

Q. J. Lyall Esq. C.S.I.
Secretary to the Govt of India
in the Home Department

Dated Calcutta the 27th March 1891.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that during a private
sojourn in Madras last season, I visited the Local Record Office
and there found many very valuable documents relating to Clive's
operations in Bengal including his journal. At that period all
Clive's reports were sent to Madras because it was then the Senior
Presidency. My visit to Madras was so very short that I had not
the time to examine as many documents as I could wish.

The greater portion of my new volume of selections from
1748-1749 is now in print and to make it complete I require
to know all the documents relating to that period which are now
in Madras. I am therefore very deeply obliged if you will be kind
enough to obtain for me His Excellency the Viceroy in Council's
permission to visit Madras for a short time in order to examine the
records of that Government. I should also be obliged if His Excellency
the Governor of Madras be asked to allow me to examine the
Records & have copies given me of such as specially relate to
Bengal. The present is a favourable moment for leaving Calcutta
for that purpose as the Home Department Records cannot be removed
for a few weeks yet into the new office.

I have the
(20) G. H. Forrest

(True Copy)
Chambers
Home Dept

From

C. J. Ryan Esq. C.S.
Secretary to the Govt of India

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
Madras.

Calcutta the 28th March 1891.

New Department
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Sir,

I am directed to forward copy of a letter from Mr. G. W. Forrest, who has recently been appointed to be the officer in charge of the records of the Government of India, requesting that he may be permitted to visit Madras and to examine the records of the Government of Madras, in order to collect information required by him to complete the volume of selections from 1748 to 1772 which he is compiling.

The Governor General in Council approves the proposal, and I am to request that with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council Mr. Forrest may be allowed to examine the records of the Madras Government and to have copies made of those specially relating to Bengal.

2. I am at the same time to suggest that the Government of Madras might avail themselves of this opportunity to obtain Mr. Forrest's advice and suggestions, if he has any to make, for the clarification and arrangement of the records of the Madras Secretariat.

I have the honour to be,
Your most Obedt Servant,

C. J. Ryan

CHIEF SECRETARY
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

For

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From

Govt of India
Home Deptt

H.M.

For Orders.

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4-4-91

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Home, Simla

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24^x This Govt. gladly agrees
to proposal^x when will be read
Madras. (From Madras)

C.S.
6-4-91

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Re Mr. Forrest's visit to Madras
to examine the records of the
Secretariat.

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