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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

9th December 1878, No. 1768.

Administration Report.

Read the following paper:—

No. 21. *From C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 12th November* 1878, *No.* 3034.

I am directed to forward the accompanying Administration Report of the Board of Revenue for the year 1877-78, together with the usual statements.

1. Tanjore	17th May.
2. North Arcot	28th „
3. Malabar	31st „
4. Madras	3rd June.
5. Nilgiri	4th „
6. Vizagapatam	13th „
7. Bellary	15th „
8. Trichinopoly	9th July.
9. Coimbatore	11th „
10. Kistna	12th „
11. Kurnool	15th „
12. Tinnevelly	16th „
13. Salem	18th „
14. Godavari	23rd „
15. Cuddapah	29th „
16. Chingleput	29th Aug.
17. South Canara	17th Sept.
18. Nellore	
19. Ganjam	
20. Madura	
21. South Arcot	

* Accountant-General.
Government Astronomer.

2. It was not possible to send the report within the prescribed date, i.e., 1st October, as the reports from districts were not submitted in time. The dates on which the several reports were received are shown in the margin, the prescribed date being 30th June.

3. The statistical returns prescribed in G.O., dated 24th May 1876, No. 419, are not yet complete, none having been received from the districts of Bellary and South Arcot and some being still due from Nellore, Madura, and Coimbatore, as also from the officers noted in the margin.* The Board apprehend that it will not be possible to forward them in time for incorporation in the Administration Report for the Presidency.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 9th December 1878, No. 1768.

The delay which has occurred in the submission of this report has caused the greatest difficulty in the production of the Presidency report within the date prescribed by the Government of India. In the submission of his Finance Report, the Accountant-General has necessarily had to await the report of the Board of Revenue, and as the report of the Board of Revenue covers subjects occurring in several chapters of the Presidency volume the preparation of nearly the whole volume has been interrupted pending its receipt. The delay on the present occasion appears to have been caused principally by the Collectors of Madura and South Arcot. The Board will obtain and forward to Government the explanations of those officers.

2. The Board will notice that the latest date for submission of their next Administration Report is the 15th September 1879, and that the latest date for submission of the special statistical returns is one month later or the 15th October 1879. If any subordinate officer fails to supply the Board with material in due time, the proper course for the Board to take is not to await the material from that officer, but to make up their report without it, using estimated figures if necessary, and to bring the matter to notice.

3. It appears to His Grace the Governor in Council that if some system were adopted in the districts of entering up in the course of the year, or month by month, the statistical matter required at the end of the year, there would be less opportunity for delay in the preparation of the Collectors' reports. The same system might even be adopted to some extent in the Board's Office itself. The Board will report their views on this subject.

4. With regard to the contents of the report now under notice, the Governor in Council observes that, though it contains a sufficient quantity of useful figures and statements, there is a marked absence of information on matters of an administrative nature. Such information, if not contained in Collectors' reports, is at any rate available from the Board's records. The official year's report sent in by the Board is the only material possessed by Government for reporting to superior authority on the important branches of the administration under the Board's control, and the Board are desired to give their attention to its improvement in the direction indicated. In despatch recorded in G.O., dated 19th January 1871, No. 75, the Secretary of State has observed that "he wishes it to be distinctly understood that the preparation of administration reports constitutes a most important part of the duty of a Government, and that it is very desirable on all accounts that each report should exhibit a comprehensive view of administrative progress." Further on in the same despatch the Secretary of State has observed that an Administration Report "should contain a clear and condensed statement of the more important questions which have engaged the attention of the Government during the year." These remarks addressed to Local Governments are equally applicable to the Board of Revenue in the case of matters entrusted to them for report.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Revenue Department
No 5747.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

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