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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 522-523 Press Mis.—

Dated 12 — 6 — 1891.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

ORDER—dated 12th June 1891, No. 522, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

In 1861 a committee, appointed to report on the simplification of routine business, brought to the notice of the Government the absence of any system for the collection, in an easily available form, of statistical information regarding the population, resources and peculiarities of the districts of the Presidency, and pointed out that the want of such a compilation necessitated repeated and hurried references to district officers on the part of the Government, and also gave much additional labour to the local administrative staff. The committee, therefore, recommended that this serious inconvenience should be remedied by the preparation of a manual for each district. The proposal was accepted by the Government, and the manuals have now all been completed with the exception of that for South Canara, which is still in progress.

2. The committee specially brought to notice that it would be necessary that such changes as had occurred should be recorded at the end of each year and that fresh editions of the manual embodying all needful additions and corrections should be published at the close of fixed periods, but up to the present time no action has been taken on this part of the proposal. The statement annexed to these Proceedings shows for each manual the date of publication and the number of copies available for distribution. Except in the case of Kurnool and Coimbatore, the stock is practically exhausted, there being no spare copies at all of nine of the volumes, while of the eight others, the number does not in any instance exceed ten. Requisitions for copies, however, continue to be received and there is, no doubt, still a demand for them among the general public as well as among the officers of Government.

3. It is clear, therefore, that a new issue is desirable on this ground alone. But there are other and stronger reasons for a fresh edition. No less than twelve out of the nineteen manuals were published at least 10 years ago, and of the remainder, one is 9 years old, three 8 years, one 5 and two 4 years. Thus, so far as the statistical information is concerned, nearly the whole of these books are now out of date and they no longer serve the purpose for which they were intended. Moreover, the volumes are of very unequal merit, and while some leave little, if anything, to be desired, others are deficient in both matter and arrangement, and require revision not only in respect of the statistical information, but also as regards the more permanent portions, in order to make them complete and useful works of reference.

4. The committee made no definite proposal regarding the period after which a new edition would be desirable; but the completion of each decennial census naturally suggests itself as affording a suitable and convenient opportunity for the revision of the statistics. In order to reduce the cost of successive issues, the Government is of opinion that each manual should be published in two volumes. The first volume will contain the information that is practically of a permanent character, such as the chapters on the physical geography, the flora, fauna and geology, the political and revenue history, irrigation, agricultural methods, the religious and social divisions of the people, &c. The second volume will consist of statistical tables with brief explanatory notes, somewhat in the form adopted for the various statistical atlases. The exact shape these tables shall take will be decided hereafter, but they must afford complete information as to all the various branches of the administration and also as regards the numbers, health and, in particular, the economic condition of the people. This second volume will, in fact, be a short statistical account of the district and it will, to some extent, take the place of the district notes and taluk tables of the census report.

5. In order to secure uniformity and to avoid the delay which was inevitable under the plan followed in the original compilation, the editing of the new editions must be entrusted to a single officer. The work of the editor will be two-fold, viz., to prepare the statistical volume for all districts and to supplement, where necessary, the materials which the present manuals afford for the first volume.

The latter part of his labours may take some time, but it will be possible to commence the preparation of the second volumes as soon as the census figures are available. The sanction of the Government of India to the measures now proposed will accordingly be sought at once and His Excellency the Governor in Council desires that the Board of Revenue will meanwhile favour him at an early date with its views on the following matters :—

(i) What subjects should be included in the first and what in the second volume ?

(ii) The forms of the statements to be given in the second volume.

(iii) The number of copies of each volume required, regard being had to the fact that volume I will be of a permanent character and will not be re-issued at fixed intervals as proposed in the case of volume II.

In the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council, it is desirable that this subject should be considered by the Full Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.

APPENDIX.

District Manuals.

District.	Number of copies available.	Date of publication.
Ganjam	6	1882
Vizagapatam	0	1869
Godávari	9	1878
Kistna	0	1883
Nellore	8	1873
Kurnool	27	1886
Bellary	0	1872
Anantapur	0	1875
Cuddapah	4	1881
North Arcot	0	1878
South Arcot	2	1879
Chingleput	2	1883
Salem	25	1887
Coimbatore	0	1880
Nílgiris	10	1878
Trichinopoly	0	1883
Tanjore	0	1868
Madura	3	1879
Tinnevelly	0	1887
Malabar	Not yet published.	
South Canara		

Exd. A. Aubert.

