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*Annual Reports & Returns
y. Directing, with remarks, that
forwarding to the Govt. of
India, with remarks, certain papers
regarding the dates prescribed
for the submission of
Reports and Returns to the
Govt. of India. of India
be forwarded to that Govt.*

Letter

*Addressing the Govt. of India
regarding the dates prescribed for the
submission of
of annual Reports and
Returns to that Govt.*

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3RD JULY 1891, No. 538, PUBLIC.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
 • FORT ST. GEORGE.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to your No. 623—51,^{1b} dated 12th March 1891, I am directed to say that, of the reports included in the list forwarded therewith, only the two relating to emigration are dealt with in this department. Orders have been issued to ensure their submission by due date. The annual review of colonial emigration for 1890 was despatched on the 24th ultimo.

*Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), 3rd June 1891, No. 319.
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), 3rd June 1891, No. 341.
Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, 26th June 1891, No. 586.

2. In regard to the other reports, all of which relate to matters dealt with by the Board of Revenue or by the Revenue Department, I am to invite a reference to the papers * which accompany this letter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

OOTACAMUND,
3rd July 1891.

Chief Secretary.

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

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ORDER, &c., OF GOVERNMENT—A.

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*From the Government of
Fort St. George.*

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JULY.

Annual Reports and returns.

Addressing the Government of India regarding
the dates prescribed for the submission of certain
— to that Government.

3RD JULY 1891, No. 537, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., dated 27th April 1891, No. 337, Public.

ABSTRACT.—Referring to the Revenue Department, Board of Revenue, the Protector of Emigrants and others letter from the Government of India proposing dates for submission to it of certain annual reports, returns, &c.

Read—also the following papers:—

From S. KUPPUSWAMI AIYAR, Clerk in charge H.B.M.'s Consulate, Pondicherry, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 4th May 1891, No. 147.

With reference to G.O., No. 337, Public, dated 27th April 1891, I beg to state that, from my experience in the preparation of the annual returns and reports of this office for the last three years, I think the annual report on emigration can practicably be submitted from this office on the 20th of February at the earliest.

From W. P. AUSTIN, Esq., Acting Protector of Emigrants, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 5th May 1891, No. 365.

With reference to G.O., dated 27th April 1891, No. 337, Public, I have the honour to state, for the information of Government, that the annual administration report of the Emigration department cannot be submitted earlier than the 15th of March.

Annual statements from many of the mofussil districts, in which a large number of coolies are registered, are not received before the beginning of March, and the preparation of the report and the various returns occupies this office over a fortnight. The report can therefore scarcely be submitted before the 15th March at the earliest.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 3rd June 1891, No. 341.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding to Government Board's remarks called for on a list showing the amended dates on which the Government of India desires that certain reports due from the Local Government should in future be submitted to it.

G.O., dated 26th June 1891, No. 586, Revenue.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on papers regarding the dates prescribed for the submission of reports and returns to the Government of India.

ORDER—dated 3rd July 1891, No. 537, Public.

The papers will be forwarded to the Government of India.

2. Of the reports shown in the list, only two * are dealt with in the Public Department. The former is due with the

* Monthly statement of emigration from Government of India on the first of the month following that of report, but it has

Madras.
Annual report on colonial emigration.

been pointed out that the statements are generally received a month later. The

Protector of Emigrants will see that the reports are invariably submitted to Government in time to admit of their receipt by the Government of India by the due date. In regard to the annual review of emigration operations, it is observed that the Board of Revenue has promised its report by the 1st May, and if that date is adhered to, there is no reason why the report should not reach the Government of India by the 1st July as requested. As a matter of fact the Board's report for 1890 was received by Government on the 25th May 1891, and the review was despatched to India on the 24th ultimo.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

„ Board of Revenue.
„ Protector of Emigrants.
„ British Consular Agent, Pondicherry.

Govt. of {1891} Madras.
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G.O., 3rd July 1891, No. 537.

JULY.

Annual Reports and Returns.

Directing, with remarks, that certain papers regarding the dates prescribed for the submission of certain — to the Government of India be forwarded to that Government.

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The Revenue Dept. 7
Bd. of Revenue 21 }
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B.C.A. Pondy. 6 } 13-7-91
N^o 538

Letter

To the Secy to the G. of India
Revenue & Agri. Dept.

Sir,

With refce to your let^r of 5-1-91
623

d/12.3.91, I am directed to say that of the reports indicated in the list forwarded therewith only the two relating to Emigration are dealt with in this dept. Orders have been issued to ensure their being submitted by due date. The annual review of colonial Emigⁿ for 1890 was despatched on the 24th ultimo.

2. In regard to the other reports, all of which relate to matters dealt with by the Board of Revenue or by the Revenue Dept, I am to invite a reference to the papers which accompany this letter.

* Pros. of the Bd. of Rev. (Rev. Sett. L. Rds. & Agri.) 3 June '91, N^o 319.
— do — (Land Revenue) 3-5 June 91, N^o 341.
Pros. of Govt. Revenue Dept. N^o 586 d/26.6.91.

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Public DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 27 April 1891, No. 337.
Again G.O., dated 18 , No.
Current No. 1323 of 1891, dated 4 May from The B.C.A.P. & H.
— " 1334 — " 5 — " — " The Pro: of Emigⁿ.
— " 1635 — " 5 June — " Bd. of Revenue
Current No. 1872 of 1891, dated 26/6 from The Revenue Dept.

Order 3rd July 91 N^o 537

The papers will be for-
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India.

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of Emigration, it is observed
that the Board of Revenue
has promised its report
the 1st May, and it is

* Monthly statement of
Emigration from Madras.
Annual report on Colonial
Emigration.

27/4/91 No 337

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ABSTRACT.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No.

From

The Secy

Ref

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The Revenue Dept and
the Board of Revenue are
requested to reply at an
early date to G.O. No 337, dt
27-4-91.
Sd/-
23 Mar

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Dated 2-5-91

Received 12-5-91

Enclosures

No. 4098

The Secy
Board of Revenue

SUBJECT.

Requering early reply to G.O.
No 623 of 12-3-91 re: date
proposed for the submission of
Annual Report.

Revenue and Agricultural Department,

No. 9698

General
Simla, The 13th May 1891.

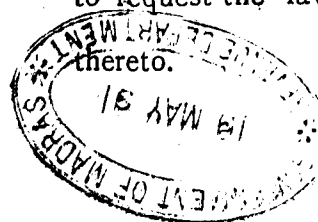
To
*The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,*

SIR,

I AM directed to invite attention to
the communication marginally noted,* and
to request the favour of an early reply
thereto.

Subject.

*Dates proposed for the
submission of Annual
Reports, Returns &c. to the
Government of India.*



I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

623 G.
* No. 37-1, dated 12th March 1891
subsequent reminder
No. 9698, dated 13th May 1891

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Offy. Under-Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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Govt. of 1891 Madras.
REVENUE.

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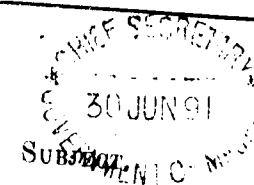
The Public Department.

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

Mis. G.O., 26 June 1891, No. 586.



*Passing orders on papers
regarding the dates
prescribed for the
submission of Reports
& Returns to the Govt.
of India*

12. With the foregoing remarks the papers
will be transferred to the Public
Department.

True Extract

Secretary to Govt

To.

