

Revenue (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 364

DATED 25th January 99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording report on the progress made in the revision of the D.L. Manuals & requesting Mr. Stuart to submit for the approval of Govt. a specimen of the changes which he proposes to introduce in the statistical portion of the manuals (Vol. II) before effect is given to the same.

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Revenue (1898) Department.

D.O. CURRENT No. 154.

From

H. A. Stuart Esq. D.C.

Order

No.

Dated 29th Sept.

Received 30th

Registered 30th

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SUBJECT.

Requesting to allow him to defer the submission of a report due from him on the progress of Dist. Manuals till he gets back to Madras.

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BACK PAPERS.

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29-9-98

My dear Forbes.

A report is due from me on the progress of Dr. Mammal. Will you kindly let me defer it till I get back to Madras, as there are some papers there I want to see.

Yours sincerely
H. Allerton

Revenue (189⁸) Department.

CURRENT No. 8223

From

The Editor of District Manuals

Order

No. 841

Dated 30th Nov: 1898

Received 1st Dec: "

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SUBJECT.

Submitting report on the progress made in the revision of District Manuals and stating that no separate establishment will be required after the 31st March 1899.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Office of the Editor of
District Manuals, Triplicane

No. 841.

30 November 1898.

From

A. A. Stuart Esq. I.C.S.,
Editor of District Manuals,
Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report on the progress made with the revision of District Manuals. I must apologise for the delay that has occurred: the fact that a report was called for was overlooked at first in the pressure of other work, and later on some papers that I wanted had been mislaid.

2. The Manuals of North Arcot and South Canara have been completed and issued some time back. The second volume of Coimbatore has been completed and is now being issued; the first volume is in page proof and

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requires only to be finally passed: this will not take long. The Madura Manual, Volume II, is in page proof and most of it has been finally passed. The delay in its issue is due to a portion of the passed proof of Chapter XIX having been mislaid; this has now been found and sent to press to be struck off. Volume I is in manuscript and this will be sent to press as soon as more type is freed by the final striking of Volume II. Volume II of Chingle - put is in galley proof and is now being passed: the greater part of Volume I can be sent to press as soon as type is free. The Tianerelly Manual is in the same state, but in this case more work is required on Volume I. Kistna Volume II is in manuscript: part of Volume I is in proof, part in manuscript, but part is not yet touched.

Volume II of Trichinopoly is ready in manuscript and a small part of Volume I has been revised. Of the other districts the statistical portions are ready in manuscript and the

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Gazetteers of most are completed in manuscript, but these need local revision, which I propose to defer to the galley proof stage, as busy officers have not time to read a mass of manuscript.

3. The expenditure up to date is put down at Rs 41,203 but I think this includes a portion of my salary when I was acting Collector of North Arcot for four months in 1893 and as Judge of Bellary in 1894.

4. I am painfully conscious that progress has been very slow, but I have not of late held appointments which have left me any leisure and proofs have accumulated on my hands. I hope, however, to be able to devote more time now to this work, in which I take a great interest and for which I have collected a large amount of material. At present I have one clerk on Rs 30 but I do not propose to retain him after the 31st March as I can get such clerical assistance as I require from my office. I will do my best to finish without delay all the Manuals now on hand, and I do not anticipate any difficulty with those of other districts except Malabar. In my opinion this Manual needs considerable revision.

but I have not the requisite special knowledge to enable me to undertake, with any confidence of success, the heavy task of reducing it to reasonable proportions by excluding the mass of controversial matter with which it is at present over-weighted. I am going to Malabar in February next and I will then make inquiries as to whether I can get assistance from any local officer in dealing with the difficult and thorny subject of land tenures, and if I cannot, I will again address the Government.

