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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 18th August 1869	

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 18th August 1869.

No. 279. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th July 1869, No. 4,928:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 17th June 1869, No. 130.

With reference to paragraph 7 of Government Order, dated 26th April 1869, No. 1,112, embodied in the Board's Proceedings of the 18th May 1869, No. 3,407, I have the honour to state that the Sub-Collector and my Assistant, Mr. Knox, have expressed their unwillingness to undertake the preparation of the District Manual.

2. Mr. Overbury has mentioned that he will be happy to undertake the compilation of the Manual. I think Mr. Overbury well qualified to undertake the task, and I have, therefore, asked him to commence and collect his materials as soon as he can.

Submitted to Government, with the recommendation of the Board that Mr. Overbury's offer to compile a District Manual for Salem be accepted.

No. 280. Order thereon, 18th August 1869, No. 2,368.

Miscellaneous.

The Government approve of the recommendation contained in the Board's Proceedings above recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Salem.
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Mr. Chas. Peirce
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Mr. Ellis thought that Watkins
would be able to produce
quite as good a District
Examination as was required-
in fact he was told that
it was unnecessary for him
to keep his Office
open for his information.
Daily Mail & have written
to him without knowing all

the Legends
however your
undertaking the business,
it is useful for you to
decide — as you have
asked me my opinion
I tell you that every
in your place — so
first undertaken it.
It is a great work, &c.
— but a great deal of time,
must in a measure
interfere with
other work; & after

after you could do
so let us thank for
first the people
to
see you
of this miracle. Look
at Nelson — with all
the trouble & pains
he took with the Manuel
for Madura district,
he did not get one
atom of thanks; rather
the Contrary. — I'd
like to Devise little
here. that — our work

Boston
August 9th 1869

My dear Dalyell

I thought
better before replying to your
letter regarding the Mammal bids
chief the compliment of asking
his opinion. I candid opinion
I can see that of mine to
take the work which I do
advise to my hand my doing
so would give me to think having
undoubtedly which as my own

Have always found sufficient to occupy
all my time & energies
Working hard upon
the work of the Mammals
when told that you & Mr
Allen the Secretary, were both
both thought that he
quite able, by the
help of his assistants
& Mr Ord

I mentioned this to
him when writing to you

liked Wemmand here for some time, would not, to say the least, be pleasant.

My reasons for having refused the task of compiling the Manual were. That it was troublesome. That it would involve a considerable addition to my expenses from home during visits to Salem, that I should not as I am an Examiner for the Special Jobs and have the Jamaband of at least three Galaxies before me be able to absent the week until about May 1870. That as it included December of two years I might not be able to take my furlough when I wished. All I stumbled

my abilities to write a really good Manual and that unless I could turn out a good production I would rather not have anything to do with it.

To this it was added the certainty that if I were down to accept the Office it would be understood as a job and the King would all about rather that Phillips had been using his interest or that I had been talking to the topics and the Overbury and. still if my prospects or chances of promotion are the in any way affected by my refusal to take the Manual in hand I am prepared to undertake the work but at the same time I would rather not. If I do however

I would like the assistance
of Knight who will be very
glad to give it.

Fred Smith