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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th January 1868.*

No. 599. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department:—

Calling upon the Board of Revenue for a state-
ment of the expenses attendant upon keeping
up the Government Treasury at Gudalur in
the Malabar District. (Here enter 22nd January 1868, No. 174.)

No. 600. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1868, No. 307.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 59.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 7th Division and
to the Officer in charge of the Public
Works operations in the Wynaad.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
To Captain Kennedy.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd January 1868.*

No. 347. Read the following letter from the Accountant General, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 11th January 1868, No. 320:—

1. With reference to the Orders of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 22nd August, 19th September, and 8th instant, I have the honor to observe that my report on the Gudalur Treasury was delayed in the expectation of my being furnished with the statement of expenses promised in the Government Order of 22nd August; but this document has not yet been received by me, and without it, it is impossible to determine whether or not the Treasury should be kept up.

2. This Treasury, it may be remembered, was opened principally for the benefit of the planters, who, it was alleged, would freely take up bills upon it at two per cent. premium, which, it was estimated, would cover all the expenses of the Treasury. Since then, however, a branch of the Bank of Madras has been established at Ootacamund, and the planters now find that they can obtain money for their planting operations at the very moderate cost of from 12 Annas to one per cent. premium. So far as the interests of the planter, therefore, are concerned, there seems no necessity for the maintenance of the Gudalur Treasury, and it is certainly desirable that the Government should interfere as little as possible with the legitimate profits of the Bank by the issue of supply bills.

3. It remains, therefore, to be considered whether the maintenance of the Treasury is requisite on account of the Public Works Department, and to determine this, it is necessary to know exactly what are the expenses attendant upon keeping up the Treasury, and whether other arrangements might not be made for supplying that Department with funds at a less cost.

No. 348. ORDER THEREON, 22nd January 1868, No. 174.

Miscellaneous.

The Board of Revenue will instruct the Collector of Malabar to send up the required statement of expenses without further delay.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Accountant General.
" the Department Public Works,

Exd. F. R. Bantleman

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