

Public (1896) Department.

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G.O. No. 1213

DATED 11-11-96

[Despatch Abstract.]

Work on ~~Sundays~~. Directing the attention
of all Collectors and District Magistrates
to the attached piece of orders on the
subject of the discontinuance of —
in public offices.

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No. 1213, Public, 11th November 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

ORDER No. 1213, Public, dated 11th November 1896.
The attention of all Collectors and District Magistrates will be directed to the attached pieces of orders on the subject of the discontinuance of work on Sundays in public offices.
(True Extract.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,
Aj. Chief Secretary.

APPENDIX TO G.O., No. 1213, PUBLIC, DATED 11TH NOVEMBER 1896. 3

Précis of orders regarding work in public offices on Sundays.

In 1839 the Court of Adawlut wrote to Government as follows regarding the discontinuance of Sunday work in Courts of Justice:—

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This was urged on the Magistracy also in G.O., No. 2809, Judicial, dated, 27th November 1877.

2. In January 1847, the Government of India issued an order “prohibiting labour on Sunday in all Government works in the several Presidencies subordinate” to them, and directed that “all public works carried on by order of the Government, whether under the direction of its own officers or through the agency of its contractors, shall be discontinued on the Sunday,” except in cases of urgent necessity.

Paragraph 19, Chapter 9, Volume I, of the Public Works Department Code, directs that—

“The execution of work generally by the department shall be suspended on Sunday except in cases of actual necessity.”

3. In January 1858, the Collector of Vizagapatam drew the attention of Government to the fact that Sunday was not observed in all the native public offices throughout the Presidency. Government, Public Consultation, No. 253, dated 2nd March 1858, adverting to the orders of 1839 and 1847, caused inquiries to be made of Collectors as regards the actual practice in the

Revenue, Police, Sea Customs and Salt departments and called for information as to the probability of any inconvenience resulting from the closing on Sundays, for ordinary business, of offices pertaining to those branches of the public service. The majority of the district authorities having answered in the negative, the Governor in Council sanctioned the general adoption of the practice in Government offices in Consultation No. 265, Revenue, dated 2nd March 1859, a proceeding which met with the approval of the Secretary of State as expressed in his despatch No. 25, dated 27th October 1859.

The following extract is from page 329 of the Standing Orders of the Board of Revenue:—

“All public offices throughout the country must be closed on Sundays. Provision for the despatch of emergent business during holidays will be made by all heads of offices and on all days except those when by general consent business is suspended arrangement must be made for the sale of stamps to the public.”

Standing Order No. 55 lays down the rate of remuneration to Customs officials for the transaction of business on Sundays, defined there as “close holidays.”

4. Work on Sundays and other close holidays is often absolutely necessary in the Marine department. The rules regulating overtime fees for such extra work are contained in G.Os., Nos. 167 and 227, Marine, dated 27th April and 25th May 1891, respectively.

5. In paragraph 4 of resolution No. 449, dated 2nd February 1892, recorded in G.O., No. 697, Judicial, dated 8th April 1892, the Government of India issued orders in view to the reduction of work on Sundays in the Government Presses under its control in the following terms:—

To all Collectors,
District Magistrates,
Public Department,
Revenue Department,
Police Department,
Sea Customs Department,
Salt Department.

Public (1896) Department.

CURRENT No.

From the Public Dept.

No. 1832.

Dated 11/9
Received 14/9
Registered 14/9
Enclosures — nil
Spare copies. — nil

SUBJECT.

Requesting that the Private Secretary may be furnished with information on certain points raised in the addresses presented to H. E. the Governor on his recent tour.

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APPENDIX TO G.O. No. 1213, PUBLIC, DATED 11TH NOVEMBER 1896.

The Governor-General in Council requests that all officers who send work to a Government Press will be careful not to send work for execution on a Sunday unless it is exceptionally urgent. The Superintendents of the Printing Presses under the Government of India are hereby authorized to use their discretion with reference to the circumstances of each case, as to whether work should be taken up on Sunday or not, unless one of the authorities noted in the margin certifies that the work is so urgent that it must be undertaken on Sunday.

A Member of Council of the Governor-General.
A Secretary to the Government of India.
The Comptroller-General.
The Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General.
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Similar detailed instructions were considered unnecessary with regard to the Government Press at Madras, the Superintendent observing that he avoided working on Sundays as much as possible; and that it was only when a Secretary to Government, a Secretary to the Board of Revenue or the head of an important department wrote to him stating the urgency of a paper and the time within which it was required that it was dealt with on a Sunday, if necessary.

6. In G.O., No. 722, Financial, dated 23rd September 1895, it was ruled that charge of an office should in no case be assumed on a Sunday unless such a course is, under the terms of article 254 of the Civil Service Regulations, absolutely necessary.

