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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 86. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department; dated 7th November 1859, No. 4557.

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28th Feb. in Con. 1st March 1859, *No.* 256.
22d in ,, 23d Sept. ,, No. 1279.

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2	Vizagapatam	161	.....	.....
3	Masulipatam.	723½	533½	.....
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3. The Collector of Ganjam states that the registers for the remaining villages cannot be commenced before this year's jummahbundy settlement is over. No considerable progress has been made in Masulipatam since the report for August, and the Collector says that this is in consequence of the Curnums being fully engaged in preparing accounts and supplying information to the demarcation, classification and Inam commission parties.

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In Con. 27th October 1859.

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No. 87. ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1859, No. 1622.

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† *Canara.*
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2. The reasons assigned by the acting Collector of South Arcot why so little has been done in that district are not satisfactory. Difficulty in procuring the necessary paper cannot be admitted as an excuse for a delay of upwards of ‡four years, or even for the eight months that have elapsed since the order of February 28th 1859; nor can the alleged difficulty be regarded as very great, in a district so near the Presidency. The question of revising Punjah rates in South Arcot is of quite recent origin, and cannot therefore have operated as a cause of delay, except for 2 or 3 months.

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

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort Saint George,
7th November 1859.

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Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Acting Secretary.

Copy to all Collectors.

Exd. J. Wright.

Rev: Department.

No 1622

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 29th Novr 1859

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Reporting on the progress made in the different districts in the preparation of Register A of the new forms of Village accounts

(Here enter 7th Novr 59 No 4557.)

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To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St George

Dated the 7th November 1859

Sir

I have &c.

(Signed) C. Trevelyan

No 1557 of 1859

Acknowledges the receipt of the Letter noted in the margin, forwards duplicate of Register A of the Ganjam District & requests that the Accounts may be completed.

No 586.

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