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MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 4873

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Entrusting the preparation of the monograph on silk fabrics to Mr Thurston the Supd. Govt. Central Museum

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

PRACTICAL ARTS AND MUSEUMS.

To

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS.

Circular No. 17—11-17.

Dated Simla, the 6th September 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Prescribes "Silk Fabrics" as the subject for the Industrial Monograph for 1898-99.

G.C. Press, Simla.—No. 615 R. & A. D.—8-9-98.—410.

Circular No. 17—11-17.

FROM

E. MACONOCHIE, Esq., I.C.S.,
Under-Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Dept. of Rev. and Agri.
Practical Arts and Museums.

Simla, the 6th September 1898.

SIR,

WITH reference to the Circular letter of this Department, No. 29—20-9, dated the 8th October 1897, I am directed to inform you that the subject chosen for the Industrial Monograph for the year 1898-99 is "Silk Fabrics." It should be forwarded to the Government of India by the end of October 1899.

2. I am to invite attention to a monograph compiled by Mr. H. F. Samman, I.C.S., on the "Cotton Fabrics of Assam" as a good example of the method in which such industrial surveys should be conducted.

3. The Chief Commissioner of Assam has been requested to forward a copy of this monograph to local Governments and Administrations, if this has not already been done.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

E. Maconochie.

Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

O/18 4,000—18-10-98.

Revenue (1898) Department.

D.O. CURRENT No. 195

From

Edgar Thurston Esq.

Order

No. 853

Dated
Received } 29th Nov: 98
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Enclosures

Spare copies.

SUBJECT.

Regarding the ~~industry on Silk monograph~~. Preparation of a monograph on "Silk fabrics".

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industry in the south has shrunk to a very small size; and the monograph will be a record of decline. However I will visit Tanjore and probably Kollegal and examine the existing condition of affairs, sericultural and seri-industrial.

Yours sincerely
Edgar Thurston

No. 853

GOVERNMENT MUSEUM,
PANTHEON ROAD, EGMORE,
MADRAS, Nov 29 189

My dear Forbes,

Re your [illegible] No. 164 of the 22nd inst. on the subject of the silk monograph I have tried without success to find some one competent to undertake it. I am, therefore, compelled to nominate myself for the job, though I shall not be able to make much of it. The

D/4 1,000—8-4-97.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

(C No. 6383)

From The Govt of India, Rev & Agri dept

cir no 17-11-17 Dated 6. 9. 1898.

FOR ORDERS.

To Under Secy:-

In the letter read above the Govt of India states that the subject chosen for the next Industrial monograph (for the year 1898-99) is Silk fabrics. The present is the sixth monograph of the kind asked for by the Govt of India. The previous five monographs related to the following subjects and were prepared by the Officers noted below:-

I Brass & Copper Ware
II Pottery and Glass Ware } Mr Holder the Offg Supt School of Arts
III Dyes and Dyeing
IV Cotton fabrics } Mr Thurston Supt Govt C.M.
V Woollen fabrics

2. It will be seen from G.O. No. 4296 dy 17.8.97 that Mr Holder was asked to

G.O. 2917 dy 8.8.93. A
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G.O. 3720 dy 13.9.95 } D
G.O. 3058 dy 31.7.96. E
G.O 592 dy 7.2.98 & G.O. 1455 dy 24.3.98. } F

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FOR ORDERS.

Please see G.O. 592 dy 7.2.98.
E

prepare the monograph on 'woollen fabrics' but as it was reported that he could not undertake the work owing to illness the work was entrusted to Mr Thurston. Mr Thurston's monograph on 'Woollen fabrics' has been revised and is separately submitted with a draft.

3. The question now for consideration is to whom should the duty of preparing a monograph on ~~woollen~~ "Silk fabrics" be entrusted, whether to the Offg Supt School of Arts or to Mr Thurston.

Orders are requested
(N. again please explain why you kept this over six weeks &c)

[illegible]
3/11/98

Sent

There is no "Offg Supt of the School of Arts" now. Mr W. D. Porterfield is the Proby Supt of the School Arts. Mr Holder is the Asst Supt and is now on leave on me. ~~[illegible]~~ (Vide last Civil List p 273) Mr Porterfield appears ~~[illegible]~~ to have been recently appointed. [illegible] could perhaps

had ~~[illegible]~~ any previous knowledge of the country ~~[illegible]~~ which would seem necessary to the production of a reliable monograph on the subject. If Mr Porterfield has not the requisite qualification perhaps Mr Thurston might take up the job.

