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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th October 1875.

No. 169. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th September 1875, No. 2,572 :—

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WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Miscellaneous No. 6,567, dated 20th July 1875, I have the honor to observe that, when in January 1873 I signed my articles of agreement, I did not in the least anticipate that the acquirement of the knowledge of a vernacular language, to be prescribed by Government, would be such a difficult task as I have since found it ; and I agreed to pass the test prescribed within twelve months under a penalty of a loss of salary, amounting to Rupees 50 per mensem.

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(True Copy.)

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 170. ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1875, No. 1,533.

Miscellaneous.

THE Governor in Council is pleased to concede the indulgence proposed by the Board in paragraph 2 of their Proceedings.

2. With reference to Mr. Benson's remarks relative to his having been obliged to live at a distance from the Farm, the Board will report whether this has entailed on him any additional expense.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 28th.

Read.

Encl.

G. O., 28th October 1875, No 1,533.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 169-170.

Mr. Benson, Assistant Superintendent of Government Farms.—Sanctioning the proposal of the Board of Revenue to allow — increased rate of pay retrospectively on his passing in one of the vernaculars within two years from the commencement of his service.

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Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 20th July
1875, Miscellaneous No. 6,567.

Copy to the Superintendent of Government Farms.

Rd. W. H. French.

Rd 25-9-75 — 2 Ex 24-9-75 — 46-48
2-4-76 — 111
4-1-76 — 43-44.

Ans: 1375 Ex 1375
No 1372

BOARD OF REVENUE, MADRAS.

1875.

PROCEEDINGS, 14TH SEPTEMBER 1875, No. 2,572.

Despatched 15 Sept 1875

Encl. 1

SEPTEMBER.
No. 2,572.

Benson, Mr.—Assistant Superintendent of Government Farms.—Letter from Superintendent, forwarding an application from — requesting that the restrictions contained in Clause 6 of his agreement may be suspended until the end of his second year of service, submitted to Government with certain remarks.

Received 27 Sept 1875

To Orders 4 Oct

4. 1169. 22 Sept

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Revenue Department

Miscellaneous No: 6567.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 20 July 1875

Read the following

No: 1172.

From

D. S. White Esqr.

Secretary to the Committee
for the Examination of
Assistants

To

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Sir I have the honor by direction
of the President to report that
Mr. C. Benson, Assistant
Superintendent of Government
Farms who was examined on the
5th Instant in Tamil according to
the Test prescribed in Government
Orders

Order No: 664 dated 30th May 1874
is declared to have failed to attain
the prescribed standard of qua-
lification.

Office of the Committee
for the Exn of Assistants
Madras
10th July 1875

(sd) I have &c
D.S. White
Secretary

Communicated to the Superin-
tendent Government Farms and to
Mr. C. Benson.

2. The Board regret to learn that
Mr. Benson has again failed to
attain the prescribed Standard

(True Copy & Extract)
(sd) C. A. Galton
Ag. Sub. Secretary

To
The Superintendent, Government Farms
(True Copy)

Ag. Sub. Secretary

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 3745.

From Bd of Rev

Dated 14 September 1875.

FOR ORDERS.

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Rec'd 18 Sept 75

Rev 3745/75

Copy of Board's Proceedings dated 14th September 1875 Rec'd 18th Sept 1875

Enclosure in Board's Proceedings dated 14th September 1875 No: 2542 to the Secretary to Government Revenue Department

Recd: 11th Oct 65

ada[illegible] Officer. he did
he communicated for
the previous year.
Observe that his
agreement ends this
for four quarters in
the Farm of [illegible]
J. Wright

FOR ORDERS.

Application from the Reason Agte Supt of Sor Farms requesting suspension & restoration under Claus 6 of his Agreement till the 1st of the ensuing year of the Service

Mr. Dr. Smith

Granted

Wm. Lister Cooke