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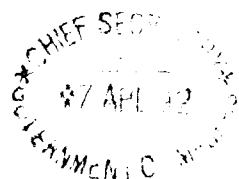
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 Mr Stuart in
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District Manuals.

Issuing instructions to Mr. Stuart, C.S., in the matter of the revision of — within the period of one year, sanctioned by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

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Note. The Revenue Dept. will, it is presumed, furnish Public with the reply to para 2 of this G.O. ~~and~~ Order formally placing Mr. Stuart on spt. duty away, it is presumed be deferred till the receipt of that commr.

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READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED 18, No. MISCELLANEOUS.

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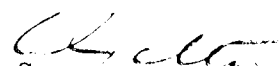
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2. The Board has not as yet submitted the report called for in G.O., No. 522, dated 12th June 1891. As it is of great importance that Mr. Stuart's work should be commenced without delay, the Board is requested to determine at once, in consultation with Mr. Stuart, the questions raised in the Government Order above quoted, and to submit the report called for without any further delay.

3. As regards the South Canara District Manual, the Government understands that Mr. Sturrock has nearly completed the first volume, and trusts that as soon as it has been determined exactly what matter shall be embodied in the same, he will be ready to put it into type so as to ensure the entire manual being completed within the period of Mr. Stuart's employment on special duty.

(True Extract.)


Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Public Department.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, H. A. Stuart, Esq., C.S.
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from H. A. STUART, Esq., C.S., Superintendent of Census Operations, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 3rd March 1892, Extra No. 1:—

In reply to G.O., dated 29th February 1892, No. 192, I have the honour to state that the compilation of the second volumes of the District Manuals can, I think, be completed in one year, but as regards the first volumes, if I am required to do anything more than republish the existing chapters less such matter as has been dealt with in the second volumes, one year will certainly not be sufficient. Nor can I within that time compile a manual for Canara, unless Mr. Sturrock has already prepared the chapters which are to form the first volume.

2. Until I have examined each manual in detail, I cannot say how long the work of thorough revision would take, but several of them are deficient in important particulars and I do not think the work could be done completely in less than two or three years. I believe that the preparation of the Bombay District Gazetteers employed the full time of one officer for eleven years, whereas in the case of Madras the compilation cost only Rs. 1,000 per district. The cost of compiling our manuals would, therefore, be considerably less than in Bombay even if a special officer were deputed for three years to revise them.

ORDER—dated 21st March 1892, No. 276, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The Government quite agrees with Mr. Stuart in thinking that it would be impossible for him in the space of one year

to thoroughly revise the first as well as the second volumes of all the District Manuals of the Presidency, and that he should therefore devote his attention chiefly to revising the second volumes. He should, however, at the same time do something more than merely republish the existing first volumes less such matter as has been dealt with in the second volumes and his attention is invited, in this connection, to paragraph 5 of G.O., dated 12th June 1891, No. 522, and paragraph 4 of the letter from the Madras Government to the Government of India of the same date in which the Government of India has been distinctly informed that part of his work will be to edit the first volumes, some of which need considerable revision; Mr. Stuart should be able, the Government considers, to do a good deal in the way of revising the first volumes and bringing the information contained in them up to date without necessarily re-writing them. There are several districts, for instance, in which a new settlement has been introduced since the manuals were written, and in their case he could, without much difficulty, embody brief accounts of the new settlements in the appropriate chapters of the first volumes. Mr. Stuart's deputation on special duty for one year has in fact been sanctioned on the distinct condition that he is to revise as far as possible the first as well as the second volumes, and the Government expects him to do as much in this direction as time will permit. The compilation of the statistics required for Volume II could be entrusted to intelligent clerks working under Mr. Stuart's supervision whilst he devoted himself to revising the matter to be embodied in Volume I.