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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

8th October 1878, No. 1,635.

Read the following paper:—

No. 86. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th September 1878, Miscellaneous No. 9,906.

Read the following letter from E. F. WEBSTER, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 26th August 1878, No. 3,037.

In continuation of this office report, No. 2,971, dated 22nd instant, and with reference to the Proceedings of the Board noted in the margin, I have the honor to submit a proposal for the employment of a temporary establishment for improving the state of the old records in the district.

From paragraph 3 of the report above quoted, will be seen that there are 6,234* and 10,603 bundles of papers yet to be arranged and indexed. There are, besides, 50 volumes of the District Paimash Accounts (Survey Registers) to be recopied as they have been damaged by white ants, and in some offices the records previous to the year 1876 have not been stamped with R† and D† seals. It has been brought to the notice of the Board that the establishment in the district is heavily worked, and it is too much to expect that it can ever hope to cope successfully with any special work of this kind.

It will be remembered that Mr. Cadell, while reporting on the state of the records for 1871, prominently brought to the Board's notice that the current work in the district was always heavy, and that the unsatisfactory state of the records was in no small measure owing to the insufficient number of Gumastahs. The Board of Revenue thereupon requested all Collectors to report if similar increase of establishment was necessary in their districts. The result was that the Board decided that there was an urgent need for an increase of establishments both for general work and especially for arrangement of records. But owing to financial pressure the subject has been allowed to drop.

12 Clerks at Rs. 15	per 18 months =	Rs. 3,240
51 Do.	for 6 months =	4,590
3 Attenders „	5 for 18 months =	270

I propose now that a temporary establishment at a total cost of Rs. 8,100 per margin may be sanctioned. The statement given below shows the details:—

Names of Offices.	Work to be done.		Number of hands proposed.	Rate of Pay.	Period for which proposed.	Cost.	Remarks.
	To be arranged.	To be indicated.					
Huzur Records.	1,574	4,797	12 Clerks.	as 15	18 months	as 3,240	This includes the English and Tamil Departments as well as the recopying of 50 volumes of Paimash accounts.
Sub-Collector's Office	12	153	3 Attenders.	5	Do.	270	
Head Assistant Collector's Office	107	133	1 Clerk.				
Assistant Collector's Office	41	81	1 do.				
Mayavaram Deputy Collector's Office.	32	76	1 do.				
Mannargudi Deputy Collector's Office.	58	73	1 do.				
Negapatam Taluk and its 2 Pirkas.	303	508	4 do.	each 15	6 months each.	4,590	
Combacanam do. do. do.	352	410	9 do.				
Tanjore do. and 3 do.	2,127	2,148	11 do.				
Pattakottai do. and 1 do.	67	105	4 do.				
Mayavaram do. do. do.	497	513	2 do.				
Mannargudi do. do. do.	136	47	5 do.				
Tiruturaipundi do. do. do.	415	95	8 do.				
Shiyali	465	65	1 do.				
All Sea and Land Customs together	28	31	2 do.				
Total	6,234	10,005	63 Clerks. 3 Attenders.	..	..	8,100	

In consideration of the great importance attached to the proper arrangement and custody of the records in the district and also of the fact that the accurate, speedy and satisfactory discharge of the current business in each office depends greatly on the state of the records therein, it is hoped that the Board of Revenue will agree with me in thinking that the establishment proposed is moderate and will accordingly sanction the proposal as soon as possible.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government with the Board's recommendation that the proposed temporary establishment be sanctioned.

The provision in the budget for the current year will not suffice for the entertainment of more than the 12 clerks and 3 attenders required for the Huzur. Provision for the remainder should be made in the Budget for 1879-80.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 87.

ORDER THEREON, 8th October 1878, No. 1,635.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTIONED as recommended by the Board.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. W. H. French.

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No. 52.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 8th January 1872.

Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Officiating Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 14th December 1871, No. 392:—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 4th July last, No. 2,687, I have the honour to submit the following report on the state of the taluk records.

