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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th May 1874.*

Read the following :—

No. 95. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd March 1874,
No. 454.

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Godavery District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
dated Pentapadu, 7th February 1874, No. 27.

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4. And I do not think that the Accountant-General should be allowed to pass orders. It cannot be that he wants any forged Notes to be issued, and surely I am much better qualified than the Accountant-General to know whether Tahsildars have had sufficient practice in examining Notes to allow of their re-issuing them without a previous inspection by people better qualified for the work. If the accounts are punctually and correctly sent, and if everything is done to increase the circulation of Notes, the Accountant-General has nothing more to do with me. He ought not to be allowed to restrict my power of seeing that my Tahsildars do their duty carefully, or of diminishing their responsibility in cases where they have not sufficient means of deciding what is right or wrong.

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REFERRED to the Accountant-General for his observations.

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No. 95A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th April 1874, No. 871.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd March 1874, No. 454.

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THE undersigned has the honour to forward copies of letters noted in the margin, from which it will be seen that the orders issued to the Treasury Officers were in accordance with the instructions received from the Comptroller-General, Calcutta.

To Comptroller-General, No. 7,016, dated 10th November 1873.
From Comptroller-General, No. 1,172, dated 9th January 1874.

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

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(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. KISSUN SING,
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2. This may be misunderstood and prove inconvenient.

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COMMUNICATED to the Collector of the Godavery District.

2. There is considerable risk involved in the Accountant-General's circular, and it would have been better if the Accountant-General had consulted Government and the Board before he issued it; but as the object aimed at is a good one, the Board think it best not to interfere, unless the difficulties which the Collector anticipates actually occur.

3. The Board see no objection to the mere issuing of such a circular. The Accountant-General has always issued similar ones, as for instance, with regard to coins.

4. These Proceedings will be submitted for the information of Government.

No. 96. ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1874, No. 564.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government are of opinion that the Circular is somewhat hazardous. They request the Board to consult with some of the Collectors on the subject, and report again.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman

No. 454.

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

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of the

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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From

Board of Revenue

Dated

15th April 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

I am inclined to think the order a somewhat hazardous one and direct the collector to be careful in its execution. I think it is a very good one and will be of great service. The result is not in the

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.

Copy to the Acting Collector of the Godavery District.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Board May 7th

G. O. 7th May 1874, No. 161

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No. 93-96.

Circular directing revision to Public of the
Revenue Notes received by Tahsildars from
Public. Considers—some of the irregularities, and
requests Board to report again on the subject after
consultation with Collectors.

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Currency Notes—received by Tahsildars from the public.—Letter from Collector of Godavery District, forwarding with remarks one from Accountant-General in which he directs re-issue of — to public, and requesting that his instructions may be over-ruled by Government, referred to Accountant-General for his observations.

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J. G. Gole
Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
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and its one original enclosure, to be returned.
„ the Collector of the Godavery District.
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Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Circular Notes—issued by the Board from public—Accountant-General's letter explaining that his Circular directing re-issuing of — to public is in accordance with instructions from Comptroller-General of Accounts, Calcutta, communicated to Collector of Godavery District, with certain remarks. Board's Proceedings submitted to Government.

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PROCEEDINGS, 15TH APRIL 1874, NO. 871.

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