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

No. 20. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st July 1864, No. 4,612.

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2. From these documents it will be seen that no official report of either of the loss or the recovery of the note was ever made, and that the only communication relative thereto is a private note sent to Mr. Chinnery, the *Accountant in the Office of the Police Superintendent*, dated the 6th February. This document will be produced in the inquiry now about to be made by Mr. Clarke, and I will only here observe that if the statement of Mr. D'Monte was true, and if the alleged reports, as now asserted, have an important bearing on Mr. D'Monte's statements, it is indeed strange that no allusion whatever should have been made to them in the course of the inquiry (in February last) and which has extended over more than five months, and not until ten days after Mr. D'Monte had submitted his final defence:

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Lieutenant A. T. ROLLAND, Acting Superintendent of Police, Tanjore, to W. M. CADELL, Esq., Magistrate of Tanjore, dated 7th July 1864, No. 113.

1: With reference to your letter No. 122, dated 28th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Chinnery, who was at the time in question Head Quarter Inspector, reports that he received no official communication whatever from Mr. D'Monte, Deputy Collector, but that Mr. D'Monte wrote a private note to him, stating that he, Mr. D'Monte, had entrusted a Promissory Note to one of his servants to get some money from one Allugappa Chetty, but that servant had absconded; that again, about the commencement of February, Mr. D'Monte had addressed another private note to him (Mr. Chinnery), stating that the Promissory Note had been found, and was in the possession of the Collector. Mr. Chinnery states he knows nothing further.

2. I regret the delay in replying to your letter under acknowledgement, but it has been caused by the absence of Mr. Chinnery on leave and that of my own from head quarters.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. M. CADELL, *Collector*.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Mr. G. CHINNERY, Accountant Inspector, to G. V. CHINNATAMBI PILLAI, Head Quarter Inspector, Tanjore, dated Negapatam, 2nd July 1864.

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inquiries regarding him. The next morning I went to the Travellers' Bungalow to see Mr. Wainhouse, and there found Mr. D'Monte also, to whom I communicated that the course he could adopt in the event of his servant not returning, is to apply to Mr. Green, the Town Inspector, who was the proper authority for rendering him any assistance in the matter. After this I heard nothing from Mr. D'Monte until the commencement of February, when again Mr. D'Monte intimated me, by the same strain of communication, that the Promissory Note in question was found, and was in the possession of the Collector.

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Ordered to be transferred to Mr. Clarke, 3rd Member of the Board of Revenue, to whom the investigation into the case has been specially entrusted.

No. 21.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1864, No. 1,368.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 4612.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Copy to J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., for information.
 " to W. M. Cadell, Esq., Collector of Tanjore.

Secretary.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

No. 1960.

Dated 21st July 1864.

Despatched 27.

Received 28-

No. 4,612.

Transferring to Mr. Clarke, letter from the Collector of Tanjore submitting remarks on the alleged loss and recovery of the Promissory Note advertised to by Deputy Collector Mr. D'Monte.

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