

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th April 1861.*

No. 81. Read the following letter from E. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Acting Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, Madras, dated Fort William, the 1st March 1861, No. 1,151 :—

Sir,

1. Have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 292, dated 14th December 1863, forwarding a batch of your Circular Notifications, published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette*, from No. 1 to No. 65, and explaining why you had failed to furnish this Department with the usual number of copies of each Notification as it was published.

2. In regard to Notification, No. 3, dated 4th June 1863, I am directed to observe that before its issue, a reference should have been made to this Department. Resolution, No. 84, dated 12th August 1862, permitting the "fees for stamping weights and measures" to be formed into a Local Fund, was virtually cancelled by the more recent one of 11th February 1863, which is applicable to all India, and by which the "fees" were directed to be credited to XV. "Miscellaneous" as a portion of the general revenues. His Excellency in Council, therefore, desires that you will cancel the Notification under reference, and that information as to the necessary alterations may be sent.

3. Respecting the charges for stamping weights and measures, (the estimated amount of which you will also communicate), the attention of the Government of Madras will be called to paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Resolution first quoted in the preceding paragraph, and their early reply requested as to whether the ordinary establishments of Tahsildars will not be sufficient to conduct the duty of stamping, in addition to their proper duties, or temporary establishments might not be entertained for two or three months in the year, in lieu of the present permanent ones.

4. The Governor General in Council also views your Circular Notification, No. 37, dated 22nd September 1863, as undesirable. The submission of monthly Statements of cash recoveries of unadjusted charges may be avoided by the insertion of this requisite information in the credit entries of the recoveries in the Treasury Accounts themselves, as the monthly recoveries of each Treasury cannot be so numerous as to require separate Statements of particulars. I am also desired to direct your attention to the present number of District Returns received by you, monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, and annually, in view to its reduction to the possible relief of Treasury Officers, without at the same time subjecting your Office to unavoidable inconvenience. It should be observed that the less the number of Returns required from them, the more punctual would be their submission.

Copy to the Government of Madras, for the reply required in paragraph 3.

(Signed) T. PEACHEY,

Principal Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 82. ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1861, No. 573.

1. The Board of Revenue are requested to submit a Statement showing the receipts and charges on account of stamping weights and measures for the first nine months of the current official year, the return for the Presidency town being kept distinct.

2. They will also state what arrangements they have made under paragraph 3, G. O. 26th February 1863, No. 410, for extending the Madras system to other Districts.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Angustin.

FROM E. H. LUSHINGTON, Esquire,

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E. H. LUSHINGTON,

Secretary to the Government of India.

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[Exd. H. D. Bynack.]

Thomas Bynack

