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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 259	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Dated 1- 2-	1861.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st February 1861.*

No. 7. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st January 1861, No. 362 :—

Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Chetterpúr, 28th December 1860, No. 332.

SIR,

1. In reference to the Petition alluded to in the Board's Proceedings, dated the 25th October last, No. 4,914, and Government Order, No. 2,398 of 14th * 12th December 1859. instant, I cannot do better than transcribe the explanation furnished to the Foujdari Court some months* since, which is as follows :—

“ Chudámani Nippako has never been in confinement though he was under surveillance for some time at Chetterpúr. He is Dewan of an Estate under the Court of Wards ; and reports having reached the Agent to the effect that he was practising upon the health of the Minor Zamíndár in a manner, but too common in this District, and that he was disgracing the family by a criminal intrigue with the mother of the Minor Zamíndár, the Agent as guardian of the credit and welfare of this family, removed the Dewan temporarily, and placed him under surveillance though with the enjoyment of his liberty so far that he visited Berhampore, Chicacole and his own village.”

“ Having satisfied himself, as far as possible, that the health of his ward had not been tampered with, and finding that the Dewan's general management had benefitted the Estate, the Agent withdrew the surveillance about a month ago, only forbidding Chudamani Nippako to enter the house in which the Mahadévi resides in order that scandalous rumours might not be encouraged for the future.”

2. I regret to have incurred the censure of Government, but do not clearly understand to what the Deputy Secretary's remarks point, unless it is the brevity of my reply to the Board, and which is simply attributable to the circumstance of the restraint of which the Petitioner complained having been already withdrawn, and to the little importance I attached to the matter.

Ordered to be submitted to Government, with reference to their Proceedings, dated 14th December 1860, No. 2,398, Revenue Department.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Sub-Secretary.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 1st February 1861, No. 259.

1. The Collector of Ganjam now furnishes some information on the Petition of Chudámani Nippako, complaining of false imprisonment, which was sent to him for report so long ago as January 1860.

2. It appears from the imperfect information thus supplied, that the Petitioner was kept under restraint, Mr. Forbes denies that he was in confinement, for some period not stated, on the ground of reports which the Collector on inquiry found to be in great part without foundation. The Government do not now think it necessary to do more than caution Mr. Forbes to be more forbearing in such summary exercise of authority, recalling his attention to the Order of May 7th 1860, No. 732 on the same subject.

3. As Mr. Forbes expresses ignorance as to the cause of the censure conveyed in the former Order, he will be informed that when the Government call for a report on a case, they intend such report to be furnished.

4. Mr. Forbes will be informed also that the “ remarks ” to which he refers were those of Government, and not of the Deputy Secretary ; and that every Order bearing the signature of a Secretary or Deputy Secretary to Government, is an Order of Government and is to be obeyed as such.

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

No. 259.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 1st February 1861

Read the following
proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Submitting with reference to the
Government Proceedings dated 14th
Decr 1860 a letter from the Collector of
Ganjam furnishing the information (How entered 31st Jan 4 1861 No. 362)
required by Government regarding the
petition addressed by Chudamani Nippa
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than caution Mr. Forbes to be
more forbearing in the exercise of authority,
~~summary~~ which has
professed. However little im-
portance he may attach to the
matter, it is far from being a trifle
to the party concerned to be kept
for months from home and friends
and business, in a strange place,
on the mere credit of groundless
rumours.

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[Signature]

13 Copies
To the Board of Revenue
Dated 25

(12)
Regarding the false imprison-
ment of Chudamani Khyala

14th Decr 1960

no 224-225

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No: of Govt for February

no 259.

220: of the Madras Govt
Dated February 1861.

From Political Department
No: 13: From Govt 586

On a letter from the
Collector of Bangalore report-
ing on the petition of
Chudamani Khyala
complaining of false im-
prisonment.

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