120 Copies.

Govt. of {1891} Madras.

REVENUE.

Issued.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 12th June 1891, No. 522.

JUNE.

District Manuals.

Recognizing the necessity for revising the existing — and desiring the (Full) Board of Revenue to forward its views on certain points to be dealt in connection with the manuals.

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12TH JUNE 1891, No. 523, REVENUE.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

From

C. A. GALTON, ESQ., M.A., C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT,

Dated Ootacamund, 12th June 1891.

SIR,

I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of the Proceedings of this Government on the subject of the revision and republication of the District Manuals of this Presidency.

Miscellaneous.

2. It is proposed to divide each manual into two volumes, one of which will contain information that is of a permanent character, while in the other, which will be issued after each census, will be given statistical tables and such other matter as requires revision from time to time.

3. The editing of this second volume may conveniently be entrusted to the Provincial Superintendent of Census Operations. He will, of course, himself be responsible for the population statistics; but the other tables will be furnished to him by the several departments, and this additional work will, therefore, not prolong the term of his special duty more than one or two months at the most, as he would in any case be required to prepare the district tables and write brief notes upon them.

4. For the first edition of this nature, however, somewhat more time will be required as it will also be necessary to edit the first volumes as well, and some of these need considerable revision. It is estimated that the work can be completed in about one year, and I am accordingly to request that Mr. Stuart, the present Provincial Superintendent of Census Operations, may be permitted to take up this duty when his present employment terminates. His Excellency the Governor in Council would give Mr. Stuart his present salary of Rs. 1,450 per mensem, and his present travelling allowance. The total cost would be about Rs. 30,000, as shown below :—

	RS.	A.	P.
* Net cost in consequence of Mr. Stuart's deputation ...	8,628	0	0
Travelling allowance	1,372	0	0
Establishment and contingencies	3,000	0	0
Printing and paper	17,000	0	0
Total ...	30,000	0	0

* This is Rs. 719 per mensem, as now debited to "Census."

This estimate includes the cost of publishing the South Canara Manual which has not yet been issued.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. A. Aubert.

75 Copies.

1891.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

From the Government of
Fort St. George.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

Letter, dated 12th June 1891,
No. 523.

JUNE.

FORWARDING copy of Proceedings of this Government regarding revision of District Manuals and requesting that Mr. Stuart, C.S., may be permitted to take up this duty on the termination of his present appointment as Provincial Superintendent of Census Operations.

GOVT OF MADRAS
29 APR 91
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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Coimbatore
8 April 1891

My dear Gal Cox.

Yours of the 7th - about the Canara manual -

Before I left Canara I wrote the Revenue Secretary and framed Chapters such as Physical Geography - Agriculture - Flora - Fauna

by

forms that the

&c &c - I could hardly touch the History Chapter there pursuant of. Books of reference but when at home in 1884 I got Books at the India Office. and British Museum which enabled me to practically complete the History and Regulations Chapters - those I have

reserved a few points - for further local enquiry - There remain also the departmental Chapters such as Municipalities - Officers - Judicial &c &c which I hope ere Christmas to get over so as to have proofs up to date - If I had leisure it would not take long to

complete the manual now
but as a collection of circulars
especially with the appeals in
connection with the Village
Establishment question - it
is simply impossible for me
to do anything with it - If any one
could complete it for the Rev.
I should gladly hand over every-
thing. - As the correspondence
shows I did not take the work
up with a light heart.

Yours Sincerely
H Church

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Current No. D.O. from Mr Stewart

From

Dated 189 .

FOR ORDERS.

I wrote D.O. to Mr Stewart to ascertain progress in matter with the completion of the S. Canara Manual. The above is his reply.

It seems that the

Most difficult portion, viz. repairing Roof which can be practically completed & that which remains might done be finished with the help of Mr Stewart of this is put in Specification for the Nave & the Chancel. Joists perhaps just as well as Mr Stewart has started his

attention to the Chapter which will be permanent. Apparently only those which take in fresh principal timber appear to be required. to complete the standing portion & set it put in Spec + to enable Mr Stewart to form any thing

Mr Mr Strachan finish the work the plan keeping the roof same the last. 245 9/4/91 WH 9 clp

FOR ORDERS.

The Hon'ble Mr. Forbes C.S.I.

The Hon'ble Mr. Baker C.S.

