

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th October 1864.*

No. 159. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th September 1864, No. 6,388.

Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vadarniem, 7th June 1864, No. 183 :—

1. With reference to the Order of Government, dated the 18th ultimo, No. 853, communicated with that of the Board under date the 21st idem, I have the honor to state, that the Shroff therein referred to, was formerly a Golla in the Huzar Treasury, and was transferred from that to the post of Shroff last held by him, by the late Collector Mr. Phillips, in 1858.

2. The case which formed the more immediate occasion for the reference made by me on the subject of the power of appointing Shroffs, was the one alluded to in paragraph 6 of my letter, and in which it was brought to my notice, that a Talook Shroff, who had once been dismissed for misconduct, but had managed to get himself re-employed, was recently promoted to a higher grade by the late Acting Head Assistant Collector, and that this appointment was objected to by the Tahsildar, who stated that he had no confidence in that individual.

3. As the general question raised by me has been finally disposed of by the Board, it is by no means my wish again to ask them to re-consider their decision, but as the main ground on which my recommendation was based, has apparently been passed over, I would take the opportunity of soliciting the attention of the Board thereto, simply with a view to show that I was not altogether unreasonable in the suggestion which I took the liberty to make.

4. I pointed out that a difference existed between the duties of Shroffs, and those of other subordinates in the Talooks, the former being connected with a Department, for which the Collector is solely and directly responsible. The Board are perfectly aware, that while the Sub-Collector and other subordinate officers have full powers in all other matters of revenue administration, subject only to the appellate authority of the Collector, they have no concern whatever in matters connected with the disbursement of money, and for which the sole responsibility is vested in the Collector, and without whose orders not a Rupee of the public money can be paid from a Talook Treasury. It is indeed the Collector who is responsible for all arrangements connected with the receipt, custody, and disbursement of money, and it seems to me only reasonable that the control should be co-ordinate with the responsibility. I believe that the rule which I have proposed with regard to the appointment of officers connected with the Cash Department, bears an analogy to the existing arrangements connected with the administration of the Presidencies, and I would here take occasion to add, that what I have said above equally applies to the office of Talook Serishtadar and of Head Gumistah in charge of the Cash accounts of the Talook Treasury.

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No. 160. ORDER THEREON, 14th October 1864, No. 1,892.

Separate Revenue, No. 10.
Salt.

The Government concur in the views expressed by the Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. O'Connor,

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

W. Hudleston
Secretary.

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

* Copy to W. M. Cadell, Esq., Collector of Tanjore.

Exd. J. Wright

1864 May 18. No. 208-209

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Dr. J. G. G. G. G.

No. 2622

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 29th September 1864.

James H. G. G. G.
G. G. G. G. G.

No. 6,383.

Submitting letter from the Collector of Tan-
jore affording the information required in re-
gard to the appointment of the Skoff of the
Salt Division at Neidavasal.

1864-1865.

The Govt. consent in the
case referred by the Board.

John H. G. G. G.
14th Oct. 1864

To
the Board of Revenue, Salt Division.

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W. H. G. G. G.