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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2191 Press Mis.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th November 1860.

No. 349. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd October 1860, No. 4,845:—

Read again letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, dated 7th August 1860, No. 169, requesting sanction for the employment of writers for copying certain records.

(In Cons., 13th August 1860, No. 3,966.)

Read also letter from the Acting Collector of the same District, dated 27th September 1860, No. 209, furnishing Estimate of the cost of the above proposition.

(In Cons., 2nd October 1860, No. 4,959.)

1. Resolved that the above recorded communications be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government, with the Board's recommendation that the Acting Collector of the Kistna District be authorized to employ at an aggregate cost not exceeding Rupees 1,000-0-0, a temporary Establishment for copying in sections certain English records of the late Guntoor District.

2. The above records consist of 58 volumes of drafts of letters forwarded to the Board of Revenue and other authorities. The drafts are written on Country and Chellan paper, and were pasted from time to time into skeleton books, which up to the 15th December last reached the number already mentioned.

3. Owing to the inferior description of the paper, the drafts have been partially destroyed by insects, and in a few years more will be quite unfit for reference, so that timely copies of them have become necessary. The practice of pasting instead of copying drafts into proper books is stated to have been adopted in consequence of the small number of English writers at the disposal of the Collectors of the late Guntoor District.

4. The remuneration for copying, viz., one Rupee for 2,400 words, proposed in the Estimate accompanying the Acting Collector's second letter, is the same as that fixed* for temporary copyists by Government, and as the amount of work to be performed appears to have been fairly estimated, the sum recommended above may be considered a close approximation of the cost of the whole work.

* *Rule* 39, *page* 845, *Gazette*, 23*rd November* 1833.

5. Where printed copies of the letters have been received from the Board's or any other office, a MS. copy of the rough draft need not be made, and the charge for copying will be smaller than the Collector's Estimate. The Board have, therefore, reduced the Estimate from Rupees 1,353 to Rupees 1,000: the exact expense will be reported in due course, and will be carefully checked by the Collector as the work proceeds.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 350. ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1860, No. 2,191.

1. The Board of Revenue recommend that the Collector of the Kistna District may be authorized to employ at a cost not exceeding Rupees 1,000, a temporary establishment to copy in sections certain English records of the late Guntoor District consisting of drafts of letters pasted from time to time in skeleton books. It is stated that there are fifty-eight such books up to the 15th December last, and that the drafts, being written on inferior paper, have been partially destroyed by insects.

2. It appears to the Government that a great part of the contents of these fifty-eight books must be matter not worth being permanently retained. They therefore request the Board to ascertain from the Collector what portion is really required to be preserved, and to submit a revised application for the establishment necessary for copying that portion, accompanied by a tabular statement in the prescribed form, for submission to the Government of India.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

IN CON. 13TH AUGUST 1860, No. 3,966.

From W. KNOX, Esq., Collector of KRISHNA DISTRICT,
dated Masulipatam, 7th August 1860, No. 169.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Board, the state of the English records of the late Guntoor District.

2. From the annexed Memorandum, the Board will perceive that letters sent to the several departments therein detailed, during a period ranging from 7 to 19 years, have never been copied fair in sections.

3. The drafts in question have been pasted in skeleton books, and being written on country and chellan paper, have been partly destroyed by insects; and if they are allowed to lie in their present condition they would, in a few years hence, be altogether illegible and useless for reference, besides involving a more than ordinary share of attention to preserve them from insects. On enquiry, it appears that the correspondence was not entered in sections owing to the paucity of English writers in the late Guntoor Collector's office. I therefore request that the Board will be good enough, should it meet their approval, to obtain the sanction of Government for the employment of as many section writers as I can procure till the work is completed.

4. Having been unable to ascertain the prescribed rate of compensation for copying sections, I shall feel obliged by your informing me of the same.

MEMORANDUM OF CORRESPONDENCE OF THE LATE GUNTOOR DISTRICT.

No. of Vols.		Y.	M.	D.
	Letters sent to Board.			
12	From the year 1839 to 1855...	17	0	0
	Letters sent to Commissioner.			
4	From the year 1849 to 1855	7	0	0
	Letters sent to Collectors and Judges, &c.			
12	From the year 1841 to 15th December 1859...	18	11	15
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17	From the year 1841 to 15th December 1859...	18	11	15
	Letters sent in the Magistrate Department.			
13	From the year 1841 to 15th December 1859...	18	11	15
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(Signed) W. KNOX,
Collector.

MASULIPATAM,
6th August 1860.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

No. 2191.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 20th Novr. 1860

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Re-

Recommend that the Collr. of the Kistna District may be authorized to employ at a cost not exceeding Rupees 1000 — a temporary Establishment for copying certain English records of the late Guntoor District.

(Here enter 22nd Octr. 1860 No 4845)

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2nd Nov. 1860 in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Government Revenue Department dated 22nd October 1860 No 4845.

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Letter from the Collector of the Kistna District to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 23rd Augt 1860 requesting authority to employ a Establishment for copying certain records

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Calling for information with reference to the Board's recommendation that the Acting Collector of the Kistna District may be authorized to employ a temporary establishment to copy in sections certain English records.

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