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No. 1. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st June 1876, Miscellaneous No. 4,800:—

Read the following letter from L. MOORE, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector of Madura, to H. SEWELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, No. 151.

As I perceive from the Proceedings of the Board, No. 881, of the 10th ultimo, received by me this day, that you have been called upon to report what progress has been made by me in the preparation of the Manual of the Trichinopoly District, I lose no time in giving you the required information, and have the honor to request that this letter may be forwarded to the Board for their consideration.

2. On the 6th of March 1874, an official memorandum was sent to me from the Acting Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department, directing to report what progress I had made in the preparation of the Manual, and when it would be ready for the press; and in my letter, in reply, No. 154, of the 13th of the same month, I gave an account of what I had already done towards the completion of the work, and stated that, as far as I could then ascertain, I thought that I could undertake to have it finished by May 1875. I have, however, since found it quite impossible to do this for the reasons given below, and am of opinion that I cannot expect to be able to finish the work.

3. When I replied to the memorandum previously mentioned in March 1874, I had no idea that I would have been obliged to commence almost immediately a most troublesome inquiry into the conduct of one of the Tahsildars under me. Such, however, was the case, and from the commencement of April, when I began the inquiry till the Tahsildar's conviction on the 15th of June, I can unhesitatingly state that I had not one spare moment to devote to the Manual. I went on leave from the middle of June till the same time in July. From the date of my return I worked at the Manual till the end of September, when, in consequence of the Deputy Collector on general duties having left the district, I had to come in from Museri, and take charge of the Trichinopoly Division in addition to the Head Assistant's ordinary division. I remained in charge of both these divisions till the 27th of November, when I was relieved of the latter by Mr. Pearce. As during this time I was in charge of three taluqs, two of which at least are very heavy ones, I had no spare time to devote to the Manual. From that date till the 16th of March, when I was gazetted as Acting Head Assistant Collector of this district (Madura), I was able to do a considerable amount of work at the Manual. Since then I have been unable to attend to it.

4. I have gone into these details with a view of showing that, instead of being able, as I had calculated I would, to devote a fair share of the fourteen months, between March 1874 and May 1875, to the Manual, I was able to work at it during about seven months only. The result is, that I have not done nearly as much of it as I had hoped. The portions that I have finished are as follow:—

The political history, which has given me considerable trouble, and is rather lengthy; the descriptive notices of the five taluqs in the district; an account of its geology; and of the Trichinopoly Municipality. In addition to this I have collected a considerable portion of the information required for the remaining portions, and have written a good deal of them. Mr. Symonds, the Acting Superintendent of the Centre:

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue Department,
Trichinopoly, 5th June 1875.

Jail, has promised me a copy of the files of the district, and H. Vengata, the Vice-President of the Saurangam Municipality Commission, one on the Municipality. These I expect to receive shortly.

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6. Toward the collection and tabulation of the statistics I have done but little for the following reasons:—Up till the receipt of G. O., No. 1,197, of the 21st September, passed on the Board's Proceedings, No. 2,401, of the 25th of August 1874, I was not aware that the statistical tables in the Manual were required to be in forms prescribed by the Statistical Committee of the Government of India, or of the nature of these forms. I wrote to you on the 3rd of January on the subject, requesting that I might be furnished with copies of the forms, and of any instructions that might have been issued as to the manner in which they were to be filled up. My letter was, I believe, sent on to the Board of Revenue at once, but no reply was received before I left the district.

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8. It should not, I think, be difficult to get the work finished in Trichinopoly. As soon as the prescribed forms are received, the statistical tables can be easily filled in in the Collector's Office. The present Huzur Sheristadar, T. Pattabiram Pillay, is perfectly competent, and, I believe, would be willing to write the revenue history. I myself went through the records for about the first ten years that the district was under the English, and made notes on all the important papers bearing on its past revenue history, but I could not possibly undertake to finish the work here. To enable me to do so, it would, indeed, be necessary that the greater part of the old records in the Collector's Office should be sent here. I should, however, be very willing to write the account of the Revenue Settlement of the district and the revenue history, since, if copies of the necessary reports, &c., are sent me, as the new settlement is a subject in which I took considerable interest, and as I have gone through carefully

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5th June 1875.

and made notes of almost all that has been written about the revenue history of the district, some of the officers at present in Trichinopoly might be willing to prepare it. It would be hopeless for me to attempt to do so here.

No. 128.

SUBMITTED to the Board of Revenue with reference to their Proceedings quoted.

TRICHINOPOLY,
12th June 1875

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Collector.

