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[Despatch Abstract.]

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State on certain
conditions—

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12TH JUNE 1891, No. 522, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

ORDER—dated 12th June 1891, No. 522, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

In 1861 a committee, appointed to report on the simplification of routine business, brought to the notice of the Government the absence of any system for the collection, in an easily available form, of statistical information regarding the population, resources and peculiarities of the districts of the Presidency, and pointed out that the want of such a compilation necessitated repeated and hurried references to district officers on the part of the Government, and also gave much additional labour to the local administrative staff. The committee, therefore, recommended that this serious inconvenience should be remedied by the preparation of a manual for each district. The proposal was accepted by the Government, and the manuals have now all been completed with the exception of that for South Canara, which is still in progress.

2. The committee specially brought to notice that it would be necessary that such changes as had occurred should be recorded at the end of each year and that fresh editions of the manual embodying all needful additions and corrections should be published at the close of fixed periods, but up to the present time no action has been taken on this part of the proposal. The statement annexed to these Proceedings shows for each manual the date of publication and the number of copies available for distribution. Except in the case of Kurnool and Coimbatore, the stock is practically exhausted, there being no spare copies at all of nine of the volumes, while of the eight others, the number does not in any instance exceed ten. Requisitions for copies, however, continue to be received and there is, no doubt, still a demand for them among the general public as well as among the officers of Government.

3. It is clear, therefore, that a new issue is desirable on this ground alone. But there are other and stronger reasons for a fresh edition. No less than twelve out of the nineteen manuals were published at least 10 years ago, and of the remainder, one is 9 years old, three 8 years, one 5 and two 4 years. Thus, so far as the statistical information is concerned, nearly the whole of these books are now out of date and they no longer serve the purpose for which they were intended. Moreover, the volumes are of very unequal merit, and while some leave little, if anything, to be desired, others are deficient in both matter and arrangement, and require revision not only in respect of the statistical information, but also as regards the more permanent portions, in order to make them complete and useful works of reference.

4. The committee made no definite proposal regarding the period after which a new edition would be desirable; but the completion of each decennial census naturally suggests itself as affording a suitable and convenient opportunity for the revision of the statistics. In order to reduce the cost of successive issues, the Government is of opinion that each manual should be published in two volumes. The first volume will contain the information that is practically of a permanent character, such as the chapters on the physical geography, the flora, fauna and geology, the political and revenue history, irrigation, agricultural methods, the religious and social divisions of the people, &c. The second volume will consist of statistical tables with brief explanatory notes, somewhat in the form adopted for the various statistical atlases. The exact shape these tables shall take will be decided hereafter, but they must afford complete information as to all the various branches of the administration and also as regards the numbers, health and in particular, the economic condition of the people. This second volume will, in fact, be a short statistical account of the district and it will, to some extent, take the place of the district notes and taluk tables of the census report.

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P = Copy abstract only.
Q = Copy heading only.

5. In order to secure uniformity and to avoid the delay which was inevitable under the plan followed in the original compilation, the editing of the new editions must be entrusted to a single officer. The work of the editor will be two-fold, viz., to prepare the statistical volume for all districts and to supplement, where necessary, the materials which the present manuals afford for the first volume.

The latter part of his labours may take some time, but it will be possible to commence the preparation of the second volumes as soon as the census figures are available. The sanction of the Government of India to the measures now proposed will accordingly be sought at once and His Excellency the Governor in Council desires that the Board of Revenue will meanwhile favour him at an early date with its views on the following matters:—

(i) What subjects should be included in the first and what in the second volume?

(ii) The forms of the statements to be given in the second volume.

(iii) The number of copies of each volume required, regard being had to the fact that volume I will be of a permanent character and will not be re-issued at fixed intervals as proposed in the case of volume II.

In the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council, it is desirable that this subject should be considered by the Full Board.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.

APPENDIX.

District Manuals.

District.							Number of copies available.	Date of publication.
Ganjam ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1882
Vizagapatam ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	1869
Godavari ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	1878
Kistna ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	1883
Nellore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	1873
Kurnool ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	1886
Bellary ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	1872
Anantapur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Cuddapah ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	1875
North Arcot ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1881
South Arcot ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	1878
Chingleput ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1879
Salem ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1883
Coimbatore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	1887
Nilgiris ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	1880
Trichinopoly ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	1878
Tanjore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	1883
Madura ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	1868
Tinnevely ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1879
Malabar ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	1887
South Canara ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Not yet published.	

Exd. A. Aubert.

30 Copies.

Gobt. of {1891} Madras.
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Encl.

G.O., 12th June 1891, No. 522.

JUNE.

District Manuals.

Recognizing the necessity for revising the existing — and desiring the (Full) Board of Revenue to forward its views on certain points to be dealt in connection with the manuals.

