

# Hymn & Prayer for Civil Servants

*Anon.*

O, Lord, Grant that this day we come to no decisions, neither run we into any kind of responsibility, but that all our doings may be ordered so as to establish new departments, for ever and ever. Amen

O Thou who seest all things below  
Grant that Thy servants may go slow,  
That they may study to comply  
With regulations till they die.

Teach us, O Lord to reverence  
Committees more than common sense;  
To train our minds to make no plan  
And pass the baby when we can.

So when the tempter seeks to give  
Us feelings of initiative,  
Or when alone we go too far,  
Chastise us with a circular.

Mid war and tumult, fire and storms,  
Give strength O Lord, to deal out forms.  
Thus may Thy servants ever be  
A flock of perfect sheep for Thee.