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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th September 1865.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 78. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd April 1865,
No. 1,810.

Read again the Government Order, dated 26th July 1864, No. 1,325.

Read also do. 3rd October „ „ 1,821.

1. In their first Order above recorded, the Government called for explanation on some points regarding the Receipts and Charges on account of the Stamping Fee Fund in certain Districts, for the first nine months of the past official year 1863-64. The Board reported on the subject in their Proceedings, dated 29th August 1864, No. 5,568, and called for further information from Collectors. This information has now been supplied, and will be submitted to Government agreeably to the instructions contained in the second Order recorded above.

2. The Government have noticed the large expenditure in excess of income in North Arcot and Madura. In the former District there was no stamping in 1863-64, the Acting Collector, Mr. Fraser, having put a stop to it. He considered that unless an Act was introduced making the use of any but the Madras Standard penal, the stamping of the present local Weights and Measures was pernicious as tending to increase the number of Weights and Measures in use. Though the Board differed from him on this point, they did not press their proposal for stamping in opposition to his opinion as local head of the District. The Establishment maintained at the latter end of 1862-63 was, however, paid for in the beginning of 1863-64 from the surplus collections of the previous year, and a charge therefore appeared in the Accounts of 1863-64.

3. In the Statement furnished by the Accountant General, the charge in the Madura District, on account of Stamping Establishments for nine months of 1863-64, was given as Rupees 1,583-13-0. It appears from the Collector's letter that the actual charge on that account for the whole year 1863-64 was only Rupees 306-15-2, but of the sum set down as charges by the Accountant General the greater portion was expended in forming a lake at Kodikannel, and in placing mile stones on some of the District roads. A sum of more than 1,330 Rupees appears to have been spent on these works in the two years 1862-63 and 1863-64, out of the surplus of the Stamping Fee Fund, as already noticed in the Local Fund Reports of those years. The Board desired that the sum thus appropriated should be made good from the District Road Fund, but the Collector stated his inability to do so, and as the whole surplus remaining on 30th April 1864 was in any case to be transferred to the credit of the District Road Fund, the Board did not think it necessary to insist on the transfer.

4. As regards the small returns in the five Districts noted in the margin, the Collectors of Vizagapatam and Kistna Districts state, that the system of stamping measures was only introduced in the

Vizagapatam.	Tinnevely.
Kistna.	Salem.

past year, and was confined to a single town in each of these Districts. The Collector of the latter District also reports that the Establishment which had been entertained at Palnad was discontinued under the orders from the late Acting Collector, Mr. Fraser, until the Standard Measures which were indented for by

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him should be received. In Tinnevelly the small amount of receipts is attributed to the system of stamping having been brought into operation throughout the District only in the middle of October 1863, previous to which it was confined to the town of Tinnevelly. In Salem, the refusal of the people of Darampuri Talook to have their measures and weights stamped is given as the chief reason for the income being small. As there is reason to suppose from the disinclination of the residents to have their measures stamped that they are incorrect as to capacity, the Board have requested the Collector to call the special attention of the Police Superintendent to the subject in this locality.

5. As it appears from the letter received from the Collector of South Arcot, that the fees collected during nine months of 1863-64 aggregate Rupees 654-12-10, and that the cost of the Establishment for the same period amounted to Rupees 127-4-5, leaving a surplus of Rupees 527-8-5, which sum was incorrectly given by the Accountant General as the income of the nine months, leaving the column of expenditure blank. The Collector probably entered the net receipts of each month in the Statement furnished to the Accountant General, which may have led to the mistake.

6. Having thus afforded the explanation called for by the Government on the several points, it only remains for the Board to request that the Tabular Statement of the Stamping Establishment forwarded with the Board's Proceedings, dated 29th August 1864, No. 5,568, and recorded in the second order of Government quoted at the head of these Proceedings, may be submitted for the sanction of the Supreme Government, including the two extra Stamping Establishments for Madura, at a monthly cost of 20 Rupees each, applied for in the Board's Proceedings, dated 27th February 1865, No. 1,164. The amount requiring sanction inclusive of this last item will be Rupees 877 per month, or 10,524 per annum.

No. 79. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd May 1865.
Read Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 10th April 1865, No. 775.

1. Communicated to the Collector of Madura, who will, with reference to paragraph 4 of the Order, submit further explanation as to the necessity for the permanent employment of the additional Establishments applied for by him for stamping Weights and Measures at Ramnad and Dindigul. The Madura District consists only of six Talooks, and the two permanent itinerating Establishments already recommended, as in other Districts, might probably be sufficient, if the Weights and Measures in Ramnad and Dindigul, which the Collector states to be incorrect and in confusion, be once corrected and put on a proper footing. The Collector is accordingly requested to state whether the temporary employment of the two additional Establishments would answer the purpose, and if so, for what period their services would be necessary. An early reply is requested.

2. Adverting to paragraph 5 of the Order, the Board would refer the Government to the explanation afforded in paragraph 3 of their Proceedings, dated 3rd April 1865, No. 1,810.

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No. 80. Official Memorandum from the Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 8th May 1865, No. 446.

