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from 10th to 16th September 1859.*

No. 9. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st September 1859, No. 3440.

Read again letter from the Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated 21st July 1859, No. 102.
(In Con. 25th July 1859, No. 3689.)

Read also letter from the same officer dated 5th August 1859, No. 118.
(In Con. 9th August 1859, No. 3983.)

Read also letter from the same officer dated 20th August 1859, No. 126.
(In Con. 24th August 1859, No. 4233.)

1. In the first of the above letters Mr. Fraser the Acting Collector of Cuddapah reported that under the permission accorded in para. 2 of the Proceedings of Government dated 5th July last, Revenue Department, No. 887, he was about to apply for a pension for his Naib Sheristadar M. Krishna Row; and proposed to appoint as Manager M. Nursimloo (District Moonsiff of Nundial in Kurnool) of whose qualifications for the post, he had a high opinion, from personal knowledge.

2. The Board in reply requested to be informed what arrangements Mr. Fraser contemplated with regard to his sub-division Sheristadar V. Narrain Row whom it was necessary to absorb as he drew Rupees 75 monthly above the sanctioned amount for a sub-division Manager. Mr. Fraser was also desired to report on his qualifications and service.

3. Mr. Fraser replied in his letter of the 5th ultimo that he had never even seen the sub-division Sheristadar and that as his office Register made no mention of Narrain Row he had applied to the Sub-Collector for information. Mr. Fraser's objections to Narrain Row were that he was entirely ignorant of English, and that his whole service had been passed in the Cuddapah district.

4. As the Board themselves had no personal knowledge of Narrain Row, they proposed to Mr. Fraser, that he should send for him and judge personally of his fitness.

5. In the last of the letters above recorded, Mr. Fraser explains that his objections to Narrain Row were "grounded on two facts, viz. ignorance of English, and service in the district solely which are in no wise affected by want of personal acquaintance." Mr. Fraser adds that he has "not the least doubt that he is quite au fait in all the routine work of the Collectorate, and could take the post of Manager at once and discharge the duties of it if called on to do so. The fact of his having managed the revenue duties of the sub-division so long proves this of itself." Finally, Mr. Fraser requests that the matter may be referred to Government, if the Board are unable to decide it of their own authority.

6. From the Acting Collector's letter of the 16th ultimo, it appears that Narrain Row has served 28½ years, for the last eight of which he has been sub-division Sheristadar; his conduct has been favorably noticed by his superiors, whose language on these occasions lead the Board to conclude that he has been an useful, well behaved and industrious officer rather than one of high intellectual attainments.

7. Mr. Fraser proposes to leave Narrain Row in his present situation, making reductions, if necessary in his pecun establishment to meet the additional charge of 75 Rupees per mensem, which this arrangement involves. The revision of establishments now being effected by Mr. Pelly, renders this impracticable at present.

8. Mr. Fraser apparently does not see the position in which the Board are placed. He asks them to recommend that an officer of 28 years good service, (of whom neither he nor they know anything personally,) shall be reduced because he does not know English, and because he has served so long in the district. The latter objection must, the Board think, proceed from a misapprehension of the future position of the new grade of office Manager. These persons are to be strictly *managerial* officers without the power or influence of the old Head Sheristadars, and under these circumstances local knowledge and experience would be an advantage rather than the reverse. Ignorance of the English will certainly be an inconvenience now that so much business is done in that language.

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9. The Board resolve to submit Mr. Fraser's proposition for the orders of Government. Narrain Row cannot at present be made a Tahsildar, and the reduction of talooks in the course of Mr. Pelly's revision will lessen the probability of vacancies in that grade for some time. Narrain Row's pension at only one-third of his salary would amount to Rupees 58; adding to this his successor's salary Rupees 100, there would be a saving of Rupees 17 per mensem, by this arrangement; but considering that Narrain Row has served for a lengthened period and is not to be pensioned for any fault, Government would probably grant him something more than one-third of his pay. The Board would, therefore, rather suggest, (if Mr. Fraser's objections to his being made the Collector's Manager commend themselves to Government,) that he should continue as sub-division Manager on Rupees 175, until an opportunity occurs for providing for him in some other capacity.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1859, No. 1220.

This case falls strictly within the meaning of the latter part of the first para. of the Proceedings of Government of July 5th 1859, No. 887; and its disposal should be governed by the order given in the second para.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

