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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th July 1863.

No. 485. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 17th July 1863, No. 4,379:—

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Government Order, dated 15th September 1862, Revenue Department, No. 1,993, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the information of Government, a file of the printed replies of the Collectors to the Board's Circular, dated 23rd idem, calling upon them to report whether the introduction into the Hoozoor and Talook Treasuries of counters and other mechanical appliances, usual in Europe, would facilitate the despatch of business under the Cheque system.

2. From these it will be seen that the majority of the Collectors are of opinion that no advantage would be obtained by fitting up counters in the Treasuries, as counters are unsuited to the habits of Native Shroffs; and that the buildings at present used as Treasuries would require considerable alteration to adapt them for the proposed change.

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3. On the other hand, the Collectors of the Districts noted in the margin are of opinion that the fitting up of the several Treasuries like Banks by means of counters, &c., would facilitate Cheque payments, and that there would be no difficulty in introducing the arrangement, should they be authorized to do so. The Collector of Nellore states that arrangements for carrying out such a plan are in progress in the Hoozoor Treasury.

4. The Collectors of the Kistna and Cuddapah Districts give no opinion on the subject, as they are unacquainted with the proposed system.

5. The Board are disposed to think that order and method would be promoted by the proposed arrangement. They observe, however, that, until the cheque system is universally adopted for all cash payments out of the Treasuries, it may be doubted whether any gain in convenience will be secured, and that probably in every case the change will involve considerable expense both for alterations of buildings, and for providing the necessary fittings. If the Government approve, they would permit the system to be tried in Nellore and Malabar as an experiment.

No. 486. ORDER THEREON, 27th July 1863, No. 1,392.

The Board are authorized at their discretion to carry out the arrangements suggested in paragraph 5 of G. O. 15th September 1862, No. 1,993, where the Treasury buildings admit of them.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

CIRCULAR.

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 6,382.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 23rd September 1862.

Read the following :—

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 18th August 1862, No. 1,364 :—

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ORDER THEREON, 15th September 1862, No. 1,993.

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5. The cheque system having now been introduced for all the Departments, it is worthy of consideration whether it would not greatly facilitate operations, if the Treasuries were adapted, like Banks, to carry out, by means of counters and other arrangements, such cheque payments. The Board will be so good as to ascertain how far such a plan would be practicable, submitting their opinion for the final decision of Government.

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(True Extract.)

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

Ordered that paragraph 5 of the above Government Order be circulated to all Collectors for report on the suggestion contained in it.

(True Extracts)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. SCHARLIEB,
First Assistant.

Paragraph 5 of Government Order to All Collectors.

Exd. J. Wright

CIRCULAR.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

To All Collectors.

Dated 23rd September 1862.

Received

No. 6,382.

Circulating, for report, the suggestion of Government for adapting the District Treasuries, like Banks, to carry out cheque payments by means of counters and other arrangements.

From C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tindevanum, 29th September 1862, No. 205.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the Board's Circular Proceedings of date 23rd September, No. 6,382, Miscellaneous.

2. As far as I understand the meaning of the Cheque system as described in paragraph 5 extracted from Mr. Pelly's report to Government of the 13th August last, I beg to state that I have ever been favorable to its introduction in all Districts, and I am of opinion that it would materially facilitate all transactions with the Huzur or Taluk Treasuries. I am not quite clear as to the intended meaning of the words "by means of counters," but I presume they refer to the checks to be introduced to prevent abuse or fraud under the Banking Cheque system, which it is contemplated to adopt.

Exd. J. Wright.

From J. FRASER, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 29th September 1862, No. 205.

6,383 of 23rd September 1862.

1. In reply to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular noted in the margin, I beg to state that I do not think Mr. Polly's suggestion of having counters and other arrangements as in Banks would be of any practical use. In the Huzur Treasury, the space is too limited to admit of it; and in most Taluk Treasuries there is not more than enough room now allotted to the Cash-keeper and his transactions.

2. I have had no complaints of delay in cashing cheques, none at least that would be at all obviated by making the Cash-keeper stand or sit on a stool behind a counter, either of which postures would not be so agreeable to him as sitting in the usual oriental cross-legged fashion.

Exd. J. Wright.

From J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th October 1862, No. 257.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Miscellaneous Circular Proceedings under date the 23rd ultimo, No. 6,382, circulating for report the suggestion contained in paragraph 5 of the Order of Government in the Revenue Department dated 15th idem, No. 1,993, in regard to Treasuries being adapted like Banks, by means of counters, &c., for facilitating Cheque payments.