5. I have received no suggestions from district officers or others as to modifying the form of the revised editions, which was approved by the Government of India and recommended by that Government for adoption in the case of another province. I am inclined to think, however, that there are somewhat too many statistical tables and I am reducing these both in number and size, a summary of the information being given in the text, with a reference

to

to the works where further details can be obtained by the special inquiries.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Yours most obedt. Servant,

Douglas Robertson

For

Editor of District Magistrate.

From

The Editor of District Manuals.
Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government.
Revenue Department.
Fort St. George.

N^o 841.

Dated 30 November 1898.

Subject.

Submitting to Government report
on the progress made with the re-
vision of District Manuals and
stating that no separate establish-
ment will be required after the 31st
March 1899.

Draft D.O. N^o 138
13-X-98

My dear Stuart,

In reply to your D.O.
of the 29th ultimo, I ^{am} ~~would~~ ^{like} to
^{there is no objection in your}
say that ~~you may send the~~
~~to deferring your~~
report on the progress of
the manuals ^{till after} ~~on~~ your return
to Madras which it is pre-
sumed will be this month.

Mk
12.X.98

To

Mr. Stuart Esq. I.C.S.

Off. Secy. of Police. Madras.

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13/X/98

No.

D.O. From The Editor of District Manuals.

Dated 29th September 1898.
(D.O. No. 154)

FOR ORDERS.

To The Under Secretary

In para 2 of Eo Rev Mis 3970 dated 30th July '97 Mr Stuart, the Editor of District Manuals was requested to submit, for the information of Government, a detailed report on the progress made in the revision of District Manuals and of the Expenditure incurred on it. No report having been submitted, the Government while sanctioning his establishment for another year from 1st April 1898, drew his attention to the non-submission of the report and requested its early submission at his return from leave (vide Eo Rev Mis 2604 dated 18th June 1898 and the notes thereunder)

In the above D.O. Mr Stuart requests permission to defer the submission of the report till his return to Madras there are some papers _____

at Madras which he wants to see before submitting his report. For orders as to whether, under the circumstances, Mr Stuart may be allowed to defer submission of his report till his return to Madras.

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DM
8.5.98

Secy

Mr Stuart does not say when he intends to ~~return~~ get back to Madras.

The main point is, I submit that no further extension of sanction for the emp log rent of any special estt. can be sanctioned till the Govt gets the report.

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10/11/98

We may tell him that the way set out in the report on retirement is the way to go.

will be this month
draft so. is submitted
11/11/98

FOR ORDERS.

D. 1,000-6-4-97.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 8223 728

From the Editor of the District Manuals, No 841

Dated 30th November 1898.

FOR ORDERS.

To Under Secy

With reference to para 2 of G.O. Misc No. 3970 Rev. dy 30th July 1897 and 2604 Rev. dy 18th June 1898, Mr A. Stuart J.C.S. submits his report on the progress made by him in the revision of District Manuals. The following table shows roughly what has been and remains to be done in connexion with the revision

Already issued	Being issued	In proof	In manus-cript complete	In manus-cript partly	Not taken up
N. Arcot S. Canara	Coimbatore Vol II	Coimbatore Vol I Madura Madura Vol II Chingleput do Tinnevely?	Kistna Vol II Vol I (part in proof) Madura Vol I Chingleput Vol I Tinnevely? Trichinopoly Vol II	Trich? Vol I	The rest of the Districts except the Statistical Port-wr
* incomplete					

3. The progress made has been rather slow. Mr Stuart expresses his regret at this and explains that it is partly due to the nature of the work itself and partly to his not having of late held appointments which left him very little leisure. He has already collected, he says, a large amount of material and hopes to be able to devote more time on the work in the future.

4. The ~~total~~ cost of the revision up to date is estimated to be under Rs 41,203 as against a total estimate of Rs 50,000 sanctioned therefor in 1894. The question of the possibility of the actual cost exceeding the estimate need not perhaps be considered now. Mr Stuart says that he can do without any special establishment for the future.

5. Mr Stuart also contemplates making a few alterations in the form of the publications. He says that he

FOR ORDERS.

