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No. 2,773.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 14th October 1878.

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2. Wherever I have examined taluk records I have found them in a state of confusion which must vastly increase the work, which in any case would be unduly hard of the Tahsildar and his staff.

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4. Even if in the process of time this extra clerk is sanctioned, he will, I fear, do comparatively little good unless the records are previously arranged by temporary clerks.

5. I may mention here that the important matter of the custody of taluk records is strangely neglected in the new Taluk Cutcherries constructed on plans elaborated after mature consideration and with all the light of recent experience. The record-room is an upstair room with windows having the ledges sloped inwards and with some apertures covered with wire instead of glass, so that it reeks with damp after every shower. Moreover there are no racks, and the bundles of records lie tumbling about on the floor. I have addressed the District Engineer on the subject, but expect he will inform me, as he did once before in a similar case, that he does not consider himself justified in altering carefully-devised plans sanctioned by Government without permission from higher authority.

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taluks for four months. The Gumastahs will, under the immediate superintendence of the Taluk Sheristadar and control of the Tahsildar, arrange the duftars and the jumbled-up papers. I will have an index prepared by the very Gumastahs for the whole records.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. KALYANASUNDARAM CHETTY,
Deputy Collector,
for Collector.

From J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd September 1878, No. 3,818.

With reference to my letter, dated 6th August 1878, No. 3,156, paragraph 5, I have the honor to inform you that the District Engineer has prepared estimates for fitting the open apertures I spoke of with glass, and that he informs me that estimates for record racks were sanctioned in G.O., No. 125-W, of the 23rd May 1877, though funds have not been allotted for the work.

Submitted to Government with the request that two temporary clerks on Rupees 15 per mensem may be sanctioned for six months for each of the taluks of Rapur and Gudur. The charge can probably be met from the budget provision for temporary establishments; in future applications of this nature it should be stated whether funds are available or not; the attention of all Collectors will be called to this.

2. With reference to the remarks in paragraph 5 of the first letter on the defective arrangements for the custody of the taluk records in cutcherries constructed on the standard plan, the Board observe that racks might have been included in the estimate of extra charges; they have apparently, however, been already sanctioned in the Public Works Department; the order has not been communicated to the Board.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ all Collectors.

Extd. A. F. Goodall.

Rec^d 1878. Board of Revenue, MADRAS.

To
The SECRETARY to GOVT.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
&c.

Dated Octo^r 1878.
Printed 1878.
Read
Despatched, 14th October 1878, No. 2773.

Copy to P.W.D.

OCTOBER.
No. 2773.

Clerks, Temporary.—Requesting Government to sanction the entertainment of two — on Rupees 15 per mensem for six months for each of the taluks of Rapur and Gudur, in Nellore District, for arranging records; and observing that in future applications of this nature it should be stated whether funds are available or not to meet the charge.

Revenue Department.

No 1909.

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 3rd December 1878.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 14th October 1878 no. 2773.

With reference to G.O. 17th July 1877 no. 2331 R.D., ~~which the Board have apparently overlooked in making their recommendation~~ sanction is granted for the employment of the temporary establishment referred to until the end of February next, on the understanding that there is sufficient Budget provision to meet the charge.

2. A fresh application for

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extension of the period should
if necessary be submitted at
the end of February.

3. Paragraph 2 of the Board's
Ground
Crown drugs will be ~~refused~~ to
the Public Works Department
in view of the embargo on Dakota Oil
~~importation~~ exported

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

3rd December 1878, No. 1,939.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 3rd December 1878, No. 1,939.

Miscellaneous.

WITH reference to G.O., 17th July 1877, No. 2,331, Revenue Department, sanction is granted for the employment of the temporary establishment referred to until the end of February next, on the understanding that there is sufficient Budget provision to meet the charge.

2. A fresh application for extension of the period should if necessary be submitted at the end of February.

3. Paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings will be communicated to the Public Works Department in view to the construction of the racks being expedited.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Accountant-General.
" the Public Works Department.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Cost. of [1878] Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December 3rd.

Printed 6th.

Rect. *Encl.*

G.O., 3rd December 1878, No. 1,999.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 7-8.

Clerks for arranging records in the Rapur and Gudur Taluks, Nellore District.—Sanctioning the employment of temporary — until the end of February next on the understanding that there is sufficient Budget provision to meet the charge.

No. 1545 5/79