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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 8th September 1857.

No. 51. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department, under date the 14th August 1857, No. 1137.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, in the Home Department, under date the 21st July 1857, No. 1081.

Cons. 23rd Nov. 1855, *Nos.* 8 *to* 12.

Read again the papers recorded on the Consultation of the date noted in the margin.

Read a letter, No. 75, dated 26th January 1856, from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, enquiring whether that Government are not at liberty to publish from time to time as a Supplement to the Official *Gazette*, any papers which they may wish to make known, but which are not such as can be conveniently published in the printed Selections.

Read a Circular letter, dated the 9th January 1857, enquiring what further rules are considered necessary as to the publication, through the medium of Newspapers, of official papers.

Read a reply, No. 38, dated the 17th January last, from the Government of Bengal, stating that the Lieut. Governor has no suggestions to offer on the subject.

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Read a reply, No. 53, dated the 12th March last, from the Government of the Straits Settlements, to the same effect.

Read a reply, No. 1441, dated the 3rd Ultimo, from the Government of Bombay, submitting for sanction, certain rules on the subject.

The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council observes, that on the 23rd November 1855, a Resolution was passed, laying down rules under which access to official records was to be allowed to the representatives of the Public Press.

This Resolution was communicated to the several subordinate Governments, and they were invited to suggest any further rules that might seem necessary.

Only the Governments of Madras and Bombay think any further Regulations necessary. The Government of Madras ask permission to publish any papers they wish as a Supplement to the Official *Gazette*, observing that their object will not be met by publication in the Public Press, as the Editors may suppress portions of a correspondence if they are so inclined. His Lordship in Council is of opinion that this recommendation has no necessary connexion with rules for the Editors' room; but he remarks that the *Gazette* ought to be very sparingly used for the publication of official correspondence, and only when some special object is to be attained.

The Government of Bombay have drawn up a set of rules, which in so far as they are in accordance with the Resolution of the Government of India are unobjectionable. The only addition to that resolution is a rule intended to discourage the publication of personal censures, except when the personal censure is the main point of the correspondence. His Lordship in Council thinks, that it would be better not to place at the disposal of the Press, papers containing any passages which it is not considered desirable to publish.

The Government of Bombay, desire moreover in exceptional cases to have a discretionary power of making available for publication, correspondence on subjects of local interest, not finally disposed of.

His Lordship in Council does not think that it is advisable to give publicity to any paper even of local interest, when the subject is, or is likely to come under the consideration of the Government of India.

On the whole, the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council does not see any grounds for making at present any change in the rules as originally promulgated by the Supreme Government, and he accordingly directs that they remain in force in all the Presidencies and Governments without addition or alteration.

Foreign.	*Govts. of Madras.*	
Financial.	,, *Bombay.*	Ordered, that the foregoing Resolution be
Military.	,, *Bengal.*	communicated to the Departments and Govern-
Public Works.	,, *N. W. Provinces.*	ments noted in the margin, for information.
	,, *Straits Settlements.*	

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Ordered to be communicated to the several Departments of the Secretariat.

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, No. 905; dated 8th September 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

No. 1137.

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vernment, and he accordingly directs that they remain in force in all the Presidencies and Governments without addition or alteration.

Foreign.	*Govts. of Madras.*	Ordered, that the forgoing Resolution be communicated to the Departments and Governments noted in the margin, for information.
Financial.	,, *Bombay.*	
Military.	,, *Bengal.*	
Public Works.	,, *N. W. Provinces.*	
	,, *Straits' Settlements.*	

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Offg. Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Ordered to be communicated to the several Departments of the Secretariat.

(True Extracts.)

To the Revenue Department.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Judicial Department.
,, Military do.
,, Political do.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Extract from the Mins: of Cons. in the Public Department

Dated 4th Aug. 57
Rec'd 26th " "

Communicating to the several departments of the Secretariat, the Resolution of the Govt of India, that the rules under which access to Official Records was to be allowed to the representatives of the Public Press, shall remain in force in all the Presidencies and Govts, without addition or alteration.

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