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Revenue—DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th March 1861.

No. 380. Read the following letter from G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., Inám Commissioner, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Palmanér, 16th March 1861, No. 12:—

SIR,

1. As directed in the order of Government, dated 9th March 1861, No. 549, I have the honor to submit, for the perusal of the Government, the explanation which I have obtained from my Assistant C. Ranga Chárlu of his connection with the transaction which forms the subject of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th February 1861, No. 857.

2. It will be seen that Ranga Chárlu's letter to me, which I forward in original, was written in anticipation of the order of Government, and after obtaining from the Collector of Nellore the records connected with the case reviewed by the Board, whose Proceedings were forwarded for my information direct. Ranga Chárlu has entered so clearly and fully into the merits of the case that it is unnecessary for me to recapitulate them here. It will be observed that his account of what took place throws a very different light upon the matter from that in which it is regarded by the Collector and the Board. His justification of his own conduct I leave to speak for itself: I have no doubt it will be considered by the Government to be complete and satisfactory.

3. I cannot, however, withhold the expression of my regret that the Board of Revenue should have prematurely recorded, in terms unusually severe, a deliberate and, as it now appears, a wholly unmerited censure upon the conduct of an Officer in the position of my Special Assistant, whose established character ought to have protected him from such remarks as are to be found in the Board's Proceedings, except upon the fullest and most conclusive grounds. It will prove a source of great discouragement to the Native service generally to reflect that, in the opinion of so high and influential an authority as the Board of Revenue, no reputation is safe from suspicion; and that, notwithstanding the improvement in the tone and character of the service, which has been effected by education and by the promotion to situations of trust and responsibility of those whose principles and conduct are above reproach, Native Officers of all grades are still to be included in one category, and to be believed capable of the meanest acts.

4. I am persuaded, however, that such is not the view which will be held by the Government.

No. 381. ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1861, No. 658.

This letter, with the enclosures in original, will be communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to their Proceedings of February 15th, No. 857.

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

4. I am persuaded however, that such is not the view which will be held by the Government. —

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obt. Servant

J. M. Taylor
Main Commissioner

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The Main Commr.

To The Secretary to
Government
Revenue Dept.

No. 658

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Submits as directed the explanation of his assistant C. Rowe Charlu in reference to the remarks of the Collector & Board in the Revenue Darkast Case in Nellore District.

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With an order.

Dissatisfied - Inquire.

No 658

This letter, with the enclosures in original, will be communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to their Proceedings of February 15th No. 854.

Sd/ H. Lee:
20th March 1861.

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