

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 374

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Dated 1-4-1870

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To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward copies of a Despatch from the Secretary of State and of correspondence with the Director of Public Instruction relative to Canarese inscriptions. I am to request that this Government may be informed whether the Bombay Government would wish the whole of the M.SS. described in Mr. Pickford's letter to be sent to Bombay on loan, or only the more ancient inscriptions in the Canada character.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

1st April 1870.

Chief Secretary.

Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 27th January 1870, No. 4, (Public.)

Her Majesty's Government having approved of a scheme for the collection and preservation of the ancient Canarese inscriptions, it is considered desirable that the gentleman entrusted with the task of collecting them should have access to the copies taken for the late Colonel Mackenzie, which are still preserved at Madras. I have, therefore, to request that you will have the goodness to cause them to be forwarded on loan to the Bombay Government, with a view to their being placed at the service of the gentleman appointed on that special duty.

From the Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 26th March 1870, No. 540.

I have the honour to return the Despatch from the Home Government, forwarded with a covering Memorandum, No. 66, of the 16th instant, from Mr. Under Secretary Stokes, and to submit a letter, dated the 22nd idem, from the Professor of Sanskrit, Presidency College.

2. It will be seen, from Mr. Pickford's communication, that, among the M.SS. under his charge, there are several containing Canarese inscriptions, some appearing to be of an old date and written in the Canada character, while the rest are comparatively new transcripts, written in the Telugu character, and are bound up with Telugu and other inscriptions. Both sets have been put apart pending further orders.

3. No Canarese inscriptions are under the charge of the Curator of Government Books.

From J. PICKFORD, Esq., Professor of Sanskrit, Presidency College, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated Madras, 22nd March 1870.

In reply to your letter of the 17th instant, I have the honour to inform you that, among the M.SS. now under my charge, there are several containing Canarese inscriptions; and these appear to be of two distinct kinds, originals and copies: the former are few, in number not exceeding four volumes, written on paper in Canada character, and old.

2. The latter are new transcripts on English paper, and in the Telugu character, bound up with Telugu and other inscriptions in the local records. I have set both apart, and whether the originals or copies are required, they can at once be forwarded.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 4.

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India Office, London.

27th January 1870.

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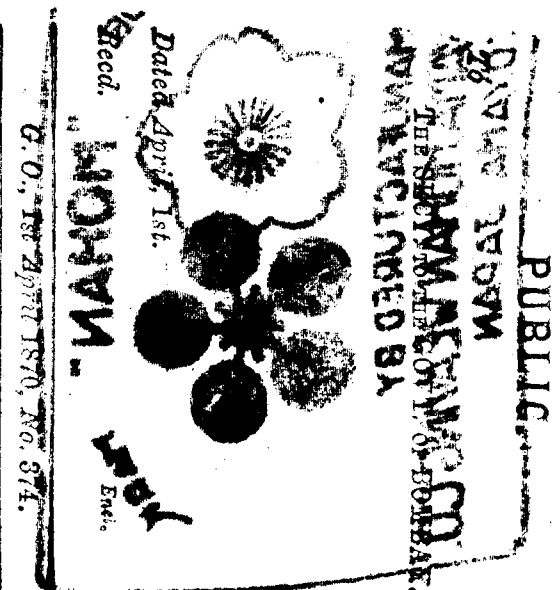
The Right Honorable

The Governor in Council

Fort St. George

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Nos. 1-3.

Addressing the Government of India on the
subject of certain proposed measures in the
Library of Manuscripts at Madras.

Bombay Government,
in view to their being
placed at the service of the
gentleman appointed on this
special duty.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient
humble servant

W. E.

Public
27. Jan 1870

Letter to Fort St. George

No. 374.
1st April 1870

Requests that the copies of the
Canara Inscriptions taken
in the late Col MacKenzie's
excavations still preserved at
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J. D. S.

Public Department

No. 374.

The Secretary to the Government

of Bombay

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For. P. J. J. J.

1st April 70.

Indian Inscriptions

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the subject of certain
manuscripts on the
Library of Manuscripts
at London.*