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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th December 1874.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 55. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th October 1874,
No. 2,993.

Read Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 29th May 1874, No. 660,
Revenue Department :—

COMMUNICATED to all Collectors with a request that they will discontinue sending the following periodical returns henceforward, if they have not been already discontinued :—

- (1.) Supplemental indent of stationery.
- (2.) Receipt and expenditure of stationery articles.
- (3.) Health Report.
- (4.) Return of absence of Collectors from head-quarters, *vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 21st September 1,870, No. 5,823.
- (5.) Statement of Births and Deaths.
- (6.) D. C. and B. of Income-tax.
- (7.) Report upon the expenditure on Public Works by Revenue Officers from Local Funds.
- (8.) The monthly statement of Bullion and Specie.

2. The Board had thought that the two statements named in the margin might also be discontinued, and entered them accordingly in the list submitted to Government, but they observe that they are required by the Accountant-General. They should, therefore, continue to be forwarded.

3. The report noted in the margin was by a mistake entered in the list as Receipts and Charges of Local Funds. due to Government, but it is a statement which the Board receive for their information.

4. In addition to the returns named in paragraph 1, the Board consider that the following returns also may be discontinued, and request that Government will accord sanction for their discontinuance.

5. No. 23.—The Board now receive from Collectors an annual report on Annual statement showing the progress made in the formation of village topos. Jungle Conservancy, in which the formation of village topos is or ought to be noticed. A separate statement is therefore uncalled for.

6. Quarterly, Nos. 6 and 7.—The object of these statements is that the Board may watch and call the attention of Collectors when the unadjusted amounts accumulate into large sums without reason. The Accountant-General also gets the information and notices any unnecessary delay in their adjustment. A double appears unnecessary, and the Board think that the statements may be discontinued.

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No. 5.—The Board receive annually a statement showing lands taken up for Public Works, but for which compensation has not been paid. This is sufficient for the purpose of enabling the Board to see that there is no unnecessary delay in disposing of claims for compensation. A monthly statement of lands taken up during the month is of no use and may be discontinued.

No. 8.—The information contained in this is obtained from other statements, except as regards deposits and advances about which the Board have already observed that no information is required. This statement which is simply a copy of one sent to the Accountant-General may also be discontinued.

No. 10. With reference to the remarks of Government in paragraph 5, the Board beg to observe that the report on Public Works by Revenue officers from Local Funds has been already discontinued.

No. 11. In paragraph 7, the Government observe that the submission of the list of Petty Construction and Repairs to Government is unnecessary. It will not be submitted to Government in future, but it is necessary that Collectors should send it to the Board, and that it should be printed to enable the Board to see when estimates are sent for sanction, whether there is provision or not for the work in the Budget, and also to enable them to transfer funds from one district to another when required.

No. 12. With reference to the suggestion of Government as to whether the Board can be authorized to pass estimates up to 5,000 instead of only to Rupees 2,000, they are of opinion that this may be done with advantage, and that Collectors may likewise be authorized to pass estimates for works provided for in the Budget up to Rupees 2,000, instead of only up to Rupees 1,000 as at present.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 56. From R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 7th November 1874, No. 412.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, No 2,993, dated 15th October 1874, I have the honor to state that the Board have made a mistake in reporting that a monthly statement of collections and charges, in which the amounts sanctioned in the Budget are not exhibited, is furnished by this department. No such statement is sent, but in the half-yearly statement of charges submitted under G. O., No. 61, dated 17th January 1873, Revenue Department, the sanctioned grants are entered.

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5th December 1874.*

No. 57. ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1874, No. 1,501.

Miscellaneous.

The discontinuance of the returns specified in paragraphs 5 to 9 of the Board's Proceedings is approved. The Accountant-General will be requested to show in the half-yearly statement submitted by him under G. O., dated 17th January 1873, No. 61, receipts as well as charges with the figures of the Budget Estimate in both cases.