12TH JUNE 1891, No. 523, REVENUE.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

From

C. A. GALTON, Esq., M.A., C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

To

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

Dated Ootacamund, 12th June 1891.

SIR,

I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of the Proceedings of this Government on the subject of the revision and republication of the District Manuals of this Presidency.

Miscellaneous.

2. It is proposed to divide each manual into two volumes, one of which will contain information that is of a permanent character, while in the other, which will be issued after each census, will be given statistical tables and such other matter as requires revision from time to time.

3. The editing of this second volume may conveniently be entrusted to the Provincial Superintendent of Census Operations. He will, of course, himself be responsible for the population statistics; but the other tables will be furnished to him by the several departments, and this additional work will, therefore, not prolong the term of his special duty more than one or two months at the most, as he would in any case be required to prepare the district tables and write brief notes upon them.

4. For the first edition of this nature, however, somewhat more time will be required as it will also be necessary to edit the first volumes as well, and some of these need considerable revision. It is estimated that the work can be completed in about one year, and I am accordingly to request that Mr. Stuart, the present Provincial Superintendent of Census Operations, may be permitted to take up this duty when his present employment terminates. His Excellency the Governor in Council would give Mr. Stuart his present salary of Rs. 1,450 per mensem, and his present travelling allowance. The total cost would be about Rs. 30,000, as shown below:—

	RS.	A.	P.
* Net cost in consequence of Mr. Stuart's deputation	8,628	0	0
Travelling allowance	1,372	0	0
Establishment and contingencies	3,000	0	0
Printing and paper	17,000	0	0
Total	30,000	0	0

* This is Rs. 719 per mensem, as now debited to "Census."

This estimate includes the cost of publishing the South Canara Manual which has not yet been issued.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. A. Aubert.

75 Copies.

1891.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL
DEPARTMENT.

*From the Government of
Fort St. George.*

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Encl.

Letter, dated 12th June 1891,
No. 523.

JUNE.

FORWARDING copy of Proceedings of this Government regarding revision of District Manuals and requesting that Mr. Stuart, C.S., may be permitted to take up this duty on the termination of his present appointment as Provincial Superintendent of Census Operations.

6TH FEBRUARY 1892, No. 127, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., dated 12th June 1891, No. 522, Revenue.

ABSTRACT.—Recognizing the necessity for revising the existing District Manuals and desiring the (Full) Board of Revenue to forward its views on certain points to be dealt in connection with the manuals.

READ—letter from the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, dated Ootacamund, 12th June 1891, No. 523, Revenue.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding copy of Proceedings of this Government regarding revision of District Manuals and requesting that Mr. Stuart, C.S., may be permitted to take up this duty on the termination of his present appointment as Provincial Superintendent of Census Operations.

READ—again the following G.O., dated 15th October 1891, Mis. No. 5372, Rev. :—

Read—the following letter from J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, 18th September 1891, No. 1470 :—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 523, dated the 12th June last, to the Revenue and Agricultural Department, submitting certain proposals for the revision and republication of District Manuals in the Madras Presidency.

2. In reply, I am to say that it is understood that the Madras Government will meet the whole cost of the work from Provincial revenues, and on this understanding the Government of India are prepared to recommend the proposal to the Secretary of State for India.

3. I am to add that in calculating the cost of the work the whole of Mr. Stuart's salary while engaged on it should be included in the estimate, and to request that a revised estimate may be submitted for transmission to the Secretary of State.

Order—dated 15th October 1891, Mis. No. 5372, Revenue.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

(True Extract.)

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

From C. A. GALTON, Esq., M.A., C.S., Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, Revenue Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), dated 15th October 1891, No. 5373 :—

In compliance with the instructions contained in paragraph 3 of your letter No. 1470, dated 18th September 1891,

Mr. Stuart's salary ...	...	...	RS. 17,400
Travelling allowance ...	...	...	1,600
Establishment and contingencies ...	...	...	3,000
Printing and paper ...	...	...	17,000
Total ...	...	...	39,000

I am directed to submit the marginally-noted revised estimate of the cost of placing Mr. Stuart on special duty for the purpose of revising and republishing the District Manuals of this Presidency, and to request that the Secretary of State may be requested to communicate his sanction to the proposals by telegram. The whole

cost of the work will, as presumed by the Government of India, be met from Provincial revenues.

READ—also the following telegram from the Government of India, Home Department, dated 29th January 1892, No. 173, Public :—

Your No. 5373, dated 15th October 1891. Secretary of State has sanctioned proposals for revision and republication Madras District Manuals.

ORDER—dated 6th February 1892, No. 127, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue and Mr. H. A. Stuart, C.S.

June 1891, No. 522, should be expedited.

2. The reply to G.O., dated 12th

(True Extract.)


Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.
„ H. A. Stuart, Esq., C.S.
„ the Accountant-General.

