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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th January 1877.

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‡ ,, ,, 21st August ,, ,, 2,145.
§ ,, ,, 11th Dec. 1875, ,, 3,354.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th January 1877.

No. 342. ORDER THEREON, 16th January 1877, No. 156.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bluntleman.

Statement showing the Receipts and Disbursements incurred for Stamping Weights and Measures in the several Collectorates for the years 1874-75 and 1875-76.

Districts.	1874-75. Receipts.	1874-75. Charges.	Percentage.	1875-76. Receipts.	1875-76. Charges.	Percentage.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Godavery ...	... ...	262 14 10	66	327 4 2	165 5 7	50
Kistna ...	397 11 8	472 2 7	75	523 3 4	463 3 10	88
Nellore ...	626 6 9	... ...	...	529 8 10	462 13 5	87
Cuddapah ...	... ...	307 2 2	99	0 8 0	... ...	...
Bellary ...	308 1 4	... ...	...	307 7 10	306 2 0	100
Kurnool ...	... ...	... ...	...	185 7 0	81 8 0	44
Madras ...	3,451 0 0	1,151 14 6	33	3,323 5 0	1,179 9 9	35
Chingleput ...	970 3 10	361 2 9	37	695 15 10	361 2 9	52
North Arcot ...	4,558 0 10	3,760 7 5	82	1,198 3 9	1,874 13 0	156
South Arcot ...	550 0 5	254 1 10	46	1,581 9 4	521 7 0	33
Tanjore ...	1,275 8 11	252 0 0	19	1,058 6 11	295 3 3	28
Trichinopoly ...	210 3 6	239 12 0	114	363 13 0	296 8 4	82
Madura ...	1,938 4 0	918 12 6	47	1,791 9 6	957 8 7	53
Tinnevelly ...	3,208 1 8	1,986 7 11	62	2,529 2 8	1,932 14 9	76
Salem ...	... ...	... ...	...	3 4 6	... ...	...
Total ...	17,493 10 11	9,966 14 6	57	14,418 13 8	8,897 4 3	62

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REVENUE.

From

The Board of Revenue,

To

The Secretary to Government.

Dated January, 16th.

Read

G.O., 16th January 1877, No. 156.

JANUARY.

Nos. 341-342.

Stamping Weights and Measures.—Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitting statement showing receipts and charges on account of — for 1875-76.

No. 830.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 24th March 1876.

Read the following letter from R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Chingleput District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 10th March 1876, No. 153:—

REFERRING to paragraph 4 of Board's Proceedings, No. 2,784, dated 5th October last, I have the honor to state that all the Tahsildars are of opinion that a reduction may be effected with advantage in the present scale of fees for stamping weights and measures, and at the same time recommend that a separate establishment be entertained for each taluq. The Sub-Collector is of the same opinion. Looking at the amount of collections during the last five years, I would suggest that the present scale of fees be left undisturbed inasmuch as there has been no complaint of its being unduly heavy, and that an additional establishment, as per margin, be entertained. If this proposal meets with the Board's approval, the total strength of the establishment would be as shown in the accompanying statement, involving an additional expenditure of Rupees 30, or a total cost of Rupees 60 per month. I would allot one Gumasta and a Blacksmith to the Municipal Town of Conjeveram and the taluq generally, and another Gumasta and Blacksmith to Trivellore. Both these stations are large and are daily rising in importance in consequence of the vicinity of the railway. There are also other large towns in these taluqs where there is a good deal of trade. Of the remaining establishment, one set might itenerate between Chingleput and Madrantakam and the other between Ponneri (a small taluq) and Sydapet.

2 Gumastas on 8 Rupees each.
2 Blacksmiths on 7 Rupees each per month.

2. Should the Board be not disposed to sanction the proposal for the additional establishment, I would recommend a reduction of 25 per cent. in the present scale of fees.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Statement showing the Present and Proposed strength of the Establishment for Stamping Weights and Measures.

	PRESENT ESTABLISHMENT.			PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT.	
	Salary per mensem.	Total.		Salary per mensem.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
2 Gumastas	8	16	4 Gumastas	8	32
2 Blacksmiths	7	14	4 Blacksmiths	7	28
Total ...	15	30	Totrl ...	15	60

Of the existing establishment, one Gumasta and a Blacksmith are employed in the sub-division taluqs, while the other Gumasta and the Blacksmith are employed in the taluqs of the principal division. It is now proposed to employ one set of establishment in the Conjeveram Taluq exclusively and another in Trivellore. The cusbah towns of these taluqs are large compared with those of others, and are daily rising in importance. The cusbah towns of the Sub-Magistrates in these taluqs are also large. Of the other two sets, one will itenerate between the small taluqs of Ponneri and Sydapet and the other between Chingleput and Madrantakum.

(Signed) R. J. MELVILLE,
Acting Collector.

THE Board sanction the additional establishment proposed.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Chingleput.

Copy to the Accountant-General.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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No. 812.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd March 1876.

