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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

12th June 1879, No. 930.

Civil Service Lists.

Read the following paper :—

No. 51. *From A. C. TUPP, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, Madras, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 8th May 1879, No. 1881.*

Treasury Audit Department.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of His Grace the Governor in Council that the final proofs (corrected by Government and by this Office) of the Ecclesiastical and Civil Service Lists were not inserted in the issue of the Army, &c., Lists for the second quarter of this year, published at the beginning of this month, by the Lawrence Asylum Press.

2. With regard to the Ecclesiastical List, I enclose the Superintendent's reply to my letter on the subject, in which he was told that the final proof was sent to the Press on 31st March. It does not appear why the Superintendent failed to open the cover containing it till the 4th instant.

3. Having this reply before me, it was needless to ask why the Civil Service List did not agree with the latest revised proof, for I received it from Government on the 4th, and after correcting several inaccuracies which had escaped notice in the Government Office, I sent it to the Press on the 5th instant.

4. No avoidable delay occurred in this Office in transmitting the Lists in question to the Press, and as accuracy is not, I presume, to be sacrificed to punctuality in issue, in the case of these official publications, I submit the matter for the orders of Government.

5. I have to-day received from the Secretary of the Lawrence Asylum Press two letters addressed to him complaining of errors in the Ecclesiastical and Civil Service Lists, some of which would not have occurred had the Superintendent waited for the finally-revised proofs mentioned above.

6. I am aware that the Military Department may object to delay the printing of the Army List even for a day or two in order to secure accuracy in the Civil List, and this difficulty and the request of the Legislative Department of the Government of India for copies of the "*Madras Civil List*," show, I think, the urgency of a subject on which I have been intending to address the Government for some time.

7. This is the necessity for the compilation and issue of a separate and detailed "*Civil List*" containing not only the Covenanted Civil Service, Judicial Officers, and Deputy Collectors, as the present Civil Service List does; but comprising all the Officers of all Departments who are in the civil employ of Government.

8. Such a list is Published in every other presidency and Province in India, and is found to be of the greatest use in the Secretariat and Account Offices, and indeed in all public departments.

9. The general plan of this list has been sanctioned by the Government of India, and has been adopted, I see, also by the Government of Bombay in their recently-published Civil List. It contains 29 parts which I need not detail here, as they are given at the beginning of the Bombay and North-Western Provinces Lists, copies of which I forward with this. The first 28 parts are classified lists (with salaries) of the different departments and the 29th is a distribution list arranged locally.

10. This list is in most Provinces compiled by the Accountant-General's Office and revised by the Government Secretariat before final issue. I shall be happy to undertake the work if His Grace in Council should see fit to entrust it to me; but, as no such list has hitherto existed in this Presidency, the first compilation will be a work of considerable labor, and I would ask the Government to allow me to entertain temporarily a clerk on Rupees 60 a-month for the purpose.

11. I have already made a commencement by compiling a list of all gazetted officers in Civil employ at the Presidency, with their salaries, and I have the honor to enclose a printed copy of this. I found that I required this constantly for reference in my own Office, so I had it printed without waiting for the Civil List, which will, of course, take some time to compile.

12. If His Grace in Council should see fit to sanction my proposals, I shall be glad to be favored with instructions as to the form in which it is desired to issue the Civil List. At present, it appears to me that the Bombay one is the most convenient; but as some improvements might suggest themselves to me during compilation, I should be glad if I might be allowed some discretion in making slight alterations in form where they seemed more suitable to the circumstances of this Presidency.

13. In conclusion, I would beg the Government to allow me to adopt the system of spelling native proper names which has already been laid down in the Board's Circular Orders (No. 214), and which is universally adopted in all the other Civil Lists. I need hardly point out how very desirable uniformity in this matter is: and as the Government of India has directed the adoption of the new system of spelling in all the Provinces which are under its immediate control, it is impossible to secure uniformity except by adopting the same system.

P.S.—I have forgotten to add that the Government Order, No. 55, Ecclesiastical, of 27th February 1879, cannot be complied with in consequence of the absence of a detailed Civil List. In other Provinces the order could be carried out at once, but here we have no means of saying how many Civil Officers of Government there are at each station. This, I think, affords an additional reason for the immediate compilation of the Civil List.

No. 52.

ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1879, No. 930.

His Grace the Governor in Council considers a quarterly List of the kind proposed by Mr. Tupp unnecessary; he, however, desires that the present *monthly* Civil List should be expanded by the addition thereto of the gazetted officers serving in the Police, Forest, Survey, and Settlement and other Civil Departments, Department Public Works excepted. He also desires that arrangements be made with the Lawrence Asylum Press to enlarge the present history of the services of Civilians by adding thereto an account of the services of each of the gazetted officers in the departments above named. As this decision will add to the expense and trouble of preparing the Asylum Press Almanac, he will be prepared to take an additional number of stitched copies of this history of service. The Accountant-General will arrange for the due check of the history of service of each officer to be inserted in communication with the Head of the Department concerned. He will, at the same time, cause the services of each member of the Covenant Civil Service as now entered in the Civil List published by the Asylum Press to be verified.

(True Extract.)

H. B. GRIGG,
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Accountant-General.
" Revenue Department.
" Inspector-General of Police.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Civil Service List.—The present monthly Civil List to be expanded by the addition thereto of the gazetted officers serving in the Police, Forest, Survey, and Settlement, and other Civil Departments, Department Public Works excepted; and an account of the services of each of the gazetted officers in the departments above named, ordered to be added to the present history of the service of Civilians.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Public (Services) Department. .

M.C. Note No. 15918-4, dated the 8th October 1935.

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The Curator, Madras Record Office is informed that
G.C. No. 930 Public dated 12th June 1879 mentioned in para-
graph 1 of his M.C. Note No. 121-1-v-35-1 dated the 30th
July 1935, is not traceable in any department of the Secre-
tariat and that it may be treated as missing, a spare copy
of the G.C. being treated as the original record.

Ghulam Husain,

Assistant Secretary to Government.

To the Curator, Madras Record Office.

F O R W A R D E D.

(By Order)

(Sd) K. Ramiah,

Superintendent.
