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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

REY DEPARTMENT

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Dated	13-3-1875	196 .

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No. 165. Read the following letter from W. W. HUNTER, Esq., LL.D., Director-General of Statistics to the Government of India, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, 1st February 1875, No. 1,219:—

I HAVE the honor to request the favor of your letting me know the state of the progress of the Madras Gazetteer.

2. I should like to be informed as to the names of the districts, with their population, for which the Manuals have been completed, with the number of printed pages in each volume. Also the names of the districts for the compilation of which the arrangements have been formed, and whether any districts are not yet arranged for.

3. Every effort is being made to complete the whole of the District Accounts for the rest of India by the end of 1876, and I shall be indebted if you can inform me whether its completion may also be expected in the Madras Presidency at the same time.

No. 166. ORDER THEREON, 13th March 1875, No. 412.

Miscellaneous.

Districts.	Printed pages in each Manual.	Population.
Vizagapatam	403	2,159,199
Nellore	876	1,376,811
Bellary	410	1,668,006
Madura	956	2,266,615

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| *1. Ganjam. | 7. Tanjore. |
| 2. Godavery. | 8. Trichinopoly. |
| 3. Kistna. | 9. Tinnevely. |
| 4. Cuddapah. | 10. Coimbatore. |
| 5. Chingleput. | 11. Nilgiris. |
| 6. South Arcot. | |

THE state of progress in regard to the Manuals of Madras Districts appears to be as stated below:—

2. Manuals for four districts have been completed. The number of printed pages in each volume and the population of each district are shown in the margin.

3. The districts of which the Manuals are now in course of compilation are eleven* in number.

4. For the five districts named below no arrangements have yet been made:—

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| (1.) Kurnool. | (4.) South Canara. |
| (2.) North Arcot. | (5.) Malabar. |
| (3.) Salem. | |

5. The information relating to the several districts referred to in paragraph 3 may be summarised as follows:—

Ganjam.—Mr. T. J. Maltby's offer to prepare the Manual was accepted in G. O., 19th July 1873, No. 750. Progress last reported on 17th March 1874, when Mr. Maltby stated that he did not think it likely that the manuscript would be ready for the Press before 1st February 1875.

Godavery.—The Governor in Council accepted the offer of Mr. Morris, the District Judge, to compile the Manual in G. O., 14th May 1873, No. 476. Mr. Morris stated subsequently that it was his intention to write the Manual in England, and sanction was given for the printing of the work there, the manuscript being, in the first instance, submitted for the approval of the Board (G. O., 20th September 1873, No. 1,020). Mr. Morris proceeded to England on the 20th July 1873, and is still there.

Kisina.—Mr. Newman is the compiler (G. O., 9th July 1873, No. 711.) His last report (27th March 1874) stated that he had not yet made very much progress in the work, nor could he fix a period when it would be ready for the Press, as the information was collected but slowly, and he had little time to study the records.

Cuddapah.—Mr. Gribble's offer to undertake the duty was accepted in G. O., 20th May 1873, No. 505. The manuscript (or the principal portion of it) was sent to the Board of Revenue in August 1874 (G. O., 21st September 1874, No. 1,197). Mr. Gribble reported demi-officially on the 25th November 1874 that the printing was going on slowly, but would, he hoped, be finished with the year.

Chingleput.—Mr. Crole was commissioned in G. O., 24th June 1869, No. 1,810, to compile the Manual for this district. On the 15th April 1874 he reported that, if he could command the necessary leisure, the Manual should be ready for the Press by the end of the year. Its preparation had been delayed owing to the very heavy work in the sub-division, the Local Fund Act particularly having added to it very greatly.

South Arcot.—Mr. Lister's offer to take up this work was accepted in G. O., 9th July 1873, No. 713. Writing on the 12th March 1874, Mr. Lister observed that until he received the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 3rd February 1874, he was not sure of remaining in the district (the condition on which he undertook to write the Manual), and requested, therefore, that his engagement should be dated 6th February 1874. He had not, at time of writing, made any progress in the compilation.

Tanjore.—Mr. Weld was selected in G. O., 9th July 1873, No. 713. On the 9th March 1874 he reported that he had not yet begun to write the Manual, but proposed to commence the work after going up for High Proficiency in Tamil in July. He had collected the materials for the revenue part, and had agreed to edit a translation of the ancient history compiled in Tamil by the Negapatam Tahsildar. The manuscript would, he thought, be probably ready for the Press soon after the following Christmas.

Trichinopoly.—Mr. Moore, who is the compiler (G. O., 3rd May 1873, No. 451), hoped (13th March 1874) to have the manuscript ready for the Press within two years from date of the order directing him to prepare it. The historical portion was almost complete, and some progress made in preparing an account of the past and present revenue systems. A considerable amount of information necessary for the miscellaneous chapters and the statistical portion of the Manual had also been collected.

