

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

18th June 1881, No. 945.

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2. If the Board agree with me in this view, I request that Government may be moved to direct the Accountant-General to modify accordingly his circular instructions on the subject.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Copy of Accountant-General's Circular.

REFERRED to the Accountant-General for his remarks.

2. The Board are not aware of any ruling on the subject.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

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(Signed) E. GIBSON,
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No. 239.

ORDER THEREON, 18th June 1881, No. 945.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with original enclosure returned.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Public Works Department, with original G.O., No. 2,712 W., returned.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Gobt. of (1881) Madras
REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated June 18th.

Printed 23rd.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 18th June 1881, No. 945.

JUNE.

Nos. 238-239.

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Order Thereon July 1881

Communicated to the
Ex. P. W. A. C. S.
(True Extract)

Sd/- C. A. Galton
Secretary to the Board

B No 1640 W d/ 2nd July/81

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Memo.

The original G.O. referred to, which was not previously sent by mistake on the part of the despatcher, is now forwarded. It contains the required remarks by the H. M.

Chillemm Cap. R.
Ag. under Sec. to Govt. P.W.D.

8th June /81

P.W.D. No. 3343
Done soon

Recd. 6th June /81

P.W. 2809 /81

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with memo

P.H.C. No. 3809

Govt. of [1881] Madras
P.W. July
REVENUE.

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1 copy to Secy 7-7-81

No. 1640 W- 27th July
1881

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Communicated to the
Secy of P.W. accts.

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29.6.81

Secy P.W. accts.

20 July 1881

No. 214

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

With reference to the P.W.
Dept. note of 30th ultimo, No. 546, it is observed that the Original
G.O. therein referred to has not
been received with it and fur-
ther that the request made
in this Dept. docket was for
Honble Members' note.

This Dept. current paper
No. 2412 with enclosures and
Hon. Members' note attached
is again herewith forwarded.

Catacamund
22d June 1881

W. H. Underbury
Ag Under Secy to Govt.

To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
with en. 2412 & 2412 Encs.