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G.O., No. 257, 22nd April 1899.

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Communicating to the departments of the Secretariat letter from the Government of India regarding the scope of demi-official —, and requesting the Political officers to regulate their — with this Government according to the general principles laid down by the Supreme Government.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., No. 515-A, Political, dated 18th August 1891.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the departments of the Secretariat and certain heads of departments letter from the Government of India regarding the use of demi-official correspondence.

G.O., No. 821, Public, dated 23rd September 1891.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the departments of Secretariat letter from the Government of India, Home Department, intimating that the principles laid down in Foreign Department Circular No. 2816-I., dated 7th July 1891, are applicable to demi-official correspondence with all departments of the Government of India.

READ—also the following paper:—

From Captain H. DALY, C.I.E., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Fort William, the 24th March 1899, Circular No. 459-G.

I am directed to invite attention to the circular letter from the Government of India in the Foreign Department, No. 2816-I., dated the 7th July 1891, regarding demi-official correspondence.

2. Of late years there has been a tendency to expand the scope of demi-official correspondence and to introduce, and even sometimes to repeat, in demi-official letters matters which should be, or have been, sufficiently dealt with in official papers. This tendency leads to a considerable increase of work, and must be entirely discountenanced.

3. The circular above quoted explained the conditions and occasions in and on which demi-official correspondence may properly be used. For the future permanent interest or importance, be generally brought on the record. When this is done, the fact will be intimated to the writer. Unless such intimation has been received, officers must conclude that their demi-official letters have been treated as of no permanent importance and are not available in the Foreign Office for subsequent reference.

4. The practice of stating a case demi-officially in the first instance, with a view to ascertaining how it will be regarded if sent up officially, is productive of unnecessary extra labour and should not be resorted to except in very special circumstances.

ORDER—No. 257, Political, dated 22nd April 1899.

Communicated to the departments of the Secretariat.

2. Political officers will be requested to regulate their correspondence with the Governor in Council according to the general principles laid down by the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

for Chief Secretary.

To all departments of the Secretariat.
 „ the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
 „ the Political Agent, Pudukkottai
 „ the „ Banganapalle.
 „ the „ Sanduru.

Esd. J. Henricus.

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23RD SEPTEMBER 1891, No. 821, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
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G.O., dated 18th August 1891, No. 515A, Political.

ABSTRACT.—Directing that there should be no reference to demi-official correspondence in Government Proceedings.

ORDER—dated 23rd September 1891, No. 821, Public.

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2. In continuation of the orders contained in G.O., No. 515A, Political, His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that no demi-official letter or demi-official telegram received from any department of the Government of India shall be quoted in any official paper or publication without the previous consent of the department of the Government of India from which the letter or telegram emanated.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Departments of the Chief Secretariat.
„ Local and Municipal Department.

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