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Government of Madras.

Revenue

DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
from 24th September to 4th October 1859.*

No. 14. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government R. D., dated 3rd September 1859, No. 3487.

In 1851 the Collector of Cuddapah reported to the Board on the state of the records of his district, and mentioned among other details that in the native records of the Huzūr Cutcherry, there were 17,036 duffers remaining, notwithstanding the destruction of useless papers, such as Sayer accounts, Cowle-warirazinamabs, &c., which had been made under the sanction of the Board in 1850, and that of nearly 4,500 duffers accurate lists had been prepared, while there were upwards of 9,000 duffers unexamined, which it was very desirable should be arranged and classed. No distinct recommendation was made in regard to these Huzūr records; but the Collector's letter was submitted to Government, with the Board's Proceedings of 27th October 1853, and in Clause III, paragraph 1. Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 6th January 1854, No. 28, sanction, was given for "the sale of useless records at Cuddapah and the application of the proceeds in making up new boxes."

2. On 26th April last the present Acting Collector reported to the Board that he found the Huzūr Tāluq records in the most complete disorder, and requested permission to make use of the proceeds of past and future sales, in employing a small establishment, under trustworthy superintendence, to examine, arrange, and index the useful records, and to set aside that portion which may prove valueless, adding that the measure was rendered absolutely necessary by the deficiency of accommodation for the records, and the very defective nature of what exists.

3. In a subsequent letter, dated 22nd July 1859, he reports that out of the 17,036 duffers existing in 1851, Mr. H. Forbes at once set aside for sale, as useless, 3,347 duffers consisting solely of Sayer accounts and Mooshilkas taken from ryots in exchange for puttahs, and that lists were made of the contents of 4,492 more duffers, but that no selection had been made from these of what was worthy of preservation, and that not having been kept separate from the unexamined portion of the records, they have been again disarranged, and the advantage of the previous labour has thus been lost. No farther steps for their arrangement appear to have been taken after Mr. Forbes' time.

4. Mr. Fraser has instituted a careful and thorough examination of the whole, preparatory to the classification and indexing of what is useful, and the destruction and sale of the remainder; he has submitted two lists to the Board of the contents of 4,500 duffers, showing that those of 2,500 are utterly useless, and serve merely to lumber the shelves; and the examination is still proceeding through the agency of the Record establishment and the Head Gumastah of the Serishta Cutcherry, superintended by the Naib Sarishtadar, and aided by some extra hands formerly entertained as Gumastahs, though borne on the *poon* establishment and recently discharged under orders of the Board as unauthorized. But that the results of the previous labour may not as before be wasted, it is necessary that the useless papers should be finally disposed of, and the Board direct me to request sanction for the application of their sale proceeds in the manner proposed by the Acting Collector, for the complete re-arrangement and indexing of the Huzūr native records.

5. In Mr. Forbes' time 500 maunds of useless records were transferred to the jail, to be used in the manufacture of paper, and in exchange there has been received from time to time paper valued at Rupees 469-8, which has been expended in the office.

6. The sale of the useless tāluq records which has taken place at intervals, from Fusty 1264 to Fusty 1268, under the Government sanction above quoted, together with that of some old record chest and leather-covered baskets, has produced the sum of Rupees 758-2-3, of which there have been expended on the objects originally contemplated, and to a small extent on the present examination of the Huzūr records, Rupees 179-11-6.

7. Rupees 32-14 had been credited to "sivai-jumma" before the Government orders above quoted were issued, and there remain in deposit Rupees 545-8-9.

8. This sum together with the proceeds of such records as may now with the sanction of the Board be condemned, will probably suffice amply to effect a complete reform in the present most faulty state of the Cuddapah records, and the sanction of Government is requested for the proposed measures.

9. The Collector will be instructed to keep the Board fully informed of the progress that may be made, and lists of papers proposed to be destroyed will be submitted at intervals for their approval.

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No. 15.

ORDER THEREON, 24th September 1859, No. 1293.

Para. 1. The Government approve and sanction the measures proposed by the Board of Revenue in this letter for the complete re-arrangement and indexing of the Native Records of the Cuddapah Hazur Cutcherry, and desire that instructions be issued accordingly for giving effect to them.

2. The instructions in para. 7 to keep the Board informed of the progress of work are approved, and the Board are requested to report the Collector's Proceedings to Government from time to time as they may see occasion.

3. The Government regret that this matter was neglected after Mr. Forbes left the District so that the benefit of what he did was in fact lost. They are gratified to find that Mr. Fraser has taken up the subject so actively.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Under date 24th Sept. 1859

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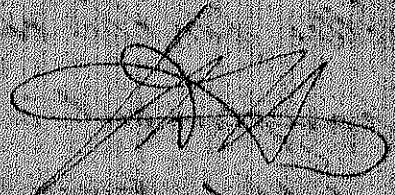
*Submitting correspondence from
the Asy. Collr. of Cuddapah pro-
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the Hoogoor Native Records which
were found to be in the most
complete disorder and requesting
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