

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	370	<u>Press</u> <u>Mis.</u>
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th February 1868.*

No. 185. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Nellore, 27th January 1868, No. 138.

I have the honor to forward copy of Proceedings of Board of Revenue, No. 162, dated 10th January, and to request that Government will be good enough to direct that District Gazettes be supplied free to Delta Superintendents, who have very much the same duties and responsibilities as Overseers. The boon is small, whilst the consequences may be important, as it is possible that the transmission of special copies of orders published in the Gazette to the Delta Superintendents may accidentally be omitted.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th January 1868, No. 162.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 28th October 1867, No. 379.

The Department Public Works officers, known as Delta Superintendents, not being on the free list (*vide* Board's New Standing Circular Orders Book, page 348-9) of the District Gazette, its supply to them gratis was, under my orders, discontinued. In a letter No. 457, dated 16th current, the Superintending Engineer informs me that these officers are intrusted with the duties and responsibilities of Talook Overseers, and that it is of consequence that they should be made acquainted, through the Gazette, with orders relating to irrigation, and requests that the Gazette be supplied to them as heretofore gratis: this request I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of the Board.

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The Board do not think it necessary that Delta Superintendents should be supplied with the District Gazettes gratis.

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The Board of Revenue, in expressing in their Proceedings No. 162, dated 10th January, their opinion that it is unnecessary to supply Delta Superintendents with the District Gazette gratis, have probably been unaware of the difference in the grades of Delta Superintendent and Channel Superintendent, and may have understood that the Superintending Engineer desired that copies of the District Gazette should be supplied gratis to all these subordinates. There are, however, only two Delta Superintendents in the Kistna District, while there are forty Channel Superintendents or Gumastahs, the former drawing 70 Rupees, and the latter only 12 Rupees. As remarked by the Superintending Engineer, the duties of the former are similar in many respects to those of a Talook Overseer, and his responsibilities as well as his salary are at least on a par with those of an Overseer. The Superintending Engineer makes use of the District Gazette for circulating instructions to his subordinates; and, in my opinion, there must be as good grounds for furnishing the Delta Superintendent with a copy, as there are with regard to the Overseers.

(Signed) J. C. ANDERSON, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
31st January 1868.

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Referred to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) J. C. ANDERSON, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Joint Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

1st February 1868.

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No. 186. ORDER THEREON, 10th February 1868, No. 370.

Miscellaneous.

1. Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

2. Under the circumstances stated in Colonel Anderson's Memorandum, the Government are of opinion that the District Gazettes should be supplied to the Delta Superintendents in the same manner as to Talook Overseers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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