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[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing the G. & S. that it would be better if the duty of reporting to that Govt all matters of Political & Administrative importance be entrusted to the secretaries to Govt instead of to local officers.

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Resubmitted to H.M.
with reference to H.L. the
Governor's note of the 1st instant

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From

The Govt of India
Home Dept.

No. 1732

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Communicated to the
Secretaries to Govt. and
the A.S.B. for information
and guidance.

2. In accordance with the
orders expressed by the Govt
of India regarding
the ^{Editorial} ~~paragraphs of the~~ ^{above} ~~which~~ ^{which} ~~may~~ ^{will} be
instructed to despatch

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SUBJECT.

Requesting to be furnished
direct to the Govt of India duplicate with prompt reports on all
of the telegrams in which they
report a matter of importance, ^{to the Govt} ^{great political or administrative} ^{matters of political or administrative} ^{importance}
such as those detailed in the
first paragraph of the ^{the} ~~above~~ ^{which} ~~may~~ ^{will} be
instructed to despatch should be
also instructed to the Govt
HC 22/9/97

*I can't think of many cases where
have occurred here which are worth
reporting to India direct. The
importance of the recent escape of prisoners
from the ^{the} ~~above~~ ^{which} ~~may~~ ^{will} be
instructed to despatch should be
also instructed to the Govt
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 low. The rule of your things might be
 to the fact, a India by local officers,
 which it might be unnecessary, and some
 it might be unwise that the fact. A
 should be told of at all. I am select
 the report of the fact. A India the head of
 A number of centralization with which they
 no have arrived. I would suggest that
 it would be quite sufficient to visit each
 and Secretary of each branch of the fact.
 as to be acceptable to India very telegrams
 which he might receive of the nature
 referred to. He might be trusted to exercise
 his caution in selecting matters to be passed on,
 and on two or three only would be told, in the
 way of time.

A.S.H. 1.10.97

Kerrywell
 B.D.

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 circulated 8/10/97
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CHIEF SECRETARY
 30. AUG. 1897
 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

FROM

J. P. HEWETT, ESQ., C.I.E.,
 Secretary to the Government of India.

TO

Home Department.
 Public.

Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Madras.

Simla, the 24th August 1897.

SIR,

Occasionally information regarding matters of political or administrative importance, or events which have excited public interest, has not been promptly communicated by the Local Government to the Government of India, who have gained the first news regarding them from the newspapers. It is essential that news regarding such matters should reach the Government of India at the earliest moment, since it is undesirable that the Governor General in Council should remain in ignorance of important events until they become generally known, while it may at any time become necessary for His Excellency in Council to take action in view of the possibility of their affecting a neighbouring Province or Native State. It appears to the Government of India that the information which is required by them would be readily secured if Local Governments and Administrations were to issue instructions to local officers to despatch direct to the Government of India duplicates of the telegrams in which they report matters of importance to the Local Government or Administration. The matters upon which the Government of India would desire to receive such information are riots which involve a serious breach of the public peace, all collisions between Europeans of all classes and natives, outrages which have a political aspect, calamities such as floods or earthquakes which cause serious damage to life or property, and all other events which have a political or administrative importance.

2. I am to explain that in making this request the Governor General in Council has no intention of interfering with the disposal by Local Governments and Administrations of business with which it is their function to deal, and that all that he requires in the first instance is a statement of the facts of all events which are politically and administratively important for his information and that of the Secretary of State. His Excellency in Council would, however, desire that in all cases of the kind which are of sufficient importance to call for orders from the Local Government or Administration, an official report intimating its decision and communicating the orders passed by it should be sent as soon as the Local Government or Administration has been able to review the facts of the case and arrive at its conclusion regarding them.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. P. Hewett.

Secretary to the Government of India.

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Instructions.

To

(Person)

Chief Secretary.

From

(Person)

Private Secy

Has frequently occurred of persons
your proposal to add the words
"by telegram" to the draft letter to
India about Secretaries communication
matters of political importance direct
to India -

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SUBJECT

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

FOR ORDER No. 14648 10-11-9,

H.E. the Governor

Draft of a letter to India

The Govt of India will be addressed.

Letter. No. 1465

To the Secretary to the Govt of India

Home Dept.

Dec/11

Sir.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter no. d. 24 August 1897, requesting be furnished with prompt information on all matters of political or administrative importance which may arise in this Press & suggesting the local affairs of this Govt. to be instructed to report direct Govt. of India in such cases.

The word "quest" and be omitted. I cannot find it in the 4th letter.

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In reply I am to say that H.C.
 Govt. Council greatly doubt
 expediency of such direct communication,
 & would suggest that this communication
 might arise from a few hours
 delay in obtaining information
 and be greatly ^{direct} ~~enriched~~ by the
 direct reports from local
 officers used to open, after the most possible
 exercise of judgment ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ
 the hands of the ~~officer concerned~~ ^{officer concerned}.

I am therefore to say that
 this Govt. would much prefer
 that the duty of reporting
 to the Govt. of India should
 remain in its own hands, and
 would that if this proposal
 meets with the approval of
 H.C. the S.G. in Council the
 Secretaries to Govt. will be instructed
 to communicate ^{without delay} to
 the Govt. of India any matter of
 great political or administrative
 importance which may come to
 the notice of the ^{local} ~~local~~ reports
 of local officers or officers.

HK (from orders)
 7/11/97

by telegraph
 (added by me to H.C.'s note & initials
 to P.S.)
 10.11.97

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