Copy

No: 8.

Revenue Secrt

10 April 1.

My dear Murdoch.

Your letter of the 8th inst about the S. Canara manual. The stock of manuals already issued is exhausted and they will require revision so as to bring them up to date &c. It is proposed to put a special officer on this duty and Mr. A Stuart will probably be selected. The manuals will be republished in two parts, one containing standing matter such as the Political and Revenue

in regard to the remaining chapters. I have asked Mr. Stuart to draw up a definite scheme for this. I hope to be able to let you have a copy of it with a application for sanction for a special officer to carry it through.

Yours sincerely

C.A.

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Lord & C.A.

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stary of the District, Physical
ography, Fauna, Flora &c &c and
e other Contains matter
which has to be periodically
revised with reference
to changes of Administration
such as Local Notices,
Statistics &c It appears
that you have nearly
completed the Chapters
dealing with the Farmers
subjects and it would be
well to denote what time
time you can spare to
finishing the portion of the
work leaving the Chapters
which will form the
Second part until it

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has been decided on
what plan they are to be
drawn up as when the
revision is taken up
all districts will be dealt
with on a uniform system
With the Local assistance
you could soon complete
the statistical portion of
the work. Cannot you
manage to complete the
standing portion and have
it put in type? it might
then issue as a separate
volume in advance of the
statistical matter.

Yours Sincerely
(Sd) C. A. Gallon.

E. Sturrock Esq C.S.
Cobh Coumbalore.

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Camp Kasur
16. April

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
17-APR 91
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

My dear Gabbett

Your letter of the
15. about the Canara Manual
I shall do what I
can to be ready to
put Vol. I in type
as soon as I hear

from Mr. A. Stuart - on other points - the arrangement decided on with regard to what shall be included in Part I. I think I have most of it ready.

Yours sincerely
J. Cumock

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
25 FEB 92
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
REVENUE DEPARTMENT
25 FEB 92

23 Feb 1892

My dear Rice

With reference to the enclosed letter from the Rev. A. Maffei of Mangalore which please return with your answer.

Please let me know for H.E.'s information what has been done & what is to be done about the Tank.

Canara manual.

Gurus Rung

Bangalore

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Mangalore 22.2.92.

Dear Sir

In the interview which H.E. granted me through you on the 12th ult. in Government House, Madras, I said that I had prepared a work about South Canara which I consider of some importance, as there is no Manual of S. Canara & so very little is known about the history, customs &c. of this District. Then H.E. was kind enough to ask me whether I would undertake to write such a Manual, as I have already the material ready in that work. I answered that I would do it, but first I wanted to ask my Superiors. Moreover, soon after H.E. informed me through you, that he would like to have a copy, when it is printed,

of the above mentioned work.

Hereby I have the pleasure to accept the offer of H.E. to write the Manual, as it is urgently required & more necessary than the other work of mine. I had already told H.E., in that interview, that Mr. Sturrock had been charged to make the Manual, but only a few chapters about revenue matters came out. I doubt much, as I have been told by a reliable person, whether any thing more was written for several years and whether he is working at all at the Manual. If H.E. is pleased to entrust me with that work, I request H.E. to give the necessary orders to the Collector & to kindly inform me; for I would begin at once. I hope I could get it ready in a

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rather short time, as I have already the materials. I would also request H.E. to give the necessary orders so that I may get the help of the local authorities in order that the Manual may turn out as useful as possible.

Immediately after having completed the Manual, I would try, if God grants me life and possibility, to get ready for printing the other work which I have already prepared, & then I would be only too happy to send a copy to H.E. If H.E. entrusts to me the Manual, I should be anxious to dedicate it to him, if he permits me.

I take this opportunity to offer me, again to H.E. if I can be of any use to H.E. in things regarding this distant district.

to thank him again (as I did by my letter of the 31 Jan.) for having made me a Fellow of the Madras University. I shall try to justify the confidence he has placed in me by this appointment.

I beg to remain,
Dear Sir,
Yours truly
A. Maffei S.J
Principal, St. Aloysius' College.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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FORT ST. GEORGE,
Feb 29 1892

My dear MacLean

With reference to your letter of the 25th inst. herewith returned I enclose papers relating to the proposition of a District Council for Chingleput. Mr Stuart was long & intimately connected with the work but he does not appear to

have made much progress.
He wrote a chapter on the
Rev. History of the District
which was published in
Brandt Pierce's History, but
for as is known, has not
prepared any other chapters.
The Secretary of States
instructed the Superintendent of
Public Schools for a year
to revise the District Manual
on the plan approved in
Gen'l Ord. 12 Unpublished p. 522.

