Revenue Department

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Dated 1st July 1889

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 25th June to 1st July 1859.

No. 3. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th June 1859, No. 2153.

Read again letter from the Collector of Masulipatam, dated 10th March 1859, No. 24.

(In Con. 15th March 1859, No. 1058.)

Read also letters from the same officer, dated 12th and 25th April 1859, No. 58.

(In Cons. 16th and 29th April 1859, Nos. 1711 and 1898.)

In Consultation 2d February 1859, No. 432.

Resolved that the above letters be submitted for the orders of Government, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 31st January 1859, No. 129, Revenue Department, and to the Endorsement of Government on Petition No. 926 of 1859.

2. In the Extract Minutes Consultation above quoted, Government were pleased to direct that Nagaswara Row should be restored to the office of Native Record Keeper in the Huzoor Cutcherry of Masulipatam, from which he had been dismissed, and these orders were cbmmnicated by the Board to the Collector who in the first of the letters above recorded brought to notice that although in 1856, on his restoration to the service, Nagaswara Row was appointed by Mr. Lushington to the post of Native Record Keeper, he was directed to do duty under the Head Sheristadar and in fact has never entered the record room, or had any charge of the Records, and Mr. Knox feeling an utter distrust in him, deprecates his being entrusted with so responsible, and confidental duties as those of the post to which he stands appointed but which he has never hitherto been permitted to perform.

3. Copies of the orders issued by Mr. Lushington on the occasion of Nagaswara Row's restoration to the Public Service in 1856, accompany Mr. Knox's letter of 25th April, and testify to Mr. Lushington's ill opinion of the man.

4. The Board do not understand that the orders of Government were intended to do more than restore Nagaswara Row to the position he occupied before his recent dismissal, but they object on principle to the practice of allowing a person to draw the pay of an office the duties of of which he is considered unworthy to perform, and in the face of the strong opinions expressed by the different local officers on this point the Board cannot question the justness of the estimate of Nagaswara Row's character. They beg therefore to recommend that the Collector be authorized to employ him in some position where he will be powerless for evil, and considering the man's bad reputation they do not consider that some slight loss of pay should be allowed to stand in the way of an arrangement deemed necessary for the satisfactory performance of the public service if it cannot be otherwise effected. Any proposals that the Collector may make can if thought necessary be submitted for the approval of Government.

5. In his letter of 12th April above recorded Mr. Knox reports on Nagaswara Row's application for arrears of pay during the interval between his dismissal and restoration, and that he may be removed to either Guntoor or Rajahmundry.

6. Nagaswara Row's petition to Government No. 926 of 1859, contains a similar application regarding his arrears of pay, and also prays that the period he was out of employ may not be deducted from his service for pension.

7. The pay in question amounting to Rupees 323, having been all ready disbursed to the person who did the duty, the orders of Government are necessary for the further payment to Petitioner, should they wish such to be made. The second prayer of his petition the Board beg to leave for the decision of Government, as they are unable to support it by a favourable recommendation.

8. Neither can they recommend his removal to another District which they would consider unfair to the officer in authority there, and they also think that Nagaswara Row is less likely to do harm where he is well known and little trusted.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Sub Secretary.*

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 25th June 1859, No. 839.

The views of the Board expressed in the early part of para. 4 of these Proceedings are correct. The Board will authorize the employment of Nágéswara Ráo in a suitable post, in accordance with the recommendation in the latter part of the same para. The Governor in Council agrees with the Board that he should not be transferred to another District.

2. Nágéswara Ráo's dismissal having been pronounced to be wrong, the redress of that wrong requires that he should count for pension the time when he was out of employ as well as receive the arrears of salary. The Civil Auditor will be instructed to pass the amount of the arrears.

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

IN CON. 16TH APRIL 1859, No. 1711.

From T. J. KNOX, Esq., Acting Collector of MASULIPATAM,
dated Masulipatam, 12th April 1859, No. 58.

* Herewith returned.

With reference to Endorsement on Petition* No. 814 of 1859, I have the honor to remind the Board that the Petitioner's removal to another District has already been proposed by the Collector's letter to the Board of Revenue dated 10th March 1859, No. 24. As to arrears of pay claimed by Petitioner for the time he was out of office, there are no funds available, the salary of the Petitioner's office having been already disbursed to the party who did the duty. Should the Board be pleased to order the payment of this amount, being Rupees 323, namely from 20th April 1858 to 13th March 1859, at 30 Rupees a month, I should require the sanction of Government for its payment.

Received Copy of
1859 No. 1711 Despatch
from the Jt Collector of
Masulipatam
to the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George
Dated 12th April 1859
Rec'd 16th " "
Inclosure 1 "
No. 58.
Encl. 1 Rec'd P. 10th 59
No. 1
Corresponding with reference
to the Endorsement of the Board
of Rev.e on the Petition No. 814
of 1859 and the annexure of the
Petitioner therein referred
to in Letter from this
Board dated 29th inst.
Sanction of Government
for its Payment

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to Bd's No 2153 of 1859

IN CON. 29TH APRIL 1859, No. 1898.