The Public Department
all Heads of depts.
under the Hon Secretary.

the Government of India has no doubt good reason for selecting that period and the Government is of opinion that no change in the direction proposed by the Board of Revenue is called for.

7. As regards the "Statistics of Cotton Cultivation" prepared for the year ending 30th June the date fixed by the Government of India appears to be too early. The Board will be requested to report what time it will take to compile the return and on receipt of this report the date for the submission of this return will be prescribed.

8. With respect to the return of minerals and gems the attention of the Government of India will be invited to the suggestion made in G.O. dated 10th Feby: 1891 No: 952-53A, to which it is observed no reply has yet been received.

9. In regard to Nos: 13, 14, 15 & 21 it is observed that no dates have been prescribed for their submission to this Government. But the Government considers that these returns as also No: 12 may be forwarded by the Board direct to the Government of India and copies thereof submitted to this Government.

10. As regards the Reports Nos 6, 16 & 19 the Government considers that the 1st September may be fixed for submission to the Government of India.

11. No change is required in the dates prescribed for Nos: 4 & 20.

by the Government of India and the Secretary of State. The date fixed for the submission of the Board's report to Government is the 1st March but the report has never been received in the Government office before the middle of May and considering the importance of the report and the variety of matters dealt with therein it cannot be expected to be received before the 1st April, and two months

will be required in the Government office for checking and reviewing it. The 1st June will therefore be the earliest date on which the report can be submitted by this Government.

The Government of India will accordingly be requested to move the Secretary of State to assent to the above date.

12. The Board in the settlement department suggests that if the Government of India sees no objection all reports and returns may be prepared either for the official year ending with the 31st March or the Revenue year the ending with the 30th June. In cases in which the Calendar year has been fixed by the Govt.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following:—

again G.O. dated 22nd May 1891 No. 3052 referring to the heads of departments under the Revenue Secretariat for very early remarks G.O. Public dated 27 April 1891 No. 337.

Also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Separate Revenue dated 29 May 1891 No. 1729 mis on G.O. R.O. dated 22nd May 1891 No. 3052 mis.

Resolution

Government will be informed that none of the reports and returns mentioned in the list is submitted from this Department of the Board.

Also the following letter from the Superintendent Government Central Museum dated 30 May 1891 No. 350:—

In reply to G.O. No. 3052 dated the 22nd May 1891 referring for very early remarks circular No. 623 G.O. 51-1

4. In connection with the reports submitted by the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) the Commissioners state that if Government will be content with reports in which discrepancies are not cleared up or exactly accurate figures given, the reports can be submitted considerably earlier and incorrect figures may be subsequently adjusted by correction slips. They further remark that for the purpose of annual reports absolute accuracy of detail is not necessary. The Government cannot accept this view. Not only will inaccurate figures ~~lead~~ often lead to erroneous inference being drawn from them but if approximate figures are accepted in the first instance there will be no assurance that they will be corrected afterwards and unless the figures are accurate the reports will be useless for future reference.

5. As regards the Land Revenue Administration reports (Ganabandi Report) prepared for the year ending 30 June, the Government considers that it will not be possible to submit it by the 1st April, the date prescribed.

March 1891 from the Government of India proposing dates for the submission of Annual reports, Returns &c to the Government of India. I have the honor to state that the Annual Report of the Museum can be submitted on or about the 15th June.

Also the following letter from the Government Botanist dated 3rd June 1891 No. 16:—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of G.O. No. 3052 dated the 22nd May 1891. Revenue. and to inform you that I have no further remarks to make on the Government of India's proposal respecting the sending up of my reports of the Government Gardens and Cinchona plantations at an earlier date, than is done at present, than those which I made on the same subject in my letter No. 50 of 22nd October 1887 and which was embodied in G.O. No. 1100 dated the 24th November 1887 Revenue.

Also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue Land Revenue dated 3rd June 1891 (copy attached)

1891 No. 341 Press.

Also the following letter from the Superintendent Madras Survey dated 4th June 1891 No. $\frac{78}{C}$:—

I have the honor to report that the only return connected with the Reference G.O. dated 22nd May 1891 Survey Department in No. 3052 Communicating G.O. the list enclosed in circular regarding dates of submission of the Government of India of Reports, Returns &c for very early, No. $\frac{623}{51-1}$ G dated 12th March 1891, is the review of the annual Survey Report for the years ending 31st March submitted by the Government of Madras to the Government of India on the 1st November. The date for submission of the report by the Superintendent Madras Survey to the Madras Government is the 1st July. The Report could not conveniently be submitted earlier.

(copy attached) Also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement dated 3rd June 1891 No. 3, 9 Press.

Order thereon: 26th June 1891 No. 586.

In the first of the papers read above a letter from the Government of India on the subject of dates proposed by that Government for the submission of certain reports and returns was referred for the remarks of the Heads of Departments concerned under the Revenue Secretariat and the other papers read above are their replies.

2. Of the 22 reports and returns enumerated in the Government of India's list Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are submitted direct by the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement Land Records and agriculture), No. 8 has been ordered to be discontinued (vide G.O. No. 7190 dated 22.11.90) Nos. 17 & 18 are submitted to the Government of India by the Public Department and Nos. 19 & 20 are prepared in the Revenue Secretariat. For the other 14 reports the officers concerned except the dates prescribed by the Government of India and the Government will now pass orders on such points as require notice.

Govt. of {1891} Madras.
REVENUE.

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G.O., 26th June 1891, No. 586.

JUNE.

Reports and returns.

Passing orders on the subject of dates proposed by the Government of India for the submission of certain — due to them.

11. No change is required in the dates prescribed for Nos. 4 and 20.
12. With the foregoing remarks the papers will be transferred to the Public Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.
„ all Heads of Departments under the Revenue Secretariat
(except Inam Commissioner).

Exd. A. Aubert.

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at present due on the 15th February, but most of them are received only by the end of March. The Board's report to Government is due on the 1st April, but in G.O., dated 4th August 1888, No. 773, Public, Government has directed the Protector of Emigrants and the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry, to furnish the Board with copies of their reports to Government so that the Board's figures may be verified with reference to them. These reports are due on the 1st April and copies of them are therefore furnished to the Board only about that date. References to Collectors and the Accountant-General are also frequently required and the Board therefore considers that the 1st May is the earliest date on which it can submit its report. As in the last case, this extension is nominal only, for in the last three years the report was submitted to Government only on the 5th May. 27th June and 30th May. The Government of India wants the Local Government's report on the 1st July and this will give 2 months to Government to review it.

8. Before concluding, the Board begs to make the suggestion that, if Government will be content with reports in which discrepancies are not cleared up or exactly accurate figures given, the reports can be submitted considerably earlier. What takes and perhaps wastes time is the constant reference and re-reference to Collectors and the Accountant-General that are usually necessary on matters and figures, which after all are very immaterial to the gist of the report and which could perfectly well be satisfactorily adjusted by the subsequent issue of correction slips between the offices concerned: the check of petty details in the Board's office and again in the Government office ensures accuracy, but takes up an amount of time and labour which appears to be more than commensurate with the results achieved and which has to be paid for either in an increase of office establishment or in a want of punctuality. It seems to the Board that the object of these annual reports is to give a general view of the progress made or not made during the period, and for that purpose absolute accuracy of detail is not essential for administrative purposes, except where money is concerned, which the Accountant-General will take care of.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. A. SIM,
Acting Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department.
 „ Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
 „ to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.
 To all Collectors.
 „ the Accountant-General.

