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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 31st January 1862.

No. 301. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th January 1862, No. 380:—

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Calicut, 29th November 1861, No. 255.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Order of Government, dated 20th instant, No. 2,187, forwarded with the Board's communication of the 22nd idem, No. 6,477, I have the honor to state that I really am at a loss what means to suggest to procure correct price lists at Cannanore.

2. By the reduction in the Revenue Establishments, since the introduction of the new Police, Cannanore has been left without any Revenue authorities. The Magisterial duties have devolved on the Assistant Commissary General, Major Ewart, and the Native Sub-Magistrate with his subordinates has been done away with, so that the Collector of the Province has not a single revenue authority to assist him. There is not even an Adighary available.

3. The Sea Custom Manager and the Salt Peshkar, are the only authorities under the Collector; their duties keep them to particular localities, the Sea Custom House and the Salt Gollah, where they should always be present. If the duty of ascertaining the prices through them be determined on, it will be necessary to grant the services of a Gumáshta to go to the bazaars and learn how articles and produce are being sold. It is out of the question to suppose that the Sea Custom Manager or Salt Peshkar can go to the bazaars, as their legitimate duties would thereby be neglected to the loss of Government.

4. The Cherikul Tahsíldár, in whose Táluq Cannanore lies, has his head quarters at a place fifteen miles distant, and as there is no Adighary at Cannanore, he would have to send one of his Office people to ascertain the prices, and make up the accounts, and here the words "make up" are used advisedly, for I do not believe that, under the circumstances stated, the accounts submitted would be trustworthy, as extra duties entailing trouble and bodily exertion if exacted, are pretty sure to be done in a slovenly manner, if they are not practically evaded by the submission of accounts prepared from mere hearsay of the state of the markets.

5. The want of that aid formerly rendered by the Police Peons who attended to both Revenue and Police duties, is very much felt in many ways, in connection with fiscal duties, for the Collector's Establishment, all through the District, is now so short-handed, that he has not people to attend to many minor things which may happen to require immediate attention.

6. The only suggestion that I can make is that the entertainment of a Gumáshta on 10 Rupees per month, to be placed under the orders of the Salt Peshkar, be sanctioned. He will have to visit all the bazaars, and some of them must be from 1½ to 2 miles distant from the Salt Gollah.

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3. Any charge on this account should of course be debited to the Commissariat Department.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 302. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1862, No. 152.

Referred to the Military Department for consideration and orders, with reference to the Order in that Department, dated 14th November 1861.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Secretary.

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

Copy to P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 380.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Malabar and recommending the entertainment of a Gumastah to procure correct price lists at Cannanore.

No. 301 & 302.

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Withdrawn Order

No. 213 Referred to the Secretary Department for consideration and orders with reference to the order in that department 14th November 1864.

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