The Govt of India invite attention to Mr Sammans monograph of Cotton Fabrics in assam as a good example of the method in which such industrial survey should be conducted.

The book is put up. It bears evidence to Mr Sammans industry & diligence; but it is submitted that few people wd read the mass of matter he has [illegible]

a contrast please see Mr Thurston's monograph on "Woollen Fabrics" in the file below

[illegible] 4 xi 98

Will Ed & Dpt. please say if Mr Porterfield is likely to have ~~any~~ industrial knowledge which wd qualify him to write the Silk Monograph. There may be some corresp^ce in the dept. showing what his training & duties in Bombay were

[illegible] 8/11/98

To Ed Dpt no

Educl Dept

He is not likely. The correspondence is forwarded To Rev no. Initd F.T. 17.11.98

Secy

Mr Porterfield has ~~[illegible]~~ been ~~long~~ 2 years in Bombay; ~~but~~ from Sir P. Hutchins do to Mr Arundel as C.S. in the cover with G.O. 376 Educl. d 24-6-98 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Educl could perhaps

But this is rather sketchy I think, & has no illustrations

[illegible]

To Rev. no.

He is not likely.

The corresp. is forwarded.

H.T. 17 11 98

Recd ~~[illegible]~~ in R.D. at 5 to 6 pm on 17.11.98

it would appear that Mr Porterfield knows enough Hindustani to instruct natives in the vernacular & that he is "equal to Havell in knowledge of art & its application to (madras) "industries."

On the other hand the Bombay Govt seems to have thought that Mr ~~[illegible]~~ Porterfield was not competent to do much more than teach drawing to schoolboys.

[illegible] 18/11/98

I am afraid after all Mr Porterfield won't do. Ask Mr Thurston do. if he can recommend any one

[illegible] 19.11.98

To Under Secy

Please see draft d.o. submitted below for approval

[illegible] 19.11.98

Secy [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 21/11

Secy

Please see Mr Thurston reply below. D.O. Current No 195 Mr Thurston can suggest only himself.

[illegible] 2.12.98

Hon

The offer may be accepted with thanks. I know Mr Thurston has made inquiries every where ~~back~~ for a suitable person.

[illegible] 3/12/8

Under Secy

Please see draft D.O. submitted below for approval

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Secy [illegible] 9/12/98

[illegible]

Yes [illegible] 5-12-98

No. 164

Dp d.o and keep papers in tact [illegible] 22.11.98

Despatched 22.11.98

My dear Thurston,

The Govt of India has intimated that the subject chosen for the next industrial monograph is Silk fabrics. ~~I am directed to ask you if~~ Do you know of any one ~~you can recommend any~~ one competent ~~[illegible] sufficient industrial knowledge~~ to undertake its preparation.

Yours sincerely

[illegible] 21.11.98 [illegible] 21/11

Fort St: George
22nd November 1898

Revenue Department

Letter from the Govt. of India Circ. 17-11-17 dy 6. 9. 98 (C. No 638

G. O. Misc. No. 4873 dy 10th Decr 1898.

Communicated to the Educat. Deptt and to the Board of Revenue

2. Mr Thurston, the Supt. Govt Central Museum, has been good enough to undertake the preparation of the monograph & his offer is accepted with thanks. ~~He will be requested to transmit~~ the monograph 2 bd be transmitted in manuscript to the Bd of Rev (R.S.&R.&A) by the 15th September next & the Board ~~shall submit~~ will forward printed copies to Govt by the 20th October 1899 for transmission to the Govt of India.

3. In the preparation of the monograph Mr Thurston will be guided by the instructions contained in G.Os Nos 235 dy 30.4.95 and 2725 dy 9.7.95 and in para 2 of the Govt of India letter read above.

9/12/98 [signature] 10/12

Dy 10/12/98

Due with the Govt of India by the ending October - please see the Indian's letter

Educational Deptt
The Bd of Rev R & R R&A
to the I.G. of Prisons
Supt Govt Central Museum

Dis. 13-12-98

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