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represented to Government
long ago. Orders have
been passed on his letter
dated 24th October 1877,
but much will depend,
in the disposal of the
question; on the time taken
by him to ^{furnish} afford the
information called for in
the order.

C. U.

taken & maintained
say at 8 or 10 Stations
in each Dist. & these
Stations should be watched
skilful efficient & the
Meteor. Dept where the
observations are reduced
& tabulated &c.

We ask the Board
Mr. P. & confer & report
together on the whole
subject -

12/11/77

To the Board of Revenue
Govt. Astronomer

W. H. 8/14/77

Nos.

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Public DEPARTMENT. ^{10/15-6}
No.
From *The Govt Astronomer & Board of Revenue.*
Dated *7 Dec 1877 & 16 March 1878 Nos - 2 & 3643.*

FOR ORDERS.

Three papers came back on the 29th ultimo from Govt. House.

Submitted that the case might be recorded.

J.R. Lab 4/81

11/15/81 15 Feb 1881 No 205

11/15/81 The Govt Astronomer & Board of Revenue } Depts 15/2

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Public DEPARTMENT.

No. 189.

To

The Govt. Astronomer.

SIR,

I am directed to invite attention to the communication marginally noted* and to request an early reply thereto.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. H. Griff
Asst. Under Secretary.

SUBJECT.

Requesting return of
Barometric Record Book
of 1877-1880.
forwarded with G.O.
13th March 1877.

* No. 189 dated 14 Nov. 1877.

Subsequent Reminder
of 22nd 27th Nov. 1877.

J. H. Griff
15 Feb. 1878.

Revenue Department

Mis No. 2643.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 16th March 1878

Read the following

From

J. Grace Esquire
Collector of Malabar

To

C. A. Galton Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir

In their proceedings of the 2nd July
1874, No. 4423 or nearly 4 years ago, the Board
ordered five rain gauges to be supplied to this
District.

Board Res. No.
No. 2229, 18th
March 1875.
G. O. 24th
March 1875,
No. 485.
Board Res. No.
No. 8521, 6th
October 1876.
G. O. 6th November
1876, No. 2591.

The papers noted in the margin show
that instructions from Government have been
issued to the same effect.

In Board, Miscellaneous No 1353
14th February 1876 the Government Astronomer
was directed to supply a new measuring glass
for

for Rain gauge No. 2 at Kistnapatam.

4 I myself addressed Mr. Poyson—
(demi officially) on the same subject last
July.

5 The requisitions have not been Complied
with up to date. nor do I know what is the
Government Astronomer's reason for the delay
nor when he will be able to send the gauges
and the measuring glass.

6 To make our system of Rain-registry
Complete, we ought to have 3 more gauges, viz
at Salurpetti, Allur & Podile at all of which
places there are Sub Magistrates.

7 Nevertheless, as I have told Mr.
Poyson, the results of some of our Rain
gauges which are wanted merely for pur-
poses of district administration (as at salt
factories) need not be corrected and
tabulated at Madras when we
get all the rain gauges we
want it will be sufficient to
tabulate the results of only

18 of them as at present. 3/15/80

Kellose Collector's office
27th February 1878

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedient
servant

Wm J. Grace

Collector

Submitted for the orders of Government
with reference to the Correspondence quoted

(True Copy & Extract)

H. H. H. H.

Acting Sub Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government
R. D.

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N. B. Poyson Esq^r
Government Notary

The Chief Secretary to Government
West St. George

With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, 13th October 1877, No. 1364, I have the honor to express my sincere regret that up to this date I have been unable to find time to offer the explanation called for, though I hope and intend to do so as early as possible. When a man is overtaken with so many more duties than it is humanly possible for him to perform he is reduced to the extremity of accomplishing those first which his conscience bids him to regard as most important — those for which his appointment was conferred upon him — and this is precisely my case at the present time. Were it not for my earnest desire to secure my salary of the past seventeen years from being lost and that a gleam of hope arises for expectation of early relief, I should, for dear life's sake be driven to resign my appointment at once; but even now I am happy to know that an Honorable Member of the Supreme Council, himself an able judge of scientific business in all its laborious details, has taken up a minute upon the Observatory affairs, and I have reason to believe that a similar movement will be made in my behalf in England, and I most anxiously await the result.

2. — My report and explanation submitted on the 26th ultimo upon the recent heavy extra labor involved in carrying out the Astronomer Royal's wishes with respect to the observations on the planet Mars, for investigation of the Solar Parallax, should I must respectfully urge secure me from being called upon at the present moment for Reports upon any subject of minor scientific importance. Unfortunately hard work agrees with me and now that it is over I shall be able to return to my ordinary routine work without seeking leave, as most men would have been compelled to do after such a strain upon their health and energy.

24 actually 75 N 384/5
6 April 1780 - 2571 N 23
16 October 1780 - 6725 N 20

*Subscribed
December 10th 1870 Joseph H.*

and in it they go to the Governor
letter from, Co. Clerk below
reporting that the name
Singer, ordered in Decr.
Pro. 2003 July 17 to the 1603
have not yet been supplied
to the District

James
Sutton & Son

Transferred to the Public Institution in
view to the necessary instructions being
transmitted to the Government for the owner.

