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Letter, 1st April 1892, No. 221.

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Ethnographical Research.

Intimating that it is not possible to arrange for any systematic prosecution of Mr. Risley's enquiries in the Madras Presidency in connection with his scheme for —, but approving generally of it.

1st APRIL 1892, No. 221, PUBLIC.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to Mr. Hewett's letter of the 20th October last, No. 27—1686, I am directed to state, for the information of the Government of India, that this Government regrets that it is not possible to arrange for any systematic prosecution of Mr. Risley's enquiries in this presidency, as there are no gentlemen able and willing to carry on the work. The officials of this presidency, even if they had the requisite attainments, have not, I am to say, the leisure to take up work of this description.

2. I am to add that this Government approves generally of the scheme if carried out systematically.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
1st April 1892.

Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. Raitt.

Govt. of {1892} Madras.
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General Superintendent.

ORDER—dated 1st April 1892, No. 220, Public.

The Government of India will be informed that it is not possible to arrange for any systematic prosecution of enquiries of the kind in this Presidency.

[Here enter No. 221, dated 1st April 1892.]

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
 „ the Surgeon-General.
 „ the Director of Public Instruction.
 „ the Collector of Malabar.
 „ R. Sewell, Esq., C.S.
 „ G. Oppert, Esq., Ph.D.
 „ the Secretary, Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.
 „ the Church Mission Society.
 „ the Wesleyan Mission Society.
 „ the Baptist Mission Society.
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(Signed) J. C. HANNYNGTON,
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In the absence of the Secretary of our Society in America, his correspondence has been handed to me.

I have noted with interest the success of Mr. Risley's researches in the province of Bengal, and sincerely hope that steps may be taken to prosecute the work in South India. I believe that while the results obtained will be of immense interest and value to all students of Ethnology, they will also be found of much value to those who are working for the religious welfare of the people of India. I can assure you that the scheme would commend itself to, and secure the hearty co-operation of, the representatives of our Society in South India.

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G.O. No. 989 of 24/11/91,
and the printed file of
replies regarding Mr. Risley's
scheme for ethnographical
researches -

From

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

Replies to G.O. No. 989
have not been sent in by
the D. I. J. and D. Appert.
All others addressed have
replied and their letters
have been put into type to
facilitate disposal. They
are not very encouraging.
India has sent a reminder
asking for an early reply.

Attention is invited
to para: 3 of India's letter in
G.O. 989. It contains the
points on which orders are
now requested. Copies of
the Glossary and Data are
put up.

J.D.B.
18/3/92.

I am afraid that it is impossible
to have a systematic pro-
tection of enquiries of the kind in
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tell India so. We have not got
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From the Collector of Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bellary, 8th December 1891, No.—.

I have the honour to reply to G.O., No. 989, dated 24th November 1891, regarding the possibility of extending to this Presidency Mr. Risley's scheme for Ethnographical research.

2. Of the truth of the remarks offered by the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal in para. 4 of his order on the subject, there can, I think, be no two opinions:— "The more Government officers know about the religious and social customs of the people of their districts, the better able they will be to deal with either the possible social problems of the future or with the practical questions arising in their ordinary work, such as the relations of the different castes to the land, their privileges in respect of rent, their relations to trade, their status in civil society, their internal organization, their rules as to marriage and divorce, and as to the giving and receiving of famine relief;" and again, "much influence for good over the people can be obtained by both Executive and Judicial officers by acquiring and having a reputation for possessing an intimate knowledge of the circumstances and surroundings of their actual life."

3. How to work Mr. Risley's scheme is a different matter. It is to be hoped that Mr. Risley himself will be enabled generally to direct operations. If he does so, I see little reason why the district officers should not correspond direct with him without the intervention of a Provincial Director. Such an office would be very burdensome and almost impossible for any District official to hold, unless perhaps the Judge of a light District Court. Government will be able to say whether there is any one at the Presidency Town who would undertake it. As regards the collection of information, I submit that the best course would be for Government to publish the papers and ask Collectors of districts to report the name of any officer able and willing to undertake the compilation of district statistics. I know very few gentlemen personally whom I can feel sure of at present. Mr. F. Fawcett, Superintendent of Police, now in England, is the only gentleman I have met in India who has made a special study of Anthropology. He is keenly interested in the subject, and would, I feel sure, most gladly help. Those officers who have been employed on census operations, such as Mr. Gabriel Stokes and Mr. H. A. Stuart, have probably acquired some grasp of the question. Dr. Hultzsch and Mr. Rea would probably be willing to do all they could in the matter, and their knowledge of ancient history and old inscriptions would greatly aid the undertaking. But unless Government could get a worker in every district who would labour for love of the subject, little can be done, and therein lies the difficulty. District officers are almost always very hard-worked and could not find time to make the necessary investigations and write monographs on the results obtained.

4. Is it hopeless to expect that Government may remunerate the workers? I submit that the compilation of facts relating to the inner life of the people is a subject upon which public funds might reasonably be expended. It might indeed be supposed that, when the English first became possessed of the different countries of India, they would have endeavoured to obtain, by expenditure if necessary, information on the very points on which information is now sought. No one, I think, would then have

From The General Superintendent,
Wesleyan Mission
Madras.

