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1	Minute by the President.....	18th August..	In calling attention to the illicit publication of certain Government Records, proposes that an investigation be made by the Secretaries into the circumstances under which his Minute relative to the Fort of Vellore was communicated to the "Athenæum."
2	Secretaries to Government.	20th August..	Report the result of their enquiry. State that an examination into the grounds on which Mr. Smith suspected Mr. Peachey of complicity in the matter, completely satisfied them of his innocence, but that a Printer, named Popen, lies under strong suspicion of having communicated the paper to persons outside. Are of opinion that the rigid enforcement of the rules requiring the 'second revise' to be delivered to the Foreman, and the destruction of rough proofs would make the abstraction of printed papers a matter of great difficulty.
3	Minute by the President.....	22nd August..	Expresses gratification that Mr. Peachey has been relieved from suspicion. Observes that Popen must be discharged as unworthy of confidence. Approves of the regulations recommended, and proposes that Mr. Smith should select a qualified person to assist him in the strict enforcement of the Rules.
4	Minute by the Honorable W. A. Morehead.	22nd August..	Thinks that Mr. Smith must have been aware of the worthlessness of his charge against Mr. Peachey, &c.
5	Order thereon.....	27th August..	Resolve as proposed in the President's Minute.
6	Secretary to the Board of Examiners.	20th August..	Reports that Messrs. Carr and Irvine have been examined, and that the former gentleman has passed for the higher Standard, but the latter failed in the 1st Standard.
7	Order thereon.....	27th August..	Direct the Civil Auditor to pass to Mr. Carr the extra allowance of 50 Pagodas a month.
8	President of the Committee for awarding Prizes for the best design of an Omnibus.	23rd August...	Reports that 7 designs were produced, and that the 1st Prize was awarded to Mr. R. Rutter, Civil Engineer, Bengal, and the 2nd to Mr. J. G. Chatterton, Guindy. Intimates that the Committee will meet again on 5th September to take into consideration definite plans for one or two Omnibuses, to be built in the Locomotive Workshops of the Railway Company.
9	Order thereon.....	27th August..	Communicated to the Railway Agent.
10	Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras.	27th August..	Solicit that so much of the debris of the Black Town Wall as their Civil Engineer may require to raise the land beyond it to the level of the Wall Tax road, may be reserved and placed at their disposal.
11	Order thereon.....	29th August..	Resolved accordingly.
12	M. Dasikacharry (Petition.)	.....	Represents that he was promoted from a permanent situation in the establishment of the Collector of Chingleput to his present appointment in his Davastanum Establishment as a reward for his services, and prays that he may be considered eligible to promotion in the Public Service without passing an examination.
	.....	11th August..	Forwarded to the Collector for report.
13	Collector of Chingleput.....	15th August..	Reports upon the Petitioner's case, and recommends that his request be complied with.
14	Order thereon..	29th August..	Authorize his re-enmployment without passing.

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15	Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department.	25th August..	Communicates Orders issued for providing Dressers for the Wynaad Settlement Party.
16	Order thereon.....	29th August..	Recorded.
17	Revd. P. Percival, Editor of "Dinavartimani."	19th August..	Acknowledges the justice of the complaints made by the Civil Judge of Nundial regarding the inaccuracies made in his Journal, and assures Government that he will do all in his power to prevent the occurrence of mistakes.
18	Order thereon.....	29th August..	Recorded.
19	Major D. Hamilton, 21st Regiment N. I.	24th August..	Being convinced that a report on the adaptation of the high-lands of India for European Colonists and Military Sanataria would be useful, offers his services to visit such mountain ranges of this Presidency as Government may consider advisable, and proposes to commence with the Pulney Mountains on the season becoming favorable, &c.
20	Order thereon...	29th August..	Accept Major Hamilton's offer, application being made to the Commander-in-Chief for his services. Allow him to draw full Regimental Allowances. Direct him to communicate with Dr. Cleghorn in order to learn the main points of enquiry.
21	Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.	12th August..	Requests an advance of Rupees 23,713-15-5, to be made to the Deputy Superintendent of Electric Telegraph, Madras.
22	Order thereon...	29th August..	Sanctioned.
23	Under Secretary to the Government of India.	8th August..	Requests that copies of Proceedings referred to may accompany the copies of this Government Despatches to the Secretary of State's forwarded to the Supreme Government.
24	Order thereon.....	30th August..	Recorded.
25	Director of Public Instruction.	14th July ...	Submits a Statement of the expenditure incurred in the purchase of School-books, &c., during the 2nd-half of 1858-59, the balance being Rupees 10,270-13-8, and requests that the Sub Treasurer be authorized to honor his drafts up to Rupees 15,000. Reports that the Central Book Depôt has been transferred to Messrs. Gantz, Brothers, but the Government Solicitor has not prepared the form of agreement to be executed by them.
26	Order thereon.....	30th August..	The Sub Treasurer authorized accordingly, &c. The Government Solicitor requested to expedite the preparation of the agreement.
27	Secretary to the Civil Fund.	25th August..	Requests to be informed from what date Mr. Roupell's resignation takes effect.
28	Order thereon.....	30th August.	Observed that the date is not stated in the Despatch announcing Mr. Roupell's resignation.
29	Collector of Coimbatore ...	15th August..	Submits emergent Estimates, amounting to Rupees 519-5, for Works connected with the sanitary improvement of Ootacamund.
30	Order thereon.....	30th August.	Sanctioned.
31	Officiating Secretary to the General Committee, Madras Exhibition of 1859.	29th July ...	Forwards copy of certain Resolutions of the Committee.
32	Order thereon.....	30th August.	Desire the Committee to forward 200 Catalogues. Approve certain Proceedings, and take over the articles in the Animal, Vegetable and Mineral Kingdoms, valued at Rupees 3,000, for distribution to different Public Institutions.
33	Proceedings of Government.	30th August..	Sanction Bill for remitting stoppages and salaries of Compositors, amounting to Rupees 36-1-9.

