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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 10th September 1861.

No. 82. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th August 1861, No. 4,639:—

Read the following letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Tenkasy, 9th August 1861, No. 355.

SIR,

1. With reference to the appointment of Mr. Underwood to be a Deputy Collector in Tinnevelly, I have the honor to submit for the approval and sanction of the Board, a statement of the duties which I propose to entrust to that gentleman.

2. Mr. Underwood's appointment as Deputy Collector is a general one, but as it is necessary that an Officer should be in special charge of the Salt Department, I propose that the Salt and Sea Customs should be placed under his management, with Tuticorin as his head-quarters. The Board will observe from the report of the Collector of South Arcot, dated 25th June 1860, that Mr. Underwood has already had some experience in the Salt Department in that District.

3. I further find, that Mr. Underwood has had two and a half years' experience in Police duties in South Arcot, and that he has passed the Covenanted test; he is, therefore, in a position to render me much more assistance than the late Deputy Collector Mr. Wright, who had no experience, and has never passed an examination. A local Magistrate is much needed in Tuticorin, and I propose that Mr. Underwood should be placed in magisterial charge of the town, with authority to exercise the extended powers conferred by Act VII of 1843, which also enables him to deal with cases of fraudulent breach of contract, under Act XIII of 1859. Mr. Underwood's experience, and the character given him by the Collector and Magistrate of South Arcot in his report to the Board of 25th June 1860, above referred to, show him to be qualified to perform these duties, which would in no way interfere with his charge of the salt; and a want complained of by the residents of Tuticorin would be thus supplied.

4. As regards the Income Tax Act, I am not aware what duties Mr. Underwood has hitherto performed in South Arcot under it. If he has been already vested with powers under Section XXIII, he might exercise the same in the town of Tuticorin, making all the assessments there under my direction and control. If he has only been vested with powers under Section XXII, he can then exercise them in the town, as Mr. Wright the late Deputy was ordered to do; and he should superintend and manage the collection of the tax in the town.

5. Mr. Underwood's duties would thus comprise the charge of the Salt and Sea Customs, magisterial charge of the town of Tuticorin, and management of the Income Tax in the town. The charge is a light one, and perfectly within the power of a Deputy Collector to discharge efficiently.

Ordered to be submitted for the approval of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 83. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1861, No. 1,787.

The Government approve the duties and powers proposed to be entrusted to Mr. Underwood, Deputy Collector of Tinnevelly.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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Tinnevelly Collector's Circuit
Cutcherry Tenkasy 9th
August 1861.

Shaw & Co
/Signd/ J. Silver
Collector

Ordered to be submitted for the approval of Government.

/Actg Depy Secy/

Secretary

To J. D. Sim Esqr
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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to place Mr. Underwood Dep.y
Coll.r in charge of the Salt
and Sea Customs with the
Magisterial Charges of the
Town of Tuticorin and the
Management of the In-
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I Write. Read the
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to Mr. H. - I would be
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