2. These have been carefully examined by the respective divisional officers and, in one case, by myself in addition; the result is, that corrections and interpolations are more or less every where met with, and that except in the case of the Treasury Cash Chittah, they are not initialled by any authority. In these last mentioned documents, they are as a rule, but not invariably, initialled by the Sheristadar or Head Gumastah.

3. As regards the accessibility of the records to the Curnums, the general rule is, that, where a reference to the old records is sought by a Curnum, he, with the permission of the Sheristadar, is to find it out in the presence of the Gumastah in charge. The degree in which this rule is practically observed, however, varies in different taluqs, while in some it is totally ignored.

4. The particular instructions contained in the Board's recent Standing Order No. 321-2, with regard to interpolations and corrections being checked and initialled by responsible officers, and the records being secured against tampering with on the part of Curnums and others will, I trust, go far to prevent frauds and irregularities, and I do not conceive that the nature of the case admits of any more effective precautions. The Board's instructions will be strictly attended to.

5. The existing arrangements with regard to the location and custody of the taluk records are not satisfactory; owing to want of accommodation on the one hand, and large accumulation on the other, the records are in several cases kept in open verandahs and such other unsuitable places, and it is to this state of things that their unrestricted accessibility to the Curnums in some cases is mainly attributable. The existing Taluk Cutcherries are mostly buildings of the old style, in several instances not intended for the purpose to which they are now applied, and it is no wonder, therefore, that in a district like Tanjore, where records accumulate so rapidly and in such quantities, the present available space for placing them is overstocked. The provision of suitable buildings, the want of which is felt also in other respects, is, however, not a matter within the power of the local revenue authorities; but steps will be taken to clear the record rooms of the useless portion of the mass of old records with which they are filled. Lists of these, obtained from the taluks for the purpose of application being made to the Board for sanction to destroy such as do not require to be preserved, have been lying in this office for some time past, but owing to the ever heavy and unceasing pressure of current work, these enormous lists have yet undergone only a partial examination and analysis. This work will be finished, and a report will be made to the Board with as little further delay as possible.

6. The present state of the taluk records which, as I have said, is not satisfactory, is also in no small measure owing to the insufficiency of Gumastahs in the larger taluks. These unfortunate men, I am satisfied, are worked to an extent which is really little short of oppression. The Sub-Collector in reference to the state of the records of the two first class taluks of Negapatam and Nannilam states "if the daftars are to be kept in really good order, I am convinced that it will be necessary to appoint more Clerks," and this remark applies even with greater force to the other two first class and more unwieldy taluks of Tanjore and Combaconum.

THE Board can only hope that the precautions now ordered to be taken in regard to the custody of the taluk records will prevent the recurrence of the former undesirable chances for malpractices.

2. As to providing sufficient and suitable accommodation for the taluk establishments, the Board resolve to request all Collectors to state if similar necessity exists for enlarging and improving the Taluk offices in their districts and for increasing the subordinate revenue agency.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
for Sub-Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. T. MAYNE,
First Assistant.

To all Collectors.

Ed. T. Cartledge.

Taluk records in Tanjore District—Board hope that precautions ordered to be taken in regard to custody of—, will prevent recurrence of former chances for malpractices. All Collectors requested to state if necessity exists for enlarging and improving Taluk Offices in their districts, and for increasing subordinate revenue agency.

No. 52.

JANUARY.

Received

Encl.

PROCEEDINGS, 8TH JANUARY 1872, No. 52.

1872.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

REVENUE (~~Private~~) DEPARTMENT.

No. 4287.

From Board of Revenue.

Dated 25th September 1872.

FOR ORDERS.

*For Sanctioned
Approved E. M. H.
9/10/72*

No 4221
FOR ORDERS.

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Revenue Department

Mis: No 818

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 22 January 1878.
Read the following
No 4300

From

H. S. Thomas Esq.
Collector of Tanjore

To

H. E. Stokes Esq.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to submit my report
on the state of records in the District for the
past official year.

2. The current records in almost all the
offices as well as the old records in some offices
in the District are reported by the several
Divisional officers and the Salt Deputy Collector
to be generally in good order.

