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No. 24. From G. [Name], Officiating Inspector-General of Registration, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 31st August 1877, No. 206.

I have the honor to submit three copies of the Administration Report of this Department for 1876-77.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 4th December 1877, No. 2852.

The work of registration continues daily to increase. The total number of instruments registered in Books I and IV of the year 1876-77 was 250,876 against 237,262 in the previous year, showing an increase of 13,614, or 5.7 per cent., the previous year having been 11.5 per cent. for the operations of 1874-75. The present famine does not appear to have exercised any appreciable influence in causing this increase, for, while in some cases the pressure of the times compelled persons to raise money on instruments requiring registration, in many others such pressure must have operated to stop the usual course of business and traffic.

2. With the exception of four districts, all the others show an increase in registration work as compared with the last year, ranging from 4 per cent. in Calicut, Tanjore, and Madura to 23 per cent. in Kurnool. The districts in which there was a decrease are Godavari, Madras, Bellary, and Kurnool. The greatest falling off was in Bellary, where the decrease was 22 per cent. Bellary comes next with a decrease of 7 per cent. The other two districts show a decrease of 5 and 2 per cent. respectively.

3. In Book I are registered all instruments relating to immovable property, consisting of deeds of gift and mortgage, leases, &c. There was steady increase in the registration of nearly all these instruments, but the registration of perpetual leases and certified copies of decrees or orders of Court has declined by 135 and 87 respectively. The largest increase was in instruments of mortgage, being 5,893 above the previous year. On the other hand, all the instruments entered in Book IV relating to movable property show a decrease, chiefly in bonds consisting of 945 instruments less than the number registered in the previous year.

4. The aggregate value of the transactions registered in Books I and IV, exclusive of transactions in which no value was stated, was Rupees 7,83,58,867-11-3 against Rupees 8,74,15,770-4-2 of the past year, showing a decrease of Rupees 90,56,902-9-2. But, taking separately into account the value of the registrations in Book I, there was an increase of Rupees 50,23,888-14-7, while in Book IV there was a decrease of Rupees 1,40,67,165-13-2. The increase of value in Book I, amounting to 7.5 per cent., is accounted for by the increase of registration in the districts of Tanjore, Madura, North Arcot, Coimbatore, and Calicut and in the City of Madras.

5. Optional registration, like compulsory registration, continues to advance. There were 87,954 optional registrations against 82,581 in the previous year.

6. The number of open wills registered was 520, being a slight increase of 16. Of these 520 open wills, 486 were registered by Hindus, 28 by Mahomedans, and 5 by Native Christians. The number of sealed covers deposited fell from 16 in 1875 to 10 in 1876. Instruments conveying authority to adopt also fell, viz., 9 in 1876 as compared with 12 in 1875.

7. There was an increase of 12 per cent. in instruments registered on payment of penalties for delay in presentation and again was 20 per cent. in advance of North Arcot, being 1 in 61, and the least number of cases of refusal to register was the ratio of refusals to total registrations in the previous year. There were 92 in the past year. Registration was ordered by the District Courts ordered registration. It is observed that one-fourth of the total the executants were minors, idiots, or

8. A far less number of documents Repealed Act (VIII of 1871) than in the previous year. The number of documents that were returned unclaimed at the end of the year, was 2,700 against 2,883 in the previous year. The number of documents impounded was 204, as against 990. Of these 204 were returned as correctly stamped, and 749 (or more than one-half) were pronounced to be insufficiently stamped. Penalty was levied in 332 cases, or about 23 per cent. of the cases thus disposed of. The number of cases thus disposed of, 417, as against 383 in 1875-76.

9. There were 23 public prosecutions, adding two cases set on foot by private individuals in the previous year, there were 29 prosecutions in all. Convictions were obtained in 21 cases, and in 7 the prosecutions failed. One of the private prosecutions was for cheating the post of Sub-Registrar of Tenkasi, but the charge was dismissed by the Magistrate in the absence of proof. During the year 7 offices passed from the charge of taluk officers to that of special officers, and thereby the number of special officers was raised from 76 to 84. The Inspector-General remarks that the importance of these special officers is shown by the fact that three-fourths of the entire registration of the Presidency is placed in them.

10. The subject of want of office accommodation adverted to in paragraph 25 must lie over for the present.

11. The total receipts of the department were Rupees 3,92,005-15-9 against a total expenditure in the year of Rupees 80,502-4-8. The total receipts in the previous year were Rupees 3,80,234-1-1 against an expenditure of Rupees 97,180-9-3. The increase of receipts is satisfactorily accounted for in paragraph 26 of the report. All the taluk offices alone spends more than it earns. Its receipts being Rupees 13,091 for the year, and the expenditure Rupees 13,293. The surplus of the department were Calicut, Tinnevely, and Tanjore, their quota being respectively 26,482 Rupees, 18,853 Rupees, and 17,833 Rupees.

