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No. 255. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd August 1869, No. 5,675:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 9th July 1869, No. 181.

With reference to paragraph 7 of Government order, dated 26th April 1869, No. 1,112, covered with Board's Proceedings, dated 18th May last, No. 3,407, I have the honour to submit, for the consideration of Government, a proposal made by the Sub-Collector, and which recommends itself to me.

2. Instead of the preparation of the Manual being undertaken entirely by one person, it is proposed that the compilation should be the joint work of several of the officers of the district.

3. The Sub-Collector Mr. Logan and the Assistant-Collector Mr. Glennly in particular offer their services, and as the latter is at head-quarters where most of the records are kept, and has more leisure than the superior officers, and is also in my opinion well qualified for the literary task he volunteers for, the greater portion of the Manual will probably be his work, and he will also assist generally by attending to requisitions for records from the other officers employed on the work.

4. We have not yet assigned to each officer that portion of the work which he should undertake, but if Government approve the proposal, this can at once be done.

5. As it is understood that the required Manual should be simply a careful compilation and partial abstract of records on many perfectly independent and unconnected subjects, and as the very history of different portions of the district is perfectly distinct, various independent potentates having held sway till the country became one under Mussulman and British rule in comparatively recent times, I do not think anything is lost by the fact of the book being other than the work of one hand, and there will be evident advantage in assigning to particular officers subjects or portions of the country with which they happen to be most intimately conversant.

6. If the Government do not object to the proposal, I can, if the Government wish, report again with particulars as to the mode in which the task has been divided off.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to Government Order, dated 26th April 1869, No. 1,112.

2. The Board wish that the proposed allotment of work had been fixed and reported; but taking the proposition as it is, they recommend that it be sanctioned.

3. The officers employed in compiling the historical portions of the Manual should aim at a more select and condensed sketches than that which has swelled the Madura Manual to inconvenient dimensions.

No. 256. ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1869, No. 2,356.

Miscellaneous.

THE Right Honourable the Governor in Council is of opinion that the District Manuals should be compiled by a single officer who should be responsible for the whole work. It will however of course

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be competent to the officer to whom the duty may be entrusted to accept and acknowledge contributions on particular subjects from other officers of the district as was done by Mr. Carmichael in the case of the Vizagapatam Manual.

2. Mr. Logan's experience of the district points to him as an excellent officer for the preparation of the Manual of Malabar should he be willing to undertake the duty.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

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