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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., dated 15th August 1891, No. 702, Public.

Read—the following paper:—

From H. BEAUCHAMP, Esq., Editor, "Madras Mail," to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 6th August 1891.

Would you kindly inform me whether there would be any objection to my being furnished with advance proofs of *Fort St. George Gazette* notifications of postings, leave, &c., either from the Government offices themselves or from the Government Press? At Simla the Government of India makes this concession to Press correspondents, who obtain proofs several hours before the actual publication of the *Gazette of India*. If the same concession were allowed here, the notifications could appear in our issue of Tuesday evening and be known up-country one day in advance of the *Gazette* itself.

Order—dated 15th August 1891, No. 702, Public.

The Superintendent of the Government Press will be authorized to supply the Editor of the "Madras Mail," "Madras Times," and the "Hindu" newspapers with clean galley proofs of the *Fort St. George Gazette* after they have been finally passed in the Secretariat.

2. The Editors of the Newspapers referred to will be expected to make their own arrangements for receiving the proofs.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent, Government Press (order only).

" Editor, "Madras Mail" (P. and O.).
" " "Madras Times" (order only).
" " "Hindu" (order only).

G.O., dated 29th October 1891, R. No. 1050.

Read—the following paper:—

From H. BEAUCHAMP, Esq., Editor, "Madras Mail," to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 16th October 1891.

I should esteem it a great favour if you would kindly ascertain from Government whether it would be prepared to afford newspaper editors here the same facilities for obtaining early official information as are afforded at Simla and Calcutta by the Government of India. At present, owing to delays at the Government Press, papers "to be placed on the Editors' Table" are not received for weeks, occasionally months, after they have been given their *imprimatur*, and, consequently, when they are

received, they are, in the great majority of cases, flat, stale and unprofitable from the point of view both of the Government and of the public. At Simla our representatives can obtain an immediate inspection of documents which Government desires to be published by the Press by attending once or twice a week at the various offices. They do not have to wait until an over-worked Government Press can find leisure to print the papers off and deliver them; they are either given advance galley proofs or allowed to make a précis from the manuscripts. This system should cause no more inconvenience to Government here than it does to the Government at Simla, while it will result in considerable benefit to the public.

Then, as regards the Gazette, our representatives at Simla obtain advance proofs of the *Gazette of India* from the various offices and telegraph the notifications down to us sometimes hours before the Gazette itself is published. When a few weeks ago I requested the Madras Government to afford us the same opportunities here, it was pleased to allow the Superintendent of the Government Press to give us final galley proofs; but this has resulted in a very small saving of time. Under the Simla system, on the contrary, we should be able to publish some at least of the notifications in our issue of the same evening, which would be despatched up-country one day before the Gazette. It may often happen that the whole of the Gazette notifications of appointments, &c., are not ready for striking off at the Gazette office until late in the evening, and at Simla when that occurs extra slips are issued to the Press representatives afterwards. This, I think, might also be done here, for there is no reason why half the Gazette should not be published in one day's issue and the other half in the next.

If you would kindly represent these matters to Government, I should feel much obliged to you. I am sure my requests will be regarded as reasonable enough for consideration.

From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to the Government of ^{India} _{Bombay}, dated Fort St. George, 29th October 1891, R. No. 1050.

I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to inform me as to the system adopted in ^{Calcutta or Simla} _{Bombay} for placing the Proceedings of the Government at the disposal of the Press (newspapers).

2. The system in force here is briefly as follows:—Printed files of Government Orders are submitted from time to time to a Member of Council who makes selections for the Editors' Table. Lists of such selected papers are then published in the Gazette and the next day the newspapers which are admitted to the privilege of the "Editors' Table" are supplied with copies of the Government Orders—to some they are forwarded by messengers and to others by post, "service unpaid."

READ—also the following papers:—

From T. D. MACKENZIE, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, General Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Bombay Castle, 5th December 1891, No. 4223.

In reply to your letter, No. 1050, Public, dated 29th October last, requesting information as to the system adopted in this Presidency for placing the Proceedings of Government at the disposal of the Press, I am directed to state that in 1873 this should be presented to the editors of the leading newspapers provided Government were not put to any great expense on that account. In accordance with this ruling the editors of 29 newspapers in this Presidency are at present supplied with printed reports, selections, &c., issued by Government.

2. As regards resolutions of Government, I am to state that copies of such resolutions as are likely to prove of public interest are, under the orders of Government, given at the time the resolution is approved by them, placed on the Editors' Tables, Bombay, Poona and Dharwar. In Bombay formerly when a resolution was placed on

the Editors' Table, intimation of the fact was given to the editors of the daily English and Vernacular papers, and when possible spare copies of such papers were supplied to them. From the middle of 1889, however, copies of such resolutions are sent to the editors of the 16 principal English and Vernacular newspapers in the city. The copies are sent with a peon to the papers which are in the vicinity of the Secretariat, and to the rest by post "paid." In Poona, resolutions for the Editors' Table are sent to the care of the City Magistrate, who places them in a room in the Native General Library for the use of the editors, and the Secretary to the Library or his clerk takes care of the papers that are placed on the Editors' Table. In Dharwar, copies of official papers which are to be placed on the Editors' Table are sent to the editor of the *Dharwar Vritt* for his own use and for the information of the other editors of newspapers published at Dharwar. Copies of resolutions are not supplied to editors in other parts of this Presidency.

From C. J. LYALL, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 8th December 1891, No. 1931.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1050, dated the 29th October last, asking for information as to the system adopted in Calcutta and Simla for placing the Proceedings of the Government of India at the disposal of the Press.

2. In reply I am to say that there is no system under which the Proceedings of the Government of India are placed upon an Editors' Table. This plan was tried more than once, but was found not to work satisfactorily, and was finally abandoned several years ago. Accredited correspondents of newspapers, who require information on particular points, call upon the Secretaries to the Government of India at their offices with the object of obtaining such information, which is furnished when its communication to the Press is thought unobjectionable. When the Honorable Member in charge of a department considers that the papers on any particular subject are of such general interest that they should be made public, they are either published in the supplement of the *Gazette of India* or in a "Selection from the Records of the Government of India," or are circulated by post (service paid) to the editors of all newspapers, English and Vernacular, to which the *Gazette of India* is distributed *gratis*.

ORDER—dated 17th June 1892, No. 414, Public.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

[Appendix.

APPENDIX.

Circulated. The Chief Secretary cannot give up time to see editors regularly, and there are other reasons (*e.g.*, the fact that most of the Government Proceedings are in manuscript and can't be shown across the table to an editor—and again the number of departments under the Chief Secretary's charge, rendering it difficult for him to decide without some inspection whether or not information may be safely given) which would prevent the adoption of this part of the system at Calcutta.

2. The Bombay system appears not to differ much from the Madras one, but Mr. Mackenzie's letter isn't very definite in some respects.

3. There is much reason in what Mr. Beauchamp has written and it seems that there can be no objection to letting representatives of the leading Madras newspapers make a précis for themselves from the manuscripts of papers which are on their way to the Government Press and which in the judgment of the Chief Secretary there can be no possible bar to their seeing. There are many papers belonging to classes which the Honorable Member invariably marks E.T. when the orders go to him for perusal. If he will allow the Chief Secretary to anticipate this, much will be available. Again, if the Press representatives were allowed, after seeing a paper which they did not wish to make a précis of, to ask for a galley proof, arrangements could easily be made.

4. At one time the plan of marking papers E.T. before circulation was tried, but it did not answer; if the Chief Secretary remembered to do it, the Honorable Members didn't notice the point, and their orders had again to be taken; moreover, where a draft was "from orders," the system could not be worked.

5. If, however, the Chief Secretary was given discretion and allowed to presume that, say, every order reviewing a Local Fund or Municipal report—every order reviewing a budget estimate—every "blue" pamphlet review of the administration of a Native State (care would of course be taken rigorously to confine to the "pink" pamphlet any remarks which might be twisted into an attack by an editor)—every order in whatever department which was on the face of it absolutely harmless—would be marked E.T. when printed, or, if not marked E.T., might all the same be regarded as an E.T. paper, it would be easy to obtain approval in the other cases while the papers were still in circulation.

6. It must be remembered that while editors grumble at the dry food afforded them by Government, they like and use it all the same if supplied quickly. But at

*If an order reviewing the administration of a department has been marked E.T. for ten years running, what need is there to anticipate that on the eleventh occasion it will not be, and to defer giving it to editors until the whole of the papers can be printed and sent round for perusal?

present, orders belonging to a class which is regularly given in the end to the public don't reach the newspapers until it is too late to use them, and complaints and grumbling are thus provoked. So long as the re-iterated approval* of the Honorable Member has to be given, this must be the case.

7. To give an illustration in the Financial Department. It has been the practice for years to mark all Budget Orders E.T. when they come round in the perusal bundles. The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes follows his predecessors in so marking them. Well: this is dry provender. Still, if an editor can insert a little paragraph to say that the Inspector-General of Police estimated the expenditure of his department at so much, the receipts at so much, and that Government has passed or not passed his estimates, the dryness of the fact won't prevent that editor from gladly padding his columns with it, always provided that he can give it as fresh news. Under the arrangement proposed above, the editor would be in a position to give it as such. Under the present arrangement, he can only give it as stale news, and the editor either makes no use of it at all, or, if he does print it as an occasional note, does so grumbling (and with reason) at the inequity of it.

8. It is believed that the privilege will not be abused by the newspapers. If the editors or their representatives should be unscrupulous, it will be to their interest not to be so here, as any abuse of the concession could be quickly visited by withdrawing it. At present the only mark of displeasure which can be shown is to strike off a newspaper from the list of those admitted to the privilege of the Editors' Table—an extreme step which Government is always very unwilling to take.

9. It may be said that there is danger of the Chief Secretary making mistakes. Granting this, such mistakes would occur very seldom and probably be slight ones; it is obvious that at times he might look at a paper in a different light from an Honorable Member and give what that Member would not give, or *vice versa*; similarly under the present system, His Excellency the Governor or the junior Member might at times differ in opinion from the senior Member if their consent had to be obtained to marking a paper E.T.

The Chief Secretary will always be a Civilian of long standing and experience, and it is surely better to run the risk of his making at times what an individual Member of Government might regard as a mistake than to hedge about the system with restrictions merely to guard against the possibility of such mistakes. The Secretaries at Calcutta are of similar standing to Secretaries at Madras, and if the Members of Government there delegate their authority largely in this respect to Secretaries, why should they not safely do so here?

(Intld.) A. T. P.
7-2-92.

The present system is no doubt one which causes great delay and dissatisfaction. The only way in which to mend matters seems to be an arrangement something of the kind suggested by the Chief Assistant. If Honorable Members choose to give it a trial I will do my best to work it judiciously. I wish it, however, to be understood that, as far as I am personally concerned, I do not care to see any change. I have, as it is, more than enough in the way of work to do and I furthermore do not wish to expose myself to the risk of the annoyance which making a mistake, or what may be regarded by a Member of the Government as a mistake, in communicating a particular paper to the Press, may involve.

15-2-92.

(Intld.) J. F. P.

I agree.—J. H. G. W. { I don't approve of the proposal that editors should be allowed access to manuscript papers in order to make précis of them at the Government Office. It would entail considerable worry at the office and the papers often contain remarks or notes which the editor ought not to see, even there may be no objection to the orders or final disposals being made public. I think that the delay involved in waiting for printed papers must be tolerated and that in cases when we may desire quick publicity we can take special steps to reduce this delay. I don't object to considerable delegation of power to the Secretaries in the matter and I think this would best be done by the preparation of a standing list of papers which should ordinarily be communicated to the Press. The office might then, in sending the papers to be printed, mark them for rapid issue. Arrangements might also be made that all minutes of appointment should be put in type as they are passed, and advance slips furnished to the editors of the chief Madras newspapers. Beyond this, I don't think any change is required in the present system.

17-2-92.

(Intld.) H. E. S.

The only papers that come to me to be passed for the E.T., I think, are Revenue ones, and I am quite content that this should be so. The delay in circulating papers for approval for E.T. after they are printed is very slight and I think each Member had better deal with those of his own departments as at present.

23-2-92.

Intld.) J. H. G.

It would be a good thing for a list of papers to be drawn up which the Secretaries might communicate to the Press as a matter of course, but even with some of these there is room for a considerable amount of discretion on the part of Secretaries. I believe the Revenue Secretary marks some passages specially for the Hon'ble Mr. Garstin to decide as to whether they should be placed on the Editors' Table, especially in the reports from district officers, but before the custom was to publish them all without any discrimination. This has been shown to lead to mischievous results, but I am not quite clear as to how this discrimination is exercised, or in whom it is vested.

26-2-92.

(Intld.) W.

A printed list of orders which by custom are placed on the Editors' Table is circulated.

It is thought that there can be no objection to the Secretaries concerned giving these to editors as proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Stokes.

One good result which will follow from the change of system in this respect will be the exclusion by drafting officers of confidential and personal matter from periodical reviews intended to be made public. There is no doubt, for example, that the order on an administration report is not the place for personal censure. The practice is to keep doubtful matters out of general orders, but at times they creep in.

(Intld.) A. T. P.
3-4-92.

(Intld.) J. F. P.

[Through the Revenue and Public Works Secretaries for any remarks which they may wish to add.]

NOTE regarding proposed delegation to Secretaries of power to communicate papers to the Press.

There is no objection, as far as I can see, to empowering the Secretary to mark for the Editors' Table *all* Government Orders which are *invariably* communicated to the Press, such as the annual reviews enumerated in No. 6 of the list of papers in the Revenue Department usually placed on the Editors' Table. There is no difficulty also about many other orders such as those relating to the following subjects (see list):—

1. General orders regarding census.
2. Revision of Revenue collections.
3. Changes in head-quarters.
4. Rules and orders relating to Acts and Bills.
7. General Orders under the Merchandise Marks Act.
8. Annual reviews of budgets.
9. Orders relating to acquisition of lands for public purposes.
10. Papers connected with fairs and exhibitions, &c.

There is not likely to be any room for a difference of opinion regarding these, but as regards the following two classes of papers—

5. Papers regarding season and prospects,
11. All general orders of public interest relating to Land Revenue, Settlement, Salt, Abkari, Survey, Botany, Cinchona, &c.,

there is room for diversity of opinion and no rules can be laid down for guidance. Full discretion must be given to the Secretary and it must be left to him to make a reference to the Honorable Member when he is in doubt whether a particular order should be communicated to the Press or not. Expedition in publication is specially required in respect of papers relating to the season and administration of relief, but this is a class of papers in respect of which there is more room for diversity of opinion as to the advisability of publication than there is in respect of any other class. Objection has, in fact, been taken to the publicity given to some of the utterances of District officers regarding the condition of the people, the severity of distress, mortality and such like matters. At present before papers are circulated in the perusal bundles I glance over the season reports to see whether there is anything in them which it is obviously unadvisable to publish, and in that case I draw attention to the objectionable passages by a note on the circulation slip. I am quite ready, however, to take the responsibility of making the selection, referring doubtful cases for orders, if Honorable Members see fit to vest me with discretion.

As regards publication of minutes of appointment, it is submitted that they should not be communicated to the Press until Council is over and the Gazette is being made up. It sometimes happens that appointments previously determined upon are altered at the last moment (it has more than once happened in the case of Deputy Collectors), and it would be very undesirable to run the risk of giving publicity to arrangements which had been proposed but are on reconsideration modified.

