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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 53. Read again letter from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th September and recorded in Proceedings of Government, 16th November 1859, No. 1554.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th January 1860, No. 314:—

Read again Proceedings of Government, dated 16th November 1859, No. 1554, Revenue Department, requesting the Board to consider what parts of the Government Gazette Head Assistants and Deputy Collectors should receive, and to suggest any alterations in the paper by which its bulk would be diminished.

(In Con. 17th November 1859, No 5,761.)

The Board consider that all Notifications of Government, all Orders of Government, and all Appointments connected with the duties on which they are engaged, or the services to which they belong, and all draft Bills and passed Acts of the Legislature, the whole of which are published in the Official Gazette, should be communicated to the Public Officers in the position of Head and Special Assistant Collectors, and of Deputy Collectors.

2. They recognise the force of the objection, based on the consideration of the burden that would be imposed on the public Mails by so large an addition to the number of bulky Gazettes already distributed by post, but they do not think that the objection is one that should be allowed to stand in the way of a desirable measure for the improved efficiency of the public service; and they are of opinion that the size and weight of the official publication might be reduced by limiting the number, or prohibiting the insertion of the non-official advertisements and departmental Circulars, the last of which form sometimes as large a body of printed matter as the rest of the Gazette, and are of not infrequent occurrence.

3. It might also answer to publish a dâk edition of the Gazette on thin paper, such as is used by Banking Firms and others for Circulars, from which much comparatively unimportant matter could be eliminated.

4. At present a great deal is circulated with every copy of the Gazette which is valuable or interesting to only a portion of those who receive it. For instance, translations of the Acts of the Legislature in Tamil, Telugu, Hindustani, Canarese and Malayalum are issued without any reference to the part of the Presidency, or the individual for whom the copy of the Gazette is intended. Circular instructions of the Ordnance Department are liberally supplied to Collectors and Chaplains, and in other similar ways the bulk of the Gazette and the weight of the Mails is increased without any corresponding advantage.

5. This might probably be remedied to a considerable extent by improved arrangements.

6. A third way in which the immediate object the Board have in view might be attained, would be by the republication in the District Gazette, of those parts of the *Fort Saint George Gazette* which it is desired to communicate to the Officers of the Revenue and Magisterial Departments, and spare copies, as required, of draft Bills and Acts with the translations in the vernacular of the district, might be supplied from the Government Gazette Press for issue with the District Gazette to Government officials.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1860, No. 393.

Agreeably to the recommendation conveyed in the letter of the Board of Revenue dated 29th September 1859, No. 3,314, the Government authorize and direct the Superintendent of the Gazette Press to supply copies of the Gazette to all Head Assistants, and Special Assistants, as well as to all Uncovenanted Deputy Collectors except those in charge of Treasuries. The Board will furnish the Superintendent with a list of these officers for his guidance.

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

Rev. Dept.

No 393.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 15th March 1860.

Read again letter from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 29th September and recorded in Proceedings of Government 18th November 1859 No 1554

Read also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 20th January 1860 No 314

Reporting what parts of the Government Gazette should be communicated to the Head and Special Assistant Collectors and to the Deputy Collectors and suggesting that a desk edition of the Gazette be published on their papers.

(Here enter 20th Jany 1860 No 314)

Agreeably to the recommendation conveyed in the letter of the Board of Revenue dated 29th September 1859 No 3314, and directs the Government authorize the Superintendent of the Gazette Press to supply copies of the Gazette to all Head & Assistants

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