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READ—the following papers:—

From the Inspector-General of Registration, Madras, G. No. 5808, dated 16th September 1898.

From the same Officer, G. No. 5949, dated 20th September 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting five copies of his note on the administration of the department for the year 1897-98.

ORDER—No. 1570, Judicial, dated 5th October 1898.

The note on the administration of the Registration Department during 1897-98, which was due with Government on the 15th August, was not received until the 21st September, or ten days before the date fixed for the submission of the review to the Government of India. The Government regrets that it is unable to accept as satisfactory the explanation offered by the Inspector-General.

2. The year was marked by an unprecedented advance in registrations, accompanied by a proportionate increase in the income of the Department. The expansion of business occurred in transactions relating to both movable and immovable property. The aggregate value of documents susceptible of valuation which were registered rose by nearly two crores. The increase in registrations occurred in all parts of the Presidency with the exception of the districts of Bellary and Anantapur, Kurnool, Cuddapah and Nellore. The causes of the variations in these Districts have been explained in paras. 4 to 9 of the note, in which the Inspector-General discusses the effect upon the operations of his department of agricultural distress.

3. Registrations were most numerous in the Calicut Division of the Malabar District, Tinnevely and Madura Districts, but the largest increase, as compared with the preceding year, occurred in South Arcot. Owing to the causes mentioned in para. 16 of the note, there was on the whole less promptitude in the transaction of business. Fewer documents however remained uncopied at the close of the year.

4. As a result of the extensive advances made by Government under the Land Improvement and Agriculturalists' Loans Acts, applications for searches were considerably more numerous, and the fees realized for searches consequently rose by nearly two and a quarter lakhs. The receipts from ordinary registrations also increased. The expenditure of the Department however was less by nearly Rs. 27,000 than in 1896 and, as a consequence, the surplus increased by about three and a half lakhs. Every district in the Presidency contributed to this surplus. There were only twenty-nine sub-registry offices in which the outlay was not covered by the receipts, against thirty-three in the preceding year.

5. Inspections by the officers of the Registration Department, though less complete than in the preceding year, were sufficient. There was no improvement in the inspection work done by officers of the Revenue Department; the only districts in which this duty appears to have been satisfactorily performed were the Calicut Division of the Malabar District, Salem, Bellary and Anantapur.

(True extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Registration.
„ the Revenue Department.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ all Collectors.

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