(Intld.) C. A. G.

As regards the Public Works Department, I see no necessity for any change of system at all, but on the other hand if such a change is considered advisable I have no objection to accepting the fullest responsibility for the selection of papers for publication. The Public Works Department differs from some other departments in that there can very rarely be a doubt as to whether a particular paper can or cannot be published without inconvenience.

Yes.

16-4-92.

(Intld.) J. H. G.

This is what I should like to see done. I am sure the Secretary can be trusted to carry out his proposal, and that all due precautions will be taken by him.

(Intld.) W.

I think the Secretary may exercise this power.

(Intld.) J. H. G.

(") W.

J. H. G.

This is a valid objection.

16-4-92.

(Intld.) H. E. S.

(") J. H. G.

This would point to the advisability of withholding the publication of all appointments for, say, at least one week after they are made, and except in very special circumstances, a general rule to this effect would, I think, be useful, i.e., they would not be published till the second Tuesday after they had been made.

22-4-92.

(Intld.) W.

What about the other 10th and "Indian Engineering?"

(Intld.) W.

I am sure Colonel Pennyquick could be trusted in this matter, and if any time he thought it advisable could consult the Honorable Member in charge of the department.

(Intld.) W.

Nine-tenths of the papers in this department are of no public interest at all, and nine-tenths of the remaining tenth can obviously be published without objection.

I do not know that any inconvenience has occurred from the present system by which the Honorable Member in charge of the department marks papers for publication, but if he likes to delegate this duty to me I have no objection to accept it.

(Signed) J. PENNYQUICK.

I have struck out certain papers and marked with a (?) certain papers which I think ought not to be communicated as a matter of course. As to the rest I am satisfied to let Secretaries have the responsibility of communicating papers to Editors' Table.

10-4-92.

(Intld.) H. E. S.

I have noted on the Revenue Secretary's note.

16-4-92.

(Intld.) J. H. G.

LIST OF GOVERNMENT ORDERS USUALLY PLACED ON THE EDITORS' TABLE.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Archæology.—Reviews of progress reports of the Superintendent, Archæological Survey.
Bangalore Pensioners' Widows and Orphans' Fund.—Reviews of the accounts of the —.
Births, Deaths and Marriages.—Reviews of the reports on the registration of —.
Chemical Examiner's Reports.—Reviews of the —.
Civil Hospitals and Dispensaries.—Reviews of the annual reports on —.
Civilians.—Orders recording returns of junior — who have undergone training in Survey work.
Emigration.—Reviews of the annual reports on the operations connected with — in the Madras Presidency.
 — Orders communicating returns of intestate estates of Indian emigrants in charge of the Curator of Vacant Estates at Mauritius.
Epigraphy.—Orders recording progress reports of the Government Epigraphist.
European Vagrancy Act.—Reviews of statements of operations under the —.
Government Press.—Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the —.
 — Reviews of the annual reports on the audit of the accounts of the —.
Lawrence Asylum Press.—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.
Madras Observatory.—Orders on the annual reports of the —.
Military Pensioners.—Orders on the annual reports showing the number of — employed in Civil departments.
Monegar Choultry.—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.
Passports.—Reviews of the annual reports showing the number of — granted to pilgrims proceeding to Arabia.
Triptikane Langarkhana.—Reviews of the annual reports on the —.
Valedictory Orders.—on retirement of high public officials.
Victoria Hospital.—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Banganapalle State.—Reviews* of the administration reports of the —.
Carnatic Stipends.—Reviews of the administration reports of the Paymaster, —.
Cochin State.—Reviews* of the administration reports of the —.
Pudukota State.— Do. do.
Sandur State.— Do. do.
Travancore State.— Do. do.

* NOTE.—These are the blue book editions. The pink (i) ones contain in addition confidential matter.
 (i) I take it from this that the pink ones are not put on the Editors' Table.
 (Intld.) W.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

Administration Reports.—Orders on the — of the Ecclesiastical Department.
Visitation Tours of the Bishop.—Orders communicating programmes of the —.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Administrator-General's Accounts.—Reviews of the half-yearly reports on the audit of the —.
Civil Justice.—Reviews of the annual reports on the administration of —.
Courts.—Reviews of returns showing the extent of litigation in the — of this Presidency to which Government was a party.
Criminal Justice.—Reviews of the annual reports on the administration of —.
** Ganjam Agency*.—Reviews of administration reports of the —. * Generally confidential Omit. (Intld.) H. E. S. (") W.
** Godavari Agency*.—Reviews of administration reports of the —.
Indian Arms Act.—Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the —.
Indian Factories Act.—Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the —.
Jail Code.—Orders sanctioning additions to the —.
Jails.—Reviews of the annual reports of the Inspector-General of —.
Joint Stock Companies.—Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the Indian Companies Act.
Lunatic Asylums.—Reviews of the annual reports on —.
Lunatics.—Orders on the annual returns of — remaining in confinement in the jails of the Presidency. These should be subject to careful attention. (Intld.) W.
Notaries Public.—Reviews of the annual reports on the work of — in the Registration Department.
Police.—Reviews of the — administration reports.
Registration.—Reviews of reports on the working of the — department.

Registration.—Orders relating to the creation of new districts or sub-districts; to the re-adjustment of sub-districts; and to the transfers of villages from one sub-district to another. Why not publish this to the world? (Intld.) W. Very well, publish. They are generally uninteresting. (Intld.) H. E. S.

Rewards.—Reviews of the annual returns of — disbursed.
Sulphur.—Reviews of annual returns of operations under the Indian Arms Act relating to —.
Wild Animals.—Orders communicating the returns of cattle destroyed by —.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Books and Publications.—Orders directing publication of the catalogues of books registered.
 — Letters to the Under Secretary of State forwarding lists of works of interest published in English in this Presidency.
College of Engineering.—Reviews of the annual reports on the —.
Government Schools.—Orders sanctioning the establishment of new —, and the transfer to Government of private, local or municipal schools.
Grant-in-aid Code.—Orders directing publication of notifications under the —.
Lawrence Asylum.—Reviews of budget estimates of the —.
 — Reviews of the annual reports on the —.
 — Notifications relating to changes in the rules of the —.
London Matriculation Examination.—Orders communicating the Secretary of State's despatches relating to the holding of the — at Madras.
Public Instruction.—Reviews of the annual reports on —.
School of Arts.—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.
Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations.—Reviews of the annual reports on the —.
Vizayapalam Orphan Asylum.—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Conservancy Boards.—Orders relating to the constitution of — at ports.
Courts of Inquiry.—Orders on reports and proceedings of —.
Cyclone Code.—Additions to the —.
Disabled Boatmen's Fund.—Orders on reports on the —.
Harbour Trust Board.—Reviews of the administration reports of the —.
Lights.—Orders relating to changes in —.
Lights and Lighthouses.—Orders on reports on the — in the Presidency.
Madras Port Department.—Reviews of the administration reports of the —.
Ports and Lighthouses.—Orders on inspection reports of —.
Port Rules.—Additions and changes in —.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Accounts.—Orders recording statements of final — of Provincial Services.
Budget Estimates.—All orders reviewing the — of the various departments, &c.
District Post.—Orders on the annual reports on the operations of the —.
Government Savings Bank.—Orders on the reports on the audit of the accounts of the —.
Harbour Trust Accounts.—Reviews of reports on the audit of the —.
Lawrence Asylum Press.—Orders communicating the reports on the audit of the accounts of the —.
Loans.—Orders on the estimates of — and grants to Local Boards and Municipal Councils.
Provincial Budget Estimate.—Final orders on the —.
Revenue and Expenditure.—Statements submitted by the Accountant-General of the — of this Government distributed under Imperial, Provincial and Local.
Stationery.—Reviews of the annual reports of the Superintendent of —.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Draft Bills.—Orders directing publication of — in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.
Madras Acts.—Orders on receipt of His Excellency the Governor-General's assent to —.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

- (1) Reviews of the District Boards' budgets.
- (2) Reviews of the District Boards' reports.
- (3) Reviews of the Municipal budgets, including that of the Madras Municipality.
- (4) Reviews of the Municipal reports, including that of the Madras Municipality.
- (5) Reviews of the Vaccination reports.
- (6) Reviews of the Sanitation reports.
- (7) Reviews of the administration reports of the District Boards generally.
- (8) Reviews of the administration reports of the Municipal Councils generally.
- (9) G.O.'s finally dealing with water-supply and drainage schemes of towns.
- (10) G.O.'s sanctioning applications for loans.
- (11) G.O.'s recording the remarks of the Sanitary Commissioner on the monthly returns of Vital Statistics.
- (12) G.O.'s recording the reports on fairs and festivals.
- (13) G.O.'s dealing with the reports of the Sanitary Commissioner and Deputy Sanitary Commissioner on the towns inspected by them.
- (14) G.O.'s dealing with the reports of the Inspecting Agency on Local Fund and Municipal Accounts.
- (15) G.O.'s sanctioning the constitution of Local Fund Taluks.
- (16) G.O.'s sanctioning the constitution of Local Fund Unions.
- (17) G.O.'s ordering the publication of the statements showing the works of public utility constructed by private individuals.

- (18) G.O.'s sanctioning election rules for Municipalities.
- (19) G.O.'s publishing rules framed by Government under the provisions of Acts I, IV and V of 1884.
- (20) G.O.'s sanctioning Bye-laws framed under Acts I and IV of 1884.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1. General orders regarding census.
2. Revision of village establishments.
3. Changes in head-quarters.
4. Rules and orders relating to Acts and Bills.
5. Papers regarding season and prospects.
6. Annual reviews relating to the following :—
 - (a) Report on extermination of wild animals.
 - (b) Jamabandi report.
 - (c) Court of Wards' administration report.
 - (d) District Presses report (triennial).
 - (e) Stamp administration report.
 - (f) Cinchona report.
 - (g) Government Gardens report.
 - (h) Special Local Funds report.
 - (i) Report on the administration of the Settlement Department.
 - (j) Do. do. do. Survey do.
 - (k) Do. do. do. Salt do.
 - (l) Do. do. do. Agricultural do.
 - (m) Do. do. do. Forest do.
 - (n) Do. do. do. Income-tax Act II of 1886.
 - (o) Do. do. do. Abkari and Opium Revenue.
 - (p) Museum report.
 - (q) Report on advances under the Land Improvement Loans and Agriculturists' Loans Act.
 - (r) Survey advances report.
 - (s) Report on the working of the establishment for stamping weights and measures.
 - (t) Report on the fish-curing operations.
 - (u) Report on pony-breeding operations.

7. General orders under the Merchandise Marks Act.
8. Annual reviews of budgets of all departments under the Revenue Secretariat.

9. Orders relating to acquisition of lands required for public purposes.

The letter accompanying the proposals often contain matter which it is not desirable to publish and the Government orders are hardly ever printed.
 (Intld.) H. E. S.
 Why not? They appear in next Gazette.
 (Intld.) W.
 Only the notifications.
 (Intld.) H. E. S.

10. Papers connected with fairs, exhibitions and other agricultural experiments.

11. All general orders of public interest relating to Land Revenue, Settlement, Salt, Abkari, Survey, Botany, Cinchona and sale of quinine.

Too wide.
 (Intld.) H. E. S.
 (") J. H. G.
 (") W.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT—Nil.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

*General Buildings and Roads Branch.**Administration Reports.*

- Artesian Well-borings.*—Orders relating to —.
- Bridges.*—Construction and repair of —.
- Buildings of Historic or Architectural Interest.*—Orders relating to —.
- Budget Estimates.*—Orders on —.
- Causeways.*—Orders relating to the construction and repair of —.
- Cemeteries.*— Do. do. do.
- Courts and Cutcheries.*—Orders relating to the construction and repair of —.
- Dams.*—Orders relating to the construction and repair of —.
- Divisions (Executive).*—Orders relating to the formation of —.
- Fire-engines.*—Orders relating to —.
- Funds.*—Orders on allotment, transfers and redistribution of —.
- Ghâts.*—Orders relating to —.
- Government Brickfields.*—Orders relating to —.
- Harbour.*—Estimates and Progress reports of the Madras —.
- Hospitals.*—Orders relating to the construction and repairs of —.
- Jails.*— Do. do. do.
- Lands.*—Orders regarding the acquisition of —.* * (2) Gazette.
- Light-houses.*—Orders on reports on —.
- Lightning Conductors.*—Orders on erection and repair of —.
- Police Stations.*—Orders on the construction and repair of —.
- Public Offices.*— Do. do. do.
- Public Works Workshops.*—Reports on the working of —. (2)
- Residences.*—Orders on the construction and repair of —.* (2)
- Roads.*—Orders on the construction and repair of —. * Yes. Not necessary and in some cases inadvisable.
- Schools and Colleges.*—Orders on the construction and repair of —. (Intld.) W. (") H. E. S.
- Sheds.*—Orders on the construction and repair of —.* Do.
- Stables.*—Orders on the construction and repair of —.* Do.
- Telephone Lines.*—Erection of —.
- Telegraph Offices.*—Orders sanctioning the opening of —.
- Water-supply Schemes.*—Orders relating to —.

*Irrigation Branch.**Administration Reports.*

- Anicuts.*—Orders sanctioning the construction and repair of —.
- Aqueducts.*—Do. do. do.
- Banks and Bunds.*—Orders sanctioning the construction and repair of —.
- Budget Estimates.*—Orders on —.
- Canals and Channels.*—Orders sanctioning diversions, closures, construction and repair of —.
- Culverts.*—Orders sanctioning construction and repair of —.
- Dams.*— Do. do. do.
- Funds.*—Orders sanctioning allotment, transfer and redistribution of —.
- Lands.*—Orders sanctioning the acquisition of —.
- Periyar Works.*—Progress reports of the —.
- Sluices.*—Orders sanctioning the construction and repair of —.
- Tanks.*—Orders sanctioning the improvements and repairs of —.
- Traffic.*—Orders on statement of — on navigable canals.
- Tunnels.*—Orders sanctioning the construction and repair of —.
- Weirs.*—Orders sanctioning the construction and repair of —.

Railway Branch.

- Bridges.*—Repairs to —.
- Budget Estimates.*—Orders on —.
- Carriages.*—Orders sanctioning the construction of new —.

Coal.—Orders relating to experiments with different kinds of —.

East Coast Railway.—Orders regarding the construction of the —.

Indian Transactions of the Madras and South Indian Railways.—Orders on statements of —. *

Mail Service.—Orders relating to the —.

Railways.—Orders on construction and opening of new lines of —.

Stations.—Orders on the opening of new and alterations of the names of —.

Time Tables.—Orders relating to —.

Trains.—Orders on statements of late —. †

* I would omit this too.
(Intld.) H. E. S.

† This is only for the information of Government and if published would possibly exasperate the travelling public.

(Intld.) W.
And still more the Companies.

(Intld.) H. E. S.
27-2-92.

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Gobt. of {1892} Madras.
PUBLIC.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 17th June 1892, No. 414.

JUNE.

Papers for Editors' Table.

Recording correspondence regarding the selection of —.

CURRENT No.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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From

The Govt. of Bombay

No. 4223

Dated 5th } Dec 7 1891.
Received 7th }
Regd 7th }
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Furnishing information
re the system adopted in the
Bombay Press for placing the
Proceedings of Govt. at the disposal
of the Press.

