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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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The attention of the
Governor in Council
has ^{of late} been attracted to
~~the~~ numerous instances
which have lately
~~occurred~~ of the unau-
thorized publication
of official papers
surreptitiously obtained
from the Govt. Press or
from other Public offices,
a notable instance of
this objectionable practice
occurred on the 26 ultimo
when what purported
to be the distribution
list of the Army under
the new organization

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was published in one of the local journals, the list in question being at the time still under revision. The consequence of this premature publication was that an incorrect list was given to the Army, which not improbably caused considerable inconvenience and anxiety to some of the officers concerned. During the present month one or two other cases have occurred.

2. Under the arrangement which for some years past has been in force all papers which in the opinion of the Govt. can with propriety be made public, are furnished weekly

weekly to the Press. Those which are not so furnished are papers the publication of which is considered to be objectionable, or is opposed to the orders of the Supreme Govt. which prohibit the publication of papers while actually under reference to that Govt. Such papers can only be obtained by the Press by a system of tampering with subordinate officials who, there is every reason to believe, are tempted by bribes to purloin the papers, and furnish them to the employés in the newspaper offices.

It is only fair to the Madras Press

to say that for some
time past the practice
adverted to has, as far
as the Govt. are aware,
been, entirely confined
to a single paper.

The practice is one
which, objectionable
as it is in every respect
and especially in the
demoralizing influences
which it cannot fail
to exercise over the
Govt. employes whose
services are made use
of, it is of course
most difficult if not
impossible for the
Govt. to suppress, but
it is clearly the duty
of the Govt. to do what
it can to mark its
reprobation of the
practice; and His
Excellency in Council
accordingly

accordingly directs that
on the next occasion
of the unauthorized
publication of an official
document, the privilege
of obtaining papers
from the Editors' Table
~~shall~~^{may} be withdrawn
from the proprietors
of the journal in
which it is first
published).

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