

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	766	Press Mis.
<i>26-3-</i> Dated	26-3-	1868

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th March 1868.*

No. 424. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., additional Member of Board of Revenue, on special duty, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 17th March 1868 :—

1. Referring to Government Order No. 1, dated 2nd January 1868, I have the honor to state that I have carefully inspected those parts of the three districts named in the margin, where the effects of the late drought had been most seriously felt.

I would propose, with reference to South Arcot, that Mr. Lister return to his duty as Head Assistant : indeed the transfer of duty from Mr. Gribble, who had temporarily been placed in charge of the Head Assistant's Office, has already taken place, and Mr. Lister is engaged with the settlement of Trinomallay talook.

2. Mr. Glenney might return at once to Malabar.

3. As regards Madras District, Mr. Maclean might take such duty as the Collector sees fit.

4. Mr. E. Gibson is usefully engaged in North Arcot.

5. I have twice visited the Salem District under the instructions above noticed, first about the middle of January and again very recently. And I have employed Mr. Lee Warner very usefully in carefully going through the Uttengeri talook under the Collector's orders.

6. This dry district has been seriously affected, and I would not be surprised if, as the season advances, pressure arise in several talooks. In the Uttengeri talook, where nearly ninety-five per cent. of the whole agriculture is dry land cultivation, most serious loss has been suffered. The Tripatore and Krishnageri talooks, and the Senkerrydroog portion of the Trichengode talook, are seriously affected. The three former talooks have been carefully examined, and the Jummahbundy is now going on. The Collector has applied for permission to grant relief by remission of dry land assessment where necessary, and is sending in a budget of minor works which may be put in hand as necessity arises in those talooks. The Senkerrydroog talook requires immediate attention, and I have arranged with the Collector that Mr. Lee Warner is to proceed thither at once and prepare the Jummahbundy Settlement. I request that his services may be placed temporarily at the disposal of the Collector for this purpose, with the understanding that he is to be employed on this duty, and not on ordinary routine duty, which will hamper his movements on the important duty which is assigned to him.

7. I beg to be informed whether the Government wish me to take further personal part in the inspection, &c., of this district.

No. 425. ORDER THEREON, 25th March 1868, No. 766.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government have already passed orders regarding Messrs. Lister, Gribble, and Glenney.

2. Mr. Robinson's proposals respecting Messrs. Maclean and Lee Warner are approved and sanctioned.

whose powers in regard to sanctioning

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3. Mr. Gibson is now employed in his own district, and will be under the Collector's orders.

4. As regards the requirements of the Salem District, the Board have already sanctioned the desired remissions on Poonjah lands, and in G. O. No. 765 of this date, a special grant of Rupees 30,000 for relief works in the more suffering talooks has been made.

5. The Government do not deem it necessary for Mr. Robinson to re-visit the district at present. They desire to thank him for the zealous and effective manner in which he has carried out their instructions of 2nd January 1868, No. 1, Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To Mr. Robinson, Esq.,
the Revenue Board,
the Andamans General,
the Collector of Madras,
the do. of North Arcot,
the do. of South Arcot,
the do. of Salem.

Ed. S. L. Augustin.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 847.

From

Goldsmith a Member of Board of Revenue on Special duty.

Dated 27th March 1868.

FOR ORDERS.

Ref including within the scope of his
examination, the same, the Saaheriy
Droaf portion of the Inland side Talook.
Mr. Robinson has executed his instructions,
which (para 12) directed me to the
Talook, which adjoin the N. arcot

district. Ref; a paper on the state of Saaheriy
Droaf to be as described by Mr. Robinson
(I do not understand from his letter that
he has himself visited the district) I think
he has executed a well decision in
arranging with the local Collector, that
Mr. Robinson, as of the Revenue Department,
shall proceed there & be employed

in the manner directed by Mr. Robinson.
There seems to be no necessity
for any further extension of Mr. Robinson
on his Special duty. The local Collector
can without difficulty communicate
occasional cases with the Hk. of Revenue,
whose powers in regard to Saaheriy

spent European can at all times
 be raised on cause being shown.
 If parts of money are specially wanted
 in addition to what may be expended
 from the local Road funds for sanctioned
 works, and as works in progress under
 the supervision of the P.W. Dept.,
 drawn out with the 1st of November
 specially to address the Government.
 18 March 1808 *W.D.H.*

I do not think it is necessary for
 Mr. Whiston to go back to the same
 district at present. It has been
 suggested that on several visits
 to the district he has not been
 able to do much. This is unnecessary for
 Mr. Whiston to do as the
 hands of the district are not
 sufficient. At all events I would
 not go further up. Mr. Whiston
 has been a fortnight in the
 district & has not yet for a time.

19 March *W.D.H.*
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Revenue Board Office
 Madras
 17 March 1808

From

W. Robinson Esq.
 Additional Member of Board
 of Revenue, on special duty

To

The Hon. R. S. Ellis Esq.
 Chief Secretary to Govt.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
servant.

J. R. S. S.

Additional Member of Board
on special duty

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