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From J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 17th April 1897, No. 545.

The Governor-General in Council has, by the announcement published in to-day's *Gazette of India*, directed that Monday and Tuesday, the 21st and 22nd of June, shall be kept as public holidays throughout British India to commemorate the completion of the sixtieth year of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen, Empress of India.

2. It is, in the opinion of the Governor-General in Council, undesirable that, while famine and plague prevail over wide areas of the country, there should be large public ceremonials or that great assemblages of people should be encouraged.

3. His Excellency in Council is assured that the executive authorities may on this occasion, as on that of the Jubilee in 1887, safely yield the initiative in taking steps to commemorate the completion of the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign to the spontaneous action of the community at large, and that the unanimous voice of the Empire will gratefully tender to Her Majesty the Queen, Empress of India, a homage worthy of the noble charity of her life, never more fully exemplified than in the events of the present year, and of the justice and benevolence of a reign that has now exceeded those of all her predecessors.

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