2. In reply, I beg to state that arrangements for carrying out such a plan are in progress here, and now that the numbers in attendance at the Treasury to cash Cheques are likely to increase, fitting these Treasuries up with counters similar to Banks at Home, will be daily more necessary, and will unquestionably facilitate operations greatly.

3. On the completion of the arrangements for converting the new Record-room into the Treasury, sanctioned in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 13th December 1861, No. 6,962, I marked out the space to be allotted for the counter, and explained both to the Treasury Deputy Collector and Treasurer the mode in which payments were to be conducted, &c.; but having shortly afterwards gone away on leave, I regret further progress has not been made in the matter. I have now however requested the Acting District Engineer to furnish me with an Estimate for carrying out the arrangements at once, and trust to be able therefore to give effect to the wishes of Government in this respect expressed in the extract from their Order under reference at an early date.

Exd. J. Wright.

From D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th October 1862, No. 811.

In reply to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. 6,382, dated 23rd ultimo, desiring a report on the suggestion for carrying out cheque payments in up-country Treasuries by means of counters and other arrangements, I have the honor to state that I do not see the use of counters. A native always sits down to count the bulky currency in use, and would be extremely unhappy if required to stand during the process. Europeans seldom, if ever, attend in person.

Exd. J. Wright.

From Æ. R. McDONELL, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 15th October 1862, No. 175.

1. As directed in Board's Proceedings (Miscellaneous No. 6,382) dated the 23rd ultimo, I have the honor to report on the suggestion of Government for adapting the District Treasuries like Banks to carry out cheque payments by means of counters, and other arrangements.

2. The Collector's Cutcherry in this District was originally built as a private dwelling house; from time to time it has been altered and added to, so as to adapt it to a public office; the Treasury is in this building, it is rather confined for space, though recently enlarged as counters, and such arrangements as suggested would take up far too much room, and unless a new building were erected, the contemplated arrangements could not be carried out.

3. I do not from my own experience consider that the arrangements proposed, would greatly facilitate the operations of payments; the native Shroff sitting, with a cumbly for his counter, on the floor counts out money most expeditiously. I do not think that until a gold currency is established in this Presidency it is at all necessary or advisable to make the alterations now suggested.

Exd. J. Wright.

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st October 1862, No. 143.

With reference to the Proceedings Board of Revenue dated 23rd September 1862, No. 6,382,* directing me to report whether the cheque payment system by means of counters and other arrangements would not facilitate Treasury payments, I have the honor to state that being unacquainted with the operation of the "counter" system, I am unable to give an opinion upon it, more especially as it is not particularized as to what payments or transfers in the Revenue Treasury the system is to operate.

* Miscellaneous Circular.

Exd. J. Wright

No. 7,361.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 7th November 1862.

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th October 1862, No. 223 :—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the Board's Miscellaneous Circular of 23rd ultimo, No. 6,382, with the Order of Government, No. 1,939 of the 15th idem.

2. I presume that it is the intention of Government that in lieu of the cash orders now issued by the Collector and Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury for money payments both from the Huzoor and Taluk Treasuries, printed cheques should be issued. If I am correct in this view, I see no objection to the introduction of the proposed system.

3. As regards items of adjustments and deductions, &c., I believe that the present practice of sending transfer orders is to continue.

The Collector has misunderstood the object of the Circular reference, which was to ascertain whether mechanical arrangements can with advantage be made in the Huzur Taluk Treasuries to facilitate the transaction of business on the Cheque system.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright.

1862. Department.

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 7th November 1862.

No. 7,361.

Stating that the object of the Circular of 23rd September 1862, No 6382, was to ascertain whether mechanical arrangements can with advantage be made in the Huzur Taluk Treasuries to facilitate the transaction of business on the Cheque system.

From G. L. MORRIS, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vellum, 12th November 1862, No. 427.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 23rd September last, No. 6,382, I have the honor to state that so far as this District is concerned, I cannot perceive how the system of paying cheques by means of counters, &c., would be advantageous.

2. The buildings at present used as Treasuries are not at all adapted for any such arrangements as would be requisite, and I do not think that the disbursement of money would in any way be more expeditiously effected under the counter system than at present.

Exd. J. Wright.

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From A. P. HODGSON, Esq., Acting Collector of South Canara, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Hosadroog, 14th November 1862, No. 127.

With reference to the Miscellaneous Circular of the Board dated 23rd September last, No. 6,382, I have the honor to state that the plan suggested by Government is in my opinion quite practicable, and could easily be carried out at my Treasury.

Encl. J. Wright.

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No. 7,530.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th November 1862.

Read the following letter from E. B. FOORD, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 7th November 1862, No. 273:—

With reference to the Miscellaneous Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 23rd September 1862, No. 6,382, I have the honor to inform you that under the existing circumstances. I do not find any objection to the introduction of Cheque system as suggested by Government in their Order of date the 15th September 1862, No. 1,993.

