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regarding the provision of hand-
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Recording, with remarks, reports received from the Collectors and the Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, regarding the provision of handles for —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 2226 W., dated 16th August 1897.

READ—also the following papers:—

Proceedings, Revenue Department, No. 1507 R., dated 10th August 1897, transferring to the Public Works Department letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, Ref. on C. No. 115 (f)/B. & G., dated 31st July 1897.

Endorsement in the Revenue Department, R. No. 1548, dated 14th August 1897, transferring letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, Ref. on C. No. 115 (g)/B. & G., dated 7th August 1897.

Endorsement in the Revenue Department, R. No. 1836, dated 6th October 1897, transferring letter from the Collector of Salem, No. 5156, dated 27th September 1897, and letter from the Collector of Chingleput, Dis. No. 2941, dated 28th September 1897.

Endorsement in the Revenue Department, R. No. 1756, dated 22nd September 1897, transferring letter from the Collector of North Arcot, Dis. No. 3190/Ver., dated 18th September 1897.

Endorsement in the Revenue Department, Mis. No. 2783, dated 1st July 1898, transferring letter from the Collector of Kistna, Dis. No. 3255/Genl., dated 16th June 1898, and letter from the Collector of Nellore, No. 2277/Ver., dated 21st June 1898.

Endorsement in the Revenue Department, Mis. No. 6204, dated 2nd December 1897, transferring letter from the Collector of South Arcot, Ref. on Reg. No. 557/97, dated 24th November 1897.

Endorsement in the Revenue Department, R. No. 486, dated 2nd March 1898, transferring letter from the Collector of South Arcot, Ref. on Reg. No. 257/Ver., dated 20th February 1898.

Endorsement in the Revenue Department, R. No. 1843, dated 7th October 1897, transferring letter from the Collector of Ganjam, Dis. No. 1515/F., dated 30th September 1897, and letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly, Dis. No. 1799-Rev., dated 5th October 1897.

Endorsement in the Revenue Department, R. No. 1838, dated 6th October 1897, transferring Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Mis. No. 8051, dated 30th September 1897, and letter from the Collector of Anantapur, Dis. No. 5623, dated 29th September 1897.

Endorsement in the Revenue Department, R. No. 1706, dated 11th September 1897, transferring letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam, Dis. No. 3478, dated 1st September 1897.

Endorsement in the Revenue Department, R. No. 1562, dated 17th August 1897, transferring letter from the Collector of Cuddapah, Dis. No. 1065/F., dated 13th August 1897, and letter from the Collector of Kurnool, Ref. on C. No. 672/F., dated 11th August 1897.

Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, Press No. 717, dated 25th August 1897.

Letter from the General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, No. 82/C., dated 24th August 1898.

ORDER—No. 2311 W., dated 6th September 1898.

In paragraph 27 of his note recorded with G.O., No. 604, Revenue, dated 21st July 1897, the late Chief Engineer, Colonel Campbell, brought to notice that delay often occurs on famine works owing to tools being unprovided with handles. He did not recommend that handles should be fitted to all tools before issue. He considered that the difficulty of carriage would be much increased, and that the provision of handles was in itself a relief work. He thought, however, that by proper management all delay could be avoided.

2. Mr. Winterbotham, the 3rd Member of the Board of Revenue, who was then on special duty in connection with famine relief, agreed with Colonel Campbell's remarks, and suggested that all Collectors should be called on to report—

(1) what supply of handles for pick-axes, mamooties and hammers each was in a position to obtain—

(a) from his Forest officer,
(b) from Contractors,

(2) at what rate per 1,000, and

(3) the shortest period within which the number quoted could be made available.

3. Replies have now been received, including an estimate from the Public Works Workshops. They show considerable variation as to cost, and are manifestly too inaccurate to be of any real service. It is clear, however, that most districts are able to supply themselves with handles at a sufficiently rapid rate, and the result of the inquiry is thus far satisfactory.

4. The variation in cost is probably due to the fact that the proper dimensions of handles were not communicated. These have now been furnished by the Chief Engineer, and are given below for information and guidance:—

Description of tool.	Shape.	Length.	Diameter.
Stone-breaking hammers	Oval	1'	1" tapering to 1"
Sledge hammers	Do.	2 1/2'	2" do. 1"
Mamooties	Round	20" to 24"	2" do. 1 1/2"
Pick-axes	Oval	24" to 30"	2" do. 1"
Runners, iron	Round	4'	1 1/2", or 1" if made bamboo.

(True Extract.)

A. R. ...
Under Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers,
" the Chief Engineer for Irrigation,
" the Superintendent of Works, Lighthouse Division,
" the Consulting Architect,
" the Revenue Department.

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