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No. 1589

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FROM

SIR E. C. BUCK, KT., C. S. I.

Secretary to the Government of India.

TO

The Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Revenue and Agricultural
Department.

(Meteorology)

Simla, the 20th June 1892.

SIR,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your endorsement No. 162 dated the 12th March last, I am desirous to explain the position in which the proposals for establishing an Imperial Observatory now stand and to express the regret of the Government of India that an earlier opportunity has not been taken to acknowledge the cordial co-operation of the Government of Madras with the endeavours of the Government of India to place matters on a satisfactory basis.

2. The Secretary of State on the 7th instant was informed that the Government of India were not prepared to submit final proposals for sanction but would prefer to wait for some time before formulating any scheme in detail. In the meanwhile, it was added, the Government of India would be glad to receive, now that the assent

of

of the Madras Government had been obtained to the outline of the scheme, any advice, criticisms or suggestions on the general character of the proposals which His Lordship may, after obtaining the opinion of any scientific advisers whom it may be considered desirable to consult, be pleased to communicate. His Lordship's special opinion was solicited on the questions whether an Astronomer competent to perform the work required could be obtained for the salary suggested in Clause IV of the note by the Meteorological Reporter, a copy of which was forwarded to the Government of Madras with the letter from this Department No. 2243/2 dated the 27th October 1891, and whether Mr. Michie Smith would be approved by the Solar Physics and Observation Committee as a suitable Superintendent of the Solar Physics Section.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedient servant,

Chad.

Secretary.

No. 497B

Desd
27/11/92

To the Secy. to the
G. of S.
Home Dept.

Sir

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of 20 June 1892, No. 1587, explaining how the proposals for establishing an ^{at present proposed} Suppl. Observatory, I am directed to request that the Govt. of India will make for an early decision in regard to Mr Michie Smith, whose position is somewhat uncertain, as more than half of the year for which this appointment was sanctioned has already expired.

from order -

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From The Govt. of India
Rev. & Agric. Dept.

It is submitted that
there is no objection, in
the circumstances, to commu-
nicate this letter in full to
Mr. Michie Smith.

27/6/92
I think the letter may be sent
to Mr. Michie Smith. The
decision is final.
+ his position is rather an
important one.

No. 1587

Dated 20th June 1892
Received 25th June 1892
Dr. from R.D.27th
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Re: establishment
of an Imperial Observatory
in Madras.

20th July 1892 No 497A
communicated to
the Govt. Astronomer.
The following letter will
be addressed to the
Government of India.

The Govt. Astronomer
Sept. 20/92

C. 29/6 1892

ORDINARY, MS.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Com. to the Govt. Astro-
 nomical letter from the
 Govt. of India explain-
 -ing how the propo-
 -sals for establish-
 -ing an Imperial
 Observatory at pre-
 -sent stands and
 directing that that
 Govt. be addressed re-
 -garding Mr. Michie
 Smith—