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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	8-8-	1967

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
8th August 1867.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 61. From Messrs. TRÜBNER and Co., Book-sellers, London, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated London, 22nd May 1867.

We venture to draw your attention to the accompanying prospectus of a History of India by Mr. J. Talboys Wheeler, Assistant Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign (Political) Department at Calcutta, of which the first volume is now published, and which we have cause to believe will prove to be not only the most important work upon the subject which is especially adapted to educational purposes amongst the higher classes in the Indian Colleges.

2. The first three volumes will be complete in themselves, and will be devoted to what the author has termed the Hindoo period. These volumes will be exhaustive as far as the two great Indian epics are concerned, but will also comprise a searching criticism upon their subject matter, which is not only of value from a historical point of view, but, being applied to topics with which the Hindoo is familiar from childhood, and being moreover entirely free from any religious bias, will be calculated to lead the Native to a course of independent thought, and stimulate that critical faculty which has hitherto lain dormant in the Hindoo mind.

3. As regards the history as a history, we scarcely need say anything. Mr. Wheeler's official position has presented unusual advantages for the undertaking, to which he has already devoted the leisure of many years, whilst his previous literary labors may perhaps be regarded as an earnest of his untiring investigation and critical ability.

4. Trusting that you will support this important enterprise by a liberal order for copies, we have the honor to remain, &c.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction, for his opinion as to whether the work referred to is likely to be suitable for use in the Educational Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
25th July 1867.

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

No. 62. From the Director of Public Instruction, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 29th July 1867, No. 1485.

I have the honor to return the letter from Messrs. Trübner and Co., of the 22nd May last, referred to me for the expression of my opinion as to the probable suitability of Mr. J. T. Wheeler's History of India for use in the Colleges and Schools of this Presidency. I also return the Prospectus of the work, and the copy of Vol. I forwarded with Messrs. Trübner's letter.

2. I do not consider that it will be possible to introduce the work as a text-book into colleges and schools. I am, therefore, unable to recommend the purchase of any large number of copies. Still, I think that the work, if well executed, should find a place in the libraries of colleges and advanced schools. I, therefore, propose, with the permission of Government, to instruct the Curator of Books to write to Messrs. Trübner and Co., and order two dozen copies for the Central Depot. It appears to me that no additional action need be taken in the matter.

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8th August 1867.*

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, 8th August 1867, No. 969.

The Government sanction the purchase of two dozen copies of Mr. J. T. Wheeler's History of India for the Central Book Depôt, as recommended by the Director of Public Instruction.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 64. To Messrs. TRÜBNER & Co., 60, Paternoster Row, E. C., London,
dated Fort Saint George, 8th August 1867, No. 970.

In reply to your letter of the 22nd May last, I am directed to inform you that the Director of Public Instruction in this Presidency has been authorized to purchase, through the Curator of the Government Book Depôt, two dozen copies of Mr. J. T. Wheeler's History of India.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Acting Chief Secretary.

*London May 21st 1867
60, Paternoster Row, E. C.*

Sir,

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Trusting that you will support
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Sir,
your most obedient servants
Tribner & Co

Wm. A. Tribner
Chief Secretary to Government
For George
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Public Department
 No. 970.
 To Mr. H. J. - London 1867.
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W. L. George,
 8th August 1867

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 The Director of Public Instruction

The Acting Chief Secretary to Government
 Fort Saint George.

Dated 29th July 1867.

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Mr. H. J. Director of Public Instruction
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