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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 28th October 1862.

No. 367. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 30th September 1862, No. 6,575 :—

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1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 11th September 1862, No. 1,935, Revenue Department, reviewing the Board's last List of unanswered references, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit the following remarks.

2. As to the four orders which are said to have been omitted from the List, the Board beg leave, in regard to the first which called for a report on the experiment of entrusting the guarding of Salt stations to the new Police, to refer to their Proceedings noted in the margin, and the Order of Government dated 7th February 1862, No. 226, Revenue Department. In view of this correspondence, and of the fact that on the introduction of the revised Salt establishments, the duty in question will everywhere very shortly devolve on the Police as a matter of course, the Board did not consider that the reference called for any further reply.

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4. The Order of Government dated 9th October 1861, regarding the sale of stamped cadjans, was in part replied to by the Board in their Proceedings dated 23rd idem, No. 5,829. It escaped observation that a report to Government on the possibility of dispensing altogether with this class of stamp was required, and the replies of the Collectors were communicated to the Superintendent of Stamps as received with instructions to reduce his supply to the narrowest limits compatible with the declared necessities of the Districts. A precis of these replies will now be submitted to Government, with Memorandum of the issues of Cadjans in the last Fasli.

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6. The question of the forms of Certificates for land in Madras involves several considerations of great importance and of a complicated nature. The Board's Proceedings have for some time been in draft, but they are not yet ready for submission to Government.

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No. 368. ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1862, No. 2,304.

Revenue Order 1st November 1861, No. 2,087.
21st May 1862, No. 1,119.
Marine 1st July 1862, No. 170.

The Government are satisfied with the explanation offered in these Proceedings. Paragraph 5 wil be communicated to the Marine Department, with reference to the Orders noted in the margin.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Revenue Board Office,
Madras,
30th September 1862.

Secretary,

Exd: J. Wright,

No. 2304.
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Marine 1 July 1862 No 2067 & 2068 of 21 July 1862 No 549 with reference to the orders noted in the margin
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