

Revenue Department

No 40

Dated 11-1-1859

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 11th January 1859.

No. 47. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th December 1858, No. 4779.

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„ 1511,	„ Nellore	„ 7th	„	13th „ „
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„ 1393,	„ Chingleput	„ 30th March	„	1st „ „
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„ 3376,	„ Tanjore	„ 27th	„	30th July „
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7. Thus in 17 (including Vizagapatam) out of 22 Offices, the rule of closing on Sundays is or may at once be, carried out.

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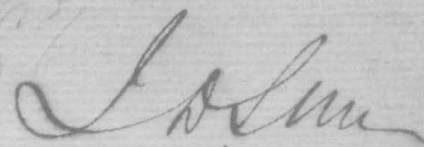
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11. As regards the alleged insufficiency of the existing Establishments to transact the present amount of business within the six week days, the Board would remark that difficulty on this score has not been felt in those Districts where the rule has been introduced, and that even if it should be experienced, the remedy should be different. The Establishments of the Districts however vary according to the size &c. of each, and the Board are not prepared to admit that what has been accomplished in nine Districts and may be done as their Collectors admit in eight more, cannot also be effected in the remaining five.

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(A true Extract.)



Secretary.

To

W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.
Copy to all Collectors.

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(Signed) J. D. SIM, Secretary.

No. 48.

ORDER THEREON, No. 40; dated 11th January 1859.

As the Government are desirous of seeing this subject discussed in all its bearings, they request that the Board will lay before them, the Minute of the dissenting Member alluded to in the last para. of these Proceedings.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

Mr. Com. 19th March 1858
No 17-18-3

Copy of L. H. & T. G.
of 3 August 1859. No 36
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Revenue 1858 No 142
Conduct of 19th April 1859
No 2006

Extract from the Process
of the D. of Revenue

Dec 24th 1858
Dec 2nd 1858
+ 24th 1858
No 4798.

From the day to the 13th of Dec.
of 18th January 1859 in fine
8th March

Admiration with the
views of the D. of Revenue from
the several parts of the D.
Admiration in the subject of
Closing on Sunday 1858.
Public Offices in the D.
subject, & interesting that
a number has received
a certificate of Discharge.
No mention is made of the
reason of the Discharge.

No 110. 1st January 1859.
With any other

24th July 1858

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W. H. D.

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