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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Re deputation of
Mr L. Buckley m.spl
Inty for selection & printing
of interesting old records
of the Board of Revenue*

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READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
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ENCLOSURES.

CURRENT No.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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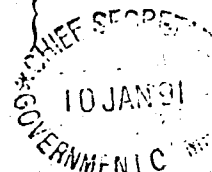
Govt. of 1889 Madras.
REVENUE.

To

The Public Dept
(5)

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together with
office note.

Mis. G.O. 8th Jan 1889 No. 86

SUBJECT.

Approving and transferring
to the Financial Dept for sanc-
tion proposition statement
for the establishment of a
temporary establishment
in the Board's (L.R.) office
and stating that the question
of placing a subordinate
Commissioner on special duty
will be considered in the Public
Dept.

Buckley to be put on for 6 months
to be told that at the end
of that time he will be withdrawn
(In Council) 14 Jan.

Order: 16th Jan. 91. No. 44.

With reference to para 2 of
the Proceedings read above Mr.
Buckley's Special Duty
will be placed on special duty
for a period of six months.

2. The Board of Revenue will
be informed that no extension
will Mr. Buckley's Special Duty
be extended beyond six months
and that at the end of that
period his services will be
withdrawn

Revenue Dept. (Q. 10)
Accl. Genl. (P. 10)
Com. N. Accl. (A. 10)

to the Financial Department for sanction. The question of placing a Covenant officer on special duty for the selection of the records to be printed will be considered in the Public Department.

True Extract

W. C. Allen
Secretary to Govt

To the Commr of Land Revenue

- Financial Dept (with proposition statement)
- Public Dept (with notes and Hon: member's notes in original to be returned)
- Accountant General.

In continuation of my letter No 4023 dated the 17th December 1890, I have the honor to forward herewith, revised Proposition statement for a Temporary Establishment in the Office of the Board of Revenue, ^{L.R.} duly verified

Order thereon 8th January 1891 No 86.

The Board points out that there are no proper indexes to the records of its office prior to 1858 and requests the sanction of Government for a temporary establishment to sort and to index them; it also points out the desirability of printing the more interesting and valuable of the old records and suggests that a Covenanted Civilian of the Grade of Head Assistant Collector should be placed on special duty for the purpose of selecting the papers to be printed.

The temporary establishment is to be entertained for 6 months at a total cost of Rs 75/4 inclusive of the pay of the Head Assistant Collector to be placed on special duty. These proposals have the approval of Government.

2. The proposition statement submitted by the Board will be transferred

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:-

- (1) Letter from the Accountant General dated 17th December 1890 No 4023.

Copy attached. I have the honor to forward Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) No 8006, Miscellaneous dated 16th December 1890 together with a Proposition Statement requesting sanction for a temporary establishment for arranging and indexing the records of the Board's Office. It will be observed that the Proposition Statement does not show those sections of the Office Establishment which are not affected by the Proposal as required in rule 5 Chapter 4 of the Civil Account Code, but as the Proceedings were marked "Very urgent" I have deemed it advisable to forward it to you pending receipt of a revised statement and the Tabular Statement prescribed in rule 6 Chapter 9 of the Civil Account Code, which I have called for from the Board of Revenue.

- (2) Letter from the same officer dated 20 December 1890 No 4079.

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have to be met from the reserve

/ Enclosed

/ Signed H. A. Linn
Ag. Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Govt. V. D.

Through the Accountant General
with proposition statement.

(True copy)

Respectfully

Ag. Under Secretary to Govt.

All this requires sorting,
and a considerable portion of it
requires indexing for the two process
will naturally go on together, the
useless papers being destroyed,
while the useful ones are kept.
Even the these, a third process may
also be conveniently associated
that of selecting the more interesting
records to be printed, for it would
be a waste of time to duplicate
the labour of reading the papers,
once for indexing them and again
for selecting from them.

The Board feels that it
need not go into the matter at any
great length in order to enlist the
sympathies of Government on its
side: the Honorable members who
now compose the Government have
all been members of the Board
and are themselves completely
aware, to use the words of the
Honorable the Governor himself

recorded

held in August 1883 of the need
for a thoroughly systematic
arrangement of the records in the
Board's office. In its proceedings
dated 17th May 1883 N^o 4030, the
Board also pointed out the
expediency of printing the more
interesting and valuable of the
records.

