

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 542	<u>Press</u>
(26-27)	~~Mis.~~
Dated 2 - 3 -	1866.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

No. 26. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd February 1866.

Read the following letter from R. A. DALYELL, Esq., on special duty, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 22nd February 1866 :—

1. In their letter to Government, dated 20th November 1865, the Board estimated that if my undivided attention was given to the preparation of the revised edition of their Circular Orders, it might be passed through the Press in three months. It is with regret that I have the honor to report that in spite of my best endeavours, this estimate has not proved correct.

2. On taking in hand the entire work, I found that it would be advisable to modify, very considerably, the arrangement of subjects as proposed in the Board's letter to Government, dated 20th December 1864, No. 8,128, and to re-write a larger number of orders than it was then anticipated would require complete revision. The work has been reduced to nine parts instead of fourteen, as then proposed, and this re-arrangement of subjects and re-writing of orders, as well as the desire expressed by the Board that the Manual should be brought up to the close of the past year, and that no order of an important nature, even among the *Miscellaneous Circulars*, should be omitted, has augmented the labor of preparation far beyond what was contemplated when the Board framed their estimate of the time required to complete the work. The intervention of the Christmas Holidays, and a week's somewhat severe indisposition on my part have also delayed the completion of the publication.

3. I have found it impossible up to this time to do more than to prepare, finally for the Press, four parts of the work, though of the remaining five one is half completed, and the other four are in a forward state of preparation, the orders having been all arranged and classified under the different heads, and only requiring final revision before sending to press. As the Board are aware two parts only have been printed, but this is owing to delay at the Press, as one part is now in the printer's hands, and another about to be transferred to him.

4. I do not think that it will be practicable to pass the remainder of the work through the Press, and to prepare the index, in less than a month or six weeks; I have, therefore, the honor to request that the Board will be pleased to recommend to Government that I may be continued on special duty for this further period. The extra charge incurred by continuing the present arrangement may, I presume, be met from savings under the major head "Administration and Public Departments."

1. Recommended for the favorable consideration of Government.
2. The Board are satisfied that the work has been pressed on as fast as circumstances would allow.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1866, No. 542.

Miscellaneous.

Under the Board's assurance, the Government sanction Mr. Dalzell's continued employment on this special duty for a further period not exceeding six weeks.

(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 22nd July 1866.
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Recommending that a
vacation be granted for
allowing Mr. Dabell to
continue for a month or
also we will more, on the
Special work of preparing
a revised edition of the
Board's Circulars.

No 26527
1866-23 June
With order

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Under the 28th

attestation, the full

Sanction by Dabell

continued in July.

with on the 18th

to be for a further

period but it could

be done by

W. D. J.

14. 28th 23rd June 1866.
6. 28th 23rd June 1866