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Telegram from the Government of India conveying sanction of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India for the revision and republication of —, communicated to the Board of Revenue and Mr. H. A. Stuart, C.S.

Office Note
No. 3447/23^d February/92
To

The Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Dept.

With reference to Revenue
Dept. G.O. dated 6th February
1892 No. 127 the undersigned
has the honor to request that
he may be informed when Mr.
H. A. Stuart's present deputation
on Census work is likely to cease,
whether ^{him} the orders placing ~~him~~ ^{him}
on special duty in connection
with the revision & republication
of the Dist. Manuals will ~~be~~
~~is~~ ~~understand~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~
Revenue Dept.

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REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

No. 13
OFFICE NOTE.

From The Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Dept.

To The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

With reference to
Office note from the Hon.
the Chief Secretary No. 344.
3rd July 1892, the undersigned
has the honor to forward
accompanying copy of a
received from Mr. H. A. Stuart
from which it will be seen
that he hopes to be able to
finish his census work by
the end of June next and
he will then be able to co-
mence the Revision of the
District Manuals.

The undersigned has
also the honor to acknowledge
orders regarding his deputa-
tion on a special duty for
the purpose should be
in the Public Department.

A. Stuart
for Secretary to Govt.

Census Office Madras
dated 26th July 1892.

Chief Secretary
Independent of Census Opera-
tions Madras.

Copy to Government
Revenue Department.

In reply to your official
note of the 25th inst., I
have to state that I
am to finish my census
work by the end of June next, when
I will be able to commence the
revision of the District Manuals.

I have the honor to be

Sir
most obedient servant

H. A. Stuart

Secy. of Census Operations

N^o 115.

Census Office Madras
dated 26th July 1892.

From,

Mr. D.

Superintendent of Census Opera-



tions Madras.

To,

The Secy

to Government

Sir,

Revenue Department.

In

Memorandum to your official
have the honor of the 25th instant, I
hope to be able to state that I
work by the 1st of August my
I shall be of great service next
revision of the to commence

the District Manual

I have the honor

Yours

Sir

Very most obedient servant

(True copy)

Enclosure

J. H. S. S. S.

By Asst. Secy to Govt

Secy to Govt

Office note
From the Revenue Dept.

No. 13

Dated 3rd March 1892
Received 4th March 1892

Enclosure one

SUBJECT.

States That Mr. H. A. Stuart
has to be able to finish his census
work by the end of June next sea.

29TH FEBRUARY 1892, No. 192, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from the Right Honorable Lord CROSS, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Most Honorable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 14th January 1892, No. 1, Statistics :—

In accordance with the recommendation made in your Excellency's letter, No. 321 (Finance and Commerce), dated 2nd December 1891, I sanction * the proposal for revising and republishing the District Manuals for the Madras Presidency on the understanding that the work will be completed in *about one year*, that it will not cost more than Rs. 39,000 including paper and printing, that the charge will be defrayed from Provincial Revenues, and that each Manual will be divided into two parts, of which the second will be mainly statistical.

READ—the following letter from A. KENSINGTON, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, dated Calcutta, the 6th February 1892, No. 499 :—

Read—

Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 1, Statistics, dated the 14th January 1892, received on the 2nd February 1892.

Ordered that copy be forwarded to the Home Department and to the Accountant-General, Madras, in continuation of endorsement No. 400, dated the 28th January 1892.

No. 560.

Copy with copy of the despatch to which this is a reply forwarded to the Government of Madras for information in continuation of telegram, No. 173, dated 29th January 1892.

(By Order.)

HOME DEPARTMENT,
(PUBLIC),
Calcutta, the 16th February 1892.

(Signed) P. J. MELITUS,
Offg. Depy. Secy. to the
Govt. of India.

ORDER—dated 29th February 1892, No. 192, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue and Mr. H. A. Stuart, C.S., in continuation of G.O., dated 6th February 1892, No. 127.

2. The report called for in G.O., dated 12th June 1891, No. 522, should be submitted without further delay and Mr. Stuart is requested to state whether he can undertake to complete the work within about a year.

(True Extract.)


Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.
„ H. A. Stuart, Esq., C.S.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Public Department.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Commissioners of Land Revenue.

Exd. C. M. Brisson.

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G.O., 29th February 1892, No. 192.

Note A further communication from
the Revenue Dept. containing Mr.
Stuart's reply to para 2 of Rev. G.O.
of 29. February 1892 No. 192 [C
No. 680] may, it is submitted,
be awaited before orders placing
him on special duty issues in
Public.

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FEBRUARY.

District Manuals.

Communicating to Mr. H. A. Stuart, C.S.,
despatch from the Secretary of State according
sanction to the proposal regarding the revision
of — on the understanding that the work is
performed in about one year and the cost does
not exceed Rs. 39,000 including paper and
printing.

W.O