READ—also the following letter from H. O'C. CARDOZO, Esq., Superintendent, Madras Survey, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 4th June 1891, No. 78-G. :—

I have the honour to report that the only return connected with the Survey Department in the list enclosed in Circular of the Government of India No. 623—
Reference.—G.O., dated 22nd May 1891, No. 3052, communicating Government Order regarding dates of submission of reports, returns, &c., for very early remarks. 51-1 G., dated 12th March 1891, is the review of the Annual Survey Report for the year ending 31st March submitted by the Government of Madras to the Government of India on the 1st November. The date for submission of the report by the Superintendent, Madras Survey, to the Madras Government is the 1st July. The report could not conveniently be submitted earlier.

READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 3rd June 1891, No. 319:—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—G.O., dated 22nd May 1891, Mis. No. 3052, Revenue.

Resolution—dated 3rd June 1891, No. 319.

The reports and returns due from this department with the dates proposed for their submission and the dates on which they were actually despatched from this office during 1890-91 are shown in the appendix. The Board does not consider that any change is necessary in the dates proposed by the Government of India.

2. The annual statement of increase of revenue due to revision of settlement has been ordered to be discontinued in the Government of India letter, dated 13th November 1890, No. 1357—15-12 R., communicated in G.O., 22nd idem, No. 7190. In a more recent communication, dated 30th April 1891, the Government of India has further ordered that the calendar of Land Revenue Settlements, which was usually submitted with the statement of forecast of increase of revenue, is not required annually, but that alterations and additions, if any, should alone be reported in future.

3. Regarding the statement of minerals and gems, the Board begs again to take the opportunity to invite the attention of Government to the correspondence ending with Board's Proceedings, dated 26th January 1891, No. 37, and to suggest that all but the more important minerals, such as gold, gems, coal, iron ores and petroleum be omitted from these returns. The Board begs also to suggest that, if the Government of India sees no serious objection, all reports and returns be made to fall in either with the official or financial year ending 31st March, or with the revenue year ending with the 30th June.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with one enclosure.

ENCLOSURE.

APPENDIX.

STATEMENT showing reports and returns due from the Board of Revenue in the Department of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.

Report or return.	Year comprised in the report or return.	Date proposed for submission.	Date on which despatched in 1890-91.
Quarterly rail-borne trade returns	Year ending 31st March.	1st October .. 1st January .. 1st April .. 1st July ..	18th September. 17th December. 17th March.
Annual rail-borne trade returns	Do. do. ..	1st October ..	
Do. returns of agricultural statistics	31st March and 30th June.	1st November ..	17th December 1890.
Do. Land Revenue Administration Report ..	30th June ..	1st April ..	15th May 1891.
Do. Statement of increases of revenue due to revision of settlements.	31st March ..	30th September ..	18th September 1890.
Do. Report on Land Records and Agriculture ..	Do. ..	1st November ..	21st October 1890.
Do. Statistics of tea and coffee cultivation ..	31st December ..	1st July ..	9th May 1891.
Do. do. of cotton cultivation	30th June ..	Do. ..	
Do. do. of cinchona cultivation	31st March ..	Do. ..	
Do. Return of the production of minerals and gems.	31st December ..	1st April ..	
Do. List of agricultural implements and machines tested and found successful.	30th September ..	15th November ..	13th December 1890.

ORDER—dated 26th June 1891, No. 586, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

In the first of the papers read above, a letter from the Government of India on the subject of dates proposed by that Government for the submission of certain reports and returns was referred for the remarks of the heads of departments concerned under the Revenue Secretariat, and the other papers read above are their replies.

2. Of the 22 reports and returns enumerated in the Government of India's list, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are submitted direct by the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 8 has been ordered to be discontinued (*vide* G.O., No. 7190, dated 22nd November 1890), Nos. 17 and 18 are submitted to the Government of India by the Public Department, and Nos. 4 and 20 are prepared in the Revenue Secretariat.

3. For the other 14 reports the officers concerned accept the dates prescribed by the Government of India and the Government will now pass orders on such points as require notice.

4. In connection with the reports submitted by the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), the Commissioners state that if Government will be content with reports in which discrepancies are not cleared up or exactly accurate figures given, the reports can be submitted considerably earlier and incorrect figures may be subsequently adjusted by correction slips. They further remark that, for the purpose of annual reports, absolute accuracy of detail is not necessary. The Government cannot accept this view. Not only will inaccurate figures often lead to erroneous inference being drawn from them, but if approximate figures are accepted in the first instance, there will be no assurance that they will be corrected afterwards, and unless the figures are accurate the reports will become useless for future reference.

5. As regards the Land Revenue Administration Reports (Jamabandi Report) prepared for the year ending 30th June, the Government considers that it will not be possible to submit it by the 1st April, the date prescribed by the Government of India and the Secretary of State. The date fixed for the submission of the Board's report to Government is the 1st March, but the report has never been received in the Government office before the middle of May, and considering the importance of the report and the variety of matters dealt with therein, it cannot be expected to be received before the 1st April, and two months will be required in the Government office for checking and reviewing it. The 1st June will, therefore, be the earliest date on which the report can be submitted by this Government. The Government of India will accordingly be requested to move the Secretary of State to assent to the above date.

6. The Board in the Settlement Department suggests that, if the Government of India sees no objection, all reports and returns may be prepared either for the official year ending with the 31st March or the revenue year ending with the 30th June. In cases in which the calendar year has been fixed, the Government of India has no doubt good reason for selecting that period and the Government is of opinion that no change in the direction proposed by the Board of Revenue is called for.

7. As regards the "statistics of cotton cultivation" prepared for the year ending 30th June, the date fixed by the Government of India appears to be too early. The Board will be requested to report what time it will take to compile the return and on receipt of this report the date for the submission of this return will be prescribed.

8. With respect to the return of minerals and gems, the attention of the Government of India will be invited to the suggestion made in G.O., dated 10th February 1891, No. 952-53A, to which it is observed no reply has yet been received.

9. In regard to Nos. 13, 14, 15 and 21, it is observed that no dates have been prescribed for their submission to this Government. But the Government considers that these returns as also No. 12 may be forwarded by the Board direct to the Government of India and copies thereof submitted to this Government.

10. As regards the reports Nos. 6, 16 and 19, the Government considers that the 1st September may be fixed for submission to the Government of India.

11. No change is required in the dates prescribed for Nos. 4 and 20.

12. With the foregoing remarks the papers will be transferred to the Public Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.

„ all Heads of Departments under the Revenue Secretariat
(except Inam Commissioner).

Exd. A. Aubert.

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READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated
3rd June 1891, No. 341 :—

THE HON. MR. H. W. BLISS.
MR. G. McWAITERS.

Read—G.O., dated 22nd May 1891, Mis. No. 3052, Revenue.

Resolution—dated 3rd June 1891, No. 341.

In the papers read above, Government calls for the Board's remarks on a list received from the Government of India showing the amended dates on which it desires that certain reports due from the Local Government should in future be submitted to it. These dates are all in the direction of quicker despatch and as there is no doubt that at present many of the reports are comparatively speaking out of date and useless by the time they reach the Government of India, the Board is prepared to make every effort to give effect to the Government of India's suggestions.