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34	Director of Revenue Settlement.	5th August..	Reports that, as Government were unable to furnish his department with Medical aid from the regular establishment, the appointment of Pensioned Assistant Apothecary Antonio as a Writer was made to secure Medical assistance to the Settlement party in the South, and testifies to the efficient performance of the Writer's duty.
35	Order thereon.....	30th August..	Pensioned Assistant Apothecary Antonio informed that he will not be required to pass an examination in the event of his obtaining another situation.
36	Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.	25th August..	Submits 2 Plans, one for adopting the Diwán Khána at Chepauk to accommodate the Offices of his Department, Commandant of Engineers, and Civil Engineering College, at a cost of Rupees 19,300; the other providing for the accommodation only of the Central Office and Civil Engineering College at an expense of Rupees 3,870.
37	Minute by the President. ...	29th August..	Is of opinion that the Commandant of Engineers and establishment should remain in the Fort, and that the alterations of the Diwán Khána should be confined to those required for the Central Office and Engineering College.
38	Order thereon.....	31st August...	Direct accordingly.
39	Officiating Under Secy. to the Govt. of India, Home Department.	12th August..	Intimates that the entry of a certain Work has been made in the Registry of Copy-rights.
40	Order thereon.....	31st August...	Communicated to Mr. A. T. Jaffrey.
41	Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department.	20th August..	Making the Rule of March 1848, restricting the employment of Volunteers in offices at the Presidency applicable to the Collectors' Offices also.
42	Order thereon.....	31st August...	Published in the Official Gazette.
43	Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department.	25th August..	Directing that no expenditure be allowed in future for the supply of new silver badges or for the renewal of old ones.
44	Order thereon.....	31st August...	Published in the Official Gazette.
45	Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras.	30th August..	Submit Estimate of the probable expense of constructing and metalling a platform proposed to be made on the East of the present Band practice place, amounting to Rupees 5,472-8-0 which does not include the removal of the Band Stand, &c.
46	Minute by the President....	31st August...	Observes that before Government can decide, they must know the entire cost of the Work.
47	Order thereon.....	1st Sept.....	The Municipal Commissioners requested to complete the estimate.
48	His Excellency M. D'Ubraye, Governor of the French Settlements in India.	19th August...	Offers congratulations to Sir C. E. Trevelyan, on his assumption of the Government of Madras, &c., and assures him of cordial co-operation in all transactions that may arise between their Governments.
49	Order thereon.....	1st Sept.....	Recorded.
50	Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras.	27th August...	In submitting a correspondence regarding a scheme for cleansing the Southern portion of the Main Drain by means of water to be brought by a cut to a tank belonging to Peroomall Pagoda in Black Town, suggests that the land in which the tank is situated, measuring 8 cawnies and 8 grounds, be taken possession of under Act 6 of 1857, as they have failed in effecting an amicable settlement.
51	Minute by the President.....	29th August..	As the assurance given by the Commissioners

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			will justify the Government in applying the provisions of the Act, advises that no obstacles should be opposed to the adoption of the plan proposed.
52	Minute by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.	29th August...	Concurs.
53	Minute by the Honorable Walter Elliot.	29th August..	Fully approves of action being taken in the matter.
54	Minute by the Honorable W. A. Morehead.	29th August..	Presuming that the Commissioners have satisfied themselves that the purchase of the land comes within the provisions of the Act, approves of it being taken up.
55	Order thereon.....	2nd Sept... ...	Resolve accordingly.