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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 15-27 Press ~~Mis.~~

Dated 21- 6- 1866.

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No. 481. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th June 1866, No. 4,052.

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Palmanair, 1st June 1866, No. 140 :—

1. I have the honor, with reference to the Order of Government, dated 21st ultimo, No. 1,201, Revenue Department, to observe in addition to what I have already said on the subject of the two Manuscript Maps therein alluded to, that having for some five or six years had constant opportunities of testing their accuracy in every detail, I have formed the very highest opinion of their value. The Ordnance Maps are a miserable substitute, being faulty in every respect. I could have wished that, in the course of the correspondence, Colonel Boileau had recorded his opinion on the point, as, from his personal knowledge of the District, it would have been entitled to great weight.

Board's Proceedings, dated 25th May 1866.

2. I observe that in the "Order," the cost of lithographing these is set down, instead of Rupees 500, as I am supposing the estimate to be, at Rupees 1,000. There must, I think, be some misapprehension in this, arising possibly out of the letter at the foot of the first page of the Proceedings to which I am replying. In that *the map* is the term employed. But this I take it comprises both sheets, and that construction the Superintending Engineer appears likewise to put on it in the letter immediately following, overleaf. Should the cost of restoration be even Rupees 1,000, the charge should, I submit, be incurred.

3. I still think, with every deference to the Board's opinion, that the charge (particularly if there be any difficulty in getting money from Imperial sources) might not improperly be debited to Local Funds. The worth of the Maps, as a mere Government chattel, bears no sort of proportion to their value as a means of directing measures of local interest and utility. I can only add, in conclusion, that I have felt daily the want of these sheets ever since they left my office.

Submitted to Government, with reference to their Order, dated 21st May 1866, No. 1,201.

No. 482. ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1866, No. 1,527.

Miscellaneous.

The Collector has misapprehended the intention of the Government Order, which was to ascertain whether instead of making a single copy of the Map at a cost of Rupees 500, it would not be advisable to have it lithographed at a cost of Rupees 1,000, when as many copies could be struck off as might be desirable. The Collector will now report on this point.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Pro 21 May 1866 No. 364
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No. 1728.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 13th June 1866.
Rec'd 15 June
Ans'd 16 Do.

No. 4,052.

Submitting letter from Collector of North Arcot reporting that manuscript maps applied for are worth incurring a charge of Rupees 1000 for lithographing them.

No 1527. 21st June
With order

No 481-482