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[Despatch Abstract.]

Matters of Political or Administrative importance

forwarding to the depts of  
the Secretariat, for information & guidance.  
Letter from the Secy regarding the prompt  
submission of that part of reports  
on ~~occurrences~~ or events which have  
excited public interest.

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— departments of the Secretariat.

G.O., No. 223, 23rd February 1899.

**FEBRUARY.**

Matters of Political or Administrative importance.

Communicating to the departments of the Secretariat, for information and guidance, letter from the Government of India regarding the prompt submission to that Government of reports on —, or events which have excited public interest.

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# Public (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 440

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 313, Public, dated 19th February 1898.

READ—also the following paper:—

From A. H. L. FRASER, Esq., c.s.i., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India (Home Department—Public), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, 31st January 1899, No. 248.

I am directed to invite attention to the instructions of the Government of India conveyed in Home Department letter No. 1732-41, dated 24th August 1897, reference to the prompt communication of information regarding matters of political or administrative importance.

2. Some objection was taken at the time to the request contained in paragraph 1 of that letter, that local officers should be instructed "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." But it was thought right to let the experiment be tried. I am to say that experience has shown that the advantages of this system are not so great as to lead the Government of India to insist on maintaining it. There have been several cases in which delay has occurred through misunderstanding arising from the division of responsibility in respect to this matter. The Governor-General in Council is, therefore, pleased to withdraw this request.

3. I am, at the same time, to say that His Excellency in Council considers it essential that information regarding matters of political or administrative importance, or events which have excited public interest, should be promptly communicated to the Government of India. The matters upon which the Government of India desire to receive the earliest possible information are—

- (1) riots which involve a serious breach of the public peace;
- (2) all collisions between Europeans of all classes and Natives;
- (3) outrages which have a political aspect;
- (4) calamities, such as floods or earthquakes, which cause serious damage to life or property; and
- (5) all other events which have a political or administrative importance.

4. It is essential that such matters should be immediately reported by local officers to the Local Government or Administration; and I am to request that instructions may be issued to secure that local officers shall promptly submit such reports by telegram. It is equally essential that these reports should reach the Government of India with the least possible delay. His Excellency in Council now leaves to the Local Government or Administration the duty of forwarding these reports by telegram, in the confident hope that it will be promptly and carefully performed.

Order

From

The Govt of India  
Home Dept (Public).

No. 248

Dated 31. 1. 99

Received 6. 2. 99

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SUBJECT.

Issuing instructions for  
the prompt communication  
of information regarding  
matters of political or ad-  
ministrative importance  
or events which have ex-  
cited public interest

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Copy to

| G.O. | No.   | Department. | Date.          |
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Public DEPART.

Embryonic

Submission of reports to the  
G. A. I. on matters of P. R. &  
Administrative importance.

Read again Exh<sup>o</sup> 313. Pub. at 19. 2. 98 \_\_\_\_\_ 2.  
C. N. 440. From the G. P. I. Am. Rep<sup>d</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, No. 246, dated 31. 1. 1899. 2.

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communicated to the

Department of the State

for information & guidance

in continuation of 28000

313, Pub. d/19.2.98.

2. All Collectors and District

Magistrates will be in-  
spected ~~by the~~ <sup>by the</sup> ~~by the~~

- quoted to prompt

~~and~~ by telegraph  
the occurrence of such events as those

~~Reputation~~

referred to by the Government  
in its report of 1930.

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the road.

Letter from [illegible]

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All Dep'ts of the Sect<sup>y</sup>  
Collectors & Dr. May to.

copy to Mr. B. (T. J. C. Baker) 10/11/19

2  
note by the Chief Secretary on  
Public Commission 1928 & 1929 & 1931.

I think that the treatment of this subject  
should be kept in one Department of the Secretariat.  
Else we shall have various and contradictory reports  
going on : that the Dept. to deal with the matter  
is Public: and that all reports received in any  
Dept. of the Secretariat should be transferred ~~now~~  
to Public.

(M) G.S.  
21.6.01.

Wm. L. L.

11/11/01

READ AGAIN G.O., No. 223, Puri, dated 23.2.99 (P) 190.

" " " " 1013, Puri, " 8.9.99. (P) 190.

2. No. ...., From the ....., No. ...., dated ..... 190 ..

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" " ..... , " ..... 190

**ORDER** No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_ 190 .

70th Div. Dept  
" Law & Govt  
" Dept  
" Political Dept  
" P.W. Dept  
(all branches)  
" Marine Dept

Public n.o. N° 194-D 81-7-01.