Tinnevelly.—Mr. Bird, who was selected for the task (G. O., 20th May 1873, No. 506) reported on the 14th March 1874 that, owing to unforeseen interruptions arising from additional work and other causes, he had not been able to do more than complete a portion of the historical section of the Manual, write out the general description of the district, and collect a considerable quantity of materials relating to the revenue and general administration. He could not, therefore, fix with certainty any date within which the manuscript would probably be ready for the Press.

Coimbatore.—Mr. Rice was selected as compiler in G. O., 13th June 1873, No. 601. He reported on 21st March 1874 that most of the materials had been collected, and that he hoped that the Manual might be finished in six or eight months.

Nilgiris.—Mr. Grigg accepted the duty of compiling a Manual for this district (G. O., 21st May 1873, No. 514). No progress report has been received.

6. It appears from the above that the Manuals of five* districts are approaching completion; that another† may be expected to be ready about May next; and that in the remaining five‡ districts the progress made is not certainly known. The Board of Revenue will be requested to call for information from all and report the result. Collectors will be desired to give every facility to the officers engaged, in view to the early completion of the Manuals. The Governor in Council observes that in two instances the compilers have recently been transferred to other districts, viz., Mr. Lister from South Arcot to North Arcot and Mr. Bird from Tinnevelly to Coimbatore. The Board will consider what special measures, if any, are required in these cases. Probably the work will not be materially hindered. Mr. Morris in England should also be communicated with.

* Ganjam, Cuddapah, Chingleput, Tanjore, and Coimbatore.

† Trichinopoly.

‡ Tinnevelly, Kistna, Godavery, South Arcot, and Nilgiris.

7. It remains to consider the five districts for which no arrangements have yet been made.

Kurnool.—It appears that, under the terms originally proposed for the compilation of Manuals, Mr. McCarthy was selected, § G. O., 1st September 1869, No. 2,473.

but, owing to the distance of his headquarters from Kurnool, he was obliged to give up the project, and, at the Board's suggestion, the compilation was postponed until Manuals for some other districts were completed. After G. O., 30th March 1870, No. 413.

After G. O., 3rd March 1873, No. 249, was issued, Mr. Cumming declined the duty, and Mr. Farmer, who was asked and at first expressed his willingness to try, subsequently¶ altered his mind. The preparation of the Manual was again deferred, though the Collector recommended that the work should be entrusted to N. Gopalakristna Chetty, Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury.

G. O., 2nd May 1873, No. 450.
|| G. O., 26th June 1873, No. 158, Miscellaneous.
¶ G. O., 14th Feb. 1874, „ 80, Miscellaneous.

North Arcot.—Mr. Lee-Warner originally offered to prepare the Manual of this district, but the Government resolved to await the completion of other Manuals. Subsequent to the new arrangement** under which the work was to be undertaken, no offer was made, the Collector having reported that the only two officers in the district of sufficient experience (Messrs. Wilkinson and Knox) had declined to undertake the duty.

G. O., 21st October 1869, No. 2,818.
** G. O., 3rd March 1873, No. 249.

G. O., 18th June 1873, No. 108, Miscellaneous.

Salem.—Mr. Overbury's offer to compile the Manual was accepted in G. O., 18th August 1869, No. 2,368, but the work was discontinued owing apparently to the alteration in the remuneration. In 1873, three gentlemen offered their services, and Mr. LeFanu was selected.†† On the ground of over-work and failing health Mr. LeFanu resigned‡‡ the task at the end of the same year, and the Collector's subsequent proposal to appoint a successor was negatived on account of the officer's

Board's Pro., 6th Nov. 1871, No. 3,932, Mis.

†† G. O., 9th July 1873, No. 713.

‡‡ G. O., 24th Jan. 1874, No. 109.

G. Os., 22nd July 1874, No. 909, and 14th December 1874, No. 125, Mis.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th March 1875.*

inexperience. Mr. Wilkinson, the Sub-Collector, declined the duty not having sufficient leisure.

South Canara.—Mr. Sturrock, who had already compiled descriptive notices of two of the five taluqs of this district, was nominated for this duty by G. O., 18th August 1869, No. 2,366. Progress of the work was stayed in consequence of contemplated changes in the method of arrangement, and it was reported in 1873 that no officer was willing to undertake the duty on the terms proposed in G. O., 3rd March 1873, No. 249.

Malabar.—Mr. Logan, when Sub-Collector, offered to compile the Manual, and his offer was accepted. From a report made by the Collector at the end of 1871, it appears that Mr. Logan, who had gone home on furlough, had expressed his intention of publishing the first instalment of the work in England. Nothing more appears to have been heard of the progress made, and the compilation must have been abandoned, as the Collector subsequently reported that no one was willing to undertake the duty on the altered scale, adding, "Mr. Logan has been for some years studying the records, and if he had the command of the necessary leisure, and could be for some time at Calicut, where all the records are accessible, he would, I have no doubt, perform the task satisfactorily; but he considers that, with his time fully occupied with office-work, and deprived of the opportunity of studying the records in Calicut, he would be unable to do justice to the subject."

