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21ST JANUARY 1884, No. 97, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th December 1883, No. 3728:—

Read—the following letter from J. STURROCK, Esq., Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 6th October 1883, No. 2539:—

The monegar of the Amindivi islands reports that seeing that a system of registering documents has been introduced into the islands attached to Malabar, the inhabitants of those under his charge bring their documents regarding loans, mortgages, sales, &c., for being similarly registered, but that, for want of authority, he simply endorses the statements of the parties on the documents, which are then returned to them. This is done with a view to give weight to the documents, but no public record is left, and the monegar requests instructions as to the course to be adopted in future.

2. On a reference to the Collector of Malabar, I learn that the Registration Act has not been introduced into the islands belonging to that district; that stamps and stamped papers are not in use there, but that the island amins have been supplied with strongly-bound books purchased from the Registration Department with instructions to copy into them all wills and documents relating to movable or immovable property. When the parties are able to write out their own documents, the amins are to allow them to do so in the registers, the fly-leaf of each of which contains instructions to the above effect.

3. Although enactments in force in British India can be introduced into the islands under Section 5, and officers for their administration can be appointed under Section 6 of the Scheduled Districts Act XIV of 1874, the introduction of the Stamp and Registration Acts with their cumbrous procedure into the islands would, in my opinion, be premature, and I would therefore recommend that the course adopted by the Collector of Malabar may be sanctioned for the Amindivi islands as being, under the present circumstances, the best calculated to afford the required security to the people.

Reference on the above, dated 26th October 1883.

The Collector of Malabar is requested to state whether the system of registration referred to in paragraph 2 as being in force in the islands attached to his district has received the sanction of Government, and to refer to any correspondence on the subject.

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar, with letter in original to be returned.

Read—the following letter from C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 5th November 1883, No. 4474—

Adverting to Board's reference, dated 26th October 1883, No. 7302, I have the honor to inform you that the system of registration introduced into the Laccadive islands attached to this district is mentioned in the proceedings quoted in the margin, and is one of the proposals generally approved by the Board and tacitly sanctioned by Government.

Paragraph 48 of Mr. Logan's letter to the Board, dated 10th March 1879, No. 46.
Paragraph 9 of Mr. Logan's instructions to Mr. Winterbotham, dated 3rd December 1877, No. 1712.
Paragraph 6 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 28th May 1879, No. 1446, recorded in G.O., No. 72, dated 23rd February 1880, Political Department.

Resolution—dated 8th December 1883, No. 3728.

Submitted for the orders of Government with the Board's recommendation that sanction be accorded for introducing into the Amindivi islands the system of registration of documents now adopted in the Laccadive islands attached to the district of Malabar.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.
" " " of South Canara.

ORDER—dated 21st January 1884, No. 97, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The Board's recommendation is approved and sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

W. H. French
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Judicial Department.

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