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The Manuals are to be divided
into two volumes, the first of
which will consist of information
for a permanent character
while the second will consist
of Statistical tables with
brief explanatory notes. The
Secretary will prepare the Second
Volume while the existing
Manuals, except
Chapters which treat of
the subjects dealt with as per
Contract will be reprinted as
Vol. I. The Secretary will
draw up the statistical

Chapters by S. Lucas, as per the District + it does complete that part of S. Lucas by Stewart hopes to finish Chapter of the Book. I enclose it on the 10 April. We do not expect Mr Stewart back yet for a month. The Statistical Returns should be from the District + Stewart ought to be able to complete the remainder.

Yours sincerely
Charlotte

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GOVERNMENT OF
10 APR 92
16 March 1892

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My dear Gullin

Returns the S. Lucas Manuscript file. with Thanks. I have told the Rev. T Masters that as the Compilation + Revision of Manuscripts is under the Control of Matters relating to the Administration by a Stewart officer. H.E. expects that there will be no opportunity of utilising his services in that direction.

Yours truly
Thwaites

NOTE FOR THE Superintendent
Acct Government Press
Lee Fotheringham

Please let me know what
District Annuals are now
in stock at the Government
Press and how many copies
there are of each.

R Swainson
Actg Registrar
Revenue Secretariat
20th March 1891

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These are only two Manuals in Stock, Kirmond & Combe Cove:-

Kirmond 29 Octs
Combedon 22 "

Two Cwts
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R. Hill
Supt.

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Statement showing the

a) number of Dft Manuals in the office,

(b) those which could possibly be withdrawn from this office,

(c) those which could be spared after meeting the requirement of this office.

Note

The figures in pencil are a mere guess. It is not likely that all the copies proposed to be withdrawn are available.

Col 10 of this Statement corresponds with col 1 of Mr Stuart's Statement, except in the case of Salem, where the discrepancy is due to the inclusion of in this Stat of an unbound copy.

List of District Manuals in the Revenue Secretariat on the 20th March 1891

Districts	Cotacamund			Madras				Number of copies in the Library	Total	Number of Copies in excess of the limit (20) fixed by Mr. Stuart	Number of Copies in Stock at the Press.	Number of Copies which Mr. Butterworth proposes to withdraw from				Number of Copies that will remain after completion of Sets for Rev. Sects.
	Secty	Library	1st Asst	Secty	Asst.	1st Asst	Regr					Collrs	Residents in Travancore	Private	Total	
Ganjam	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	4		6	21	-	-	21	
Vizagapatam	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	3		0	20	1	1	22	
Godavari	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	7		9	20	1	1	22	
Kistna	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	5		0	21	-	1	21	
Nellore	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	16		8	20	1	1	22	
Kurnool	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	35		27	21	-	-	21	
Bellary & Anantapur	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	5		0	20	1	1	22	
Cuddapah	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	2	7		0	20	1	1	22	
North Arcot	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	12		4	20	-	-	20	
South Arcot	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			0	20	1	1	22	
Chingleput	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	4			2	20	-	1	21	
Salem	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	(a) 4			2	21	-	-	21	
Coimbatore	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	27			25	20	-	-	20	
Nilgiris	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	2			0	20	-	-	20	
Trichinopoly	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	12			10	20	1	1	22	
Tanjore	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1			0	21	-	-	21	
Madura	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1			0	20	1	1	22	
Tinnevelly	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	5			3	20	-	-	20	
Malabar.	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	-			0	21	-	-	21	

(a) one of the copies is unbound.
(b) Exclusive of one copy sent to Census Office

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No. 1148 Govt Press, Madras
4th April 189

Office Note

In reply to your note No. 24
the undersigned submits that the
cost of printing, binding and pap
for the Manuals are as under. The
cost is the same now as when
the Manuals were printed. The
cost of first 100 copies of the North
Arcot Manual will be Rs. 452
and the additional cost for each
subsequent 100 copies will be Rs 88-6

Cost of 300 Copies of each of the undermentioned Manual

Manuals	Printing			Binding			Paper			Total		
North Arcot Manual	279	9	8	150	"	"	99	3	"	628	12	
Coimbatore Manual	651	1	1	150	"	"	140	15	"	942	"	
Salem Manual 2 Vols.	938	1	"	300	"	"	211	5	"	1449	6	
Malabar Manual 2 "	1106	3	10	525	"	"	258	12	"	1889	15	
Tinnevelly Manual	320	12	"	131	4	"	65	15	"	518	"	
Trichinopoly Manual	343	2	1	150	"	"	86	4	"	579	6	

C. J. K. Hill
Superintendent

I: True Copy:
C. Hill
Superintendent

Govt Press, Madras
27th May 1891

District Manuals.

