

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1120

Press
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Dated 19th. August 1889.

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

No. 70. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th August 1859,
No. 3066.

Read letter from the Collector of Madura, dated 4th July 1859, No. 116.
(In Con. 9th July 1859, No. 3325.)

1. In the above letter the Collector of Madura, reports the notice taken by him of the reprehensible conduct of the Manager and other subordinate officers of the Shevagunga Zemindary, in connection with O. S. No. 9 of 1859, in the Sub Court of Madura.

In Con. 4th July 1859, No. 2563. 2. The misconduct of these officers was referred to in the Collector's letter, dated 25th May last, No. 91. The Board in para. 11 of their Proceedings, dated 17th June last, No. 2322, called for the report, now submitted, and Government, in para. 3 of their order dated 22d idem, Revenue Department, No. 824, directed the Board to communicate the Collector's reply and their own orders thereon.

4th in Con. 9th July 1859, No. 3325, paras. 2 and 3. 3. Mr. Clarke states that he has been puzzled how to deal with the case of the Manager. The only fitting penalty for that officer's extremely improper conduct was dismissal, but his previous services,—the brief period during which he would remain in office, (in consequence of the Minor Zemindar attaining his majority in October next) and the difficulty of finding a competent successor, combined to induce Mr. Clarke not to recommend this punishment, and he has contented himself with recording a severe censure on him.

Enclosure in Collector's letter dated 4th in Con. 9th July 1859, No. 3325. 4. The Board much regret, that weighty considerations of convenience should have intervened, considering that the Manager's conduct was marked, as the Collector himself declares, by injustice, partiality, gross favoritism, deception and contempt of authority. His interference in the matter was uncalled for, and the person in whose behalf he so improperly interfered was his banker. Stronger ground could scarcely be adduced for immediate dismissal, and such a measure would certainly have been approved by the Board. They are aware, however, that, with only three months to close the accounts of the Zemindary, with heavy balances outstanding, and important suits pending, the dismissal of the Manager would be very inexpedient and they are, therefore, constrained, though very reluctantly, to express their acquiescence in the Collector's proceedings.

5. The same reasons do not apply in the case of the other subordinates.

6. The Ameen of Tirupavanum, who was fined 10 Rupees by Mr. Hathaway, subsequently acted very improperly, when he issued the order referred to in para. 38 of the Collector's letter of the 25th May. If, however, he has been guilty of other acts evincing "much partiality," he should be dismissed.

7. As regards the other servants the papers before the Board do not enable them to form any precise opinion of their conduct; but if, in any case, partiality or attempts to pervert justice are proved to the Collector's satisfaction, dismissal should be the penalty. This is the more necessary, in this case, because the chief delinquent has escaped the just punishment of his misdeeds, and there seems to have been a regular combination among the talook officers, to carry out their improper designs.

Paras. 5, 6 and 7. 8. The Collector acquits the head Sherishtadar of any intentional misconduct or improper motives, and he will shortly be placed on the pension list. His explanation, however, of his failure to lay the merits of the case before Mr. Hathaway, is unsatisfactory.

In Con. 22d June 1859, No. 2972. 9. Ordered that a copy of these proceedings be submitted to Government, in accordance with para. 3 of Extract Minutes Consultation, 22d June last, No. 824.
(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, Secretary.

No. 71. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1859, No. 1120.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board

Submitting for information copy
of a letter from the Colr. of Ma-
dura and the Board's order thereon
regarding the reprehensible con-
duct of the Manager and other
subordinate officers of the
Sivagangai Zemindary in
connection with C.D. No. 9
of 1859 in the Sub Court of
Madura.

of Revenue
No. 9 Aug. 1859
3066

The Governor in Coun-
cil ~~has~~ concurs in the
decided opinion expressed
by the Board on the con-
duct of the Public
Servants of the Madura
Collectorate concerned
in the case reported
on in this paper, and
on the punishment
they deserve. The Col-
lector will now ~~the~~

~~Agree~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~revised~~

what is
respective
order
the subject of this
draft from the Board here
submitted is relative to the Sivagangai
part of the Madras and in this paper
the plan for regulating the frontier
duty on certain articles entering the
French territory. I can find no
connection with the acts committed
by the Sivagangai Servants

note. The letter appears to have
not missed as with others
in connection with the same
The subject has not
been

his order as respects all
but the manager of
the ~~Establishment~~ ^{Estate}, in
accordance with the
opinion expressed in
paras 6 and 7 of the
Board's Proceedings.

2. As respects Sahab-
doy Pally, the man-
ager, the Government
much regret that
it was thought im-
pedient to show him
a degree of indul-
gence of which his
conduct was little
deserving. If, as it
appears, the Zemindary
is to be given up to
the proprietor in Co-
liver, means should
be

he taken to close the
accounts and the con-
nection of Sahab-
doy Pally with the Es-
tate ~~Establishment~~ as spee-
dily as possible, and
it should be the en-
deavour of the Col-
to aid the young
Zemindar in se-
curing ~~capable~~ ^{capable} able and
trustworthy ~~capable~~ ^{capable} servants

J. J.

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