

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of
the Board of Revenue, dated 16th February 1886,
No. 128, on letter from the Collector of Cuddapah, of
3rd February 1886, No. 101.

I have the honor to request the orders of the
Board of Revenue in reference to the vacancy caused
by the application for pension of my Huzur Sec-
retary, Koka Venkataswamy Aiyar.

2. I have this day addressed you in refer-
ence to certain frauds committed in the Savings
Bank Department. Former frauds in connection
with the Cash-keepers' supply of stamps will be
fresh in the memory of the Board. This is, I think,
a suitable place to put on record the impression
formed by me on taking charge of this office.
I am not aware if any member of the Board has
served in Cuddapah. I shall therefore describe
what I find.

The Collectors' Office is a small isolated
building of two rooms; and except 3 or 4 clerks,
he has none of his office under his immediate
supervision. Two other small buildings - also
isolated.

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isolated - accommodate the Temporary Deputy Collec-
- tor, his office and records, and the Local Fund
Auditor; who, instead of sitting near the Local Fund
Establishment and the Treasury Deputy Collector, is
completely separated from them. This is not
favorable to the despatch of business. Outside
the Butcherry compound and beyond the road,
in a shabby dilapidated building, half-Mu-
- salman Zenana and half D.P.W. design, are
clubbed together the Treasury Deputy Collector,
the Local Fund Department, the Vernacular
Account Department, the English Account
Department, English Head Clerk, and the
Press. The building is filthy, crowded with
filthy tables and filthy chairs, blocked up
with almirahs, and utterly unfit in every
way for the location of such offices. In part
of the building, under the elbow of the Treas-
- ury Deputy Collector is the Gazette Press, cre-
- ating and rumbling all day long, and com-
- bining, with the noise of compositors press
readers &c. to make it impossible for the
different employees of other departments to
attend

attend properly to their business. When I men-
- tion that the Sheristadar and his office, and
the English and Vernacular Record Offices, are all
in distant and separate buildings some streets
off, the impossibility of rapid despatch of business,
and ready reference, will be manifest. There
is a still graver difficulty. The Treasury Dy. Collec-
- tor has specially to look after his Treasury, and
especially his cash keeper and Shroffs, &c.,
however, the treasury, the small Coin depot,
and the Cash Keepers' Establishment are situ-
- ated in a distant building, at an incon-
- venient distance, it is plain that this
Officer is placed at a most unfair disadvan-
- tage. In fact, the whole arrangement of
supervision for the Public Revenue Offices
at Cuddapah is palpably such as to Court
Disaster. The wonder is, not that frauds have
occurred, and that despatch of business
is delayed, but that there have not been
much more shortcomings to report under
these heads. I take the liberty of urging you
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the Board the necessity of obtaining precedence for the construction of the new Hydr Cutcherry at Cuddasah over all the Civil Buildings in next year. It will be nearly two years before the Cutcherry can be finished, and meanwhile no zeal and energy of the local officers can ensure wholly satisfactory results.

3. The state of things prevailing in the Offices at present requires that the best of officers available should be sent to assist in working off arrears of all kinds and getting the District Administration abreast of its work. I have the honor, therefore, to request that the Board will support my nomination, for the post of Hydr Sheristadar, of A. Venkata Subba Rao, now Tahsildar of Arcot, than whom I know no officer of his class possessing higher qualifications for the post which, as the Board are aware, he held in the District of Salem for nearly seven years. I venture to hope that, if the Board will be pleased to

to support my nomination, Government will not oppose the appointment of this officer. As R. Venkatachellapato Naidu is in bad health, and anxious to retire at the earliest possible date, and, as the Jamabandi is in full swing, I shall feel obliged if the Board of Revenue will obtain early orders in this reference.

Resolution

In view of Mr. Le Tanne's description of the condition of the Collectors' Cutcherry at Cuddasah which is by no means overdrawn, the Board resolve to urge upon Government the necessity which exists of calling for the immediate submission of the estimates called for in P.W.D. orders communicated with L.D. 20th February 1884 P.D. N^o 826 and of giving the work precedence over all other civil buildings.

2. As regards the appointment of Hydr Sheristadar, the Board are aware of the views expressed

expressed by the Government in their order dated 5th March 1884, No. 594; but as nearly two years have elapsed since the issue of those orders, and in consideration of the great confidence which the Collector reposes in A. Venkata Subba Rao, a majority of the Board are of opinion that he might now be appointed as Mugur Sheristadar of Cuddapah if the Govt. have no objection.

3. The third member is not a party to these Proceedings.

Order thereon, 19th March 1886, No. 1785.

With reference to para 1, orders will issue in the P.W. Dept. to the officers concerned to expedite the submission of plans and estimates for a new Collector's Cutcherry at Cuddapah.

2. Adverting to para: 2 His Excellency the Governor in Council cannot accede to the Board's request that A. Venkata Subba Rao should

should be appointed Mugur Sheristadar of Cuddapah.

(True Extract)

Fredrickheer
Ag. Secy. to Govt.

To
The Board of Revenue,
with one enclosure returned.
" Public Works Department."

447W. 19.7.84.
 1971-20. 16.10.83.
 1410 — 14.6.81.
 1246W. 28.4.79.
 4543 W. 28.11.78.
 3879 W. 18.9.78.
 2792 W. 26.7.78.

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Communicated to
 the Supply and III Circle,
 who will expedite
 the submission of the
 plans & estimates
 called for in S.O. No
 447 W dated 19. July 1884,
 and previous orders on
 the same subject.

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