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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 9 — 8 — 1864.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th August 1864.

No. 144. Read the following letter from R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Civil Paymaster, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort Saint George, 1st August 1864, No. 85:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor, with reference to paragraph 2 of Supreme Government Order No. 1,139, dated 6th July 1864, to point out that the Notifications now published by this Office are in lieu of Circulars which were formerly issued.

2. These Circulars, on receipt of an Order from the Government of India, were at once sent out without any reference to the Local Government, and I therefore submit that the issue of a Notification in the same way under the present system is but a continuance of a practice of long standing, and that I could not possibly have surmised that any objection would be taken to what I did, more especially as in the case of the letter to me as Civil Paymaster, Bombay, No. 5,840, dated 13th May 1861, a precisely similar course was followed without a single objection being raised by Government.

3. I further beg to point out that every Notification is seen by the Secretary to Government before publication, as is evident by the fact that the Notification I proposed to issue was not permitted to be published, and has never appeared in the Government Gazette. In point of fact therefore the Notifications of this Office pass through Government.

No. 86.

True Copy forwarded to the Secretary to Government (Revenue Department) of Madras for information.

2nd August 1864. (Signed) R. W. LODWICK, *Civil Paymaster.*

No. 145. ORDER THEREON, 9th August 1864, No. 1,429.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government of India will be informed that the statement in paragraph 3 of Mr. Lodwick's letter, is not correct.

2. Mr. Lodwick will understand that he is solely responsible for all Notifications published by him in the Gazette, except by express order of the Government.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Civil Paymaster,

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

True Copy forwarded to the Secy. to Govt. of Madras for information.—
2nd August 1864.—
Lodwick
Civil Paymaster

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
9th August 1864.

No. 1,430.

No. 146.

From

J. D. SIM, Esq.,
Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

The Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department.

Miscellaneous.

(Copy received by Government, 4th instant.)

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 3 of the letter addressed to the Government of India by the Civil Paymaster and dated 1st August 1864, No. 85, I am directed to state that Mr. Lodwick's assertion that *every* Notification of his is seen by the Secretary to Government before publication, and that in point of fact his Notifications pass through Government does not convey a correct representation of the facts of the case.

2. Mr. Lodwick sends his Notifications *direct* to the Superintendent of the Press, who sends the proofs *direct* to him for correction, and then inserts them in the Gazette. From first to last no reference is made to any of the Secretaries to Government.

3. Before the Gazette is finally issued from the Press a copy is sent to the Secretaries, each of whom looks over the Notifications issued from his own Department. As the Gazette is not thus circulated until about 4 P.M., and has to be struck off in time for despatch the same evening, it would be impossible for them to read through the whole Gazette.

4. Nor is this their duty, each Officer being answerable only for what he sends to the Gazette.

5. The particular Notification alluded to, happened to attract attention; but others regarding which references have subsequently been made to the Government of India (*ex. gr. vide* paragraph 7, letter to Supreme Government, dated 7th ultimo, No. 1,179), have been passed unnoticed.

6. Of course when an erroneous or even doubtful Notification is observed its publication is suspended, as was done in this instance, until the orders of Government can be taken on the subject.

7. It will be seen from the above that Mr. Lodwick's Notifications do *not* pass through the Government in the sense implied in his letter, nor can the Government in any way assent to his attempt to relieve himself of the responsibility for his own Notifications. The plan of publishing Notifications instead of issuing Circulars has much to recommend it, on the score of economy and as lessening the weights of the Mails; but the Government and their Secretaries are not answerable for the Notifications any more than for the Circulars. The Board of Revenue, the Accountant General, and other heads of Departments, Civil and Military, make use of the Gazette in this way, on their own responsibility and with much public advantage.

8. The Government regret to be obliged thus to take up the time of the Government of India; but Mr. Lodwick's obvious insinuation leaves them no option.

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

True Copy forwarded to the Secy. to Govt. of Madras (Rev. Dept.) for information.—
Civil Paymaster.

No. 85.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
CIVIL PAYMASTER'S OFFICE
1st August 1864.

From

THE CIVIL PAYMASTER,
Fort Saint George.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT *of India*
Financial DEPARTMENT

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I have the honor with reference to *para 2 of Supreme* Government Order No. *1139* dated 6th July 1864, to *point out that the Notifications now published by this Office are in lieu of Circulars which were formerly issued.*—

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

Signed P. W. Ledwick.—
Civil Paymaster.

No. 86.

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Rec.d 1864 - Oct.r 8th
Prog.s Letter 6th August
From No. 2034

The Civil Paymaster
Fort St.t George

To

The Secretary to Government
of India

Dated 1st
Rec.d 4th } August 18th

No. 85

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Affords explanation with
reference to para 2. of Supreme
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With an order

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