

ANNEXURE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Referring to the Board's Proceedings, No. 139, dated 16th January 1884, I have the honor to forward return of lands, &c., held by me in the prescribed form received on the 31st ultimo.

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L.C. 3359 W. " 19-12-82
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" 1074 W. " 29-1-84

No 1407 W a/5th June/84
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Communicated to
officers of the P.N. Dept
in continuation of G.O.
No 753 W a/20th March
1884 and with reference
to G.O. No 3359 W a/
19th Dec^r 1882

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Genl Supt P.W. Stores
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Govt. of (1884) Madras.

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G.O., 3rd May 1884, No. 880.

MAY.

Returns of Lands.

Drawing the attention of heads of departments to the Government of India ruling about returns of lands, &c., and investments by public servants, and directing that such returns should in future be submitted for disposal in the Public department.

2 Copies sent to Engr
1 copy to H.R.C.
With order

Engr in ch. Ryp

3RD MAY 1884, No. 880, PUBLIC.

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READ—the following:—

Official Memorandum from the Secretary to Government, Revenue department, dated 29th February 1884, No. 101.

ORDER—dated 3rd May 1884, No. 880, Public.

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G.O., 1st Dec. 1882, No. 1357, Rev. dept.
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G.O., 3rd May 1884, " 879, Pub. dept.

2. The returns, the submission of which is prescribed by the orders noted in the margin, will in future be submitted to, and disposed of in, the Public department.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

- To the Secretary to Government, Revenue department.
- " the " Military department.
- " the " Public Works department.
- " the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.
- " all Members of the Covenanted Civil Service.
- " all Military Officers in civil employ.
- " the Board of Revenue.
- " the Settlement department.
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- " the Conservator of Forests.
- " the Inam Commissioner.
- " the Commissioner of Salt Revenue.
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E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To W. Logan, Esq., Resident, Travancore and Cochin.
 " R. W. Barlow, Esq., Acting Resident, Travancore and Cochin.
 " H. F. Clogstoun, Esq., Accountant-General.
 " H. B. Grigg, Esq., Director of Public Instruction.
 " Colonel T. K. Guthrie, Inspector-General of Police.
 " Colonel T. E. Tennant, Inspector-General of Jails.
 " Colonel T. Weldon, Chief Presidency Magistrate.
 " Lieutenant-Colonel G. H. Oakes, Acting Cantonment Magistrate, St. Thomas' Mount.
 " Major C. J. Bromhead, Cantonment Magistrate, Poonamallee.
 " Lieutenant-Colonel W. R. Sheffield, Cantonment Magistrate, Cannanore.
 " Lieutenant-Colonel C. D. Baynes, Government Agent, Chepauk.
 " Lieutenant-Colonel W. B. Sherman, British Consular Agent, Pondicherry.
 " Lieutenant-Colonel B. Fischer, British Consular Agent, Karikal.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Public
Department, with original letter and en-
closure to be returned.

Copy to the Commissioner of Salt Revenue,
on special duty.

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Miscellaneous.

There is much force in the objections urged by Mr. Bliss and the Board of Revenue.

2. The following form, intended to elicit information essential with reference to the despatch of the Secretary of State, No. 46, dated 31st May 1862 (printed in G.O., 1st December 1882, No. 1357), will accordingly be substituted for that issued with G.O., 25th April 1883, No. 511 :—

[illegible]

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with two enclosures.
 „ Public Department.
 „ Public Works Department.
 „ Military Department.