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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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No. 184. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th August 1869, No. 6,428 :—

Read the following letters :—

From the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th August 1869, No. 1,565.

In continuation of my letter, No. 1,512, dated 5th instant, and with reference to Government order, No. 2,278, dated August 6, 1869, I have the honour to forward copy of a letter from Mr. Knox, the Acting Head Assistant Magistrate in this district, on the subject of the District Manual. I have reason to know that before writing the letter he communicated with Mr. Boswell.

2. I think the Board will agree with Mr. Knox in considering that, under the circumstances, it is unadvisable that he should undertake the preparation of the District Manual from materials collected by Mr. Boswell.

3. I observe that Mr. Boswell states that he "had drawn up the greater part of a District Manual," and the Board in their Proceedings use the term "Mr. Boswell's manuscript."

4. Under these circumstances, I think it would be better that the Manual should be completed by Mr. Boswell, which might be done by his being allowed to call on the Tahsildars in this district for information he might require on points connected with the Manual.

5. I think another officer can hardly be expected to undertake the responsibility of working up Mr. Boswell's materials in the form which he (Mr. Boswell) thinks best. Whatever success attended the undertaking would naturally be credited to Mr. Boswell, and his editor would be obvious to adverse criticism in case of failure.

Enclosure No. 1.

From C. J. KNOX, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to the Acting Collector of Nellore, dated 11th August 1869, No. 161.

In reply to your docket, No. 1,422, dated 26th July 1869, I informed you that I was willing, if desired, to undertake the compilation of a District Manual; owing, however, to the greater part of the materials having been collected by Mr. Boswell, when Acting Collector, the course to be followed by me does not seem quite clear, and I have the honour to address you again on the subject.

2. In their Proceedings, No. 5,513, dated 28th July 1869, in answer to a reference from Mr. Boswell, the Board say they "hope soon to hear that Mr. Boswell's manuscript has been completed," apparently considering that the Manual is Mr. Boswell's. Mr. Boswell also, I have reason to believe, thinks that if I go on with the Manual, the same materials are to be used, and the work is to be brought out in exactly the same shape as he had determined upon.

3. I am not prepared to undertake the work on these terms. I have not read the papers already contributed, and do not know whether they are good or bad; but if I was to use them, I should re-arrange them if necessary, and reject what I thought faulty; for I could not take upon myself the responsibility of bringing out the Manual, unless I had free liberty to work up the materials as I thought fit.

4. Under these circumstances, I would suggest the desirability of sending all the papers to Mr. Boswell, and asking him to finish the work now so far advanced.

From the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th August 1869, No. 1,577.

In answer to the Board's Proceedings, dated August 11, I have the honour to state that the materials collected by Mr. Boswell for a Manual of this District are in this office.

Communicated to Mr. Boswell for his observations. The Board have no doubt that Government will be pleased if he can undertake to finish the Nellore Manual.

No. 185. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1869, No. 2,557.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Pkd. F. R. Hazleman.

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Board of Revenue,

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Proceedings, 26th August 1869, No. 6428.

AUGUST.

No. 6428.

Manual of Nellore District.—Letter from Collector forwarding copy of one from Acting Head Assistant Collector, Mr. Knox, declining to undertake compilation of *item* materials collected by Mr. Boswell, and suggesting that officer be requested to complete work himself, communicated to Mr. Boswell.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated September, 1869.

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