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1	Minute of Consultation.....	23rd March...	Sanction Bill for Shawls presented to the Native Officers of the Governor's Body Guard, amounting to Rupees 938.
2	Extract Minutes of Consultation, Public Works Department.	14th March...	Direct that all Office Servants appointed hereafter to that Department must be drawn from the parties who pass at the half-yearly Uncovenanted Service Examinations.
3	Order thereon.....	23rd Feby....	Recorded.
4	W. H. Bayley, Esq.....	28th Feby,....	Forwards a Memorandum on the subject of the Measures and Weights in use in the Town of Madras, for such notice as may be deemed expedient.
5	Order thereon.....	23rd March...	Notice the irregularities and discrepancies stated to prevail in the bazars, and the different Standards used by public functionaries. Concur in Mr. Bayley's conclusions. Communicate his letter and Memo. to the Collector of Madras, Commissioner of Police and Commissary General, and direct that the standard capacity of the bazar measure henceforth be 104, and that of the mercal 832 cubic inches, their dimensions being $6\frac{1}{2} \times 4{\cdot}51$ inches diameter, and $9\frac{1}{4} \times 12{\cdot}38$ inches diameter respectively, that the Viss be $3\frac{1}{8}$lbs *avoirdupois*, giving 25 lbs. to the Maund, and that no vessels be used for testing Measures but such as are certified to be 13 cubic inches nor any weights but such as are $3\frac{1}{8}$ lbs., or multiples or submultiples of them.
6	Director General, Medical Department.	21st March....	Forwards a Memorial to the Secretary of State for India from Surgeon J. E. Mayer, late Chemical Examiner to this Government, praying for some remuneration for conducting the duties of that Office for more than 6 years, and recommends his prayer to favorable consideration.
7	Order thereon.....	23rd March...	Transmitted accordingly with the strong recommendation of this Government.
8	Director of Public Instruction.	16th March...	Submits letter from Mr. W. Williams, Head Master, Zillah School at Madura, requesting permission to resign his situation, and though he has not completed his term of service, considers, for reasons given, that he is entitled to the indulgence.
9	Order thereon.....	23rd March...	Mr. Williams' resignation accepted.
10	Director of Public Instruction.	4th March.....	Submits letter from Mr. E. C. Caldwell, Inspector of Schools, applying for the sum of Rupees 6,038-11-4, being the difference between the amount of salary assigned the late Inspector and that assigned to him for 15 months and 3 days, but, for reasons stated, cannot support his application. If Government think fit, in consequence of the delay in appointing a 5th Inspector, to assign to him a portion of the undrawn salary, is of opinion that 200 Rupees a month for the period in question will amply meet his claims.