As it is apparently impossible for Mr. Moore to finish the Manual of the Trichinopoly District now, the Collector should make arrangements for the completion of the work. Materials having already been collected by Mr. Moore, there should be no difficulty, and the Collector will report to whom he proposes to entrust the duty.

2. Revised forms of tabular statements will be furnished shortly.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 45.

ORDER THEREON, 5th June 1875, No. 878.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government await the Collector's report called for in paragraph 1 of the Board's Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Edw F R. Bantleman.

P. O. Department.
 No. 878
 Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
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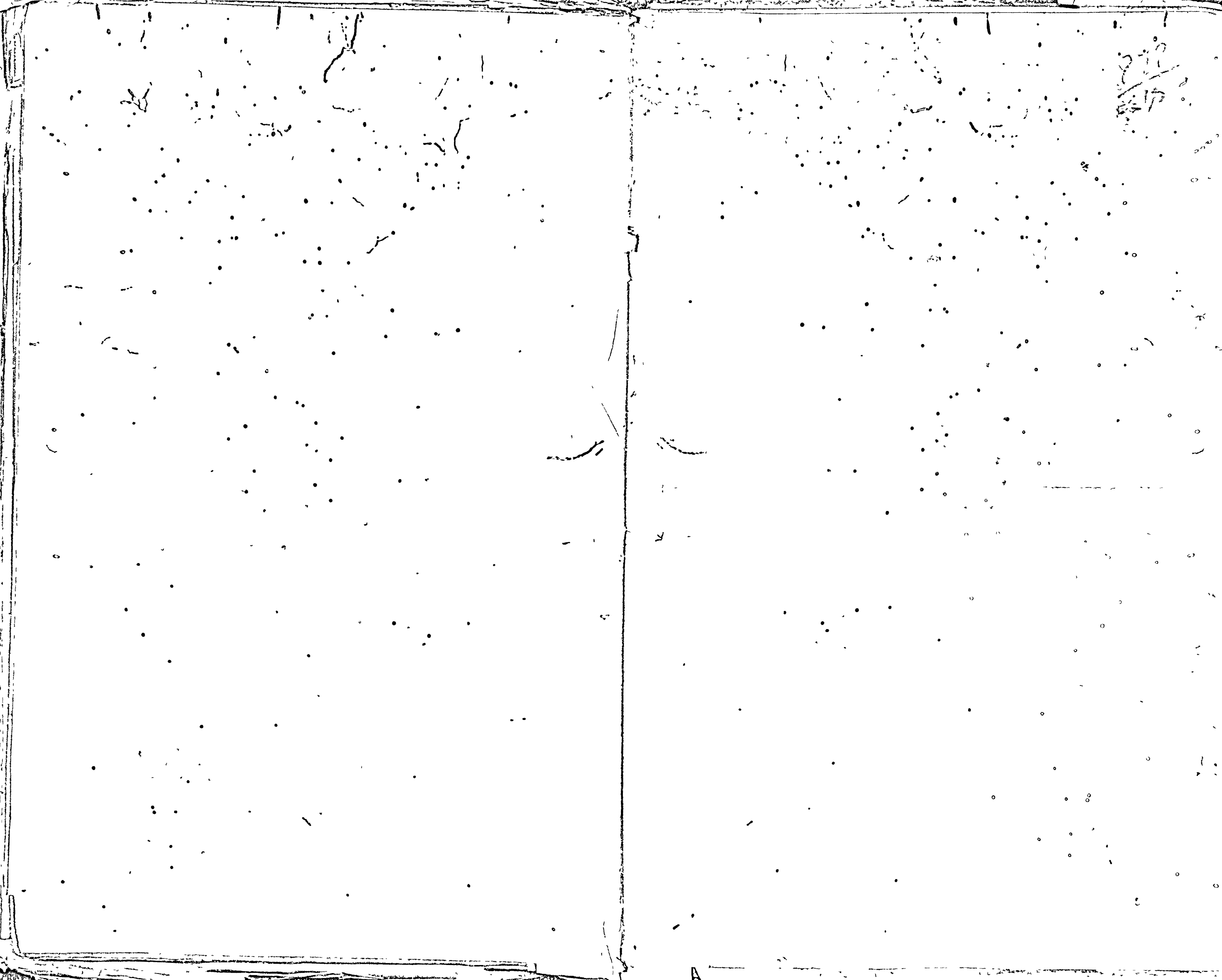
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(sd) C. A. Galloway

To Ag. Sub. Secretary
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To
The Secretary to Government
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