

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd July 1863.*

No. 25. Read the following letter from R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Acting Accountant General, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Revenue Secretary to Government, dated Fort Saint George, 24th June 1863, No. 92:—

SIR,

1. As I find that references made to Collectors and others remain long unanswered, I have the honor to request that you will inform me whether His Excellency in Council will have any objection to my adopting the practice of giving an Officer, who may be called on for information, a certain number of days wherein to reply.

2. I believe this course is followed in all Accountant General's Offices except this, and it is clear that it must tend greatly to expedite answers to references.

3. I shall, of course, if the system be approved of, calculate exactly the number of days by post to and from the station where the Officer holds office, and also allow a fair time for the necessary search into records, &c.

4. Should the reply not be forthcoming after a certain number of days' grace has been allowed in addition to the specified time, I shall report the matter to His Excellency in Council.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1863, No. 1,163.

1. The Government cannot allow the Accountant General to adopt a course which they do not themselves pursue, and which if conceded to him could not be withheld from every other of the numerous controlling Officers in this Presidency. Any case in which undue delay occurs should be reported for the orders of Government.

2. Collectors are not merely Treasury Officers, in their Revenue and Magisterial capacities, they have important and pressing duties to perform towards Government and the people, and the Government cannot consent to time Officers in their position in the performance of any particular duty.

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

No 1163.

am der Stadt den 22^{ten} Febr. 1863.

letter from the off^g of A. C. 2,
and accountant S. H. -

Requesting to be informed if the Court will have any objection for his adopting the practice of giving an officer a fair time to reply to his references.

(Here enter 24th
June 1863, 1892)

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