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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th July 1861.*

No. 170. Read the following letter from R. E. MASTER, Esq., Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 21st June 1861, No. 1,028 :—

SIR,

Referring to paragraph 2 of the Order of Government, dated the 27th ultimo, No. 1,099, in which the Director of Revenue Settlement is called upon to explain why Mr. Martin, whose vernacular attainments are confined to the Tamil language, has been employed in a Telugu country, I have the honor to state that Mr. Martin was selected for the Department as possessing the necessary general qualifications, but could not be posted to a Tamil District as there was no vacancy in either of the Southern parties, and he was required to fill one in the North. The Director was obliged to secure eligible men as opportunity offered, and a knowledge of one language has always been considered sufficient for entry into the Departments. In the Survey Department, a knowledge of Hindustani, which is comparatively useless, has been held to be sufficient for entry. The necessity of Mr. Martin's qualifying himself in Telugu has, however, not been lost sight of, and on his being sent to Guntoor he was informed that he would be required to pass in that language within a reasonable period.

No. 171. ORDER THEREON, 12th July 1861, No. 1,390.

The Governor in Council does not consider this explanation satisfactory. The vacancy which was to be filled up was in a Telugu District, and the Director should have selected a person qualified for it. If no such person was available, the fact should have been expressly stated to Government. No argument in support of the explanation now offered can be drawn from the circumstance of Hindustani being sufficient for entry into the Survey, for the qualifications required in that Department are of a special professional character, and Hindustani is to a certain extent known all over the country. Tamil, on the other hand, is unknown in the Northern Circars, and the duties of a Settlement Officer necessitate frequent communications with the people. Mr. Martin should now be required to qualify himself as speedily as possible in Telugu.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

Revenue Dept

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 12th July 1861

Had the following
letter from the Acting
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Explaining the circumstances
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(Here enter 21st June 1861
No 1028)

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