

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th April 1866.*

No. 217. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th March 1866, No. 1,768 :—

Read again Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 14th December 1865, No. 3,028.

Read the following copy of a letter from the Accountant General to the Government of Madras, to all Collectors, dated Fort Saint George, 1st December 1865, No. 3,512.

1. I have the honor to forward herewith the result Statement on your Treasury Account for October last, and to observe that its preparation does not reflect much credit upon your Account Department. Many of the mistakes and omissions in it are such as might have been avoided by ordinary attention on the part of the Head of that Department.

2. It is hardly necessary for me to remark, that the ability of this office to comply with the requisitions of the Supreme Government depends upon the promptitude and accuracy with which the District accounts are rendered to it, and I have, therefore, to request the attention of yourself and your Deputy in charge of the Department in particular, to the requirements of this Department.

3. Much delay also frequently occurs in the return of the Result Statements which cause great inconvenience. Under the recent rulings of the Government of India, I am required to send up my monthly accounts to the Comptroller General at Calcutta at a much earlier date, and in much greater detail than hitherto, and I shall not be able to carry out this requisition unless the Treasury Officers in general render more assistance to this Department by taking a greater interest in their work.

ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1865, No. 3,028.

The Government desire that the Board of Revenue will ascertain from the Accountant General the names of the Treasury Officers in fault, and adopt measures to ensure the due fulfilment of their duties by these Officers.
(A true Extract.)

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

Read also the following letter from the Accountant General, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort Saint George, 8th January 1866, No. 4,137.

1. In compliance with request contained in your Memorandum, dated 19th December 1865, appended to the Order of Government, No. 3,028, dated 14th idem, I have the honor to submit a list of Treasury Deputy Collectors in order of efficiency, as evidenced by the examination of the Treasury Accounts for six months, viz., from May to October, both inclusive.

2. The number of the errors discovered in an account is not of course an infallible criterion of the efficiency or otherwise of the Treasury office, as some accounts are naturally much heavier and more complicated than others. Much of the correspondence between this office and the Deputy Collectors is undoubtedly attributable to the new system of accounts which is still but imperfectly understood; and in framing my estimate of the qualification of those officers, I have in some measure been guided by the degree of attention paid by them to the instructions issued by this office.

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1.	2.	3.	The Deputy Collectors' accounts may be classified into three grades, viz. :— 1. Good. 2. Indifferent. 3. Bad. and the order which I have assigned to them in the margin may, I think, be sufficiently relied on.
Godavery.	Salem.	Kurnool.	
Madras.	Ganjam.	Madura.	
South Canara.	Malabar.	Coimbatore.	
Cuddapah.	Vizagapatam.	Kistna.	
Bellary.	Tinnevely.	Trichinopoly.	
Nellore.	South Arcot.	Tanjore.	
North Arcot.			

1. Ordered that the foregoing papers be communicated to all Collectors, with instructions to impress on their Treasury Deputies the great importance of their sparing no effort to ensure the utmost correctness and punctuality in the discharge of the duties connected with the Account Departments under them, Talook and Huzur.

2. The Board observe with satisfaction that K. Jugganathum of the Godavery District maintains the pre-eminence for efficiency in these duties which has before been noticed, and that Messrs. Locke and Fernandez, of the Madras and South Canara Districts, rank so high in the list.

3. Much credit is due to all the Deputy Collectors whose accounts are classed as positively *good*.

4. The Board trust that many of the second list will speedily attain to the same satisfactory position. They notice with approbation the decided improvement in Malabar.

5. Special efforts must be insisted on by the Collectors of those six Districts, of which the accounts are pronounced to be decidedly *bad*; and the Board see reason to hope that improvement may soon be apparent.

6. In Kurnool matters are in a transition state.

7. In Madura and Coimbatore, Seshagiri Row and Coopoo Row must be very seriously reminded that they cannot be permitted to impede the despatch of business of great importance by an inefficient discharge of their duties.

8. In the Kistna District, Durmaroyen Mudali has resumed charge after going through a course of instruction in the Board's Account Department, and it is to be hoped he will shew that he has benefited by it.

9. In Trichinopoly, Ragunadha Row has resumed charge, and the Board anticipate speedy improvement.

10. In Tanjore, which is at the bottom of the list, Seshaya Sastri will soon be at work, and the Board expect to see good results effected under his management.

No. 218.

ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1866, No. 882.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Dr. 11 December 1866

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.
(True Copy.) (Signed) W. SCHARLIEB, First Assistant.

To All Collectors.
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, for information.
" to the Accountant General.

Exd. J. J. Wright.

10. 1. 1866

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Pro of Govt. for Africa
No. 966.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
To All Collectors, &c.

Dated 14th March 1866.
Despatched
Received

No. 1,768.

On a report from the Accountant General,
directing Collectors to require their Treasury
Deputies to ensure correctness and punctuality
in the discharge of duties connected with the
Account Departments under them.

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