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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd October 1869.

No. 259. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th October 1869, No. 7,680 :—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalagiri, 17th September 1869, No. 289.

WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 28th July 1869, No. 5,513, as I now learn that Mr. Wilson is not now likely to return to India until the expiration of the full period of his furlough, and as Mr. Hunter has been appointed to compile a Gazetteer for all India within the next two years, I have thought that perhaps Government would wish the Manual of this district to be simultaneously commenced with those of other districts. I beg to submit copy of a letter from Mr. W. F. Grahame, Acting Head Assistant Collector, dated 14th September 1869, No. 289, offering to undertake the compilation of this Manual, and stating that if, on his return from furlough, Mr. Wilson should be willing to undertake the work, he will be willing to hand over to him any materials he may have collected.

2. Mr. Grahame is, I think, capable of doing justice to the work, and I shall be happy to give him any assistance I can.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. F. GRAHAME, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, dated Bezwada, 14th September 1869, No. 289.

WITH reference to our several conversations on your suggestion that I should undertake the compilation of the Manual for this district, I have the honour to inform you that I am willing to do so. At the same time I would beg to point out, that Mr. Wilson is far more competent for the work than I am, and if, on his return from furlough, he should wish to write the Kistna Manual, I shall be perfectly willing to hand over to him any notes and matter I may have by that time collected. It is a serious responsibility, in my opinion, to undertake to compile a Manual, requiring a knowledge of many sciences, and above all the pen of a ready writer. I write slowly, and fear that my pen is not one of that kind, while my acquaintance with Botany, Geology, etc., is limited in extent and elementary in kind ; but, as you say, I could get assistance from others for those parts of the Manual which require technical knowledge.

2. If I thought Mr. Wilson were likely to return to India in December as was rumoured, I should not offer myself for the work. But I had a letter from him a week ago, from which I gather that he will probably remain in England for the full term of his furlough, that is, till December 1870.

3. In conclusion I can only say, that if the work is entrusted to my charge, I shall do my best to turn out a satisfactory Manual.

SUBMITTED to Government, with a recommendation that Mr. Grahame's offer be accepted.

2. It should be borne in mind that in these cases the compiler will always be at liberty to refer to other officers in the district for contributions on any special subject on which they may be peculiarly qualified to treat.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd October 1869.

No. 260. ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1869, No. 2,824.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED, with reference to G. O., 21st October 1869, No. 2,818.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 21 dated 19th Oct 1869 Rec'd 24th-

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

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