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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	625	Press Mis.
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No. 136. Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Camp at Bodinaickenpatty, Salem Taluk, 27th February 1858, No. 15:—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, under date the 23th ultimo, No. 247.

2. The Government wish to know my decision on the conduct of the Tahsildar of Tripatore in regard to the loss of money from the chest of the Overseer of the Forest Conservancy Department.

3. Before the receipt of the Government Order, I had called upon the Tahsildar for explanation in the matter. The Tahsildar has replied, stating that he received a Yadast from the Forest Overseer, in which it was stated that the sale proceeds of articles sold by auction were sent; that he wrote a memorandum on the Yadast itself, asking for particulars in order that he might place the amount to the proper heads, as requested by the Deputy Conservator, and that he has not since received either a reply or the money. He further states that the cause of his asking for the particulars above referred to was in consequence of instructions given personally to him by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, who at the same time also gave him the enclosed form, in accordance to which alone he was crediting monies received from any of the department. A translation of the Tahsildar's explanation is enclosed. I do not myself consider that the Tahsildar is in any way to blame in the matter.

4. Stringent orders have from time to time been issued, under instructions from the Board and Accountant General, against Tahsildars receiving and holding money in deposit. The Tahsildar was, therefore, quite correct in not placing the money received from the Overseer in deposit in his treasury.

No. 137. ORDER THEREON, 10th March 1858, No. 625.

Forests, No. 7.

The Government consider that, under the explanation now tendered, no blame can be held to attach to the Tahsildar of Tripatore for having refused to receive the money sent to him for deposit by the Overseer of the Forest Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Salem.
,, the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
,, the Accountant General.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.