

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>495</i>	~~Press~~ Mis.
Dated	<i>4-10-</i>	<i>1859.</i>

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Circular from R. SIMSON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India ;
to the Secretary to Government of Madras, dated Fort William, 9th September 1859,
No. 5535.

Foreign Department.

I am directed to transmit for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the enclosed Extract from the Home Department, dated the 2nd Instant, No. 2197, relative to the method of conducting business during the absence of the Governor General from the Council.

No. 2197.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, in the Home Department, under date the 2nd September 1859.

Read Minutes by His Excellency the Governor General and the Members of Council, dated the 2nd Instant, relative to the absence of the Governor General from the Council.

RESOLVED.—That it is expedient that the Governor General should visit the North-Western Provinces of the Presidency of Fort William in Bengal, and other parts of India, unaccompanied by any Member of the Council.

2. That the Honorable Mr. Harington be requested to take charge of and bring into the Legislative Council, with a view to its being passed into law, a bill to authorize the Governor General alone, during his absence, to exercise all the powers which might be exercised by the Governor General in Council, in every case in which the Governor General may think it expedient to exercise those powers.

3. That in the event of such a law being passed, the business of the Government of India shall be conducted in the following manner:—

The Commander-in-Chief,
The Governments of the North-Western Provinces and the
Punjab.
Chief Commissioner of Oude.
Commissioner of Nagpore.
Resident of Hyderabad.
Agent for Central India.
Agent for Rajpootana.
Resident of Baroda.
Resident of Nepal.
Political Agent, Rewah.
Superintendent of Thaggee and Dacoity.

I.—All communications to the Government of India, except on ordinary matters and matters of detail, from the authorities named in the margin, are to be made to the Governor General. Communications from these authorities on ordinary business or business of detail are to be made to the President in Council.

II. All communications from the Government of Bombay on Political matters are to be made to the Governor General.

III. All other communications from the Government of Bombay, and all communications from the Governments of Bengal, Madras, and the Straits' Settlements, from the Commissioners of Pegu, the Tenasserim and Martaban Provinces, and Mysore, from the Political Agent on the North-East Frontier and at Munnipoor, from the Superintendent of Marine, Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs, Director General of the Post Office, and from all other authorities who correspond with the Government of India, except those mentioned in Rule I, are to be made to the President in Council.

4. All questions of general importance coming before the President in Council will be referred to the Governor General with or without an expression of opinion, and such questions when so referred may be either disposed of by the Governor General, or returned by him, with or without an expression of opinion, for disposal or re-consideration by the President in Council.

5. The Governor General will either pass orders on communications made to him by any subordinate authority, or will send them to the President in Council, for disposal.

6. All appointments made by or requiring the confirmation of the Governor General in Council, (except temporary appointments,) shall be made and confirmed by the Governor General.

7. The President in Council shall furnish the Governor General with a copy of all letters written to the Secretary of State in the Secret Department, and with a weekly abstract of pro-

ceedings. The duplicates of all important Despatches from the Secretary of State, and of all Despatches in the Secret Department, will also be furnished to His Excellency. The Governor General shall send to the President in Council a copy of all letters written to the Secretary of State in the Secret Department, and copies or weekly abstracts of proceedings.

ORDERED.—That an Extract of this Resolution be communicated, with a message from the Governor General in Council, to the Legislative Council.

Foreign.
Military.

Financial.
Public Works.

That a copy be sent to the Departments
noted in the margin, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. GREY,

Secretary to the Government of India.

(True Copy.)

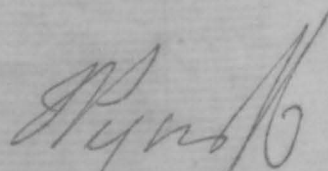
(Signed) R. SIMSON,

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1859, No. 1496.

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

(True Extract.)


Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

„ Department Public Works.

„ Military Department.

Levee 1859 Report
Aug 5th 1861

Sept 1861

Proceedings of the
Charles River in the
Public Department.

Noted 22nd September

Dec 1st October 1859.

Communication by
: sent from Home
: Dept & relative to
the method of con:
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during the absence
of the Secy Genl from
the Council.

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