Statement A.× shows the number of District Manuals available for distribution and the date on which each was published. It will be seen that in the case of most of the Manuals the stock is exhausted or nearly so, and that the statistics are out of date. For the first reason it is desirable that a new edition should be published, and on the second ground it is necessary that the new edition should be a revised one. The lines of this revision require to be settled.

2. Each Manual may be divided into two parts— the one of a more or less permanent character, the other requiring to be revised from time to time. Thus the Chapters of the Coimbatore Manual, for example, may be divided as follows.—

× appended.

Permanent.		Periodical.	
Chapter.	Subject.	Chap.	Subject.
I.	Physical Geography.	III.	Ethnology and Condition of the People.
II.	Geology, Zoology & Botany.	IX.	Trade and Industries.
IV.	Archaeology & History.	X.	Economic Condition.
V.	Land Revenue History.	XI.	Education.
VI.	New Settlement.	XII.	Administration.
VII.	Miscellaneous Revenue.	XIII.	Irrigation.
VIII.	Agriculture (nearly all.)	XIV.	Forests.
XV.	Missions.		
XVI.	Taluks (in part, rest unnecessary.)		

If these two parts were issued in separate volumes, the cost of publishing a new edition would be reduced by from one third to one half, as it would not be necessary to print the permanent part every time a new edition of the periodical part was brought out. It will, however, be desirable to revise the permanent chapters of some of the existing manuals and to supply them in those cases in which they were not prepared originally. Mr. Gordon Mackenzie has offered to revise his Manual of the Kistna Dt. and Mr. Lewis Moore told me the other day that he would like to re-write portions of his Manual of Trichinopoly. Many others would no doubt be willing to assist, but it would expedite the work and ensure uniformity, to place a special officer in general charge of the revision. In Bombay a special man was entrusted with the original preparation of the Dt. Gazetteers and the result is that they are all compiled on the same plan and that they are all equally good. The material was of course obtained from the district officers but the advantage of a central compiling agency is that it possesses information from many districts and can thus institute useful and interesting comparisons. Uniformity of plan is also of some importance in these days when one

likes to be able to put one's hand on information readily;,At present it is far from easy to find any particular piece of information in a district manual*, or indeed to feel certain that the book contains it.

Lastly it is most desirable that the revised editions should be issued quickly before the new figures become old, and it will not be possible to secure this unless some officer devotes his whole time to the work.

3. As regards the proposed periodical revisions, it is suggested that they should take place after each Census, so that the new editions may embody the latest statistics of population. If this suggestion is accepted it will not be necessary to prepare the District Notes and Taluk statements that were issued on the occasion of the last Census, as the Manuals will give all@ that is required.

4. This periodical volume should not consist merely of page after page of statistical tables and on the other hand it must not be allowed to become too bulky What is wanted is something on the Statistical Atlas form—a statement of figures followed by an explanatory note. In it might also be given appendices to the permanent portion of the manual, contain-

* The Coimbatore Manual has no index!

ing such corrections or additional information as may be required.

5. The exact form of the new editions and the subjects to be dealt with in each part might be settled by the officer selected for the work, in communication with the Board and Government. A special chapter on the economic condition of the people should be insisted upon; also a glossary of the special revenue and other terms used in the district.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Current No. Note by Mr Stuart on
revision of District
Accounts —

From and Govt. Dist. 18th Accts
1891 to 1897.

Dated

FOR ORDERS.

The question of the necessity
for revising District
Accounts has been brought
prominently to notice on
more than one occasion
lately, & in connection
with the question of bringing
an advantage of a special
officer had been deputed, on
a former occasion, to
thoroughly all the Accounts
so as to bring them as nearly
as possible up to date
& to simplify the
Accounts & Returns rendered by
I think the plan proposed
in the letter will answer
the purpose & Mr
Stuart could do the work well —
I suggest it be
sanctioned.

