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DATED 29th April 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Imprest of paying officers

*Proceedings Revenue Dept sanctioning the
proposal of the Collector of Bellary to give
collectors general discretion to raise the
— up to seven days' pay, communicated
to the S. & T. circle.*

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Read—the following letter from H. A. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 15th March 1897, Ref. on C. No. 927:—

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Resolution—dated 23rd March 1897, No. 241.

Submitted for the orders of Government with the remark that, in the Board's opinion, it is undesirable to make all the rules in appendix VI binding on Collectors. Rather they should be informed that these rules are to be enforced only so far as may be possible under local circumstances and the character of the works (section 115) and that they must use their own discretion in regard to details.

2. Meanwhile the Collector of Bellary will be so authorized to act.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
" Collector of Bellary.
Copy to all other Collectors.

ORDER—No. 214, Revenue, dated 29th March 1897.

Miscellaneous.

The proposal made by the Collector of Bellary is approved and sanctioned.

2. As regards the suggestion made by the Board in paragraph 1 of its Proceedings, the Government is of opinion that

section 115 of the Code gives sufficient discretion to Collectors in regard to the application of the rules contained in appendix VI and that it is highly undesirable to declare generally that these rules are not binding.

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