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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 17th August 1863.

No. 162. Read the following letter from R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 30th July 1863, No. 4,779:—

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of Proceedings of Government, dated 12th December 1862, No. 2,595, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to report that, after consultation with the Collectors of the Districts marginally noted, the Board are of opinion that the rules for granting copies of public papers to private persons should provide for furnishing such copies in the Subordinate District Offices, as well as in the Collector's Office, though the responsibility for granting them should still remain with the Collector.

Malabar. Coimbatore. Salem. North Arcot. Madras.

2. The Board would therefore propose that Sub-Collectors, Head-Assistant Collectors, Deputy Collectors in special charge, and Tahsildars, should be permitted to give authenticated copies of documents on their records, provided that the documents relate to that portion of the District which is under their immediate charge, and that in all cases the permission of the Collector be first obtained, except when the application is made by parties in Revenue and Magisterial cases for the copy of a final order passed by the Officer to whom the application is addressed, in which case no reference to the Collector would be needed.

3. The Board believe that the system now proposed would obviate the delay and consequent inconvenience, which unavoidably ensues from the existing rule that copies of documents on the Talook records shall be given only through the Collector's Office.

4. The Board, however, consider that the Subordinate Offices should be governed by the same rules for securing correct and well executed copies as the Collector's Office. In the Sub-Collector's and the Tahsildar's Offices, the duties assigned under the rules to the Treasury Deputy Collector might be performed by the Sub-division and the Talook Serishtadars respectively. In the Head Assistant's and the Deputy Collector's Offices the Head of the Department should himself undertake these duties, except that in the case of Vernacular documents the Head Assistant might require his Head Clerk to certify to the correctness of the copy. The Board would also recommend that a Memorandum should be transmitted for the information of the Collector every month from each Subordinate Office to the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, showing the number of applications for copies received; the number complied with; the number refused; the number given; the amount of fees collected, and the amount paid to Copyists and Examiners; the names of Copyists and Examiners employed, and whether they are passed Candidates.

5. I am directed to submit for the information of Government the accompanying tabulated abstract of the replies made by the Collectors above referred to, including a letter from the Collector of Madras, proposing as a special case that his Sub-Collector, Mr. Banbury, be permitted to grant copies at Chingleput.

No. 163. ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1863, No. 1,514.

The Board's proposals are sanctioned. They will be good enough to revise the rules accordingly, submitting a draft of them to Government before circulation to the Collectors.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Replies of the Collectors of Malabar, Coimbatore, Salem, North Arcot and Madras, on the subject of paragraph 2 of Proceedings of Government, 12th December 1862, No. 2,595.

District.	Officers.	Documents.	Remarks.
Malabar.	Tahsildars and Subordinate Officers.	Petitions, Magisterial & Revenue. Proceedings do. do. Orders do. do. Extract from Diaries, Register of Lands (Section 213, Act VIII of 1859, annual settlement accounts.)	On production of extract from Diary of competent Court calling for such copies, unless in cases where Sub-Officers may be specially empowered to grant copies.
Coimbatore.	Tahsildars and Subordinate Officers.	Final Orders and Sentences in Magisterial cases. Proceedings in do. Extract from Register of Land referred to in Section 213 of Civil Procedure Code. Kazeenamahs for transfer of Puttahs. Jodi do. relinquishing lands. Durkastnamahs, or applications for do. Proceedings in Revenue matters.	To be given to prisoners without delay. To be given only with the sanction, or other Officer to whom Tahsildar may be subject. It is not the sanction of Collector that delays, but the sending documents to a distance to be copied.
Salem.	Tahsildars and Sub-Officers. Sub, Head Assistant and Deputy Collectors.	Decisions passed by Tahsildars or Sub-Officers in Revenue and Magisterial Departments. All papers on their own records, or on the records of the Tahsildars subordinate to them.	This is the practice of the District: need not extend the power. Had this power before the new rules. Desirable to have this power now also for the public convenience, and to save Collector additional work.
North Arcot.	Tahsildar and Sub-Officers. Sub-Collectors.	Extract from Land Registers, Cultivation and other accounts. Decisions in Magisterial and Revenue cases.	When supported by order of Court. To parties as well as prisoner.
Madras.	Tahsildars and Subordinate Officers. Sub-Collector.	Decisions in Revenue and Magisterial cases passed by themselves. All other papers, on application to Collector or Magistrate. All documents connected with the Sub-division without a reference to the Collector.	

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I have the honor to be,
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R. A. Dalyell

Sub-Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras,
30th July 1863.

Rd. J. Wright.

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To The Secretary to Government R. D.

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No. 4,779.

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No. 762 & 763.

No 1574 - 17 Augt

With an Order.

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Fort St George
17th Augt 1863

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