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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 144 Press Mis.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd January 1863.

No. 281. Read the following letter from R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 16th January 1863, No. 43/5 :—

SIR,

1. On the 12th March 1860, the Accountant General with the sanction of Government by Circular No. 2,243, instructed all Officers in charge of Treasuries to procure the adjustment of advances made by them within a period of six months at the latest from the date of disbursement. In accordance with these instructions, the Deputy Collectors in charge of the District Treasuries make frequent requisitions for the speedy adjustment of the various advances made to this Department. These requisitions are complied with as far as possible by the Deputy Directors, though delay is occasionally unavoidable. The Officer in charge of the Kistna Treasury has lately informed my Deputy in that District, that the rules have now been made still more stringent, and that he has received strict orders from the Accountant General to allow no advances to remain unadjusted beyond a period of three months.

2. As it is simply impossible for the advances made to the Settlement Department for the erection of boundary pillars, and other similar purposes to be adjusted within the period prescribed, and as the failure so to adjust them will lead to constant correspondence with the Treasury authorities and Account Department, I have the honor to request that the Government will be pleased in the case of the Settlement Department, to sanction a slight deviation from the rules in question, and to extend to one year the period allowed for the adjustment of the advances made to it.

3. On the receipt from the Treasury of an advance for boundary pillars, the Settlement Officer has to make small advances from it, to numerous contractors and work-people scattered all over the country; the pillars have to be built in thousands of different spots, and small payments have to be made to hundreds of individuals for materials, labor and superintendence. The adjustment of so many small accounts necessarily takes up some time. Occasionally also the erection of the pillars in a village is delayed owing to the non-settlement of boundary disputes. On the completion of each Talook, and as soon as the accounts can be prepared, bills for the actual expenditure in it are submitted for the sanction of the Board of Revenue under Government Order, dated 31st July 1861, No. 1,523.

4. The Government may be assured that no delay that can possibly be helped is allowed to occur in the adjustment of these advances, and I trust they will not object to sanction my present proposal, which is made solely with the view of avoiding unnecessary trouble and correspondence.

No. 282. ORDER THEREON, 23rd January 1863, No. 144.

Referred to the Accountant General for report.

(Signed.) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

of the Board of Revenue under Government Order
dated 31st July 1861 No. 1823.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
R Mack
Offg. Director of Revenue Settlement

To
H. Sconce Esqre.
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St George.

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To,
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Requesting for reasons as stated that a slight deviation from the rules in regard to the periods within which advances should be adjusted may be sanctioned in the case of the Settlement Department.

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