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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	18th October	1889.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 15th October 1869.

No. 197. Read the following letter from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Revenue—Forests,) to the Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, the 16th September 1869, No. 436-F. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2,302, dated 10th ultimo, in which exception is taken to a memorandum of reminder from this office, requesting attention to Public Works Department letter, No. 86-F, dated 17th February last.

2. I am first to explain that the form of reminder is that which has been lately adopted in all branches of this office by order of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, and which has been rendered necessary by the great and continued delays that too frequently occur in replying to the letters issued by the Government of India in this department. I am directed to state that no want of courtesy was intended, and the Governor-General in Council thinks that on re-consideration His Excellency the Governor in Council will see that all that can be intended by the new form of expression is to ask for such information as will enable the Secretary's office to keep its files of unanswered letters in order and unencumbered by improper entries.

3. I am next to explain that, owing to the great and increasing business of this department, it has been found necessary to authorize all the chief officers of the Public Works Secretariat, who are *de facto* in the position of Under-Secretaries in their several branches, to sign letters on behalf of the Government of India; and that the heading of the letters, which has at the same time been purposely changed so as to explain the arrangement as far as possible, shows clearly that they are issued with the authority of the Governor-General in Council, and implies that they have been approved in the regular manner in accordance with the usual practice of the department.

4. In Public Works Department Circular No. 12-F. of 13th August 1869, it was especially explained that the Inspector-General of Forests is authorized to sign communications from the Forest Branch of this department on behalf of the Secretary to the Government of India, and that such letters, though signed by him, should not be regarded as sent on his own authority as Inspector-General of Forests.

5. In the case of all more important matters, the orders of the Government of India will, as heretofore, be issued under the signature of the Secretary in this department.

6. I am to add that His Excellency in Council had no other object in view in sanctioning the changes in practice referred to, but the more efficient despatch of public business, to secure which experience had clearly shown that some modification of the former existing system was required. And the Governor-General in Council feels assured that His Excellency the Governor of Madras will concur in the necessity for adopting such changes as are found essential to accomplish the end in question; and will impress upon the heads of the several departments under him, that it is their duty to arrange for prompt replies being furnished to all calls for information made by the Supreme Government, or to state why such information cannot be supplied.

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No. 198. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1869, No. 2,797.

Forests, No. 13.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,

Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

Exd. F R. Bantleman.

this Department.

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Govt. of {1869} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

Dated October, 15th.

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G. O. 15th October 1869, No. 2,797.

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Memorandum addressed by Inspector-General of Forests.—Letter from Government of India offering explanation with reference to the exception taken to it, recorded.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

W Stanley Colonel, R.E.
Offg Secretary to the Govt of India.

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N°. 3281.

From
The Govt. of Britia
P.M.G.

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Dated 10th
Rec'd 27 Sept/69

N°. 436 R.

Referring to letter
of the 10th August last
transmitting exception to
a Memorandum ad-
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tion of Forests

N°-2797

RECORDED.

15th Oct/69.

C.L. Certified by Record

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From

The Govt. of British P.N.G.

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Dated 16th

Read 27 Sept/69

No 436 K.

Replying to letter of the 10th August last taking exception to a Memorandum addressed by the Inspector General of Forests

No 279

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15th Oct/69.

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