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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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30th March 1870.*

No. 230. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd March 1870, No. 1,505:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Yeldurti, 21st January 1870, No. 30.

I HAVE the honour to forward a copy of Mr. McCarthy's letter, No. 3, dated 6th January 1870, in which he requests to be relieved from having to prepare the District Manual, and gives his reasons.

2. I would gladly allow Mr. McCarthy to come into Kurnool to study the records, etc., but cannot spare him from his division, where his presence is absolutely necessary, and I have no Assistant to send to Cumbum to take charge of his work as a temporary measure.

3. The only Assistant, besides Mr. McCarthy, is Mr. Turner who has charge of the Nandikotkur Talook, and I am obliged to keep him somewhere near Kurnool, in order that when I am away from head-quarters, he may then be present at the Huzoor, in accordance with the Board's orders, that a Covenanted Officer should always be in Kurnool.

4. Mr. Turner has written to tell me that he is unwilling to prepare the Manual.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Acting Head Assistant Collector, to the Collector of Kurnool, dated Cumbum, 6th January 1870, No. 3.

Is the Proceedings of Government, No. 2,473, of the 1st September 1869, my offer to compile a Manual of this district was accepted. I am sorry to say that when I made the offer I did not bestow sufficient thought on the great inconveniences to which I would probably be subject. I am now, however, convinced that owing to the very isolated situation of my head-quarters, at a distance of 104 miles from Kurnool, and my absolute inability to make any references to the records in your Office, it will be impossible for me to carry on the work which I have undertaken with any satisfaction. I find extreme difficulty in collecting any information here. The Tahsildars, not in my division, are, for the most part, very tardy in supplying me with any, and what I do get is generally of the most meagre description. I believe that to enable me to peruse all the records in your Office and to collect other materials towards the compilation of this Manual, it would be necessary to be in Kurnool for five or six months. Such a prolonged absence from my division would of course be out of the question, particularly as this is a Municipality, and requires to be most closely looked after, and I am extremely averse to being absent from it for any lengthened period.

2. For those reasons I request that you will be good enough to apply to Government to have me relieved from the work. I trust that it will not be imagined that I make this request through any decrease of ardour on my part, or for any other reason than what I have above alluded to, viz., the inconvenient position in which I am situated. I shall be happy to hand over to any one else that may be selected to compile the Manual the few materials which I have myself collected. I trust to be excused for any inconvenience I may cause in withdrawing from the work now, and it is with some regret that I find myself compelled to do so.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government. Under the circumstances stated the Board think it will be well for the present to postpone the compilation of a

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Manual for the Kurnool District, until some of the other Manuals have been completed.

No. 231.

ORDER THEREON, 30th March 1870, No. 413.

Miscellaneous

ORDERED accordingly.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALVELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. F. R. Bantle