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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 12th June 1862.

No. 179. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th May 1862, No. 3,208 :—

Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Virdhachalam, 8th May 1862, No. 78.

SIR,

1. In submitting the accompanying correspondence between the Civil Paymaster and myself, I have the honor to solicit the decision of the Board and Government on the question to which it relates.

2. Sambamurti Aiyar, the present Salt Amín of Merkanum, has been in Government employ for the last 15 years in various capacities in the Department of Public Works, and save at intervals, he has held for the greater part of that time permanent appointments, the last five years as Road Superintendent in this District, his salary being paid from the Local Funds.

3. Sambamurti was finally selected by my predecessor Mr. Wood for his present office so far back as June of last year, and I believe it was his reputed ability and activity that prompted the selection ; and I am of opinion that Sambamurti's past experience in the Maramut Department renders him peculiarly fitted for the duties, now that the repairs of the Pans and Platforms, &c., are to be looked after solely by the Revenue Department.

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5. The Board and Government will be aware that the Local Fund collection and charge is an important branch of the Department Public Works; large sums from this source are annually expended on works of public utility by means of an Establishment of efficient officers who are also paid from it; and since equally with all other servants of the State these are amenable to the laws for any breach of their duties or trust, the distinction under the rules to the detriment of a useful and able class of public servants would appear somewhat invidious, and I trust the rules are capable of relaxation at all events in this particular instance, since Sambamurti was in Government employ prior to their introduction, and has since been allowed for many months to occupy his present post.

6. I should much regret Sambamurti's removal because I am satisfied of his real fitness, enhanced as I have already observed by his great experience in Maramut affairs ; I therefore with confidence recommend his case to the favorable consideration of the Board and Government, and I request that under the circumstances of his appointment, it may be confirmed to him, and that sanction may be given for payment of his full salary in arrears and prospectively.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 180. ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1862, No. 1,297.

Under the circumstances brought to notice, the Government authorize the Civil Paymaster to pass Sambamurti Aiyar's pay abstracts.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 3,208.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Copies of correspondence between the Collector of South Arcot and the Civil Paymaster, relative to the eligibility for Government employ of Sambamurti Aiyar, late Superintendent of District Roads, and at present Salt Amin of Merkanum.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

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

Copy to C. W. Reade, Esq., Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Submitting correspondence between the Collector of South Arcot and the Civil Pay Master with the Board's remarks thereon and recommending that the Civil Pay Master be instructed to pass the Abstracts of one Sambamurti Aiyar Salt Ameen of Mercanum and in all similar cases without objection.

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