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THE SECRETARY,
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ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE,
STRAND, LONDON, ENGLAND.

Dated Naini Tal, May 16, 1928.

SIR,

I AM directed to inform you that copies of the first portion of the material which the Government of the United Provinces propose to submit for the consideration of the Indian Statutory Commission are being despatched by this week's mail direct to you in London. This portion consists of a report of the working on the reformed system of Government in the United Provinces, arranged in the following parts:—

- (1) Introductory.
- (2) Atmosphere.
- (3) The Executive Government.
- (4) Relations with the Government of India and the Secretary of State.
- (5) Administration of departments A—Reserved.
- (6) The Legislature.
- (7) The Press.
- (8) Indian States.

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2. This report has received the approval of the Governor in Council. Owing to the refusal of two of the present Ministers to submit any material direct to the Commission, His Excellency the Governor has not found it possible to take the ministers into consultation during the preparation of the report or to obtain their comments in regard to it. For this same reason the preparation of accounts of the administration of the transferred departments and of other matters concerning the transferred side have been unavoidably delayed. I am, however, to say that every effort is being made to hasten the completion of these accounts and to ensure their despatch to you at an early date. In the event of a change in the ministerial situation His Excellency proposes to consult the ministry as a whole and to forward their views.

I have the honour to be,

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Dated Naini Tal, August 8, 1928.

SIR,

IN continuation of this Government's letter no. Ref. 72, dated May 16, 1928, I am directed to inform you that eighteen copies of the second volume of the Report on the Working of the System of Government, United Provinces, 1921 to 1928, are being despatched to your office in new Delhi to-day. This volume contains accounts of the administration of the transferred departments, including the education and local self-government departments, and in addition an account of the system of representation of this province in the Indian legislature.

2. The accounts of the administration of the departments under the Ministers for Education and Agriculture have been prepared under the orders of the Governor in Council, who alone is responsible for their form. The two ministers who held charge of these departments up till June 8, 1928, refused to submit any material direct to the Commission and their successors in office preferred not to make them selves responsible for accounts of the working of the departments so soon after they had taken office. The Governor in Council therefore took

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upon himself the responsibility for the preparation and submission of the accounts. The material dealing with the departments under the Minister for Local Self-Government has been prepared under the orders of that minister and has the approval of the Governor acting with his Minister.

3. I am to add that all the material which the Governor in Council has so far submitted to the Commission has been placed before the ministers. Any views which the ministers desire to submit to the Commission will be forwarded at a later date.

I have the honour to be,

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THE SECRETARY,
INDIAN STATUTORY COMMISSION,
CAMP, INDIA.

Dated Lucknow, November 22, 1928.

SIR,

IN continuation of this Government's letter no. Ref. 111, dated August 8, 1928, I am directed to inform you that thirty-eight copies of the third volume of the Report on the Working of the System of Government, United Provinces, 1921 to 1928, have been despatched to you to-day under separate cover. This volume contains certain proposals for changes in the constitution.

2. These proposals embody the views of the two Members of His Excellency the Governor's Executive Council. His Excellency Sir Malcolm Hailey has been associated with the members in the discussions in the course of which these proposals were developed. Since, however, he had himself made certain proposals as Governor of the Punjab, before assuming charge of the Governorship of this province, and since he has not yet had sufficient experience of the special conditions of this province to enable him with confidence to make proposals on a subject so important and so dependent on local conditions, he has thought it right that the proposals should go forward as those of the Members of his Council.

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3. I am to add that these proposals are being placed before His Excellency's Ministers and any views which the Ministers desire to submit to the Commission will be forwarded at a later date.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

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