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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd September 1874.

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2. To furnish the Board with lists of all the Trigonometrical Stations, which have to be protected in each district, would entail great labor, and be unnecessary, for lists have already been issued in all cases. By far the larger number were sent through the hands of the Secretary to the Madras Government for distribution to the District Officers in the two batches forwarded with my No. 63/635, of 26th June 1868, and No. 45/598, of 12th July 1869. Supplementary lists of new stations have been forwarded direct to the District Officers, who have also been informed of all transfers which have been ascertained to have taken place, in consequence of alterations of boundaries. The whole of the District Officers are now in correspondence with this office, and they possess all the information they require.

THE orders at present in force in this Presidency with regard to stations of the Great Trigonometrical Survey are that Collectors shall identify the stations and submit quarterly reports till all have been identified, and that afterwards they shall keep themselves acquainted with the condition of the stations and report half yearly. In both cases it is intended that the report, or last report of the second half year, should be submitted by the Board to Government for transmission to the Superintendent of the Great Trigonometrical Survey. These orders were issued with the view of assisting the Superintendent, and in supposed accordance with his wishes.

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5. Accordingly the Board resolve, with the consent of Government, to stop the quarterly and half-yearly reports, and direct Collectors to correspond immediately with the Superintendent, Great Trigonometrical Survey, with regard to Great Trigonometrical Survey Stations, and furnish him with the reports which he calls for.

No. 198. ORDER THEREON, 23rd September 1874, No. 1,203.

Miscellaneous. APPROVED.

(True Extract.)

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Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. Grubert.

Govt. of India.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated September 23rd.

Encl.

G. O., 23rd September 1874, No. 1,203.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 197-198.

Great Trigonometrical Survey Stations.—Approving the Board's proposals to stop the submission of the usual reports on —, and to direct Collectors to correspond immediately with the Superintendent, Great Trigonometrical Survey with regard to these stations, and to furnish him with the reports which he calls for.

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ANNUAL RETURN SHEWING THE CONDITION OF THE PILLARS AND TOWERS, OR PLATFORMS MARKING THE PRINCIPAL STATIONS OF THE GREAT TRIGONOMETRICAL SURVEY IN THE DISTRICT OF

Notes on the preparation of this Return

(1.) In the blank space above enter the name of the District, Collectorate, Native State or other Territorial Division for which the Return is made.

(2.) In the 1st column of the Return (see next page) insert the name of the Station as given in the list prepared in the Trigonometrical Survey Office, whenever practicable; the names should be written in the order in which they occur in the Survey lists.

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(7.) In column 6 state the condition of the Station and estimated cost of repairs

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Annual Return of Principal Stations in the Great Trigonometrical Survey in the District of

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(True Copies and Extract.)

J. Love
Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with one original enclosure.
" the Superintendent of the Great Trigonometrical Survey of India.
Copy to all Collectors.
" to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Erd. A. Grubert.

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Board of Revenue,

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PROCEEDINGS, 28TH AUGUST 1874, No. 2,429.

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AUGUST.

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