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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd October 1866.

No. 501. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department :—

Passing orders on letter from Registrar General of Assurances regarding the inspection of Sub-Registry Offices. } (Here enter 15th October 1866, No. 1,623.)

No. 502. ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1866, No. 2,852.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Read the following papers:—

170. From Major R. M. MACDONALD, Registrar General of Assurances, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 1st May 1866, No. 103.

I have the honor, with reference to the accompanying correspondence with the antant General, to request that Deputy Collectors in charge of Treasuries, ng the office of Registrars, may be authorized to inspect as many of the Sub-try Offices under their control as they can during the course of the year, their ce being limited to such periods as may be sanctioned, from time to time, by the ctors under whom they are employed.

. The Registrar of Tellicherry, who is also a Principal Sudder Ameen, might t his Sub-Registry Offices during the annual adjournment of the Court, or, if ary, at other times, with the previous permission of the Civil Judge.

. The Registrar of Tranquebar could inspect his Sub-Registry Offices at such s might be most convenient to himself.

. The travelling allowances of these Officers should, I think, be fixed at the anctioned in Sections 12 and 13 of the new table of fees.

. It seems unnecessary to dwell on the advantages of these personal inspec- Under Section 10 of Act XVI of 1864, it was in this Presidency considered ful whether the Registrars could leave their stations, and hitherto none of Officers has seen any of the offices under him, except the one at head-quarters. gal, frequent tours of inspection have always been enjoined. Section 11 of X of 1865 was inserted to remove all doubts on this point, and as express pro- has now been made for such cases, I trust the arrangement above proposed e sanctioned.

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the Registrar General of Assurances, Madras, to the Accountant General; dated Madras, 24th April 1866, No. 96.

have the honor to request the favor of your informing me whether you see any objection to y Collectors in charge of Treasuries, and also holding the office of Registrar of Assurances, ordered to inspect as many of the Sub-Registry Offices under their control as may be possible ; the year.

. Many of the stations are within a night's run, and very few of them are more than seventy ty miles off. The number of Offices to be visited, excluding the one at head-quarters, ranges ine to nineteen. As the inspection of each office need not occupy more than a day, it would e possible for a Registrar to visit nearly every office, by going out into the District, once a for two or three days.

There are, I believe, certain portions of the month in which the presence of the Deputy or at head-quarters is not so essential as at others, and he would, of course, time his move- accordingly.

Very distant stations might remain uninspected as at present.

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he Accountant General, Madras, to the Registrar General of Assurances; dated Fort Saint George, 28th April 1866, No. 6435.

reply to your letter, No. 96, dated 24th instant, I have the honor to state that, if the Collectors holding the office of Registrar of Assurances can be spared by their immediate superior, the Collector, I think it very desirable that the inspection of Sub-Registry should be made by them, as proposed by you. But I doubt whether these Officers can be so t any time for this purpose, as the majority of them have to perform Magisterial, in addi- heir Treasury, duties.

2. I would suggest, therefore, your referring this subject to Government, and obtaining their orders thereon.

Referred for the report of the Board of Revenue.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, (Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
14th May 1866. *Chief Secretary.*

No. 171. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd August 1866, No. 5974.

Read Endorsement of Government, dated 14th May 1866, referring to Board, for opinion, letter from the Registrar General of Assurances, dated 1st May 1866, No. 103.

The Board doubt whether Treasury Deputy Collectors holding the office of Registrar of Assurances will have leisure to inspect any of the Sub-Registry Offices under their control during the course of the year; but as the Registrar General of Assurances seems to attach much importance to this inspection, Collectors may be directed to depute their Deputies occasionally to inspect those offices within easy reach of the head-quarters of the District, when the work of the office is not very pressing. The Deputy Collectors should not be absent from their head-quarters for more than three or four days at a time. As the Treasury Deputies have much heavy work to attend to, in connection with the accounts, they will not have leisure to make a general inspection of all the Sub-Registry Offices in the District; but if the results of the inspections they are able to make be communicated to the other Offices in the District, it will doubtless tend to the correction of irregularities in them also. The Treasury Deputies should be directed to avail themselves of the same opportunity to examine the Revenue accounts of the Taluqs, and to see that they are kept up to date, according to the forms prescribed. This is very desirable, and will no doubt improve the system of accounts in the Taluqs, if proper attention is paid to the matter by the Treasury Deputies.

(True copies and extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Transferred to the Judicial Department.

27th August 1866. (Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secy. to Govt. R. D.

No. 172. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1866, No. 1623.

The Governor in Council concurs with the Board of Revenue and Accountant General in the opinion that Deputy Collectors in charge of Treasuries have quite as much to do as they can properly perform, and that to employ them on the duty of inspecting Sub-Registry Offices is undesirable.

2. The Government see no reason why Collectors should not employ their Covenanted Assistants on this duty, the Sub-Collector, Head Assistant, &c., each in his own range, while moving about on settlement or other duty. The Registry Offices are all *public* Offices, and it is open to the Government to appoint any Officer to *inspect* and *report* on them, such Officer, of course, having no power to interfere

with the Registrars or Sub-Registrars. The examination should be made twice in the course of each year, and the result reported to the Registrar General, as soon as possible.

3. Major Macdonald will, under Section 80 of the Act, submit draft of a ruling, laying down that the Registry Offices shall be periodically examined by such Officers as Government may determine, and that every facility is to be afforded to such Officers by the Registration Officers.

(True Extract),

Chief Secretary

To the Registrar General of Assurances.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Revenue Board.
,, Accountant General.
,, Collector of

Lxd. J. H. Burns.

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