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11	Order thereon.....	23rd March...	Are not prepared to admit the claim, as Mr. Caldwell was aware that he would have charge for a time of 5 districts, and it appears that his labors then were not greater than they are in the three now in his charge.
12	Minute of Consultation.....	23rd March...	Sanction the Bill of the Secretary Male Asylum Press for printing the Proceedings of Government, Railway Department, for January 1857, amounting to Rupees 174-9-4.
13	Extract from Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.	10th March...	Submit letter from the Collector of Nellore forwarding a Prize List for the next General Exhibition, which, it is now proposed should take place in March 1860, also a separate List of Prizes for the Cattle Show to be held at Addunky in December 1859.
14	Order thereon.....	24th March...	Approve of the postponement of the General Exhibition, likewise the erection of a permanent building for it, to serve as well for a local Museum, its cost and the expense of the Cattle Show not to exceed Rupees 5,000.
15	Director of Public Instruction.	26th Feby.....	Submits the usual half-yearly account of sums expended in the purchase and provision of School Books, Maps, &c., during the first half of the official year 1858-59. Gives a full detail of the operations of the Book Depôt and the business connected with it, which requires much more care and attention than he is able to devote to it, and therefore recommends the offer of Messrs. Gantz Brothers, who have lately established a Book Shop and Printing Press, to be constituted Government Book Agents, they furnishing sufficient security against risk, by which arrangement, Rupees 130 per mensem, the cost of present Office Establishment, will be eventually saved.
16	Order thereon.....	24th March...	Sanction the transfer of the Book Depôt to Messrs. Gantz, as an experiment, for a term of 2 years, on the stipulations contained in their letter. Issue instructions for carrying out this measure and pass orders on the several recommendations and proposals connected with it.
17	Director General Medical Department.	7th March...	Transmits Extracts from letters from the Medical Officer in charge Civil Dispensary at Coimbatore, relative to an increase of pay to the servants of that Institution and recommends that sanction be accorded thereto. The usual Tabular Statement, and Return of the working of the Institution accompanies.
18	Order thereon.....	24th March...	The two Statements forwarded to the Government of India with a recommendation in favor of the increase on grounds stated.
18A	Secretary to the Government of India.	24th March...	The Tabular Statement transmitted accordingly.
19	Director of Public Instruction.	16th March...	The inhabitants of Polachi, Wallajapettah, and Anantipoor having subscribed Rupees 1,050, 1,120 and 461-8 severally towards the provision of School houses, at those stations, requests the disbursements of such sums as may be required to complete the buildings. Begs he may be authorized to use his discretion in applying the money sanctioned for Anantipoor, either to the repair or alteration of the old travellers' bungalow or to the erection of a new School house.
20	Order thereon.....	24th March...	Disbursements authorized accordingly, the Director to act as he may see fit in respect to the School at Anantipoor.
21	Civil Judge of Calicut.....	9th March...	Forwards an address from the Inhabitants of that Zillah to Her Majesty on the occasion of the assumption of the direct Government of Her Indian Dominions, for transmission and presentation.
22	Order thereon.....	24th March...	Transmitted accordingly.
23	Under Secretary of State for India.	24th March...	Transmit duplicates of Furlough Certificates granted to Messrs. H. Morris and C. Collett, Madras Civil Service.
24	S. W. Fallon, Esq., Ajmere.	18th Feby...	Submits a Bill for 40 copies of an English Urdu Law and Commercial Dictionary and requests an order for the amount on the Ajmere Treasury.
25	Commissioner of Ajmere.....	24th March...	Request him to authorize the payment of 300 Rupees to Mr. S. W. Fallon, debiting this Government therewith.
26	S. W. Fallon, Esq., Ajmere.	24th March...	Inform him of the above.
27	Extract Minutes Consultation, Public Works Department.	15th March...	Communicating correspondence recommending that the Mail Carts by Madras and Bangalore may be transferred to the Goriattum and Palmanair line of road.
28	Order thereon.....	24th March...	Communicated to the Officiating Postmaster General.
29	Magistrate of Bellary.....	8th March...	Submits a Bill presented by the Apothecary attached to his Collectorate for travelling expenses, amounting to Rupees 23-10 as he was sent out to visit some wounded persons. Begs permission to discharge the Bill and to debit the amount to contingent charge.
30	Order thereon.....	24th March...	Permitted, as proposed.
31	Surgeon Edward Balfour...	———	Forwards one copy of a 1st Supplement to "the Cyclopædia of India and of Eastern and Southern Asia" copies of which, if necessary, can be supplied at the rate of 12 Rupees a copy, sends also the first 8 pages of a 2nd Supplement now in the Press.
32	Order thereon.....	24th March...	Fifty copies of the 2 Supplements taken.
33	Directors of the Monegar Choultry.	23rd Feby.....	Forward Annual Reports and Accounts of the Choultry and Native Infirmary for the year 1858; urge the absolute necessity of relieving the funds of these Institutions from being debited with the disbursements on account of the Idiot Asylum. Submit letter from the Surgeon in charge pointing out the necessity of enlarging the accommodation and call attention to his remarks upon the evil consequences arising from the over-crowded state of the wards.
34	Order thereon.....	25th March...	Review the report, and admitting the force of the representations as to the drain upon the resources of the charity caused by the maintenance of the Idiot Asylum, direct that as many of its Inmates as can be accommodated in the Lunatic Asylum be at once transferred, and the rest supported at the Idiot Asylum solely at the charge of Government should more accommodation be still required, the Plan and Estimate, already called for, should be submitted without delay. Publish the

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		1859.	Report, with the Treasurer's Account Current, &c. &c., in the Gazette, and tender the thanks of Government to the Directors.
35	To certain Officers and Gentlemen.	25th March...	Acquaint them that they have been appointed a Committee for managing the affairs of the Monegar Choultry for 1859, and request their services in promoting the objects of the Institution.
36	Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India.	28th March...	Forwarding copy of a letter to the Proprietor of the "Madras Spectator" requesting the copy of that Paper sent to his Office may be discontinued from 1st May 1859.
37	Order thereon.....	25th March...	Communicated to the Offices of Account and Audit.
38	Extract Minutes Consultation, Public Works Department.	15th March...	Inform the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines that applications for Rattan Mats, Blinds, &c., for the Government Houses are passed in the Public Department.
39	Order thereon.....	25th March...	Recorded.
40	Director of Public Instruction.	11th March...	Requests, with reference to the sanction for the advance of such sum not exceeding Rupees 200 as may be required for the repair of the School house at Tripassore, that the Inspector of the Division be authorized to provide for the repair of certain quarters adjoining it with a view of their being assigned as a residence to the Master, he being responsible for the charge and safe custody of the building and its appurtenances.
41	Order thereon.....	25th March...	Permitted, the outlay for the purpose with the cost of repairs to the School room, exceeding the sum already sanctioned only by Rupees 10-11-6.
42	Under Secretary of State for India.	26th March...	Acknowledge the receipt of certain Home Despatches.
43	Extract Minutes Consultation, Public Works Department.	18th March...	Relative to the submission of an Estimate for metalling the road between Goriattum and the Syenagoontah Ghaut.
44	Order thereon.....	26th March...	Communicated to the Postmaster General.
45	Moodechoor Appavoo Moodelly.	18th March...	Requests to cause the copy-right of a book named 'Teroovoy Molee Veeyackeeyanum' to be registered in the Office of the Secretary to Government of India, and forwards the usual Schedule with prescribed fee and copy of the work.
46	Order thereon.....	26th March...	Duplicate of the application to be forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, and the fee (2 Rupees) remitted to the General Treasury.
47	Secretary to the Government of India.	26th March...	Transmit the application accordingly.