3. The several rules on the subject
of Rand B stamps and the punching out
of the Court Fees' stamps are duly observed.

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The old records in some of the offices
 as shown below have not been completely
 arranged in consequence of the heavy work
 in the District. To bring them all to
 a satisfactory condition is too much for
 the already over-worked regular Establish-
 -ment. They cannot undertake this work in
 addition to their ordinary current work,
 moreover, the Establishment allowed to
 some offices are so limited that no
 separate clerk can conveniently be told
 off exclusively to the charge of the records
 and to keep them from running into
 confusion by constant handling
 of the papers for reference. It has
 therefore been contemplated for
 some time past to apply for some
 extra hands for the improvement of
 the records: and I shall do myself
 the honor of submitting my proposal for
 the

the temporary Establishment very shortly.

Names of Offices	Total number bundles in the office on the 31 March 1877	Of which work already done		Work in arrears	
		Arranged	Indexed	to be arranged	to be indexed
Augur Vannacular Records	3045	2000	1500	1045	1545
Salt collector's office	166	89	"	77	166
Head Post collector's Do	114	14	"	100	114
Accusant collector's Do	75	"	"	75	75
Mayavaram Dy collector's Do	166	34	"	32	166
Innamargudi Do Do	113	32	21	81	92
Kegapattam Tahsil	1211	812	828	369	383
Admiltam Do	1393	1347	1347	46	46
Tanjore Do	1658	35	35	1623	1623
Combacynnam Do	1586	1253	1253	333	333
Pattukottai Do	782	753	734	29	48
Mayavaram Do	1267	830	830	437	437
Shinjali Do	712	251	251	461	461
Innamargudi Do	683	520	355	163	328
Spitrapundi Do	42	26	"	16	142

The records in the other minor offices in the
 District such as those relating to Sea and
 Land customs, Salt &c are all more or less in
 a satisfactory state.

Shantro
 Signed J. H. Farrell
 For collector
 Tanjore collector's office
 Tanjore 22 Dec 1877

Recorded

2. The collector's proposals for
 the

the employment of a temporary Establish-
ment are awaited.

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

To

The Collector of Tanjore

(True Copy)

Sturrock
Ag. Sub Secretary

Recd

Copied by A. Subramania Iyer

C. A. Galton

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Revenue Department
1835/9

Mis: No 9098

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 25 Sept. 1878

Read the following
No. 2971

From,

Enclosure 1.

E. J. Webster Esq
Collector of Tanjore

To

C. A. Galton Esq
Ag Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to submit my
report on the state of records in the
District for the Official year 1877/78.

2. The several Divisional Officers
as well as the Treasury Deputy Collector
and the Deputy Collector Salt Department
have reported that the current records
in the several offices under their control
are kept generally in good order and that
the rules on the subject of stamping the

Enclosure in Board's

Proceedings & the

Secretary to Govt R.D.

Dated 25 Sept 1878

Mis: No. 9098

Recd 25 Sept 1878

the papers with R & D seals as well as those regarding the punching out of the Court fees stamps have been duly observed.

3. The old records in the several offices in the District are also being brought into order and the accompanying statement shows that in the beginning of the year under report there were 22,506

Inclusive of Cadjan
bundles & files

drafts or bundles of papers (current as well as

old) in all the offices in the District. During the year the records increased by 673 bundles, thus making a total of 23,179 bundles, out of this, 132 bundles were destroyed during the year; and the total number of bundles on the records of the District on the 31st March 1878 is therefore 23,047. With every effort the regular Establishment of the District was able to arrange only 16,723 bundles and index only 12,324, thus leaving 6,324

and

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and 10,723 bundles still to be arranged and indexed respectively. Moreover, in some Taluk offices the rules regarding the R and D stamps were neglected as regards the records previous to 1876 and the officers now in charge of these offices are making exertions to have these defects removed as soon as possible.

