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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 166 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 19—1- 1866.

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No. 326. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st December 1865, No. 7,682.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th Octob[illegible]1865, No. 213 :—

1. With reference to the first para[illegible]ph of the Order of Government, embodied in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 4,317, dated 24th July last, I have the honor to state, that under the head "Temporary Establishment," Rupees* 1,010 were entered in the Budget for the year 1865-66, on account of extra establishment for the arrangement of records, as well as for the extra work in the Press Department; but this sum was not sanctioned.

	Rs.
* Extra Establishment	840
Do. Press	170

2. The sum of Rupees 420, at Rupees 70 a month, the amount required for the temporary establishment for the arrangement of records for six months, from November 1865, to April 1866, might be met from the item of Rupees 500, sanctioned in the current year's Budget; and the remainder, Rupees 420, may be met from the Budget of 1866-67, in which provision will be made for the same.

3. The work of arranging the records was overlooked by the Vernacular Record-keeper, under the immediate supervision of my Treasury Deputy, when my Sheristadar was absent in the District with me on settlement duties. Progress Reports of works done in every week by the temporary establishment were, however, submitted to myself, which, after being checked in my office, were inserted in the District Gazette. The Gumashtas have no doubt worked satisfactorily, but I regret that, owing to the records being in a most confused state, in consequence of their removal in 1861 from Anantapur to Bellary, and subsequently to the Barracks in the Fort, where they were retained till the Record-room was thoroughly repaired; it became necessary for the extra establishment to scrutinize each paper before it could be set aside for sale; hence the period first sanctioned for the purpose was too brief to admit of the work being satisfactorily completed within it.

4. As it was at first intended to meet the cost of the establishment for a further period, from the sale proceeds of useless records, as reported in my letter, No. 66, dated 10th May 1865, *which was addressed previous* to another, No. 70, dated 15th idem, the establishment was not included in the estimate of extra establishment, for the current year.

5. With reference to the remarks in paragraph 4 of the Government Order under reply, I have the honor to state as follows:—

Remarks 1 *and* 5.—The disposal of many important Revenue cases, other than litigations in Civil Courts, very frequently depend on a reference to the copies in question; while little reliance can be placed on the safe custody of the records in the Talooks, where there is no separate Record-keeper employed for the purpose.

Nos. 2, 7, *and* 10.—The statements, &c., referred to in these remarks might be destroyed, but the translations alluded to in Remark No. 3, are the result of much labor, and several of them refer to important orders, &c. These, though of

little use to the present class of Sheristadars, are nevertheless invaluable to many on the Collector's establishment, who do not understand English. The Proceedings of the Board of Revenue or Government in the present day are not translated into the Vernacular, and, therefore, there is no fear of the existing books, which contain them, increasing in bulk; under these circumstances, the books in question might be allowed a small place on the shelf of the Record-room.

Remark No. 4.—The books referred to in this remark are the "Missalbundy books," which contain the names of Mirassidars; and, as such, form very important records relative to the village service, and cannot be spared without causing much inconvenience in the settlement of Mirassi disputes, which are numerous in this District, specially at the time of the annual settlement.

Nos. 8 *and* 9.—Ten years' records of the kind referred to in these remarks will be preserved, and the rest might be destroyed.

Remark No. 11.—As only such of the important Arzis as might prove useful for future references from Fuslies 1247 to 1272 have been retained, and not the whole, as the Government appear to surmise; and as the number of dufters mentioned in this remark will be still further reduced after re-examination; I am of opinion that the Arzis commented on must be retained.

6. With this explanation, which I trust may be satisfactory, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of Government for my re-entertaining the services of the temporary establishment for one year, as requested in my letter recorded in the Proceedings above alluded to; as, by employing them only for six months, as recommended by the Board, the remaining work, which is equal to that now completed, is not likely to be thoroughly accomplished.

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1. Submitted to Government, with reference to their Order, dated 13th July 1865, No. 1,604.

2. Under the further explanation afforded by the Collector, the Board recommend that the establishment be sanctioned for another year, at an aggregate cost of Rupees 840, which outlay can be met as proposed by Mr. Hathaway in paragraphs 1 and 2 of his present letter.

3. The Collector omitted to forward any estimate of extra establishment in which the proposed temporary *employés* could have been included, as he was under the impression that the cost of these extra hands could be defrayed from the sale proceeds of the useless records, without the submission of the regular annual estimate necessary in cases of extra establishments required for general district purposes, and the cost of which is defrayed from the Imperial Funds.

4. The Board would allow Mr. Hathaway to retain the records referred to in the remarks of Government, numbered 1, 3, 4, and 5, and such portions as he proposes of those referred to in the remarks numbered 8, 9, and 11.

5. The records regarding which remarks 2, 6, 7, and 10 were made, will be wholly destroyed.

No. 327. ORDER THEREON, 19th January 1866, No. 166.

Miscellaneous.

	Per Mensem.
4 Gumashtas at Rupees 15 each, Rupees	60
2 Attenders at ,, 5 ,, ,,	10
Rupees.	70

1. Under the explanation now furnished, the Government sanction the re-employment of the Establishment marginally specified for the further period of one year, at an aggregate cost of Rupees 840.

2. The Board's proposals in paragraphs 4 and 5 are approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Unless the explanation now furnished, the Govt sanction the re-employment of the Conservancy 4 Conservatahs @ Rs 15 each Rs 60 2 Attendants @ " 5 " " 10 Establishment 70 marginally specified for the further period of one year at an approximate cost of Rs 840.

The Board's proposals in paras 4 and 5 are approved but the Govt are not called upon to sanction the proposed grant of Rs 1000 for the preservation of the trees referred to in para 3 of the remarks of the Superintendent of Govt Gardens, Ootacamund as they are likely to be destroyed.

Rs 1000

Ootacamund 15/12