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[Despatch Abstract.]

Receiving a letter from the Irish Astronomer
pointing out certain errors in Mr. Thornton
remarks quoted in G.O. No 392 of 97 in con-
nection with the above report, about the
work of the Madras Observatory.

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Note In p. 392 of 64-97 Spare copies

Not determined to take

no further action in this

matter. It is submitted that

that Mr. Michie Smith says

is true. May he better be

consulted to Mr. Thornton?

Submitted that it should be.

Public, in connection with

administration report of

Madras Presidency, and

the work of the Astronomer

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SUBJECT.

Pointing out certain errors

in p. 392 of 6 April

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Madras, 14 April 1897.

FROM

THE GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER,

Madras.

TO

The Honble Mr. J. F. Price,
Chief Secretary to Government.

SIR,

With reference to Mr. Thornton's remarks quoted in G.O. No. 392, dated 6 April 1897. Public, I have the honor to point out that the statement contained in para 5 that — "from the Astronomer's report and his present admission the sunaphore was dropped — incorrectly on eight and not two occasions" shows that he has not even yet attempted to understand the matter.

2. The essential feature of an accurate time signal is that it should be given precisely at a known hour and whether that hour is one or two O'clock makes no difference as regards its value as a signal. On the days on which the signal was dropped at 2 P.m., it was dropped as accurately

accurately as on the days when it was -
dropped at 1 P.m. Had Mr. Thornton -
given 8 instead of 13 as he regrets he did
not do, I would still have considered
his statement as seriously inaccurate.

3 I have the honor further to point
out that Mr. Thornton in para 4 conveniently
overlooks the fact that the firing of the
time-gun forms only one part of the time
service.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Christie Smith

Govt. Astronomer.

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