Order

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1. Orders regarding work in public offices on Sundays.

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2. The request of the Coimbatore Devasthanam Committee
(page 61 of the report) should be considered in connection
with the Bill now in the Legislative Council Dept.

Commandant,
Coimbatore 1896.

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CURRENT No.

From the Marine Dept.

Order

No. 463 E.

Dated -
Received - } 16th Sep^r 1896
Registered 17th do
Enclosures - 2. (G.O. no 325 + 2270891)
Spare copies. - - nil

SUBJECT.

Stating that the information called for re Sunday-work in Public offices will be found in Public Works Code, Chapter 14 Vol. I and in G.O. no. 325, Marine dated 22nd July 1891.

Government of Madras.

Marine
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Madras, 16 September 1896.

OFFICE NOTE.

From *The Secretary to Govt.
Marine Department*

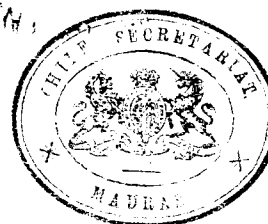
To *The Chief Secretary,
Public Department*

Your memo on C.R. 2971

*The rule in the P.W.
Department will be found
in para 19, Chapter IX, Vol.
I of the P.W. Code.*

*2. As regards the Marine
Department, please see G.O.
325 Marine, dated 22 July
1891 which seems to be the
paper referred to. The original
of G.O. 227 Marine dated 25th
May 1891, quoted therein, is
also forwarded for reference.*

John S. ...



14 OCT. 1896

I thank the attention of collectors.

maître de charron à l'École d'Arts et Métiers

Memorandum. 8:1228

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Hon. Mr. Bliss. C. J. E.

Hon. Mr. Groves &c.

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24/10/96

(By order)

W. W. Phillips

Ag: Assistant Secretary.

October 1896 }

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The Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor
(with a file of original papers - none
has returned).

Draft

*Mr. Secy for Public
Department*

No. 1, PUBLIC, 11 NOVEMBER 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

ORDER—No. 213, Public, dated 11 November 1896.

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[Appendix.]

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" all District Magistrates.
" all Heads of Departments under the Chief Secretary.
" the Revenue Department. 30
" the Public Works Department. 40
" the Marine Department. 5

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DEPARTMENT.

List showing the distribution of the Proceedings of Government
No. 1213 dated 11-11-96

Category	Department	Number of Members
JUDICIAL.	Honourable the Chief Justice with C.L.	1
	Inspector-General of Police	1
	Do. of Prisons	1
	Do. of Registration	1
	Chief Presidency Magistrate	1
	Commissioner of Police	1
	Judges of the Madras Court of Small Causes	2
	Advocate-General	1
	Government Solicitor	1
	Administrator-General	1
PUBLIC.	Sheriff of Madras	1
	Government Pleader	1
	Crown Prosecutor	1
	Registrar of Joint Stock Companies	1
	Surgeon-General	1
	Meteorological Reporter	1
	President, Board of Examiners	1
	Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor	1
	Government Astronomer	1
	Protector of Emigrants	1
POLITICAL.	Superintendent, Government Press	1
	Tamil Translator to Government	1
	Telugu do. to do.	1
	Malayalam do. to do.	1
	Canarese do. to do.	1
	Hindustani do. to do.	1
	British Consular Agent, Pondicherry	1
	Superintendent, Archaeological Survey	1
	Government Epigraphist	1
	ECCLESIASTICAL.	Resident in Travancore and Cochin
Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends		1
Political Agent, Pudukkottai (Trichinopoly)		1
Do. Sandur (Bellary)		1
Do. Banganapalli (Kurnool)		1
FINANCIAL.	Government Agent, Tanjore	1
	Special Agent, South Arcot	1
	The Right Reverend the Bishop of Madras	1
ECCLESIASTICAL.	Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras	1
	Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland	1
	FINANCIAL.	Accountant-General
Commissioner of Paper Currency		1
Superintendent of Stationery		1

Handwritten notes:

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- Public Works Department
- Marine Department
- Local and Municipal Department
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Director of Public Instruction
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THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF

Anantapur
North Arcot (Chittoor)
South Arcot (Cuddalore)
Bellary
South Canara (Mangalore)
Chingleput (Saidapet)
Coimbatore
Cuddapah
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Godavari (Oecanada)
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Tinnevelly
Trichinopoly
Vizagapatam

THE DISTRICT AND SESSIONS
JUDGE OF

North Arcot (Chittoor)
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The Collectors of
The District Magistrates of

Anantapur. 848
North Arcot, Chittoor 848
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