[The establishment
required depends to a certain
extent on the time allowed, but
seeing that intelligence and a
general knowledge outside the
subjects dealt with are required
and have to be paid for, it will
be economical to be speedy. The
indexing could be done by three
clerks at Rs. 70 each, each of
whom should have under him
for the more costly work of copying,
precising, numbering, sorting &c.
which does not need so highly
paid

paid an agency; 4 clerks at Rs.
15 each and two attendants at
Rs. 8 each; if the work of selecting
records for permanent preserva-
tion and perhaps issue to the
public, is also, to be associated
with it, a competent officer
of the Head Assistant Collector
grade, one who would possess
the requisite qualifications in
the shape of an accurate and
intelligent knowledge of both
the revenue and the history of
the country should be attached
to it. The clerks would work
under his orders and the whole
would be under the immediate
control of the Board. Such
an establishment would
probably complete the work
satisfactorily in 6 months
and would therefore cost as

follows

as follows:-

Head Asst. Collector on No. 768. 5.4. x 6 =	4610
1 Attenders on No. 8 x 6 - - - - -	96.
1 Peons on No. 6 x 6 - - - - -	72.
3 Clerks on No. 70 x 6 - - - - -	1260.
2 Clerks on No. 15 x 6 - - - - -	1080.
6 Attenders on No. 8 x 6 - - - - -	288.
3 Peons on No. 6 x 6 - - - - -	108.
<u>Total 7514.</u>	

For this the Board asks the sanction of Government and submits the necessary proposition statement. The establishment would depend on Government being able to defray a circular of the Head Asst. Sant grade to the work, and this will probably not be the case, just at once but if before the expiry of the current official year. The cost which has not been provided for in the budget, would have

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
/ Land Revenue /

Dated 16th Decr 1890.

N^o 8006 Ins.

Mt. W. T. White side

Resolution.

The Board begs to point out to Government, the urgent need that exists of a satisfactory index to the Board's Proceedings for the years previous to 1858.

The Board's Proceedings begin on the 6th July 1781, and up to 1858, i.e. for 72 years, the practice was only to file - Copy the original papers into M.S. Volumes and to file the originals themselves in bundles according to Consultation or Board's meeting dates. There are indices of the papers, but these indices are only districtwise, that is to say, the papers are arranged not according to subject

to subjects, but according to districts,
one or two additional heads, e.g.
the head called Council which
covers all Government papers,
being added.

If a paper is wanted
the procedure therefore, is as
follows: if the district is
known, the indices of that
district have to be patiently
searched through until the
particular subject, often
almost indistinguishable
from the vagueness of the
entries is hit upon; the
index entry gives the page
number of the M. S. Volume
concerned: the M. S. Volume gives
the consultation date: from
this the original consultation
bundle in one of the albums
is found: the minute paper
attached has to be run through
for

for the Received Register; -
number of the paper and the
paper itself is then picked
out of the bundle. If the district
is not known, the trouble is
of course greater and even if
both the district and the
Collector's number and date
are known, the process of
finding the paper is not much
simplified for the consultation
bundles have to be searched
for some months before the
paper is found; a paper received
in January perhaps not coming
up for consultation before
July or August.

It is needless to point
out that this involves a very
great waste of time and
trouble which the Board's
office cannot share, and the
only remedy is a properly
arranged

ged and printed index.

The papers in the
board's record room needing
indexing are as follows: -

Board of Revenue - 2487 Volumes from 1786-1858.

Comm. & Circars - 10 1/2 ——— 1849-1856.

Permanent Settlement - 14 ——— 1802-1803.

Board of Trade - 109 ——— 1806-1833.

Miscellaneous 41 Volumes ——— 1791-1828.

Assigned Revenue 9 ——— 1787-1788.

Assigned Revenue 17 ——— 1790-1794.

Assigned Revenue, Tanjore 3 ——— 1791-1792.

Audit Proceedings 6 ——— 1790-1800.

Conquered Countries 5 ——— 1790-1792.

Court of Wards 3 ——— 1805-1806.

Besides these, there is a
very large number of volumes
of papers of a miscellaneous
description, and a large number
of albums full of original
papers dating from 1786 to 1863,
a portion of which is as yet
unsorted.

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