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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st September 1874.

No. 29. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th August 1874, No. 2,145 :—

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Read also the following letter from the Accountant-General, Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort Saint George, 8th July 1874, No. 3,111 :—

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The undersigned has the honor to state, that Circular No. 40 of 2nd March 1874, cannot be modified since it has been distinctly laid down by the authorities in Calcutta that no payments out of Customs deposits are to be made without the countersignature of the Commissioner in Bengal, who is here represented by the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) R. W. LODWICK,
Accountant-General.

SUBMITTED for the Orders of Government.

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5. This order was in force until the 2nd March 1874, when the Accountant-General issued his Circular No. 40, in which he said "no payments will be made out of these deposits (*i. e.*, Customs deposits) without the sanction of the Board which must be forwarded with the voucher in support of the debit." Thinking this order might have been issued in ignorance of the existence of the Board's Standing Order, above referred to, the Board called the attention of the Accountant-General to it and asked him if he would modify his Circular. He refuses on the ground that the authorities of Calcutta have distinctly ruled that no payments out of Customs deposits are to be made without the countersignature of the Commissioner of Customs.

6. The Board do not think this is a sufficient reason. The long coast line of this Presidency and the great distance of many of the ports from Madras, make the circumstances very different. Moreover, the Board are not aware that a

Calcutta ruling can be considered a sufficient reason for annulling orders promulgated by competent authority and in force in this Presidency.

7. It is accordingly requested that the Accountant-General may be directed to modify his Circular No. 40 of the 2nd March 1874.

8. The reward of 15 Annas and 6 Pies mentioned in the letter from the Collector, recorded with Board's Proceedings, 2nd July 1871, No. 1,668, is sanctioned.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1874, No. 1,119.

Separate Revenue, No. 1.
Customs.

THE Accountant-General will furnish fuller information than that contained in his communication of the 8th July, No. 3,111. He will state who are "the authorities in Calcutta" and what are the precise terms of their ruling.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Accountant-General.

Ed. G. A. Turton.

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No. 1,668.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 2nd July 1874.

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 3rd June 1874, No. 164:—

WITH reference to the Accountant-General's Circular, No. 40, dated 2nd March 1874, I have the honour to inform you that a piece of Punjam cloth was seized and confiscated under Section 13 of Act VI. of 1844, and sold for Rupees 3. I have, therefore, to request that the Board's sanction may be granted for the payment of 15 Annas and 6 Pies out of the sale-proceeds to one Meka Tammaya, a Police Constable, No. 96, who was the seizor, which sum has been already credited in my accounts of last month to "Customs Deposits."

THE Board resolve to forward a copy of their Standing Order No. 19 of 1872 to the Accountant-General, and to ask him if he will modify his Circular of the 2nd March 1874, No. 40 (Land Customs), with reference to it.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

To the Accountant-General, with Standing Order No. 19 of 1872.
Copy to the Acting Collector of the Godavery District.

Ent. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of India
REVENUE.

To

The BOARD of REVENUE

Fort St. George

Dated

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No. 2,000.

Ord. 27. 1874.

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Board of Revenue [illegible]
1874, No. 3,111, [illegible]

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2792.

From Offg. Sec. to Govt. Dated 8th August 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

I have the honor to submit
for the orders of Government
the enclosed application of
Mr. [illegible] Collector of
Chittoor for the sanction of
Government to the grant of
rewards to informers under
the Consolidated Customs Act
VI of 1863.

Mr. Bird 25/8/74.

Rec. 27/8/74.

1874.

Board of Revenue.

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 2ND JULY 1874, No. 1,668.

Encl.

Rec. 27/8/74

Received 2nd July 1874.

JULY.

No. 1,668.

Rewards—to informers under Consolidated Customs Act, VI. of 1863.—Copy of Board's Standing Order No. 19 of 1872, empowering Collectors to grant—when not exceeding Rupees 100, submitting monthly statements of such rewards to Board, forwarded to Accountant-General; and this officer requested to state whether he will modify his Circular No. 40 of 2nd March 1874, with reference thereto.

FOR ORDERS.

C 24th Augt 1/4 Past 2 P.M.

No. 2,145.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
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Copy to the Accountant-General.

Rd. G. A. Turton.

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Board of Revenue
MADRAS.

Proceedings, 8TH AUGUST 1874, No. 2,145.

Read Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd July 1874, No. 1,668.
Read Accountant-General's Letter, dated 5th June 1874, No. 3,111.

AUGUST.
No. 2,145.

Customs deposits.—Government requested to direct Accountant-General, Madras, to modify Circular issued by him to the effect that no payments are to be made out of—Reward of Annas 15 and Pies 6 to one Meka Tarumya, a Police Constable, who seized a piece of Punjum cloth, in Godavery District, which was confiscated under Section 13 of Act VI. of 1844, and sold for Rupees 3, sanctioned.