2. Of the returns and reports enumerated in the Government of India's list, the following are dealt with in this department :—

- (1) Annual Land Revenue Administration Report.
- (2) Annual Report of the Court of Wards.
- (3) Annual Statement of authorised alienations of land.
- (4) Annual Review on the transactions connected with Revenue and other Agricultural advances.
- (5) Annual Report on Colonial Emigration.

3. As regards the first, only a small portion of it is prepared in this department, the bulk of it being drawn up by the Settlement Department. The question of a suitable date for the submission of this report will therefore be left to the Settlement Department with the remark that whatever date suits it will suit this department also.

4. As regards the second, Collectors' reports are at present due in this office on the 15th September and the Court's report to Government is due on the 1st May. The Government of India, however, hereafter wants the Local Government's review on the 1st April, and as Government usually takes about 2 months to review the Court's report, this means that the Court's report must be submitted hereafter by the 1st of February. The Board accepts this date. As the Board itself never receives the Collectors' reports by the due date, and as the district reports are dependent on the figures of the fasli, which take time to prepare, the Board is prepared to extend the time allowed to Collectors to 1st October.

5. As regards the third, Collectors' returns are at present due on the 15th April and are received pretty punctually. The Board's report has up till now been due on the 1st July, but as the Government of India now wants the Local Government's report on that date, the Board proposes that the 1st of June should be fixed for the submission of its report. Government will then have a month in which to review it.

6. As regards the fourth, Collectors' reports are at present due on the 1st June and the Board's report to Government on the 1st August. The Government of India wants the Local Government's review on the 1st November, that is, 3 months' after. But the transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts are steadily increasing and the report is one mainly of figures which require frequent reference to Collectors and the Accountant-General. The Board, therefore, begs that the date fixed for the submission of its report may be altered to 1st September. This will still leave 2 months for the Local Government's review, and, as a matter of fact, the Board's report in the last two years was submitted to Government only on the 30th September and 15th November.

7. As regards the fifth, Government in the Public Department wishes to know the earliest possible date on which the Board can submit the report. Collectors' reports are

11. No change is required in the dates prescribed for Nos. 4 and 20.

12. With the foregoing remarks the papers will be transferred to the Public Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.

„ all Heads of Departments under the Revenue Secretariat
(except Inam Commissioner).

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following G.O., dated 22nd May 1891, Mis. No. 3052, Revenue :—

Read—the following G.O., dated 27th April 1891, No. 337, Public :—

Read—the following letter from Sir E. C. BUCK, *Kt.*, Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department (General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 12th March 1891, Circular No. 623—51-1-G :—

In continuation of paragraph 3 of the Circular letter from the Home Department, No. 1—42-51, dated the 13th January 1890, I am directed to forward, for verification and correction if necessary, a list (appendix B) of annual reports, returns, &c., showing the periods for which they are apparently prepared, the dates on which they were received by the Government of India in this department during the last three years and the dates that are now proposed for their submission, and to express a hope that it will be found possible to submit the reports, &c., punctually within the proposed dates. If His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that the proposed date for submitting any particular report or return should be altered, the Government of India will be glad to consider any suggestions that may be submitted to them, and will welcome any proposals that may be made for earlier dates. The dates proposed seem the latest that can be fixed without impairing the usefulness of the reports and returns.

In the case of any returns which are blank for any particular period, the fact should be noted when submitting the returns for the next period.

Exd. A. Aubert.

100 Copies.

26TH JUNE 1891, No. 586, REVENUE.

List showing Reports and Returns, the proposed dates for their submission, and the actual dates on which they have been received during the past three years.

Name of Report or Return.	Year completed in Report or Return.	Date proposed for submission.	DATES ON WHICH ACTUALLY RECEIVED.		
			1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
Quarterly Rail-borne Trade Returns	Year ending 31st March.	1st October	11th December 1886	10th October 1887	22nd October 1888.
Annual Rail-borne Trade Returns	Do.	1st January	20th January 1887	27th December 1887	7th January 1889.
Annual Returns of Agricultural Statistics	Do.	1st April	15th April 1887	3rd April 1888	22nd March 1889.
Quarterly List of Memorials withheld by Local Governments and Administrations addressed to Secretary of State and the Government of India.	31st December.	1st July	4th July 1887	6th July 1888	9th July 1889.
Annual Land Revenue Administration Report	30th June	1st October	10th October 1887	5th October 1888	17th October 1889.
Review of the Annual Survey Report	31st March	1st November	21st November 1887	13th November 1888	8th November 1889.
Annual Review of increases of revenue due to revision of Settlements	30th June	1st April	1887.	1888.	1889.
Annual Statement of authorized alienations of land	Do.	1st May	(1) 25th May 1887	21st May 1888	31st May 1889.
Annual Review on the transactions connected with Revenue and other Agri-cultural advances	Do.	15th August	(2) 18th August 1887	16th August 1888	17th September 1889.
Annual Report on Land Records and Agriculture	31st December	15th November	(3) 30th November 1887	17th November 1888	4th November 1889.
Annual Statistics of Tea and Coffee cultivation	31st December	1st April	(4) 3rd April 1888	9th February 1889	3rd February 1890.
Annual Statistics of Cotton cultivation	30th June	1st November	27th November 1888	26th September 1889	2nd September 1890.
Annual Statistics of Cinchona cultivation	31st March	1st April	6th August 1889	3rd February 1890	8th December 1890.
Annual Return of the production of Minerals and Gems	31st December	1st July	6th August 1889	26th December 1889	1st November 1890.
Annual Report on the Botanical Gardens and Parks, Nilgiris	31st March	1st April	30th August 1888	26th September 1889	2nd October 1890.
Monthly Statement of Emigration from Madras	31st March	1st July	Not called for.	Not called for.	17th September 1889.
Annual Report on Colonial Emigration	Do.	1st November	31st August 1887	2nd August 1888	20th November 1889.
Annual Report on Cinchona Plantations	Do.	Do.	Not called for	25th February 1889	22nd April 1890.
Annual list of publications sent to the India Office for the Kew Gardens	31st December	Do.	23rd November 1887	21st January 1889	16th September 1890.
Annual list of Agricultural Implements and Machines tested and found successful.	31st March	1st July	1887.	1888.	1889.
Annual Report of the Museum, Madras	31st December (now 30th September.)	1st April (now 31st January).	25th October 1887	5th June 1889.	11th June 1890.
	31st March	1st October	1887.	1888.	26th September 1889.
	Do.	1st July	4th September 1888	19th September 1889	18th November 1890.
	31st March	1st October	1888.	1889.	18th November 1889.
	31st December	15th February	1889.	1888.	1889.
	Formerly 31st March (now 30th September).	15th November	1889.	1888.	1889.
	31st March	1st September	1889.	1888.	1889.

† Some of the returns are for the Agricultural year ending 30th June.

* Fixed by the Secretary of State—vide Despatch No. 13 B., dated 7th November 1889.

26TH JUNE 1891, No. 586, REVENUE.

Order—dated 27th April 1891, No. 337, Public.

Communicated to the Revenue Department for early remarks with reference to the reports and returns submitted by that department to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department.

2. The Board of Revenue, the Protector of Emigrants and the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry and Karikal, will also be requested to state the earliest possible date on which it will in future be practicable to submit to Government the annual reports on emigration.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) O. V. BODDY, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy., P.W.D., for Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Protector of Emigrants.
„ the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry.

Order—dated 22nd May 1891, Mis. No. 3052, Revenue.

