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No. 754.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE

Miscellaneous.

18th idem, and with reference to the observations of the General in Council on the delay in reviews of the Collectors' Progress Reports, have all along had in view the same wish to attain, viz., the early information, and that to this end they inaugurated the system of all districts to be despatched on Council latest possible information with the view that thereon might be embodied in the weekly State, the said summaries being given to the Press, if possible, and telegraphed in a condensed form to the Government of India.

2. The weekly reviews of the Revenue Board, on the other hand, contain a résumé of information from four to eleven days old, and this is unavoidable, for the weekly reports of each Taluk Tahsildar are sent to head-quarters by special post, so that the report of his report on the Monday or Tuesday, and the system is worked with the utmost haste, so that the Revenue Board to receive the report on Friday and to submit their review on Friday, time, however, for it to be perused and approved before being sent to the Secretary of the weekly despatch; and as the information is off, from seven to fourteen days old, the Board submitted these reviews to the Secretary with forwarding in a tabular form a summary of them on the previous Tuesday, so that the information is never more than four days old.

3. I am to add that the Madras Government explanation the Government of India Revenue Board of a duplicate copy of the weekly review, which this Government have already de-

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
23rd February 1877.

No. 755.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 179, of the 18th inst., which reached me on the 20th inst. of His Excellency the Governor-General, enclosing the Revenue Board's weekly report, and to state that the Madras Government subject which the Government of India Secretary of State and the public, in the form of telegraphic summaries from the districts, which are Tuesdays, so that the action of the Madras Government on Saturday despatch to the Secretary of the Press on Thursdays, or even earlier, in the form to the Government of India.

Board, on the other hand, contain a résumé of information from four to eleven days old, and this is unavoidable, for the weekly reports of each Taluk Tahsildar are sent to head-quarters by special post, so that the report of his report on the Monday or Tuesday, and the system is worked with the utmost haste, so that the Revenue Board to receive the report on Friday and to submit their review on Friday, time, however, for it to be perused and approved before being sent to the Secretary of the weekly despatch; and as the information is off, from seven to fourteen days old, the Board submitted these reviews to the Secretary with forwarding in a tabular form a summary of them on the previous Tuesday, so that the information is never more than four days old.

I am to add that the Madras Government explanation the Government of India Revenue Board of a duplicate copy of the weekly review, which this Government have already de-

have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. H. GARSTIN,

Additional Secretary to Government.

Government of Fort St. George.

Dated 23rd February 1877.

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FAMINE RELIEF, No. 585.

Referring to observations on the delay in despatching the Revenue Board's weekly reviews of the Collectors' Progress Reports, and trusting that after the explanation afforded the Government of India will not insist on the transmission by the Revenue Board of a duplicate copy of their weekly review direct to them.

Ans. Secy. to Govt. of India
20/2/77

No. 805

Revenue Department

To The Secretary to the Government
of India
Department of Revenue
Calcutta

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 149 of the 12th Instant which reached me on the 18th Idem, and with reference to the observations of His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the delay in despatching the Revenue Board's weekly reviews of the Collectors' Progress Reports am to state that the Madras Government have all along had in view the same object which the Government of India wish to attain, namely, the early information of the Secretary of State and the public, and that

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that to this end they inaugu-
-rated the system of telegraphic
summaries from all Districts
to be despatched on Council
days, which are Tuesdays, so
that the latest possible in-
-formation with the views or
-action of the Madras Go-
-vernment thereon, might be
embodied in the weekly
Saturday despatch to the
Secretary of State, the said
summaries being given to the
Press on Thursdays or even
earlier if possible, and tele-
-graphed in a condensed
form to the Government of
India.

2 The weekly reviews of
the Revenue Board on the
other hand contain a resume
of information from 4 to 11 days
old - and this is unavoidable,
for the weekly report of each
Taluk Tahsildar has to be
made up on Saturdays and
~~despatched~~ ^{sent} to Head Quarters
by special post so as to
admit

admit of the despatch by the
Collector of his report on the
Monday or Tuesday, and even
supposing there is no delay and
the system is worked with the
utmost regularity it is only
just possible for the Revenue
Board to receive the reports
from some of the Districts on
the Thursday and to submit
their review on Friday evening
to Government. There is not
time, however, for it to be pro-
-cessed and orders to be passed on
it by this Government before
despatch to the Secretary of
State, if it has to form an en-
-closure in the weekly despatch,
and as the information reviewed
~~relates~~ when the despatch is sent
off, ~~to a period extending back~~
~~as far as the day~~, the
Madras Government have
not hitherto submitted these
reviews to the Secretary of
State direct, contenting them-
-selves with forwarding in a
tabular form a summary
of all the telegrams despatched
to them on the previous Tuesday

so that the information embodied in the despatch is never more than 4 days old.

3 I am to add that the Madras Government trust that after the above explanation the Government of India will not insist on the transmission by the Revenue Board of a duplicate copy of their weekly review direct to them, a course which this Government have already deprecated.

J.H.

23 February 1877

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Regarding which
Respectfully