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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 2nd July 1864.

No. 33. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd June 1864, No. 3,879.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, dated 6th June 1864, No. 102 :—

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3. The result of the inquiries will be duly reported to the Board.

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From V. RAMIENGAR, Deputy Collector, Namkul Division, to the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, dated 31st May 1864, No. 45.

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3. Both on Saturday and Sunday nights, the two orderlies* attached to my office as also one of my Deloyets, slept in the Cutcherry where the chest was deposited, and one of the orderlies states that both on Saturday evening and Monday morning, he satisfied himself by careful inspection that the locks of the chest were all right.

* Police Private Gopala, No. 728.
Do. Mustak Sheriff, No. 377.
Vide Gopala's deposition accompanying.

4. It may be doubted whether the money was abstracted without the knowledge and privity of one or more in my Cutcherry, and it is highly important if only for the sake of the credit of the office, that a thorough and searching investigation should be made into the matter, and for this purpose, I beg you will request the assistance of the Police Superintendent. I have not been able to get any aid from the Police Inspector lately appointed to this Talook. I have however given the necessary hints to the station officer, and believe that he is exerting himself to trace the offenders.

5. Pending the result of inquiry, I propose placing under suspension the Deloyets and Massalchee of my office; the orderlies I have sent back to the Police station.

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(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. STOKES, *Assistant Collector.*

Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government. The Board await the Collector's further report.

No. 34.

Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1864, No. 1,137.

Ordered to lie over pending the submission of the further report from the Collector.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

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

Copy to Honorable D. Arbuthnott, Collector of Salem.

Exd. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 23rd June 1864.

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No. 3,879.

Submitting for information letter from the Collector of Salem forwarding copy of a letter from Deputy Collector Ramiengar relative to an abstraction of Rupees 116-2-3 from the cash chest of his office. 2d 1137.

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2d July 1864

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16 Copies of the Report of Deputy Collector Ramiengar &c. to Salem