2. The Government have no objection to the list of works of Petty Construction and Repairs being printed for use in the Board's Office, and they authorize the Board to pass estimates for these works up to Rs. 5,000. The Board's proposal to permit the Collectors to pass estimates for works provided for in the Budget up to Rs. 2,000 is approved.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. W. H. French.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated December 5th.

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G. O., 5th December 1874, No. 1,501.

DECEMBER

No. 65-97

Certain Periodical Returns.—Approving the dis-
 continuance of — specified by the Board of Re-
 venue, and requesting the Accountant-General to
 show in the half-yearly statement receipts as well
 as charges with the figures of the Budget Estimate
 in both cases. Authorizing the Board to pass
 estimates for works of Petty Construction and
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No. 2,993.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 15th October 1874.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 29th May 1874,
 No. 660, Revenue Department:—

No. 289. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th
 September 1870, No. 5,746:—

Read the following:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 11th May 1870, No. 687, Revenue
 Department.

ABSTRACT.—*Periodical Reports and Returns submitted by Heads of Departments.*

Proceedings Public Department relating to the reduction in their number and
 size, with orders thereon.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 8th June 1870, No. 49, Revenue
 Department.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting to expedite the report called for in G. O. of 22nd
 April 1870 in regard to reducing the number and size of periodical returns.

In this order the Board are requested to submit their views as to the extent
 to which the reduction both in number and size of reports, returns, and periodical
 statements prepared in their Office and in those of their subordinates can be
 carried out.

2. A complete and descriptive list of the reports and returns at present
 received from each district at the Board's Office has been drawn up, and is appended
 to these Proceedings as required. Those which are submitted to Government are
 distinguished from those which are retained at the Board's Office. The authority
 under which each report and return is called for is also quoted in each case.

3. The Board observe that very little room is left for curtailment or improve-
 ment in the number or size of the existing reports and returns, which are all abso-
 lutely required for purposes of administration.

4. The Government are aware that in this Presidency the subject has
 received attention from time to time. A
 Extract Minutes of Consultation, Revenue Department, dated 30th November 1850, No. 1,125.
 Government Order, dated 18th November 1860, No 1,674.
 Do. do. 11th Dec. 1861, No. 1,625.
 Do. do. 17th March 1862 „ 591.
 general revision of accounts and returns took place in 1850, and another embracing all departments of Govern-
 ment took place in 1860. Owing to these periodical revisions very little
 scope is now left for reduction or improvement.

5. A collection of forms of the returns on the list is forwarded as required
 by Government.

LIST of Periodical Reports and Returns received by the Board of Revenue.

Names of Reports and Returns.	Nature of the Reports, etc.	Under what Authority.	Whether now necessary or not.
<i>Annual, for Official year.</i> 1. Revenue Administration Report. To Government.	A brief and comprehensive report of the results and leading events of the Revenue Administration of the year, accompanied by tabular statements.	E. M. C., dated 24th Nov. 1855, P. D., No. 1,497.	
2. District Press Report. To Government.	The operations of the various District Presses in charge of Collectors are reviewed in this report.	E. M. C., dated 12th April 1856, R. D., No. 375, paragraph 8.	
3. Local Fund Report. To Government.	This is a comprehensive résumé of the operations of the several Local Funds, viz., the District Road Fund, the Cattle Pound Fund, the Village Service Fund, the Chuttrums and Public Bungalow Fund, and several others.	E. M. C., dated 11th April 1856, R. D., No. 371.	
4. Public Works Report. To Government.	This is a report made by Collectors on the expenditure on Public Works (including irrigation works, roads, and buildings) executed in their districts during the year.	E. M. C., dated 13th May 1856, No. 486, paragraph 7.	
5. Report on the expenditure on Public Works by Revenue officers from Local Fund. To Government.	This report is intended to show the part taken by Collectors in the expenditure of the Local Funds raised in their districts.	G. O., dated 30th May 1866, No. 1,274, R. D.	
6. Report on the examination of Securities of public servants.	This is a report made by Collectors on the competency of securities tendered by public servants. Such a report is necessary in the interests of Government.	Board's Circular, 11th Aug. 1859, No. 3,108.	
7. Report on the District Records.	The object of this report is to ensure the records being inspected and arranged annually and prevent their unnecessary accumulation on the one hand and their falling into confusion on the other.	E. M. C., dated 6th January 1854, No. 28, R. D.	
8. Report on the progress made in improving Salt Roads. To Government.	The condition of the roads leading to the pans bears so intimately on the salt revenues that a special report on them is of much importance.	G. O., dated 2nd October 1865, No. 2,379, paragraph 53.	
9. Budget Estimate of Revenue Receipts and Charges. To Government.	This is the annual financial return of the estimate of receipts and charges connected with the various branches of revenue under the control of the Board.	G. O., dated 15th April 1862, No. 289, F. D.	
10. Regular Estimate of Revenue Receipts and Charges.	This is a return similar to the above, but submitted later in year (October), containing corrections of the Budget Estimate with reference to the actual results of the previous five months.		These two returns will, under the order of the Government of India, be dispensed with for the future.
11. Material alterations in the estimate of Receipts and Charges.	Same as above, but submitted in August reporting material changes with reference to the season and other considerations.		

