

Public (1898) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., Nos 1116-17

Dated 1. 9. 98.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Directing the Govt. Astronomer to submit in future one annual report of the Madras Observatory for the official year, in the place of the two annual reports he has hitherto submitted, enclosing the Meteorological Statistics for the Calendar Year as an appendix to his report & addressing the Govt. of India accordingly.

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Public (1898) Department.

CURRENT No.

CHIEF SECRETARY
16. AUG. 1898
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From

The Govt. Astronomer,
Madras.

No. 155.

Order

Order No. 1760 of 19-8-98

With reference to his

letter of 15th d.

15/8/98 Mr. Govt.

Astronomer is requested

to explain more fully

his objections to

changing his period

for such meteorological

statements are submitted

from his calendar to

his official year

At
5/8/98

[Signature]

Dated 15th August 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding out that in G.O. of
27th Nov. 1898, No. 816 Public, the
Govt. Astronomer was instructed
to supply two reports one for the
administration report and the
other for the Indian Astronomical
Committee.

To the Govt. Astronomer (memo only)

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
	1018	Pub. J. paper	10-2-98.

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CURRENT No. 26
THE OBSERVATORY,
NUNGUMBAUKUM.

Madras, 25 August 1898.

No. 155.

FROM

THE GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER,

Madras.

TO

The Hon'ble Mr. G. Stokes,

Chief Secretary to Government.

SIR,

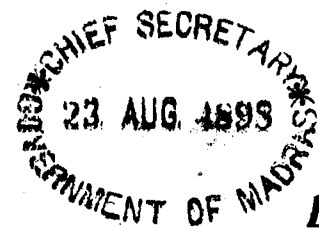
In reply to G.O. of the 10 instant, no 1018, Public, I have the honor to point out that in G.O. dated 27th November 1890, no 816, Public, the Government & Astronomer was instructed to supply two reports— one for the Administration Report which was to be non-technical in character the other for the Indian Observatories' Committee of a technical character. 2. Personally I can see no reason for the two reports, which always largely overlap each other. If the two reports are consolidated into one for the official year, I would still propose to submit the tables of meteorological statistics which accompany the report for the calendar year as there are evident objections to any change in this respect.

I have the honor to be,

Sir, your most obedient servant,
Christie Smith
Govt. Astronomer

Public (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 2665



From

Mr. Govt. Astronomer,

Madras.

Order

No. 156

Dated 22nd August 1898.

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SUBJECT.

*Stating the chief objection
to changing the period for
which meteorological statistics
are given from the Calcutta
to the official year*

BACK PAPERS.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

CURRENT No. 1765

THE OBSERVATORY,

NUNGUMBAUKUM.

Madras, 22nd August 1898.

No. 151...

FROM

THE GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER,

Madras.

To

The Hon'ble Mr. G. Stokes,

Chief Secretary to Government.

SIR,

below

In reply to your memorandum of the 19th instant, No. 1760, I have the honor to state that the chief objections to changing the period for which meteorological statistics are given are the following.

- (1) Since the opening of the Observatory more than a century ago all the published statistics have been for the Calendar year and all averages have been prepared and published for this period. All the forms in use in the office are also for the Calendar year.
- (2) So far as I am aware all other observatories publish their returns for the Calendar year and as one of the chief objects of publishing annual summaries is to enable comparisons to be made with other stations it is important that

that the same system should be adhered to.

2. If, however, it seems of importance to Government that special summaries for the official year should be published in the Annual report for the information of Government there is no difficulty in doing so and the ordinary summaries for the calendar year can be published in some other form.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant;

Michie Smith

Govt. Astronomer.

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K G.O.No. 1018 Pub.; d/10-8-98
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C. No. 2665 " " N

DEPARTMENT.

~~HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.~~

THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.

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

SUBJECT.

Consolidation of the two annual reports submitted by the Govt. Astronomer into one annual report.

FOR ORDERS.

^{this Govt}
India having informed at M that it requires only one annual report for the official year on the Madras Observatory work, the Govt. Astronomer was directed at K to report whether he could not condense his annual report for the calendar year and his annual report for the Indian Observatories Committee for the official year into one annual report for the official year. Mr. Michie Smith replied at J that the two reports can be consolidated into one report, but that he considered that the meteorological statistics should continue to be submitted for the calendar year. On being asked to explain fully his ^{reasons for} ~~objec~~ ^{new} ~~tions regarding~~ this latter point Mr. Michie Smith states at N that

(1) for over a century all the published statistics and averages have been for the calendar year;

(2) as far as he knows all other observatories

observatories publish their meteorological statistics for the calendar year; and (3) one of the chief objects of publishing annual summaries being to enable comparisons to be made with other stations, it is important that the same system should be adopted everywhere.

He adds ^{however} ~~further~~ that there will be no difficulty in furnishing special summaries for the official year report and thinks that the ordinary summaries can be published in some other form.

The following disposal is submitted for approval:--

24/8/98

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To

The Govt. Astronomer
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Public Department.

Read again G.O. No. 1018 Pub., dated 10th August 1898.

.. also C.No. 2572 of 98, dated 15-8-98, from the Govt. Astronomer

.. " " 2665 of 98, dated 22-8-98, from the Govt. Astronomer.

ORDER No 1116. 21st Sept 1898
Mis

The Govt. Astronomer will be directed to submit in future one annual report of the Madras Observatory for the official year, in the place of the two annual reports he has hitherto submitted, enclosing the meteorological statistics for the calendar year as an appendix to his report.

3. The Govt. of India will be addressed accordingly.

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25/8/98

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Letter No 1117. 21st Sept 1898
To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India, Rev: & Agri. Dept. (Meteorology)

Dec 2/98

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Maconochie's letter No. 1852-33-3, dated 11th July 1898, I am directed to state that a second report from the Govt. Astronomer was submitted to the Govt. of India with my endorsement No. 980, Public,

dated 29th July 1898.

2. I am further to state that in accordance with the wishes of the Govt. of India the Govt. Astronomer has been directed to furnish ^{in future} only one annual report, which will be for the official year. With this will be enclosed the meteorological statistics, compiled for the calendar year. I am to explain that no change in regard to the period for which these latter statistics are compiled is desirable. The Madras meteorological results have for nearly a century been published for the calendar year, and the same system is, it is believed, followed in other observatories.

AK
25/8/98

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STATEMENT WITH DETTO.

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