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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd July 1861.*

No. 26. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th June 1861,
No. 2,945:—

Read the following letter from J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to
W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated
Kadamalakalva, 22nd May 1861, No. 45.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 6th instant, No. 2,315, forwarding the Order of Government, No. 965 of the 30th April, remarking on the falling off in the collections of this District being attributed to want of punctuality in the payment of the Kists, refusing to admit such a reason, and pointing out that it reflects discredit on the Revenue Officers of the District, I have the honor to state that the falling off in Kurnool has been occasioned by other causes, and was wrongly attributed to unpunctuality by the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury who prepared the statement.

2. The real causes of the falling off of the collections in Kurnool are, first, the transfer of nearly 100 villages in the late Doopad Taluq to the District of Nellore, and secondly, the badness of the season in the Taluqs of Cumbum and Markapoor, which have occasioned a large decrease in the Land Revenue demand of those Taluqs. There has been no unpunctuality in the general payment of Kists, which have on the contrary been collected with their usual regularity, a point which I should consider myself deserving the censure of Government if I had not properly attended to.

3. In the Taluqs of Cumbum and Markapoor, the collections are certainly not so regular as they ought to be, but such has always been the case in these Taluqs, and is not worse this year than the last. The Head Assistant Collector is aware of the importance of this point, and I have no doubt that the collection of the revenue will soon be as punctual within his charge, as it is in the rest of the District, if, as I trust, I can make arrangements for improving the efficiency of his Tahsildars.

4. I regret much that the Deputy Collector who prepared the statement of collections, should have sent in an erroneous explanation on so important a point, more especially as I had on a previous occasion told him that such a reason was disgraceful to the District, and should never be offered on insufficient grounds. The Jamabandi and Income Tax settlement have detained me in the Taluqs since the beginning of the year, and I have consequently been unable personally to supervise the statement, and correct this unfortunate error.

Ordered to be submitted to Government, with reference to their remarks quoted by the Collector. The Board are glad to receive Mr. Minchin's explanation.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1861, No. 1,317.

The Deputy Collector should be reprimanded by the Collector for his inaccurate statement.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to J. I. Minchin, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool.

Exd. J. Wright.

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