See Lt. No. 3728/91

1050-29-10-91

No 4223 of 1891. 18

General Department. S

Bombay Castle, 5th December 1891

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Madras.



Sir,

In reply to your letter No 1050,
Public, dated 29th October last, request-
ing information as to the system
adopted in this Presidency for placing
the Proceedings of Government at the
disposal of the Press, I am directed to
state that in 1873 this Government
ruled that copies of all printed selec-
tions from the records of Government
should be presented to the Editors of
the leading newspapers provided
Government were not put to any
great expense on that account. In
accordance with this ruling the
Editors of 29 newspapers in this Pre-
sidency are at present supplied with
printed

printed reports, selections, &c, issued by Government.

2. As regards Resolutions of Government, I am to state that copies of such Resolutions as are likely to prove of public interest are, under the orders of Government given at the time the Resolution is approved by them, placed on the Editors' Tables, Bombay, Poona and Dharwar.

In Bombay formerly when a Resolution was placed on the Editors' Table intimation of the fact was given to the Editors of the daily English and Vernacular papers, and when possible spare copies of such papers were supplied to them.

From the middle of 1889 however copies of such Resolutions are sent to the Editors of the 16 principal English and Vernacular newspapers in the City.

The copies are sent with a peon to the papers which are in the vicinity of the Secretariat, and to the rest by post "paid." In Poona Resolutions for the Editors' Table are sent to the care of the City Magistrate who places them in a room

room in the Native General Library for the use of the Editors, and the Secretary to the Library or his clerk takes care of the papers that are placed on the Editors' Table. In Dharwar copies of official papers which are to be placed on the Editors' Table are sent to the Editor of the "Dharwar Vritt" for his own use and for the information of the other Editors of newspapers published at Dharwar. Copies of Resolutions are not supplied to Editors in other parts of this Presidency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

D. M. A. C.

Chief Secretary to Government.

D. M. A. C.

No. 1931.

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FROM

C. J. Lyall, Esq., C.S.I.,

Secretary to the Government of India.



To The Chief Secretary to the Government of
Madras.

Calcutta the 8th December 1891.

Home Department.
Public }

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 1050 dated the 29th October last, asking for information as to the system adopted in Calcutta and Simla for placing the proceedings of the Government of India at the disposal of the Press.

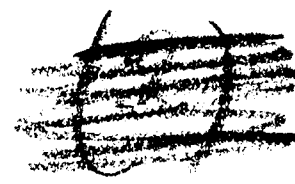
2. Truly I am to say that there is no system under which the proceedings of the Government of India are placed upon an Editor's table. This plan was tried more than once, but was found not to work satisfactorily, and was finally abandoned several years ago. Accredited correspondents of Newspapers, who require information on particular points, call upon the Secretary to the Government

of India at their office with the object of obtaining such information, which is furnished when its communication to the Press is thought unobjectionable. When the Member in charge of a Department considers that the papers on any particular subject are of such general interest that they should be made public they are either published in the supplement of the Gazette of India or in a "Selection from the Records of the Government of India", or are circulated by post (common paid) to the Editors of all newspapers, English and Vernacular, to which the Gazette of India is distributed gratis.

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

C.D. Lyall
 Secretary to the Govt of India

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From

The Govt of India,
 Home Dept.

No. 1931

Dated 8th Dec^r 1891.
 Recd 13th
 Regd 14th

Re. System under which the
 Proceedings of the Govt of India are
 placed at the disposal of the Press.

Public C. Nos
 3621 & 3728/91

Also C. Nos 752, 781 & 848/92

Public Dept^y

Circulated
~~in the office of the Secretary to the Government of India~~
~~in the office of the Secretary to the Government of India~~
~~in the office of the Secretary to the Government of India~~

The Chief Secy. cannot
 give up time to see Editors
 regularly, & there are
 other reasons (eg. the
 fact that most of the
 Govt. Secs. are in mts. &
 can't be shown across the
 table to an Editor - &
 again the ~~unavailability~~
~~unavailability~~ of depts. under the
 C.S.'s charge, rendering it
 difficult for him to
 decide without some in-
 formation (which would
 prevent the adoption
 of the system at
 Calcutta).

2. The Bombay system appears
 not to differ much from
 the Madras one, but
 Mr Mackenzie's letter
 isn't very definite in
 some respects.

3. There is much reason in what
 Mr Beauchamp has written
 but it seems to the Chief Secy.
 that it is ~~impossible~~
~~impossible~~ that there can be
 no possible objection to letting
 the Press represent the

Mr. Stoker follows his
predecessors in so marking
them. Well: this is dry
prose. Still, if an
Editor can insert a little
paragraph to say that
the S. G. of Police estimated
the expenditure of his
dept. at so much, the
receipts at so much, &
that Gant. has passed
or not passed his estimates,
the dryness of the fact
won't prevent that Editor
from gladly padding
his columns with it, al-
ways provided that he
can give it as (fresh)
news. Under the arrange-
ment proposed by the
Chief Secy. above, the
Editor would be in a position
to give it as such. Under
the present arrangement,
he can only give it as
State news, & either
makes no use of it at
all or if he does print
it as an occasional note,
does so grumbling
(& with reason) at the
antiquity of it.

It is better & that
the privilege will not
be abused by the newspapers.

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If the Editor or newspaper
representatives should
be unscrupulous, it will
be to their interest not
to be so here, as any
abuse of the concession
could be quickly resisted
by withdrawing ~~the~~ it.
It presents the only
punishment mark of
displeasure which can
be shown is to strike
off a newspaper from
the list of those ad-
mitted to the privilege
of the Editor's table:
an extreme step which
Gant. is always very
unwilling to take.

~~XX~~
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9. It may be said that
there is danger of the
Chief Secy. making
mistakes - granting this
~~such mistakes~~ such mistakes
would occur very seldom
& probably be slight
ones: it is obvious that
at times he might look
at a paper in a different
light from an ~~all~~ &
give ~~the~~ ~~to give~~ what
that ~~all~~ would not give
~~the~~ ~~can give~~ ~~the~~

The present system, &c.
the game, as the junior
Hall, might at times
differ from opinion from
the Senior Hall, if their
consent has been
obtained to making a
paper E.T.

So long as the Chief
Secy. will always be
a traitor of long standing
& experience, & it is
surely better to run the
risk of his making
at times what an in-
dividual Member of
Govt. might regard
as a mistake than to
betray the system with
restrictions nearly to
guard against the
possibility of such
mistakes. The Secretaries
at Calcutta are of
similar standing to
Secretaries at Madras,
& if the Government
Govt. there delegate
their authority largely
in this respect to Secretaries
why should they not
safely do so here?

The present system is so double
in which causes great delay
and is a

...the only paper that comes to me
to be printed for the E.T., I think,
are the ones I am quite
certain that he will do.
The delay in circulating papers
for approval, for E.T., after they
are printed is very slight -
I think such delay has been
often met with during his
on dates of present
25/2/92

It would be a good thing for a list of
papers to be drawn up, which the Secretaries
might communicate to the press, as a
matter of course, but even with some of
these, there is room for a considerable
amount of discretion on the part of
Secretaries. I believe the Revenue
Secretary marks some passages specially
for the hon. Mr. Goschen to decide as
to whether they should be placed on
the E.T. especially in the reports
from district officers - but before,

DEPARTMENT.

No.

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

in which to send matters seems to be
an arrangement something of the kind
suggested by the C. & H. Mr. H. H. H. H. H.
to give it a trial & tell us by best
to work it judiciously - I wish to know
to be understood that as far as I
am personally concerned I do not
care to see any changes. I have no
more than enough in the way
of work to do and I furthermore do
not wish to expose myself to the
risk of making a mistake which making
a mistake or what may be regarded
by a member of the Govt. as a mistake
in communicating a particular paper
to the press may involve.

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The custom was to publish them all
without any discrimination. This has
been shown to lead to mischievous results
but I am not quite clear as to how this
discrimination is exercised, or in whom
it is vested.

26 Feb.

it printed list of orders
which by custom placed on
the E.T. is circulated.
It is thought that there can
be no objection to the Secretary

One good result which will follow from the change of system in this respect will be the ^{by drafting officers} ~~exclusion~~ from periodical reviews intended to be made public of confidential & personal matters. There is no doubt ^{eg} that the order an an administration report is not the place for personal censure. The practice is to keep doubtful matters out of general orders, but at times they creep in

~~Please see inside cover~~

I have had some letters lately
 from you and from Mr. & Mrs. C. I
 am glad to hear that you are
 all well. I am well at present
 and hope to be so for some
 time. I am glad to hear that
 you are all well. I am glad to
 hear that you are all well. I am
 glad to hear that you are all well.

I am indebted to the Rev.
 Mr. [unclear] 24.5
 16/4/42

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lot regarding beyond the
gate to Trenton?
from to Cincinnati
before to the press.

There is no objection, as
far as I can ^{see} to improving
the Society to make for
the Editors to the also for
advice which are in
by communication to the
Press such as the the
series connected in
number 6 of the list of
papers in the the
by a weekly placed on
the Editors to the. the

is as obviously also done
having the notes such as
those relating to the subject
being only notes. (see list)
There is nothing to be
done for a reference to
the subject, but a
reference to the planning two
classes of papers

1. General notes regarding
Census.
2. History of the Commission.
3. Changes in Headquarters.
4. Rules & orders relating to
"Census takers".
5. General notes under the
household books &c.
6. General census of budgets regarding them, but a
9. orders relating to acquisition of the planning tool
of the future people.
10. papers connected with final classes of papers
the exhibition.

5. papers regarding some
suspects

6. General order of matters
interest relating to land
Revenue, Settlement, Salt
Customs, Mining, Botany,
Cinchona &c.

there is room for diversity
of opinion and no rule
can be laid down for guidance.
Free discussion must be given
to the Secretary and must
be left to him to make a
reference to the Board when
ever he is in doubt whether
a particular order should
be communicated to the press
or not. - In addition in
publication is specially
required in respect of papers
relating to the Revenue and
administration of policy -

but this is a class of
papers in respect of which
there is room for
diversity of opinion as to
the advisability of publi-
cation. There is a
dispute of any other class -
in fact
objection has been taken

16/4/19
This is what I shd like
to be done. I am sure
the Secy. can be trusted
to carry out his proposal,
and that all due precautions
will be taken by him. W

I think the Secy may
examine the paper
2/5/19

to the publicity given to
some of the utterances of
distinction in regard
the condition of people, the
stability of districts, hostility
and such like matters -
Communications papers
are circulated in the
press and under I guess
are the same papers to
be distributed there is any
thing in them which it is
desirable under the
publicity - in these cases
I draw attention to the ob-
jectionable passages by a
note on the introduction. The
Chairman, Secretary, Secretary,
to take the responsibility of
making the selection, referring
difficult cases for advice -
if however the Secy is
to become more respon-
sible.

As regards publication of
minutes of appointments it
is admitted that they should
not be communicated to the
press until Council is
over & the Gazette is being
printed.

had up. Sometimes
happens two examinations
previously returned up,
are stated at the last
house (it has more
than once happened in
the case of Deputy Secretaries)
and it would be very con-
venient to run the risk
of giving publicity to
arrangements which had
been proposed but were
a mere indication of things.

Ch
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As regards the P. W. D.
I see no necessity for
any change of system
at all, but on the
other hand if such a
change is considered
advisable I have no
objection to accepting the
full responsibility for

This would point to the advisability of
withholding the publication of all appointments
for say, at least one week, and except
in very special circumstances, a general
rule to this effect would I think be
useful - i.e. they would not be published
till the second Tuesday after they had been
made.

22 April

CCP LK
18/4/12

What about the other 10th and
"Indian Engineering"!

I am sure Col. Pennyquick would be
bravely in this matter, and if any time
he thought it advisable, could consult
the hon. mem. in charge of the dept.

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the selection of papers
for publication - The
P. W. D. offers from
some other departments
in that there can very
well be a doubt as to
whether a particular
paper can or cannot
be published without
inconvenience - Some parts
of the papers in this
list may be published
without at all, and
ninetieth of the remaining
tenths can obviously be
published without
objection -

I do not fear that
any inconvenience has
occurred from the
present system of sending
the Hon. Member in
charge of the department
months papers for
publication, but if he
likes to delegate this duty

Q me I am a
Squire & accept it.

S

or

Q me I am a
Squire & accept it.

No. 1850.

Government of Madras.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT,

17th March 1892

Memorandum.

With reference to Memorandum from the Public Department, No. 434, dated 7th March 1892, the undersigned has the honor to state that the G.Os. issued by this office are not usually placed at the disposal of the Press.

(By Order)

[Signature] Brigadier Genl.
Secretary to Government.

To
The Public Department.

CHIEF SECRETARY
28 APR 92
GOVERNMENT

~~Resubmitted the
Hon. Sec. Stokes with
reference to Mr. the
Genl's remarks at
(a) & (b) on the
printed list.~~

26/2/92
Circulated to
Secy & 4 Secretaries for perusal.
decisions can be taken
at once by introducing the
new system. It
will be seen
that certain
papers in the list
are not to be issued.
R. 28/4
R. 25/4
R. 28/4
R. 28/4

Public Dept.

From

The Military Dept.

No. 1850

Dated 17th
Recd 18th
Reqd 18th } March 1892

Re: placing of G. Co.
at the disposal of the Press.

50. (Public Works Dept)
List showing the class of Orders in the
P. W. Department usually placed at the disposal
of the Press.

50. (Public Works Dept)
General, Buildings & Roads Branch

Administration Reports

Artesian well borings Orders relating to—

Bridges Construction and repair of—

Buildings of historic or

Architectural interest. Orders relating to—

Budget estimates. Orders on—

Canal ways. Orders relating to the Const. & repair of—

Cemeteries. do do do do

Courts and Outcheries. do do do do

Dams do do do do

Divisions (Executive) do do Information of—

Fire Engines. Orders relating to—

Funds. Orders on allotment, transfers & redistribution of—

Ghats. Orders relating to—

Govt. Bore fields do do

Harbour. Estimates & Progress Reports of the Madras—

Hospitals. Orders relating to the Const. & repair of—

Jails. do do do

Lands. Orders regarding the acquisition of—

Lighthouses. Orders on reports on—

Lightning Conductors. Orders on erection & repair of—

Police

Police stations. Orders on the Constⁿ & repair of —
Public offices. do do do —
Public Works Workshops. Reports on the working of —
Residences — Orders on the Constⁿ & repair of —
Roads do do do —
Schools & Colleges do do do —
Sheds do do do —
Stables do do do —
Telephone lines — Erection of —
Telegraph offices — Orders sanctioning the opening of —
Water Supply schemes. Orders relating to —

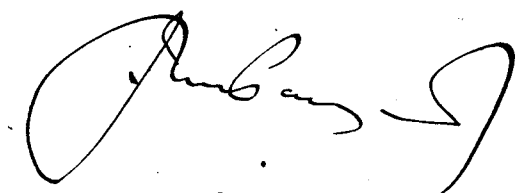
Irrigation Branch.