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12. Local Fund Budget. To Government.	This, like the Revenue Budget, is a statement of estimated receipts and proposed expenditure under all heads of Local Funds during the ensuing year.	G. O., dated 4th March 1864, No. 392.	
13. Statement of Irrigation Works requiring repairs. To Government.	This statement is made out to show the wants of the various districts in the matter of irrigation works. It is chiefly intended for the information of Government in the Department of Public Works.	G. O., dated 6th February 1864, No. 381.	
14. Estimate of extracharges.	These estimates containing the details of charges proposed to be incurred for furniture, for peons' belts, for binding books, etc., are sent up for the sanction of the Board.	G. O., dated 9th December 1861, No. 1,509, J. D. G. O., dated 26th Jan. 1858, No. 46, J. D. G. O., dated 12th Feb 1858, No. 185, R. D.	
15. Indent for Press Materials.	These are sent up for the sanction of the Board, and are passed and forwarded for supply to the Superintendent of Government Gazette Press.	G. O., dated 23rd September 1862, No. 2,067. Standing Circular, dated 16th March 1865, No. 1,498.	
16. General Indent of Stationery. To the Superintendent of Stationery.	A general indent embodying the requirements of all the districts forwarded by the Board to the Superintendent of Stationery for supply.	Board's Circular, 13th July 1826, paragraph 27. <i>Vide also Stationery Rules, Gazette 1841, page 407.</i>	
17. Supplemental Indent of Stationery.	This return, as a periodical one, has been discontinued by recent orders.		Has been discontinued.
18. List of Yeomiah allowances.	This return is for purposes of reference and for keeping up the important register of these pensioners, corrected up to date.	G. O., dated 8th August 1864, No. 1,424.	
19. Comparative Statement of Salt Sales. To Government.	This statement is compiled and submitted for the information of the Government of India. It shows the revenue from salt of the year compared with the two preceding years.	E. M. C., dated 2nd July 1852, No. 639.	
20. Receipt and Expenditure of Stationery articles.	This was a monthly return formerly, and is now an annual statement submitted by Collector for the information of the Board. As the expenditure of each article is given in the annual indent, this may be discontinued.	Board's Proceedings, dated 25th Feb. 1867, No. 1,147, paragraph 20.	May be discontinued.
21. Receipt and Charges for stamping Weights and Measures. To Government.	An annual return compiled from those received from each district is submitted to Government for their sanction. It is an account of fees realized and spent on stamping weights and measures throughout the country.	G. O., dated 1st Oct. 1867, No. 2,289.	

