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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2064 Press Mls.

13-14

Dated 1—9— 1865.

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No. 13. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th August 1865, No. 4,696.

Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 15th July 1865, No. 197:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the concluding paragraph of Board's Proceedings, dated 10th May 1865, No. 2,398, I have the honor to state that I do not consider the retention of the Special Establishment for the Registration of Title Deeds any longer necessary.

2. The Deputy Collector of Madras is of opinion that it ought to be retained; but I do not agree with him, as I consider that all the work the establishment has hitherto been engaged in will now be done by the new Registration Department, under Act XVI. of 1864. The Deputy Collector is desirous also to have all transfers, &c., of land in Madras registered in his office, but as there is no law to enforce this, it is not likely that people would voluntarily do that which will necessitate double trouble and double fees, but it will be advisable that the same notice, viz., thirty days, that is now given may be given by the new Registration Department before any transaction is registered by them, and prevent thereby the fraudulent transfers that would otherwise occur in the minutely divided house property of the town of Madras.

3. I would suggest, however, that the new Registration Department be required to furnish copies of all transfers registered in their Office to the Deputy Collector of Madras, to enable him to know from whom to demand the quit-rent.

4. Although an establishment for registering is no longer required, a small establishment, as per margin, will still be necessary to register and fill in Title Deeds under the Frechold Rules, for registering cantonment grants, and also for measuring lands and drawing plans, &c. I therefore beg the Board will obtain the sanction of Government for my entertaining the number now required from out of the old establishment.

	Rs.
1 Clerk	30
1 Gumashta	15
1 Maistry	14
2 Lascars	14
1 Peon	7
	80

5. A statement shewing the operations of the Registry Department for the year ending 30th April 1865, is enclosed.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT shewing the amount of fees collected under several heads, and the cost of the Establishment in the Registration Department.

Period.	COLLECTIONS.					COST OF ESTABLISHMENT.			DIFFERENCE.	
	Fees on Certificates.	Fees on Transfers.	Fees of Ministers.	Total of Columns 2, 3, and 4.	Fees on mort.' deeds registered.	Pay of Fixed Establishment.	Fees of Ministers.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	10	11	12
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
May 1864 to April 1865.	83 0 0	278 0 0	607 0 0	968 0 0	214 0 0	2,656 0 0	203 0 0	2,859 0 0	1,049 0 0	— — —
May 1863 to April 1864.	40 0 0	321 0 0	765 0 0	1,126 0 0	422 0 0	2,356 0 0	377 0 0	2,933 0 0	791 0 0	— — —
Difference...	43 0 0	43 0 0	148 0 0	158 0 0	208 0 0	— — —	74 0 0	74 0 0	258 0 0	— — —

(Signed) E. G. R. FANE, Collector.

STUDPET,
15th July 1865.

1. Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

2. In their Proceedings, dated 10th May 1865, No. 2,398, the Board inquired of the Collector of Madras whether it is still necessary to maintain the special establishment sanctioned for the registration of Title Deeds at a monthly cost of Rupees 213, as all sales, transfers, and mortgages of landed property are now registered in the Registrar General's Office under Act XVI. of 1864. In the letter recorded at the head of these Proceedings the Collector states that the retention of the establishment is no longer necessary, as he considers that all the works the establishment has hitherto been engaged in will now be done by this new Registration Department. He, however, thinks that a small establishment will still be necessary to register and fill in Title Deeds under the Freehold Rules, for registering cantonment grants and also for measuring lands and drawing plans, &c., and he accordingly proposes a small establishment at a monthly cost of Rupees 80.

	Rs.
1 Clerk	30
1 Maistry...	15
2 Lascars, at 7 Rupees	14
1 Peon	7
	66

The Board do not think that, in addition to the Clerk on 30 Rupees, a Gumashta on 15 Rupees necessary. The Board accordingly request that sanction may be granted for the establishment noted in the margin, at a monthly cost of Rupees 66 in lieu of that sanctioned by Government in their Order, dated 15th February 1862, No. 337. The saving effected in this item is Rupees 147 a month.

3. The Collector suggests that the notice of thirty days should be given by the new Registration Department before any transaction is registered by them, but this is a point for the consideration of Government. The Board request that the Registrar General may be instructed to furnish copies of all transfers registered in his office to the Deputy Collector of Madras, to enable him to know from whom to demand the quit-rent.

4. The Collector submits a Statement shewing the operation of the Registry Department for the year ending 30th April 1865, which should have been forwarded with a separate letter. The collections amount to Rupees 1,810, or Rupees 332 less than those of the previous year, but the expenditure being Rupees 2,859-8-0, the excess over the income is Rupees 1,049-8-0.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1865, No. 2,064.

Land Revenue.

1. Referred to the Registrar General for remark.

2. Referred also to the Government Solicitor for any remarks he may wish to offer on the proposed discontinuance of the Registry in the Collector's Office, as the Government are aware that Mr. Boyson had recently opportunity for forming a decided opinion on the value of the Registers there maintained, and which are probably very different in object and arrangement from those of the Registrar General's Office.

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3. The Government Solicitor will at the same time be requested to remind the Advocate General of the call made on him for his opinion as to the provision to be made for cases of sub-division of lands held under the old demise for 99 years, and as to the proposal to vest the Collector of Madras with powers of forcible entry to distrain for arrears of quit-rent.

4. The Government are anxious to dispose of this matter, and desire to receive the Advocate General's opinion at an early date.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Revenue Department

No. 2064.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 1st August 1865.

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board of
Revenue.

Submitting letter from the Collr of Madras, and requesting sanction for entertaining a small establishment at a monthly cost of Rs 66 in lieu of the special establishment sanctioned for the Registration of Title Deeds, and desiring that the Registrar General be instructed to furnish copies of all transfers of lands registered in his office to the Deputy Collector.

(Were entered 4th August 1865 Regd 24 Jy)

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14 " Board of Rev

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Pro of the Madras Govt

Dt 1st September 1865

From the Registrar General

of Assurances Dt December 1865

From the Secy to the Board
of Rev Dt 17 April 1866 No 1107

Pro of the Board of Rev
Dt 17 July 1866 No 2214

No 13 & 14

Referring to the Registrar
General and Govt Solicitor
for report the Pro Board of
Revenue regarding the pro
maintenance of the special
establishment for Registra-
tion of Title Deeds.