Administration Reports.
Aqueducts. Orders sanctioning the constⁿ & repair of —
Banks & Bunds do do do —
Budget Estimates. Orders on —
Canals and Channels. Orders sanctioning diversions,
closures, constⁿ & repair of —
Culverts. Orders sanctioning constⁿ & repair of —
Dams do do do do —
Funds do allotment, transfer and
redistribution of —
Lands. Orders sanctioning the acquisition of —
Periyar works — Progress Reports of the —
Shrines. Orders sanctioning the constⁿ and repair of —
Tanks do do — Inupts & repairs of —
Traffic

Traffic. Orders on statements of — on navigable canals.
Tunnels. Orders sanctioning the constⁿ & repair of —
Weirs. Orders sanctioning the constⁿ & repair of —

Railway Branch.

Bridges. Repairs to —
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different kinds of —
East Coast Railway. Orders regarding the Contⁿ of the —
Indian transactions of
the Madras & S. I. Ry. Orders on statements of —
Mail services. Orders relating to the —
Railways. Orders on Contⁿ & opening of new lines of —
Stations. Orders on the opening of new and
alterations of the names of —
Time Tables. Orders relating to —
Trains. Orders on statements of late —


Colonel R.E.
Secretary to Govt P.W.D.

No. 1480 C

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Government of Madras.

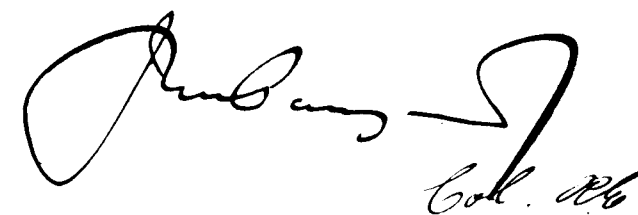
***PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.**

MEMORANDUM.

Dated Madras, 21st March 1892.

With reference to the
Memorandum in the Public Department
No. 1434. dated 7th March 1892, the
undersigned has the honor to
forward herewith a list showing
the class of orders usually placed
at the disposal of the Press by the
Public Works Department.

The selection of papers for
the Press is made personally by the
Honorable Member in charge of the
Public Works Department.


Col. M. S.



The Honorable
Chief Secretary to Govt
Public Department

Secretary to Govt P.W.D.

Incl. 781/92

for

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1892. Public Dept.
Public Works Department.

No. 1488 C 61

Dated 21st March 1892

Despatched _____

Received

SUBJECT.

Forwarding a list
showing the class of orders
usually placed at the
disposal of the Press by the
P. W. D.

A List showing the class of G. O. usually
placed at the disposal of the Press.

1. General Orders regarding Census.
2. Revision of Village Establishments.
3. Changes in Head quarters.
4. Rules and Orders relating to Acts and Bills.
5. Papers regarding Season and prospects.
6. Annual reviews relating to the following:—
 - (a). Report on Extirmination of Wild Animals.
 - (b). Jamaabandi Report.
 - (c). Court of Wards Administration Report.
 - (d). District Presses Report. (Triennial)
 - (e). Stamp Administration Report.
 - (f). Cuckoo Report.
 - (g). Government Gardens Report.
 - (h). Special Local Funds Report.
 - (i). Report on the Administration of the Settlement Department.
 - (j). _____ D^o _____ D^o _____ Survey Department.
 - (k). _____ D^o _____ D^o _____ Salt Department.
 - (l). _____ D^o _____ D^o _____ Agriculture Department.
 - (m). _____ D^o _____ D^o _____ Forest Department.
 - (n). _____ D^o _____ D^o _____ Income Tax Act II of 1886.
 - (o). _____ D^o _____ D^o _____ Akhari & Opium Revenue.
 - (p). Museum Report.
 - (q). Report on advances under the Land Improvement
Loans & Agriculturists Loans Act.
 - (r). Survey advances Report.
 - (s). Report on the working of the establishment for
Stamping weights and measures.

11. All general orders of public interest relating to Land Revenue, Settlement, Salt, alkali Survey, Botany, Cinchona and sale of quinine.

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From The Revenue Dept.

8m No. 58

Dated 24th } March 1892
 Received 25th
 Reg'd 28th
 Enclosures one

SUBJECT.

Forwarding list
 showing the classes of L. O. S. usually
 placed at the disposal of the Press.

Public Department.

Memo.

"I am 77th of 72
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 Chief Secretary

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Editors' Table

Public Department

Archaeology - Reviews of progress reports of the Supt.,
Archaeological Survey.

Bangalore Pensioners' Widows' and Orphans' Fund
Reviews of the accounts of the —.

Births, Deaths, and Marriages - Reviews of the
reports on the registration of —.

Chemical Examiner's Reports Reviews of the —.

Civil Hospitals and Dispensaries - Reviews of
reports on —.

Civilians - Orders recording returns of Junior
— who have undergone training in Survey
and Settlement work.

Emigration - Reviews of reports on the operations
connected with — in the Madras Presi-
= dency.

Emigration Orders communicating returns of
intestate estates of Indians ^{emigrants} in charge of
the Curator of Vacant Estates at Mauritius.

Epigraphy Orders recording progress reports
of the Govt. Epigraphist.

European Vagrancy Act Reviews of statements
of operations under the —.

Govt. Press - Reviews of reports on the working of the —

Govt. Press Reviews of reports on the audit of
the accounts of the —

Lawrence Asylum Press Reviews of the annual reports of the —
Madras Observatory Orders on the annual re-
-ports of the —

Military Pensioners Orders on reports showing
the number of — employed in civil
depts.

Monegar Choultry Reviews of the annual reports
of the —.

Pass-ports Reviews of reports showing the number
of — granted to pilgrims proceeding to
Arabia.

Tripllicane Langarkhana Reviews of reports
on the —.

Vaccination Reviews of reports on —.

Valedictory Orders on retirement of high
public officials.

Victoria Hospital Reviews of annual reports
of the —.

Voluntary Venereal Hospital Reviews of an-
-nual reports of the —.

Political Dept.

Banganapalle State - Reviews of the adminis-
-tration Reports of the —.

Barnatic Stipends Reviews of the Administration
Reports of the Paymaster, —.

Bockim State Reviews of the Admin. Reports of
the —.

Pudukota State - Do —.

Sandur State - Do —.

Travancore State - Do —.

Ecclesiastical Dept.

Administration Reports - Orders on the — of
the Ecclesiastical Dept.

Visitation Tours of the Bishops Orders com-
-municating programmes of the —.

Judicial Dept.

Administrator General's Accounts Reviews of the
reports on the audit of the —.

Civil Justice - Reviews of reports on the ad-
-ministration of —.

Courts Reviews of returns showing the extent
of litigation in the — of this Presidency
to which Govt. was a party.

Criminal Justice Reviews of reports on the ad-
-ministration of —.

Ganjam Agency Reviews of Administration re-
-ports of the —.

Godavari Agency - Reviews of Administration
Reports of the —.

Indian Arms Act - Reviews of reports on the
working of the —.

Indian Factories Act Reviews of reports on
the working of the —.

Jail Code Orders sanctioning additions to
the —.

Jails Reviews of annual reports of the
Inspector General of —.

Joint Stock Companies - Reviews of annual
reports on the working of the Indian
Companies Act.

Sanatic Asylums Reviews of reports on —.

Sanatics - Orders on returns of — remaining in confinement in the jails of the Presidency.

Notaries Public Reviews of reports on the work of — in the Registration dept.

Police - Reviews of the — Administration reports.

Registration - Reviews of reports on the working of the — dept.

Registration Orders relating to the creation of new — districts or sub-districts; to the readjustment of sub-districts; and to the transfers of villages from one sub-district to another.

Rewards Reviews of the returns of — disbursed.

Sulphur Reviews of returns of operations under the Indian Arms Act relating to —.

Wild Animals - Orders communicating the returns of cattle destroyed by —.

Educational Dept.

Books and Publications Orders directing publication of the catalogues of books registered.

Books and Publications Letters to the Under Secy. of State forwarding lists of works of interest published in English in this Presidency.

College of Engineering - Reviews of reports on the —.

Government Schools Orders sanctioning the the establishment of new —, and the transfer to Govt. of private, Local or Municipal schools.

Grant-in-aid Code - Orders directing publication of notifications under the —.

Lawrence Asylum Reviews of budget estimates of the —.

Lawrence Asylum Reviews of reports on the —.

Lawrence Asylum Notifications relating to changes in the rules of the —.

London Matriculation Examination Orders communicating the Secy. of State's despatches relating to the holding of the — at Madras.

Public Instruction Reviews of the annual reports on —.

School of Arts Reviews of the annual reports of the —.

Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations Reviews of the annual reports on the —.

Vizagapatam Orphan Asylum Reviews of the annual reports of the —.

Marine Dept.

Conservancy Boards Orders relating to the constitution of — at ports.

Courts of Inquiry Orders on reports and proceedings of —.

Cyclone Code Additions to the —.

Disabled Boatmen's Fund Orders on reports on the —.

Harbour Trust Board Reviews of the administration reports of the —.

Lights - Orders relating to changes in —.

Lights and Lighthouses Orders on reports on the — in the Presidency.

Madras Port Dept. Reviews of the administration reports of the —.

Ports and Lighthouses Orders on inspection reports of —.

Port Rules additions and changes in —.

Financial Dept.

Accounts - Orders recording statements of final — of Provincial services.

Budget Estimates. All orders reviewing the — of the various depts. &c.

District Port - Orders on the annual reports on the operations of the —.

Govt. Savings Bank Orders on the reports on the audit of the accounts of the —.

Harbour Trust Accounts - Reviews of reports on the audit of the —.

Lawrence Asylum Press Orders concerning

— cating the reports on the audit of the accounts of the —.

Loans Orders on the estimates of — and grants to Local Boards and Municipal Councils.

Provincial Budget Estimate Final orders on the —.

Revenue and Expenditure Statements submitted by the Accountant General of the — of this Govt. distributed under Imperial, Provincial and Local.

Stationery Reviews of the annual reports of the Supt. of —.

Legislative Dept.

Madras Acts Orders on receipt of H. E. the Gov. General's assent to —.

Draft Bills Orders directing publication of — in the Fort St. George Gazette.

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The following papers have been usually -
marked for the Press during the last three
years ending 1891.

- (1) G. Os. reviewing the District Boards' Budgets.
- (2) G. Os reviewing the District Boards reports.
- (3) G. Os reviewing the Municipal Budgets including that of the Madras Municipality.
- (4) G. Os reviewing the Municipal reports including that of the Madras Municipality.
- (5) G. Os reviewing Vaccination Reports.
- (6) G. Os reviewing Sanitation Reports.
- (7) G. Os reviewing the Administration reports of the District Boards generally.
- (8) G. Os reviewing the Administration reports of the Municipal Councils generally.
- (9) G. Os finally dealing with water-supply and drainage schemes of towns.
- (10) G. Os sanctioning applications for loans.

(11) G. os recording the remarks of the Sanitary Commissioner on the monthly returns of vital statistics.

(12) G. os recording the reports on fairs and festivals.

(13) G. os dealing with the reports of the Sanitary Commissioner and Deputy Sanitary Commissioner on the towns inspected by them.

(14) G. os dealing with the reports of the Inspecting Agency on Local Fund and Municipal Accounts.

(15) G. os sanctioning the Constitution of Local Fund Taluqs.

(16) G. os sanctioning the Constitution of Local Fund Unions.

(17) G. os reviewing the statements showing the works of Public Utility constructed by private individuals.

(18) G. os sanctioning Election Rules for Municipalities.

(19) G. os publishing rules framed by Government under the provisions of Acts I, IV and V of 1884.

(20) G. os sanctioning Bye-laws framed under Acts I and IV of 1884.

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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Archæology.—Reviews of progress reports of the Superintendent, Archæological Survey.
Bangalore Pensioners' Widows and Orphans' Fund.—Reviews of the accounts of the —.
Births, Deaths and Marriages.—Reviews of the reports on the registration of —.
Chemical Examiner's Reports.—Reviews of the —.
Civil Hospitals and Dispensaries.—Reviews of the annual reports on —.
Civilians.—Orders recording returns of junior — who have undergone training in Survey work.
Emigration.—Reviews of the annual reports on the operations connected with — in the Madras Presidency.
— Orders communicating returns of intestate estates of Indian emigrants in charge of the Curator of Vacant Estates at Mauritius.
Epigraphy.—Orders recording progress reports of the Government Epigraphist.
European Vagrancy Act.—Reviews of statements of operations under the —.
Government Press.—Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the —.
— Reviews of the annual reports on the audit of the accounts of the —.
Lawrence Asylum Press.—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.
Madras Observatory.—Orders on the annual reports of the —.
Military Pensioners.—Orders on the annual reports showing the number of — employed in Civil departments.
Monegar Choultry.—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.
Passports.—Reviews of the annual reports showing the number of — granted to pilgrims proceeding to Arabia.
Triplicane Langarkhana.—Reviews of the annual reports on the —.
Valedictory Orders.—on retirement of high public officials.
Victoria Hospital.—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Banganapalle State.—Reviews of the administration reports of the —.
Carnatic Stipends.—Reviews of the administration reports of the Paymaster, —.
Cochin State.—Reviews of the administration reports of the —.
Pudukotta State.— Do. do.
Sandur State.— Do. do.
Travancore State.— Do. do.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

Administration Reports.—Orders on the — of the Ecclesiastical Department.
Visitation Tours of the Bishop.—Orders communicating programmes of the —.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Administrator-General's Accounts.—Reviews of the half-yearly reports on the audit of the —.
Civil Justice.—Reviews of the annual reports on the administration of —.
Courts.—Reviews of returns showing the extent of litigation in the — of this Presidency to which Government was a party.

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The pink ones contain in addition confidential matters.
I take it from this that the pink ones are not put on the E. T. W.
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Criminal Justice.—Reviews of the annual reports on the administration of —.

Ganjam Agency.—Reviews of administration reports of the —.

Godavari Agency.—Reviews of administration reports of the —.

Indian Arms Act.—Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the —.

Indian Factories Act.—Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the —.

Jail Code.—Orders sanctioning additions to the —.

Jails.—Reviews of the annual reports of the Inspector-General of —.

Joint Stock Companies.—Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the Indian Companies Act.

Lunatic Asylums.—Reviews of the annual reports on —.

Lunatics.—Orders on the annual returns of — remaining in confinement in the jails of the Presidency.

Notaries Public.—Reviews of the annual reports on the work of — in the Registration Department.

Police.—Reviews of the — administration reports.

Registration.—Reviews of reports on the working of the — department.

— Orders relating to the creation of new — districts or sub-districts; to the re-adjustment of sub-districts; and to the transfers of villages from one sub-district to another.

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Sulphur.—Reviews of annual returns of operations under the Indian Arms Act relating to —.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Books and Publications.—Orders directing publication of the catalogues of books registered.

— Letters to the Under Secretary of State forwarding lists of works of interest published in English in this Presidency.

College of Engineering.—Reviews of the annual reports on the —.

Government Schools.—Orders sanctioning the establishment of new —, and the transfer to Government of private, local or municipal schools.

Grant-in-aid Code.—Orders directing publication of notifications under the —.

Lawrence Asylum.—Reviews of budget estimates of the —.

— Reviews of the annual reports on the —.

— Notifications relating to changes in the rules of the —.

London Matriculation Examination.—Orders communicating the Secretary of State's despatches relating to the holding of the — at Madras.

Public Instruction.—Reviews of the annual reports on —.

School of Arts.—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.

Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations.—Reviews of the annual reports on the —.

Vizagapatam Orphan Asylum.—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Conservancy Boards.—Orders relating to the constitution of — at ports.

