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No. 522. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th February, 1869, No. 896:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd November 1868, No. 4,035.

1. I have the honor to report, that the arrangement of the old Vernacular records of this Office has been completed.

Proceedings of Government, dated 28th October 1867, No. 2,527, communicated with Board's Proceedings, No. 7,168, dated 2nd November 1867.

2. The temporary establishment sanctioned in the Proceedings marginally noted, was entertained in July 1867, and dispensed with in the middle of July this year; the total cost incurred being Rupees 2,880 which is the amount sanctioned.

3. Care was taken to see that the work turned out every month by each temporary Clerk was not less than the quantity fixed with reference to the total number of Dufters and the amount allotted. Hence, the cost has not exceeded the sanction.

4. The total number of Dufters from Fusly 1211 to 1275, which had to be taken up by the temporary establishment, was eventually found to be 12,674 instead of 12,252, as already reported.*

* *Vide* paragraph 8 of letter, dated 23rd June 1868, No. 1,950.

The separation of the useless papers was made with reference to the classified lists submitted by me in June last, subject to the modifications contained in the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd September 1868, No. 6,759.

5. The following abstract shews the details of the 12,674 Dufters:—

Description of Records.	Years to which they relate.	No. of Dufters to be permanently retained.	No. to be retained pending the new settlement.	No. to be retained till the preparation of certain Registers and Abstracts.	To be retained for 20 years.	To be retained for 5 years.	To be retained for 3 years.	Total No. of Dufters.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1. Pymaish Accounts	From Fusly 1211 to 1236.	...	77	.....	...	...	...	77
2. Jummahbundy do.	Do. 1211 to 1275.	88	...	.....	...	...	...	88
Do. ...	Do. 1211 to 1272.	...	408	.....	...	...	...	408
Do. ...	Do. 1211 to 1275.	...	...	74	...	...	...	74
Do. ...	Do. 1271 to 1275.	...	...	.....	...	13	...	13
Total...	.....	88	408	74	...	13	...	583
3. Treasury Accounts	Do. 1268 to 1274.	11	...	.....	...	...	...	11
Do.	Do. 1221 to 1273.	...	...	122	...	...	...	122
Total...	.....	11	...	122	...	...	...	133

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4. Inams and Kandrikas	Do. 1211 to 1274.	174	...	.....	...	...	...	174
5. Sundry Accounts...	Do. 1212 to 1275.	234	...	.....	...	...	...	234
6. Correspondence ...	Do. 1211 to 1275.	612	...	.....	...	...	...	612
7. Salt Department...	Do. 1211 to 1264.	25	...	.....	...	...	...	25
8. Sea Customs ...	Do. 1211 to 1271.	...	...	57	...	...	...	57
9. Maramut	Do. 1229 to 1275.	41	...	.....	...	...	...	41
Do.	Do. 1260 to 1275.	...	...	.....	14	...	...	14
Total...	.....	41	...	.....	14	...	...	55
10. Stamps	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
11. Sayer...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
12. Abkarry	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
13. Magistrate... ...	From Fusly 1227 to 1275.	102	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	102
Do. ...	Do. 1258 to 1275.	...	...	.....	34	.....	...	34
Do. ...	1275.	...	...	.....	.....	.....	1	1
Total...	.....	102	...	.....	34	.....	1	137
Grand Total...	.....	1,287	485	253	48	13	1	2,087

6. Under the head of Pymaish there are no accounts to be kept permanently. The 77 Dufters under this head and 408 Dufters under the second heading, consisting of Gorladowle and Gudikattu Accounts, shewing the details of the area in each village, being in all 485 Dufters, will be kept until the introduction of the new Survey and Settlement.

7. Two hundred and fifty-three Dufters are proposed to be kept until the preparation of the Registers and Abstracts referred to in paragraphs 3, 4, and 7 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd September 1868, No. 6,759. The Registers shewing the price of grain; demand, collection, and balance for a series of years; service of public servants; have not been kept up nor do Abstracts of the Receipts and Disbursements of duty, &c., in the Sea Customs Department, appear to have been kept. I have written to the Treasury and Salt Deputy Collectors to have them prepared as soon as possible.

8. There are 48 Dufters to be kept for twenty years. Of these, fourteen are Irrigation Returns and thirty-four are Calendars of Magisterial cases.

9. The 13 Dufters to be kept for five years are Jummahbundy Accounts of the last five years; while there is only one Dufter of Magisterial records to be kept for three years; it belongs to Fusly 1275, and will be destroyed at the end of this year.

10. The number of Dufters to be permanently retained is 1,287 as detailed in column 3:

I.—The 88 Dufters under the head of Jummahbundy Accounts are as follow:—

Accounts of wells	6
Ayacut Accounts	15
Incidence of Land-tax in certain villages	6
Jummahbundy Takarar books	46
Ayacut Accounts of Shrotriems	13
Lands affected by the Pennair	1
Abstracts prepared in the Settlement Department ...	1
Total...	88

II.—The 11 Dufters proposed to be retained in the Treasury Department, consist of Day-books.

III.—The 25 Dufters of the Salt Department, consists of the following records:—

Measurement Account of Salt Cotaurs	1
Do. of Salt Pans...	6
Salt Russums, &c.	18
Total...	25

IV. The details of the 41 Dufters to be kept under "Maramut" are given below:—

Accounts of receipts and disbursements	38
Topes and Choultries	2
Rates of work	1
Total ...	41

V.—The 102 Dufters to be kept under the head of Magistrate consist of Entry-books of orders, issued in the Magisterial Department.

VI.—Under the head of Stamp, Sayer, Abkarry, Sea Customs and Pymaish, there are no records as proposed to be kept permanently.

VII.—The records proposed to be kept under "Inams and Kandrikas," "Sundry Accounts," and "Correspondence," are of the same description as those detailed in my Report of the 23rd June, already referred to.

11. Deductingthe 2,087 Dufters, above shewn, the remaining 10,587 Dufters will be destroyed at once.

12. I have delayed this report hitherto, as I wished to see the Dufters arranged in their proper places. This has not yet been done completely. Until the Record-rooms are cleared, it will not be convenient to make any arrangements fully. I have, therefore, given orders for tearing up the 10,587 Dufters.