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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
29th August 1864.*

No. 411. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th August 1864, No. 5,171.

Read the following letter from the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, dated 13th July 1864, No. 123 :—

With one enclosure.

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Sub-Collector, dated 27th May last, No. 126, and to request that under the circumstances therein stated Kistna Row, Serishtadar of the Usur Talook, may be exempt from passing the Special Test Examination.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Sub-Collector of Salem, to the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, dated Usur, 27th May 1864, No. 126.

1. The Chief Assistant to the Civil Paymaster has remarked on the Talook Pay Abstract for March 1864, "Kistna Row, Acting Talook Serishtadar of Usur, will not be entitled to the pay of "that appointment for this month unless he passes the prescribed examination, as he is only "Vernacular Clerk in the Huzur Establishment of the Sub-Collector."

2. If this view is correct it has not been acted up to; there have been several instances in several Districts of Talook Serishtadars having been appointed previous to May 1864, without passing the examination, which by Government Notification dated 18th November 1862, is required of them subsequent to 1st May 1863, and in none of these instances has the Civil Paymaster declined to pass their pay.

3. I can see nothing in the rules which requires an examination from men selected for Talook Serishtadarships prior to May 1864 as C. Kistna Row was, and I shall be obliged by your submitting the question if you have no objection as to whether the view taken by the Chief Assistant to the Civil Paymaster is correct.

4. If it be correct and under the strict interpretation of the rules C. Kistna Row's appointment is inadmissible, then I would make a special appeal in his behalf, as his circumstances are peculiar.

5. He is a public servant of ten years' standing, and it will be seen from the following review of his antecedents that he has given entire satisfaction to all his superiors, and that one obstacle alone has been several times in the way of his being made a confirmed Sub-Magistrate long ago, long before Sub-Magistrates' tests were instituted. This obstacle was the opposition of the Collector of the District (Nellore) founded not on any disapproval of the man himself, but on the principle that being one of a large family, which had already usurped too much influence in that District, it was inexpedient that he should be raised above a mere Clerkship in that District though there would be no objection to his promotion in any other District. It was on this account that he was eventually moved from the Nellore to this District.

6. In January 1862, being English writer, he was made Sub-Magistrate of Darasi in the Nellore District on Rupees 85 per mensem, and acted for 1½ months till the return of the permanent incumbent; from thence he went to the Kannigeri Talook and acted as Tahsildar on Rupees 150 per mensem till the nomination of a Tahsildar to whom the Collector raised no objections. From thence it was my intention in April 1862 to have made him confirmed Sub-Magistrate of Addanky on Rupees 50 per mensem, and I actually issued the order and afterwards withdrew it, as I did not wish to contest the point with the Collector of Nellore who for the sole reason shown above opposed the appointment. Subsequently my successor Mr. Elliott, holding the same good opinion of this man as had I, and both my predecessors again made him an Acting Sub-Magistrate on full pay during the suspension of the Ongole Tahsildar with the intention of confirming him on the promotion of another Tahsildar. This intention he gave up simply in deference to the Collector's objections on the score of relationship.

7. C. Kistna Row's misfortunes do not stop here. He tells me he sent in his application to appear as a candidate for examination in 1863, and when ordered to appear was informed by the Sub-Collector of Nellore, Mr. Elliott, that as he had already been a Sub-Magistrate it was unnecessary from him to pass the examination, and that he (Mr. Elliott, would give him a Sub.

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Magistracy without it which he did as above shown. Consequently C. Kistna Row did not go up for examination.

8. If it be required of him that he pass the Sub-Magistrate and the Revenue tests now he cannot be employed as he now is, as the duties of a Talook Serishtadar are so onerous that he could not possibly give any time to qualifying himself for examination. It would therefore be no kindness but the contrary to continue him in his post of Talook Serishtadar conditionally on his passing at the next examination. He would rather return to his Clerkship in my office till he has duly qualified himself.

9. But for the present I am not in a position to permit him to return; for he is the only man I have that I can put in the Talook Serishtadar of Usur. The result of the examinations of March 1864 is not yet declared, and the consequence is that there is not a single man legally qualified under Government Notification dated 18th November 1862. C. Kistna Row is thoroughly competent, and the public exigency demands that I retain him in his present post for the present at any rate whether the Civil Auditor will pass the pay of it or not.

10. I beg to urge that as he was actually appointed a Sub-Magistrate long before the institution of Sub-Magistrate's and Tahsildars' test, he may be considered thereby qualified without examination. Such would be the case with all others in a similar position without the like misfortunes of being a member of a large and influential family.

11. If it be impossible to grant this I would urge again that I may be permitted to employ him as Talook Serishtadar till the result of the March Examination is declared, and I am thereby placed in a position to provide otherwise for the discharge of the duties, and that for the whole time he is so employed he may be held entitled to the pay, otherwise it will be a heavy burden on my office to have to keep his place in it unfilled up. My office is weakened of one of its best men, to supply the need of the Usur Talook. But I trust that his being permanently appointed will be sanctioned.

12. To show that C. Kistna Row is entitled to the consideration I ask for him, I submit copies of the certificates he has obtained from different officers.

(True Copy)

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT, *Collector.*

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Copies of Testimonials of Kistna Row.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the Orders of Government.

2. The Board observe that according to the rules in force Kistna Row should have passed the Magisterial test of 4th February and 30th May 1862, to qualify himself for the appointment of Talook Serishtadar. But under the circumstances stated by the Sub-Collector in paragraphs 6, 7, and 10 of his letter above recorded, the Board are of opinion that Kistna Row's case is a peculiar one deserving the special favorable consideration of Government, and accordingly they recommend that he be exempted from examination so far as his qualification to hold his present appointment is in question. His further promotion as Tahsildar should be made to depend on his passing the prescribed tests.

No. 412.

ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1864, No. 1,565.

Miscellaneous.

Sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

*Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue.  
,, the Civil Paymaster.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No. 2167.  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 12th August 1881.  
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21-08-1881  
No. 6171.

Recommending for reasons assigned that  
Kristna Row, Sheristadar of Usur Taluk in  
Salem, be exempted from passing the Special Test  
Examination so far as his qualification to hold  
that appointment is in question.

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