12. The Inspector-General made two tours during the year, and inspected several offices in the North and South Arcot Districts, finding all in a satisfactory condition, with the exception of the Triplicane office, the unsatisfactory condition of which is attributed to the fact that the Sub-Registrar in charge has to devote most of his time to his regular duties, while the Deputy Registrar is not enough to pay for a special officer. The District Registrar made 96 inspections in 15 districts. Revenue officials inspected by Collectors, 15 by Sub-Collectors, and the remaining 37 by Assistant Collectors.

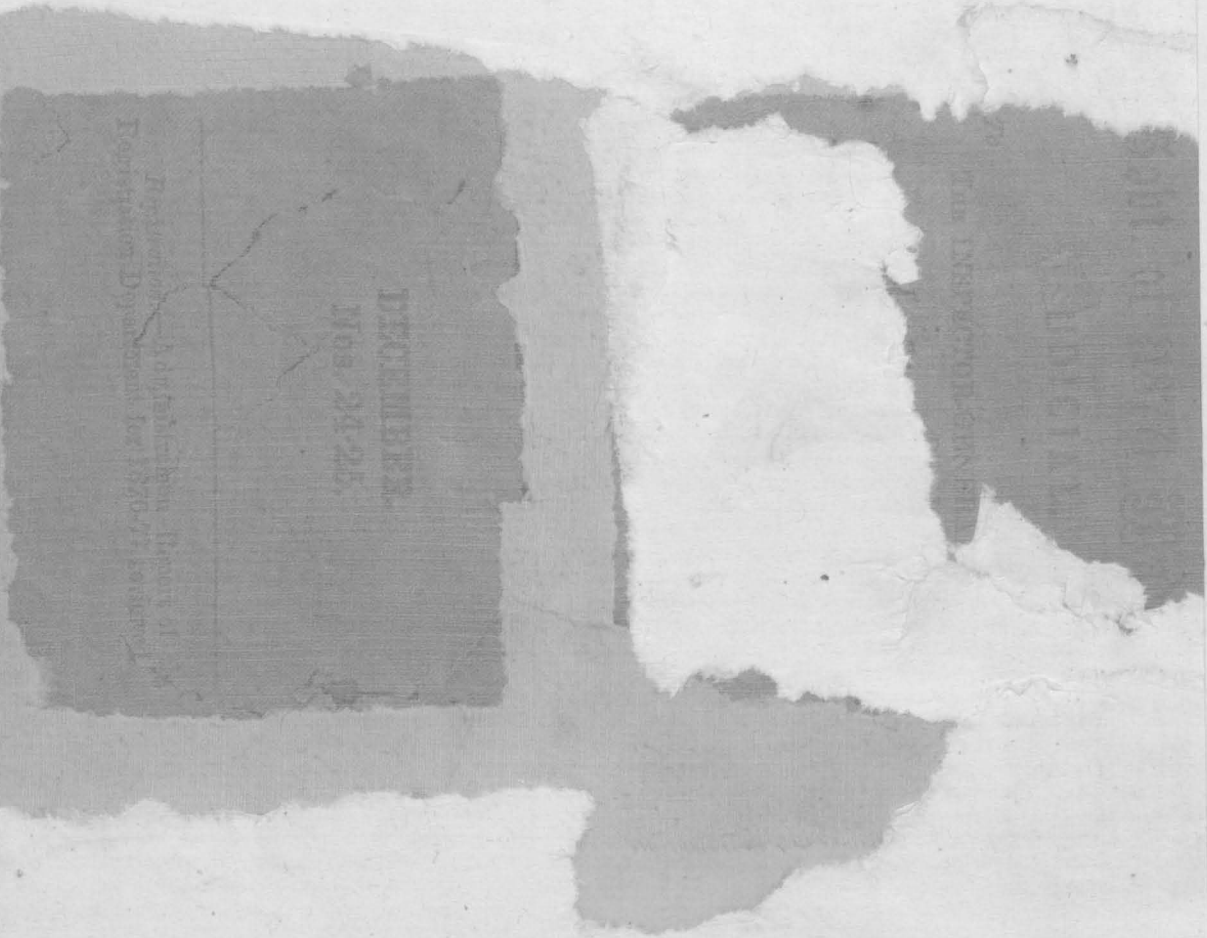
13. The attention of the Postmaster-General is called to paragraph 33 of the report regarding the want of postal communication between the stations of Edavanna, Tirtala, Kollengode, and Mannarghat, at the headquarters of the Calicut District.

(True Extract.)

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Postmaster-General.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.



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