

# Description and Rationale

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## Title

Digitization of official publications of Madras Presidency from pre-Independent era.

## Project Description\*

The project aims to digitize official publications of Madras Presidency during the pre-Independent era, (1867-1937).

## Reasons for Consideration\*

Madras presidency is one of the important subdivisions of the British India. It covers the parts of present states of Tamilnadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telengana, Karnataka, with Madras (present day Chennai) as its capital. The official publications of Madras Presidency in the holdings of the Roja Muthiah Research Library includes administrative reports, and annual volumes of many departments such health department, police, criminal justice, forest, sea borne trade, rail borne trade, reports of local administration, reports of salt revenue, Akbari revenue, reports on famine and more. These official publications give an accurate and detailed picture of happenings in each department backed up with statistics and maps. One of the important volumes in the holdings is the Administration reports of the Corporation of Madras and Madras municipality. These volumes gave detailed information about the then Madras city's infrastructure works such as drainage, water, education, hospitals and public parks and its receipts and expenditure.

These volumes would be a primary source material for any research in each department in the colonial era. There are so much potential to undertake research in these areas, given the volume of statistical and narrative information available in these publications.

These reports are not digitally available anywhere in the world, except few reports on public instruction, digitized by the HathiTrust. Also, the physical volumes of the reports are available only in the holdings of Roja Muthiah Research Library, in India. Considering the scholarly value and a need to preserve the content of the material for posterity, the material would have to be taken up for digitization.

## Authors

NA

## Publishers

Government of Madras Presidency

## Proposal Contributors

Roja Muthiah Research Library, Chennai, India

## Details and Sources

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### Resource Types\*

- Government documents

### Regions\*

- South Asia

### Countries of Origin\*

India

### Major Languages

English

### Source Format\*

- Paper

### Target Format

Digital

### Identifiers

11382875

### Links

NA

### Source and Holdings

[Provide a structured table of holdings and their sources. Gap information can also be highlighted in dedicated rows. Use a separate table for each title if the proposal details multiple titles.]

<b>Location</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Holdings/Range</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Roja Muthiah Research Library, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India	Physical volumes	Official publications of Madras Presidency, multiple department's publication in the date ranges between 1867 – 1937  (Complete titles given in the table below)	All are bounded volumes. Due to aging some of the volumes are in fragile condition.

Centre for Research Library	Microfilm	Report on the administration of the Madras Presidency	27 volumes will be received on loan and returned after digitization
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S. No.	Title	Year	No. of volumes
1	Annual volume of the sea borne trade and navigation of the Madras presidency	1875-76 to 1919-20	34
2	Review of the sea-borne trade of the Madras presidency	1904-05 to 1924-25	15
3	Administration report of the Madras Police	1877 to 1893	13
4	Report on the administration of the police of the Madras presidency	1894 to 1919	16
5	Administration report of the Madras Municipality	1875-76 to 1904-05	17
6	Report on the administration of criminal Justice in the presidency of Madras	1881 to 1909	20
7	Report on the administration of the Abkari revenue in the Madras presidency	1886-87 to 1918-19	23
8	Administration report of the corporation of Madras	1905-06 to 1919-20	12
9	Administration report of the corporation of Madras - Health Department	1913-1919	7
10	Report on the administration of the department of salt revenue in the Madras presidency	1879-80 to 1898-97	13
11	Report on the administration of the Civil Justice in the Madras presidency	1884 to 1909	14
12	Medical and sanitary report of the native army of Madras	1873-1878	5
13	Review and returns of the rail borne trade of the Madras presidency	1910-11 to 1919-20	6

14	Annual administration report of the forest department of the Madras presidency	1875-76 to 1930-31	32
15	Report on the settlement of the land revenue of the provinces under the Madras presidency	1867-68 to 1913-14	11
16	Administration report of the public works department	1879-80 to 1936-37	28
17	Annual volume of the trade and navigation of the Madras presidency	1867-68 to 1874-75	8
18	Report of the famine in the madras Presidency	1896, 1914	3
19	Report on the administration of the Madras Presidency (RMRL holdings have 7 volumes. Remaining 27 volumes are in microfilm with CRL and will be loaned from CRL for digitizing the reels)	1870-71 to 1934-35	34
20	Report on public instruction in the Madras presidency	1881-82 to 1897-98	12
21	Report on public instruction in the Madras presidency - for the quinquennium	1897-1902 to 1911-17	4

## Source and Holdings Notes

Except few volumes, all the material are in the holdings of the Roja Muthiah Research Library as physical documents. 27 volumes of Report on the administration of the Madras Presidency are available as microfilm with the CRL. They will be received as loan and will be digitized for this project.

## Physical Details

RMRL's holdings have 300 volumes and microfilm collection from CRL consists of 27 volume. We estimate a total approximate page count of 68,522.

## Intellectual Property Considerations

These volumes were published by the colonial government for the usage of general public. All the content of the material are in public domain and are free from copyrights.