

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Rev: 1868 District

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Nelson & I would
not ask for more.

A. J. V.

9. The Rt. Honble the Gov in
Council resolves to pay
a sum of Rs 2500 each
to Mr Carmichael &
Nelson, as remuneration
for the trouble involved
in the preparation of their
respective works.

M. S.

One hundred copies of
each should be forwarded
to the Govt. Office for
distribution

I would fix the sum
hereafter to be paid, at
1500 Rs, and remunerate
Messrs Nelson & Carmichael
for what they have done by
a donation to each of
2000 Rs.

W. Carmichael
N. Nelson

cannot be fixed as it
must depend on the
amount of ^{trouble} labour involved
in the compilation. In the
present occasion this is all very small
in Council resolves to pay Rs 2500 to Mr Nelson and

I would not fix any
amount. There must be
work like Mr Nelson's
is exceptional labour which
must all be paid with
Rs 1500. I would give
Mr Carmichael 2000
& Mr Nelson 2500.

8. The Board's proposal
to permit Mr Nelson to re-
tain 20 copies of his work
is approved, and they are
requested to allow Mr
Carmichael to have as
many copies (not in excess
of twenty) of the Viragapata
Manual as he desired.

The special remuneration
for the preparation
of a District manual will
be fixed at Rs , and
that amount will be paid
to Messrs Carmichael
and Nelson.

Rs 2000 to Mr Carmichael
as remuneration for their
valuable labours.

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