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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 173. Read the following letter from R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 20th December 1864, No. 8,128:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the papers noted in the margin, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit, for the approval of Government, a specimen part of the revised edition of the Board's Circular Orders, with a Table of the Contents of the whole edition appended.

Government Order, 20th January 1863, No. 129.
Do. 12th March " 499.
Official Memorandum from Government, 12th November 1863, No. 245.
Official Memorandum to Government, 9th December 1863, No. 1,000.

2. The Government were pleased to direct that a concise Manual of the Standing orders now in force, arranged under appropriate heads, should be prepared, and they expressed a wish to see the Board's revised draft before publication.

3. The Circular Orders have been accordingly arranged under the sixteen heads shewn in the Table of Contents appended to the specimen part, and the complete Manual would thus be composed of sixteen parts similar to that now submitted. Probably, however, it will not be necessary to pass through the Press either Part VIII. or Part XIII., as Part VIII. will not be wanted if the Income Tax is abolished in August next, and the other part will be included in the Hoozoor Account Manual, which is now under preparation in the Account Department of the Board's Office. The entire work will thus be reduced to fourteen parts.

4. From motives of convenience, the Board have deemed it desirable to prepare each part separately. They have retained all the more important of their existing Standing Orders unaltered, and have revised the remainder, the less important orders being amalgamated and abridged. They have also placed, under one heading, all the Orders relating to the same subject. Under such an arrangement, the preparation of a complete revised *fair* draft, in manuscript, would have involved very considerable labor; to correct the draft would have occupied much of the Board's time, and the publication of the work would have been considerably delayed. The Board have accordingly taken the liberty of putting in type the specimen part now submitted, and which contains probably the most important section of their orders. Should this part meet with the approval of his Excellency in Council, the Board will at once proceed to pass the remainder of the work through the press, as all the other parts are in a forward state of preparation.

5. As the Board were doubtful whether the Government Press could undertake the work, and as it was necessary that their Sub-Secretary, to whom the Board entrusted the preparation of the work for printing, should frequently visit the press, the Board permitted Mr. Dalyell to place the specimen part in Mr. Higginbotham's hands, to be printed at the Male Asylum Press, which is conveniently situated between the Sub-Secretary's residence and the Board's Office. The Board consider the specimen to be satisfactory as to type, paper, &c., and they would recommend that the printing of the remainder of the publication should be entrusted to the same establishment.

6. Mr. Higginbotham has informed the Sub-Secretary that the *publication* of the work would be a remunerative undertaking if sold at Rupees 1-8-0, or Rupees 2

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per part, supposing each part to average about seventy-five pages, though of course the actual cost of the printing and paper would amount to a considerably smaller sum per copy. It remains, however, for the Government to decide at what price the work is to be offered to the public, and on what terms its publication is to be undertaken.

7. In conclusion, I am directed to express the Board's regret at the delay which has taken place in their carrying out the orders of Government. I am to explain that, as the old editions of the Board's Circulars are nearly out of print, the Board were averse to expunging any of the earlier orders which conveyed instructions or information of general utility to Revenue Officers, and that, consequently, the arrangement, classification, occasional modification, and abridgment of the very numerous Circular Orders, which have been issued by the Board since 1820, was a work of very considerable labor, and that this work has necessarily occupied a considerable time, carried on, as it has been, in conjunction with the numerous other duties devolving upon the Board. Considerable delay has also taken place in passing the present specimen part through the press, and I am to suggest that it might be advisable to bring the publication up to the close of the present year, re-publishing Part V. in its proper place, and disposing of the present edition of three hundred copies as specimen parts merely. This proposal commends itself to the Board, as the present specimen part contains orders of much more general interest than most of the other sub-divisions of the work, and would probably have a much larger sale.

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ORDER THEREON, 11th April 1865, No. 795.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Board are authorized to have the revised edition of their Circular Orders printed by Mr. Higginbotham, and to sell the copies at an advance of 15 per cent. on their cost price.

2. The work should be brought up to the latest date practicable, and a supplement be printed at the close of each year of the Standing Orders issued during its course.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Read the following letter from
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