G. O., 17th August 1869, No. 2,356.
G. O., 21st Feb. 1870, No. 263.
Board's Proceedings, 19th December 1871, No. 4,674, Miscellaneous.
G. O., 26th November 1873, No. 1,303.

8. The Governor in Council has recently* desired the Board to inquire whether any satisfactory arrangements can be made for the prosecution of the work in four of the five districts last mentioned. As it is important that no more time should be lost, His Excellency in Council is willing to allow Mr. Benson in Salem to take up the work if the Board see no objection. Their reply in regard to the other districts should be expedited. Uncovenanted agency might be made use of, if no alternative presents itself; but it would be a matter of regret if the information possessed by the superior officers of the districts, especially in the cases of South Canara and Malabar, could not be made available for permanent record.

* G. O., 9th December 1874, No. 1,524.

9. Every effort should be made to have the Manuals for the whole Presidency completed by the end of the year 1876.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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Memoirs of Madras Districts.—Requesting, with reference to the inquiry of the Director-General of Statistics as to the state of the progress of the Madras Gazetteer, to call for information from Collectors as to the progress made in the—under preparation, and intimating that efforts should be made for their completion by the end of 1876.



vide R.P. 21-5-75
vide R.P. 4-6-75

Govt. of 1875

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated March 18th.

Recd.

G.O. 13th March 1875, No. 412.

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No. 165-166.

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FROM

W. W. HUNTER, Esq., LL. D.,
Director General of Statistics
to the Government of India,

To

Dated _____ 187.

SIR,

D. Hunter, Esq.
Copy to each
No. 20 of the
H. a. a. (read)
Acquaintance
Sincerely

W. W. Hunter

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 13th March 1875.

Read the following
letter from the Director General
of Statistics to the Govt of India

H.C. 1st February 1875, No. 1219

Requesting to be informed
as to the state of the progress of
the Madras Gazetteer, and as
to whether its completion may be
expected by the end of 1876.

1. The state of progress in
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2. Manuals for four
Districts have been completed.
The number of printed pages
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No. 452.
Revenue 1875 B.A.B.

From
The Director General of
Statistics, to the
Govt of India
Dated 1st
Febr. 8th February 1875
10/12/75.

Request to be informed
as to the state of the progress of
the Madras Gazetteer, and
as to whether its completion
may be expected by the end
of 1876

Revenue 1875 B.A.B.

3. The Districts of which
the Manuals are now in
course of compilation are
given in number

1. Ganjam
2. Godavery
3. Kistnath
4. Cuddapah
5. Chingleput
6. South Arcot
7. Tanjore
8. Trichinopoly
9. Tinnevely
10. Coimbatore
11. Nilgiris

4. For the five Districts
named below no arrange-
ments have yet been made

1. Kurnool
2. North Arcot
3. Salem
4. South Canara
5. Malabar

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the press before 1st February 1875.

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Council accepted the offer of
Mr. Morris, the District Judge,
to compile the Manual in
G. O. 14th May 1873, No 476.
Mr. Morris stated subsequently
that it was his intention
to write the Manual in
England and sanction was
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being in the first instance
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of the Board. (G.O. 20 Sept.
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slowly but would, he hoped,
be finished with the year.
Chingleput. Mr. Crole was
commissioned in G.O. 24th
June 1869, No. 1810 to compile
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On the 15th April 1874 he
reported that if he could
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M.S. would, he thought,
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Christmas.

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Nilgiris

Nilgiris. Mr. Grigg

accepted the duty
of compiling a
Manual for this

District. (G. O.

21st May 1873,

N. 574.) No pro-

-gress Report has

been received.

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* Gonyaim, Buddapah, Ching Lepat,
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* G.O. 1st September 69 N^o 2473.

G.O. 30th March 1870 N^o 413.

G.O. 2nd May 1873 N^o 450.

* G.O. 26th June 1873 N^o 158 Misc.

* G.O. 14th February 1874 N^o 80 Misc.

G.O. 21st October 69 N^o 2818.

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South Canara. Mr. Surrack, who had already compiled descriptive notices of the

G.O. 18th June 1873 N^o 108 Misc.

G.O. 6th Nov 71 N^o 3932 Misc.

* G.O. 9th July 1873 N^o 713.

* G.O. 22nd January 1874 N^o 109.

G.O. 22nd July 74 N^o 969.

12th Dec 74 N^o 125 Misc.

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N^o 1775 Misc.

G.O. 18th June 1873 N^o 109 Misc.

G.O. 17th Aug^r 1869 N^o 2356

G.O. 21st Feb: 1870 N^o 263

B^{ds} Pro: 19th Dec: 1871 N^o 4674 Misc.

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G.O. 9: Dec: 1874 N. 1524

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M. L.

14. To the Board of Revenue 16 March 1875

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to the Board

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Manual of
Mudra District

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