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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Minute by the Honorable the President

In one of the printed copies of the proceedings of the Gov^t forwarded to me since I came to Bangalore I remarked that the Secretary for Public Works had brought under the consideration of Government some transactions connected with a contract for the supply of timber to Kellor. The matter however was evidently not ripe for decision, and it was necessary to refer it back again for some explanation. I have no remarks to make upon the particular case, but I must observe that the time of Gov^t is wasted, the mass of paper, and

and printing necessarily
increased when papers are
brought up by the Secretaries
in a state which will not per-
mit the Govern^t to make a
final order upon them.

In the particular case
in question the Secretary ought
to have returned the Paper to
the Officer who transmitted them
with directions to procure the
necessary information - he would
then have been able to bring
the whole subject before the
Gov^t in a complete form. I
have observed that the habit of
bringing forward matters in
an incomplete state is more
common in the Depart^t of
P. Works than in the other
Depart^ts but it is too common
in all, and it would in my
opinion

opinion shorten and simplify
the proceedings of the Gov^t if
Instructions were given to all
the Secretaries to make all the
necessary references to the differ-
ent Depart^ts and to submit nothing
to the Gov^t which is not, so far
as the necessary data are available,
in a position to be decided upon.

It may be that there are
some rules as to matters address-
ed to the Secretary, Gov^t which
compel these officers to take
the orders of Gov^t upon such.
but these might be modified
without any difficulty or
risk and to the great advantage
of the service. -

July 12th Signed W. B.

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