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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th July 1873.

No. 88. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th June 1873, No. 1,050:—

Read the following letters:—

From H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 29th April 1873, No. 123.

With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous No. 1,619 communicating the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, No. 17, dated 3rd March 1873, directing a report of the names of all officers who may desire to undertake the compilation of District Manuals, I have the honour, in reply, to state that the Acting Sub-Collector and the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury alone have intimated a willingness to accept the duty. Copies of their letters are enclosed.

2. It will be observed that Mr. Lister proposes to take three months' privilege leave in August, and, as he will probably be relieved by the permanent Sub-Collector, Mr. Sharp, immediately on his return, it would, I think, be hardly worthwhile for him to attempt the compilation. I am, moreover, of opinion that the duties devolving on a Sub-Collector require, if not the whole of his time, at least his constant presence in his division, and, if he has a roving commission through the whole district, public business must, to a considerable extent, be impeded during his absence

Enclosures Nos. 1 to 6.—Copies of Correspondence.

From the Hon. D. ARBUTHNOTT, Officiating Collector of Tanjore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 2nd May 1873, No. 160.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th March 1873, No. 1,619, I have the honour to report that Mr. Weld, the Assistant Collector, and R. Venkatarayalu Naidu, the Tahsildar, of Negapatam are willing to undertake the preparation of the Manual of this district, and to enclose a letter from the Sub-Collector recommending that the work may be entrusted to the latter.

2. R. Venkatarayalu Naidu is an intelligent Tahsildar of long standing and experience in this district, and is fully conversant with the details of revenue administration. He, however, possesses only a limited knowledge of English; but, as Mr. Stokes has undertaken to correct the English and supervise the work, there is, I think, no doubt that the work will be done in a creditable manner.

3. I beg, therefore, to recommend that R. Venkatarayalu Naidu may be allowed to compile the District Manual.

Enclosure No. 1.—Copy of letter from Sub-Collector.

From F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Salem, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Oossoor, 7th May 1873, No. 131.

I have the honour to report, with reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1,619, dated 18th March last, that Messrs. Wallace, Acting Sub-

Collector; LeFanu, Acting Head Assistant Collector; and Knox, Assistant Collector, are all willing to undertake the compilation of the Manual for this district.

2. Mr. Wallace has but recently joined, and Mr. Knox, though better acquainted with the district than his brother-officers, will, in all probability, leave it within the next six months on promotion. Mr. Overbury, the late Acting Head Assistant Collector, has placed all his notes at Mr. LeFanu's disposal, and there is every probability of his remaining here.

3. As I am an officer who belongs to the district, and who has been in it longer than any other, I presume that I am to include myself in the number of those consulted as to whether they will undertake the compilation of the Manual or not. It was twice offered to me before, and I then declined it on the ground that I did not think myself competent to do justice to the work. I have now the further reason that it is my intention to apply for furlough in the beginning of next year.

4. The delay which has arisen in replying to this reference has been caused by Mr. LeFanu's informing me that he had Mr. Overbury's notes and requesting me to ascertain from that gentleman whether he would allow him to use them.

THE Board submit herewith proposals received from officers in Salem, South Arcot, and Tanjore to compile the Manuals of their districts.

2. They would recommend that in Salem this work should be entrusted to Mr. Knox, who has served longest in the district of those willing to undertake the duty; in the case of Tanjore and South Arcot they would defer the matter until a more favourable opportunity occurs.

No. 89. ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1873, No. 713.

Miscellaneous.

Mr. Lister, South Arcot.
" LeFanu, Salem.
" Weld, Tanjore.

THE Governor in Council is pleased to accept the offers of the gentlemen named in the margin to compile the Manuals of the districts in which they are at present serving. They will be supplied with copies of Dr. Hunter's "Heads of Information".

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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Proposals from certain officers in Salem, S. Arcot & Tanjore to compile Manuals of those Districts.

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Mr. Lister - South Arcot
Mr. Le Fanu. Salem
Mr. Weld. Tanjore

Note - As the Govt have expressed a wish that these manuals should be pressed on as rapidly as possible, I have prepared this order accepting the offers made (though not supported by the Board) after consultation with the Chief Sec[y] as to the prospects of the several gentlemen remaining in the respective Districts. Mr. Sharp is high on the list and may not disturb Mr. Lister in S. A. - He certainly will not do so till the end of the year. Mr. Knox is likely to be promoted at Salem very shortly which Mr. LeFanu is interested to remain a year or two. Mr. Stokes is not likely to remain in Tanjore

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated July 9th.

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Manuals of South Arcot, Salem, and Tanjore Districts.—Accepting the offer of Messrs. Lister, LeFanu, and Weld, to compile the — respectively

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