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REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

Reviewing the note on the administration of the---for 1894-95.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Inspector-General of Registration, dated 14th August 1895, G. No. 2460.

ORDER—No. 1994, Judicial, dated 24th September 1895.

With the letter read above the Inspector-General of Registration submits his note on the administration of the Registration Department during the year 1894-95. The earlier portion of the period dealt with was characterized by a continuance of the decline in registration which commenced in the latter half of 1893-94, and is ascribed by the Inspector-General partly to the cessation of the extensive advances made by Government under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Act and partly to the recurrence of a favourable season after successive years of drought. The operations of the department, however, appear to have received an impetus from the failure in certain districts of the north-east monsoon in 1894. In the result, the transactions of the whole year 1894-95 differed but little in number from those of 1893-94, while the aggregate value of property transferred by registered documents was more than 88 lakhs higher than in the preceding year and but 10 lakhs lower than in 1892-93.

The bulk of the slight fall in the number of registrations took place in transactions entered in the optional portion of Book I and is ascribed to the improvement in the season in the earlier part of the year when there was a considerable decline in the number of petty mortgages registered. The same cause explains the marked decrease in the number of sales below Rs. 100 in value entered in the compulsory portion of the same book. The decline in optional registration in Book IV which commenced in 1890-91 continued during the year under review and is attributed to the growing tendency to require immoveable property as security for loans.

Turning to individual districts, operations advanced as compared with the previous year in Vizagapatam, Chingleput, Tinnevely, Salem, Coimbatore, Tellicherry and Calicut, particularly in the first named; while the remaining districts of the Presidency exhibited a decline, most noticeable in the Nilgiris, Kistna and Bellary-Anantapur. The Inspector-General's note, as usual, contains a careful analysis of the causes to which these variations may be ascribed.

During the year under review the registration of wills again advanced and there was a continuance of the satisfactory fall in the number of documents registered on payment of penalties under sections 24 and 34 of the Act which has formed the subject

of comment in recent reviews. South Arcot and Salem, however, compare very unfavourably in this respect with other districts, being credited with nearly 30 per cent. of such registration—a proportion which appears to indicate some want of care in the scrutiny of the reasons assigned by parties for delay in presentation.

Commissions were issued under sections 33 and 38 with less frequency than in 1893-94, especially in the district of South Canara, where there was a marked decrease, though a quarter of the total number of commissions were executed in this district. From the Inspector-General's letter recorded in G.O., No. 220, dated 1st February 1895, it appears, however, that this is to some extent unavoidable in consequence of the great distance from registration offices at which many villages are situated in South Canara. The same reason does not apply to the case of Madras City in which commissions were still more frequent. The Inspector-General will be requested to report whether their number cannot be reduced.

3. Of the total number of documents admitted to registration 55.4 per cent. were copied on the day of presentation against 51.5 per cent. in 1893-94, while the percentage of registration one week after presentation declined from 4.2 to 3.1; the improvement may doubtless be ascribed in part at least to the revision of the clerical establishment which was sanctioned in G.O., No. 430, Judicial, dated 27th February 1893. There appears to have been excessive delay in the copying of documents in the districts of Kistna, Trichinopoly, Calicut and Tanjore, as shown in the following table:—

Districts.	Average percentage of documents registered	
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Average ..	6.9	3.1

The Inspector-General will be requested to state whether any special circumstances existed which explain this delay.

4. Notwithstanding the decline in the actual number of registrations, the receipts of the department advanced from Rs. 11,93,342 to Rs. 12,12,126—an increase mainly due to the advance in the aggregate value of the property affected, mentioned in paragraph 1 *supra*, and partly to the higher receipts from fees on account of searches and attendances at private residences.

The expenditure of the department, however, rose at the same time from Rs. 8,76,644 to Rs. 9,42,459, owing chiefly to the revision of the clerical establishment, the opening of new offices and outlay on buildings by the Public Works Department. The surplus of the year consequently fell to Rs. 2,69,667—a figure lower than in any year since 1888-89. The only deficit district was Kurnool as in the previous year, while the number of deficit Sub-Registrars' offices fell from 45 to 32.

5. The Inspector-General visited 79 out of 413 registration offices and only two Sub-Registrars' offices were left uninspected by the District Registrars; these two offices were visited by the Inspector-General himself. There was a decided improvement in the inspections by Revenue officers, but the only districts in which this duty can be said to have been fairly performed were North Arcot, Cuddapah, Kurnool and Tinnevely, while it was entirely neglected in South Canara. The attention of Collectors will once more be drawn to the matter with the remark that there appears to be no reason why divisional officers should not be able to visit each registration office within the limits of their charge at least once a year.

6. The administration of the department during the period under review was satisfactory.

(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
for Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Registration.

„ the Revenue Department,
„ the Accountant-General,
„ all Collectors.

ENDORSEMENT—No. 1995, Judicial, dated 24th September 1895.

Copy to the Government of India, Home Department.

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REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

No. 2460

From

THE HON'BLE S. SRINIVASA RAGHAVAIYANGAR,

DEWAN BAHADUR, C.I.E.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF REGISTRATION,

Madras,

To

The Honorable J. H. Price Esq.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Cotacamund. Fort St. George.

Dated Madras, 14th August 1895.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit
5 copies of the note on the administration
of the Registration department for
1894-95.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Shunmuganathaiah

Inspector General of Revenue

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JUDICIAL (1895) DEPARTMENT.

"REGISTRATION."

From

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF

REGISTRATION,

Madras,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY

TO GOVERNMENT,

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Dated 14th August 1895.

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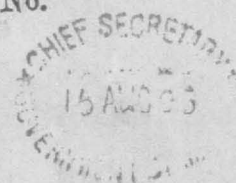
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Judicial Dept.

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(True Extract)

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 The District Magistrates of

Anantapur.	8
North Arcot, Chittoor.	8
South Arcot, Cuddalore.	8
Bellary.	8
South Canara, Mangalore.	8
Chingleput, Saidapet.	8
Coimbatore.	8
Cuddapah.	8
Ganjam, Chatrapur.	8
Godavari, Cocanada.	8
Kistna, Masulipatam.	8
Kurnool.	8
~~Madras (when necessary).~~	
Madura.	8
Malabar, Calicut.	12
Nilgiris, Ootacamund.	8
Nellore.	8
Salem.	8
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