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22. Statement of land taken for public purposes for which compensation has not been paid.	This return is to enable the Board to see that no unnecessary delay is allowed to take place in settling and paying for claims to compensation.	G. O., dated 23rd Feb. 1864, No. 325.	
23. Annual statement showing progress made in the formation of Village Topes.	The formation of village topes being deemed to be of much importance in this country, certain rules were made and concessions granted for the encouragement of their planting. This statement is a report of progress made every year.	G. O., dated 20th July 1866, No. 1,832.	
24. Showing the establishments down to the grade of Taluq Sheristadar as stood on the 1st April.	As the information contained in these lists is now given in the annual list of revenue establishments published by Government, these may be discontinued.	G. O., dated 6th April 1865, No. 769. Board's Circular, dated 10th June 1865, No. 3,137.	May be discontinued.
25. Estimate of Expenditure under Petty Construction and Repairs. To Government.	This is a part of the system of Budget Estimates, and relates to expenditure which is directly under the supervision of Collectors in connection with all branches of revenue.	G. O., dated 29th Nov. 1865, No. 548, Financial Department, dated 12th Dec. 1865, No. 3,012, R. D.	
26. Statement showing the quantity and value of articles exported from Land Customs House.	These returns are received from a few districts wherein frontier duties still exist in connection with foreign settlements. They show the exports to, and imports from, the Foreign Settlements.	G. O., dated 6th Feb. 1863, No. 274. Board's letter to certain Collectors, dated 20th Feb. 1863, No. 1,016.	
<i>Fasli Year.</i>			
1. Settlement Report. To Government.	This is a comprehensive report of the results of the management of the various branches of revenue under the control of the Board.	E. M. C., dated 11th March 1854, No. 292.	
2. Report on Minor Estates. To Government.	This is also a brief report of the management of the various estates of young and disqualified proprietors which are under the control of the Board of Revenue in their capacity of Court of Wards.	E. M. C., dated 11th March 1854, No. 292.	
3. Report upon the health of the district. To Government.	This is a report on the general health of each district reviewing the result shown by the returns of mortality, and discussing the prevalence of epidemics and the steps taken to arrest them.	G. O., dated 18th April 1868, No. 1,034. G. O., dated 14th July 1870, No. 870.	
4. Report from the Superintendent of Stamps on the transaction of his department. To Government.	This is a review of the transactions of the Stamp revenue.	Board's letter to the Superintendent of Stamps, dated 20th March 1815, No. 282.	

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<i>Quarterly.</i>			
1. Return of Revenue Defaulters confined in Jail.	This is a return for the information of the Board, in view to the Board exercising their discretion as to the period of confinement.	Board's Circular, dated 13th July 1826 (old edition).	
2. Return of Fines imposed and stoppages made from the pay of public servants.	This return is also for information and for purposes of check and control over the proceedings of subordinate officers.	Do.	
3. Return of public servants suspended and dismissed.	Do. do. do.	Do.	
4. List of letters received from the Board remaining unanswered.	The object of this return is to prevent unnecessary delay in the disposal of correspondence.	Board's Circular, dated 30th Sept. 1848 (old edition).	
5. List of letters sent to the Board do.	Do. do. do.	Do.	
6. Statement of Advances Recoverable.	This return shows the progress made in the realization of advances recoverable and explain why certain items remain uncollected.	Board's Miscellaneous Circular, dated 28th April 1865, No. 2,141.	
7. Statement of Deposits.	The object of this return is to place before the Board all cases of moneys held in deposit, and the Board call attention of, and issue instructions to, Collectors when sums are retained without due cause.	Circular Memorandum, dated 1st Nov. 1866, No. 1,095.	
8. Return of absence of Collectors, etc., from their head-quarters.	This return shows the movements of Revenue officers within their districts, and enables the Board to see that they visit the tracts of country placed under their charge.	G. O., dated 4th August 1866, No. 1,968.	
9. Statement of refunds sanctioned by Collectors.	This return is for purposes of check.	G. O., dated 4th Oct. 1868, No. 2,705.	
<i>Monthly.</i>			
1. Demand, Collection, and Balance Statement together with Statement of prices, rainfall, cultivation, and Season Report. To Government.	This is a report of the progress of revenue collections, accompanied by a statement of the prices, the season, and the progress of cultivation and harvest.	Board's Circular, dated 15th Sept. 1808; G. O., dated 29th Nov. 1859, No. 1,616.	
2. Progress Statement of collections and charges compared with Budget Estimates. To Government, quarterly.	This return enables the Board to watch the expenditure in comparison with the Budget grants.	G. O., dated 20th October 1862, No. 2,237.	

