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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th June 1876.*

No. 294. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th June 1876, Miscellaneous No. 5,135 :—

Read the following letter from A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Collector of South Canara, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 9th June 1876, No. 1,149.

WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd February 1876, No. 531, I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Board and of Government, a letter from my Head Assistant, Mr. Stokes, requesting permission to withdraw from his offer to compile the District Manual.

2. He states that his time is fully occupied with his Office-work, and that his health will not admit of his working at night,—a habit on which he had calculated. Moreover, his absence from Mangalore precludes his making a minute search of the records which is necessary to a correct and connected treatment of the subject.

3. If Government could send me the extra Assistant with full powers, whom they stated in their Proceedings, dated 20th February 1875, No. 271, Revenue Department, they would endeavour to give me, I could, by putting him in charge of the Udipi and Cundapur Taluqs, arrange for Mr. Stokes's permanent residence in Mangalore during the time the Manual is under preparation; and as he would, in this case, have only the charge of one taluq and the magisterial charge of another, he would have sufficient leisure to compile the Manual.

4. If, however, Government are unable to send me the extra Assistant, there is nothing left but for me to undertake the Manual. Considering, however, that I have to conduct the inquiry into forest claims in addition to my ordinary work; that owing to my present Assistant not having full powers, I have the Cassergode Taluq in addition to the Uppenangadi Taluq; and that the forest work will necessitate my absence from headquarters for almost the whole of the fair season; I cannot promise to have the Manual completed for a long time, probably not until the end of next year. The most I can do is to get articles contributed by others, and to edit the work, compiling the revenue portion myself.

5. I have delayed forwarding Mr. Stokes's letter in order to try and make other arrangements, but I have been unable to do so.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From G. STOKES, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Collector of South Canara, dated Manjeshwar, 4th May 1876, No. 223.

IN reply to your docket, No. 788, of 18th April 1876, I have the honor to state that I am unable to say when the Manual of this district will be ready. With regret I feel myself compelled to take this opportunity to ask the indulgence of Government in permitting me to withdraw unconditionally from my offer to compile the Manual. You will remember that when I undertook the task in June last I was Assistant with the charge of one taluq (Cassergode), and up to my being put in charge of the Head Assistant's Office in October had made some progress, both in collecting materials and in the perusal of the old records. Since then in October I was put in charge of the Head Assistant's Office, and continued so to January, and have been acting as Head Assistant since February to the present date, and have thus had since October continually, as I may say, the charge of three taluqs; during the earlier portion of the time my own charge as Assistant and in addition the Head Assistant's division. This charge and increase

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in my ordinary official duties vitiated all my calculations, as I had expected to have finished the Manual before it was likely to occur. During the last six months, therefore, I have been unable to do any work at all at the Manual. This has arisen entirely from the pressure of my ordinary work. I would not be understood as complaining of this increase, or that the ordinary work thus thrown on me is beyond my strength. All I desire to express is that it renders it impossible for me, while giving adequate attention to it, to undertake such heavy additional work as the Manual requires. I am forced to this admission also, as I find, by experience, that my health will not permit of my increasing my sedentary occupations beyond a certain point, nor of my working at night as a habit on which I had calculated, though even now frequently necessary. My mornings are necessarily taken up with marching, while my absence for long periods, both from Kundapur and Mangalore, preventing, as it does, ready access to the records is another insuperable difficulty. As Assistant I calculated on my being continuously at Mangalore. It is, therefore, impossible for me to make that minute search and to give that continued attention to the matter necessary to enable me to get a correct and connected idea of the subject which, to take the case of the hotly-disputed tenures of the district as to which the information in the records is meagre, scattered, and uncertain, and the different views turn often on the wording of a phrase, is essential.

2. I fear it may be thought that I make this request from a desire to spare myself, but, on the contrary, I relinquish the work with regret, as the subject is one very interesting to me and, in justice as I think, to Government, for the choice lies between neglect or scamping of my ordinary work or of this extraordinary one; and I feel compelled to abandon the latter. At the same time, I must ask to be unconditionally released from the work, as experience shows me the impossibility of my producing such a work within a given time, or of my health standing the additional burden thus imposed on it. I beg the indulgence of Government also, because I am conscious that much valuable time has been lost, but I originally undertook the work after considerable hesitation, and I hope that by placing such materials as I have collected at the disposal of the compiling officer, and by giving such aid as I can in the work I may be enabled partly to redeem this error.

3. Hoping for your support and indulgent criticism in placing this matter before Government, I have, &c.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board trust that it may be found possible to send an additional Assistant to South Canara, as intimated in paragraph 8, G.O., dated 20th February 1875, No. 271, in which case Mr. Stokes would be relieved of a portion of his regular work, and would be able to devote the leisure thus accruing to the compilation of the Manual.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 295.

ORDER THEREON, 29th June 1876, No. 866.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government regret the delay that will result in the preparation of the District Manual of South Canara. They are unable to give the Collector a Special Assistant.

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2. His Grace the Governor in Council will expect the short Statistical Account required by Dr. Hunter for his Gazetteer, to be furnished by the Collector, by the date mentioned in G.O., No. 782, dated 12th June 1876.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Miscellaneous No 5135

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 20th June 1876.

Read the following

No 1149.

From A. M. L. Webster Esq
Collector of South Carolina
To C. A. Galton Esq
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue. India.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated June, 20th.

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G.O. 2971 June 1876, No. 566.

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Nos. 294-295.

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Submitted for the in-
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/True Copies & Extracts/

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Ag. Subsecretary
The Secretary to

Government P. C. D.

