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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 24th December 1860.

No. 458. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th December 1860, No. 5,929:—

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Chittoor, 14th December 1860, No. 300.

SIR,

Dated 6th December, No. 2,319. *Dated 8th December* 1860, *No.* 2,344.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of Government with orders thereon noted in the margin.

2. In order No. 2,319, I am called on to state how I propose to employ Mr. Locke in the event of Deputy Collector Narasimha Pantulu being appointed to the Treasury, and in order No. 2,352, I am again asked whether there is any objection to Narasimha Pantulu being placed in charge of the Zamíndárís of Calastri and Karvetinagaram and made Income Tax Assessor in those tracts, and to Mr. Locke who has not yet qualified for independent charge being appointed to the Treasury. The arrangement here indicated would indeed please me better than the one I have myself proposed, and which I made only because I was apprehensive that there might be a difficulty in gazetting Mr. Locke to the Treasury until he had qualified for independent charge. If, as I infer from the tenor of the order, no such objection exists, I beg to solicit that Government will be pleased to recognize the temporary arrangement, heretofore permitted, by gazetting Mr. Locke as Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, when Narasimha Pantulu would be stationed at Narainavanam in charge of the Zamíndárís with the powers of Assessor in those tracts.

3. Government are however aware that since my letter, and the orders to which I am now replying, were written, I have lost my Head Assistant; and this at a time when, in addition to the heavy additional requirements attendant on the administration of the Income Tax and "*Small Arts and Trades* Acts," the annual Settlement of the District is about to begin under circumstances of more than usual difficulty arising out of an unfavorable season and other local causes.

4. My present staff is obviously inadequate to the business requirements of the District; and the only way in which I can hope to keep pace with these is by assigning to Narasimha Pantulu, in addition to the entire Zamíndárí charge, the Revenue and Magisterial management of the Chendragiri Táluq, and by Mr. Locke being permitted to exercise the powers of Assessor in such a range as, with reference to his duties in the Treasury and Account Departments and the Sub-division of the general work, may be found necessary.

5. With the abolition of the Paymastership at Vellore, and the Pension Department at Arnee, a vast amount of correspondence and additional labour has devolved upon my Office, and it will only be by a well considered distribution of the work that business can be conducted with any degree of punctuality and precision.

6. Mr. Leman has, the Board are aware, not yet qualified for independent charge; and I am therefore, in the absence of a Head Assistant and the uncertainty whether that vacancy will be filled, compelled to make shift as I best can with the staff at my disposal.

7. On these grounds, I venture respectfully to express my hope that Government will at once dispose of the question of the Treasury and Zamíndárí charges by gazetting Mr. Locke to the former, and so leaving Narasimha Pantulu available for the latter, and that they will permit both these Officers to exercise the powers of Assessors within such ranges as may fairly fall to their share in the general allotment of the business of the District.

8. In conclusion, and with reference to paragraph 3 of Order No. 2,352, I beg to propose that the Arnee Jáhgír be attached to, and form with the Wandavashi Táluq, one Income Tax range, and that the Zamíndárís of Kangundi and Punganur be, for the purposes of the Act, attached to the Táluqs of Gudiattam and Palamanér respectively as a temporary arrangement, and until the amount of work connected with Income Tax operations can be more accurately estimated, than is possible at the present stage of proceedings.

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1. Ordered to be submitted to Government with reference to their Proceedings quoted by the Acting Collector.

2. The Board recommend that Mr. Locke be for the present gazetted to the charge of the Treasury, and Narasimha Pantulu to that of the Zamindáris with the powers of an Assessor of Income Tax in those limits and also with the powers contemplated by Section 23 of the Act.

3. With reference to paragraph 5 the Acting Collector will learn from the Government order, dated 13th December 1860, that he is authorized to entertain the standard Establishment in the Pension Department.

4. The Acting Collector will please to explain more fully the intention of the arrangement proposed in paragraph 8, and whether the Board are right in understanding him to intend that the Tahsíldárs of the Táluqs shall be Assessors of Income Tax in the Zamindáris which he proposes to unite with them.

(A true Extract and Copy.)

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

No. 459.

ORDER THEREON, 24th December 1860, No. 2,514.

1. Agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Revenue conveyed in paragraph 2 of these Proceedings, the Government resolve to appoint Mr. Locke to the charge of the Treasury in North Arcot.

2. Narasimha Pantulu will take charge of the Zamindáris of Calastri and Cavetnugger in that District.

3. The Government also authorize the Collector to delegate to Narasimha Pantulu the powers contemplated by Section 23 of the Act.

4. On the subject of paragraph 4 of the present Proceedings, the Governor in Council will await a further report from the Board, which they are requested to expedite.

5. The allusion in paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter to the "Small Arts and Trades Acts" needs explanation, which the Board are requested to obtain and forward.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Chas D. Hall

No 2874

Revenue Dept. Minutes of Meetings Commissioners
Inland Revenue Office 24th Dec 1869

Present Mr Lowe Chairman
Mr Hamilton
Mr Pearce

Read Minutes of last Board

Read Correspondence

On Mr Hall's Report on Mr Lowe's letter
to Messrs Rowe & Pearce's letter
Ordered that the Solicitor be
requested to draw Bonds &c
in accordance with Mr Hall's
recommendation

Read letter from Mr Hall dated 17th Dec 1869
forwarding Memorial from
Officers of Inland Revenue
Ordered that the Memorial be
referred to the Solicitor
Mr Hall to attend
Mr Hall withdrew

2 The Govt also authorize the Collector to delegate to Saravanamba Pandaram the powers contemplated by section 23 of the Act.

3 On the subject of the 4 & 5 of the President Pro: the Governor in Council will be glad to receive a further report from the Board, which they are requested to forward accordingly.

4 The allusion in para 3 of the Collector's letter to the Inamdar acts and Inamdars acts need no explanation which the Board are requested to obtain and forward.

J. D. J.

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Revenue 1860 Department
Govt of Fort St George

No 2514.

Govt of the Madras
Government

Dated 24th December 1860.

Referring to orders in the
Board's Proceedings recommending that Mr L. be appointed to the charge
of the Treasury in North
Arcot, and Narasimha
Pantulu to that of the Examiners with the powers
of an assessor of Income
Tax.

No 4584/459.

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