

Revenue Department

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Dated 5 — 1 — 1859

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 11th January 1859.

No. 11. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th December 1858, No. 4595.

Read again the following papers :—

No. 3716, From Ag. Supt. of Stamps 16th August in Con. 2nd September 1858, No. 39.
,, 3339, To Trichinopoly 2nd September 1858.
,, 3718, From Ag. Supt. of Stamps 18th August in Con. 3rd September 1858, No. 40.
,, 3360, To the Collectors of Salem &c. 3rd ,,
,, 4236, From Rajahmundry 14th in Con. 22nd September 1858, No. 138.
,, 4487, ,, Chingleput 5th ,, 8th October ,, 310.
,, 4745, ,, North Arcot 15th ,, 22nd ,, ,, 209.
,, 4079, ,, South Arcot 8th ,, 13th September ,, 160.
,, 4384, ,, Trichinopoly 27th Sept. ,, 1st October ,, 184.
,, 4847, ,, Madura 20th ,, 28th ,, ,, 231.
,, 4128, ,, Salem 11th ,, 15th September ,, 128.

RAJAHMUNDY. 1. In Rajahmundry a single instance occurred causing a loss of Rupees

4. A Vakeel of the Amlapoor Moonsiff's Court was convicted of complicity in this case and sentenced to four years' imprisonment, the period being afterwards reduced to two years. The persons answerable in the Collector's Office are the Head Jawabnevis since dead and a Goomastah who, on account of general inefficiency, had been reduced to a lower situation before the fraud had been discovered. The alteration does not appear to the Board so obvious as the Collector considers it, and under all the circumstances the Board recommend that the amount improperly paid be written off.

CHINGLEPUT. 2. Four frauds occurred in Chingleput involving a net loss of Rupees 10½.

Three of the cases were committed by a person who had died before they were discovered. A Vakeel of the Tripassore Court was tried for the fourth but acquitted by the Principal Sudder Ameen and the Session Judge.

3. Three of the certificates were presented for payment during the incumbency of the late Head Serishtadar, the fourth while the present Naib Vurdachary was officiating in that appointment. The Collector considers that the Goomastah, who was employed in checking the Certificates, was the person chiefly to blame, and looking at the manifest nature of the alterations, the Board think he should be held answerable for his carelessness. The case in which Vurdachary shares the liability involved a loss of only 8 Annas. He was then Acting as Head Serishtadar holding also his Office of Naib, and with the numerous duties consequently devolving on him, might reasonably entrust a simple and petty matter like this to his subordinates. The Board are not therefore disposed to hold him responsible.

NORTH ARCOT. 4. In North Arcot two persons were suspected of the only fraud brought to notice. One of these was acquitted and the other, who is said to possess no property decamped and has not been apprehended. From the Collector's letter the Head Accountant would seem to have been the party answerable but the loss is only 8 annas and the erasure not very apparent.

SOUTH ARCOT. 5. In South Arcot a single instance is reported wherein half a Rupee was improperly paid away. The offender was sentenced to four year's imprisonment with labour. The Collector was of opinion that the alteration by which the fraud was committed, was so cleverly executed that his servants could not fairly be held liable for not discovering it.

TRICHINOPOLY. 6. In this District nine frauds occurred in addition to those already reported to Government. They were traced to two persons who were committed to the Sessions Court for trial. One of them was acquitted and the other sentenced to three years' imprisonment with labor and a fine of

* Vencatachellah Naick, Deputy Jawabnevis.
Babajee Row, Head Sheristadar.

45 Rupees, which however owing to his poverty has not been realized. The* servants in the Collector's office, answerable for failing to discover the fraud, are both dead, and the net loss to Government, viz., Rupees 54, must therefore

be written off as irrecoverable.

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MADURA. 7. In Madura the Certificate in which the date had been altered so as to bring it within the limited period, had passed into the possession of several persons before it was presented for payment, and the detection of the actual offender was thus rendered impossible. The Stamp Agent whose duty it then was to pass such certificates has since died, and the sum lost, viz. Rupees 2, is now irrecoverable.

SALEM. 8. In Salem three frauds are reported to have been discovered, but of these only one was successful. There were all committed by one person, a Vakeel of the Salem Moonsiff's Court who was convicted by the Session Judge and sentenced to five years' imprisonment with labour. The Collector considered that the non-discovery of the only successful fraud was owing to an accident rather than to any gross neglect on the part of his servants, and therefore thought it sufficient to enjoin greater carefulness on their part. As the case occurred three years ago and the loss is only 2 Rupees, the Board think further notice of the matter unnecessary, particularly as two similar attempts to defraud Government were detected by the Collector's Establishment.

	Rs.	A.	P.	
Trichinopoly	54	0	0	9. The Board recommend that sanction may be granted for writing off the sums noted in the margin amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 63-8.
Salem.....	2	0	0	
South Arcot	0	8	0	
Chingleput	0	8	0	
Rajahmundry.....	4	0	0	
Madura.....	2	0	0	
North Arcot.....	0	8	0	10. The Government will remark that most of the frauds have been committed by Vakeels of the Courts.
	63	8	0	

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 12.

ORDER THEREON, No. 20; dated 5th January 1859.

	Rs.	A.	P.	
Rajahmundry.....	4	0	0	Sanction is granted as recommended by the Board of Revenue, for writing off to profit and loss, the sums shewn to have been improperly paid on account of refund of stamp duty in the Districts noted in the margin, (but which sums are now shewn to be irrecoverable), amounting in the aggregate to Rupees (63-8) sixty-three, and annas eight.
Chingleput.....	0	8	0	
North Arcot.....	0	8	0	
South Arcot.....	0	8	0	
Trichinopoly.....	54	0	0	
Madura.....	2	0	0	
Salem.....	2	0	0	
	63	8	0	

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Received 1838 Repaid
Dated Jan 11/39
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Extract from the
Proceedings of the House
of Representatives

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Receiving the replies
of the General Collector on the
subject of the Grants committed
in the Survey department of
their respective Colonies, &
recommending that direction be
granted for meeting of the
Colonial Agricultural Grant Commit-
tee on the 29th of Feb'y 8.

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Auctioneer's Report & Return
presented by the Board of
Deacons, for auditing of \$
\$1071 and 69¢, the sum
shown to have been expended
by said auctioneer, referred
to above duty, in the dis-
tries noted in the margin,
(but which must be paid
them & be recovered)
amounting as they appear at
\$123/63.8 / left there, amount

Wm. H. B.