Referred to the heads of departments under the Revenue Secretariat for very early remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To all Heads of Departments under the Revenue Secretariat
(except Inam Commissioner).

READ—also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), dated 29th May 1891, Mis. No. 1729.

ABSTRACT.—Informing the Government of Madras that none of the reports and returns mentioned in Government of India list is submitted from the Salt and Abkari Department of the Revenue Board.

READ—also the following letter from E. THURSTON, Esq., Superintendent, Government Central Museum, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Egmore, 30th May 1891, No. 350:—

In reply to G.O., No. 3052, dated the 22nd May 1891, referring, for early remarks, Circular No. 623—51-1-G of the 12th March 1891 from the Government of India proposing dates for the submission of annual reports, returns, &c., to the Government of India, I have the honour to state that the annual report of the Museum can be submitted on or about the 15th June.

READ—also the following letter from M. A. LAWSON, Esq., Government Botanist and Director of Government Cinchona Plantations, &c., Nilgiris, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 3rd June 1891, No. 16:—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of G.O., No. 3052, dated the 22nd May 1891, Revenue, and to inform you that I have no further remarks to make on the Government of India's proposal respecting the sending in of my reports of the Government Gardens and Cinchona Plantations at an earlier date than is done at present than those which I made on the same subject in my letter, No. 50, of 22nd October 1887, and which was embodied in G.O., No. 1100, dated the 24th November 1887, Revenue.

READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 3rd June 1891, No. 341 :—

THE HON. MR. H. W. BLISS.
MR. G. MCWAITERS.

Read—G.O., dated 22nd May 1891, Mis. No. 3052, Revenue.

Resolution—dated 3rd June 1891, No. 341.

In the papers read above, Government calls for the Board's remarks on a list received from the Government of India showing the amended dates on which it desires that certain reports due from the Local Government should in future be submitted to it. These dates are all in the direction of quicker despatch and as there is no doubt that at present many of the reports are comparatively speaking out of date and useless by the time they reach the Government of India, the Board is prepared to make every effort to give effect to the Government of India's suggestions.

2. Of the returns and reports enumerated in the Government of India's list, the following are dealt with in this department :—

- (1) Annual Land Revenue Administration Report.
- (2) Annual Report of the Court of Wards.
- (3) Annual Statement of authorised alienations of land.
- (4) Annual Review on the transactions connected with Revenue and other Agricultural advances.
- (5) Annual Report on Colonial Emigration.

3. As regards the first, only a small portion of it is prepared in this department, the bulk of it being drawn up by the Settlement Department. The question of a suitable date for the submission of this report will therefore be left to the Settlement Department with the remark that whatever date suits it will suit this department also.

4. As regards the second, Collectors' reports are at present due in this office on the 15th September and the Court's report to Government is due on the 1st May. The Government of India, however, hereafter wants the Local Government's review on the 1st April, and as Government usually takes about 2 months to review the Court's report, this means that the Court's report must be submitted hereafter by the 1st of February. The Board accepts this date. As the Board itself never receives the Collectors' reports by the due date, and as the district reports are dependent on the figures of the fasli, which take time to prepare, the Board is prepared to extend the time allowed to Collectors to 1st October.

5. As regards the third, Collectors' returns are at present due on the 15th April and are received pretty punctually. The Board's report has up till now been due on the 1st July, but as the Government of India now wants the Local Government's report on that date, the Board proposes that the 1st of June should be fixed for the submission of its report. Government will then have a month in which to review it.

6. As regards the fourth, Collectors' reports are at present due on the 1st June and the Board's report to Government on the 1st August. The Government of India wants the Local Government's review on the 1st November, that is, 3 months' after. But the transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts are steadily increasing and the report is one mainly of figures which require frequent reference to Collectors and the Accountant-General. The Board, therefore, begs that the date fixed for the submission of its report may be altered to 1st September. This will still leave 2 months for the Local Government's review, and, as a matter of fact, the Board's report in the last two years was submitted to Government only on the 30th September and 15th November.

7. As regards the fifth, Government in the Public Department wishes to know the earliest possible date on which the Board can submit the report. Collectors' reports are

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(Land Revenue),
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To

The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Pub. Deptt.

Read —



Proceedings, dated 3. 6. 1891,
No. 341, ~~Mis.~~ Routing. Enclosures. 2/1

Subject.

Reporting to Govt.
the dates on which certain
periodic reports
shall be submitted to
it.

or in a want of punctuality. It seems
to the Board that the object of
these annual reports is to give
a general view of the progress
made or not made during the
period, and for that purpose,
absolute accuracy of detail is not
essential for administrative
purposes except where money is
concerned which the Accountant
General will take care of.
/ True Extracts.

L. A. Smith

Ag: Secretary.

To

The Chief Secy to Govt. P.D. ✓

• Secy to Govt. P.D.

• Secy to Commr. of Rev. S. & Agr.

• All Collectors

Acct General

B.M.

Government Order Dated 4th August
1888. No 773 Public. Government
has directed the Protector of
Emigrants and the British
Consular Agent Pondicherry to
furnish the Board with Copies
of their reports to Government
so that the Board's figures
may be verified with reference
to them. These reports are due on
the 18th April and Copies of
them are therefore furnished
to the Board only about that
date. References to Collectors
and the Accountant General
are also frequently required
and the Board therefore
considers that the 1st May
is the earliest date on which
it

it can submit its report. As in the last case, this extension is nominal only, for in the last three years, the report was submitted to Government only on the 5th May, 27th June & 30th May. The Government of India wants the Local Government's report on the 1st July and this will give 2 months to Government to review it.

8. Before concluding the Board begs to make the suggestion that if Government will be content with reports in which discrepancies are not cleared up or exactly accurate figures given, the reports can be submitted considerably earlier. What takes, and perhaps wastes, time, is the

Constant

Constant reference and re-reference to Collectors and the Accountant General, that are usually necessary, on matters and figures, which after all are very immaterial to the gist of the report and which could perfectly well be satisfactorily adjusted by the subsequent issue of Correction Slips, between the offices concerned: the checking petty details in the Board's office and again in the Government office ensures accuracy, but takes up an amount of time and labour, which appears to be more than commensurate with the results achieved and which has been paid for either in an increase of office establishment

or

the Accountant General. The Board, therefore, begs that the date fixed for the submission of its report may be altered to 1st September. This will still leave 2 months for the Local Governments' review and as a matter of fact the Board's report in the last two years was submitted to Government only on the 30th September and 15th November.

7. As regards the 5th Government in the Public Department wishes to know the earliest possible date on which the Board can submit the report. Collectors' reports are at present due on the 15th February, but most of them are received only by the end of March. The Board's report to Government is due on the 1st April, but in Government

(4) Annual review on the transactions connected with Revenue and other Agricultural advances.

(5) Annual Report on Colonial Emigration.

3. As regards the first, only a small portion of it is prepared in this Department, the bulk of it being drawn up by the Settlement Department. The question of a suitable date for the submission of this report will therefore be left to the Settlement Department, with the remark that whatever date suits it will suit this Department also.

4. As regards the 2nd Collectors' reports are at present due in this office on the 15th September and the Court's report to Government is due on the 1st May. The
Government

Government of India, however, here-
after wants the Local Government
review on the 1st April and
as Government usually takes
about 2 months to review the
Court's report, this means that
the Court's report must be
submitted hereafter by the 1st of
February. The Board accepts
this date. As the Board itself
never receives the Collector's reports
by the due date, and as the District
reports are dependant on the figures
of the fash, which take time
to prepare, the Board is prepared
to extend the time allowed to
Collectors to 1st October.