From T. J. KNOX, Esq., Acting Collector of MASULIPATAM,

dated Masulipatam, 25th April 1859.

1. In reply to Extract of Proceedings dated 2d April 1859, I have the honor to forward translation of Mr. Lushington's order, which was, I believe, forwarded before as an Enclosure No. 4 in the Collector's letter of the 10th July 1858, No. 136.

2. The Board will remark, that Nangaswara Row was never ordered to take charge of the records; and I annex a copy of the order in English written by Mr. Lushington himself in a Memo. book of the Sheristadar's. There can be no doubt Mr. Lushington considered Nangaswara Row an unsafe person, who, though he was allowed to draw the pay, was not to do the duties of the office.

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ENC. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Translation of Mr. Lushington's order dated 18th February 1856.

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ENC. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Copy of the English order of Mr. Lushington.

Received Copy of
Abstract
from
the Asst. Collector
Masulipatam
dated 15th March 1859
Rec'd 29th " "
Answd 29th " "
Recorded

Forwarding Copy of an
Order of the Lushington
Regarding the Reinstatement
of T. Nagaswara Rau.

Rec'd 25th

3
R. Dispatch 2153 of 1859

Ir Con. 15th March 1859, No. 1058.

From W. KNOX, Esq., Collector of MASULIPATAM.

dated Padanah, 10th March 1859, No. 24.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Board's Proceedings dated 15th Ultimo No. 582, In obedience to the orders of Government I shall, when Nagaswara Row attends at the Cutcherry, put him into the position he held when he was dismissed, but I beg leave most respectfully to deprecate his ever being allowed to enter the record room, or undertake the highly responsible and confidential duties of record keeper unless such be the special orders of Government, and I be not held responsible for his proceedings. After my experience in Ganjam I naturally dread any opening to intrigue in an office in which more than any other the interests of Government, and the people, are so completely at the mercy of the Office keeper.

I confess I feel deeply grieved at having this man so distrusted by Mr. Lushington, and those who came after him, sent back to the office with such a severe censure, which must apply to me as well as to Mr. T. J. Knox. My only hope is, that as the order which Mr. Lushington passed, and in which he marked his opinion of the man's unworthiness to hold the appointment by ordering him to do duty in the Sheristadar's office, is not mentioned in the Extract Minutes Consultation it may have escaped notice and I would therefore beg of the Board to urge a reconsideration of the whole proceedings; there is such general feeling against the man, that it would certainly be for his benefit to be transfered to a less prejudiced district. I may add, that the person most averse to his employment here, is the Head Sheristadar whose character is well known and whose partialities are certainly not with the old district party, owing to the exposure of whose misdeeds by Nagaswara Row and others, the present men hold office.

Revenue Dept.

No. 839

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 25th June 1859.

Read the following

Extract from the Proceedings

of the Board of Revenue.

Here enter 9th June 1859 No. 2153/

The views of the

Board expressed in the early

part of para 4 of these

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The Board will authorize

the employment of Nageswar

Rao in a suitable post, in

accordance with the recommen-

-dation in the latter part

of the same para. The

Governor in Council agrees

with the Board that he

should

Duplicate Copy of
1859 No. 1038 Despatch
from the Collector of
Masulipatam
& Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Sanction sought
Dated 10th March } 1859
Rec'd 15th " "
Regd 17th " do
Ans. Cano. 15th March 1859
No. 24 Dated 1893/59
N. B.

Replying with reference
to the Board's Proceedings of the
15th Ultimo No. 582 Read, &c.
&c. Nagaswara Rau, when
he attends the Collectorate
shall be put in the Stand
under the Head, when he
was dismissed.

R. Bds Cte No 2153 9th 1859

should not be transferred to another District.

2. Nageswara Rao's dismissal having been pronounced to be wrong, the peculiar circumstances of that case require that he should count for pension the time when he was out of employ as well as receive the arrears of salary. The Civil Auditor will be instructed to pass the amount of the arrears.

[signature]

b Copies to the Bd of Rev. Dated 27th
with a Letter
1 — to Civil Auds
1 — Petitioner Copy
with Govt Resolution

Revenue 1859 Departt.
Pro: of Govt. 1st July.

No 839.

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
D/ 25th June 59.

From Civil Aud. D/ 22d
July 59 C. No 1350 in Corr.
26 July - 100 -
Pro. of the Pt. of Rev. Dated 15th
Augt 1859 C. No. 1519 in Corr. 2d
Sept. 59 No. 1177
Nagiswara Naido to
be employed in the same
District. The time he was out
of employ to be counted for
pension with arrears of
salary -

No 844.

Ans: 1st Febry 59 No 56 & 58

16th June 1859