Courts of Inquiry.—Orders on reports and proceedings of —.

Cyclone Code.—Additions to the —.

Disabled Boatmen's Fund.—Orders on reports on the —.

Harbour Trust Board.—Reviews of the administration reports of the —.

Lights.—Orders relating to changes in —.

Lights and Lighthouses.—Orders on reports on the — in the Presidency.

Madras Port Department.—Reviews of the administration reports of the —.

Ports and Lighthouses.—Orders on inspection reports of —.

Port Rules.—Additions and changes in —.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Accounts.—Orders recording statements of final — of Provincial Services.

Budget Estimates.—All orders reviewing the — of the various departments, &c.

District Post.—Orders on the annual reports on the operations of the —.

Government Savings Bank.—Orders on the reports on the audit of the accounts of the —.

Harbour Trust Accounts.—Reviews of reports on the audit of the —.

Lawrence Asylum Press.—Orders communicating the reports on the audit of the accounts of the —.

Loans.—Orders on the estimates of — and grants to Local Boards and Municipal Councils.

Provincial Budget Estimate.—Final orders on the —.

Revenue and Expenditure.—Statements submitted by the Accountant-General of the — of this Government distributed under Imperial, Provincial and Local.

Stationery.—Reviews of the annual reports of the Superintendent of —.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Draft Bills.—Orders directing publication of — in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

Madras Acts.—Orders on receipt of His Excellency the Governor-General's assent to —.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

- (1) Reviews of the District Boards' budgets.
- (2) Reviews of the District Boards' reports.
- (3) Reviews of the Municipal budgets, including that of the Madras Municipality.
- (4) Reviews of the Municipal reports, including that of the Madras Municipality.
- (5) Reviews of the Vaccination reports.
- (6) Reviews of the Sanitation reports.
- (7) Reviews of the administration reports of the District Boards generally.
- (8) Reviews of the administration reports of the Municipal Councils generally.
- (9) G.O.'s finally dealing with water-supply and drainage schemes of towns.
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- (19) G.O.'s publishing rules framed by Government under the provisions of Acts I, IV and V of 1884.
- (20) G.O.'s sanctioning Bye-laws framed under Acts I and IV of 1884.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1. General orders regarding census.
2. Revision of village establishments.
3. Changes in head-quarters.
4. Rules and orders relating to Acts and Bills.
5. Papers regarding season and prospects.

6. Annual reviews relating to the following:—

- (a) Report on extermination of wild animals.
- (b) Jamabandi report.
- (c) Court of Wards' administration report.
- (d) District Presses report (triennial).
- (e) Stamp administration report.
- (f) Cinchona report.
- (g) Government Gardens report.
- (h) Special Local Funds report.
- (i) Report on the administration of the Settlement Department.
- (j) Do. do. do. Survey do.
- (k) Do. do. do. Salt do.
- (l) Do. do. do. Agricultural do.
- (m) Do. do. do. Forest do.
- (n) Do. do. do. Income-tax Act II of 1886.
- (o) Do. do. do. Abkari and Opium Revenue.

- (p) Museum report.
- (q) Report on advances under the Land Improvement Loans and Agriculturists' Loans Act.
- (r) Survey advances report.
- (s) Report on the working of the establishment for stamping weights and measures.
- (t) Report on the fish-curing operations.
- (u) Report on pony-breeding operations.

7. General orders under the Merchandise Marks Act.

8. Annual reviews of budgets of all departments under the Revenue Secretariat.
9. Orders relating to acquisition of lands required for public purposes.
10. Papers connected with fairs, exhibitions and other agricultural experiments.
11. All general orders of public interest relating to Land Revenue, Settlement, Salt, Abkari, Survey, Botany, Cinchona and sale of quinine.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT—Nil.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

General Buildings and Roads Branch.

Administration Reports.

- Artesian Well-borings.—Orders relating to —.
- Bridges.—Construction and repair of —.
- Buildings of Historic or Architectural Interest.—Orders relating to —.
- Budget Estimates.—Orders on —.
- Causeways.—Orders relating to the construction and repair of —.
- Cemeteries.— Do. do. do.
- Courts and Cutcherries.—Orders relating to the construction and repair of —.
- Dams.—Orders relating to the construction and repair of —.
- Divisions (Executive).—Orders relating to the formation of —.
- Fire-engines.—Orders relating to —.
- Funds.—Orders on allotment, transfers and redistribution of —.
- Ghats.—Orders relating to —.
- Government Brickfields.—Orders relating to —.
- Harbour.—Estimates and Progress reports of the Madras —.
- Hospitals.—Orders relating to the construction and repairs of —.
- Jails.— Do. do. do.
- Lands.—Orders regarding the acquisition of —.
- Light-houses.—Orders on reports on —.
- Lightning Conductors.—Orders on erection and repair of —.
- Police Stations.—Orders on the construction and repair of —.
- Public Offices.— Do. do. do.

- Public Works Workshops.—Reports on the working of —.
- Residences.—Orders on the construction and repair of —.
- Roads.—Orders on the construction and repair of —.
- Schools and Colleges.—Orders on the construction and repair of —.
- Sheds.—Orders on the construction and repair of —.
- Stables.—Orders on the construction and repair of —.
- Telephone Lines.—Erection of —.
- Telegraph Offices.—Orders sanctioning the opening of —.
- Water-supply Schemes.—Orders relating to —.

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Irrigation Branch.

- Administration Reports.
- Anicuts.—Orders sanctioning the construction and repair of —.
- Aqueducts.—Do. do. do.
- Banks and Bunds.—Orders sanctioning the construction and repair of —.
- Budget Estimates.—Orders on —.
- Canals and Channels.—Orders sanctioning diversions, closures, construction and repair of —.
- Culverts.—Orders sanctioning construction and repair of —.
- Dams.— Do. do. do.
- Funds.—Orders sanctioning allotment, transfer and redistribution of —.
- Lands.—Orders sanctioning the acquisition of —.
- Periyar Works.—Progress reports of the —.
- Sluices.—Orders sanctioning the construction and repair of —.
- Tanks.—Orders sanctioning the improvements and repairs of —.
- Traffic.—Orders on statement of — on navigable canals.
- Tunnels.—Orders sanctioning the construction and repair of —.
- Weirs.—Orders sanctioning the construction and repair of —.

Railway Branch.

- Bridges.—Repairs to —.
- Budget Estimates.—Orders on —.
- Carriages.—Orders sanctioning the construction of new —.
- Coal.—Orders relating to experiments with different kinds of —.
- East Coast Railway.—Orders regarding the construction of the —.
- Indian Transactions of the Madras and South Indian Railways.—Orders on statements of —.
- Mail Service.—Orders relating to the —.
- Railways.—Orders on construction and opening of new lines of —.
- Stations.—Orders on the opening of new and alterations of the names of —.
- Time Tables.—Orders relating to —.
- Trains.—Orders on statements of late —.

This is only for the information of Govt. & if published would possibly cooperate the travelling public

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From T. D. MACKENZIE, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, General Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Bombay Castle, 5th December 1891, No. 4223.

In reply to your letter, No. 1050, Public, dated 29th October last, requesting information as to the system adopted in this Presidency for placing the Proceedings of Government at the disposal of the Press, I am directed to state that in 1873 this Government ruled that copies of all printed selections from the records of Government should be presented to the editors of the leading newspapers provided Government were not put to any great expense on that account. In accordance with this ruling the editors of 29 newspapers in this Presidency are at present supplied with printed reports, selections, &c., issued by Government.

2. As regards resolutions of Government, I am to state that copies of such resolutions as are likely to prove of public interest are, under the orders of Government, given at the time the resolution is approved by them, placed on the Editors' Tables, Bombay, Poona and Dharwar. In Bombay formerly when a resolution was placed on the Editors' Table, intimation of the fact was given to the editors of the daily English and Vernacular papers, and when possible spare copies of such papers were supplied to them. From the middle of 1889, however, copies of such resolutions are sent to the editors of the 16 principal English and Vernacular newspapers in the city. The copies are sent with a peon to the papers which are in the vicinity of the Secretariat, and to the rest by post "paid." In Poona, resolutions for the Editors' Table are sent to the care of the City Magistrate, who places them in a room in the Native General Library for the use of the editors, and the Secretary to the Library or his clerk takes care of the papers that are placed on the Editors' Table. In Dharwar, copies of official papers which are to be placed on the Editors' Table are sent to the editor of the *Dharwar Vritt* for his own use and for the information of the other editors of newspapers published at Dharwar. Copies of resolutions are not supplied to editors in other parts of this Presidency.

From C. J. LYALL, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 8th December 1891, No. 1931.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1050, dated the 29th October last, asking for information as to the system adopted in Calcutta and Simla for placing the Proceedings of the Government of India at the disposal of the Press.

2. In reply I am to say that there is no system under which the Proceedings of the Government of India are placed upon an Editor's Table. This plan was tried more than once, but was found not to work satisfactorily, and was finally abandoned several years ago. Accredited correspondents of newspapers, who require information on particular points, call upon the Secretaries to the Government of India at their

offices with the object of obtaining such information, which is furnished when its communication to the Press is thought unobjectionable. When the Honorable Member in charge of a department considers that the papers on any particular subject are of such general interest that they should be made public, they are either published in the supplement of the *Gazette of India* or in a "Selection from the Records of the Government of India," or are circulated by post (service paid) to the editors of all newspapers, English and Vernacular, to which the *Gazette of India* is distributed gratis.

Circulated. The Chief Secretary cannot give up time to see editors regularly, and there are other reasons (e.g., the fact that most of the Government Proceedings are in manuscript and can't be shown across the table to an editor—and again the number of departments under the Chief Secretary's charge, rendering it difficult for him to decide without some inspection whether or not information may be safely given) which would prevent the adoption of this part of the system at Calcutta.

2. The Bombay system appears not to differ much from the Madras one, but Mr. Mackenzie's letter isn't very definite in some respects.

3. There is much reason in what Mr. Beauchamp has written and it seems to the Chief Secretary that there could be no possible objection to letting Press representatives of the leading Madras newspapers make a précis for themselves from the manuscripts of papers which are on their way to the Press and which in the judgment of the Chief Secretary there can be no possible objection to their seeing. There are many papers belonging to classes which the Honorable Member invariably marks E.T. when the orders go to him for perusal. If he will allow the Chief Secretary to anticipate this, much provender will be available. Again, if the Press representatives were allowed, after seeing a paper which they did not wish to make a précis of, to ask for a galley proof, arrangements could easily be made.

4. At one time the plan of marking papers E.T. before circulation was tried, but it didn't answer; if the Chief Secretary remembered to do it, the Honorable Members didn't notice the point, and their orders had again to be taken; moreover, where a draft was "from orders," it couldn't be worked.

5. If, however, the Chief Secretary was given discretion and allowed to presume that, say, every order reviewing a Local Fund or Municipal report—every order reviewing a budget estimate—every "blue" pamphlet review of the administration of a Native State (care would of course be taken rigorously to confine to the "pink" pamphlet any remarks which might be twisted into an attack by an editor)—every order in whatever department which was on the face of it absolutely harmless—would be marked E.T. when printed, or, if not marked E.T., might all the same be regarded as an E.T. paper, it would be easy to obtain approval in the other cases while the papers were still in circulation.

It must be remembered that while editors grumble at the dry provender afforded them by Government, they like and use it all the same if supplied quickly. But at present, orders belonging to a class which is regularly given in the end to the public don't reach the newspapers until it is too late to use them, and complaints and grumbling are thus provoked. So long as the re-iterated approval* of the Honorable Member has to be given, this must be the case.

* If an order reviewing the administration of a department has been marked E.T. for ten years running, what need is there to anticipate that on the eleventh occasion it will not be, and to defer giving it to editors until the whole of the papers can be printed and sent round for perusal?

7. To give an illustration in the Financial Department. It has been the practice for years to mark all Budget Orders E.T. when they come round in the perusal bundles. The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes follows his predecessors in so marking them. Well: this is dry provender. Still, if an editor can insert a little paragraph to say that the Inspector-General of Police estimated the expenditure of his department at so much,

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the receipts at so much, and that Government has passed or not passed his estimates, the dryness of the fact won't prevent that editor from gladly padding his columns with it, always provided that he can give it as *fresh* news. Under the arrangement proposed by the Chief Secretary above, the editor would be in a position to give it as such. Under the present arrangement, he can only give it as stale news, and the editor either makes no use of it at all, or, if he does print it as an occasional note, does so grumbling (and with reason) at the antiquity of it.

8. It is believed that the privilege will not be abused by the newspapers. If the editors or their representatives should be unscrupulous, it will be to their interest not to be so here, as any abuse of the concession could be quickly visited by withdrawing it. At present the only mark of displeasure which can be shown is to strike off a newspaper from the list of those admitted to the privilege of the Editor's Table—an extreme step which Government is always very unwilling to take.

9. It may be said that there is danger of the Chief Secretary making mistakes. Granting this, such mistakes would occur very seldom and probably be slight ones; it is obvious that at times he might look at a paper in a different light from an Honorable Member and give what that Honorable Member would not give, or *vice versa*; similarly under the present system, His Excellency the Governor or the junior Honorable Member might at times differ in opinion from the senior Honorable Member if their consent had to be obtained to marking a paper E.T.

The Chief Secretary will always be a Civilian of long standing and experience, and it is surely better to run the risk of his making at times what an individual Member of Government might regard as a mistake than to hedge about the system with restrictions merely to guard against the possibility of such mistakes. The Secretaries at Calcutta are of similar standing to Secretaries at Madras, and if the Members of Government there delegate their authority largely in this respect to Secretaries, why should they not safely do so here?

7-2-92.

(Intld.) A. T. P.

The present system is no doubt one which causes great delay and dissatisfaction. The only way in which to mend matters seems to be an arrangement something of the kind suggested by the Chief Assistant. If Honorable Members choose to give it a trial I will do my best to work it judiciously. I wish it, however, to be understood that, as far as I am personally concerned, I do not care to see any change. I have, as it is, more than enough in the way of work to do and I furthermore do not wish to expose myself to the risk of the annoyance which making a mistake, or what may be regarded by a Member of the Government as a mistake, in communicating a particular paper to the Press, may involve.

15-2-92.

(Intld.) J. F. P.

I agree.—J. H. G.
W.J. H. G.
W.

J. H. G.

I don't approve of the proposal that editors should be allowed access to manuscript papers in order to make précis of them at the Government Office. It would entail considerable worry at the office and the papers often contain remarks or notes which the editor ought not to see, even there may be no objection to the orders or final disposals being made public. I think that the delay involved in waiting for printed papers must be tolerated and that in cases when we may desire quick publicity we can take special steps to reduce this delay. I don't object to considerable delegation of power to the Secretaries in the matter and I think this would best be done by the preparation of a standing list of papers which should ordinarily be communicated to the Press. The office might then, in sending the papers to be printed, mark them for rapid issue. Arrangements might also be made that all minutes of appointment should be put in type as they are passed, and advance slips furnished to the editors of the chief Madras newspapers. Beyond this, I don't think any change is required in the present system.

17-2-92.

(Intld.) H. E. S.

The only papers that come to me to be passed for the E.T., I think, are Revenue ones, and I am quite content that this should be so. The delay in circulating papers for approval for E.T. after they are printed is very slight and I think each Member had better deal with those of his own departments as at present.

23-2-92.