4. As stated in the last year's report to 4300 dated 22 December last, it is next to impossible that the regular staff of the District should get through these arrears of work. I shall therefore address the Board separately on the subject of the temporary Establishment required for arranging the old records in the several offices of the District.

5. As required in Government Order dated 16 April last communicated in
Board's

Board's Proceedings No. 4943 dated 17 May
last I beg to report that the Books in
the several offices in the District are
carefully preserved according to the rules
on the subject.

I have &c

Tanjore collector's office (Signed) Forester Weber
Tanjore 22. August 1873 collector

Recorded

(True Copy & Extract)

(Signed) J. Sturrock
Ag. Sub Secretary

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The collector of Tanjore

(True Copy)

Sturrock
Ag. Sub Secretary

Edw. M. M. M.
R. M. M. M.

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Revenue Department

Mis. No.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 25 September 1878.

Read the following

No. 3037

From,

E. J. Webster Esq.
Collector of Tanjore

To

C. A. Galton Esq.
Asst. Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,

In continuation of this office
report

Enclosure in Board's
Proceedings & the
Secretary to Government
of 25 September 1878
Dated 25/9/78

report No. 2971 dated 22^d December and
with reference to the Proceedings of the
Board noted in the margin,

of 22^d January 1878
Dir: No. 878.

I have the honor to submit
a proposal for the employ-
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the state of the old records
in the District

From para 3 of the report
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be arranged and index-
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T: retain
II: destroy

Collector's letter
of 14 Dec. 1871
No. 392 noted in
Board's Proc. of 2^d January
1872 No. 52.

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* B.S.P. No. 8 of 14 Febry
1876 No. 430 paras
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I propose now that a temporary establishment at a total cost of Rs 8100 as per 12 clerks at Rs 15 for 18 months = 32400
51 Do - Do for 6 months = 1590 margin
3 attenders at Rs 5 for 18 months = 270 may be sanctioned. The statement given below shows the details.

Names of Offices	Male to be done by	Rate	Period	Cost	Remarks
	To be arranged	To be included	hands of	of	
			proposed	proposed	
Major Records	1574	4767	18 months	32400	This includes the English & Tamil Department as the necessary expenses of the Revenue accounts.
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Head Assistant Collector's Office	107	135	1 Do		
Assistant Collector's Office	61	81	1 Do		
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Mannargudi Do Do Do	136	347	5 Do		
Spitgaff, mostly Do Do Do	415	665	8 Do		
Shelli	465	465	1 Do		
All Sea and Land Customs together	28	131	2 Do		
Total	6234	10605	63 clerks 3 attenders	8100	

In consideration of the great importance attached to the proper arrangement and custody of the records in the District and also of the fact that the accurate, speedy and satisfactory discharge of the current business in each office depends greatly on the state of the records therein, it is hoped that the Board of Revenue will agree with me in thinking that the establishment proposed is moderate and will accordingly sanction the proposal as soon as possible.

I have &c
Tanjore Collector's Office
Vallam, Tanjore Taluk
26 August 1878
(Signed) Forster Melcher
Collector.

Submitted for the orders of Government with the Board's recommendation that the proposed temporary establishment be sanctioned. The provision in the budget for the current year will not suffice for the entertainment of more than the 12 clerks and 3 attenders required for the Major. Provision for the remainder should be made in the budget for 1879-80.

(True Copy & Extract)
J. Sturges

Ag. Dist. Secretary

For the Secretary to Govt. Bd. with original enclosure in No. 7250/78 to be returned & copies of B.S.P. No. 8 of 14 Febry 1876 No. 430 - 122 Jan'y/78 this No. 814-425 Sept/78
1878 No. 9892

Ms. A. 9. 2. 1. 52-53.

Manumission 1870 Sept 11th

No 4281.

Proceedings of the

Board of Revenue

Dated 25 Sept 1875
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Each 1000

Recommending that the

proposed establishment of

a temporary Aid Station

for the improvement of

the roads in the County

be made in the same

14. To the Board of Revenue on 18 Oct
6. The Secy. to the Board

Ms. A. 9. 2. 1. 52-53.

No 86-