1. With reference to the Official Memorandum from the Revenue Secretary to Government, under date the 28th April 1865, No. 76, the undersigned has the honor to submit the following revised Statement of Receipts and Charges on account of stamping Weights and Measures for the first nine months of the official year 1863-64:—

Districts.	Receipts.	Charges.
	RS.	RS.
Vizagapatam	42	31
Kistna	149	141
Madras District	1,018	1,020
North Arcot	11	194
South Arcot	655	127
Tanjore	843	547
Madura	836	584
Tinnevelly	160	147
Salem	106	101
Bellary	487	235
Total	4,307	3,127
Town of Madras	4,183	620
Grand Total	8,490	3,747

2. The information required by Government in their Order dated 10th April 1865, No. 775, regarding the two additional Establishments required at Ramnad and Dindigul in Madura, will be submitted as soon as it is received from the Collector, who has been requested to furnish it at an early date.

(By Order,)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL, Sub-Secretary.

No. 81. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th July 1865, No. 3,916.
Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Palani, 1st June 1865, No. 137.

In reply to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,200, dated the 2nd May 1865, I have the honor to report that the service of the two extra Establishments for stamping Weights and Measures are required temporarily for at least one year.

Ordered to be submitted to Government, with reference to paragraph 4 of their Order, dated 10th April 1865, No. 775. As the Collector requires the services of the two extra Stamping Establishments for one year only, the Board request that their entertainment may be sanctioned as temporary Establishments. The cost of this Establishment need not be included in the Tabular Statement submitted to Government with the Board's Proceedings, dated 29th August 1864.

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No. 82. Official Memorandum from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 12th August 1865, No. 724.

With reference to the Official Memorandum from the Acting Revenue Secretary to Government, under date the 22nd July 1865, No. 110, the undersigned has the honor to inform him that in the column "Present Scale" of the Tabular Statement of the Establishments for stamping Weights and Measures returned with the above Memorandum, the cost of the present Establishment was not entered, as it was not regularly sanctioned by Government as a permanent Establishment. The Government sanctioned the Establishments as a temporary measure, as each case was submitted. The original scale was 30 Rupees per mensem for two Stamping Establishments in each District, at the rate of 15 Rupees each, but for Tanjore an Establishment on a different scale has been sanctioned. The column "Present Scale" of the Tabular Statements has been filled up with the information that can be gathered from the Records of this Office, and the Statement is herewith re-transmitted.

(By Order,)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL, Acting Secretary.

No. 83.

ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1865, No. 2,096.

Miscellaneous.

1. Resolved that the Tabular Statement of the Establishments for stamping Weights and Measures in the Districts of this Presidency, re-transmitted with the Board's Memorandum of 12th August 1865 above recorded, be forwarded to the Government of India for sanction.

2. With reference to the Board's Proceedings of 11th July 1865, No. 3,916, also recorded above, the Government sanction the employment of the temporary Establishments marginally* specified for stamping Weights and Measures at Ramnad and Dindigul, in the Madura District, for the period of one year.

* RAMNAD.	
1 Black-smith...	Rupees 7
1 Gumashita...	" 8
Total per mensem...	Rupees 15
* DINDIGUL.	
Same as above...	Rupees 15

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,
the Accountant General

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 5th August 1865.

Read the following papers.

Pro: of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting further information
regarding the Receipts & Charges on an
account of stamping Fee Fund in certain Dis-
tricts, & requesting that the Tabular
Statement of the stamping establish-
ment may be submitted for the
sanction of the Supreme Govt.

(Here enter 3rd April 1865
No. 1810)

Pro: of the Board of Revenue.

Requesting the Collector of
Madura to state whether the tem-
porary employment of the two addi-
tional stamping Establishments applied
for will not suffice, & referring Govt.
to Board's Bro. of 2nd April /65 No. 1810
for explanation of the apparent ex-
cess of expenditure over income in
this District.

(Here enter 2nd May 1865)

From the Sub Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Submitting revised state-
ment of Receipts and Charges
on account of stamping weights
and measures for the first nine
months of the official year 1864/65.

(Here enter 8th May 1865
No. 446)

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Tabular Statement
of the Establishment for
Stamping Weights & Measures
in the Districts of
the Madras Presidency

Pro: of the Board of Revs.

Requesting sanction for
two Extra stamping Establish-
ments for Madras District
temporarily for one year.

(Here enter 11th July 1865 No
3916.)

From the Secy to the
Board of Revenue.

Retransmitting with ex-
planation Tabular statement
of the Establishments for stamp-
ing Weights and measures in the
several Districts.

(Here enter 12th August 1865
No 724.)

Resolved that
the Tabular statement
of the Establishments
for stamping Weights
and Measures in the dis-
tricts of this Presidency
retransmitted with the
Board's Memo of 12th
August 1865 above send,
be forwarded to the
Government of India for
sanction

With reference to
the

Ramnad	Rs
1 Blacksmith	7
1 Gunsmith	8
Total for Ramnad	15
Diindigul	
same as above	Rs 15

the Board's Proceedings
of 11 July 1865 No 3916
also rendered above,
the Govt. sanctions the
employment of the
temporary establish-
ments marginally
specified for stamping
weights and measures
at Ramnad and
Diindigul, in the Madras
district, for the period
of one year.

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