5. As regards the 3rd Collector's
returns are ^{at present} due on the 15th April
and are received pretty punctually.
The Board's report has up till
now

now been due on the 1st July, but
as the Government of India now
wants the Local Government's
report on that date, the Board
proposes that the 1st of June
should be fixed for the sub-
mission of its report. Government
will then have a month, in
which to review it.

6. As regards the 4th Collector's
reports are at present due on the
1st June and the Board's reports to
Government on the 1st August. The
Government of India wants the
Local Government's review on the 1st
November, that is, 3 months after.
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Land Improvement and Agricul-
turists Loans Acts are steadily
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the amended dates on which it desires that certain reports due from the Local Government should in future be submitted to it. These dates are all in the direction of quicker despatch and as there is no doubt, that at present many of the reports are comparatively speaking out of date and useless by the time they reach the Government of India the Board is prepared to make every effort to give effect to the Government of India's suggestions.

2. of the returns and reports enumerated in the Government of India's list the following are dealt with in this Department.
- (1) Annual Land Revenue Administration Report
 - (2) Annual report of the Court of wards.
 - (3) Annual Statement of authorised alienations of land -

Annual.



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue).

Dated 3rd June - 1891.

No. 341,

The Hon. Mr. W. Bliss.
Mr. J. C. Waters

- READ Government Order, Pub. Deptt. dated 27th April 1891, No. 337 on letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Rev. & Agric. Deptt. dated 12th March 1891, Circular No. $\frac{623}{51-1}$.
- (2) Government Order, Revenue Deptt. dated 22nd May 1891, No. 3052 on that of the Pub. Deptt. dated 27th April 1891, No. 337.
- (3) Reminders from Govt. Pub. Deptt. dated 26th May 1891, No. 121.

Resolution:-

In the papers read above, Government calls for the Board's remarks on a list received from the Government of India showing the

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

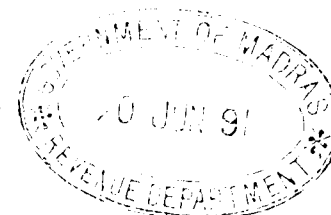
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(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

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Replying to a reference from the Government of India prescribing dates for submission of reports and returns.

APPENDIX.

STATEMENT showing reports and returns due from the Board of Revenue in the Department of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.

Report or return.	Year comprised in the report or return.	Date proposed for submission.	Date on which despatched in 1890-91.
Quarterly Rail-borne Trade Returns	{ Year ending 31st March. }	1st October ..	18th September.
Annual Rail-borne Trade Returns	Do. ..	1st January ..	17th December.
Do. Returns of Agricultural Statistics ..	31st March and 30th June.	1st April ..	17th March.
Do. Land Revenue Administration Report ..	30th June ..	1st July ..	
Do. Statement of increases of revenue due to revision of settlements.	31st March ..	1st October ..	
Do. Report on Land Records and Agriculture..	Do. ..	1st November ..	17th December 1890.
Do. Statistics of Tea and Coffee cultivation ..	31st December ..	1st April ..	15th May 1891.
Do. do. of Cotton cultivation ..	30th June ..	30th September ..	18th September 1890.
Do. do. of Cinchona cultivation ..	31st March ..	1st November ..	21st October 1890.
Do. Return of the production of Minerals and Gems.	31st December ..	1st July ..	9th May 1891.
Do. List of Agricultural Implements and Machines tested and found successful.	30th September ..	1st July ..	
		1st April ..	
		15th November ..	13th December 1890.

Order—dated 27th April 1891, No. 337, Public.

Communicated to the Revenue Department for early remarks with reference to the reports and returns submitted by that department to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department.

2. The Board of Revenue, the Protector of Emigrants, and the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry and Karikal, will also be requested to state the earliest possible date on which it will in future be practicable to submit to Government the annual reports on emigration.

Order—dated 22nd May 1891, Mis. No. 3052, Revenue.

Referred to the heads of departments under the Revenue Secretariat for very early remarks.

(True Extract)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. ELWIN,
Ag. Asstt. Secy. to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue.
 " Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.
 " " of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue.
 " Superintendent, Revenue Survey.
 " Government Central Museum.
 " "
 " Government Botanist, &c.

RESOLUTION—dated 3rd June 1891, No. 319.

The reports and returns due from this department with the dates proposed for their submission and the dates on which they were actually despatched from this office during 1890-91 are shown in the appendix. The Board does not consider that any change is necessary in the dates proposed by the Government of India.

2. The annual statement of increase of revenue due to revision of settlements has been ordered to be discontinued in the Government of India letter, dated 13th November 1890, No. 1357—15-12 R, communicated in G.O., dated 22nd idem, No. 7190. In a more recent communication, dated 30th April 1891, the Government of India has further ordered that the calendar of Land Revenue Settlements which was usually submitted with the statement of forecast of increase of revenue is not required annually but that alterations and additions, if any, should alone be reported in future.

3. Regarding the statement of minerals and gems, the Board begs again to take the opportunity to invite the attention of Government to the correspondence ending with Board's Proceedings, dated 26th January 1891, No. 37, and to suggest that all but the more important minerals, such as gold, gems, coal, iron-ores and petroleum be omitted from this return. The Board begs also to suggest that if the Government of India sees no serious objection, all reports and returns be made to fall in either with the official or financial year ending 31st March or with the revenue year ending with the 30th June.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,

Exd. G. A. Lewis.

Madras.

I am showing reports and returns, the proposed dates for their submission, and the actual dates on which they have been received during the past three years.

Name of report or return.	Year comprised in report or return.	Date proposed for submission.	DATES ON WHICH ACTUALLY RECEIVED.		
			1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
Quarterly Rail-borne Trade Returns	Year ending 31st March.	1st October 1st January 1st April 1st July 1st October 1st November	11th December 1886 20th January 1887 15th April 1887 4th July 1887 10th October 1887 21st November 1887	10th October 1887 27th December 1887 3rd April 1888 6th July 1888 5th October 1888 13th November 1888	22nd October 1888. 7th January 1889. 22nd March 1889. 9th July 1889. 17th October 1889. 8th November 1889. 31st May 1889. 17th September 1889. 14th November 1889. 3rd February 1890.
Annual Rail-borne Trade Returns	Do.	1st November	(1) 25th May 1887 (2) 18th August 1887 (3) 30th November 1887 (4) 3rd April 1888	21st May 1888 16th August 1888 17th November 1888 9th February 1889	31st May 1889. 17th September 1889. 14th November 1889. 3rd February 1890.
Annual Returns of Agricultural Statistics	Do.†	15th May	Review. 27th November 1888	21st May 1888 16th August 1888 17th November 1888 9th February 1889	31st May 1889. 17th September 1889. 14th November 1889. 3rd February 1890.
Quarterly List of Memorials withheld by Local Governments and Administrations addressed to Secretary of State and the Government of India.	31st December	1st April	Report. 6th August 1889 6th December 1887 30th August 1888	26th September 1889	2nd September 1890.
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Review of the Annual Survey Report	31st March	1st November	23rd November 1887 1887.	21st January 1889 1888.	16th September 1890. 1889.
Annual Review on Court of Wards' Report	30th June	1st April	1st July 1st November	15th June 1889 1887-88.	6th June 1890. 1888-89.
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Annual Report on Land Records and Agriculture	31st December	1st April (now 31st January).	1st October 1st of the month following that of report.	19th September 1889 1888.	11th February 1890.
Annual Statistics of Tea and Coffee cultivation	30th June	1st July	1st July	2nd April 1889	5th June 1889.
Annual Statistics of Cinchona cultivation	31st March	Do.	Do.	10th May 1888	27th September 1889.
Annual Return of the production of Minerals and Gems	31st December (now 30th September).	1st April	1st October 1st of the month following that of report.	22nd October 1888	27th September 1889.
Annual Report on the Botanical Gardens and Parks, Nilgiris	31st March	Do.	1st July	19th September 1889	18th November 1890.
Monthly Statement of Emigration from Madras	31st December	Do.	1st October	2nd April 1889	11th February 1890.
Annual Report on Colonial Emigration	Do.	Do.	15th February	10th May 1888	5th June 1889.
Annual Report on Cinchona Plantations	31st March	Do.	15th November	22nd October 1888	27th September 1889.
Annual list of publications sent to the India Office for the Kew Gardens.	Formerly 31st March (now 30th September).	1st September	1st September	27th December 1887	27th September 1889.

