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No. 96. From J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 28th August 1874, No. 2,442.

I AM directed to address Government with reference to the Notification published at page 2,010, of the *Fort St. George Gazette* for the 23rd December 1873, from which it appears that the Government of India have thought it necessary to relieve Accountants-General from the duty of inspecting District Treasuries, and desired Local Governments to arrange for the inspection to be done "by Commissioners of divisions or other Superintending officers," and that this Government has ordered the inspection in the Madras Presidency to be carried out "under instructions to be issued by the Board of Revenue."

2. No instructions have been issued hitherto. The order was not communicated to the Board, and until they received G. O., dated 16th July 1874, No. 132, they were under the impression that Government would give them definite orders as to the officers to be employed on inspection.

3. The order of the Government of India seems to imply that the inspecting officers are to be officers of a superior grade to that of Collectors, but there are no such officers available in the Madras Presidency. It is simply impossible that the Members of the Board of Revenue, burdened as they now are by duties connected with the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations, the Committee for the examination of Assistants, the Settlement Department, and the Inam Department should undertake the work even if they could do it with advantage to the Public Service.

4. I am accordingly to suggest that in this Presidency the inspection of District Treasuries should still be left to the Account Department, strengthened if necessary.

5. It would perhaps be sufficient if each Collector were required to inspect his treasury periodically, submitting a special report that he has done so, and answering all or some of the questions printed with G. O., dated 4th May 1874, No. 766.

(True Copy.)

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

Exd. G. A. Turton.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND,
9th October 1874.

No. 1,295.

No. 97.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Miscellaneous.

SIR,—I am directed, with reference to the Resolution of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 5th December 1873, and 19th June 1874, Nos. 3,461 and 3,853, and to the accompanying copy of letter from the Board of Revenue, dated 28th August 1874, No. 2,442, to inquire whether the performance of the inspection duty referred to may not in this Presidency be assigned to Collectors who occupy much the same position as Commissioners in other Provinces.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council fully agrees in the opinion expressed by the Board that it is entirely out of the question under existing circumstances for its Members to take regular tours of inspection through the districts.

3. If investigation is required of a nature more minute than that indicated in the second Resolution under reference, it can be better carried out by an officer of the Account Department.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman

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No. 2,442.

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To C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secy., to Govt., Revenue Department.

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2. No instructions have been issued hitherto. The order was not communicated to the Board and until they received G. O., dated 16th July 1874, No. 132, they were under the impression that Government would give them definite orders as to the officers to be employed on inspection.

3. The order of the Government of India seems to imply that the inspecting officers are to be officers of a superior grade to that of Collectors, but there are no such officers available in the Madras Presidency. It is simply impossible that the Members of the Board of Revenue, burdened as they now are by duties connected with the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations, the Committee for the examination of Assistants, the Settlement Department, and the Inam Department should undertake the work even if they could do it with advantage to the Public Service.

4. I am accordingly to suggest that in this Presidency the inspection of District Treasuries should still be left to the Account Department, strengthened if necessary.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras,
28th August 1874.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

Rd. C. A. T...

presidency

1874.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

FROM THE SECY. TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, R. D.,

Dated 28th August 1874.

Received.

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AUGUST.

No. 2,442.

Inspection of District Treasuries—in Madras Presidency.—Suggestion of Board that duty of — should still be left to the Account Department strengthened if necessary, submitted to Government.

Presidency to be carried out "under instructions to be issued by the Board of Revenue"

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

J. Grose.
Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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From Pres. Bd. of Rev.

Dated 28th August 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

The Board cannot legally
by the work - and do
cannot transfer the Draw, as
before, by the Acc.ts Genl.
Debt - or be left undrawn.
We have to take the first
of Bonds as soon as practicable
QG Sept 1874. J.D.

No 1 Abstract 35-36 Vict
to July 1872 to 31st Dec

No 3020.

Treasury Chest Account

To Cash Abstract No 1 1872 to 31st Dec

Sir

We have the honour to transmit
herewith Abstract No 1 of Receipts
and Payments on account of the
Treasury Chest for the half year
ended 31st December 1872
We have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient Servants
Comptroller & Auditor Genl

Revenue Department
Comptroller & Auditor Genl's Office

To
The Secretary to the Treasury

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Revenue Department
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To
The Secretary to the Treasury

FOR ORDERS.

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Revenue Department.

No. 1271
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To The Secretary to the Government of India,
Financial Department.

Sir,

I am directed, with reference to the Resolution of the Govt. of India in the Financial department dated 5th December 1873 No. 3461, to request, that so far as the Madras Presidency is concerned, the instructions therein contained may be reconsidered.

2. When the Resolution in question was first received in Madras, H. E. the Governor in Council issued a Notification (page 2010 Fort St. George Gazette dated 23. Dec.) directing that the periodical

inspection

inspection of all Revenue Treasuries should be carried out under instructions to be issued by the Board of Revenue.

3. This Notification was overlooked by the Board, and when the subject was lately brought to their notice they wrote the letter, copy of which is enclosed, pointing out that it is impossible that the Members of the Board can undertake this duty.

4. H.E. the Governor in Council fully concurs in the opinion thus expressed. Unless the Board is strengthened, it is entirely out of the question that tours of inspection can be regularly made through the districts.

5. The various duties described in paragraph 3 of the Resolution of the Govt. of India are at present carried out by the Collectors of districts through their Deputies in immediate charge of the Treasuries and in communication with the Accountant General at the Presidency.

6. Adverting to the Resolution of the Govt. of India dated 19th June 1874 No. 3853 I am to observe that the supervision therein indicated can in this Presidency be most properly entrusted to the Collectors of districts, but if any more detailed investigation is thought necessary it can be better carried out by an officer of the Account Department.

Revenue Department.

No. 1295- 9 Oct. 74.

To The Secy. to the Govt. of India
Financial Department.

Sir,

I am directed, with reference to the Resolution of the Government of India in the Financial Department dated 5th December 1873 and 19th June 1874 Nos. 3463 and 3853 and to the accompanying copy of letter from the Board of Revenue dated 28th August 1874 No. 2442 to enquire whether the performance of the inspection duty referred to may not in this Presidency be assigned to Collectors who occupy much the same position as Commissioners in other Provinces

Provinces.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council fully agrees in the opinion expressed by the Board that it is entirely out of the question under existing circumstances for its Members to take regular tours of inspection through the Districts.

3. If investigation is required of a nature more minute than that indicated in the second Resolution under reference it can be better carried out by an Officer of the Account Department.

E.M.L.

Dec. attd
ordered in Council
9.10.74

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