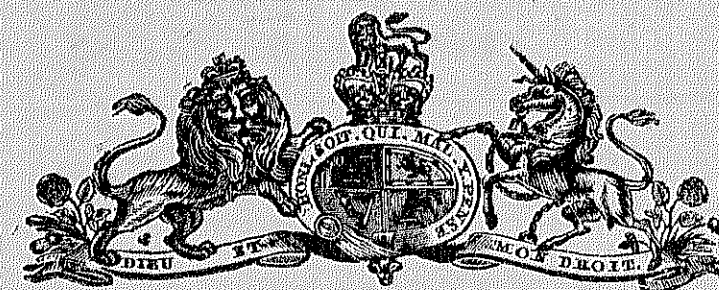
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Note - The draft order is in acc^e
with precedent: vide 1895 book.
(red tape)

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The Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire.

CEREMONIAL TO BE OBSERVED

AT THE

INVESTITURE

OF

THE MOST EMINENT ORDER OF THE INDIAN EMPIRE

TO BE HELD AT THE

BANQUETING HALL, MADRAS,

ON

Tuesday, the 8th February 1898.

Object of the Investiture.

ON Tuesday, the 8th February 1898, at 9-30 p.m., His Excellency Sir ARTHUR ELIBANK HAVELOCK, G.C.M.G., Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, will, as thereunto authorized by the GRAND MASTER of the said Most Eminent Order, invest the Honourable Mr. HENRY WILLIAM BLISS, C.I.E., and MUHAMMAD MUNAWAR, Khan Bahadur, Prince of Arcot, with the Insignia of the Second Class of the Order, in accordance with Her MAJESTY'S Commands.

Persons who will attend the Ceremony.

All Members of the Order present in Madras will be required to attend.

Arrangement of Seats.

The Members of the Order will take their seats on either side of the Dais, right and left, in order of seniority.

A seat will also be provided for the PRINCE OF ARCOT in a convenient position, and vacant places will be kept for the Honourable Mr. BLISS and the PRINCE OF ARCOT in the class of the Order to which they will be advanced.

Preliminary Ceremonies.

After robing, His Excellency Sir ARTHUR ELIBANK HAVELOCK, G.C.M.G., Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, preceded by the Under Secretary and the Chief Secretary to Government and His Excellency's Staff, and followed by His Excellency's Pages and Attendants, will enter the Banqueting Hall and take his seat on the Dais. The Guard of Honour will present arms and the Band will play the National Anthem.

The Members of the Order will rise from their seats, make their reverence to His Excellency as he passes, and remain standing until His Excellency has taken his seat.

Investiture.

The Chief Secretary to Government will report that the first business is the Investiture of the Honourable Mr. HENRY WILLIAM BLISS, C.I.E., as a Knight Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, under the Sovereign's Grant, and will read the Authority from His Excellency the Grand Master of the Order, and the Grant from Her Majesty the Queen, Empress of India, Sovereign of the Order.

Members of the Third Class of the Order will rise from their seats.

The Honourable Mr. HENRY WILLIAM BLISS will be led up to His Excellency the Governor by two Junior Knights of the Order followed by the Under Secretary to Government. In the absence of the Knights their places will be taken by two Companions of the Order.

His Excellency will then confer on the Honourable Mr. HENRY WILLIAM BLISS, the Title, Degree, and Honour of a Knight Bachelor of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

After the Honourable Sir HENRY BLISS has made his reverence to His Excellency, he will be conducted by the Chief Secretary to Government to the table on the left of the Dais, where the two Knights of the Order, receiving from the Chief Secretary to Government the Star of the Order, will decorate the Honourable Sir HENRY BLISS therewith.

The Honourable Sir HENRY BLISS will then be conducted by the Chief Secretary to Government to the front of the Dais, and will make his reverence to His Excellency.

Meanwhile the two Knights of the Order will withdraw to their places. Members of the Third Class of the Order will remain standing.

The Under Secretary to Government will next take from the table the Riband and Badge of the Order and hand them to the Chief Secretary to Government, who will deliver them to His Excellency.

His Excellency, remaining seated, will invest the Honourable Sir HENRY BLISS with the Riband and Badge, and will address to him the following admonition:—

"In the name of the Queen and Empress of India and by Her Majesty's Command, I hereby invest you with the Honourable Insighia of the Order of the Indian Empire, of which Most Eminent Order Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to appoint you to be a Knight Commander."

The newly-invested Knight Commander will then make his reverence to His Excellency, and will be led by the Chief Secretary to Government to the seat appointed for him. Members of the Third Class of the Order will then resume their seats.

The Chief Secretary to Government will then report that the further business is the Investiture of MUHAMMAD MUNAWAR, KHAN BAHADUR, PRINCE OF ARCOT, as a Knight Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, under the Sovereign's Grant, and will read the Authority from His Excellency the Grand Master of the Order, and the Grant from Her Majesty the Queen, Empress of India, Sovereign of the Order.

Similar ceremonies will be observed in the Investiture of the PRINCE OF ARCOT, except that the ceremony of Knighthood will be omitted in his case.

When the Investiture of Sir MUHAMMAD MUNAWAR, Khan Bahadur, Prince of Arcot, is concluded and all the Members of the Order have resumed their seats, the Chief Secretary to Government will represent that there is no further business.

His Excellency and Staff preceded by the Under Secretary and the Chief Secretary to Government will leave the Banqueting Hall in the order in which they entered. The Guard of Honour will present arms and the Band will play a March.

Full dress will be worn by all Officers on this occasion, and evening dress by Gentlemen who are not entitled to wear uniform.

(By Command of His Excellency the Governor.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

NOTE FOR

Are there 30 Copies
have been pulled
somewhat turned?
The central portion
of star in some
Copies is not so
distinct as those
which will be sent
later on

H.L.
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NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Below are some
copies of the first installment of
30 copies of the Innovations Programme.
It is clear it is subP, that the
star is getting worse as more
copies are struck. Perhaps it
will be best to do without the
star altogether. Orders are
solicited. The issue of the work
Cards has been awaiting these
programmes. I have a supply
of programmes like ^{if}
it is decided to drop the star
these will be issued to members
of the Order with the work Cards.
and Supdt. will be instructed to
strike ^{from the} copies without the star,
putting up the matter so as
to avoid the blank below the
Royal Arms.

Carb
5/7/96

~~Strike off~~ ~~copies~~ ~~with~~ ~~star~~

I think this had better
be left out. It is not
a good word. I am
saying second rate
spoils the effect.

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Department.

C. No.

TELEPHONE MESSAGE.

From The Chief Assistant

CHIEF SECRETARIAT,

To The Supt., Goat Press

Dated 5. 2. 1898.

Return to the
Supt. of the
Press

putting up
the matter
so as to avoid
the blank
below the
Royal arms.

The Chief Secretary directs
that the star be omitted
from the programme. So please
go on striking copies without
the star. 600 copies will be
wanted by Monday. You can
send the whole lot in batches.
Please let me know if this will be
all right.

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Chief Assistant Secy

Chief Secy

64 Word Form.

I have no more special paper so
that these new 64 word forms must be
on printing paper thick unless you
can send sheets for 1/30 on good
special paper. I shall print the
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that all will be in purple ink.

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