* Fixed by the Secretary of State—*vide* Despatch No. 13 R., dated 7th November 1889.

+ Some of the returns are for the Agricultural year ending 30th June.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

READ—the following G.O., dated 22nd May 1891, Mis. No. 3052, Revenue :—

Read—the following G.O., dated 27th April 1891, No. 337, Public :—

Read—the following letter from SIR E. C. BUCK, Kt., Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department (General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, 12th March 1891, Circular No. 623—51-1 G. :—

In continuation of paragraph 3 of the Circular letter from the Home Department, No. 1—42-51, dated the 13th January 1890, I am directed to forward, for verification and correction if necessary, a list (Appendix B) of annual reports, returns, &c., showing the periods for which they are apparently prepared, the dates on which they were received by the Government of India in this department during the last three years, and the dates that are now proposed for their submission, and to express a hope that it will be found possible to submit the reports, &c., punctually within the proposed dates. If His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that the proposed date for submitting any particular report or return should be altered, the Government of India will be glad to consider any suggestions that may be submitted to them, and will welcome any proposals that may be made for earlier dates. The dates proposed seem the latest that can be fixed without impairing the usefulness of the reports and returns.

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Board of Revenue

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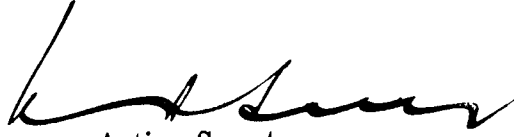
Proceedings, 3rd June 1891, No. 341.



Forwarding to Government Board's remarks called for on a list showing the amended dates on which the Government of India desires that certain reports due from the Local Government should in future be submitted to it.

paid for either in an increase of office establishment or in a want of punctuality. It seems to the Board that the object of these annual reports is to give a general view of the progress made or not made during the period, and for that purpose, absolute accuracy of detail is not essential for administrative purposes except where money is concerned which the Accountant-General will take care of.

(True Copies and Extract.)


Acting Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department. ✓
 „ the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
 „ the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement
 and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture.
 „ all Collectors.
 „ the Accountant-General.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS.
MR. G. McWATERS.

READ—the following Government Order, dated 27th April 1891, No. 337, Public :—
 Read—the following letter from SIR E. C. BUCK, *Kt.*, Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department (General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, 12th March 1891, Circular No. 623—51-1G. :—

In continuation of paragraph 3 of the Circular letter from the Home Department, No. 1—42-51, dated the 13th January 1890, I am directed to forward, for verification and correction if necessary, a list (Appendix B) of annual reports, returns, &c., showing the periods for which they are apparently prepared, the dates on which they were received by the Government of India in this department during the last three years, and the dates that are now proposed for their submission, and to express a hope that it will be found possible to submit the reports, &c., punctually within the proposed dates. If His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that the proposed date for submitting any particular report or return should be altered, the Government of India will be glad to consider any suggestions that may be submitted to them, and will welcome any proposals that may be made for earlier dates. The dates proposed seem the latest that can be fixed without impairing the usefulness of the reports and returns.

In the case of any returns which are blank for any particular period, the fact should be noted when submitting the returns for the next period.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.
Madras.

List showing reports and returns, the proposed dates for their submission, and the actual dates on which they have been received during the past three years.

Name of report or return.	Year comprised in report or return.	Date proposed for submission.	DATES ON WHICH ACTUALLY RECEIVED.		
			1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
Quarterly Rail-borne Trade Returns	Year ending 31st March	1st October	11th December 1886	10th October 1887	22nd October 1888.
Annual Rail-borne Trade Returns	Do.	1st January	20th January 1887	27th December 1887	7th January 1889.
Annual Returns of Agricultural Statistics	Do. †	1st April	15th April 1887	3rd April 1888	22nd March 1889.
		1st July	4th July 1887	6th July 1888	9th July 1889.
		1st October	10th October 1887	5th October 1888	17th October 1889.
		1st November	21st November 1887	13th November 1888	8th November 1889.
Quarterly List of Memorials withheld by Local Governments and Administrations addressed to Secretary of State and the Government of India.	31st December	15th May	(1) 25th May 1887	21st May 1888	31st May 1889.
Annual Land Revenue Administration Report	30th June	15th August	(2) 18th August 1887	16th August 1888	17th September 1889.
Review of the Annual Survey Report	31st March	15th November	(3) 30th November 1887	17th November 1888	4th November 1889.
Annual Review on Court of Wards' Report	30th June	1st April	(4) 3rd April 1888	5th February 1889	3rd February 1890.
Annual statement of increase of Revenue due to revision of Settlements.	31st March	1st November	{ Review, 27th November 1888.	26th September 1889	2nd September 1890.
Annual statement of authorized alienations of land Revenue and other Agricultural advances.	Do.	1st April	{ Report, 6th August 1889	3rd February 1890	18th November 1890.
Annual Report on Land Records and Agriculture	Do.	30th September	6th December 1887	26th December 1888	1st November 1889.
Annual Statistics of Tea and Coffee cultivation	Do.	1st July	30th August 1888	26th September 1889	2nd October 1890.
Annual Statistics of Cotton cultivation	Do.	1st November	31st August 1887	2nd August 1888	17th September 1889.
Annual Statistics of Cinchona cultivation	Do.	Do.	Not called for	25th February 1889	20th November 1889.
Annual Return of the production of Minerals and Gems.	31st December (now 30th September).	1st July	23rd November 1887	21st January 1889	16th September 1890.
Annual Report on the Botanical Gardens and Parks, Nilgiris.	31st March	1st July	1887.	15th June 1889	1889.
Monthly statement of Emigration from Madras	31st December	Do.	1886-87.	15th June 1889	6th June 1890.
Annual Report on Colonial Emigration	Do.	Do.	1887.	15th June 1889	18-8-89.
Annual Report on Cinchona Plantations	Do.	Do.	1887.	15th June 1889	2nd January 1891.
Annual list of publications sent to the India Office for the Kew Gardens.	31st December	1st April (now 31st January)	1887.	1888.	17th May 1889, and 9th August 1889.
Annual list of Agricultural Implements and Machines tested and found successful.	Formerly 31st March (now 30th September).	1st October	5th June 1889.	11th June 1890.	11th June 1890.
Annual Report of the Museum, Madras	31st March	1st of the month following that of report.	25th October 1887	29th October 1888	26th September 1889.
		1st July	1887.	Generally received a month aft.r.	1889.
		1st October	4th September 1888	19th September 1889	18th November 1890.
		1st November	1888.	1888.	18th November 1889.
		15th February	1888.	1888.	11th February 1890.
		15th November	1888.	2nd April 1889	5th June 1889.
		1st September	1887.	10th May 1888	27th September 1889.

