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FROM

A. J. ARBUTHNOT, ESQ.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY,
SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 1st December last, applying for information as to the System pursued in this Presidency with regard to the entry of Abstracts of Instruments affecting immoveable property received in the Registrar General's Office, under Section 41, Act XVI of 1864, I am directed to send you the enclosed letter* from the Registrar General and Proceedings† of this Government, from which it will be seen that while it is the practice of copying such Abstracts in the books of the Registrar General, the Madras Government are strongly in favor of substituting the practice of simply filing them. It is understood that in the Bill now before the Council of the Governor General, as revised by the Select Committee, the System of filing the Abstracts in question ~~have~~ has been provided for.

* 20th December 1865, No. 327.
† 10th March 1866, Nos. 72 to 81.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
17*th March* 1866.

Chief Secretary.

From the Registrar General of Assurances, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 20th December 1865, No. 327.

I have the honor, with reference to the Government Order, No. 1797, of the 16th instant, to state that the System hitherto in force in this Presidency, with regard to the transmission of Abstracts of Registration, will be seen by referring to Appendix No. I, Rules 13, 15, and 16, and Forms A, B, C, and D. It was at first the practice to copy out these Abstracts in extenso into books exactly corresponding with Forms A, B, C, D., with the omission of the columns "Note of interlineation, &c.," and "Copy of instrument," and the addition of a column for the General No. and year; but as the establishment sanctioned was quite unable to get through the work, I reported to Government some months ago, that I proposed leaving certain columns blank, as the information contained in them, although it had been found of great use in detecting errors committed in the local offices, was not

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required, under the Act, to be recorded in the General Register Office. Since then the only columns filled up have been those headed

General No. and year.
District No. and year.
Deputy No. and year.
Names of parties executing the Instrument.
Date of Registration.
Abstract of Instrument.

In all cases the necessary entries are made in the Nominal and Descriptive Indexes as soon as an Abstract is copied. The slight reduction of labor, above referred to, has somewhat increased the number of Abstracts which a clerk can dispose of in a day; but as Registration has extended, the arrears have gone on increasing, and amounted on the 30th ultimo to 21,453 Abstracts, as has been already reported to Government.

2. A short time ago certain alterations were sanctioned by Government in the Rules and Forms, Vide Appendix No. II, Rules 13 and 15, and the Forms a, b, c, and d, and A', B', C', and D' will show the System which it is proposed to introduce as soon as the first edition of Registers is exhausted and the new edition is ready. This System, like the preceding one, proceeds on the assumption that the phrase "entered" in Section 42 of Act XVI of 1864 is used in the sense of copying and not of filing, and cannot be worked without a much larger establishment than has been hitherto sanctioned.

Exd. R. H. Lec.

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and copy of Rs. Nos. 77-81

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