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No. 69. Read the following letter from Major R. M. MACDONALD, Registrar General of Assurances, Madras, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 25th July 1865, No. 220.

I have the honor to report that the first supply of Registers and Indexes is beginning to be exausted, and that it will be necessary to make early arrangements for printing a second edition of some of the former.

2. The supply originally ordered was calculated at the rate of one volume of each Register and Index for the General Register Office, with a reserve of 12 Registers and 21 Indexes, and 2 Volumes of each Register and Index for every District Registrar. For the Deputy Registrars, one volume of each Register and Index was provided, and a reserve supply of 83 sets was printed in the languages noted in the margin, being at the rate of 5 for the larger, and 4 for the smaller districts. The establishment of 5 additional Register Offices in the Cantonments of Bellary, Wellington, St. Thomas' Mount, Trichinopoly, and Cannanore, has, however, reduced the reserve to 78 sets.

41	Telugu.
36	Tamil.
5	Malayalum.
4	Canarese.
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3. Some additional books will be required for the General Register Office, as although the first volumes have not as yet been filled up in any instance, the reserve supply is very small.

4. Most of the District Registrars are still going on with volume 1 of each series; but in some instances, two, and even three, volumes of certain Registers, particularly No. 2, have been already filled up, while other books, such as Register No. 3, and the two Registers relating to Wills are almost blank. Additional Indexes are not required at present for any of these Registers.

5. As shown in paragraph 29 of my Administration Report, a great many Deputy Registrars have not as yet registered a single document, and it is possible that in these offices there may be no demand for additional books for many years. On the other hand, a case has occurred at Pattamaday of a single Deputy Registrar registering 316 Instruments in a month. The cases in which a second volume has been commenced are not numerous; but as the reserve supply is very limited, I think a fresh edition of all the Vernacular Registers should be printed without delay. No Vernacular indexes are wanted at present.

6. Since the forms originally prepared and sanctioned have come into use, I have had opportunities of observing how they work, and also of comparing them with the corresponding forms in Bengal and the North-Western Provinces. In the amended forms now submitted, I have endeavoured to correct such defects as have come under my notice, and have adopted from the Bengal and North-Western Forms an arrangement by which the greater part of every page will be devoted to the copy of the Instrument registered, and by which a great saving of paper will be effected in the books of the Deputy Registrars. A great deal of space has also been hitherto wasted in the books of the District Registrars, owing to their Registers having been so prepared as to admit of their entering either copies of Instruments registered by themselves, or abstracts

of Instruments registered by their Deputies in one and the same book. As, however, Section 7 of Act IX of 1865 seems to contemplate two sets of books, one for original, and the other for abstract registration, I have prepared two distinct sets of forms, which will remedy this inconvenience. I have also prepared a set of forms of abstracts of registration, to meet the requirements of these new books. These contain more information than the Act requires, but not more than is, I think, necessary to enable the District Registrars and myself to supervise the work of the Deputy Register offices. If these forms are approved by Government, some slight modifications will be required in the existing rules, which will be found embodied in the accompanying draft notification. An estimate of the number of volumes required is also appended. It amounts to 3795 volumes, and is framed on the assumption that the different Registers will generally be indented for in the ratio noted in the margin, which is taken from the actual working of the District office of Madras; but as the other District Registrars have but little to do with original registration, only one volume of each has been provided for them.

Register	No. 1	3
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Do.	„ 3	1
Do.	„ 4	2

7. It is not proposed to print the whole of the above volumes at once, but to begin with those which are most necessary, and to gradually print the whole in such a way that the Government Press may not be overtasked.

No. 70. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1865, No. 1272.

The Governor in Council approves of the draft Notification submitted with the foregoing letter, and directs that it be published in the *Fort Saint George* and *District Gazettes*.

2. The Registrar General is authorised to proceed with the preparation of a fresh supply of Registers for use in his department.

(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Registrar General of Assurances.
„ Collector of
„ Supervisior of the Government Press.
„ Accountant General.
„ Examiner of Claims.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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" Supervisor of the Govt Press. — with 2 estimates
" Acctt. Genl.
" Examiner of claims
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