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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Respectfully to be furnished
with copies of the reports on the
subject of the experiments for the
artificial production of rain.*

The Observatory
Madras 14 Sept 1891
15 SEP 91
C. H. H. C.

My dear Mr Priel

I may be wrong in assuming that Reuter's telegram referred to the experiments which were to be carried out by the Agricultural Department but the American Meteorological Journal for June 1891 states that Senator Farnwell "carried through Congress, at its last session, a bill appropriating a small sum to test the possibility of the artificial production of rain by means of explosions. The experiments are soon to be tried at some point in the West, presumably on the plains." The sum appropriated was \$2000.

As I have seen no account of any other experiments I copy.

Charged that it was to these
that Reader referred. I
shall think it is most
probable.

Yours sincerely
C. Michie Smith

The Hon J. F. Price.

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From

Mr. C. Michie Smith.

No.

Dated 14th Sept. 1891Received 15th Do

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SUBJECT.

Regarding the Artificial
production of rain -

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The following extract from Nature
Sept. 3rd received today, shows that I
was right in supposing that the ex-
periments on the artificial production
of rain were those carried on with a
grant from Congress:-

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16 Sept.

Further information will
doubtless appear in the
American Meteorological
Journal. I must wait for
it before we make ourselves
ridiculous.

16 Sept.

I don't think we should be
overly anxious to hurry
State to inquire whether there
is any truth in the reports
printed in the certain newspapers
of the U.S. for being
an appropriation for experiments
to produce rain artificially & that
the State experiments have
been successful - The 14/9
17th 21st Nov for I think to
address in that sense - If
he reports for doing anything
in our power to ascertain
whether there is any truth
in the reports of the
production of rain in this
country, we should be reporting
on the subject in much more
thorough knowledge
understand the
if it is possible

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I think we should make ourselves ridiculous, if
we did not make some move in the
way of ascertaining whether the reports were
not a bit true, to get the particulars as soon asThe Observatory
Madras 22nd Sept 1891CHIEF SECRETARY
24 SEP 91

Dear Mr Price

The following extract from Nature
Sept. 3rd received today, shows that I
was right in supposing that the ex-
periments on the artificial production
of rain were those carried on with a
grant from Congress:-
"Experiments for the production of
artificial rain are now being made in
Texas. They are conducted by members of the
Signal Corps, acting under the direction
of the Minister of Agriculture, & have
been undertaken in accordance with
a vote of the United States Congress.
Adequate reports on the subject have
not yet reached this country, but it is
claimed that the experiments have
been attended by remarkable success!"I am
Yours truly
C. Michie Smith.

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Mr C. Michie Smith

No.

Dated 22^d Sep^r 1891.

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Regarding the Artificial production
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My Lord,

We have the honor
to request that we
may be furnished
with copies of the ^{official} re-
ports on the subject
of the experiments for
the ^{artificial} production of
artificial rain which
we gather from the
subscribed extract
from Nature of the
3rd Sept. last have
recently been carried
out in Texas. And the publisher
"Journal of the United States Govt"

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Govt of India - 22/10/91

artificial Rain
Letter to Secy: of State

Hon: Mr. Stokes. C.S.

20 OCTOBER 1891, No. 18, PUBLIC.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—to

THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

MY LORD,

We have the honour to request that we may be furnished with copies of the reports on the subject of the experiments for the artificial production of rain which we gather from the subscribed extract from *Nature* of the 3rd September last have recently been carried out in Texas at the expense of the United States Government:—

"Experiments for the production of artificial rain are now being made in Texas. They are conducted by members of the Signal Corps acting under the direction of the Minister of Agriculture, and have been undertaken in accordance with a vote of the United States Congress. Adequate reports on the subject have not yet reached this country, but it is claimed that the experiments have been attended by remarkable success."

We have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servants,

/Signed/ Winlock.

/ " / H.E. Stokes.

/ " / J. H. Garstin

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20 October 1891.

Exd. A. Raith.

GOVT. OF FORT ST. GEORGE

PUBLIC (1891) *DEPARTMENT.*

**LETTER to the Right Honorable
the Secretary of State for
India.**

Dated 20 " October,

No. 18 of 1891.

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artificial production of rain.*

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