

Revenue Department

Nº 431

Inted 30-3-1859

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 1st April 1859.

No. 81. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th March 1859, No. 927.

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2. The Board consider this proceeding open to great objection.

3. The reason assigned in para. 3 is manifestly insufficient and calculated to be misunderstood by the people, as the Christian population of the Salem District cannot be so numerous as to need the interposition of Government in such a matter. The assigning such a cause for an order which could only be founded on religious grounds can therefore only tend to excite suspicion.

4. The matter was also one in which the Acting Collector could not authoritatively interfere in this general manner.

5. He should have obtained the permission of Government before issuing such an order, and meanwhile the Board direct its suspension and omission from future Gazettes.

Ordered that copy of these Proceedings be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 82. ORDER THEREON, No. 431 ; dated 30th March 1859.

The Government approve of the order passed by the Board of Revenue in this matter.

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

No. 927.

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J. S. M.
Secretary.

To

A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Acting Collector of Salem.
Copy to Government.

Copied in a letter from
30 March 1859. No 238.

Revenue 1859 Report
to the Council of the
Board of Revenue.

Extract from the
Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue
dated 17th
18th } March 1859

No 227.

From 2nd 18th June 59
to 22nd 6th in Council 1859. 41-42
From 22nd 6th to 22nd 18th July 59
in Council 1859. 29-30-31-42
conforming to the
of the objection taken by
the Board to and in regard
to proceedings on the
part of the 18th Collector
of Salem in having
issued an order directing
his Sahibdars and
hewings to prevent
the holding of village
markets on Sundays.

No 81 482.

Copy in the B 26th

At 4.31. 30th March 1859.

With an entry

No 1231

The Government of the
of the order passed by the Board
of Revenue in this matter.

At 4.31. 30th
30th March 1859.

3 Copies to the C.D. of the B 26th

With