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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
21st March 1862.

No. 59. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 17th March 1862, No. 591.

Communicating the Order passed on the Public Proceedings of Government, dated 11th December last, No. 1,625, and Judicial Proceedings, No. 23, dated 8th January last on the subject of simplifying routine business and abbreviating correspondence.

(Vide Proceedings Revenue Department, dated 17th March 1862, Nos. 279 @ 281.)

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1862, No. 224.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department :—

Forwarding copy of a report submitted by the Committee for simplifying routine business, and abbreviating correspondence with Lists A and B, and their annexures. } (Here enter 11th December 1861, No. 1,625.)

Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department :—

Requesting Civil *Paymaster to state* whether certain returns herein mentioned need any longer be furnished and are of any practical value. } (Here enter 8th *January 1862*, No. 23.)

ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1862, No. 591.

1. Ordered that copies of these Proceedings be furnished to the Board of Revenue together with the original lists of returns to be retained and dispensed with in the Revenue Department, prepared by the late Committee for simplifying routine business and abbreviating correspondence.

2. The Government deem it necessary to notice some of the returns entered in both these lists.

List of Returns to be retained.

FROM BOARD TO GOVERNMENT.

No. 1. Statement of Salt available for exportation.

I. The submission of this statement to Government may be discontinued. The Collectors should, however, be instructed to publish it fortnightly in their District Gazettes, and to transmit a copy direct to the Superintendent of the Government Press for publication in in the "Fort Saint George Gazette."

No 9. Report on the management of Golcondah and Hunjeram estates in Vizagapatam.

II. This special report is unnecessary. The management of the Lessees may be noticed in the annual report on the settlement.

No. 17. Statement of estimates of extra charges not exceeding 100 Rupees.

III. This statement appears to be similar to the Judicial statement noticed in paragraph 4 of the Order of Government in the Judicial Department, dated 8th January 1862, No. 23, and if so, it may for the reasons therein stated be discontinued.

FROM COLLECTORS TO BOARD.

No. 67. Statement of Salt exported to Calcutta, &c.

IV. This return appears to be now furnished to the Board once in two months. A quarterly return will probably be sufficient.

No 73. Return of Shrótriums and Mittahs attached.

V. This return can be rendered annually instead of half-yearly as at present.

No. 81. Return of Travellers' Bungalows' receipts and expenditure.
No. 82. Report on the condition, &c., of the Travellers' Bungalows.

VI. These returns may be united into one as recently ordered in the case of the reports submitted to Government by the Board—*Vide* Order, dated 13th November 1861, No. 2,163.

No 83. Report on the management of the Golcondah and Hunjeram estates.

VII. This may be included in the Collector's Jamabandy report as ordered in the case of the Board's report in Clause II.

List of Returns to be dispensed with.

FROM BOARD TO GOVERNMENT.

No. 1. Statement of demand, collection and balance.

VIII. The Government presume that the Committee allude to the monthly statement furnished to them for transmission to the Secretary of State; this should not be discontinued.

No. 3. Report on the progress of the Village Register A.

IX. This is only a temporary return furnished to Government to enable them to see what progress is being made in the work; it should not be discontinued till the Registers of all the Districts have been completed.

FROM THE COLLECTOR TO THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL.

No. 4. Certificate of the examination of the Treasury.

X. This is an important certificate, and should continue to be furnished to the Accountant General in such a manner as will bring it or an omission to furnish it under the particular notice of that Officer. This is not a public matter and need not be published in the District Gazette.

No. 5. Prospective estimate of receipts and disbursements.
No. 6. Regular do. of do. do.
No. 7. Comparative do. of do. do.
No. 8. Anticipation do. of do do.

XI. The Committee propose to discontinue these returns as they are included in the Budget estimates. The Accountant General will be requested to report to the Financial Department if this can be done.

FROM COLLECTOR TO BOARD OF REVENUE.
No. 12. Statement of demand, collection and balance.

XII. This must continue to be furnished to the Board of Revenue.

No. 14. Comparative Statement.

XIII. It is not clear to what Comparative statement the Committee allude to. The Board will ascertain and inform Government.

No. 15. Salt account current.
No. 16. Cash certificate.

XIV. These need not be published in the Gazette, but should continue to be submitted to the Board.

The Government will be glad to receive from the Board of Revenue any further suggestions they may desire to offer on either of the lists. They will in the meanwhile carry out such of the changes as they deem unobjectionable.

3. The Board's attention will be called to paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Order in the Public Department, dated 11th December 1861, No. 1,625.

4. The remarks of the Committee in paragraphs 18 to 20, regarding the preparation of a manual for each District, will receive the Board's careful consideration. The utility of such a manual cannot be questioned, and, in fact, the preparation of such a work for each District has been contemplated for some years. The difficulty, however, has been to find in each of twenty Districts an Officer who possessing the requisite qualifications has also the necessary leisure. It would be undesirable to entrust a work of this nature to inexperienced Assistants, though such Officers might with advantage to themselves be employed in preparing the materials. In order to make a beginning at once, the Government resolve to adopt the suggestion of the Committee to have one manual prepared in the first instance as a model. The Board will ascertain whether any Revenue Officer, Covenanted or Uncovenanted, under the grade of Collector, is disposed to undertake the compilation of the model manual, and will submit the names of those who are willing to do so to Government. The Board will draw up a skeleton form of the subjects to be treated and prescribe the Tabular statements to be appended to it. The Officer to whom this special duty will be entrusted will not be relieved of his regular duties, but the Government will be prepared to remunerate him for devoting his leisure time to this work. The Board will suggest what would be a fair remuneration and the detailed arrangements for giving effect to this resolution.

5. The Civil Finance Commission remark in paragraph 11 of their letter to the Government of India, dated 10th September 1860, No. 63, that they see no possible object in the Government publishing their Civil lists at considerable expense when printers may be found, who would willingly do the work at their own cost, and furnish the Government with a certain number of copies, gratis, for the privilege of having their proofs corrected by their servants. The lists of the Revenue Establishments of this Presidency are now printed for Government by a private Press under contract for three years, and on the expiration of that period, the Government will consider if arrangements can be made for printing them without any cost to the State.

G. O. 16th July 1860, No. 1,522.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Financial Department.
" Public do.
" ~~Court of Sudder and Foujdaree Adalat.~~
" Accountant General.
" Superintendent Government Press.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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