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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th January 1863.

No. 253. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th January 1863, No. 105:—

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SIR,

1. Having received numerous applications from various parties, for copies of the Circular Orders of the Board of Revenue, up to the period of their publication for sale to the public, I beg to state that I have experienced very great difficulty in supplying these demands from the Presidency and the Provinces.

2. The 1st and 2nd Volumes, as well as those from 1851 to 1859, published annually, of Mr. Maskell's compilation of the Circular Orders, I believe, are nearly out of print, and their separate publication, ceasing with 1859; the Government have, as is well known, since then, withdrawn all support from works of a similar character. The Orders from 1860, though printed and published by authority, departmentally, with a Table of Contents and an Index, are, I understand, distributed to the Officers of Government only, but are closed for sale to the public.

3. Such being the case, a revised and complete edition of the Board's Circular Orders, from the commencement up to the close of 1862, has been felt to be a great desideratum, by members of the services generally; by candidates preparing to pass the special test, recently prescribed for appointments in the Revenue Department; and by the public. I beg therefore to request that you will kindly be pleased to submit my application to publish the compilation described, accompanied with a well arranged Table of Contents and a copious Index, irrespective of Government patronage, for the favorable consideration of the Board.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

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3. The Board are requested to make the necessary arrangements in their own Office, for carrying out these orders, and to intimate this intention to Mr. Higginbotham as it may influence his proceedings.

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Copy to J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

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