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G.O., No. 1280-81.

Dated 17-10-98

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Forw. to the Secy, with remarks,
copy of a letter from the Joint Astronomer, Madras,
containing proposals regarding the transfer of the
Madras Observatory to that post in connection with
the establishment of the Solar Physics Observatory
at Kodaikanal, & the removal to Kodaikanal
of certain instruments, books &c purchased for
the latter institution.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From

No. 161.

Dated 30th August 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting that permission
be given to him to leave the
books, instruments removed to
Kodaikanal before the end of
February and to leave the
observations made from 1st January
1899.

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CURRENT No

THE OBSERVATORY,

NUNGUMBAKUM.

Madras, 30 August 1898.

No. 111.

FROM

THE GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER,

Madras.

TO

The Hon'ble Mr. G. Stokes,

Chief Secretary to Government.

SIR,

I have the honor to address you on the following subject.

2. In their letter to the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, dated 21st November 1893, No. 941, Public (See G.O. dated 21st November 1893, Nos. 940, 941) the Government of Madras agreed to the proposal that the control of the Madras Observatory should be transferred to the Government of India with effect from 1st April 1894. In consequence, however of the delay which took place in starting work at Kodakkanal it was resolved (see letter from the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture (meteorology) dated 7th January 1895 No. 57/28 quoted in G.O. dated 16th January 1895, No. 27 (Public)) to defer the transfer of the Observatory and the funds connected with it.

Please see further
in the file of the
letter of the 21st Nov 1893.

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with it until arrangements for the establishment of a Solar Physics Observatory at Kodakanal are further advanced."

3. As the time is now approaching when I will have to move to Kodakanal it seems necessary to raise the question as to when the transfer of the Observatory to the Govt of India is to take place.

4. If no unforeseen delay occurs the domes for the new Observatory will reach Kodakanal towards the end of December and before that time the towers for their reception will be completed. While the domes are being erected it will be necessary for me to be constantly at hand and as soon as they have been erected I will have to set up and adjust the instruments in them. Before that time it is probable that the other parts of the buildings will be far advanced and my presence will be required for a great part of the time at Kodakanal.

5. At the same time, until regular observations can be begun, it will not be necessary for me to be there quite continuously and it would be possible for me to continue the supervision of the Madras Observatory visiting it if necessary and in any case directing the work and carrying on the correspondence.

I would suggest that the best arrangement would be (1) for me to move up to Kodakanal about - January 1, 1899 (or as soon as my presence there becomes necessary

necessary) taking with me such staff as will be required which would probably be one Assistant and one peon and retaining my control over the Madras Observatory (2) That the transfer of the Observatory to the Govt of India should take place at the beginning of next official year and that the sanctioned charges in staff should be made from that date.

6. The only difficulties which I see in the way of this arrangement are financial ones. If I move to Kodakanal at the beginning of January it will be necessary for me to send up a large number of books and the instruments that have been received for the new Observatory and there is no provision in my budget for meeting these charges. It will also be necessary or at least very advantageous to obtain the services of the mechanic who is to form part of the Observatory staff under the revised scheme.

7. I would point out that it is of considerable importance that the books and instruments should be sent up before the end of February since if they are sent at a later date all will have to be packed in tin lined cases and the cost of sending them up will be nearly doubled.

8. It is difficult to estimate the cost of sending the books and instruments to Kodakanal but it may roughly be put off at Rs 1500. The other expenses including

including travelling expenses would probably be covered by Rs 500/- so that the additional expenditure up to the close of the financial year would be about Rs 2,000 - a sum much less than what is likely to be saved on the building of the Astronomer's house.

9. It may be noted that this sum of Rs 2,000 would not be an additional expenditure as the money must in any case be spent within the next few months and that in fact, as mentioned above, there will be a considerable saving on the whole by carrying out the removal of the books and instruments - during January and February.

10. The delay that has already taken place in regard to the starting of the Kodaitkal Observatory is already so great that any farther avoidable delay is greatly to be deprecated. If the proposals made above are sanctioned meteorological observations could be begun in January and astronomical observations on a small scale soon after. Actinometrical observations could also be started before the whole of the observatory is finished. For the actinometrical observations which are considered to be of great importance, the early months of the year are the best and it would be a great pity if the whole of the favourable season was lost.

11. I may add that the Astronomer's house and
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the quarters for the Assistants and peons will be ready for occupation before the close of the year.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Christie Smith

Govt Astronomer.

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14.9.48. Letter

To the

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Rev: D. J. P. Dept. (Meteorology)

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I am directed to enclose a copy
of the Govt. Astronomer's letter
to Mr. D. S. S. R. regarding the
transfer of the Madras Observatory
to the Govt. of India in connection
with the establishment of the Solar
Physics Observatory at Kodaikanal,
~~and also to remark that the Govt.~~
~~of India will be pleased to pass~~

Draft Note enclosing

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The question raised, namely
 the date on which the transfer
 of the office of the Port Adjutant
 to Headquarters should take
 place, depends upon the
 decision arrived at on the
 subject of the buildings for
 the new observatory at that
 latter place. I am accordingly
 to report that the Govt
 of India will be pleased
 to pass early orders on the
 latter subject.

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11/6/88.

I don't follow this - My recollection is that India has sanctioned the prosecution of so much of the buildings as are affected by the present proposals. The proper course is, seems to be to recommend Govt. to sanction the proposals for sanitation, but to add that to advance the money to carry them out in the current year & that if India approves of them it must find the money.

17/9/98

I thought the building of the
observatory at Kodi. had been
stopped owing to Sir N. Lockyer's
objections. If so what is
the good of Mr. M. S. going
there.

MA. 19. 9-98

With reference to the Hon. Mr. Howard's Note, my impression is that the Govt. of India have not interpreted the construction of all the buildings. I think the question should be referred to the Govt. of India, as proposed by the Hon. Sir W. P. Fraser.

21.9.95

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Re: the transfer of the Kansas Observatory.



HM. & Circ

6/10/96

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Note.

With reference to the notes at Y it is not clear from the Govt. of India's letter at A how far the portion of the Observatory which is to be proceeded with will suffice for the contemplated observations. Mr. Michie Smith, however, knows how things stand, and a revised draft is therefore submitted.

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Re. the transfer of the Madras Observatory.

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Current No. 2770 of 1898, dated

30/8, from the Govt. Astronomer.

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The Government of India will be addressed.

To
The Govt. Astronomer (C) of
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LETTER:- No 1281

Recd 18/10/98

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,

Rev. & Agri. Dept. (Meteorology).

Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of the Govt. Astronomer's letter, No. 131, dated 30th August 1898, containing proposals regarding the transfer of the Madras Observatory to the Govt. of India in connection with the establishment of the Solar Physics Observatory at Kodaikanal, and the removal to Kodaikanal of certain instruments, books, &c. purchased for the latter institution. His Excellency the Governor in Council recommends that

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Mr. Michie Smith's proposals should be approved.

With regard to the expenditure of Rs.1,500 which the Govt. Astronomer estimates will be involved in the transfer to Kodaitanal of the instruments &c.

referred to, I am to observe that the ^{as} this expenditure will be ^{incurred on account of} ~~chargeable to the~~ ^{it will be an Imperial charge.} Kodaitanal Observatory. There is no provision in the Provincial Budget to meet ~~the charge~~, and I am to ask that the sum required may be provided by the Govt. of India.

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