Yes: the work is very trouble-

some *NS*

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Para 5 of the current

is curtailing both the number and size of the Statistical tables "a summary of the information being given in the text with a reference to the works where further details can be obtained by the Special enquirer". The form originally ^{contemplated} ~~proposed~~ by this Govt was described in

E para 4 of G.O. no. 522 Res: dt 12th June 1891 as follows:-

"x x Each Manual should be published in two volumes"

"The first volume should 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 Statis-

tical tables with brief explanatory notes, somewhat in the form adopted for the various Statistical Atlases. The exact shape

shape these tables shall take
 will be decided hereafter but
 they must afford complete in-
 formation as to all the various
 branches of the Administration
 and also as regards the num-
 bers 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 tabular tables of the
 Census report."

* No definite
 orders ^{were} issued
 subsequently;
 but the Govt.
 merely approved
 such of the Vols
 as were submitted
 by Mr Stuart
 for approval &c.

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6. When the pro-
 posals of this Govt. on the
 subject ^{were} forwarded to the
 Secy of State, the Govt. of India
 did not enter into details
 but merely recommended them
 as a whole for the favourable
 consideration of his Lordship
 but the latter in according
 sanction thereto remarked that
 it should be understood "that"
 "each manual should be
 divided into two parts of
 which

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which the second will be
 mainly Statistical". The
 deviation in the form which
 is now proposed by Mr Stuart
 would, if adopted, not strictly
 be against the orders of the
 Govt of India or the Secy of
 State. It seems however de-
 sirable to await a speci-
 men copy before the new
 form is definitely approved
 and Mr Stuart may perhaps
 be asked to submit one at
 an early date.

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Secy

It seems I submit
 hopeful to suggest that
 an officer holding the
 apt of I.G. of Police could
 possibly find time to
 do this work of revision
 In 1892 the Secy of State
 sanctioned the proposal
 for revising & republishing
 the District Manuals for the
 Presy on the understanding
 that the work would be
 completed in about one
 year & that it would not

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 7.11.92

Cost more than Rs 39,000
 including paper & printing -
 In 1894 it was thought
 that in order to allow
 of the work being
 brought to a satisfactory
 termination Mr Smart's
^{deputation} termination should be
 extended for 6 months
 and an addl sum
 of Rs 11,000 sanctioned
 for the purpose. The
 Secy of State sanctioned
 this. Despatch No 54-Rev
 of 3 May 1894.

Mr Smart's special
 duty was not further
 extended but he ~~was~~ is
 doing the work in addition
 to his other duties.

W.H.
 5.1.99

Huy. (1) Huy
 Until Mr Smart represents (2) H.E.
 that the extra work is
 beyond him or the Jd. Dpt
 objects, we need not raise
 the question of his continuing
 the revision. So long as Mr

Smart can do the work, it
 is a distinct advantage:
 he is now thoroughly ac-
 quainted with the lines
 the revision sh. follow: &
 the contents of the vols will
 be homogeneous.

As to the proposal
 to modify the statistical
 portion, he might be asked
 to submit a specimen of
 the changes he wd. intro-
 duce.

I agree
 W.H.
 10-1-99
 J.H. 20.1.99

S.P.L. 01/1/99

To Under Secy
 a draft G.O. is
 submitted below.

W.H.
 21.1.99

Secy
 23/1/99
 M.H.
 S.P.L. 7/1/99

Read letter from the Editor
of the Dist. Manuals
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2 The Govt. desires
that before the proposal
to modify the statistical
portion of the manuals
(vol II) is given effect to,
Mr Stuart should sub-
mit for its approval a
specimen of the changes
which he ^{proposes to} ~~would~~ introduce
therein

MLL
23/1/99

Stuart

To A. A. Stuart Esq: JCS
Editor of the Dist. Manuals
"L.G. of Police, etc." } Sep. 27-1.99

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