(Intld.) J. H. G.

Same to
as previous
note

It would be a good thing for a list of papers to be drawn up which the Secretaries might communicate to the Press as a matter of course, but even with some of these there is room for a considerable amount of discretion on the part of Secretaries. I believe the Revenue Secretary marks some passages specially for the Hon'ble Mr. Garstin to decide as to whether they should be placed on the Editors' Table, especially in the reports from district officers, but before the custom was to publish them all without any discrimination. This has been shown to lead to mischievous results, but I am not quite clear as to how this discrimination is exercised, or in whom it is vested.

26-2-92.

(Intld.) W.

A printed list of orders which by custom are placed on the Editors' Table is circulated.

It is thought that there can be no objection to the Secretaries concerned giving these to editors as proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Stokes.

One good result which will follow from the change of system in this respect will be the exclusion by drafting officers from periodical reviews intended to be made public of confidential and personal matter. There is no doubt, for example, that the order on an administration report is not the place for personal censure. The practice is to keep doubtful matters out of general orders, but at times they creep in.

3-4-92.

(Intld.) J. F. P.

Through the Revenue and Public Works Secretaries for any remarks which they may wish to add.

(Intld.) J. F. P.

I have struck out certain papers and marked with a (?) certain papers which I think ought not to be communicated as a matter of course. As to the rest I am satisfied to let Secretaries have the responsibility of communicating papers to Editors' Table.

10-4-92.

(Intld.) H. E. S.

I have noted on the Revenue Secretary's note.

16-4-92.

(Intld.) J. H. G.

NOTE regarding proposed delegation to Secretaries of power to communicate papers to the Press.

There is no objection, as far as I can see, to empowering the Secretary to mark for the Editors' Table *all* Government Orders which are *invariably* communicated to the Press, such as the annual reviews enumerated in No. 6 of the list of papers in the Revenue Department usually placed on the Editors' Table. There is no difficulty also about many other orders such as those relating to the following subjects (see list):—

1. General orders regarding census.
2. Revision of Revenue collections.
3. Changes in head-quarters.
4. Rules and orders relating to Acts and Bills.
7. General Orders under the Merchandise Marks Act.
8. Annual reviews of budgets.
9. Orders relating to acquisition of lands for public purposes.
10. Papers connected with fairs and exhibitions, &c.

There is not likely to be any room for a difference of opinion regarding these, but as regards the following two classes of papers—

5. Papers regarding season and prospects,

11. All general orders of public interest relating to Land Revenue, Settlement, Salt, Abkari, Survey, Botany, Cinchona, &c.,

there is room for diversity of opinion and no rules can be laid down for guidance. Full discretion must be given to the Secretary and it must be left to him to make a reference to the Honorable Member when he is in doubt whether a particular order should be communicated to the Press or not. Expedition in publication is specially required in respect of papers relating to the season and administration of relief, but this is a class of papers in respect of which there is more room for diversity of opinion as to the advisability of publication than there is in respect of any other class. Objection has, in fact, been taken to the publicity given to some of the utterances of District officers regarding the condition of the people, the severity of distress, mortality and such like matters. At present before papers are circulated in the perusal bundles I glance over the season reports to see whether there is anything in them which it is obviously undesirable to publish, and in that case I draw attention to the objectionable passages by a note on the circulation slip. I am quite ready, however, to take the responsibility of making the selection, referring doubtful cases for orders, if Honorable Members see fit to vest me with discretion.

As regards publication of minutes of appointment, it is submitted that they should not be communicated to the Press until Council is over and the Gazette is being made up. It sometimes happens that appointments previously determined upon are altered at the last moment (it has more than once happened in the case of Deputy Collectors), and it would be very undesirable to run the risk of giving publicity to arrangements which had been proposed but are on reconsideration modified.

(Intld.) C. A. G.

As regards the Public Works Department, I see no necessity for any change of system at all, but on the other hand if such a change is considered advisable I have no objection to accepting the fullest

16-4-92.

Yes.

(Intld.) J. H. G.

This is what I should like to see done. I am sure the Secretary can be trusted to carry out his proposal, and that all due precautions will be taken by him.

(Intld.) W.

I think the Secretary may exercise this power.

(Intld.) J. H. G.
(") W.

J. H. G.

This would point to the advisability of withholding the publication of all appointments for, say, at least one week after they are made, and except in very special circumstances, a general rule to this effect would, I think, be useful, i.e., they would not be published till the second Tuesday after they had been made.

22-4-92.

(Intld.) W.

This is a valid objection.

(Intld.) H. E. S.
(") J. H. G.

16-4-92.

What about the other 10th and "Indian Engineering?"

(Intld.) W.

I am sure Colonel Pennycuick could be trusted in this matter, and if any time he thought it advisable could consult the Honorable Member in charge of the department.

(Intld.) W.

responsibility for the selection of papers for publication. The Public Works Department differs from some other departments in that there can very rarely be a doubt as to whether a particular paper can or cannot be published without inconvenience. Nine-tenths of the papers in this department are of no public interest at all, and nine-tenths of the remaining tenth can obviously be published without objection.

I do not know that any inconvenience has occurred from the present system by which the Honorable Member in charge of the department marks papers for publication, but if he likes to delegate this duty to me I have no objection to accept it.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK.

LIST OF GOVERNMENT ORDERS USUALLY PLACED ON THE EDITORS' TABLE.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

- Archæology*.—Reviews of progress reports of the Superintendent, Archæological Survey.
- Bangalore Pensioners' Widows and Orphans' Fund*.—Reviews of the accounts of the —.
- Births, Deaths and Marriages*.—Reviews of the reports on the registration of —.
- Chemical Examiner's Reports*.—Reviews of the —.
- Civil Hospitals and Dispensaries*.—Reviews of the annual reports on —.
- Civilians*.—Orders recording returns of junior — who have undergone training in Survey work.
- Emigration*.—Reviews of the annual reports on the operations connected with — in the Madras Presidency.
- Orders communicating returns of intestate estates of Indian emigrants in charge of the Curator of Vacant Estates at Mauritius.
- Epigraphy*.—Orders recording progress reports of the Government Epigraphist.
- European Vagrancy Act*.—Reviews of statements of operations under the —.
- Government Press*.—Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the —.
- Reviews of the annual reports on the audit of the accounts of the —.
- Lawrence Asylum Press*.—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.
- Madras Observatory*.—Orders on the annual reports of the —.
- Military Pensioners*.—Orders on the annual reports showing the number of — employed in Civil departments.
- Monegar Choultry*.—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.
- Passports*.—Reviews of the annual reports showing the number of — granted to pilgrims proceeding to Arabia.
- Triplicane Langarkhana*.—Reviews of the annual reports on the —.
- Valedictory Orders*.—on retirement of high public officials.
- Victoria Hospital*.—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

- Banganapalle State*.—Reviews of the administration reports of the —.
- Carnatic Stipends*.—Reviews of the administration reports of the Paymaster, —.
- Cochin State*.—Reviews of the administration reports of the —.
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| <i>Pudukotta State</i> .— | Do. | do. |
| <i>Sandur State</i> .— | Do. | do. |
| <i>Travancore State</i> .— | Do. | do. |

NTC
These are the blue book editions. The pink ones contain in addition confidential matter.
(Intld.) A. T. P.
I take it from this that the pink ones are not put on the Editors' Table.
(Intld.) W.
They are not put on the Editors' Table and are kept strictly confidential.
(Intld.) A. T. P.

ECCELESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

- Administration Reports*.—Orders on the — of the Ecclesiastical Department.
- Visitation Tours of the Bishop*.—Orders communicating programmes of the —.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

- Administrator-General's Accounts*.—Reviews of the half-yearly reports on the audit of the —.
- Civil Justice*.—Reviews of the annual reports on the administration of —.

Courts.—Reviews of returns showing the extent of litigation in the — of this Presidency to which Government was a party.

Criminal Justice.—Reviews of the annual reports on the administration of —.

* *Ganjam Agency.*—Reviews of administration reports of the —.

* *Godavari Agency.*—Reviews of administration reports of the —.

Indian Arms Act.—Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the —.

Indian Factories Act.—Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the —.

Jail Code.—Orders sanctioning additions to the —.

Jails.—Reviews of the annual reports of the Inspector-General of —.

Joint Stock Companies.—Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the Indian Companies Act.

Lunatic Asylums.—Reviews of the annual reports on —.

Lunatics.—Orders on the annual returns of — remaining in confinement in the jails of the Presidency.

Notaries Public.—Reviews of the annual reports on the work of — in the Registration Department.

Police.—Reviews of the — administration reports.

Registration.—Reviews of reports on the working of the — department.

Registration.—Orders relating to the creation of new districts or sub-districts; to the re-adjustment of sub-districts; and to the transfers of villages from one sub-district to another.

I think the Honorable Member misunderstands? These are orders about registration districts, not Revenue, and they are not confidential.
(Intld.) A. T. P.
No. I do not misunderstand.
(Intld.) H. E. S.

Why not publish this to the world?
(Intld.) W.

Very well, publish. They are generally uninteresting.
(Intld.) H. E. S.

Rewards.—Reviews of the annual returns of — disbursed.

Sulphur.—Reviews of annual returns of operations under the Indian Arms Act relating to —.

Wild Animals.—Orders communicating the returns of cattle destroyed by —.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Books and Publications.—Orders directing publication of the catalogues of books registered.

— Letters to the Under Secretary of State forwarding lists of works of interest published in English in this Presidency.

College of Engineering.—Reviews of the annual reports on the —.

Government Schools.—Orders sanctioning the establishment of new —, and the transfer to Government of private, local or municipal schools.

Grant-in-aid Code.—Orders directing publication of notifications under the —.

Lawrence Asylum.—Reviews of budget estimates of the —.

— Reviews of the annual reports on the —.

— Notifications relating to changes in the rules of the —.

London Matriculation Examination.—Orders communicating the Secretary of State's despatches relating to the holding of the — at Madras.

Public Instruction.—Reviews of the annual reports on —.

School of Arts.—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.

Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations.—Reviews of the annual reports on the —.

Vizagapatam Orphan Asylum.—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Conservancy Boards.—Orders relating to the constitution of — at ports.
Courts of Inquiry.—Orders on reports and proceedings of —.
Cyclone Code.—Additions to the —.
Disabled Boatmen's Fund.—Orders on reports on the —.
Harbour Trust Board.—Reviews of the administration reports of the —.
Lights.—Orders relating to changes in —.
Lights and Lighthouses.—Orders on reports on the — in the Presidency.
Madras Port Department.—Reviews of the administration reports of the —.
Ports and Lighthouses.—Orders on inspection reports of —.
Port Rules.—Additions and changes in —.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Accounts.—Orders recording statements of final — of Provincial Services.
Budget Estimates.—All orders reviewing the — of the various departments, &c.
District Post.—Orders on the annual reports on the operations of the —.
Government Savings Bank.—Orders on the reports on the audit of the accounts of the —.
Harbour Trust Accounts.—Reviews of reports on the audit of the —.
Lawrence Asylum Press.—Orders communicating the reports on the audit of the accounts of the —.
Loans.—Orders on the estimates of — and grants to Local Boards and Municipal Councils.
Provincial Budget Estimate.—Final orders on the —.
Revenue and Expenditure.—Statements submitted by the Accountant-General of the — of this Government distributed under Imperial, Provincial and Local.
Stationery.—Reviews of the annual reports of the Superintendent of —.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Draft Bills.—Orders directing publication of — in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.
Madras Acts.—Orders on receipt of His Excellency the Governor-General's assent to —.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

- (1) Reviews of the District Boards' budgets.
- (2) Reviews of the District Boards' reports.
- (3) Reviews of the Municipal budgets, including that of the Madras Municipality.
- (4) Reviews of the Municipal reports, including that of the Madras Municipality.
- (5) Reviews of the Vaccination reports.
- (6) Reviews of the Sanitation reports.
- (7) Reviews of the administration reports of the District Boards generally.
- (8) Reviews of the administration reports of the Municipal Councils generally.
- (9) G.O.'s finally dealing with water-supply and drainage schemes of towns.
- (10) G.O.'s sanctioning applications for loans.
- (11) G.O.'s recording the remarks of the Sanitary Commissioner on the monthly returns of Vital Statistics.
- (12) G.O.'s recording the reports on fairs and festivals.
- (13) G.O.'s dealing with the reports of the Sanitary Commissioner and Deputy Sanitary Commissioner on the towns inspected by them.
- (14) G.O.'s dealing with the reports of the Inspecting Agency on Local Fund and Municipal Accounts.
- (15) G.O.'s sanctioning the constitution of Local Fund Taluks.
- (16) G.O.'s sanctioning the constitution of Local Fund Unions.
- (17) G.O.'s ordering the publication of the statements showing the works of public utility constructed by private individuals.

- (18) G.O.'s sanctioning election rules for Municipalities.
 (19) G.O.'s publishing rules framed by Government under the provisions of Acts I, IV and V of 1884.
 (20) G.O.'s sanctioning Bye-laws framed under Acts I and IV of 1884.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1. General orders regarding census.
2. Revision of village establishments.
3. Changes in head-quarters.
4. Rules and orders relating to Acts and Bills.
5. Papers regarding season and prospects.
6. Annual reviews relating to the following :—
 - (a) Report on extermination of wild animals.
 - (b) Jamabandi report.
 - (c) Court of Wards' administration report.
 - (d) District Presses report (triennial).
 - (e) Stamp administration report.
 - (f) Cinchona report.
 - (g) Government Gardens report.
 - (h) Special Local Funds report.
 - (i) Report on the administration of the Settlement Department.
 - (j) Do. do. do. Survey do.
 - (k) Do. do. do. Salt do.
 - (l) Do. do. do. Agricultural do.
 - (m) Do. do. do. Forest do.
 - (n) Do. do. do. Income-tax Act II of 1886.
 - (o) Do. do. do. Abkari and Opium Revenue.
 - (p) Museum report.
 - (q) Report on advances under the Land Improvement Loans and Agriculturists' Loans Act.
 - (r) Survey advances report.
 - (s) Report on the working of the establishment for stamping weights and measures.
 - (t) Report on the fish-curing operations.
 - (u) Report on pony-breeding operations.
7. General orders under the Merchandise Marks Act.
8. Annual reviews of budgets of all departments under the Revenue Secretariat.

9. Orders relating to acquisition of lands required for public purposes.

The letter accompanying the proposals often contain matter which it is not desirable to publish and the Government orders are hardly ever printed.
 (Intld.) H. E. S.
 Why not? They appear in next Gazette.
 (Intld.) W.
 Only the notifications.
 (Intld.) H. E. S.

10. Papers connected with fairs, exhibitions and other agricultural experiments.

11. All general orders of public interest relating to Land Revenue, Settlement, Salt, Abkari, Survey, Botany, Cinchona and sale of quinine.

Too wide.
 (Intld.) H. E. S.
 (") J. H. G.
 (") W.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT—Nil.

Bridges.—Repairs to —.
Budget Estimates.—Orders on —.
Carriages.—Orders sanctioning the construction of new —.

Coal.—Orders relating to experiments with different kinds of —.

East Coast Railway.—Orders regarding the construction of the —.

Indian Transactions of the Madras and South Indian Railways.—Orders on statements of —. *

Mail Service.—Orders relating to the —.

Railways.—Orders on construction and opening of new lines of —.

