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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	399	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	7-4-	1870

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
7th April 1870.*

No. 36. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, (Public,) to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 21st March 1870, No. 1511.

In continuation of the correspondence ending with the letter from this office, No. 1631, dated the 3rd April 1868, I am directed to forward, herewith, a Code of Instructions defining the future operations of the Madras Observatory, drawn up by Colonel Walker, Superintendent of the Great Trigonometrical Survey of India.

2. The Code has met with the approval of the Government of India, and I am to request that it may be adopted in the Observatory without delay. I am desired to invite the special attention of the Government of Madras to the clause which provides for the regular publication of results, and the suspension of astronomical observations in order to prevent arrears of publication. The Governor-General in Council attaches the greatest importance to the strict observance of this clause. The history of the Observatory clearly shows the necessity of regular publication, and while the Governor-General in Council is satisfied of Mr. Pogson's ability and willingness as an Observer, there can be no doubt that the usefulness of the institution hitherto has been materially affected by the want of attention to this point.

3. I am to request, therefore, that His Excellency the Governor in Council will call upon Mr. Pogson for the regular submission, in future, of an annual report showing his occupation during the year, and the progress made in publication. The report should be sent by the Government of Madras through the Secretary of State to the Astronomer Royal, who should be invited to offer such criticisms upon it as he may consider to be required. At the same time the Governor-General in Council trusts that, on the submission of these reports, the Government of Madras will see that the instructions of the Government of India are duly observed.

4. I am to add that their observance will be materially facilitated by the appointment of an European Assistant to the Astronomer. It will, therefore, be recommended to the Secretary of State that Mr. Pogson's son be appointed an Assistant on a salary of Rupees 150 per mensem to begin with, to be increased to Rupees 200 as soon as the publication of the unpublished portions of the twenty years' series of magnetic and meteorological observations has been completed, and to be still further increased to Rupees 250 as soon as the publication of all other arrears of observations, whether astronomical, meteorological, or magnetic, has been brought up to date.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1870, No. 399.

The Government resolve to furnish a copy of the letter of the Government of India, and its enclosure, to the Government Astronomer, who will strictly conform to the Code of Instructions prescribed by the Government of India.

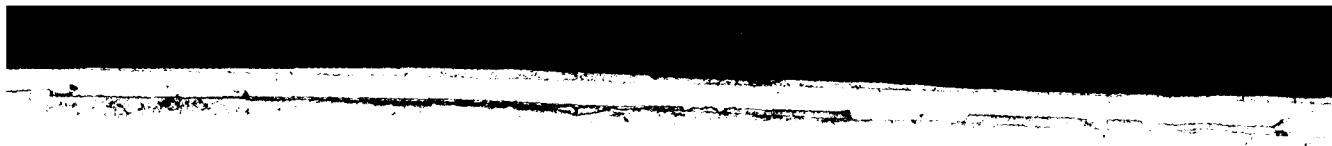
2. The Government desire seriously to impress upon Mr. Pogson the necessity of his observance of the Rules VIII. and IX. of the Code.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Government Astronomer, with original enclosure.

Exd. J. Wright.



Govt. of Madras

PUBLIC.

To

THE GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER.

Dated April, 7th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 7th April 1870, No. 399.

APRIL
Nos. 36-37.

Directing the Government Astronomer to conform strictly to the Code of Instructions prescribed by the Government of India for the Madras Observatory.

attention of the Govt of Madras to the clause which provides for the regular publication of results, and the suspension of astronomical observations in order to prevent arrears of publication. The Governor General in Council attaches the greatest importance to the strict observance of this clause. The history of the Observatory clearly shows the necessity of regular publication, and while the Governor General in Council is satisfied of Mr. Pagon's ability and willingness as an observer, there can be no doubt that the neglect of the institution hitherto has been materially affected by the want of attention to this point.

3. I am to request therefore that His Excellency the Governor in Council will call upon Mr. Pagon for the Commission in September and

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annual report showing his occupation during the year and the progress in publication. The report should be sent by the Govt of Madras through the Secretary of State to the Astronomer Royal, who should be invited to offer such criticisms upon it as he may consider to be required. At the same time the Governor General in Council trusts that, on the submission of these reports, the Govt of Madras will see that the instructions of the Govt of India are duly observed.

4. I am ~~to~~ ~~request~~ that their observance will be materially facilitated by the appointment of an European Assistant to the Astronomer. It will therefore be recommended to the Secy of State that Mr. Pagon's son be appointed an Assistant on a salary

of Rs. 150 per month with the usual allowances

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Secy. to Govt. of India dated
21st March 1870 No. 1544.

Order thereon no. 399. 7 April/70.

The Govt. resolve
to furnish a copy of the
letter of the Govt. of India
and its enclosure to the Govt.
Astronomer, who will strict-
ly conform to the code of
instructions prescribed by
the Govt. of India.

2. The Govt. desire seriously to impress upon Mr. Poyson the necessity of his observance of the Rules VIII and IX of the Code.

to the Sub Astronomer. { Despatched. 11/4/70

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The Govt. Stationer

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Dated

April 7

1870, No.

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*Respecting the Govt. Stationer
to compare directly to the
Code of instructions for
issued by the Govt. of
India for the printing
of documents.*