The Acting Collector has misunderstood the object of the reference which was to ascertain whether the introduction into his Treasury of counters and other mechanical appliances usual in Europe would facilitate the despatch of business under the Cheque system.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To E. B. Foord, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District.

Exd. J. Wright.

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1862 Department.

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 17th November 1862.

No. 7,530.

Explaining the object of the Board's reference respecting the introduction of the Cheque system.

No 7,558.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 18th November 1862.

Read the following letter from G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd November 1862, No. 126:—

With reference to your letter dated 23rd September 1862, No. 6,332, regarding the Establishment of Banks at the Huzur Treasury, I have the honor to state that it would greatly aid my inquiries, and subsequent report, if I could be furnished with a little more information as to the extent to which the intended project is to be carried out; and whether it is to be purely for public transactions, or to include also private banking.

The Acting Collector has evidently misunderstood the reference which was merely to ascertain whether in his opinion the introduction into the Treasury of counters and other mechanical appliances, would facilitate the transaction of business under the Cheque system.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To G. Banbury, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 18th November 1862.

No. 7,558.

Explaining the object of the Circular relative to the introduction into the Treasury of counters and other mechanical appliances.

From E. B. FOORD, Esq, Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 26th November 1862, No. 294.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 17th instant, No. 7,530, explaining the object of the Board's reference respecting the introduction of the cheque system in Treasuries, I have the honor to state that I do not feel competent to give an opinion on the subject, as I am entirely unacquainted with the system of counters and other mechanical appliances usual in Banks in Europe. If however the Board are of opinion that the system in force in the Bank of Madras can be introduced with advantage into Treasuries in the Provinces, I see no objection thereto.

Ed. J. Wright.

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From J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 28th November 1862, No. 507.

With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular dated the 23rd September 1862, No. 6,382, circulating for report the suggestion of Government for adapting the District Treasuries like Banks, to carry out Cheque payments by means of counters and other arrangements, I have the honor to state that as the Bank system referred to is not known here, I do not advocate the change.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 7,016.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th December 1862.

Read the following letter from the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd November 1862, No. 246:—

With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular dated the 23rd September last, No. 6,382, I have the honor to state that the only Departments which draw money through the Huzur and Taluk Treasuries in this District by means of cheques are the Public Works Department and the Judicial Department. The sums drawn by these Departments are so limited that no inconvenience whatever is experienced in cashing the cheques under the present system. I should wish however to be furnished with a copy of the Honorable Mr. Pelly's letter referred to in the Board's Proceedings to enable me to answer the question more fully.

The Collector is informed that the letter in question has little reference to the cheque system, and would not aid him in forming his opinion on the point referred.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To Honorable D. Arbuthnott, Collector of Salem.

Exd. J. Wright.

1862 Department.

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 4th December 1862.

No. 7,916.

Stating that the Honorable Mr Pelly's letter has little reference to the cheque system and would not aid the Collector in forming an opinion on the point referred.

No. 7,944.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 5th December 1862.

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 22nd November 1862, No. 239:—

I have the honor to request that I may be further informed as to the arrangements the suggestion in paragraph 5 of Government Order dated 15th September last, No. 1,993, would involve. I do not wish to trouble the Board with unnecessary propositions or discussion, and until I know more fully what scheme is proposed, I am unable to pass any opinion as to its applicability here.

Vide Proceedings of Board dated 23rd September 1862, No. 6,382.

The Government desire to know whether in the Collector's opinion the working of the Cheque system in his District would be facilitated by the introduction into his Treasury of the mechanical arrangements, counters, &c., in use in Banks in Europe.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To G. A. Ballard, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

From G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Gudalur, 8th January 1863, No. 3.

1. With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. 6,382, dated 23rd September last, and Proceedings dated 5th ultimo, No. 7,944, I have the honor to observe that payments of Cheques and Currency Notes "by means of counters and other arrangements" would, in my opinion, greatly facilitate business in the Treasuries.

2. The following practice has obtained in this District since the introduction of the Cheque system.

3. The Executive Officer in forwarding his monthly letter of credit to this Office, notifies the sums required to be drawn against it from each of the local Treasuries, when orders are issued to the Treasury Officers concerned to cash Cheques drawn by the Executive Officer to the extent of the sums indicated. This course has been found to work satisfactorily.

Bkd. J. Wright.

1862. Department.

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 5th December 1862.

No. 7,944.

Explaining the object of the reference respecting the introduction of the Cheque system.

From V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th January 1863, No. 20.

