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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Central Provinces.
Burma.
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(Signed) E. C. BUCK,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Order—dated 1st November 1887, No. 1025, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Adverting to the remarks in para. 4 of the Resolution of the Government of India read above, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to entrust to the Commissioner of Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture the duty of preparing and submitting to the Government of India the weekly telegraphic reports regarding the general state of the season and agricultural prospects. Collectors will accordingly be directed to forward their weekly telegrams and reports direct to him.

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(True Extract

Signed D. Bar

Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Rds and Agricus., with two forms.
„ all Collectors.
„ the Dewan of Travancore.
Copy to the Commissioners of Land Revenue.
„ the Sanitary Commissioner.
„ the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ the Surgeon-General with the Governm[illegible] Madras.
„ the Financial Department.

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REVENUE.

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G.O., 1st November 1887, No. 1025.

NOVEMBER.

Season Reports.

Passing orders on letter from the Government of India issuing instructions regarding the preparation of the weekly —.

FOR THE SECRETARY.

BOARD OF REVENUE,
REV. SETT. L. RECORDS & AGRICULTURE,
Madras, 4-11-87 1887.

4 NOV 87

My dear Price,

In re Govt Circular 20 / Nov 1887 025 (Season Reports)

Govt direct me to make the necessary arrangements to prepare the Statements in sufficient time for the Board before Govt at each weekly Council.

Does this mean that I must get the reports for the

19-6-85

13-2 week ending the 12th instant
we have to mark for H.M.
on Thursday, the 15th. Should
if this will be possible. We
shall not get done if the
men's Bill the morning of
the 15th. The men have
taken (I have two days of
work only for several weeks, & as
time over I worked every H.J.)
taken one hour & a half

Yours sincerely
J.C. Ives

NOTE FOR THE SECRETARY.

Dr. from Lt Jesse

a present practice has been
for the telegrams reporting
the Marks of the Scouts tabulated
by a Clerk in my office on the morn-
ing of Tuesday & to place
the papers before the Council
on that day. The reports
are for the week ending
previous Saturday & they
received of Class are
received on the morning
of Tuesday. The Second Class
Reports are incomplete
as Inspections obtain Regularly
distant tabulating is only
received by the District
Head Quarters the Assistant
time for Collectors to send
a deferred telegram so as
to reach Lewisham early
on the morning of Tuesday.
By the work of tabulation
is now to be done by the
Agricultural Commissioner
assisted by a Clerk for
the Inspections
in Each week Ending
Monday & the telegrams

11-5

be complete & the information can be got ready for Council on Tuesday. There is no objection to adjourning the week ending Thursday as there is no rule prescribed that the week ending Saturday should be taken and the Govt of India themselves do not follow any such rule in the Leave rules published by them in the Gazette of India. I presume that should not be possible to have meeting of Council on Wednesday as this day is the English Xmas day

Yours

Revenue Secretariat,

8 Nov 1887.

My dear Grose

Yours D.D. of the 4th with Baron reports.

The practice in this office is to have the Baron telegrams opened in the morning of Tuesday & the information tabulated by a special clerk deputed on the occasion & taken to the Council Room before the

Council which meets at
12 noon on the same day.
If you do not find this
possible, the next best
plan would be to ask
Colleens to report the
acts of the Council for
the week ending Friday
or ~~Saturday~~ Thursday
instead of Saturday.
Journal for week, Lucy

(7)

if arrangements needed
to have tea in Hall
Miss could be made
for preparing the
report for the week
ending the 12th
Saturday

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Secretary to the Government of India.

To The Secretary to the Govt of Madras.

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REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

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G. C. Press, Simla.—No. 487 R. & A. D.—7-10-87—470.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 2363 to 2364.

From The Secretary to the Government of India

Dated Simla the 5th October 1887.

FOR ORDERS.

In the event of any of the Governments of India or their subordinates or staff of correspondents of the agricultural associations or local papers in the whole of India requiring the telegraphic transmission of the weekly extracts regarding which instructions are issued in this Resolution, the Director General of Telegraphs is requested to direct that the messages may be transmitted at the rate of one anna per word, and that the Director General of Telegraphs may be informed of the number of words which may be transmitted on the Government account by each of the Local Governments and Administrations, so that the Director General may be able to adjust the accounts between the Telegraph Department and the Local Governments and Administrations.

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Final scheme will be in operation
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Action contrary to orders
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of late

FOR ORDERS.

Weekly Season Report

Revenue Department.

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