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Government of Madras.

Revenue—**DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of March 1860.

No. 130. Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Agent to the Governor, &c., to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vizagapatam, 11th February 1860, No. 43 :—

By the Gazette of the 27th January, Mr. Davidson, my Acting Principal Assistant, was directed to proceed forthwith to Ganjam, and there act for a period of two months for Mr. Forbes.

2. At the time of his removal, Mr. Davidson was occupied with the Jamábandí of the Sarvasiddi táluq, and was my only regular Assistant. Captain Owen has the Revenue and Judicial charge of the Gólgonda táluq only, in addition to his duties as Commandant of Sibbandis. I myself was then out in the northern portion of the District, and have been so since the middle of last month, visiting the Zamindáris, enquiring into their management, &c., &c.,—matters so important as to demand a yearly report; Mr. Davidson had, therefore, to give over charge to the only Deputy Collector, Narasinga Rau, at Vizagapatam, and proceed forthwith to Ganjam.

3. Narasinga Rau took temporary Revenue charge, but I have since ordered Captain Owen into the Sarvasiddi táluq, to go on with the Jamábandí, as the Deputy Collector above referred to, has as yet but little or no experience in Revenue affairs.

P. S.—Narasinga Rau has for some time been in ill health, but has fortunately not taken a sick certificate; if he had done so, there would have been no one to take charge from Mr. Davidson within some sixty miles.

4. The Jamábandí of both táluqs will fully occupy Captain Owen for some time, and the additional charge will necessarily take him some distance away from his head quarters (Narsápatam), and interfere with his regular duties as Commandant of Sibbandis; I request, therefore, the Honorable the Governor in Council will, under the circumstances, be pleased to order Mr. Dalyell, my Senior Assistant, now stationed at Cuddalore, to join his appointment.

5. If Mr. Dalyell could not be spared, but some other gentleman were appointed Senior Assistant, much of the Civil and other work, which is now in arrears, would be disposed of, to the great convenience of suitors. Why or wherefore I know not, but somehow or other it has so happened that the Officer holding the appointment of Senior Assistant has for the last six or seven years always been acting in other Districts, and consequently his Civil and other duties here have fallen upon the shoulders of the Principal Assistant, and now the Principal Assistant being called away, the District work must fall vastly in arrears.

6. If Mr. Dalyell's services cannot at present be made available, I beg the Governor in Council will be pleased to appoint the remaining two Deputy Collectors allotted to this District, and direct them to join forthwith; as if they do so, much of the present embarrassment would be avoided, and the arrears of work somewhat cleared off.

7. After the Deputy Collectors have joined, I beg, that as this is a non-Regulation Province, they may be vested with the powers of a District Munsif, under the ordinary Courts in Civil matters; I also beg that the present Munsifs be empowered to exercise criminal powers under Act XII of 1854; both measures would, I am sure, be congenial to the habits of the people, and would facilitate their attainment of speedy justice.

8. If the Deputy Collectors are granted judicial powers, they should be designated Deputy Agents. The three Munsifs that I wish to be granted magisterial powers are respectively of Wádádi, Vizianagaram and Sítánagaram.

No. 131. ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1860, No. 496.

This letter will be referred to the Judicial Department, where the suggestion in paragraphs 7 and 8 for investing the District Munsifs of Wádádi, Vizianagaram and Sítánagaram with criminal powers under Act XII of 1854, will be considered.

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

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7. After the Deputy Collectors have joined, I beg, that as this is a non-regulation province, they may be vested with the powers of a District Moonsiff under the ordinary Courts in Civil Matters; I also beg that the present Moonsiffs be empowered to exercise Criminal powers under act XII of 1854; both measures would I am sure be congenial to the habits of the people and would facilitate their attainment of speedy justice.

8. If the Deputy Collectors are granted judicial powers, they should be designated Deputy Agents.- The three Moonsiffs that I wish to be granted Magisterial powers, are respectively of Waddady, Vizianagrum and Seetanagrum.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed.t Servant

Waddadi

Sitanagaram

Edward Fane
Agent to the Governor

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3 Copies to Govt St. Geo: 31st March 1860.
The Judl Dept. Dispd 2 "
1 " Agent Vizagapatam "

Received 5th April 1860
Answered 7th "

Dated 1st February 1860

To the Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to report for the information of Government that the Petitioners in the margin have applied to me for the appointment of Village Magistrates for the Villages of Nuddadi, Vizianagram and Srikakulam, and I have the honor to request that the Petitioners may be appointed Village Magistrates for the Villages of Nuddadi, Vizianagram and Srikakulam.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
[illegible]
Collector

Petitioners
Nuddadi
Vizianagram
Srikakulam