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DATED 13. 5. 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording, pending receipt of proposition statement, proceeding. Rev. Dept. approving the proposal of the S. of Rev. to give an extended trial to the system of substituting fixed pay for the fees now paid to clerks employed in Rev. offices

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The Revenue Department

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SUBJECT.

To
 The Acct Genl (Aco)
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Approving the proposal of
 the Board of Revenue to give
 an extended trial to the System
 of substituting fixed pay for
 the fees now paid to copyists
 employed in Revenue offices.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) No. 978
 Mis, dated 5th April 1898.

Read again Board's Proceedings No. 217, dated 28th June 1897.

Read also Collectors' replies to the above.

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Resolution.

The papers read above relate to the question of substituting fixed pay for the fees now paid to copyists employed in Revenue offices.

2. With the introduction of "copy" stamped-papers, the system of levying copying fees in cash and distributing them then and there to the copyists and examiners ceased, and payments have since been made every month from the Treasury with reference to registers of work showing the amounts due to each copyist and examiner. In 1893 the Collector of South Arcot reported that great difficulty was experienced in securing good copyists for his Sub-Collector's office, as the income from copying was very uncertain, and suggested the employment of a copyist on fixed pay. The average monthly earnings of a copyist in the Sub-Collector's Office being Rs. 14-5-4, the Collector recommended a monthly salary of Rs. 10 for the proposed copyist. The employment of a copyist of Rs. ~~10~~¹² was sanctioned by Government experimentally for a

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year. Government was also (G.O.No. 3452, dated 19th September 1893, Revenue) pleased to allow the copyist to retain as a bonus, any fees realised from the use of copy-stamped papers in excess of Rs. 12 per mensem. A copyist was employed on these terms during 1894 and the sanction was renewed for the 15 months ending 31st March 1896 and for 1896-97. The

largest receipts under this head - G.O.No.2298 Mis.Rev.d/8th Jan'y/95. R 5297 ml
system were realized in January G.O.No.2388 Mis.Rev.d/18th June/96. R 13-6-95
1896 when they amounted to Rs.29-13-4 the copyist earning Rs. 27-13-4. It was found, however, that in 1895-96 the total earnings of the copyist were Rs. 178-10-8 against Rs.174-9-4, the total income from copy stamped papers. With a view to prevent the risk of the copyist's remuneration exceeding the receipts from fees, as was the case in 1895-96, the minimum to be credited to Government during 1896-97 was raised to Rs. 13. But again the financial result of the entertainment of the copyist, during 1896-97, was a loss of Rs. 7 to Government, the copyist having earned Rs. 175-12-0 against Rs. 168-12-0 realized from copy-stamped papers. The continuance of the system was, however, considered worthy of trial for another year and was sanctioned accordingly, the minimum to be credited to Government being raised from Rs. 13 to Rs. 14 so as to reduce as far as possible the

risk of loss to Government. At this stage the Board considered that it would be of advantage to make the system known in other districts, and in its Proceedings read again above, it called for reports from all Collectors as to whether the amount of copying fees received in their districts would permit of the arrangement in force in the Sub-Collector's Office, South Arcot, being extended to any of their Divisions or Taluks.

3. All Collectors have now submitted their reports. The majority of Collectors are in favour of the proposed change and the Board requests the sanction of Government for allowing any Collector who approves of the system to give it a trial during 1898-99 and to report the financial and other results at the end

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of the year.

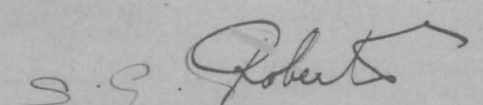
4. The essential feature of the new system is the guarantee of a minimum monthly income to each copyist without at the same time inflicting undue loss on Government. Collectors will be expected to use their discretion as regards the selection of offices where the system is to be worked, the number of copyists to be employed and the pay and the bonus to be allowed to each. It will also be open to Collectors to group together two or more offices in the same building or locality, so that a single copyist or a single set of copyists may serve the whole group. This might be done, for instance, in the case of a taluk office and Stationary Sub-Magistrate's office located in the same building, or of a Collector's and a Divisional Office situated in the same compound. The present system of crediting to Government 4 pies for each copy-stamped paper sold and of paying a like sum to the examiner will remain unaffected. Under these circumstances the proposed experiment will not call for any revision of the budget provision for the payment of copyists during 1898-99, but proposition statements should be submitted for all copyists proposed to be entertained on the fixed fee system.

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Order thereon, No. 1870 Mis, d/28th April 1898.

The Board's proposal in para.3 of its Proceedings read above is approved and sanctioned. The necessary proposition statement should be submitted for sanction.

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For Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
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