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3. Statement of lands sold for arrears of Revenue under Act II. of 1864. To Government.	This return is for information, and its contents indicate the degree to which coercive process is employed in the realization of revenue.	Under Act II. of 1864, Section 38. Board's Standing Circular, dated 30th Aug. 1864, No. 5,613, paragraph 12.	
4. Lapsed Inams and Yeomias.	This is a report of the deaths among the holders of Inam lands and money-allowances. Every case is considered and submitted for the final orders of Government.		
5. Lands taken up for Railway purposes.	This is a return of lands taken up for Railway purposes, but not paid for. The object of this return is to enable the Board to exercise some check on too great delay in the disposal of claims.	G. O., dated 1st June 1865, No. 1,174. G. O., dated 6th July 1865, No. 1,895. G. O., dated 1st August 1865, No. 2,201, P. W. D. G. O., dated 4th March 1864, No. 392. Standing Circular, dated 30th June 1865, No. 3,671.	
6. Receipts and Charges of Local Funds. To Government.	This return contains the transactions of the various Local Funds under the control of the Board.	G. O., dated 22nd March 1865, No. 304, P. D. G. O., dated 1st June 1865, No. 591, P. D. Board's Standing Circular, dated 17th June 1865, No. 3,294. G. O., dated 28th June 1868, No. 115, paragraph 5.	
7. Statement of Deaths and Births.	These returns are for statistical and sanitary purposes.	Circular Memorandum from the Board's Office, dated 17th May 1865, No. 462.	
8. Plus and Minus Memorandum.	This is a useful return showing the total transactions during the month under every head of Deposits, Recoverable Advances, Local Funds, Salt Receipts, Stamp Receipts, and sales under those heads.	Board's Circular, dated 13th July 1826, old edition, page 49.	
9. Persons charged under Regulation IX. of 1822.	This return is for the information of the Board who are the appellate authority under this Regulation.	Do.	
10. Persons confined under do.	Do. do. do.	Do.	
11. Village officers suspended under Regulation VI. of 1831.	Do. do. do.	Board's Circular, dated 25th Aug. 1831, page 123.	
12. Register of Petitions referred by the Board.	This return enables the Board and the local authorities who send them to prevent delay in the disposal of petitions.	Board's Circular, dated 13th July 1826, old edition, page 49.	

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13. Salt Account Current...	This return gives information to the Board of Salt sold, received into store, and the stock on hand.	E. M. C., dated 20th October 1855, No. 1,173.	
14. Trade Returns. To Government.	General Abstracts are compiled from these District Returns and submitted to the Government of India.	E. M. C., dated 14th March 1854, No. 309. G. O., dated 1st March 1866, No. 534.	
15. Statement of Bullion and Specie. To Government.	Also submitted to the Government of India for information. It exhibits import and export of silver and gold in bullion and coin.	Government of India, dated 28th September 1843, No. 1,342, dated 14th Oct. 1843, No. 126.	
16. Bills for Contingent charges. To Accountant-General.	These bills are received for audit by the Account Department of the Board and embrace a variety of charges, such as travelling allowance, batta, carriage of records, furniture, etc.	G. O., dated 5th November 1860, No. 2,047.	
17. Statement of Expenditure under Petty Construction and Repairs.	Also received for audit and information of the Board.	Board's Standing Circular, dated 29th Sept. 1868, No. 6,910.	
18. Reward to informers of smuggled goods.	These statements are sent to the Board for sanction, and embrace rewards proposed to be given to informers of smuggled goods, etc., in the Customs, Salt, and Abkari Departments.	Board's Standing Circular, dated 5th July 1864, No. 4,183A under Sec. 229 of Act VI. of 1863.	
19. D. C. B. of Income-tax.	This return furnishes particulars of the collections of Income-tax which is under the control of the Board of Revenue.	G. O., dated 3rd May 1870, No. 635.	