James Wilson

3. — On immediate reply to the subject of enquiring viz. the supply of Rain Gauges for the Board of Revenue I beg to state most distinctly that it is not now, and never has been the duty of the Government Astronomer to undertake the supply of such articles. It is true, that many years ago I volunteered to test and issue new gauges for the Stations which render up statistical returns; but never did I offer or intend to place myself under the Board's orders, to supply an unlimited number without exercising any discretion of my own as to their necessity, or utility for scientific returns. — My voluntarily undertaken duty has been duly performed, and it is simply impossible for me to do more.

Common rain gauges for mere rough local returns can be obtained from the Public Works Workshops or from Madras shops quite good enough for such purposes and it would be gross neglect of higher duties for me to waste any time in carefully testing such articles with anything like scientific accuracy. I shall ever be most happy to give my best and most willing aid to furnish exact instruments for the 220 Stations (more or less) which render statistical returns, but more than that I cannot undertake. I will with the least possible delay supply the few existing wants for the Stations which fairly came under my care, and will also submit a list of those calls for Rain Gauges which I recommend to have supplied from other sources.

4. — With regard to the formidable "List of Board's Proceedings, unreplyed to by the Government Astronomer" in the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 24th March, 1875; I beg leave to state that I have, as time permitted, complied with the wants expressed therein to the best of my endeavours. It is true that owing to incessant pressure of Observatory duties and my very small weak staff of assistants the articles have as a rule been packed up and informally despatched through the Board without official replies to the voluminous Proceedings received; but that I could not help, however much I might regret not being able to spare time for official correspondence in addition to the examination and supply of the articles required. I beg

to tender my most ample apologies to the Board for all such unavoidable and regretted omissions of official form. —

5. — Detailed explanations respecting every demand received from the Board of Revenue for Rain Gauges &c. shall occupy my immediate attention, and I in turn shall be glad of explanations as to the misdelivery of many of the gauges I have issued and of numerous evident mistakes in the Registers received which prevent satisfactory final means of rainfall from being drawn out. More accuracy and fewer Stations would unquestionably yield better results than a wider distribution of gauges amongst incompetent careless recorders; but I believe most of the errors in the registers are attributable to the ignorance of decimal arithmetic of the writers at the District head quarters and their general disregard of my circulars and instructions upon the subject.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant
H R Pogson
Government Astronomer. —

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No. 716.

From

The Board of Revenue.

Dated 16th March 1878. No. 2643.

FOR ORDERS.

The collector of Nelson

brings to notice that nearly
4 years ago joint pain
ganges were ordered to
be applied to that Dis-
trict -

I have communicated
 the Rev. & signed MD
 & state my Brother
 there may be to compare
 the distribution of Rain to supply a new measuring
 gauges & better & better
 sufficient & suitable
 for Meteorological purposes
 for the & make sug-
 gestion
 60/2 MD
 That in February
 1876, the Government
 Astronomer was directed
 to supply a new measuring
 glass for Ram Gange-
 No. 2 at Krichnapatam.
 That although he
 himself addressed the

himself addressed the

0:13 ~~100~~ 100 / 29 of 47-98
1:20 ~~100~~ 100 / 29 of 47-98

John L. Brown, (1837) William
D. Brown, (1837) William
D. Brown, (1837) William

Time Chief goes to Government
Don't get it

L.S. 205/81.

Thaddeus D. Brewster, 1899 Dec. 6
Lead - v. Iron

11/19/37

Report of
The Society, the supply of Bury, submitted
to the Government of Providence, for
the liberal of Vaccine: as directed
supervisors to perform after its

Government Astronomer
demi-officially the requi-
sitions have not yet been
complied with.

2. Mr. Pogson was
called upon by order
of the Revenue Department
to explain the delay in
supplying rain gauges,
but he has not responded
to the call.

3. A reply to a simi-
lar call from the Public
Department is in circulation
with another paper. No
order could be passed on
the reply, as Mr. Pogson
though frequently asked to
return the Board's Proceed-
ings to which the reply

referred

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referred, has not complied
with the request.

4. Submitted that the
Board's Proceedings now
circulated be simply
communicated to Mr.
Pogson.

L/A 28/3/78

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

FOR ORDERS.

Read the following letter from

the Govt. Astronomer,
Madras, dated 6th Nov^r 1877.

Order thereon-

Ordered that copy
of Mr. Poggson's letter be
communicated to the Board
of Revenue, with reference
to their Proceedings dated
8th October 1877 N^o 13880.

2. Mr. Poggson will be

informed that he should
have confined himself to
the point on which he
was called upon for ex-
planation -
3. His inability to
carry on the work entrusted
to him without additional
aid, should have been
represented

that he should be called
on for 3 papers here &
one there just as called
- was called upon for ex-
planation -
want (ex. gr. at the
Pans of the like?)
The Board should
have been immediately
with Mr. P. when
his observation on the

Rec^d from the Govt. House
along with the orig^l papers on
29/12/86

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