

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2368	Press Mis.
<u>279-282</u>	
Dated 18 th August 1889	

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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. 4,923:—

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. 2,363.

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.

Erd. E. C. Shunker.

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5.6.69

My dear Pina -
When I saw the Gov. & to
Ellis thought that waiting
would be able to purchase
quite as good a District
because as was required -
in fact he was told that
in many words, & he
was saying - has ever since
his stay here
collecting his information -
I say all this & have written
to you without knowing all

the - As regards
however your
undertaking the business,
it is mainly for you to
decide - as you have
asked me my opinion
I tell you that were I
in your place I would
not undertake it -
It is a great work, & ccc.
- has a great deal of time,
must be a man
in tandem with you
other work; & of course

all you could do
be get as thanks for
your & the paper & ccc.
- give you the benefit to
of their services - look
at Nelson - with all
the trouble & pains
he took with the Museum -
for Madras District,
he did not get one
atom of thanks, rather
the contrary - I've
tried to do it still
better than work

Now a day is quite
sufficient to occupy
all our time and as
nothing was agreed to
do the work of the Mission
then to be the first of
the same, and the
last thought that he is
quite able. Why not
let him relieve
you of the heavy work
and do it.

I mention this to
have written to you

Received
August 9th 1869

I appear to be
I thought it
better before replying to your letter
regarding the material to be my
chief the complement of asking
his opinion. I could write
I can see that if I were to
take the work which I do not
aspire to in hand my doing
so would free me of much
and all feeling which as I am

to
time
very
much

likely remained 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 in-
volve a considerable addition
to my absence from home
and my visits to Salem, that I

would not, as I am in summer
for the Special Task and have the
family and of at least three
children, before me, be able to
set about the work until about
May 1870, that as it would

occupy me of two years I might
not be able to take my family
when I wished. But I doubted

my ability 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 is now added the certainty
that if I were now to accept the
Office it would be looked upon
as a job and the story would
set about rather that Phillips
had been using his interest or
that I had been talking to it.
Topics and not Oronoosque and
till if my prospects or chances
of promotion are to be 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.

James [unclear]

Red [unclear]

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The first officer of the [unclear]
Sanctioned [unclear] to
the [unclear] recommendation
contained in the [unclear]
Proceedings are recorded

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