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48	Secretary to the Government of India.	28th March...	Informs him that the Honorable Sir Charles Edward Trevelyan, K. C. B., has arrived and taken charge of this Government and its dependencies.
49	Minute of Consultation.....	28th March...	Direct that Mr. Begbie appointed to be a Deputy Collector &c., of the 4th Class, continue to do duty in the Public Department, Government Office, until the end of the month.

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50	Acting Civil Auditor.....	21st March...	Reports that on the demise of an Auditor of his Office, he promoted others to higher situations and left a place of Rupees 7 vacant, which was refused by all the passed Candidates that presented themselves. Requests to know whether the Notification on the subject is applicable to substitutes, and further whether it is applicable to the Offices of Account and Audit now subject to the control of the Supreme Government.
51	Order thereon.....	28th March...	Have no objection to the place of 7 Rupees being conferred on an unpassed Candidate, but he is not to be promoted until he passes. Replies to the queries and publish the substance of them and the answers. Observe that the Government of India have approved of the Examination Rules.
52	Officiating Postmaster General.	18th March...	Appends copy of letter from the Inspecting Postmaster, Cuddapah Division, reporting the plunder of a Banghy Mail between Kurcumbaddy and Cuddapah on the 19th February, and transcript of a notice published in the Gazette.
53	Order thereon.....	28th March...	Communicated to the Magistrate of Cuddapah.
54	Lieut. Col. Simpson, Member of Committee for reporting on the Resources of India.	19th March...	States that 1000 copies of the Report, &c., respecting Mr. Loarer's process of solidifying Oils, and the same number of translations of the Supplemental Report, &c., will be required.
55	Order thereon.....	28th March...	Communicated to the Superintendent Gazette Press, and Translators to Government.
56	Secretary to the Board of Examiners.	26th March...	Solicits that the Post Master of Madras be permitted to return a Telugu Dictionary posted to the address of Captain Claridge, 37th Grenadiers, as he does not now require it.
57	Order thereon.....	28th March...	Permitted.
58	Messrs. Thomas De la Rue and Co., London.	31st Jany.....	Forwards a case containing a gross of Fine Art Drawing Pencils, and specimens of Vegetable Parchment with reports on its composition and applications by Dr. Hofmann and Mr. Smee, which they desire to be distributed to whomsoever the subject may be interesting. Hope the Pencils will be found superior to any others in the market.
59	Memo. by Superintendent Government Press.	23rd March...	Gives it as his opinion that Vegetable Parchment is of equal, and sometimes of superior utility to Animal Parchment for book-binding and other purposes, yet it is unsuited to accounts, vouchers, bank notes, &c.
60	Order thereon.....	28th March...	Referred to the Professor of Chemistry for report.
61	Inspector General of Jails...	22nd March...	Requests sanction to the the engagement of the services of a duly qualified Draftsman and Clerk from 1st April, who has not passed for the Judicial Department. Presumes that the educational test is not to be required of Jailors, &c.
62	Quarter Master General of the Army.	24th March...	Requests information whether test Rules are applicable to Draughtsmen.
63	Order thereon.....	28th March...	Issue the necessary instructions on both the foregoing applications.
64	Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.	8th June 1857.	States that Mr. Bayley's suggestions in a Pamphlet on the proposed introduction of a uniform system of Weights and Measures, appear to him to be unexceptionable.

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65	Honorable Company's Astronomer.	6th July 1857.	Submits his remarks on the same subject.
66	Commissary General..... ..	3rd Nov 1858.	States his views on the same subject.
67	Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.	13th Nov1858. 1859.	Submits the opinion of the Chamber on the subject of Weights and Measures.
68	Secretary to the Board of Revenue.	25th Feb.....	Reports that the different Collectors consider the question rather out of their sphere; that the Accountant General declines to make any observations on it; that Major Bell does not wish to commit himself to an opinion; that Commandant of Engineers thinks it a matter out of his range; that C. Conniah Chettiar approves of Mr. Bayley's suggestion; that the Madras Trade Association have come to the conclusion that his propositions should be adopted. States that the Board have no hesitation in urging the necessity of introducing some legal and uniform system of Weights and Measures.
69	Memorandum.....	8th March...	Being a Precis of Mr. Bayley's suggestions, and of the opinions and observations of the Authorities referred to.
70	Order thereon.....	28th March...	The above paper forwarded to the Government of India and Home Government.
71	Secretary to the Government of India.	28th March...	Submits Mr. Bayley's Pamphlet, all the correspondence that has taken place, and the Precis thereof. Consider the proposed standard of Weights and Measures to be worthy of adoption; and strongly advocate that his views should be carried out with any modifications that may seem advisable.

Exd. F. Cartledge.