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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

READ—the following papers:—

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RESOLUTION—dated 22nd January 1884, No. 204.

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| 2 Blacksmiths on " 12 "     |
| 2 Lascars on " 6 "          |

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|-------------------------------------------|-----|
|                                           | No. |
| Attuva ... ..                             | 10  |
| Toom ... ..                               | 50  |
| Kuncham ... ..                            | 50  |
| Seer ... ..                               | 100 |
| Half seer ... ..                          | 100 |
| Sola or $\frac{1}{4}$ seer ... ..         | 100 |
| Half sola or $\frac{1}{2}$ seer ... ..    | 100 |
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and measures based on the imperial seer cannot well be enforced.

3. The Collector of Vizagapatam reports that he is inaugurating an experiment which he hopes will meet with success, and promises to report the result after sufficient experience has been gained. The details of the experiment should have been given. The Board will await the promised report.

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STATEMENT showing the Establishment entertained for stamping Weights and Measures.

| Godavari.    |     |     |        | Madras.                        |     |     |        |
|--------------|-----|-----|--------|--------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| 1 Gumastah   | ... | ... | Rs. 12 | 1 Gumastah                     | ... | ... | Rs. 25 |
| 1 Do.        | ... | ... | 10     | 1 Do.                          | ... | ... | 15     |
| 1 Smith      | ... | ... | 10     | 2 Canacapillays on Rs. 15 each | ... | ... | 30     |
| 1 Do.        | ... | ... | 9      | 1 Ironsmith                    | ... | ... | 10     |
| 4            | ... | ... | 41     | 2 Peons on Rs. 7 each          | ... | ... | 14     |
| Total        | ... | ... | 41     | 7                              | ... | ... | 94     |
| Anantapur.   |     |     |        | Chingleput.                    |     |     |        |
| 1 Smith      | ... | ... | Rs. 20 | 6 Gumastahs on Rs. 8 each      | ... | ... | Rs. 48 |
| 1 Peon       | ... | ... | 8      | 6 Blacksmiths on Rs. 7 each    | ... | ... | 42     |
| 2            | ... | ... | 28     | 12                             | ... | ... | 90     |
| Total        | ... | ... | 28     | Total                          | ... | ... | 90     |
| Bellary.     |     |     |        | North Arcot.                   |     |     |        |
| 1 Smith      | ... | ... | Rs. 10 | 9 Gumastahs on Rs. 10 each     | ... | ... | Rs. 90 |
| 1 Mutsaddi   | ... | ... | 7      | 1 Gumastah                     | ... | ... | 7      |
| 1 Testor     | ... | ... | 4      | 13 Maistries on Rs. 12 each    | ... | ... | 156    |
| 1 Peon       | ... | ... | 4      | 1 Maistry                      | ... | ... | 7      |
| 4            | ... | ... | 25     | 7 Peons on Rs. 5 each          | ... | ... | 35     |
| Total        | ... | ... | 25     | 1 Peon                         | ... | ... | 7      |
| Kurnool.     |     |     |        | 1 Do.                          | ... | ... | 3½     |
| 1 Blacksmith | ... | ... | Rs. 23 | 5 Bellowsmen on Rs. 3 each     | ... | ... | 15     |
| 1 Do.        | ... | ... | 18     | 38                             | ... | ... | 320½   |
| 1 Do.        | ... | ... | 15     | Total                          | ... | ... | 320½   |
| 1 Peon       | ... | ... | 8      | South Arcot.                   |     |     |        |
| 1 Do.        | ... | ... | 7      | 4 Testors on Rs. 10 each       | ... | ... | Rs. 40 |
| 1 Do.        | ... | ... | 6      | 4 Stampers on " 7 "            | ... | ... | 28     |
| 6            | ... | ... | 77     | 8                              | ... | ... | 68     |
| Total        | ... | ... | 77     | Total                          | ... | ... | 68     |

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|-----------------------------|-----|-----|--------|----------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| 1 Ironsmith                 | ... | ... | Rs. 10 | 1 Gumastah                 | ... | ... | Rs. 20 |
| 3 Ironsmiths on Rs. 8 each  | ... | ... | 24     | 2 Gumastahs on Rs. 15 each | ... | ... | 30     |
| 5 Do. on " 7 "              | ... | ... | 35     | 4 Do. on " 12 "            | ... | ... | 48     |
| 3 Measurers on " 7 "        | ... | ... | 21     | 2 Ironsmiths on " 10 "     | ... | ... | 20     |
| 5 Do. on " 5 "              | ... | ... | 25     | 5 Do. on " 8 "             | ... | ... | 40     |
| 1 Peon                      | ... | ... | 6      | 1 Ironsmith                | ... | ... | 3      |
| 18                          | ... | ... | 121    | 1 Peon                     | ... | ... | 6      |
| Total                       | ... | ... | 121    | 2 Peons on Rs. 5 each      | ... | ... | 10     |
| Madura.                     |     |     |        | 18                         | ... | ... | 177    |
| 1 Gumastah                  | ... | ... | Rs. 15 | Total                      | ... | ... | 177    |
| 3 Gumastahs on Rs. 10 each  | ... | ... | 30     | Coimbatore.                |     |     |        |
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| 4 Do. on " 7 "              | ... | ... | 28     | 4                          | ... | ... | 40     |
| 16                          | ... | ... | 142    | Total                      | ... | ... | 40     |
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## SCALE OF FEES CHARGED.

## Madras.

1 Anna per measure or weight.

| South Arcot.                   |     |     |     | RS. A. P. |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
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| One Measure...                 | ... | ... | ... | 0 0 9     |
| Half do.                       | ... | ... | ... | 0 0 6     |
| Quarter do.                    | ... | ... | ... | 0 0 6     |
| For each smaller one           | ... | ... | ... | 0 0 6     |
| One wooden Measure             | ... | ... | ... | 0 0 6     |
| Half do.                       | ... | ... | ... | 0 0 6     |
| For each of less dimensions    | ... | ... | ... | 0 0 3     |
| One Maund                      | ... | ... | ... | 0 4 0     |
| One-third and one-fourth Maund | ... | ... | ... | 0 2 0     |
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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department;  
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Exd. A. Raitt.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1884.

Board of Revenue,  
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G. O. No. 217.

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mentioned payments.

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The stamping machine and  
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the fees for test, stamp and  
alteration in measures.

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Submitting to Government letters from cer-  
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With an order

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