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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 2355- Press Mis.

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Dated 5-9- 1866.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th September 1866.

No. 94. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th August 1866, No. 6,070.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 23rd June 1866, No. 192 :—

1. With reference to the Miscellaneous Circular noted, I have the honor to state that the records of this District have not as yet been wholly set in order, and, therefore, the required Statements cannot now be prepared.

Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. CLVIII., dated 21st November 1865.

Three Statements are, however, submitted. The number of Dufters in Statement No. 1 is 453, all of which deserve permanent retention. In Statement No. 2 there are 3,456 Dufters all which are in a very confused state, and without any classification whatever. Statement No. 3 consists of 992 Dufters of Cadjan records, the greater part of which are worm-eaten.

2. The separation of the records mentioned in Statements Nos. 1 and 2 into what is to be retained, and what to be destroyed, must soon be effected. The records mentioned in No. 3 will also require classification.

Neither the Record-keepers, who are fully occupied with the current records, nor the Sea Custom Clerks, whose services are available only during a few months of the year during the rains, can get through the work of classification : for which it seems to me absolutely necessary that a temporary establishment should be entertained.

3. It may be remarked here that a Dufter often contains papers of various descriptions, and of very different dates, and assorting and preparing detailed Statements of these will necessarily be a long and laborious work.

I may also observe that about 174 Dufters of the records of the Land Custom and Tobacco Departments included in Statement No. 2 can safely be destroyed indiscriminately.

4. Since my letter, dated the 8th December 1865, No. 261, but little progress has been made in the Talooks.

5. I beg to enclose a Memorandum of the probable charges that will have to be incurred on account of the temporary establishment above proposed. I am sure that the work can be fully accomplished by this agency ; but if it is sanctioned I will try ; and all exertion shall be used to put it efficiently. I do not see how the work can be done without the provision applied for.

Enclosure No. 1.

Abstract.—Records to be retained in the Huzur.

Enclosure No. 2.

Abstract.—Records lying promiscuously, without detailed lists.

Enclosure No. 3.

Abstract.— Cadjan records in the Huzur requiring arrangement.

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ENCLOSURE No. 4.

ABSTRACT.—Memorandum of probable charges of a proposed temporary establishment for the classification of Vernacular records in Huzur office.

1. The Board observe, with reference to the lists of records submitted by the Collector, that many of those relating to the late Land Customs and Tobacco Departments, and also the worm-eaten Cadjan records, may safely be destroyed at once. For the arrangement of the remaining records, the establishment proposed by the Collector for one year should be sufficient. The Board accordingly request the sanction of Government for the establishment noted in the margin, at a cost of Rupees 1,080.

	Rs.
8 Gumastahs, at 10 Rupees each a month, for twelve months	960
2 Massalchies, at 5 Rupees each a month, for twelve months	120
	1,080

2. The Stationery articles required by the Collector should be obtained in the usual course from the Superintendent of Stationery on indent, any other petty charges being met from the provision made for general contingent charges.

No. 95. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1866, No. 2,355.

Miscellaneous. Sanctioned.

(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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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 24th August 1866.

No. 6,070.

Requesting sanction for the entertainment of an establishment at a cost of Rupees 1080 for arranging records of Malabar district.

Sanctioned