30/3/91 HDS

Before

for the appearance of the Notice of Application in the Gazette frequently being much delayed and though a few cases might probably be settled from Clients themselves applying to Standard Lodgement Secretary long sometime ago I thought it desirable to prepare a Note on the subject after I had had an Interview with Looking into the matter which he undertook to do in connection with the taking of the Caveats. He has now submitted the Note which I enclose herein.

The other paper to which reference is made above is a Memorandum from the Law of India beginning

with reference to the steps towards the completion of the Manuals of the Civil Procedure Code which is likely to be finished. The Law of India has been prepared for British India except J. Canara & the Civil Courts Manual to do in regard to this District.

3. Mr. Mains that a new Reprint of the existing Manuals will be desirable both because the Statutes are now all cases quite out of date and because in some cases the Rules do not appear under circumstances which no longer exist. E.S. The Bellary Manual was compiled before Taluqs were separated.

FOR ORDERS.

4. Some of the Districts have
two or three Heading of Re-
ference to information
regarding the Economic
Condition of the people &
such like matters and
it will be necessary for
only to compile the Statis-
tics afresh but to revise
some of the Chapters sup-
plementing them from
fuller information.
If this Code of Instruc-
tions is revised this
it is absolutely necessary
that it should be entirely
re-written & divided into
separate Books so
that it is useless to
rely on the unpaid Services
of Munshis in Districts
first advantage I can
foresee in a special Office
will be that the work
will be carried out on a
uniform plan and that
all the Manuals will contain
the same information.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Current No.

From

Dated 18

FOR ORDERS.

5. I agree entirely with the
Statement as to the Division
which the Division should
proceed. I suggest I am
also the Political &
Revenue History which
Constitutes perhaps
three fourths of the Manu-
al. Statistics if fairly
complete and these Chapters
Tables & similar Chapters
to many Manuals. Heading
The Statistics & Sub
Portions of the Manuals
deal with subjects which
can & is changing and
progressive character
would from a Record point
which should be issued yearly
Only attach it to the
Manuals by reference.

Mr Stewart suggests at
pres. That the Presidential
Election should take place
after each census, at which
time the District notes &
Coloured Statements that
are directed in the
Act of the 1st Congress
should be required
to disposed with the Coloured
Statements required to be by
that Act directed in the
2nd Section of the
Act of the 1st Congress
Mr Stewart suggests that
the Marshals should be
the persons to be employed
to receive & to collect
these Statements & furnishing
with them Contents &
with their Opinions
which would perhaps
be in the Division.

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It Mr Stewart would suggest
a Period early in the year
for the Election after completing his
Census which he could
probably be able to finish
in two three months.
This is the only way in
which the work can be
accomplished in any reasonable
time and at the same
be very costly. Mr Stewart
might continue to draw
the same Appointment allowed
him as at present namely
the Sum of Six Dollars a month and to
reside on the Hills, there
employed on the work -

Mr Stewart might, but I doubt whether
the Press would keep up with him

Mr Lewis
Virginia

Regards S. Conner the
Letter received with Mr Lewis
19 March 1791 and 1792
shows that he was
in the pay: Various
Items have from time to
time been Entered with
the Rate but nothing has

FOR ORDERS.

Revision of District Lawcuts.

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The Hon^ble Mr Gaster C.S.

The Hon^ble Mr Stokes C.S.

has not except the publication in Mr Rogers's Appendix of the Census Statistics of the District. Letters have been addressed by the Hon^ble the Director to Mr Stokes personally for a return of lawcuts and Mr Stokes personally has a return of lawcuts and Mr Stokes has written to say that he will complete the task soon. I am doubtful. He may be about right in saying that a special Act is necessary to enable the Lawcuts Mr Stokes suggests which has not long since been passed.

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Madras,
28th May 1891

My dear Galton,

Your D.O. received this morning. I finished the draft order and letter two or three days ago but I had unfortunately mislaid Hill's note about the cost, and had, therefore, to get a copy of it from him.

I am somewhat doubtful

of my estimate of the cost but it is the best I can make on existing information.

I propose to prepare the second volumes first and I think they all ought to be done in six months. Some of the printing can be given to Private Presses if the Govt. Press is unable to keep pace with me.

