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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd April 1877.*

No. 1877. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th March 1877, No. 1,343 :—

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					Number of Subscribers
April	1874	...	...	...	681
May	"	...	...	...	691
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July	"	...	...	...	680
August	"	...	...	...	673
September	"	...	...	...	446
October	"	...	...	...	456
November	"	...	...	...	506
December	"	...	...	...	524
January	1875	...	...	...	538
February	"	...	...	...	571
March	"	...	...	...	676
Total...					7,129

2. I attribute the cause of falling off in the circulation of the Gazette chiefly to the delay on the part of subscribers in not renewing their subscriptions till called upon to do so by the Tahsildars.

3. The marginal statement shows the number of Gazettes issued to paying subscribers in each month of the year 1874-75.

From G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 9th December 1876, No. 2,150.

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3. The publication of Local Fund notices, Proceedings of the Municipal and Local Fund Boards, their reports, together with their enclosures, and large numbers of forms of this as well as other Public Departments, required to be printed in the Collectorate Press, occupy their whole time.
4. Referring to paragraph 4 of the Government Order embodied in the Proceedings under reply, I beg to state that in this district no Gazettes are sent to private subscribers until the subscription and postage are paid in advance. In former days Gazettes were sent to them after the subscriptions were over in order to keep up their number.

From W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 17th January
1877, No. 36.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,147, dated 22nd August last, calling for a special report on the large falling off in the circulation of the District Gazette, I have the honor to inform you that the subscriptions to the District Gazette are collected in advance, and the names of subscribers who do not renew them are struck off the list. It has been generally found that only a few of the subscribers voluntarily pay their subscriptions and continue to renew them, while the greater number do not care to renew them, notwithstanding the numerous orders issued from time to time to all Revenue officers to impress upon the village officers the importance of acquainting themselves with the orders of the Board and Government and of the administrative officers in the districts.

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SUBMITTED to Government with reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., dated 27th May 1876, No. 697.

2. In the Tinnevely and North Arcot Districts the decrease in circulation of the Gazettes in 1874-75 seems to have been due to increased accuracy of procedure in the Press Office, in stopping the supply of the Gazette immediately the subscriptions expired.

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(True Copies and Extracts.)

(Signed) C. D. MACLEAN,
Additional Sub-Secretary.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd April 1877, No. 1,517.

No. 532.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue,
the Financial Department.

By W. J. French and F. R. Bantleman.

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Wm. H. French
Additional Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

To the Collector of the Kistna District.
" " of North Arcot.
" " of Tinnevely.

Exd. W. H. French.

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