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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	59/	Press Mis.
Dated	6-5-	19/87/

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
6th May 1871.

No. 27. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Legislative Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 10th April 1871, No. 494 :—

In your letter, No. 35, dated the 11th January last, you request the discontinuance of the supply to your Government of the 250 copies in octavo of the Acts of the Legislative Council of the Governor-General which have hitherto been regularly sent; you explain that, as soon as an Act appears in the *Gazette of India*, 1,400 copies are printed in the Government Press at Madras, and you propose to strike off extra copies for the use of Judicial Officers.

2. In reply, I have the honour to point out that, when a Bill first appears in the *Gazette of India*, it is not always free from misprints; that the marginal notes are not always accurate; and that, where indexes are added, they are, in many instances, not complete. None of these defects are found in the octavo copies. The body of each of these reprints is carefully compared with the copy signed by the Viceroy and Governor-General: the marginal notes are then (pursuant to one of the Rules for the Conduct of Business) carefully revised by the Secretary in this Department, and the index is made complete, and all the references verified. The octavo copies are, moreover, printed on a superior paper, and at the end of the year the volume which they compose is rendered complete by an elaborate index to all the Acts passed in the preceding twelve months.

3. The saving of freight which would be effected by adopting the plan proposed in your letter under reply is quite insignificant. But, even if this were not so, the importance of supplying Judicial Officers with accurate copies of the laws which they administer is so paramount that the Government of India proposes to continue to supply your Government with the octavo edition of the Acts of the Council of the Governor-General.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 6th May 1871, No. 591.

Ordered to be recorded.

2. The Government are of opinion that it is of the utmost importance that the Acts of the Governor-General in Council should be as speedily as possible placed in the hands of Judicial and Executive Officers, and they, therefore, direct the continuance of the arrangements ordered in paragraph 5 of G. O., 11th January 1871, No. 34.

3. On the completion of the annual volumes with indexes, &c., received from the Government of India, they will be bound and distributed to Judicial Officers.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

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Dated May, 6th.

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G. O., 6th May 1871, No. 591.

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Directing the continuance of the arrangement
at present in force for supplying Judicial an
Executive Officers with the Acts of the Governor
General in Council.

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From

Whitley Stokes Esquire,

Secretary to the Govt of India,

Legislative Department.

To The Honble R. S. Ellis Esq.

Chief Secretary to Government,

Dated Fort St. George, the 11th April 1855.

Legislative }
Department. } Sir

In your letter N^o 35, dated the 11th of January last, you request the discontinuance of the supply to your Government of the two hundred and fifty copies in octavo of the Acts of the Legislative Council of the Governor General, which have hitherto been regularly sent; you explain that as soon as an Act appears in the Gazette of India, 1400 copies are printed in the Government Press at Madras, and you propose to strike off extra copies for the use of judicial officers.

2. — In reply I have the honour to point out that when a Bill first appears in the Gazette of India, it is not always free from misprints, that the marginal notes are not always

accurate, and that where indexes are added they are, in many instances, not complete. Some of these defects are found in the Octavo copies. The body of each of these reprints is carefully compared with the copy signed by the Viceroy and Governor General, the marginal notes are then (pursuant to one of the Rules for the Conduct of Business) carefully revised by the Secretary in this Department, and the index is made complete, and all the references verified. The octavo copies are, moreover, printed on a superior paper, and at the end of the year the volume which they compose is rendered complete by an elaborate index to all the Acts passed in the preceding twelve months.

3.— The saving of freight which would be effected by adopting the plan proposed in your letter under reply, is quite insignificant. But even if this were not so, the importance of supplying judicial officers with accurate copies of the laws which they administer

is so paramount that the Government of India proposes to continue to supply your Government with the octavo edition of the Acts of the Council of the Governor General.

I have the honour to be
Per
Your Obedient Servant

Shirley St. John

Secretary to the Govt. of India

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*Directing the continuance of
the arrangements at present in
force for supplying judicial
Executive Officers with the
Acts of the Governor General
in Council.*