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ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1874, No. 660.

Miscellaneous.

The Government of India, in their Proceedings, dated 17th March 1870, No. 1,428, requested this Government to consider the possibility of reducing the number of reports, returns, and periodical statements, and simplifying and condensing those retained in all departments of the Administration, and Heads of Departments were requested to report on the subject.

Order, dated 11th May 1870, No. 687.

2. The Board submit a descriptive list of the reports and returns, and remark that a general revision of accounts and returns having taken place in 1850, and another embracing all departments of Government in 1860, very little scope is now left for reduction or improvement. The Government of India are very earnest on the subject. They remark that they feel convinced that "if a thorough and searching inquiry be instituted into the work of every department, the

resulting advantages will more than re-pay the trouble which such inquiry may entail," and request the Governor in Council "to take this important matter into his serious consideration, with a view to effect a saving of expense in establishment, stationery, and printing." The Government have, therefore, carefully considered the necessity or otherwise of each report, but can only make a few changes which are noted below.

3. *Revenue Administration Report*.—This document submitted by the Board of Revenue is accompanied by the reports of the Collectors printed at length. It does not appear practicable to curtail the reports in any way, but the Board might consider whether the arrangement which is adopted in the General Administration Report of the Presidency could not be more nearly followed, so that it should be published with as little alteration as possible. The report itself and accompanying statements might be forwarded in *MS.*, as it is necessary to print this paper in royal *stavo* size for transmission to the Government of India, and for compilation with the reports of other departments in a convenient form. The Collectors' reports should appear in the Board's regular Proceedings, but they will not be re-printed in the Government Office. The printed volume finally issued by Government will, of course, be available for the Board as well as for Collectors.

4. *Local Funds Report. Local Funds Budgets*.—The work connected with Local Funds has been transferred to the Financial Department, and these reports need not, therefore, be considered in this department.

5. *Report on the Expenditure on Public Works by Revenue Officers from Local Funds*.—This is required for a general report submitted to the Government of India from the Public Works Department. It need not be sent to the Revenue Department.

6. *Statement of Land taken up for public purposes for which Compensation has not been paid*.—This report is not required by Government. It is incorrectly entered in the Board's list as being submitted to Government.

7. *Estimate of Expenditure under Petty Construction and Repairs*.—The allotments for the several departments are settled when the Budget of Charges is reviewed, and the Board of Revenue distribute them among the several districts. The Board afterwards submit a bulky list of the numerous works with a review, and this list is, in the usual course, passed by Government. This procedure seems unnecessary. The Board have the power of sanctioning estimates for Local Fund works up to Rupees 5,000. The same power may be given to them for petty revenue works, requiring the submission of estimates for sums exceeding Rupees 5,000 for the sanction of Government. Before, however, introducing the change, the Government desire to have the opinion of the Board.

8. *Report on Minor Estates*.—The continuance of this report is essential. The Board may, however, avoid repeating in the body of their Proceedings the statements of Demand, Collection, and Balance, of each estate, and of the financial position of the several estates, which are given in the Appendix, adding two columns, "Debts due to the estate," and "Debts due by the estate," to Statement No. 5.

9. *Report upon the Health of the Districts*.—The discontinuance of the separate report of the Board on the sanitary condition of the districts has already been ordered.

10. *Statement of Bullion and Specie*.—The submission of this return to Government has been discontinued by the order in the Financial Department, dated 12th December 1870, No. 502.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Acting Under Secretary,
for Acting Secretary to Government.

