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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 18th October 1861.

No. 232. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th September 1861, No. 5,237:—

Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Agent to the Governor, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Vizagapatam, 11th September 1861, No. 973.

SIR,

1. Referring to paragraph 4 of the Order of Government, dated 26th August last, No. 1,706, forwarded by the Board with their Proceedings of the 9th August 1861, No. 4,316, I have the honor to state that nothing has been done by me to prevent the Zamíndár of Jeypore or he of Paunchepentah, collecting tolls on traders passing through their respective territories; the reasons for my being thus inactive, were, that by the Proceedings of Government, dated 30th August 1859, No. 516, those two Zamíndárs were indirectly authorized to collect the tax for the time being, as having no Police in those tracts it was considered undesirable to interfere.

2. The nature and description of these taxes were so fully described by my predecessor in his letter of the 16th June and 21st July 1859, Nos. 531 and 676, that I need now say no more on that head. I am, however, particularly anxious that these transit dues should be discontinued; but I do not see how this could be done with any justice to the traders, until such time as a strong Police is located at Jeypore, and in the intermediate hill country of Paunchepentah.

3. As I am on the subject of Jeypore, I beg to enclose the report* of the Inspector General of Mufassal Police, and to call the Board's particular attention to paragraphs 10 13 and 14, which will give the Board an idea of the difficulty that there will be in putting a stop to the road collections in the hills until both an efficient Police, and an Assistant Agent are permanently located up there. For an Assistant Agent I have lately applied† direct to Government, and mean to urge this day upon the Inspector General of Police, the propriety of at once nominating an Assistant Superintendent of Police to be associated with the Assistant Agent at Jeypore.

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4. These Officers will be absolutely required, as in addition to the abovementioned duty of putting a stop to the illegal transit dues, a large amount of Income tax, and as is supposed, an also large amount of License tax, will have to be there collected; the whole of these collections will have to remain in abeyance till such time as these officers are appointed and accompany me to Jeypore. I, therefore, trust the Board will impress the Government with the necessity of speedily appointing the officers in question, as I am desirous of going to Jeypore not later than January next, and should wish both Officers, whether Civil or Military, to learn something of their work before going up. I have without hesitation urged upon the Government the propriety of appointing an Assistant for Jeypore, as in this District, before Income taxes or other taxes were ever thought of being collected from the District above the ghâts, such an Officer was always allowed* to the Agent.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 18th October 1861.

2. The Board do not doubt that the necessity of giving the Agent an additional Assistant for the Jeypore charge has been already recognized by Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 233. ORDER THEREON, 18th October 1861, No. 2,008.

The Government purpose appointing an Assistant for employment in Jeypore; and as the new Police is being introduced in that part of the country, they expect that the illegal and injurious exactions of the Zamíndárs will be effectively repressed. The duty will no doubt be difficult and will require prudence; but the Government cannot suffer the trade of the country to be injured by such unlawful imposts.

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

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W. Hudleston
Secretary.

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

Copy to E. G. R. Fane, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, with Enclosure, returned.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Proc: of Govt for October.

No. 2389

PROCEEDINGS of the BOARD of REVENUE,

Dated 27th September 1861.
Despatched.
Received.

No. 5,237.

Submitting with reference to the Proceedings of Government dated 26th August 1861, No 1706, a letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam, stating that nothing has been done by him to prevent the Zemindars of Jeypore and Paunchopentah collecting tolls from traders passing through their respective territories.

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