Rev. Rev. 383 of 1.7.07  
issue from?  
RS

The Govt. considers it desirable that all reports received from local officers under the several heads mentioned in paragraph 3 of the letter from the Govt. of India printed in G.O. no. 223 Public, dated 23 Feb'y, 1899, should be dealt with in one department of the Secretariat. All such reports which may be received in any other dept. of the Secretariat

will accordingly be transferred to the Public Dept., in which the necessary communication to the Govt. of India will be made.

Cs. 27.6.02. 11/10

1.28/10/02

2. The Dept. of the Government

cf para 3 of

letter in A 2 of 90.  
223 Pub A  
25.2.99.

Para 2 of l.o. 223 A  
25.2.99

vide para 3 of  
letter at l.o. of  
May 3 of 1902.

Revenue Department

To Under Secy

The Pub Dept sends for acceptance a Draft G.O. regarding <sup>reports on</sup> matters of Political or administrative importance about which telegrams have been sent to the Govt of India should be dealt with and the Govt of India addressed in the Pub Dept. The matters which concern ~~the~~ Govt. and about which India deserves early information are

- (i) Calamities, such as floods or earthquakes, which cause serious damage to property
- (ii) All other events which have an administrative importance from a revenue point of view.

2 All Collectors have already been instructed to write to the Chief Secy the occurrence of such events and it is the Govt's full support which with the orders of the local Govt. should follow the telegraph to (the Govt.) Dept., the Pub Dept say should be dealt with at that Dept. and that Dept alone.

There does not it is

6/7

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It is submitted appears to be any objection  
to accepting the proposal, provided that  
the reports do not contain matters which  
require orders in the administrative Dept.  
In the latter case the necessary orders  
can be issued in such Dept. and copy  
sent to the Public for transmission to the  
Govt. of India. If this may be done it  
will be necessary to alter the draft G.O. slightly.

3. It may be added here  
that no report on matters of <sup>extraordinary</sup> importance, arising,  
has of late been received in the P.D.

3.011  
May

The description of subjects concerning  
which India wants a special report is necessarily  
somewhat general. It is capable of a very wide  
or very narrow construction. To say that  
all reports from local <sup>on subject</sup> ~~officers~~ <sup>concerning</sup> under  
the description should be dealt with in the Public  
Dept. would be therefore to lay down a rule  
of very objectionable vagueness. The danger  
the proposal seeks to prevent is the jostling of  
various & contradictory reports. It is not clear  
it is indeed why this danger should exist in  
this case more than in any other. The <sup>usual</sup> remedy  
is no reference. If any further safeguard be  
thought necessary (there is no evidence) it might be  
ruled that the special report to India should  
be cases coming in Public. This will clear the

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matter to be dealt with in the appropriate  
of the Govt.

4/17/01

Apr.

I cannot see why the  
report of a severe calamity af-  
fecting the land revenue ~~and~~  
~~and~~ and the agri-  
cultural interests of the people  
such as a flight of locusts  
or any other catastrophe  
affecting the crops should be  
reported in any dept. but in  
the dept. concerned with the  
subject. The Public Dept. is  
officially in total ignorance of  
such subjects. ~~The~~ The dept.  
concerned can alone write  
an intelligible report on the  
matters ~~and~~ falling within its  
province.

I can see no advantage whatever  
in the proposal; nor do I under-  
stand <sup>how</sup> there can <sup>be</sup> any more  
risk of contradictory reports  
than in reporting on any other  
matter.

addresses the f. of India.

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G.F. 7/01

I am indifferent - Perhaps 'issue from'  
would be better than 'be dealt with in' -  
But perhaps C.S. will explain ~~the~~ rather more fully  
why he thinks the order desirable

8-7-01.

Pub Spl no for the further  
information desired, the H's  
G.F.  
8/7/01

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For the C.S.

The papers giving  
the ~~last~~ landmarks on the  
issue that are  
submitted. Reports were  
made both by the D.M.  
& the Chief Secy. P.W. Dept.  
and only one report to  
Paris was made in Paris.

On 10/7/01

This matter may stop

24/8/01

18/10/01

Order complete.  
Letter only.  
Order complete with Letter.  
How proof box  
m. w. p.

~~4/5/1~~  
25-9-14  
7-1-08  
26-11-04

15/4/37 I  
13-9-41  
10-8-55 I

16-12-123 II  
1-12-143 II

21-3-17 10 II

7-12-20  
9-11-213 I

28-11-23 II

1-8-24 II

16-8-28 V

26-8-29 I

32/77 | SL