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Cuddapah Collector's Office
M. Circuit at Gurrankonda

4th June 1870.

From

G. Van Agnew Esquire
Collector of Cuddapah

To

The Honorable R. S. Ellis C.B.

Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort Saint George

Sir

In para 2 of their Order Public Department dated 21st ultimo heres the Government desire me to report the evidence upon which I based my opinion that a good deal of money collected on account of the Cuddapah Dispenary was misappropriated by the Revenue Officials, and whether I have taken any steps to bring those officials to justice.

2. In reply I do myself the honor to state that circumstances for which I am not responsible having rendered it next door to impossible to obtain judicial evidence, it has been quite

quite out of my power to take any judicial steps in connection with the subject.

3. My opinion is based upon information that has casually reached me over and over again from many and various sources, to which, being naturally sceptical, I have applied such power of discrimination as over eighteen years official training and experience have developed in me.

4. In my experience a general consensus of casual information is in this country infinitely more satisfactory evidence of the abstract truth or falsity of any given point than any such modicum of formal judicial evidence as is ordinarily forthcoming. A native will often tell you the truth informally, who, if put in the witness box, will not scruple either to disclaim all knowledge of, or to fabricate an entirely different story on the same subject.

5. But even setting aside all the information I have received, and

which I maintain is sufficient to justify the opinion I have formed and expressed, I could and would have arrived at the same opinion on general grounds deduced not only from the abnormal condition of this District in particular, but from a common sense view of the tendency of human nature all the world over.

6. Given a simple, patient, helpless agricultural population and a powerful clique of executive officials, who have been permitted to become thoroughly demoralised by the absence of all effective control, and who have literally revelled, unchecked, in every kind of corruption, and given any occasion for raising any unusual levy upon the people, whether it be in the form of an Income-tax, or in that of a "Voluntary Subscription" either for Dispensaries, or for

caption with due honor of the
Governor of the Country, and I
make bold to assert that the
experience of all ages and all
countries goes to prove that exact
and misappropriation is the
certain, indeed the inevitable
result.

I have the honor to
be
Yours most obedt. servant
J. B. J.
Apptd Collector
for Collector

Feb 21 May 70 Recd 95.97
 or 21 July — 107 2/107
 or 29 Sept 109 — 149-157
 or 3 Oct — 328
 Sent 16 May 157 — 50 c 53.

May 12/109
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Feb 21 1870.
 Department

From the Collector
 of Punjab

To the Chief Secretary
 to Government.
 Public Works
 and Land Revenue

Dated 21st June 1870.

Received by the
 Public Works and Land Revenue

No 909

In reply to G. D. D. D. D.
 Dated 21st May 1870
 No 45 state that it was out-
 of his power to take away
 Judicial rights in connection
 with the subject of the River
 appropriation of the Punjab
 Department. Dated by the
 Revenue Officials for
 reasons specified

4-11-15 ✓
12-11-15 ✓

Govt. of (1870) Madras.

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matter is out of his
power. ~~recorded~~

Recording a
Letter from the Collector of
Cuddapah stating in answer
to the request of Govt. to
report on the misappropriation
of moneys collected on account
of the Cuddapah Dispensary Fund
by the Rev. Officials, that ac-
cording to evidence on the