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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

1108

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Dated *19th August* 1857.

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

No. 48. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department; dated 5th August 1859, No. 3034.

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit the following report on the case of the late Curnum of Dooggi in the District of Guntoor,
In Con. 29th July 1859, No. 3793. called for in the order of Government, dated 27th July 1859, No. 1008.

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3. In the same Fusly the Petitioner was found guilty of misappropriating a portion of the payments made by another ryot, and detaining his receipt book, and the Acting Collector accordingly ordered his dismissal, and that the amount embezzled should be recovered from him.

4. The evidence satisfied the Acting Collector, Mr. Newill, an officer of great local experience, of the Petitioner's guilt, and the Board on appeal declined to disturb his decision, the offence being one easy of committal and concealment by a person in the position of a Curnum, but calculated to cause great inconvenience and annoyance to the poorer class of ryots, though the sums embezzled may be of small amount, while it would be difficult, in many cases, to produce proof of the fraud from which they were suffering.

5. It scarcely needs to be pointed out that this difficulty is immensely increased by the lapse of time and distance of place, but the Board see no reason to doubt that the punishment awarded was fully deserved, and that the appeal was properly rejected.

6. It will be observed that the Petitioner does not deny the omission of the entry in the account in which it should have appeared, but ascribes it to an oversight and attempts to explain away the apparent interpolation of leaves in the book, which was considered by the experienced officer who made the original enquiry to be manifestly fraudulent.

7. The papers received with the Government Proceedings under reply are herewith returned.

No. 49.

ORDER THEREON, 18th August 1859, No. 1108.

Ordered that a copy of this report be forwarded to the Home Government with the Memorial in triplicate from Dundumrazoo Narahari.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

Read the following letter

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To J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort St. George,
5th August 1859.

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

W. Hudleston

Sub Secretary.

Proby in a letter to England
of 19th August 1859. Ms. A.9.

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From D^r
The Sub Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
The Secretary to Govt
Revenue Department.

Dated 5th
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Submitting the report
called for by Government
on the part of the late Gen.
-major J. D. George with the dis-
-tinct of General, who was found
guilty of embezzlement and
disbanded from the Public
Service.

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Reduced that this report be
forwarded by the same post, with
the memorial in duplicate for
Landowners & Marakae.
Wm. H. Allen.

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