In reply to the Circular Miscellaneous No. 6,332 of the Board dated the 23rd September 1862, I have the honor to report that the present arrangement for paying money in the Treasury is exceedingly inconvenient, and that I could arrange across the front of the Treasury room in which the Treasurer and Shroffs sit a counter with drawers at which the Shroffs and Gomastahs could be seated which would facilitate the payment and receipt of money at an expense of about 120 Rupees.

Exd. J. Wright.

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From A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th April 1863, No. 51.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Miscellaneous, No. 6,382 of the 23rd September last, circulating for report the suggestion of Government, that Treasuries be adapted like Banks to carry out Cheque payments by means of counters, &c., I have the honor to state, that there will be no difficulty in introducing the said arrangement into the several Treasuries of this District, and that in my opinion such a measure will prove beneficial.

2. If authorized to do so, an estimate of the probable expenses attendant on fitting up the several Treasuries for the introduction of this system, will be prepared and forwarded.

Ed. J. Wright.

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From A. PURVIS, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 24th April 1863, No. 83.

In reply to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular dated 23rd September last, No. 6,382, which I regret should have been so long unanswered, I have the honor to state that the rooms at present used for the Treasury in this Office are not of sufficient size to admit of arrangements in the way of counters, &c., being conveniently carried out. The Shroffs of the present generation are more at their ease and work quicker sitting on the ground than they would sitting a chair an to a counter.

Exd. J. Wright.

From J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vonkaram, 29th April 1863, No. 64.

1. In accordance with your Official Memorandum dated 24th April, No. 273, I have the honor to reply to the Board's Circular dated 23rd September 1862, No. 6,382, on the fitting up of counters to the District Treasuries, which I was under the mistaken impression had been replied to by Mr. Banbury.

2. I am not of opinion that any advantage will be obtained by fitting up counters, as they are unsuited to native habits, and the existing Treasuries, both in the Taluks and Huzur are quite unfitted for their reception.

Exd. J. Wright.

From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq, Secretary to Board of Revenue, dated Chotterpoor, 9th May 1863, No. 85.

1. With reference to the Board's Circular of the 23rd September last, No. 6,382, requiring me to report on the practicability of carrying out, by means of counters and other arrangements, the recently introduced plan of the Cheque system, I have the honor to state that although the paying offices of the Huzur and Taluk Treasuries are small and generally crowded, still the introduction of rails and counters will certainly be an improvement, which, however, I should add, will entail a little expense as short verandahs will have to be thrown out to shelter the Cheques payees.

2. In the adoption of counters it would be well to recollect that it is the universal practice of Shroffs and others in the Mofussil to sit on the floor and perform their work. This custom should be well considered before the innovation of high forms be made involving the sudden abandonment of a peculiar posture by those who are to make use of them in paying cheques.

3. Should the Board and Government determine on the introduction of the new system, I request that I may be favored with a plan or sketch of the counter and rails selected to enable me to have the articles made up speedily at the Aska Factory.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 2,979.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 20th May 1863.

Read the following letter from the Honorable R. S. ELLIS, C. B, Acting Collector of Madras, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 5th May 1863, No. 145 :—

With reference to the Board's Circular, Miscellaneous No. 6,332, dated 23rd September last, I am of opinion that the cheque system of payments by means of counters will prove successful, and will be a great improvement upon the present system of payment by written orders in duplicate.

The Board doubt whether the Collector has rightly understood the Government suggestion, which is that the Treasuries should be *fitted up with counters* like a Bank Office.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To Honorable R. S. Ellis, C. B., Collector of Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

1863. Department

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 20th May 1863.

No. 2,979.

Observing that the Collector has not rightly understood the Government suggestion that the Treasuries should be fitted up with counters like a Bank Office.

From the Honorable R. S. ELLIS, C. B., Collector of Madras, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 26th May 1863, No. 190.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th May 1863, No. 2,979, I have the honor to report that the building set apart for the use of the Treasury in this Office is too small to admit of its being fitted up with counters like a Bank Office.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 4,379.

From W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

To J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

W. Hudleston

Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras,
17th July 1863.

To the Secretary to Government, R. D., with a file of replies.

Copy to All Collectors.

Exd. J. Wright.

Pro. 15 Sept 62 No 278-27

Rev. 1863. Department.
From Govt for July
No. 1727.

From the Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To the Secretary to Government, R. D.

Dated 17th July 1863.
Despatched 21st
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No. 4,379.

Submitting, with the Board's remarks, a file of the replies of the Collector to the Board's Circular on the subject of the introduction of counters into the Huzur and Taluk Treasuries.

No. 1392 - 27th July
With an Order

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From Govt
27th July 1863

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Note. Some of the letters
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