No. 256. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th May 1872, No. 722:—

Read the following letter from R. TAYLOR, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort Saint George, 8th April 1872, No. 127:—

MUCH inconvenience has been caused by doubts as to the exact working of the Board's orders for closure of the monthly accounts of districts. The Government of India called for closest revision of estimates of the now expired year, and from the terms of the telegrams received from districts I was unable to say whether some of the sums they actually received in March would be brought to credit in that month or not. I would therefore submit, for the consideration of the Board, that the Madras system might be slightly modified to agree with the practice of other parts of India. There subordinate Treasuries (Tehseel or Taluq) are closed before the end of the month on such a date that the accounts of each for that date will reach the Huzur *before* the end of the month, and so certainly be embodied in the Huzur account of the month: the account of any later date would be kept back

[illegible] cash account of each month exhibits all the Huzur transactions of the month, and those of all Taluqs for the first 27 days (in February the first 25 days), and also (with the exception of April) the Taluq transactions of the last three days of the preceding months: the year's accounts include all the transactions of the official year without exception seeing that, as I have explained, the account for March is kept open for the last Taluq account, and is due for submission to the Accountant-General on 5th instead of on 1st. The plan is clearly understood by all departments, and so differences are avoided between the accounts of the Civil and other departments, *e. g.*, the Department of Public Works, and no room is left for the uncertainty which in the present case will probably lead to my being sharply censured by the Supreme Government.

As the Board understand this letter they see no objection to the proposal to close the Taluq accounts of March on the last day of the month instead of as at present some days earlier, and despatch them so as to reach the Collectors' office by the 5th April. The Treasury account of the district for March will, under this arrangement, be despatched to the Accountant-General by the 10th April instead of the 5th,* as is now the case.

* *Vide* Standing Order IV. of 1866.

2. The Collectors are requested to arrange for this to be done in future.

3. The object of the change is to make the accounts exhibit the transactions of the entire official year, and to prevent the chances of disagreement between the cash accounts of the different departments concerned with the Treasury.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th May 1872.

No. 257. ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1872, No. 830.

Miscellaneous. ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. McWATTERS,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

Govt. of {1872} Madras

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 28th May.

Read. Encl.

G. O., 28th May 1872, No. 830.

MAY.

Nos. 256-257.

Treasury Accounts.—Proceedings Board of Revenue on the proposal to have the Taluk accounts of March closed on the last day of the month instead of some days earlier as at present recorded.

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

No. 1673.

PROCEEDINGS, 6TH MAY 1872, No. 722.

Desp. 14 May 1872

Encl.

Received 15 May.

MAY.

No. 722.

Treasury Accounts.—Accountant-General informed that there is no objection to his proposal to have the Taluq accounts of March closed on the last day of the month instead of some days earlier as at present, and despatched to reach the Collectors' office by the 5th April. Collectors requested to arrange for this to be done in future.

No. 830

25 May 1872.

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