Read the following letter from H. W. BLISS, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Dindigul, 8th February 1876, No. 57:—

WITH reference to paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 5th October 1875, No. 2,784, I have the honor to state that I think it will be far better to increase the number of parties now employed for the stamping of weights and measures than to reduce the fees which no one has objected to as too high.

		Rs.	A.	P.
1870-71		1,702	12	0
1871-72		1,668	5	0
1872-73		1,702	7	0
1873-74		2,074	10	0
1874-75		1,938	4	0
	5	9,086	6	0
Average ...		1,817	4	0

2. I beg therefore to forward two lists, one showing the existing establishment, and the other showing the establishment I propose to employ at a cost of Rs. 139 per mensem, or Rs. 1,668 per annum. The receipts during the last five years are given in the margin. Funds are therefore availab. le

2. The present number of parties is only five. Eight parties will not be too many for every important village and market in a district of the size of Madura to be systematically visited.

4. Under paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 15th October 1874, No. 2,997, I have ordered the proposed establishment to be entertained from the 1st of March 1876.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Lists.

APPROVED.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Acting Collector of Madura.

Copy to the Accountant-General, with copies of two Lists and Board's Proceedings, dated 5th October 1875, No. 2,784, and 15th October 1874, No. 2,997.

Exd. W. H. French.

Court of Wards, 1876.

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PROCEEDINGS, 24TH MARCH 1876, No. 830.

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MARCH.

No. 830.

Stamping Weights and measures—Sanctioning the entertainment of certain additional establishment proposed by Collector of Chingleput

1876.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 22ND MARCH 1876, No. 812.

Received

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MARCH.

No. 812.

Stamping Weights and Measures.—Approving proposal of Collector of Madura to increase the number of parties now employed for —— rather than reduce the fees for stamping.

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No. 2,145.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 21st August 1876.

Read the following letter from R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th July 1876, No. 231:—

IN reply to paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings, No. 2,784, dated 5th October 1853. *Vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 1st August last, I have the honor to report that the existing scale of fees charged for stamping Weights and Measures is 2 Annas to every Measure or Weight newly stamped, and 1 Anna to stamped Measures or Weights brought for renewal. I consider that one rate may be laid down for all, and I would fix this at 1 Anna per Measure or Weight.

2. Paragraph 5 of the Board's Proceedings under reference has been already reported upon in this Office letter, No. 367, dated 11th November 1875.

THE Board sanction the reduction of fee levied on all Weights and Measures stamped for the first time in the Collector's Office, Madras, from Annas 2 to Anna 1.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Madras.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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No. 3,354.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 11th December 1875.

Read the following letter from A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of the Tinnevelly District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tuticorin, 16th November 1875, No. 613:—

In accordance with paragraph 4, Board's Proceedings No. 2,784, dated 5th October 1875, I have the honor to state that the establishments for stamping weights and measures are doing good work and are evidently popular. They will do more good work and be more popular if the fees be reduced. I beg to propose a reduction of one-third, and to inform the Board that there is a large balance accumulation of previous years' collections, amounting to Rupees 11,595.

2. If the receipts exceed the charges with the reduction now proposed at the end of a year's trial, I will propose a further reduction.

3. I may mention that the system of stamping weights and measures commenced in this district in 1861, and has extended and become more popular by degrees since that date. The establishment in 1862 consisted of one gumastah and one blacksmith. The establishment in 1875 consists of six sets, each composed of one gumastah, one blacksmith and one peon.

THE Board sanction the reduction proposed by the Collector in the fees for stamping weights and measures. The scale of fees from 1st January 1876, until further orders, will be as shown below:—

Measures.	AS.	P.
1 Iron Mercal	1	4
1 Do. Measure	0	8
½ Do. do.	0	7
¼ Do. do:	0	6
For each smaller one	0	4
1 Wooden Measure	0	6
½ Do. do.	0	4
For each of less dimension	0	3
Weights.		
1 Maund	4	0
½ and ¼ Maund	2	0
For each of the smaller weights	0	6

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly.

Exd. W. H. French. 7/136

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 21st AUGUST 1876, No. 2145.

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AUGUST.

No. 2145.

Weights and Measures—stamped for the first time in Madras Collector's Office.—Sanctioning reduction of fee levied on — from Annas two to Anna one.

1875.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

Proceedings, 11th December 1875, No. 3,354.

Received.

Encl.

DECEMBER.

No. 3,354.

Weights and Measures.—Sanctioning the reduction proposed by Collector of Tinnevelly in the fees for stamping.

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No. 3,010.

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Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with a statement and copies of Board's Proceedings,
dated 24th March 1876, No. 830, 22nd March 1876, No. 812,
21st August 1876, No. 2,115, and 11th December 1875, No. 3,354.

" all Collectors, with statement.

Copy to the Accountant-General, with do.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Board of Revenue,
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Proceedings, 30th November 1876, No. 3,010.

NOVEMBER.
No. 3,010.

Weights and Measures.—Submitting statement showing action of Government, statement showing and charges on account of — for and requesting Collectors concerned to certain discrepancies in connection with

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