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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 259. Read the following letter from H. A. BRETT, Esq., Collector of Salem, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Salem, 1st May 1861, No. 62:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated the 23rd March last, No. 685, calling my attention to the statement on page 211 of the "Madras Statesman," to the effect that Mr. Martin, Acting Deputy Collector of Salem, is one of the largest Coffee Planters on the Shervaroy Hills; and stating that if there was any truth in that statement, Mr. Martin, under the late orders, must either give up his appointment as Acting Deputy Collector or dispose of his land.

2. In reply I beg to state that I sent a copy of the Proceedings to Mr. Martin, and called upon him to state what course he would pursue under the orders of Government. Mr. Martin sent me a reply on the 27th ultimo, a copy of which is enclosed for the information of Government.

3. Mr. Martin states that he does possess a Coffee Estate which he purchased eight years ago on the Shervaroy Hills, and that he could not dispose of this estate without incurring a great loss. He explains that the management of his estate is entrusted to an Agent residing on the property; that in his present appointment of Acting Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury he holds no Revenue or Police charge; and that he is in no way, in his official capacity, connected with the Shervaroy Hills, the charge of which is vested in the Special Deputy Collector. He also requests, that in consideration of his long and faithful service, extending over a period of 30 years, more than 20 of which has been spent as Head of the Account Department, I will submit to Government his claims to a similar appointment elsewhere, if the Government should think it necessary to remove him from his present post.

4. I beg, on my part, to represent that it would be very inconvenient for me, if Mr. Martin should be displaced before another person can be sent to Salem in his stead; and to request on public grounds that the Government will permit him to continue acting for Appasawmy Mudaliar, till arrangements can be made to relieve him.

5. I also think it right to recommend Mr. Martin for the appointment of a Deputy Collector in another District, for Mr. Martin is perfectly qualified for the duties of a Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, and is a deserving public servant of long standing. His claims to the favorable consideration of Government have been explained in my letter to the Board, dated 23rd January 1861, No. 5, a copy of which is already before Government.

6. With regard to paragraph 5 of Mr. Martin's letter, I should state that he was not with my Office when I received the Board's Order, dated the 17th November 1860, No. 5,367, in which is laid down the rule that Deputy Collectors must not hold lands in the District in which they are employed. It escaped my recollection when I recommended him for the vacant appointment that he had landed property on the Shervaroy Hills. I should also add that Mr. Martin's answer was delayed from my not being able to furnish him with the orders quoted in the Proceedings of Government to which I am now replying. It appears that the Board, in the Proceedings above referred to, gave the substance of the orders in question, but did not circulate the orders themselves. Some time was lost while inquiries were made on this point or Mr. Martin's answer would have been earlier submitted.

No. 260. ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1861, No. 1,434.

As Mr. Martin's appointment is only temporary, and as in his capacity of Treasury Deputy he has no authority on the Shervaroy Hills, the Government will not remove him from office merely because he has an estate on those Hills.

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

Salem 27th April 1814

No 156.

To

N. A. Brett Esquire

Collector of Salem

Sir,

With reference to your official Memorandum, dated the 5th instant, No 183, Requiring me to state what course I should wish to pursue as respects the orders Conveyed in the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated the 23d March last, No 685, I beg to state that I do propose a Coffee plantation on the Shevaroy Hills, and that in consequence I am apparently precluded by the late orders from holding the appointment of a Deputy Collector in the Salem District.

2. Beg however to state that my land on the Sherooy Hills was acquired eight years ago and that the entire management of the estate is carried on by an Agent residing on the property.

3. I also beg to remind you that in my present capacity I hold no Revenue or Police Charge, and that as Deputy Collector in Charge of the Treasury I am in no way connected with the Sherooy Hills, the charge of which is held by Mr. Boath the Special Deputy Collector.

4. At present my appoint=ment as Deputy Collector is wholly a temporary one, and if it were permanent it would still be im=possible for me to dispose of my property on the Sherooy Hills without great loss. I therefore trust that in consideration of my long and faithful servic of nearly 30 years, more than 20 of which has been spent as head of the Account Department, you will be pleased to lay before Government my claims to a similar promotion elsewhere, and will kindly recommend that I might be transferred to an equi=valent appointment in another District.

5. I wish to explain in con=clusion that at the time I regretted you to submit my application for the temporary appointment of Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury in this District I was not acquainted with the recent order by which the previous one permitting Deputy Collectors to hold lands in the District

in which they are employed is resolved.

Leg to Remain &c

Signed R. Martin

Acting Deputy Collector

/ True Copy /

A Brett

Collector

Answer would have been earlier submitted.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

A Brett

Collector.

Copy of a letter from the Commissioners of Customs dated 10th Dec. 1861 stating that the Collector's application for an additional Clerk in the Collector's Office cannot be complied with at present.

Dec: 10/13 1861

Board of Customs

Inwards 16 Dec 1861

No. 1862

Revenue Dep.t Sov.
Rom.n N.o 1078
The Collector of Salem
To the Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George

Dated 1st Sept.r/61
Rd 3rd } ——

N.o 62

Enclosures 1.

Forwards copy of a letter from Mr. Martin Asst to Mr. & explains that his removal pro tem will be attended with great inconvenience.

N.o 1434 - 18th July.

R. 23d March/62 N.o 435.

Mc Pro. for February/62 N.o 64-65

N.o 259 to 260.

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Fort St George
18th July/61.

J. D. S

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Mr. Collector of Salem. " 18