Stations.—Orders on the opening of new and alterations of the names of —.

Time Tables.—Orders relating to —.

Trains.—Orders on statements of late —. †

* I would omit this too.
(Intld.) H. E. S.

† This is only for the information of Government and if published would possibly exasperate the traveling public.

(Intld.) W.

And still more the Companies.

(Intld.) H. E. S.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., dated 15th August 1891, No. 702, Public.

Read—the following paper:—

From H. BEAUCHAMP, Esq., Editor, "Madras Mail," to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 6th August 1891.

Would you kindly inform me whether there would be any objection to my being furnished with advance proofs of *Fort St. George Gazette* notifications of postings, leave, &c., either from the Government offices themselves or from the Government Press? At Simla the Government of India makes this concession to Press correspondents, who obtain proofs several hours before the actual publication of the *Gazette of India*. If the same concession were allowed here, the notifications could appear in our issue of Tuesday evening and be known up-country one day in advance of the *Gazette* itself.

Order—dated 15th August 1891, No. 702, Public.

The Superintendent of the Government Press will be authorized to supply the Editor of the "Madras Mail," "Madras Times," and the "Hindu" newspapers with clean galley proofs of the *Fort St. George Gazette* after they have been finally passed in the Secretariat.

2. The Editors of the Newspapers referred to will be expected to make their own arrangements for receiving the proofs.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

- To the Superintendent, Government Press (order only).
- " Editor, "Madras Mail" (P. and O.).
- " " "Madras Times" (order only).
- " " "Hindu" (order only).

G.O., dated 29th October 1891, R. No. 1050.

Read—the following paper:—

From H. BEAUCHAMP, Esq., Editor, "Madras Mail," to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 16th October 1891.

I should esteem it a great favour if you would kindly ascertain from Government whether it would be prepared to afford newspaper editors here the same facilities for obtaining early official information as are afforded at Simla and Calcutta by the Government of India. At present, owing to delays at the Government Press, papers "to be placed on the Editors' Table" are not received for weeks, occasionally months, after they have been given their *imprimatur*, and, consequently, when they are

received, they are, in the great majority of cases, flat, stale and unprofitable from the point of view both of the Government and of the public. At Simla our representatives can obtain an immediate inspection of documents which Government desires to be published by the Press by attending once or twice a week at the various offices. They do not have to wait until an over-worked Government Press can find leisure to print the papers off and deliver them; they are either given advance galley proofs or allowed to make a précis from the manuscripts. This system should cause no more inconvenience to Government here than it does to the Government at Simla, while it will result in considerable benefit to the public.

Then, as regards the Gazette, our representatives at Simla obtain advance proofs of the *Gazette of India* from the various offices and telegraph the notifications down to us sometimes hours before the Gazette itself is published. When a few weeks ago I requested the Madras Government to afford us the same opportunities here, it was pleased to allow the Superintendent of the Government Press to give us final galley proofs; but this has resulted in a very small saving of time. Under the Simla system, on the contrary, we should be able to publish some at least of the notifications in our issue of the same evening, which would be despatched up-country one day before the Gazette. It may often happen that the whole of the Gazette notifications of appointments, &c., are not ready for striking off at the Gazette office until late in the evening, and at Simla when that occurs extra slips are issued to the Press representatives afterwards. This, I think, might also be done here, for there is no reason why half the Gazette should not be published in one day's issue and the other half in the next.

If you would kindly represent these matters to Government, I should feel much obliged to you. I am sure my requests will be regarded as reasonable enough for consideration.

From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to the Government of ^{India} _{Bombay}, dated Fort St. George, 29th October 1891, R. No. 1050.

I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to inform me as to the system adopted in ^{Calcutta or Simla} _{Bombay} for placing the Proceedings of the Government at the disposal of the Press (newspapers).

2. The system in force here is briefly as follows:—Printed files of Government Orders are submitted from time to time to a Member of Council who makes selections for the Editors' Table. Lists of such selected papers are then published in the Gazette and the next day the newspapers which are admitted to the privilege of the "Editors' Table" are supplied with copies of the Government Orders—to some they are forwarded by messengers and to others by post, "service unpaid."

READ—also the following papers:—

From T. D. MACKENZIE, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, General Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Bombay Castle, 5th December 1891, No. 4223.

In reply to your letter, No. 1050, Public, dated 29th October last, requesting information as to the system adopted in this Presidency for placing the Proceedings of Government at the disposal of the Press, I am directed to state that in 1873 this Government ruled that copies of all printed selections from the records of Government should be presented to the editors of the leading newspapers provided Government were not put to any great expense on that account. In accordance with this ruling the editors of 29 newspapers in this Presidency are at present supplied with printed reports, selections, &c., issued by Government.

2. As regards resolutions of Government, I am to state that copies of such resolutions as are likely to prove of public interest are, under the orders of Government, given at the time the resolution is approved by them, placed on the Editors' Tables, Bombay, Poona and Dharwar. In Bombay formerly when a resolution was placed on

the Editors' Table, intimation of the fact was given to the editors of the daily English and Vernacular papers, and when possible spare copies of such papers were supplied to them. From the middle of 1889, however, copies of such resolutions are sent to the editors of the 16 principal English and Vernacular newspapers in the city. The copies are sent with a peon to the papers which are in the vicinity of the Secretariat, and to the rest by post "paid." In Poona, resolutions for the Editors' Table are sent to the care of the City Magistrate, who places them in a room in the Native General Library for the use of the editors, and the Secretary to the Library or his clerk takes care of the papers that are placed on the Editors' Table. In Dharwar, copies of official papers which are to be placed on the Editors' Table are sent to the editor of the *Dharwar Vritt* for his own use and for the information of the other editors of newspapers published at Dharwar. Copies of resolutions are not supplied to editors in other parts of this Presidency.

From C. J. LYALL, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 8th December 1891, No. 1931.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1050, dated the 29th October last, asking for information as to the system adopted in Calcutta and Simla for placing the Proceedings of the Government of India at the disposal of the Press.

2. In reply I am to say that there is no system under which the Proceedings of the Government of India are placed upon an Editors' Table. This plan was tried more than once, but was found not to work satisfactorily, and was finally abandoned several years ago. Accredited correspondents of newspapers, who require information on particular points, call upon the Secretaries to the Government of India at their offices with the object of obtaining such information, which is furnished when its communication to the Press is thought unobjectionable. When the Honorable Member in charge of a department considers that the papers on any particular subject are of such general interest that they should be made public, they are either published in the supplement of the *Gazette of India* or in a "Selection from the Records of the Government of India," or are circulated by post (service paid) to the editors of all newspapers, English and Vernacular, to which the *Gazette of India* is distributed *gratis*.

APPENDIX.

Circulated. The Chief Secretary cannot give up time to see editors regularly, and there are other reasons (*e.g.*, the fact that most of the Government Proceedings are in manuscript and can't be shown across the table to an editor—and again the number of departments under the Chief Secretary's charge, rendering it difficult for him to decide without some inspection whether or not information may be safely given) which would prevent the adoption of this part of the system at Calcutta.

2. The Bombay system appears not to differ much from the Madras one, but Mr. Mackenzie's letter isn't very definite in some respects.

3. There is much reason in what Mr. Beauchamp has written and it seems that there can be no objection to letting representatives of the leading Madras newspapers make a précis for themselves from the manuscripts of papers which are on their way to the Government Press and which in the judgment of the Chief Secretary there can be no possible bar to their seeing. There are many papers belonging to classes which the Honorable Member invariably marks E.T. when the orders go to him for perusal. If he will allow the Chief Secretary to anticipate this, much will be available. Again, if the Press representatives were allowed, after seeing a paper which they did not wish to make a précis of, to ask for a galley proof, arrangements could easily be made.

4. At one time the plan of marking papers E.T. before circulation was tried, but it did not answer; if the Chief Secretary remembered to do it, the Honorable Members didn't notice the point, and their orders had again to be taken; moreover, where a draft was "from orders," the system could not be worked.

5. If, however, the Chief Secretary was given discretion and allowed to presume that, say, every order reviewing a Local Fund or Municipal report—every order reviewing a budget estimate—every "blue" pamphlet review of the administration of a Native State (care would of course be taken rigorously to confine to the "pink" pamphlet any remarks which might be twisted into an attack by an editor)—every order in whatever department which was on the face of it absolutely harmless—would be marked E.T. when printed, or, if not marked E.T., might all the same be regarded as an E.T. paper, it would be easy to obtain approval in the other cases while the papers were still in circulation.

6. It must be remembered that while editors grumble at the dry food afforded them by Government, they like and use it all the same if supplied quickly. But at present, orders belonging to a class which

* If an order reviewing the administration of a department has been marked E.T. for ten years running, what need is there to anticipate that on the eleventh occasion it will not be, and to defer giving it to editors until the whole of the papers can be printed and sent round for perusal?

is regularly given in the end to the public don't reach the newspapers until it is too late to use them, and complaints and grumbling are thus provoked. So long as the re-iterated approval* of the Honorable Member has to be given, this must be the case.

7. To give an illustration in the Financial Department. It has been the practice for years to mark all Budget Orders E.T. when they come round in the perusal bundles. The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes follows his predecessors in so marking them. Well: this is dry provender. Still, if an editor can insert a little paragraph to say that the Inspector-General of Police estimated the expenditure of his department at so much, the receipts at so much, and that Government has passed or not passed his estimates, the dryness of the fact won't prevent that editor from gladly padding his columns with it, always provided that he can give it as fresh news. Under the arrangement proposed above, the editor would be in a position to give it as such. Under the present arrangement, he can only give it as stale news, and the editor either makes no use of it at all, or, if he does print it as an occasional note, does so grumbling (and with reason) at the antiquity of it.

8. It is believed that the privilege will not be abused by the newspapers. If the editors or their representatives should be unscrupulous, it will be to their interest not to be so here, as any abuse of the concession could be quickly visited by withdrawing it. At present the only mark of displeasure which can be shown is to strike off a newspaper from the list of those admitted to the privilege of the Editors' Table—an extreme step which Government is always very unwilling to take.

9. It may be said that there is danger of the Chief Secretary making mistakes. Granting this, such mistakes would occur very seldom and probably be slight ones; it is obvious that at times he might look at a paper in a different light from an Honorable Member and give what that Member would not give, or *vice versa*; similarly under the present system, His Excellency the Governor or the junior Member might at times differ in opinion from the senior Member if their consent had to be obtained to marking a paper E.T.

The Chief Secretary will always be a Civilian of long standing and experience, and it is surely better to run the risk of his making at times what an individual Member of Government might regard as a mistake than to hedge about the system with restrictions merely to guard against the possibility of such mistakes. The Secretaries at Calcutta are of similar standing to Secretaries at Madras, and if the Members of Government there delegate their authority largely in this respect to Secretaries, why should they not safely do so here?

(Intld.) A. T. P.

7-2-92.

The present system is no doubt one which causes great delay and dissatisfaction. The only way in which to mend matters seems to be an arrangement something of the kind suggested by the Chief Assistant. If Honorable Members choose to give it a trial I will do my best to work it judiciously. I wish it, however, to be understood that, as far as I am personally concerned, I do not care to see any change. I have, as it is, more than enough in the way of work to do and I furthermore do not wish to expose myself to the risk of the annoyance which making a mistake, or what may be regarded by a Member of the Government as a mistake, in communicating a particular paper to the Press, may involve.

15-2-92.

(Intld.) J. F. P.

I agree.—J. H. G. W. { I don't approve of the proposal that editors should be allowed access to manuscript papers in order to make précis of them at the Government Office. It would entail considerable worry at the office and the papers often contain remarks or notes which the editor ought not to see, even there may be no objection to the orders or final disposals being made public. I think that the delay involved in waiting for printed papers must be tolerated and that in cases when we may desire quick publicity we can take special steps to reduce this delay. I don't object to considerable delegation of power to the Secretaries in the matter and I think this would best be done by the preparation of a standing list of papers which should ordinarily be communicated to the Press. The office might then, in sending the papers to be printed, mark them for rapid issue. Arrangements might also be made that all minutes of appointment should be put in type as they are passed, and advance slips furnished to the editors of the chief Madras newspapers. Beyond this, I don't think any change is required in the present system.

17-2-92.

The only papers that come to me to be passed for the E.T., I think, are Revenue ones, and I am quite content that this should be so. The delay in circulating papers for approval for E.T. after they are printed is very slight and I think each Member had better deal with those of his own departments as at present.

23-2-92.

Intld.) J. H. G.

It would be a good thing for a list of papers to be drawn up which the Secretaries might communicate to the Press as a matter of course, but even with some of these there is room for a considerable amount of discretion on the part of Secretaries. I believe the Revenue Secretary marks some passages specially for the Hon'ble Mr. Garstin to decide as to whether they should be placed on the Editors' Table, especially in the reports from district officers, but before the custom was to publish them all without any discrimination. This has been shown to lead to mischievous results, but I am not quite clear as to how this discrimination is exercised, or in whom it is vested.

(Intld.) W.

26-2-92.

A printed list of orders which by custom are placed on the Editors' Table is circulated.

It is thought that there can be no objection to the Secretaries concerned giving these to editors as proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Stokes.

One good result which will follow from the change of system in this respect will be the exclusion by drafting officers of confidential and personal matter from periodical reviews intended to be made public. There is no doubt, for example, that the order on an administration report is not the place for personal censure. The practice is to keep doubtful matters out of general orders, but at times they creep in.

(Intld.) A. T. P.
3-4-92.

(Intld.) J. F. P.

[Through the Revenue and Public Works Secretaries for any remarks which they may wish to add.]

NOTE regarding proposed delegation to Secretaries of power to communicate papers to the Press.

There is no objection, as far as I can see, to empowering the Secretary to mark for the Editors' Table *all* Government Orders which are *invariably* communicated to the Press, such as the annual reviews enumerated in No. 6 of the list of papers in the Revenue Department usually placed on the Editors' Table. There is no difficulty also about many other orders such as those relating to the following subjects (see list):—

1. General orders regarding census.
2. Revision of Revenue collections.
3. Changes in head-quarters.
4. Rules and orders relating to Acts and Bills.
7. General Orders under the Merchandise Marks Act.
8. Annual reviews of budgets.
9. Orders relating to acquisition of lands for public purposes.
10. Papers connected with fairs and exhibitions, &c.

There is not likely to be any room for a difference of opinion regarding these, but as regards the following two classes of papers—

5. Papers regarding season and prospects,
11. All general orders of public interest relating to Land Revenue, Settlement, Salt, Abkari, Survey, Botany, Cinchona, &c.,

there is room for diversity of opinion and no rules can be laid down for guidance. Full discretion must be given to the Secretary and it must be left to him to make a reference to the Honorable Member when he is in doubt whether a particular order should be communicated to the Press or not. Expedition in publication is specially required in respect of papers relating to the season and administration of relief, but this is a class of papers in respect of which there is more room for diversity of opinion as to the advisability of publication than there is in respect of any other class. Objection has, in fact, been taken to the publicity given to some of the utterances of District officers regarding the condition of the people, the severity of distress, mortality and such like matters. At present before papers are circulated in the perusal bundles I glance over the season reports to see whether there is anything in them which it is obviously undesirable to publish, and in that case I draw attention to the objectionable passages by a note on the circulation slip. I am quite ready, however, to take the responsibility of making the selection, referring doubtful cases for orders, if Honorable Members see fit to vest me with discretion.

