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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 15. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 6th October 1859, No. 4037.

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Sigd A. Braddon.

Acting Secretary.

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Rev. Dept.

No. 1432

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 24 October 1859
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to the Board of Revenue

Bringing to the notice of Govt with the Board's observations a letter published in the general Advertiser & Journal of Commerce of the 28th Ultimo from the Zamindar of Vizianagaram to Mr. C.P. Rudd in which the Zamindar states that he had been in the habit of paying annual sums to the Hon'ble Christian D. Krishnadoss to ensure himself against the Christian's Officer having recorded to his annoyance & detriment.

(Hon'ble entered 6th Oct. 59 No. 4937)

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Rec'd 24 June 1859
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The Right Honble Sir Charles Trevelyan Bart
Governor &c &c &c

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2. We request that you will be pleased to move Government to direct that the Zamindar be informed that the Government cannot allow imputations of the nature contained in his letter to pass unnoticed, and that he be called upon to state whether he has any grounds for the charges he has made against Mr. Krishnadoss.

3. We have the honor to be
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Your most obedient Servants
(Signed) J. Thomas
Actg Secy
(Signed) F. Stoneham
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Board's Office
Octr 15th 1859

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Rec'd 6 Oct 1859
Read 7 Oct 1859
Ent: F. Stoneham
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Copy of a letter from the Zamindar of Vizianagaram to C.P. Rudd Esqr published in the General Advertiser & Journal of Commerce of the 28th Ultimo.

This communication ends.
=Entered 6th Oct.

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6 Copies.

To The Board of Revenue Dis.p 25.

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Dy 24th Octr/59
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General Advertiser against
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