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India Office, London,  
20th April 1870.

Financial;  
No. 33.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable The Governor  
General of India in Council.

My Lord,

\* Dated 12th  
Nov. 1869.

Para. 1. I forward herewith copy of a letter\* from Dr. Hooker, Director of the Royal Gardens, Kew, relative to the inconvenience occasioned by the difficulty of obtaining in this country copies of works on scientific and practical Indian botany, published by or under the authority of the local Governments in India.

2. I have to request that you will give instructions for the preparation and transmission of lists of all works of this class, and of all other works of scientific, historical, or antiquarian interest, so published during the last five years. These lists should specify the nature of the works and reports enumerated, the Government by or under the patronage of which they were published, the number of copies in store, and the price at which they have been hitherto sold. Similar lists should annually be forwarded to this country.

3. I have further to request that not less than ten copies of all such works which may in future be published, or aided in publication, by any of the local Governments, may invariably be transmitted to this Office, and that, in the case of works of special interest, the number of copies forwarded may amount to fifty. Of these, two copies should be sent, *via* Marseilles, immediately on publication, and the remainder, *via* Southampton, with as little delay as may be practicable.

4. With regard to works issued in parts, the publication of which often extends over a considerable period, directions should be given for the transmission of the various parts as soon as published, in accordance with the above arrangement, without awaiting the completion of the works.

5. It is my intention, when you have reported your adoption of this proposal, to enter into arrangements with London publishers, through which the attention of the public may be more readily directed to these works than has hitherto been the case, and their wider circulation ensured, so far as it is in the power of Government to further that object.

6. In the above directions I do not include official reports and other papers printed by your Government and the subordinate Governments for official use. With regard to these, I do not wish to add anything to the instructions already in force.

7. But I must take the present occasion of calling your attention to the great neglect or carelessness which has for a long time past existed

on the part of some of the officials of the different Governments in India, as to sending regularly home copies of such papers. Either the papers in question are not sent at all, or, if sent, they arrive so long after the date of publication as to be frequently of comparatively little use. It has occurred, and that not seldom, that reference has been made to official Indian documents, by writers in English newspapers, in a manner to indicate that such documents were actually in their hands, when no copies of them had been received in this Office. These papers, moreover, are often transmitted in numbers which bear no relation to their importance; those of real value being forwarded in very small numbers, and those of less interest in large quantities.

8. A copy of this Despatch and of its enclosure will be forwarded to the Governments of Madras and Bombay.

I have the honour to be,  
My Lord,

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Royal Gardens. Wand.

November 12, 1869

My Lord Duke,

I beg respectfully to bring under Your Grace's notice the fact, that certain useful works on Scientific and practical Indian Botany are from time to time printed by or under the authority of the Local Governments of India, or are aided in their publication by grants from those Governments, but which being neither advertised nor published in Europe (and some not even in India) are inaccessible to Botanists in general.

As the most recent case in point I would cite - Dr. Howard's "Punjab Plants", a book of upwards of 370 Pages, comprising the Botanical and vernacular names and the uses of the Plants of the Punjab. This work is printed at the Lahore Government Press, but bears no published name, and it was by the merest accident that I became aware of its existence, though it is

To His Grace  
The Secretary of State for India in Council

is of essential importance that  
Copies should be kept in the library  
and museum of the.

In this and similar cases all  
that appears to be requisite is,  
that in future, Copies of all such  
works printed by, or assisted in  
publication by the Local  
Governments of India, should be  
deposited for sale with a Local  
Publisher and be advertised in  
the Trade Catalogues.

I have &c.

J. D. Hooker

Director.

No. 4.

Copy Financial Despatch to the  
Govt of India, No 133, dated the  
20<sup>th</sup> April 1870 & of its Enclosure.

Referred to in Financial Letter to  
Madras, No 46, dated 20<sup>th</sup> April 1870.

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no 46 Final & 20<sup>th</sup> April  
1870 -

Pub. no. 1138

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works of scientific, historical  
& antiquarian interest.

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Financial  
No. 46.

India Office. London.  
20<sup>th</sup> April 1890.

My Lord,

I forward herewith,  
for your information and guidance,  
copy of a Financial Despatch  
to the Government of India, relative  
to the transmission to this  
country of works, reports &c  
published in India by, or under  
the patronage of, the local  
Governments.

I have the honor to be

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient  
humble servant

*[Signature]*

His Excellency  
The Right Hon'ble  
The Governor in Council  
Fort St. George.

*dated 20<sup>th</sup> April 1890. R. 9133 (with enclosure)*

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*J. D. S.*

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OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

Public Department.

No. MADRAS,

Dated 10<sup>th</sup> May 1873.

Received

THE Under Secretary to  
Government, Public, &c., Depart-  
ments is directed to call the

attention of the Director of  
Public Instruction to para 2  
of the Despatch from the Right  
Honble the Secretary of State  
for India dated 20 April 1870.  
No. 133 (Financial) recorded  
in the Proceedings of Govern-  
ment, Public Department,  
3<sup>d</sup> June 1870, No. 408, and  
to request that a list for  
the year 1872-73, of the class  
of works referred to in the  
Despatch

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20<sup>th</sup> April 1870  
The Letter to Lord George  
No 46

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Ordered that  
the instructions con-  
tained in the Despatch  
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be kept in view.

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The Revenue Department  
- " - Military Department  
- " - Public Works Department  
Librarian 11/6

With an order.

Received on 11 June 70

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