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No. 105. Read the following letter from T. CLARKE, Esq., Magistrate of Madura; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 23rd November 1859, No. 253.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an extract from the proceedings of Government, dated 8th November 1859, No. 2615, calling for an explanation of the cause of delay in taking up the complaint of embezzlement preferred by the District Engineer of Madura against Sub-Overseer Runga Row.

2. The charges reached me on the 7th June, when I was at Tenkarai, making the settlement of a part of that táluq and giving out puttahs. At this time I was without any Assistants or Deputy Collectors. My Sub-Collector was laboring under repeated and severe attacks of jungle fever contracted in the táluq of Tenkarai, the twice that he had proceeded there after first contracting the fever he had relapses. I, therefore, undertook the settlement of the táluq for him, and arranged that he should remain in Madura, in charge of the treasury and the police of the principal division, I was thus too left at liberty to prosecute the enquiry into the arrears outstanding in Shevagunga.

3. Mr. Hodgson labored as hard as he was able between the intervals of his attacks of fever, and I was employed from 6 in the morning till late at night. I fear the intricate and complicated nature of the case may have led Mr. Hodgson to postpone it, while he took up less intricate though not less important or pressing work.

4. On the 1st July, before I had completed my enquiries in Shevagunga, I was compelled by illness and business connected with accounts at the close of the fusly, to return to Madura. I then pressed on Mr. Hodgson the desirableness of taking up and concluding the case, he promised to do so at an early date.

5. Mr. Thomas joined the district on the 20th July and was placed in charge of the police of the principal division. Several cases and much arrear was handed over to him. As soon as he possibly could, he commenced the enquiry into this case.

6. It was impossible for me without detriment to the service and the postponement of important business, to make the enquiry myself. I had reason to hope that Mr. Hodgson would take it up and dispose of it early.

7. The labors of this district with a full complement of Assistants are not light, especially where so large a Zemindary as Shevagunga with all its intricate and complicated affairs, are superadded to the ordinary duties of the Collector, but when left without any Assistants, it is impossible to dispose of business with the despatch that is desirable.

8. The charges against Runga Row are now before me, but in so crude a state that I fear the enquiry will be a protracted one, and though I hope I may be able eventually to ensure a conviction on one of the charges, I question whether the Courts will consider the evidence sufficient in the other to punish for the minor offence of falsification of accounts.

No. 106. ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1859, No. 2928.

Ordered that the foregoing proceedings be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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No. 253

Madura Magistr's office

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To C. Pycroft Esqr

Chief Secretary to Government

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed. Servant

Madura
Magis. office
23d. November 1859

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Dated 23d November 1859
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No 2953

No 2928. 16th December
Explaining the
delay in the disposal
of the charges of Imbez-
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by Ranga Row Clerk
Overseer D.P.C.

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