My estimate as to the time

in which I can finish the work (one year) is based upon the assumption that I shall get considerable assistance from district officers in writing up those manuals that are deficient.

I think it would save time if the scheme of statistical tables were drawn up by the Board in conjunction with me. If you agree

will you suggest this to Clogstoun?

I enclose a draft memo. to Collectors.

I have finished the abstracts of about one half of the pop^n but the testing of the work is not getting on so well as I could wish. I still hope however to get rid of my big Office by July 31st. It has been very hot here of late.

Yours sincerely
H. Blunt

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the Revenue Secretary

NOTE FOR ~~DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT.~~

Including S. Canara and taking Bellary and Anantapur as two districts, there are 21 manuals to be issued. I do not think that the printing and paper ought to cost on an average more than Rs 800 a manual for an edition of 300 copies. I think 300 copies of Vol. II will be ample. In the case of volume I I am not so sure but it must be remembered that in most cases this volume will simply consist of matter already found in the present manuals and it will, therefore, be quite unnecessary to issue this volume to every officer who received a copy of the original manual.

For these reasons it seems

to me that my estimate of Rs 14,000 is sufficient, but until the work has actually commenced and experience shows what the average cost will probably be it is difficult to form any trustworthy opinion on the subject.

I submit that the first volumes of the Coimbatore and Kurnool Manuals need not be issued at present, even if they are prepared, as there are still a number of copies of those manuals in stock, and there will probably sell.

Yours &c Stn
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Statement A. 4

District Manuals.

District.	No. of copies available.	Date of publication.	Remarks.
Ganjam.	6.	1882	9
Vizagapatam.	0.	1869	20
Godavari.	9.	1878	10
Kistna.	0.	1883	8
Nellore.	8.	1873	15
Kurnool.	27.	1886	5
Bellary. Anantapur.	0.	1872	15
Cuddapah.	0	1875	15
North Arcot.	4	1881	10
South Arcot.	0	1878	10
Chingleput.	2	1879.	10
Salem.	2.	1883	8
Coimbatore.	25.	1887	4
Nilgiris.	0.	1880.	10
Trichinopoly.	10.	1878	10
Tanjore.	0.	1883	8
Madura.	0.	1868	20
Tinnevelly.	3.	1879	10
Malabar.	0	1887	4
S. Canara.	Not yet published.		

Note. — The number of copies available is calculated from the figures of a statement prepared in 1890, and is based on the assumption that 8 copies are required for the Revenue Secretariat at Ooty and Madras. In many cases the total no. of copies is less than 8. Stn

Vide
on
District Manuals

Revenue Department.

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ORDER. of 12 June 1891, no. 522.

In 1861 a Committee, appointed to report on the simplification of routine business, brought to the notice of the Government the absence of any system for the collection, in an easily available form, of statistical information regarding the population, resources and peculiarities of the districts of the Presidency, and pointed out that the want of such a compilation necessitated repeated and hurried references to district officers on the part of the Government, and also gave much additional labour to the local administrative staff. The Committee, therefore, recommended that this serious inconvenience should be remedied by the preparation of a manual for each district. The proposal was accepted by the Government, and the manuals have now all been completed with the exception of that for South Canara, which is still in progress.

2 The Committee specially brought to notice that it would be necessary that such changes as had occurred should be recorded at the end of each

year

year and that fresh editions of the manual, embodying all needful additions and corrections, should be published at the close of fixed periods, but up to the present time no action has been taken on this part of the proposal. The statement annexed to these Proceedings shows for each manual the date of publication and the number of copies available for distribution. Except in the case of Kurnool and Coimbatore the stock is practically exhausted, there being no copies at all of nine of the volumes, while of the eight others the number does not in any instance exceed ten. Requisitions for copies, however, continue to be received and there is no doubt still a demand for them among the general public as well as among the officers of Government.

3 It is clear, therefore, that a new issue is desirable on this ground alone. But there are other and stronger reasons for a fresh edition. No less than twelve out of the nineteen manuals were published at least ten years ago, and of the remainders one is nine years old, three eight years, one five and two four years. So far as the statistical information is concerned nearly the whole of these books are now out of date and they no longer serve the purpose for which they were intended. Moreover the volumes are of very unequal merit, and while some leave little if anything to be desired, others are deficient in both matter and arrangement, and require revision not only in respect of the statstical information but also as regards the more permanent portions, in order to make them complete and useful works of reference.

