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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd July 1861.*

No. 41. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th June 1861, No. 3,013:—

Read the following letter from B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Sydapet, 27th May 1861, No. 163.

SIR,

1. Adverting to the Circular of the Board of Revenue of the 6th instant, No. 2,315, communicating the dissatisfaction of Government, as expressed in their Order of the 30th ultimo, No. 965, on reviewing the comparative Statement of the Collections of Revenue for March last of Fasli 1270, I have the honor to state that the deficiency of Rupees 56,790 in the collections of this District, has originated entirely from the very limited number of collecting Officers and Peons placed at the disposal of the Tahsildárs, consequent on the amalgamation of the Taluqs, which unfavorable result was anticipated both by myself and the Acting Sub-Collector, so far back as December last, and I urged the expediency of retaining four Zilladars on 8 Rupees each, in my letter of the 6th ultimo, No. 7, to Mr. C. Pelly. But that gentleman did not accede to my request, as expressed in his letter of the 25th January last, No. 692. Several of the Tahsildárs having complained to me again on the subject of the inefficiency of Establishment, I renewed my application on the 6th ultimo, pointing out the urgent necessity of retaining the Zilladars, consequent on the large balance outstanding at the time, requesting meanwhile that if he were not disposed to comply with my request, he would forward my letter for the orders of Government. That gentleman wished to know whether the collections might not be made by the Pattamaniyagars of the village, in the same way as is the case in some other Districts, and it was not till I pointed out, in my letter of the 16th ultimo, No. 10, the utter impossibility of expecting anything of the kind from these Officers, who are unremunerated for their services, that the Government, on a consideration of my arguments, granted me the aid I had sought on the 23rd April, No. 924.

2. I have been hitherto working at a disadvantage in comparison with other Districts, and am now only placed on the same footing with them.

3. Future comparisons will, I hope, be more favorable.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Proceedings cited by the Collector.

2. Mr. Cunliffe refers to Mr. Pelly's refusal to recommend an extra Establishment of Zilladars and Peons for the collection of the revenue in December last. But the Board believe that if Mr. Cunliffe had then heartily pursued the course recommended by Mr. Pelly, and reported in that gentleman's letter to Government, under date 19th April, No. 843, or even employed batta Peons, the collections would have been made without any extra aid.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 42.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1861, No. 1,325.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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Copy to B. Cunliffe, Esq., Collector of Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