As regards publication of minutes of appointment, it is submitted that they should not be communicated to the Press until Council is over and the Gazette is being made up. It sometimes happens that appointments previously determined upon are altered at the last moment (it has more than once happened in the case of Deputy Collectors), and it would be very undesirable to run the risk of giving publicity to arrangements which had been proposed but are on reconsideration modified.

(Intld.) C. A. G.

As regards the Public Works Department, I see no necessity for any change of system at all, but on the other hand if such a change is considered advisable I have no objection to accepting the fullest responsibility for the selection of papers for publication. The Public Works Department differs from some other departments in that there can very rarely be a doubt as to whether a particular paper can or cannot be published without inconvenience.

16-4-92.

Yes.

(Intld.) J. H. G.
This is what I should like to see done. I am sure the Secretary can be trusted to carry out his proposal, and that all due precautions will be taken by him.

(Intld.) W.

I think the Secretary may exercise this power.

(Intld.) J. H. G.
(") W.

J. H. G.

This is a valid objection.

16-4-92.

(Intld.) H. E. S.
(") J. H. G.

This would point to the advisability of withholding the publication of all appointments for, say, at least one week after they are made, and except in very special circumstances, a general rule to this effect would, I think, be useful, i.e., they would not be published till the second Tuesday after they had been made.

22-4-92.

(Intld.) W.

What about the other 10th and "Indian Engineering?"

(Intld.) W.

I am sure Colonel Pennycuik could be trusted in this matter, and if any time he thought it advisable could consult the Honorable Member in charge of the department.

(Intld.) W.

Nine-tenths of the papers in this department are of no public interest at all, and nine-tenths of the remaining tenth can obviously be published without objection.

I do not know that any inconvenience has occurred from the present system by which the Honorable Member in charge of the department marks papers for publication, but if he likes to delegate this duty to me I have no objection to accept it.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK.

I have struck out certain papers and marked with a (?) certain papers which I think ought not to be communicated as a matter of course. As to the rest I am satisfied to let Secretaries have the responsibility of communicating papers to Editors' Table.

(Intld.) H. E. S.

10-4-92.

I have noted on the Revenue Secretary's note.

(Intld.) J. H. G.

16-4-92.

LIST OF GOVERNMENT ORDERS USUALLY PLACED ON THE EDITORS' TABLE.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

- Archæology*.—Reviews of progress reports of the Superintendent, Archæological Survey.
- Bangalore Pensioners' Widows and Orphans' Fund*.—Reviews of the accounts of the —.
- Births, Deaths and Marriages*.—Reviews of the reports on the registration of —.
- Chemical Examiner's Reports*.—Reviews of the —.
- Civil Hospitals and Dispensaries*.—Reviews of the annual reports on —.
- Civilians*.—Orders recording returns of junior — who have undergone training in Survey work.
- Emigration*.—Reviews of the annual reports on the operations connected with — in the Madras Presidency.
- Orders communicating returns of intestate estates of Indian emigrants in charge of the Curator of Vacant Estates at Mauritius.
- Epigraphy*.—Orders recording progress reports of the Government Epigraphist.
- European Vagrancy Act*.—Reviews of statements of operations under the —.
- Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the —.
- Lawrence Asylum Press*.—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.
- Madras Observatory*.—Orders on the annual reports of the —.
- Military Pensioners*.—Orders on the annual reports showing the number of — employed in Civil departments.
- Monegar Choultry*.—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.
- Passports*.—Reviews of the annual reports showing the number of — granted to pilgrims proceeding to Arabia.
- Triplicane Langarkhana*.—Reviews of the annual reports on the —.
- Valedictory Orders*.—on retirement of high public officials.
- Victoria Hospital*.—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

- Banganapalle State*.—Reviews * of the administration reports of the —.
- Carnatic Stipends*.—Reviews of the administration reports of the Paymaster, —.
- Cochin State*.—Reviews * of the administration reports of the —.
- Pudukôta State*.— Do. do.
- Sandûr State*.— Do. do.
- Travancore State*.— Do. do.

* NOTE — These are the blue book editions. The pink (i) ones contain in addition confidential matter.
(i) I take it from this that the pink ones are not put on the Editors' Table.
(Intld.) W.

ECCELESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

- Administration Reports*.—Orders on the — of the Ecclesiastical Department.
- Visitation Tours of the Bishop*.—Orders communicating programmes of the —.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

- Administrator-General's Accounts*.—Reviews of the half-yearly reports on the audit of the —.
- Civil Justice*.—Reviews of the annual reports on the administration of —.
- Courts*.—Reviews of returns showing the extent of litigation in the — of this Presidency to which Government was a party.
- Criminal Justice*.—Reviews of the annual reports on the administration of —.
- * *Ganjam Agency*.—Reviews of administration reports of —. * Generally confidential Omit. (Intld.) H. E. S. W.
- the —.
- * *Godâvari Agency*.—Reviews of administration reports of —.
- the —.
- Indian Arms Act*.—Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the —.
- Indian Factories Act*.—Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the —.
- Jail Code*.—Orders sanctioning additions to the —.
- Jails*.—Reviews of the annual reports of the Inspector-General of —.
- Joint Stock Companies*.—Reviews of the annual reports on the working of the Indian Companies Act.
- Lunatic Asylums*.—Reviews of the annual reports on —. These should be subject to careful attention. (Intld.) W.
- Lunatics*.—Orders on the annual returns of — remaining in confinement in the jails of the Presidency.
- Notaries Public*.—Reviews of the annual reports on the work of — in the Registration Department.
- Police*.—Reviews of the — administration reports.
- Registration*.—Reviews of reports on the working of the — department.
- Registration*.—Orders relating to the creation of new — districts or sub-districts; to the re-adjustment of sub-districts; and to the transfers of villages from one sub-district to another. { Why not publish this to the world? (Intld.) W. Very well, publish. They are generally uninteresting. (Intld.) H. E. S.
- Rewards*.—Reviews of the annual returns of — disbursed.
- Sulphur*.—Reviews of annual returns of operations under the Indian Arms Act relating to —.
- Wild Animals*.—Orders communicating the returns of cattle destroyed by —.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

- Books and Publications*.—Orders directing publication of the catalogues of books registered.
- Letters to the Under Secretary of State forwarding lists of works of interest published in English in this Presidency.
- College of Engineering*.—Reviews of the annual reports on the —.
- Government Schools*.—Orders sanctioning the establishment of new —, and the transfer to Government of private, local or municipal schools.
- Grant-in-aid Code*.—Orders directing publication of notifications under the —.
- Lawrence Asylum*.—Reviews of budget estimates of the —.
- Reviews of the annual reports on the —.
- Notifications relating to changes in the rules of the —.
- London Matriculation Examination*.—Orders communicating the Secretary of State's despatches relating to the holding of the — at Madras.
- Public Instruction*.—Reviews of the annual reports on —.
- School of Arts*.—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.
- Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations*.—Reviews of the annual reports on the —.
- Vizagapatam Orphan Asylum*.—Reviews of the annual reports of the —.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Conservancy Boards.—Orders relating to the constitution of — at ports.
Courts of Inquiry.—Orders on reports and proceedings of —.
Cyclone Code.—Additions to the —.
Disabled Boatmen's Fund.—Orders on reports on the —.
Harbour Trust Board.—Reviews of the administration reports of the —.
Lights.—Orders relating to changes in —.
Lights and Lighthouses.—Orders on reports on the — in the Presidency.
Madras Port Department.—Reviews of the administration reports of the —.
Ports and Lighthouses.—Orders on inspection reports of —.
Port Rules.—Additions and changes in —.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Accounts.—Orders recording statements of final — of Provincial Services.
Budget Estimates.—All orders reviewing the — of the various departments, &c.
District Post.—Orders on the annual reports on the operations of the —.
Government Savings Bank.—Orders on the reports on the audit of the accounts of the —.
Harbour Trust Accounts.—Reviews of reports on the audit of the —.
Lawrence Asylum Press.—Orders communicating the reports on the audit of the accounts of the —.
Loans.—Orders on the estimates of — and grants to Local Boards and Municipal Councils.
Provincial Budget Estimate.—Final orders on the —.
Revenue and Expenditure.—Statements submitted by the Accountant-General of the — of this Government distributed under Imperial, Provincial and Local.
Stationery.—Reviews of the annual reports of the Superintendent of —.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Draft Bills.—Orders directing publication of — in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.
Madras Acts.—Orders on receipt of His Excellency the Governor-General's assent to —.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

- (1) Reviews of the District Boards' budgets.
- (2) Reviews of the District Boards' reports.
- (3) Reviews of the Municipal budgets, including that of the Madras Municipality.
- (4) Reviews of the Municipal reports, including that of the Madras Municipality.
- (5) Reviews of the Vaccination reports.
- (6) Reviews of the Sanitation reports.
- (7) Reviews of the administration reports of the District Boards generally.
- (8) Reviews of the administration reports of the Municipal Councils generally.
- (9) G.O.'s finally dealing with water-supply and drainage schemes of towns.
- (10) G.O.'s sanctioning applications for loans.
- (11) G.O.'s recording the remarks of the Sanitary Commissioner on the monthly returns of Vital Statistics.
- (12) G.O.'s recording the reports on fairs and festivals.
- (13) G.O.'s dealing with the reports of the Sanitary Commissioner and Deputy Sanitary Commissioner on the towns inspected by them.
- (14) G.O.'s dealing with the reports of the Inspecting Agency on Local Fund and Municipal Accounts.
- (15) G.O.'s sanctioning the constitution of Local Fund Taluks.
- (16) G.O.'s sanctioning the constitution of Local Fund Unions.
- (17) G.O.'s ordering the publication of the statements showing the works of public utility constructed by private individuals.

- (18) G.O.'s sanctioning election rules for Municipalities.
- (19) G.O.'s publishing rules framed by Government under the provisions of Acts I, IV and V of 1884.
- (20) G.O.'s sanctioning Bye-laws framed under Acts I and IV of 1884.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1. General orders regarding census.
2. Revision of village establishments.
3. Changes in head-quarters.
4. Rules and orders relating to Acts and Bills.
5. Papers regarding season and prospects.
6. Annual reviews relating to the following :—
 - (a) Report on extermination of wild animals.
 - (b) Jamabandi report.
 - (c) Court of Wards' administration report.
 - (d) District Presses report (triennial).
 - (e) Stamp administration report.
 - (f) Cinchona report.
 - (g) Government Gardens report.
 - (h) Special Local Funds report.
 - (i) Report on the administration of the Settlement Department.
 - (j) Do. do. do. Survey do.
 - (k) Do. do. do. Salt do.
 - (l) Do. do. do. Agricultural do.
 - (m) Do. do. do. Forest do.
 - (n) Do. do. do. Income-tax Act II of 1886.
 - (o) Do. do. do. Abkari and Opium Revenue.
 - (p) Museum report.
 - (q) Report on advances under the Land Improvement Loans and Agriculturists' Loans Act.
 - (r) Survey advances report.
 - (s) Report on the working of the establishment for stamping weights and measures.
 - (t) Report on the fish-curing operations.
 - (u) Report on pony-breeding operations.
7. General orders under the Merchandise Marks Act.
8. Annual reviews of budgets of all departments under the Revenue Secretariat.
9. Orders relating to acquisition of lands required for public purposes.

The letter accompanying the proposals often contain matter which it is not desirable to publish and the Government orders are hardly ever printed.
 (Intld.) H. E. S.
 Why not? They appear in next Gazette.
 (Intld.) W.
 Only the notifications.
 (Intld.) H. E. S.

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10. Papers connected with fairs, exhibitions and other agricultural experiments.
11. All general orders of public interest relating to Land Revenue, Settlement, Salt, Abkari, Survey, Botany, Cinchona and sale of quinine.

Too wide.
 (Intld.) H. E. S.
 (") J. H. G.
 (") W.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT—Nil.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General Buildings and Roads Branch.

Administration Reports.
Artesian Well-borings.—Orders relating to —.
Bridges.—Construction and repair of —.
Buildings of Historic or Architectural Interest.—Orders relating to —.
Budget Estimates.—Orders on —.
Causeways.—Orders relating to the construction and repair of —.
Cemeteries.—Do. do. do.
Courts and Cutcherries.—Orders relating to the construction and repair of —.
Dams.—Orders relating to the construction and repair of —.
Divisions (Executive).—Orders relating to the formation of —.
Fire-engines.—Orders relating to —.
Funds.—Orders on allotment, transfers and redistribution of —.
Ghâts.—Orders relating to —.
Government Brickfields.—Orders relating to —.
Harbour.—Estimates and Progress reports of the Madras —.
Hospitals.—Orders relating to the construction and repairs of —.
Jails.—Do. do. do.
Lands.—Orders regarding the acquisition of —.*
Light-houses.—Orders on reports on —.
Lightning Conductors.—Orders on erection and repair of —.
Police Stations.—Orders on the construction and repair of —.
Public Offices.—Do. do. do.
Public Works Workshops.—Reports on the working of —.
Residences.—Orders on the construction and repair of —.*
Roads.—Orders on the construction and repair of —.*
Schools and Colleges.—Orders on the construction and repair of —.
Sheds.—Orders on the construction and repair of —.*
Stables.—Orders on the construction and repair of —.*
Telephone Lines.—Erection of —.
Telegraph Offices.—Orders sanctioning the opening of —.
Water-supply Schemes.—Orders relating to —.

* (?) Gazette.

* Yes. Not necessary and in some cases inadvisable.
(Intld.) W.
(") H. E. S.Do.
Do.*Irrigation Branch.*

Administration Reports.
Anicuts.—Orders sanctioning the construction and repair of —.
Aqueducts.—Do. do. do.
Banks and Bunds.—Orders sanctioning the construction and repair of —.
Budget Estimates.—Orders on —.
Canals and Channels.—Orders sanctioning diversions, closures, construction and repair of —.
Culverts.—Orders sanctioning construction and repair of —.
Dams.—Do. do. do.
Funds.—Orders sanctioning allotment, transfer and redistribution of —.
Lands.—Orders sanctioning the acquisition of —.
Periyar Works.—Progress reports of the —.
Sluices.—Orders sanctioning the construction and repair of —.
Tanks.—Orders sanctioning the improvements and repairs of —.
Traffic.—Orders on statement of — on navigable canals.
Tunnels.—Orders sanctioning the construction and repair of —.
Weirs.—Orders sanctioning the construction and repair of —.

Railway Branch.

Bridges.—Repairs to —.
Budget Estimates.—Orders on —.
Carriages.—Orders sanctioning the construction of new —.

Coal.—Orders relating to experiments with different kinds of —.
East Coast Railway.—Orders regarding the construction of the —.
Indian Transactions of the Madras and South Indian Railways.—Orders on statements of —.*
Mail Service.—Orders relating to the —.
Railways.—Orders on construction and opening of new lines of —.
Stations.—Orders on the opening of new and alterations of the names of —.

Time Tables.—Orders relating to —.*Trains.*—Orders on statements of late —. †* I would omit this too.
(Intld.) H. E. S.† This is only for the information of Government and if published would possibly exasperate the travelling public.
(Intld.) W.And still more the Companies.
(Intld.) H. E. S.

27-2-92.

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DEPARTMENT.

Paper taken out of the Records from the charge of the Referencer.

Press
Miscellaneous
Routine

No. 414, dated 17-6-92

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