

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th September 1862.*

No. 177. Read the following letter from the Honorable E. DRUMMOND, Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, Council Chamber, the 12th August 1862, No. 84A :—

SIR,

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1,560, dated the 21st ultimo, forwarding the papers noted in the margin, from which it appears that the Board of Revenue approved, experimentally for one year, the proposal of the Collector of Madras to Stamp on behalf of Government the Measures and Weights used in the principal towns of the District, and sanctioned the requisite establishment, with instructions to credit the fees collected to "Local Fund" and charge the expense to the same head. The Deputy Auditor and Accountant General has objected to this course, on the ground that the fees should, according to the Auditor General's ruling, be credited to "2 Sayer."

Proceedings, Board of Revenue, dated 7th May 1862, No. 2,884
Order of Government, dated 2nd June 1862, No. 1,210.
Proceedings, Board of Revenue, dated 9th July 1862, No. 4,412,
with copies of two enclosures.

2. In reply, I am desired to state that as the only object of the Auditor General's ruling is to check the tendency to create petty unauthorized Local Funds for purposes of irresponsible expenditure, and as, in the instance under reference, the fees are a mere casual impost to cover actual expenses incurred, it will, in every respect, be most convenient, as recommended by the Madras Government and Board of Revenue, to show the receipts and charges under the head of Local Funds.

3. I am at the same time to point out that as the necessity for stamping Weights in any particular place can only be temporary, and the permanent appointment of establishments for the purpose is calculated to produce extortion, it is a question whether these establishments might not with advantage be limited to two or three months in the year, or whether one establishment itinerating about a district would not sufficiently meet the occasional wants of the people instead of numerous permanent ones.

4. It is also a question whether after the existing arrangements have provided for a general stamping of Weights, the ordinary establishments of the Tehseeldars are not sufficient for the object in view.

No. 178. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1862, No. 1,941.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, and the Accountant General for their information and guidance.

2. The Board will submit at an early date their views on the suggestions contained in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this letter.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 84A

FROM THE HON'BLE E. DRUMMOND,

SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT ;

TO THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF FORT SAINT GEORGE.

Fort William, Council Chamber, the 12th August 1862.

Financial Department.

SIR,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1560, dated the 21st ultimo, forwarding the papers noted in the margin, from which it appears that the Board of

Proceedings, Board of Revenue, dated 7th May 1862, No. 2584.
Order of Government, dated 2nd June 1862, No. 1210.
Proceedings, Board of Revenue, dated 9th July 1862, No. 412,
with copies of two enclosures.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. P. D. Munimond

Secretary to the Government of India.

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A copy to the Auditor General.
 " to the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, Madras.
 " to the Civil Pay Master, ditto.

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