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Dated 12th }
Received 14th } March 1892

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SUBJECT.

Replying to G.O no. 989
Public, dated 24th Nov 1891 re:
Ethnographical Researches

of Royapettah,
12th March 1892.

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From

Rev. J. Cooling, B.A.,
General Superintendent, Wesleyan Mission,
Madras.

To

The Honorable J. F. Price,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of Madras.

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in carrying out the scheme referred to.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours most obediently

James Cooling.

Genl. Supt., W. M. S.,
Madras.

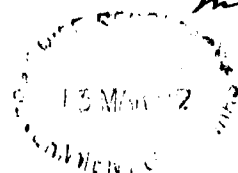
From,

The Collector
of Malabar

To the Chief Secretary to Govt.

Public Department

Madras



dated 10th March 1892

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Ethnographical researches —

Reporting that there are no persons
in this district who are willing or qual-
ified to assist in carrying out
Mr. H. H. Risley's scheme on —

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malabar Collector's office 892.
Calicut 10. March 1892

From,

W. Dunning Esquire,
Ag Collector of Malabar, ms.

To,

The Honorable J. J. Price
Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department,
Madras

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From The Secretary,
American Baptist Telugu
Mission.

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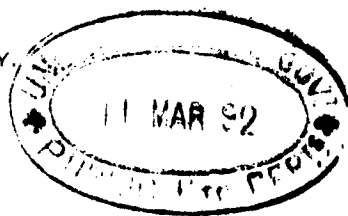
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Mr. H. H. Risley's ethnographical
Researches.

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Pérambore, Madras, Mar 11 - 1892

Acknowledgment of Gov. documents
relating to Ethnological Researches -

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Sincerely yours

Chas. Hadley
Acty Secy.

From The Secretary.

S. P. G.

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Dated 10th

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Replying to G.O. nos 989-990

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researches.

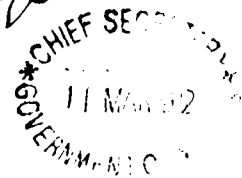
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S.P. Office

Fort St George

March 10 - 1892



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Hi
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A. C. Taylor M. A. Secy
Acting Secretary S.P.O.

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The Resident in
Travancore & Cochin

The Chief Secretary
to Government

Fort St George

Dated 24 February 1892

Received - 28th - Do

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No. 39

Enclosure 1st

Reporting that
there are no quali-
fied persons to assist
in carrying out the
Scheme for the con-
tinuation of Ethno-
graphical researches
in Travancore & Cochin.

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Political Department.

From

The Resident in Travancore & Cochin

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

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Resident's Office,

Trivandrum, 24th Feb 1892

From

J. C. Haugyngton Esquire
Resident in Travancore and Cochin,

To

The Honorable J. F. Price
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Haugyngton
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From the Secretary,
Church Missionary Society

No.

Dated 22nd } Feby. 1892
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States that he has
forwarded G. O. 24-11-91, no. 989-990
on Ethnographical Researches to the
Reverend J. E. Padfield B. D. Masulipatan.

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Church Missionary Society

Madras.

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From the Secretary Church Mission 1892
To the Chief Secretary
St. George's

From The Rev. W. Joss

Sir. I have the honour to
state I have forwarded to
you November 1891 Nos 98
on Ethnographical Research
the Rev J E Padfield Esq. to
who is the only person
connected with this Society
to be interested in the subject

I have the honour
to be
Yours truly
Edw. Joss

No.

Dated 22nd

Received 23rd

Enclosures

} Feb 1892

SUBJECT.

Replying to G.O dated 24th
Nov 1891. nos 989-90 re: ethnographical
researches &c.

Home Department,

(Public);

Calcutta, the 14th February 1892.

No. 562

To
The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Madras

SIR,



I AM directed to invite attention to
the communication* marginally noted,
and to request an early reply thereto.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. P. M. S.

Deputy
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

* No. 1686 dated 20th Oct 1891
and subsequent reminder

No. dated

4.3.26

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Public (1891) DEPARTMENT.

From

THE SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras
Fort St. George,

No. 738

Dated 16th

Dec

1891

Received

Regd 18th

CHIEF SECRETARY
No. 17 DEC 1891

SUBJECT.

Stating that he has no
remarks to offer on Mr.
Risley's scheme for the con-
tinuation of Ethnographical
researches.

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras 16th December 1891
Fort St. George,

No. *738*

From

THE SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

~~Fort St. George,~~

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department,

SIR,

With reference to G. O. no: 989 Public dated the 24th November 1891, I have the honor to state that I have no remarks to offer myself and that I am not aware of any person who may be particularly qualified to assist in carrying out the scheme -

2/ I shall be glad to instruct the several District Surgeons in the Presidency to assist Provincial Directors in whatever manner Government may indicate

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. V. S. Subrahmanyam
Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

24/11/91 No. 989 Pros.

From

*The Collector of
Bellary*

To

*The Chief Secretary
to Government
Public Department
Madras*

No:

Dated 17th December 1891
Recd 11th Dec 1891
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Abstract

*Offering remarks on Mr.
Risley's scheme for
Ethnographical research*

