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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd January 1868.*

No. 347. Read the following letter from the Accountant General, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 11th January 1868, No. 320 :—

1. With reference to the Orders of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 22nd August, 19th September, and 8th instant, I have the honor to observe that my report on the Gudalur Treasury was delayed in the expectation of my being furnished with the statement of expenses promised in the Government Order of 22nd August; but this document has not yet been received by me, and without it, it is impossible to determine whether or not the Treasury should be kept up.

2. This Treasury, it may be remembered, was opened principally for the benefit of the planters, who, it was alleged, would freely take up bills upon it at two per cent. premium, which, it was estimated, would cover all the expenses of the Treasury. Since then, however, a branch of the Bank of Madras has been established at Ootacamund, and the planters now find that they can obtain money for their planting operations at the very moderate cost of from 12 Annas to one per cent. premium. So far as the interests of the planter, therefore, are concerned, there seems no necessity for the maintenance of the Gudalur Treasury, and it is certainly desirable that the Government should interfere as little as possible with the legitimate profits of the Bank by the issue of supply bills.

3. It remains, therefore, to be considered whether the maintenance of the Treasury is requisite on account of the Public Works Department, and to determine this, it is necessary to know exactly what are the expenses attendant upon keeping up the Treasury, and whether other arrangements might not be made for supplying that Department with funds at a less cost.

No. 348. ORDER THEREON, 22nd January 1868, No. 174.

Miscellaneous.

The Board of Revenue will instruct the Collector of Malabar to send up the required statement of expenses without further delay.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Department Public Works.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 5,315.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 16th August 1867.

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 9th August 1867, No. 181:—

1. With reference to the Order of Government, dated 11th February 1867, No. 349, I have the honour to report that the new Treasury established at Gudalur is affording all the advantages that were expected from it to the Public Works Department, and for other public purposes. It is found in this respect a great convenience.

2. No private applications for bills on the treasury are, however, being received, and it is understood that the high rate of premium fixed (two per cent.) stands in the way. In mentioning the above rate, I went on information obtained in 1864, when the Planters were prepared to accept it. But circumstances have since considerably altered. The Bank at Ootacamund discounts bills on Madras at three-quarters to one per cent., and the facilities for getting money at Ooty, through private agency, are much greater than before.

3. Two per cent. cannot but be regarded as an unusually high rate in itself, much higher than what is demanded for discounting good bills on the most distant places in India, and quite out of proportion to the actual cost of remitting money from Calicut to Gudalur. I have, therefore, the honour to recommend that the rate be reduced to one per cent., as there are facilities for sending any amount required from the Ernad and Walluvanad taluks to Gudalur, instead of to Calicut, and it is an object to offer all reasonable facilities to the Planters, as well as to Government Officers, to obtain money at the former place.

4. I request the early orders of Government may be obtained for the alteration, in order that the experiment may have a fair trial in this season.

1. Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Collector has not furnished the information called for in paragraph 3 of Government Order, 11th February last, No. 349, as to expenses. He should do so without delay.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

[Signature]
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright

No. 5,882.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 13th September 1867.

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 23th August 1867, No. 189 :—

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th August 1867, No. 5,315, I have the honour to state that the Gudalur Treasury having been opened only on the 1st May 1867, six months have not yet elapsed. Further, as the Bills system had no proper trial as reported in my letter under reference, no opinion can be formed as to the success of the treasury, the remittances sent to it, which ought to be shown amongst the expenses, being by no means what it would be if there were requisitions for bills.

2. I would, under all these circumstances, request permission to postpone the submission of the report for a further period of six months, commencing from the date on which the reduced rate of premium proposed may be introduced.

Submitted to Government in continuation of the Board's Proceedings, dated 16th August 1867, No. 5,315.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

M. A. Ballard
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

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