

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 979	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Dated 2 5- 1861.	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd May 1861.*

No. 5. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India (Revenue), to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 23rd March 1861, No. 25:—

SIR,

1. I have considered in Council your letter of the 23rd October last (No. 119), reporting the discovery of extensive Yaumia frauds in the District of North Arcot, and your Proceedings consequent thereupon. These frauds were effected by the production at the Collector's Office of Life Certificates of Gosha females, who on investigation, have been shown, almost with certainty, to have been long since dead.

2. The punishment which has been inflicted on the persons who acted as Vakîl or attested the Life Certificates of these females, by depriving them of their pensions and official allowances, and declaring them incapable of holding office under your Government, will, I trust, deter others from pursuing a similar fraudulent course.

3. I approve the direction which you have given for the examination of the Gosha pensioners in all other Districts by a trustworthy female, in order to ascertain their identity with the persons whose names appear on the Registers. If it should be found that practices similar to those recently discovered generally prevail, and if no more stringent rules than those now existing can be devised to prevent them, it will be for you to consider, whether it is not necessary to cancel the exemption hitherto granted to females, whose rank or caste precludes them from appearing in public, and to require them to attend in person from time to time to receive their pensions from the Collector or some Officer deputed by him for that purpose.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1861, No. 979.

1. The Secretary of State has misunderstood the tenor of one part of the Despatch of this Government to which his present Despatch replies. The Order for the inspection of other female Yaumiadârs by a trustworthy East Indian woman, referred to North Arcot only, not to other Districts.

2. A copy of this Despatch will be communicated to the Board of Revenue; and they will be requested to report what has been done in North Arcot in pursuance of the Order just referred to. They will also state their opinion as to the extension of the same inspection to other Districts, and the best means of effecting it. It is obvious that in order to be effectual, such an examination must be taken up in the same spirit and with the same vigor as in North Arcot; if undertaken in a merely prefatory manner it would entirely fail, and become simply a means of extortion.

3. The Board will also be instructed to state their opinion on the suggestion in the concluding part of the Despatch; but they will be at liberty, if they shall see fit, to defer doing so till they shall have before them the result in some Districts of the inquiry above proposed.

4. The purport of this Order will be communicated to the Secretary of State.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

No 979

Proceedings of the Madras Govt
Under date the 2nd May 1861

Read the following
Despatch from the R. Hon
the Secy of State for India

States that the punishment in-
flicted on persons convicted with the
late Mysore & Grants in Madras will deter
others from pursuing a similar course.
Approves the order directing the
punishment of the Dacoits & Prisoners in all
cases by a trustworthy female.

Observes that if similar prac-
tices be discovered to prevail generally,
it is for the Govt to consider whether
the practice of execution from per-
sonal appearance, granted to females
of high rank & caste may not be ac-
cellerated.

(Here enter 23rd March 61
N. 25.)

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Wm. P. M. J. 10

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To Mr. P. M. J. 10

Rev. to England Dated 13th
October 1860. R.H.G.

Inspection of female
Yamniadars.

Revenue 1861 Despatch
Pr. of Govt for May.

No 979.

Pr. of the Madras Govt.

Df 2 May 1861.

Pr. of the Board of Revenue
Df 15 July 62 C. No. 2049
in 18 Aug. 1750.

Mr. Home Df 10 Oct.
23 Dec. 1861. 25

I say certain remarks
on the Home Despatch re-
garding some Gollia females
who are Yamniadars, com-
municated the same to the B.
and call upon them to sub-
mit certain reports.

No 546.