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9. *No. 8.*—The information contained in this is obtained from other statements, except as regards deposits and advances about which the Board have already observed that no information is required. This statement which is simply a copy of one sent to the Accountant-General may also be discontinued.

10. With reference to the remarks of Government in paragraph 5, the Board beg to observe that the report on Public Works by Revenue officers from Local Funds has been already discontinued.

11. In paragraph 7, the Government observe that the submission of the list of Petty Construction and Repairs to Government is unnecessary. It will not be submitted to Government in future, but it is necessary that Collectors should send it to the Board, and that it should be printed to enable the Board to see when estimates are sent for sanction, whether there is provision or not for the work in the Budget, and also to enable them to transfer funds from one district to another when required.

12. With reference to the suggestion of Government as to whether the Board can be authorized to pass estimates up to 5,000 instead of only to Rupees 2,000, they are of opinion that this may be done with advantage, and that Collectors may likewise be authorized to pass estimates for works provided for in the Budget up to Rupees 2,000, instead of only up to Rupees 1,000 as at present.

(A true Extract.)

J. G. M.

Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ all Collectors.

Copy to the Accountant-General.

Exd. W. H. French.

Books DEPARTMENT.

No. 412

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,

9/1501
76 Nov 1874

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

SIR,

With reference to Board's Proceedings No. 2993 dated 15th October 1874, I have the honor to state, that the Board have made a mistake in reporting, that a monthly statement of collections and charges, in which the amounts sanctioned in the Budget are not exhibited, is furnished by this Department. No such statement is sent, but in the half yearly statement of charges, submitted under Government order No. 61 dated 17th January 1873, Revenue Department, the sanctioned grants are entered.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your obedient servant
Wm. S. S. S.
Accountant General

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No. 4004

Revenue 1874. 28/10

BOARD OF REVENUE,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 15TH OCTOBER 1874, No. 2,993.

28/10/74

Encl.

Received

No. 1601-5

No. 2,993.

OCTOBER.

Periodical Reports and Returns.—Discontin-
uance of certain—directed, and Government
requested to accord sanction for discontinuance
of certain others. Opinion expressed that sug-
gestion of Government as to whether the Board
can be authorized to pass estimates up to Rs. 5,000
instead of Rupees 2,000 only may be carried out
with advantage, and that Collectors may like-
wise be authorized to pass estimates for works
provided for in Budget up to Rupees 2,000, in-
stead of only up to Rupees 1,000 as at present.

Revenue Department

N^o 1501

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 5th November 1874

Read the following papers

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Requesting to accord sanction
for discontinuance of certain Periodical
Reports and Returns of

(H. & 15th Oct^r 1874, N^o 2993.)

Letter from the Accountant General.

Stating that no monthly statements
of collections and charges is sent, and
that the sanctioned grants are
entered in the Half-yearly statement
of charges. —

(H. & 7th Nov^r 1874 N^o 412.)

The discontinuance

of the returns specified in paras
5 to 9 of the Board's Proceedings
is approved. The Accountant
General will be requested to
show in the half-yearly state-
ment submitted by him
under G.O. dated 17th January
1873, N^o 61, receipts as well as
charges with the figures of the
Budget.

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From
The Accountant General
Madras

To
The Secretary to
Government
Revenue Department

Recd
1874
20th Nov^r 1874

To

State that no monthly
statement of collections
and charges is sent, and
that the sanctioned grants are
entered in the Half-yearly statement
of charges. —

Budget estimate in both cases.

2. The Government have no objection to the list of

works of Petty construction

and Repairs being printed

for use in the Board's Office,

and they authorize the Board

to pass estimates for these

works up to Rs. 5000. The

amount of Rs. 1000 at present

assigned to collectors cannot

be raised as suggested by

the Board.

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The Board's proposal to permit

the Collectors to pass estimates

for works provided for in the

Budget up to Rs. 2000 is approved

For others.

it is better to have

works in the Sanction

Board and note here

must / time & cost

with reference

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G.O.

Regarding discontinuance
of certain periodical
Reports and Returns.

C.O.