4 The Committee made no definite proposal regarding the period after which a new edition would be desirable but the completion of each decennial census naturally suggests 1926 as affording a suitable and convenient opportunity for the revision of the statistics. In order to reduce the cost of successive issues the Government is of opinion that each manual should be published in two volumes. The first volume will contain the information that is practically of a permanent character, such as the chapters on the Physical Geography, the Flora, Fauna and Geology, the Political and Revenue History, Irri-

Irrigation, Agricultural Methods, the Religious and Social divisions of the people, &c. The second volume will consist of statistical tables with brief explanatory notes, somewhat in the form adopted for the various Statistical Atlases. The exact shape these tables ~~will~~ shall take will be decided hereafter, but they must afford complete information as to all the various branches of the Administration and also as regards the numbers, health and, in particular, the economic condition of the people. This second volume will in fact be a short statistical account of the district and it will to some extent take the place of the district xx notes and taluk tables of the Census Report.

5 In order to secure uniformity and to avoid the delay which was inevitable under the plan followed in the original compilation, the editing of the new editions must be entrusted to a single officer. The work of the editor will be twofold, viz., to prepare the statistical volume for all districts and to supplement where necessary the materials which the present manuals afford for the first volume. ~~The latter part~~

The latter part of his labours may take some time but it will be possible to commence the preparation of the second volumes as soon as the Census figures are available. The sanction of the Government of India to the measures now proposed will accordingly be sought at once and His Excellency the Governor in Council desires that the Board of Revenue will meanwhile favour him at an early date with its views on the following matters:--

i. What subjects should be included in the first and what in the second volume?

ii. The forms of the statements to be given in the second volume.

iii. The number of copies of each volume required, regard being had to the fact that volume I will be of a permanent character and will not be reissued at fixed intervals as proposed in the case of volume II.

In the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council it is desirable that this subject should be considered by the Full Board.

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To

The Commissioner of Revenue Settlement

Encl. weight with Index 30/8/91

No 523.
12-6-91

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To

The Secretaryto Government of India,

Revenue and Agricultural

Department.

Sir,

I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of the Proceedings of this Government on the subject of the revision and re~~-~~publication of the District Manuals of this Presidency.

2 It is proposed to divide each Manual into two volumes, one of which will contain information that is of a permanent character, while in the other, which will be issued after each Census, will be given statistical tables and such other matter as requires revision from time to time.

3 The editing of this second volume may conveniently be entrusted to the Provincial Superintendent of Census Operations. He will ofcourse himself be responsible for the population statistics, but the other tables will be furnished to him by the several Departments, and this additional work will, therefore, not prolong the term of his special duty more than one or two months at the most, as he would in any case be required to prepare the district tables and write brief notes upon them.

4 For the first edition of this natur however, somewhat more time will be requ quired as it will also be necessary to edit the first volumes as well, and some of these need considerable revision. It is estimated that the work can be comple ed in about one year and I am accordingl to request that Mr. Stuart, the present Provincial Superintendent of Census Operations may be permitted to take up this duty when his present employment terminates. His Excellency the Governor in Council would give Mr. Stuart his present salary of Rs.1450 per mensem, and his present travelling allowance. The total cost would be about Rs.30,000 as shown below:--

	Rs.	As.	P.
Net cost× in consequence of Mr. Stuart's deputation.	8628.	0.	0
Travelling allowance.....	1372.	0.	0
Establishment and contingencies.....	3000.	0.	0
Printing and Paper.....	17000.	0.	0
Total.	Rs. 30,000.	0.	0

× This is Rs 719 per mensem, as now debited to the Census. × Orders should be taken for the Indian allowance that is to be drawn by him.

This estimate includes the cost of publishing the S. Canara Manual, which has not yet been issued.

H.A.S. 15/6

June

5. In ~~the case of~~ the ~~present~~ re-arrangement ~~and publication~~ of the ~~Manuals~~ ~~the~~ ~~Superintendent~~ ~~Census Operations~~ ~~Superintendent~~ ~~Census Operations~~

present, but if not ~~[illegible]~~
the Secretary of the Court of Justice shall
at once
to them the said case, stating
shall of paper and publish
same thereof to all parties
Provided that the publication of
such notice

Received
as aforesaid
12/6.

C. Adv 12th June 1891, nos: 522

The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Caris

The Hon'ble Mr. Justice SOMER
H.E. the Governor

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