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No. 27. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th July 1875, No. 1,927 :—

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2. I do not, however, see that I have any power to compel him to do so. The Gazette copies are *purchased* by the several Curnams at the reduced prices, and must, therefore, be treated as their private property.

3. It is at the same time necessary that the new Curnam should have the old Gazette files to refer to, for otherwise it would not be possible for him to learn what his duties are, as all general orders are promulgated in the Gazette. It will also be very hard were he obliged to purchase all the back volumes of the Gazette for reference.

4. This case illustrates the necessity for supplying the village officers with a copy of the Gazette gratis, and to treat this copy as an official record which they are bound to make over to their successors. One copy for each village is sufficient, and the Curnam and Village Magistrate may both of them refer to the same copy.

5. Two thousand eight-hundred and ninety-two copies are now distributed among the village officers, the Curnams and the Pattamanigars, and if the proposal be adopted, there would be a loss to Government of about Rupees 2,000 per annum, taking into account the saving in cost of papers, but probably the Board may consider the sacrifice too small to counterbalance the advantage.

6. Another way of meeting the difficulty is to make a deduction in the village officer's salary on account of the price of the Gazettes, and to treat the Gazettes supplied as official record and not private property; but this is in effect a reduction of their salary, and I am extremely unwilling to recommend any diminution in the remuneration of village officers, seeing that it is not by any means too large. If, however, the Board are not inclined to supply the Gazettes gratis, this plan must be resorted to, as it is of great importance that the District Gazettes should form a part of the village records.

7. I have the honor to request the favor of the Board's instructions.

8. The only other alternative is to buy back the old Gazettes at the Government cost from the dismissed Curnams; but even this would not be always possible, for many would refuse out of insolence, as the Collector would always be put in a false position with reference to the delinquents.

THE Board resolve to submit this letter to Government with their recommendation that one copy of the District Gazette should be supplied to one of the village officers free of charge, it being desirable that there should be a copy of the District Gazette on the records of each village.

2. The number of Government villages in the Presidency is 27,555; the reduced subscription being 12 Annas per annum, the supply of 27,555 copies

would represent a loss of subscriptions amounting to Rupees 20,666. The subscriptions from village officers, however, at present aggregate less than Rs. 13,000.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 2nd September 1875, No. 1,315.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government consider it most desirable that a file of the Gazette of a district should be kept as an official record in each of its villages, and to avoid the difficulties brought to notice by Mr. Thomas, it will be necessary to supply the village officers with one copy free of charge.

2. In order to limit as far as possible the extra expenditure thus involved, the Government would suggest for the consideration of the Board, the preparation of a separate section of the Gazette containing only such orders and instructions or other matters as are applicable to village officers and need be on record in the villages.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated September, 2nd.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 2nd September 1875, No. 1,927.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 27-28.

District Gazettes.—Considering, it desirable that a file of the — should be kept as an official record in each of its villages to be supplied to village officers free of charge, and suggesting the preparation of a separate section of the Gazette containing only such orders and instructions, &c., as are applicable to village officers and need be on record in the villages.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Tanjore.

Exd. W. H. French.

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PROCEEDINGS, 12TH JULY 1875, No. 1,927.

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Received 15th July.

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District Gazettes.—Letter from Collector of Tanjore, suggesting that copies of — be supplied to village officers gratis, submitted to Government with recommendation in favor of suggestion.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2798

FOR ORDERS.

From

Dated 12 July 1875.

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No 1315 Revenue Dept.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 2nd September 1875.

Read the following Proc:

of the Board of Revenue

Asking to sanction with recommendation in favour of suggestion, letter from Collr of Tanjore enclosing statements of districts Gazettes to be supplied to village officers gratis.

M. S. 12 : July 1875 No 19 2nd

The Government consider it most desirable that a file of the gazette of the district should be kept as an official record in each of the villages and to avoid the difficulties now to notice by Govt. Should it will be necessary to supply the village officers with one copy free

Read the following Report of the Board of Revenue dated 12th July 1875 No 19 2nd

Submitting for the sanction of Government a proposal that a file of the Fasli Gazette should be kept in each village office for the purpose of enabling the ryots to refer to any order that may affect their interests.

The Board observe that the Fasli Gazette contains much matter which is of no interest to the ryots generally, and that the cost of supplying each village with a copy would be considerable. They suggest that the Collector should be authorized to select such portions of the Gazette as he may consider necessary for the information of the ryots, and to have them printed in a separate form

of charge.

2. In order to limit as far as possible the extra expenditure involved the Government would suggest for the consideration of the Board the preparation of a separate section of the Gazette containing such orders & instructions or other matters as are applicable to village officers & need be of record in the villages

Sd

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