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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th December 1868.

No. 167. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department :—

Sanctioning the publication of the weekly or bi-monthly Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners in the *District Gazette* free of charge, and cancelling G. O. in October last on this subject. } (Here enter 2nd December 1868, No. 1,477.)

No. 168. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1868, No. 3,092.

Miscellaneous. Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Department, No. 1,477.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

No. 6. Read the following letter from the Collector and Ex-Officio President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Bellary, 11th November 1868, No. 72.

I venture to hope that the Government may be induced, on consideration, to modify their Order of the 21st ultimo, No. 1318, Public Department, prohibiting the gratuitous publication of the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners in the District Gazette. It is most desirable that the community should be kept regularly informed of the manner in which the municipal funds are expended, and the sheet* published by the Commissioners with the Gazette has hitherto supplied this information. But if the publication is to be charged for, the Commissioners are doubtful whether they would be justified in incurring a large expenditure, amounting to nearly Rupees 500 per annum, whilst funds are required for matters of pressing urgency. The Government contribute liberally to the Municipality, and exercise considerable control over the expenditure of the funds, so that the Commissioners are not in the independent position of a Municipal Corporation in England, nor have they even the same opportunities of keeping the public informed of their proceedings that the Madras Commissioners have, for at the Presidency, the proprietors of the local journals are only too glad to send their reporters to record what takes place at the meetings.

* Specimen enclosed.

2. As therefore the institution is connected with the State, and as the application of the Act to the large Mofussil towns is not optional, I think that the proceedings of the Commissioners ought to find a place in the local Gazette, nor can I agree with the Collector of the Godavery District that they are only of local and not of general interest. Whatever takes place in the chief town of a district possesses more or less interest for the inhabitants of that district, and as Gazettes are exchanged with neighbouring districts, the Commissioners for one town often get an useful hint from the recorded Proceedings of another Municipality.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1868, No. 1477.

On consideration of the circumstances adduced by the President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, in his letter above recorded, His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the publication of the weekly or bi-monthly Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners in the District Gazette free of charge, and directs that G. O., dated the 21st October 1868, No. 1318, be considered as cancelled.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission,
" Collector of
" Revenue Department.

Exd. W. Cranston.

Govt. No. 1168 dt. 2nd Dec. 1868.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated December, 11th.
Read.
Encl.

G. O., 11th *December* 1868, No. 3,092.

Despatch
Nos. 166-168.

Proceedings of Municipal Commissioners.
—Order enjoining their publication in the District Gazette free of charge, communicated to Board of Revenue.

Revenue Dept
No 3840.

Govt. of {1868} Madras.

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To

ALL PRESIDENTS OF MUNICIPAL
COMMISSIONS AND COLLECTORS.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 2nd.

Recd. 9th — *Encl.*

G. O., 2nd December 1868, No. 1477.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 6-7.

Sanctioning the publication of the weekly or bi-monthly Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners in the *District Gazette* free of charge, and cancelling G. O. in October last on this subject.

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