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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 17th February 1862.

No. 371. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Referring for the consideration of the Committee for the revision of Commissariat Establishments, letter, from the Collector of Malabar relative to entertaining a Gumáshta for procuring Current Price Lists at Cannanore. } (Here enter 11th February 1862.)

No. 372. ORDER THEREON, 17th February 1862, No. 348.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to Government Order dated 31st January 1862, No. 152.

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

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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 Gumâshta 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 Tahsîldâr, in whose Tâluq 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 Gumâshta 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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1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with reference to their order quoted by the Collector.

2. Under the circumstances stated by Mr. Grant, the Board are at a loss to suggest any other arrangement than that which he proposes.

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

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

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.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.
„ Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Military Department.

Referred for the consideration of the Committee for the revision of Commissariat Establishments.

Fort St. George. 17th February 1862.

J. Thurlow Lt Col
Secy. to Govt.

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt in the Military Dept.

Dated 11th Feby
Recd 12th Feby 1862.

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Referring for the consideration of the Committee for the revision of Commissariat Establishments, letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly relative to entertaining a Gumastah for procuring current price lists at Cummore. -- Dd. 8. 3rd 17 Dec.

W. Thurlow

To
The Committee for the revision of Commissariat Establishments.

Revenue Department.

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