

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	275	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st January 1868.*

No. 565. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Judicial Department:—

Remarking that the Collector of a district, while at
head quarters, and, in his absence, the Civil
Officer in charge, is responsible for all that
appears in the District Gazette, of which he
should invariably examine the proof before the
Gazette is published. (Here enter 22nd January 1868, No. 104.)

No. 566. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1868, No. 275.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 104.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
22nd January 1868.*

No. 166. Read the following letter from W. WILSON, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Masulipatam, 20th December 1867, No. 41.

In acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, No. 1959, dated 2nd current, I have the honor to inform you that they were, as directed, published in the District Gazette of 7th idem; but, with reference to the remark of Government, "that if a proper supervision had been exercised by the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, a notice so liable to misconstruction, and so opposed to the impartial policy of the Government, would not have been allowed to appear in the Gazette of his District," I would respectfully submit whether the censure conveyed is fairly attributable under the circumstances which I beg to lay before you. I write from no personal motive, for I was not in charge when the objectionable notice appeared, but from a sense of justice to my predecessor. The immediate supervision of the District Press lies with the Treasury Deputy Collector, and, as a rule, advertisements in a District Gazette of vacancies in the Public Service are no more submitted to the scrutiny of a Collector than similar notices in the *Fort Saint George Gazette* are to the censorial review of the Chief Secretary. In this particular instance the notice was not submitted to Mr. Leman before publication, and he can scarcely, therefore, be held responsible for its appearance. The censure of Government is confined to the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, who must be, therefore, supposed to have been the only offender. I would, however, beg the attention of Government to page 246 of the *Godavery District Gazette* for June 15th, 1867, where the notice will be found. In the Gazette of Vizagapatam, to which Mr. Bliss belonged, it would, in all probability, have been published; and from Mr. Grigg, when here on his recent tour of inspection, I learned that it had, to the best of his recollection, appeared in the Gazette of Ganjam. The Acting Treasury Deputy Collector, when the advertisement was received, remarked the exception taken to Brahmins, but did not think it necessary to bring it to the notice of the Acting Collector, as, being a Brahmin himself, he might be thought unreasonably prejudiced, and I think his explanation may be accepted when an Officer in so responsible a position as Mr. Bliss thought there was no impropriety in sending for publication a notice that could be objected to as opposed to the impartial policy of Government.

No. 167. ORDER THEREON, 22nd January 1868, No. 104.

With reference to the letter above recorded, the Governor in Council considers that the Collector of a District, while at Head Quarters, and, in his absence, the Civil Officer left in charge, is responsible for all that appears in the District Gazette, of which he should invariably examine the proof before the Gazette is published.
(True Extract).

Burns
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of the Kistna District.
" Collector of
" Revenue Department.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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