

of which they treat as a connected whole and with comparative ease." Sir John Hanbury-Williams, the Governor General's Secretary, replied to Pope confidentially on July 19, 1909, expressing his concurrence in the new project, which "will be of the greatest value". It was a work, he said, "which I feel sure will be much to the convenience of the Governor General and Ministers, We shall, when questions of external affairs arise, have at our hands a complete record instead of having to hunt about different offices to obtain it."

Thereupon, on July 20, Pope addressed letters to all the Deputy Heads of Departments, explaining the proposed practice, and emphasizing their confidential nature. "They are communicated for the information of the Minister, the Deputy Minister, and the expert officers who deal with the subjects to which they relate, but are not intended for general perusal or for communication outside the Department." These notifications were duly acknowledged. By October, 1909, the first five sets of confidential prints had been compiled, printed and distributed; this shows the diligence of the officers of the small Department in its roving quarters during the first summer. Pope sent a complete set of these five to Mr. Murphy, saying: "As despatches come in they are printed on separate sheets. If Mr. Murphy so desires they will be regularly sent to him and he might instruct his Private Secretary to add each one to the file on receipt. By this means the series will be kept complete." (1)

(1) File 48/1909.