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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 408. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th October 1865, No. 6,407.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tindivanam, 15th September 1865, No. 179 :—

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd July 1864, No. 4,659, communicating the Order of Government, dated 19th July 1864, No. 1,267, sanctioning the entertainment of a temporary establishment at a cost of Rupees 1,254, for arranging the Hoozoor and Talook records of this District, I have the honor to state, that on the receipt of the sanction of Government, clear and detailed instructions were furnished to the Tahsildars of the several Talooks as to the nature and description of the records to be destroyed, and fortnightly reports were called for as to the progress made in the work. The establishment, which was equally distributed among the Talooks, commenced their work on the 16th September 1864, and found full employment during the whole of the sanctioned period. The establishment in the Hoozoor worked under the immediate supervision of the Native Record-keeper, subject to the control of the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury. It will be observed that the quantity of work done is satisfactory, but the Establishment had to be dispensed with before the arrangement was completed. The result of their labors may be briefly summed up as follows.

2. The records of the several years antecedent to Fusly 1269 have been arranged in almost all the Talooks as well as in the Hoozoor Cutcherry. The Talook records generally having been scattered about without any proper arrangement, it was found difficult to select or distinguish useful papers from others, more especially in the Talooks noted in the margin, to which the records of the abolished five Talooks had been removed during their amalgamation in 1860. The records have not been consequently arranged in some of these cases in the consecutive order of the Fusly years to which they appertain, also a small portion of the Vernacular records in the Hoozoor has not been completely arranged. With these exceptions the

	Quantity of paper per Candy.	Value. RS.
Hoozoor Cutcherry ...	22	385
Chellambram ...	3	52
Tindivanam ...	1	17
Villapuram ...	2	35
Ellavanasore ...	3	52
Cuddalore ...	10	175
Virdachellam ...	7	122
Kullacoorchy ...	4	70
Trinomally ...	5	87
	57	995

work entrusted to the special establishment was done satisfactorily, and complete lists have been prepared of such records as were retained for future reference. The marginal statement exhibits the quantity of paper which has been rejected as useless. The value has been estimated at Rupees 995, of which a sum of Rupees 302 has been realized by sale and carried to the credit of Government.

3. I may here remark that the scheme of supplying all paper from Madras will prevent any local sales of refuse records hereafter. Not only do the paper-makers say, "If you won't buy our goods, we won't buy yours;" but they have not sufficient inducement to do so when our custom is withdrawn. I used to be quite

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surprised at the quantity of good paper the manufacturers at Trivandipuram used to bring to the Hoozoor Cutcherry in exchange for the torn up records.

4. In regard, however, to the records for the period subsequent to Fusly 1269, nothing has been done. The arrangement of these records is not a difficult task, and can be undertaken by the ordinary Revenue establishments, except in the large Talooks of Chellambram, Cuddalore, and Tindivanam. In these Talooks and in the Hoozoor the work is heavy, and cannot be performed without additional aid. I request, therefore, that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the entertainment of a small temporary establishment, at an aggregate cost of Rupees 348, for a further period as hereunder specified, and I trust with this establishment to complete the arrangement of the records throughout the District:—

Number.	Talooks.	Number of Gu-mashtas.	Period for which they are to be employed.	Rate of pay to each per month.	Amount of pay.
1	Hoozoor Cutcherry	2	6	12	144
2	Sub-Collector's Office	1	3	12	36
3	Chellambram... ..	1	6	12	72
4	Tindivanam	1	4	12	48
5	Cuddalore... ..	1	4	12	48
		6	23	...	348

5. A sum of Rupees 500 has been provided in the sanctioned Budget of the current year on account of the cost of these establishments, and from this provision the charge, for which sanction is now solicited, can be met.

1. Submitted to Government with reference to Government Order, dated 19th July 1864, No. 1,267.

2. The Government will perceive the whole of the work, for which the temporary establishment at an aggregate cost of 1,254 Rupees was sanctioned, has been completed to the satisfaction of the local authorities, except in the case of the records in the Talooks of Chellambram, Cuddalore, Ellavanasor, and Tindivanam, (to which the records of the five Talooks abolished in 1860 had been transferred,) which have not in some instances been arranged in the consecutive order of the Fuslies to which they belong; and in the case of a small portion of the native records in the Hoozoor which have not been completely arranged.

3. The Acting Collector does not, however, ask for any further assistance in the completion of this work, which the Board hope will be gradually accomplished by the ordinary establishments.

4. The value of the paper rejected, and which will be defaced and sold, is given at Rupees 995, of which Rupees 302 have been already realized. The Acting Collector anticipates some difficulty in disposing of the remaining paper, as the system of purchasing unused paper from the local merchants has been abolished, and the merchants refuse to give cash for the old records. In such cases, the Board would authorize the Collectors to take good paper, at a fair valuation, in

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change for the useless records, making a corresponding reduction in their annual debts on the Stationery Depot.

5. The Acting Collector applies for a temporary establishment, at an aggregate cost of Rupees 348, (which can be met from the Budget estimate of the current year,) for arranging the records of years subsequent to Fusly 1269 in the Talooks of Chellambram, Cuddalore, and Tindivanam, and in the Collector's and Sub-Collector's Offices, as the work to be done is stated to be heavy and impracticable without additional aid.

6. The Board observe that Government have in Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 29th July 1858, the Board's Circular, 9th August 1858, No. 1,061, laid down the rule that all records from Fusly 1267 (1857-58) shall be arranged without any extra expense to the State; but as in the case of the Talooks of Chellambram, Cuddalore, and Tindivanam, the records to be arranged properly consist in great part of those transferred from the abolished Talooks, the Government might perhaps sanction the present application on the Acting Collector submitting a fuller explanation as to the necessity of the extra assistance required.

409. ORDER THEREON, 21st October 1865, No. 2,574.

Miscellaneous.

The arrangements proposed in paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 are sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

the Board of Revenue.
the Accountant General.

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(A true Copy and Extract)

Quarles
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to G. Banbury, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright.

Pro 29 July / 58 No 24-25
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No. 2916.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 10th October 1865.

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22. 162.

No. 6407.

Ch 28594. 21 October

Submitting with remarks letter from the
Acting Collector of South Arcot reporting the
work done by the temporary establishment en-
tertained for the arrangement of the Iluzur
and Police records, and requesting sanction for
a further establishment for the Taluks of Chel-
lamparam, Chudalore and Tindivanam for the
Collector's and Sub Collector's Offices.

No 2087409.

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The arrangement for

proceed in Nos 4-5-86

W. H. are sanctioned -

V. B.

21st Oct / 65.

To the Board of Revenue
to be kept in the hands of the

With an order