

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th October 1862.*

No. 79. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th September 1862, No. 6,277 :—

Read the following letter from J. FRASER, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Chittoor, 6th September 1862, No. 188.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Board's Proceedings* in the matter of the nomination to the Chendragherry Tahsildarship, and to request that the Board will forward the accompanying letter and its enclosures to Government.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. FRASER, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chittoor, 6th September 1862, No. 37.

SIR,

† To Board of Revenue, 27th June 1862.
From do. do. 16th July „
„ do. do. 6th August „
„ do. do. 29th „ „

1. I have the honor to forward, through the Board of Revenue for the consideration and orders of Government, copies of correspondence† that has passed between the Board and myself on the subject of filling up a vacant Tahsildarship in this District.

2. I appeal with regret against the decision of the Board; but as it seems to me unduly to hamper my selection of a person for the post in question, I have no other alternative left.

3. Government will observe that the Board do not object to the individual whom I pitched upon for any inherent want of qualification, but because other individuals in or out of the District may be his superior in this respect; as to those in the District I have already made a reply; and as to those out of it I object, that unless any Collector on whose recommendation I nominate to the vacancy, would undertake, in like manner, to give me a nomination in his District, it is not fair to candidates in this District to pass them over for outsiders. No Collector I think would bind himself to such an arrangement.

4. Government servants as a rule look for promotion, as far as the grade of Tahsildar at least, to the District in which they have first entered the service; and I think it but fair that this propensity should be indulged where there are not special objections against it. The probable prospect of promotion where they have already served, and are known, will certainly stimulate them to greater exertions for deserving advancement than a belief that others, who are strangers, may be promoted over their heads.

5. I would also respectfully urge, that as the Board and Government hold me responsible for the due administration of affairs in the District, it is but fair to allow me the choice of my subordinate agents, such as Tahsildars. In the present instance, I have selected a man against whom no personal objection can be urged, and who will I feel certain do justice to my choice; and I therefore request that it may be upheld rather than that I be compelled to take some one of whom I know nothing.

6. I would add that I find a knowledge of English in Tahsildars a very great aid in the despatch of business. I can correspond direct with such men on any subject on which they desire advice or require setting right, a much more satisfactory mode of doing business both to them and myself than doing so in the vernacular through a Moonshee, and generally a man who has a good knowledge of English, is superior in other qualifications to me who has not.

7. Trusting that Government will confirm my nomination.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Copy of a letter from the Acting Collector to the Board, dated 27th June 1862, No. 123.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

ABSTRACT.—Copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 10th July 1862, No. 4,459.

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ENCLOSURE No. 4.

ABSTRACT.—Copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 6th August 1862, No. 5,112.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.

ABSTRACT.—Copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 29th August 1862, No. 5,734.

ENCLOSURE No. 6.

ABSTRACT.—Copy of a Memorandum showing the service of Ramanjooloo Naidu.

1. Ordered that the above letter be submitted to Government for their orders.
2. The Board objected to Mr. Fraser's nomination on the general ground that it is undesirable to confer the highest class of Revenue appointment in a District on persons who have served for so short a time as Ramanjooloo Naidu has done. They think that such sudden elevations discourage all the other public servants in a District, and that, as a rule, persons who have not had considerable training in subordinate grades in the Revenue and Magisterial Departments cannot be duly qualified for the responsible and important appointment of a Tahsildar. In this case the nominee has served as a Clerk in the Magisterial Department for about three years and a half, and as Head Vernacular Clerk for about two years.
3. The Board would also remark that the objections taken by Mr. Fraser to their decision in this case would equally apply to their exercising any control at all over such appointments. The Board's power to place a *veto* on objectionable appointments in no respect interferes with a Collector's liberty of choice in the first instance. In the present case the Board merely pointed out to Mr. Fraser, that if he could not find a duly qualified person in his own District, it was open to him to choose from eligible persons out of the District.
4. It appears that Mr. Fraser lays great stress on his nominee possessing a knowledge of English, and his being thereby able to communicate directly with him in that language on official matters. The Board, however, while they do not underrate the advantages which a knowledge of English gives to native public servants, consider it desirable that the correspondence of a Collector with his Tahsildars on official matters should be, as the general rule, in official form, and in the language of the District, that all important communications may be thus necessarily brought on the public records, and be accessible to all.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

No. 80.

ORDER THEREON, 7th October 1862, No. 2,160.

The Government must decline to interfere with the decision of the Board. As an ordinary rule servants should have some practical experience of the Revenue and Magisterial business in the Taluqs before promotion to the important office of Tahsildar.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Boards Proc. dated 19th Sept 62. No 6277

Submitted for orders

PMK

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I think be supported - as

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hardly promote the zeal

of the District Establish-

ments. E.M.

*Yours
W.H.*

Rev Dept

N^o 2160-160

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Held on the 7th October 1862

Read the following Pro.
of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting for
orders a letter from the Dy.
Collector of North Arcot, re-
garding his nomination ^{Here entered 19 Sept 62 N^o 277}
of one Ramanujulu Reddy
to the Chendragerry Tah.
Sildarshep, with the Board's
remarks thereon.

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14 Copies to the Secy of Rev^y Dept
with 6 Enclosures

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c 30 Sept 62 A^l Secy of Rev^y Dept

2 Mr. Travers has
but lately joined the
District and his
view of a man of such
limited power who has
been doing work with
him in the District
to the great satisfaction
of the District Establishment
is much to be regretted.

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Nomination of Ma-
-nangaloo Naidee to the
Chundraghery Insula-
-darship-

Pro. No. 25
3-4-60

179 580.

Revenue 1862 24th
Pro: of Govt for Calicut

Pro. 2160.

Pro: of the Madras Govt

Pro: October 1862.

Declining to
interfere with Board's
decision on appeal in
Pro: of Collector's no:
nomination of one Ramam:
Pro: for return to the
Chundraghery Insula-
-darship-

179 580.