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Revenue

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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Dated

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
from 13th to 19th August 1859.*

No. 25. Read the following letter from F. B. ELTON, Esq., Collector of Nellore; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government Fort Saint George; dated Nellore, 2d August 1859, No. 22.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government dated 29th July 1859, No. 1018, calling on me to report the particulars of the cases in which certain village Moonsiffs were suspended for not furnishing supplies and coolies to members of the Department Public Works.

2. I have the honor to state that with one exception, which will be noticed below, the village authorities referred to belong to the Sydapoor Talook, a resumed Zemindary, the lands of which not having been assessed, the villages are either rented, or settled under aumany. Last year the whole of them were rented, consequently no remission has been given on account of Lookty in that talook, though several of the tanks were breached.

3. The conduct of the suspended Village Moonsiffs, and other village authorities, are detailed in a series of letters from Sub-Overseer Kelly to his immediate superior Captain Burn Executive Engineer in charge of the Southern Range, which were forwarded to me by the District Engineer on the date marginally noted.

4. The Village Moonsiff of Sydapoor was suspended, on Mr. Kelly's complaint, for general negligence in furnishing him with supplies, and refusal to assist his servant in procuring them.

5. The Village Moonsiff and Pedda Caupoo of Murlapoody were suspended for a specific instance, in which they would not furnish the Overseer with supplies, nor even come and speak to him when called though personally requested to do so as they were passing by. Mr. Kelly's complaints were substantiated in general terms by Captain Burn, whose letter, as well as the District Engineer's showed that the Sydapoor talook was in a peculiarly bad state. Captain Burn having moreover stated that the Tahasildar took no notice of his representation, when he endeavoured to get him to use his authority to put a stop to the system of annoyance which prevailed in his talook, I thought it necessary to suspend him also. He was sent for, and his explanations taken, which wholly failed to show that he had endeavoured to prevent the Public Works being obstructed, and as the state of his talook was so unsatisfactory, I recommended to the Board of Revenue, under date the 16th Ultimo, that he should be removed to an inferior situation. Meanwhile another public servant, in whom I have greater confidence, has been appointed Acting Tahasildar there.

6. The effect of the Tahsildar's suspension, I understood from Mr. Kelly, appeared to have had an immediate good effect in his obtaining carriage, regarding which there had been much difficulty before.

7. The remaining case was at Doogarauzepatam, on the sea coast, in the talook of Cotah, where on the complaint of Acting Overseer Jack, forwarded to me by the District Engineer, the officiating village Moonsiff was suspended, for not supplying a few coolies to assist him when his bandy had met with an accident, and for refusing to take charge of the Government money and office papers, which he was obliged to leave there in consequence.

8. Immediate action appearing necessary, I suspended the village authorities pending enquiries, the result of which are as follows; it appears impossible to doubt that there has been systematic neglect in the matter of furnishing supplies on the part of the village Moonsiff of Sydapoor. I have therefore suspended him for 6 months; and have fined the village Moonsiff of Murlapoody, who has been found guilty of delay in furnishing supplies for some hours, on one occasion, Rupees 3. This latter officer has no emoluments from his office whatever, and the village Moonsiff of Sydapoor none but what are derived from his being Poundkeeper.

9. The Officiating Village Moonsiff of Doogarauzepatam has met the charge by a denial, and counter-statement, and as there is merely Mr. Jack's own version of what occurred against him, I find it necessary to make further enquiries from his Lascars and others.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1859, No. 1097.

The Proceedings of the Collector reported in this letter are approved.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

Cover: 29 July 1859 to 70.

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Regarding the particulars
of the cases of the
disfranchisement of
certain villages in
Providence &c. &c. &c.

and in connection with
the Disfranchisement
Bill.

With an extract
from the Report of the
Committee on the
Disfranchisement of
the People.

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The proceedings of

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W. L. G. 10th Aug 1859

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