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Read the following

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From R. J. Melville Esq<sup>r</sup>,  
As Collector of the Chingleput District  
To, H. E. Stokes Esq<sup>r</sup>,  
As Secretary to the Board of Revenue  
Madras

Sir, I have the honor to request that  
the Board will be good enough to obtain  
the sanction of Government for the services  
of Special Deputy Collector Vencatesiah  
being continued in this District till the  
end of the year.

2. The term for which his services  
were last sanctioned expired on  
the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo, from which date  
the Government were pleased to grant  
him 3 months' privilege leave.

3. Vencatesiah has not been able  
to avail himself of the privilege  
leave from the 1<sup>st</sup> instant as he intend-  
ed to have done, owing to heavy office  
work, but proposes to do so from this  
day.

day. He states in a report lately sent that notwithstanding his constant and unremitting attention to his duties, there is a good deal yet to be done, and it appears that in 19 villages the settlement of claims to compensation for lands taken up for South Indian Railway is still incomplete, and that in 4 others the claims have yet to be enquired into, while as regards the reduction of Peishch and Quit rent in all proprietary villages, of which there are several, nothing has been done as yet. The determination of the rate of reduction in the District requires careful scrutiny of accounts of produce of the owing to the Mootahs and Shrotrians villages never having been surveyed and assessed. As

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4. As regards lands taken up in connection with the Chembambakam project, he has disposed of the claims of the Merassidars to compensation in 7 out of 9 villages, but has not had time to go into the question of reducing the Peishch and Quit rent in any of the proprietary estates. He might have settled a greater number of claims in connection with the Chembambakam project, had he not had to be absent at Madurantakum and Chingleput for some considerable time, in disposing of compensation claims in connection with the South Indian Railway, and in settling, in consultation with the Railway Engineers, the accommodation

accommodation works, such as,  
irrigation channels, culverts, level  
crossings &c. To complete every  
thing in connection with South  
Indian Railway, and the Chemburam-  
Gachum project, and to dispose  
of all petty claims still pending in  
connection with the Madras water  
works project, will, I think, take  
another 5 months from the date of  
Venkatesiah's return to duty.

5. The Board are aware that  
Venkatesiah is allowed an establish-  
ment of two clerks, one on Rupees 40  
and another on 20 Rupees a month.

I hear from him that there is a  
great deal of office work, such as  
preparation of statements and collecting  
data from old accounts for the  
reduction

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reduction of Peishwah &c, and therefore  
beg to suggest that both these tem-  
porary clerks may be retained till the  
end of the year.

6. Although the lands required for  
the main line of Railway and stations  
have already been handed over to the  
Company, applications are still being  
received for land for brick kilns and  
other temporary works which require  
being attended to promptly, there are  
also numerous references from the con-  
sulting Engineer, Controller of Public  
Works Accounts &c.

Chingleput (District,  
Collectors Office,  
Saidapet, 11<sup>th</sup> May 1875.)

I have &c  
(Signed) R. J. Melville  
As Collector -

Submitted for the favorable  
consideration of Government.  
(True Copy & Contract)

To The Secretary to Government  
Revenue Department  
Madras

R. J. Melville  
As Secretary

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General Considerations

Letter from K. A. Meeth

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29. Collectors in our

Wichman's till the end  
of this month.

Recorded with reference

1 To the Board of Censors, 5 June