* Some of the returns are for the Agricultural year ending 30th June.
† Fixed by the Secretary of State—vide Despatch No. 13 R., dated 7th November 1889.

Order—dated 27th April 1891, No. 337, Public.

Communicated to the Revenue Department for early remarks with reference to the reports and returns submitted by that department to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department.

2. The Board of Revenue, the Protector of Emigrants and the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry and Karikal, will also be requested to state the earliest possible date on which it will, in future, be practicable to submit to Government the annual reports on emigration.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.
" Protector of Emigrants.
" British Consular Agent, Pondicherry.

READ—the following Government Order, dated 22nd May 1891, Mis. No. 3052, Revenue:—

Read—Government Order, dated 27th April 1891, No. 337, Public, on letter from the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, dated 12th March 1891, C. No. 623—51-1G.

Order—dated 22nd May 1891, Mis. No. 3052, Revenue.

Referred to the Heads of Departments under the Revenue Secretariat for very early remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. ELWIN,
Ag. Asstt. Secy. to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue.
" Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.
" Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue.
" Superintendent, Revenue Survey.
" Government Central Museum.
" Government Botanist, &c.

READ—Memorandum from the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Public Department, dated 26th May 1891, No. 121.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting to forward an early reply to Government Order, No. 337, dated 27th April 1891.

RESOLUTION—dated 3rd June 1891, No. 341.

In the papers read above, Government calls for the Board's remarks on a list received from the Government of India showing the amended dates on which it desires that certain reports due from the Local Government should, in future, be submitted to it. These dates are all in the direction of quicker despatch, and as there is no doubt that at present many of the reports are, comparatively speaking, out of date and useless by the time they reach the Government of India, the Board is prepared to make every effort to give effect to the Government of India's suggestions.

2. Of the returns and reports enumerated in the Government of India's list, the following are dealt with in this department:—

- (1) Annual Land Revenue Administration Report;
- (2) Annual report of the Court of Wards;

- (3) Annual statement of authorized alienations of land;
- (4) Annual review on the transactions connected with Revenue and other Agricultural advances; and
- (5) Annual report on Colonial emigration.

3. As regards the 1st, only a small portion of it is prepared in this department, the bulk of it being drawn up by the Settlement Department. The question of a suitable date for the submission of this report will therefore be left to the Settlement Department, with the remark that whatever date suits it will suit this department also.

4. As regards the 2nd, Collectors' reports are at present due in this office on the 15th September and the Court's report to Government is due on the 1st May. The Government of India, however, hereafter wants the Local Government's review on the 1st April, and as Government usually takes about 2 months to review the Court's report, this means that the Court's report must be submitted hereafter by the 1st of February. The Board accepts this date as the Board itself never receives the Collectors' reports by the due date, and as the district reports are dependent on the figures of the fasli, which take time to prepare, the Board is prepared to extend the time allowed to Collectors to 1st October.

5. As regards the 3rd, Collectors' returns are at present due on the 15th April and are received pretty punctually. The Board's report has up till now been due on the 1st July, but as the Government of India now wants the Local Government's report on that date, the Board proposes that the 1st of June should be fixed for the submission of its report. Government will then have a month in which to review it.

6. As regards the 4th, Collectors' reports are at present due on the 1st June and the Board's report to Government on the 1st August. The Government of India wants the Local Government's review on the 1st November, that is, 3 months after. But the transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts are steadily increasing and the report is one mainly of figures which require frequent reference to Collectors and the Accountant-General, the Board, therefore, begs that the date fixed for the submission of its report may be altered to 1st September. This will still leave two months for the Local Government's review, and as a matter of fact the Board's report in the last two years was submitted to Government only on the 30th September and 15th November.

7. As regards the 5th, Government in the Public Department wishes to know the earliest possible date on which the Board can submit the report. Collectors' reports are at present due on the 15th February, but most of them are received only by the end of March. The Board's report to Government is due on the 1st April, but in Government Order, dated 4th August 1888, No. 773, Public, Government has directed the Protector of Emigrants and the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry, to furnish the Board with copies of their reports to Government so that the Board's figures may be verified with reference to them. These reports are due on the 1st April, and copies of them are therefore furnished to the Board only about that date. References to Collectors and the Accountant-General are also frequently required, and the Board therefore considers that the 1st May is the earliest date on which it can submit its report, as in the last case, this extension is nominal only, for in the last three years the report was submitted to Government only on the 5th May, 27th June and 30th May. The Government of India wants the Local Government's report on the 1st July, and this will give two months to Government to review it.

8. Before concluding, the Board begs to make the suggestion that if Government will be content with reports in which discrepancies are not cleared up or exactly accurate figures given, the reports can be submitted considerably earlier. What takes, and perhaps wastes, time, is the constant reference and re-reference to Collectors and the Accountant-General that are usually necessary on matters and figures, which after all are very immaterial to the gist of the report, and which could perfectly well be satisfactorily adjusted by the subsequent issue of correction slips, between the offices concerned: The check of petty details in the Board's office and again in the Government office ensures accuracy, but takes up an amount of time and labour, which appears to be more than commensurate with the results achieved and which has to be

Public (1891) Department.

(EMIGRATION.)

From

THE PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,

Madras,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT,

Fort St. George.

No.

Dated 5

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 GOVERNMENT

ENCLOSURES.

No. 365

Subject.

Repeating that the
 Annual Administration
 Report cannot be
 submitted earlier
 than the 15th March

Can therefore scarcely be submitted
before the 15th March at the earliest.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient Servant

Wm. L. G.

Ag. Protector of Emigrants

No. 365

OFFICE OF THE PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS, 3P

Madras, 5 May 1891.

From

W. J. Austin Esq.

as PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,

Madras,

To

The Honble J. J. Price

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT,

Fort St. George.

SIR,

With reference to G. O. N° 337 dated 27 April 1891 Public. I have the honour to state, for the information of Government that the Annual Administration Report of the Emigration Department cannot be submitted earlier than the 15th of March.

Annual Statements from many of the Professed Districts, in which a large number of coolies are registered are not received before the beginning of March and the preparation of the Report and the various returns occupies the Office over a fortnight. The R. J.

NOTE FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY.

The Chief Asst. has told me that you think it would be well to bring all the dates together in a single statement to be published in the Public Dept. It is understood that only depts under the Chief Secy: are to be included. The date for the submission of this foot: of the report on Education would be required. The reports dealt with in G.O. No. 376 of 12.5.91 are those sub: to the Home Dept - but please see the linked file in which reports sub: to the Rev: & Agri: Dept are ^{being} dealt with. If the statement is to be complete India's final orders in regard to these reports should be awaited, but this seems undesirable as officers concerned should have the earliest possible intimation of the change in dates. As far as reports to the Public Dept are concerned officers have been already informed.

" on with my action