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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1483 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 31. 8 — 1860.

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No. 401. *PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.*

Dated 31*st August* 1860, *No.* 1,483.

1. The attention of the Government has been drawn to a notice bearing the signature of the Collector of Madura, published in the "Fort Saint George Gazette" of the 14th instant; stating that travellers frequently refuse to pay the hire due for bullocks posted for them, and leave the District without doing so; and declaring that the Collector, therefore, will not for the future post bullocks or bearers, for travellers passing through his District.

2. On this notice the Government have to observe, first, that posting bullocks and bearers for travellers is a part of the duty of the Collector and that he can no more get rid of the obligation to do so by a Notification in the Gazette, than of any other part of his duty.

3. Further, the notice is illogical. If certain travellers behave dishonestly, that is no sufficient reason for subjecting all travellers to inconvenience. The proper remedy is to pursue the defaulters, and either to compel them to pay the demand, or at least to make known their names as a warning to other Collectors.

4. Lastly, the Government regard the notice as very objectionable in tone and spirit, for the indifference which it manifests to the convenience of travellers.

5. The Governor in Council now directs Mr. Levinge to recall his notice; and to resume the practice of posting bullocks and bearers, adopting such reasonable precautions against evasion of payment as he may think expedient, until general Regulations on the subject shall be issued. This change, and the conditions of posting, should be as publicly made known, as the declaration now under reference.

6. The Board of Revenue were requested some months ago to report the means which they would recommend to be adopted, with the view of aiding travellers, without compulsion or unfairness. They will now be desired to hasten their Report.

7. Travelling with bullocks has now very generally superseded the old practice of travelling by palankeen. It appears to Government that it will not be difficult to devise arrangements, analogous in many respects to those formerly framed with respect to Bearers, for ensuring the regular and systematic posting of bullocks, and punctual payment for them. The rate of hire should be liberal; and in the opinion of Government the time has now arrived when a uniform rate may properly be fixed. There should be fixed rates also of batta for detention; and limitation as to number of passengers, weight of baggage, and size of vehicle.

8. With carefully framed rules on the foregoing and other points, there seems no reason why travelling by bullock post should not be as easy, regular, and certain, as travelling with posted bearers was formerly.

9. The Board of Revenue will, without delay, instruct all Collectors to the effect of paragraph 5 of this Order, pending the issue of revised instructions.

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

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Under date the 31st Augt. 1860.

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12 Copies to Collector.
Deputy
1 — to Sub of Madura.

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Dy 31st August 1860

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Collector of Madura
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for travellers passing thro' his
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