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7th January 1864.

No. 47. Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Hurpunhully, 22nd December 1863, No. 61 :—

Sir,

1. At the close of the year, I consider it due to Mr. B. A. Blake, Deputy Collector and Magistrate of Bellary, to submit his testimonials to Government, with extracts from my Settlement Report of last Fusly, and of a letter to the Chief Secretary, dated 18th December 1863.

2. I consider Mr. B. A. Blake fully entitled to promotion to a higher class, he being now in the 4th Class, wherein he has served for four years as Officer in charge of the Treasury and Account Department, and has for the last three years exercised the powers of District Magistrate with considerable ability. He is a hard working public servant.

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, 7th January 1864, No. 25.

The Government are glad to receive such favorable testimony to Mr. Blake's efficiency and conduct. His claims to promotion will be duly considered on the occurrence of vacancies.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Collector of Bellary.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

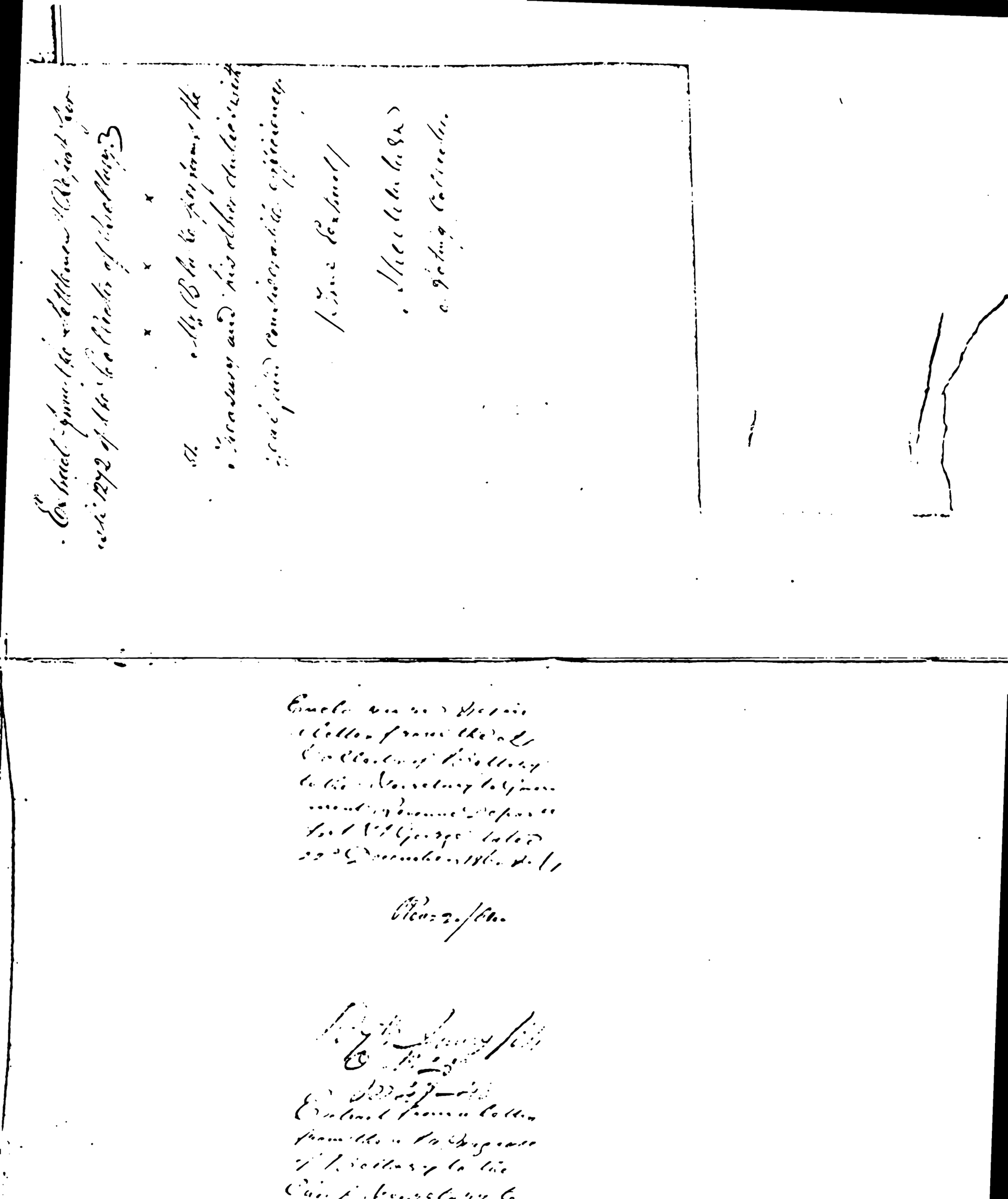
Extract from a Letter from the Acting Superintendent of Bellary to the Chief Secretary to Government dated 18th December 1865.

Para 8. Observations of the Investigation against Brinjal Ellaman Reddy and Mr Blake the Complainant, Mr Fairbrother's Statement of the Case and Mr Cotton's Remarks thereon.

I have also in my most previous Letters mentioned, and I have succeeded, to the fullest extent, in the prosecution of the Criminal Charges against Brinjal Ellaman Reddy.

I have &c.

A. Macdonald
Acting Superintendent.



EXTRACT FROM THE REGISTER OF UNCOVENANTED SERVANTS KEPT IN THE COLLECTOR'S OFFICE AT BELLARY.

Name—B. A. BLAKE, Age when first entertained, Twenty-one Years.

Establishment.	Date.	Appointment.	Salary.		Period of Service in each Appointment.			Remarks regarding Punishments, Severe and Formal Reprimands, and all Special Commendation, or marks of Approbation.
					Years.	Months.	Days.	
1	2	3	4		5			6
Subordinate Court Bellary.	16th September 1843.	5th English Writer.	17	8	1	1	15	Mr. B. A. BLAKE has a testimonial given him by Mr. W. Lavie, 2nd Judge on Circuit, dated 8th March 1843, which mentions him as being a good Writer, and recommends him to the notice of the Zillah Judge.
Sessions do. do.	1st November 1844.	4th do. do.	21	„	„	7	10	
Subordinate do.	11th June 1845.	5th do. do.	17	8	1	1	5	
Do. do.	16th July 1846.	4th do. do.	21	„	2	5	24	
Do. do.	9th January 1849.	2nd do. do.	35	„	1	7	20	
Do. do.	28th August 1850.	Acting Head Writer.	70	„	„	3	12	
Do. do.	9th December „	2nd English Writer.	35	„	„	„	23	
Collector of Bellary.	1st January 1851.	Ag. Dy. Accountant.	53	8	„	2	26	
Sub Court of do.	27th March „	2nd English Writer.	35	„	„	„	18	
Collector of do.	14th April „	Deputy Accountant.	53	8	„	9	17	Mr. T. I. P Harris, Subordinate Judge of Bellary, on the 1st January 1847, remarked in the statement of Yearly Services of the Court Servants, that Mr. Blake is well qualified for his situation, and that he is of a steady and zealous character.
Do. do.	1st February 1852.	Translator.	70	„	5	10	7	
Do. do.	8th December 1857.	Ag Head Accountant.	100	„	1	„	23	
Do. do.	1st January 1859.	Head Clerk,	100	„	„	8	8	
Do. do.	9th September „	Dy. Colr. & Magistrate.	250	„				

Mr. BLAKE holds also a testimonial from the above gentleman dated 26th January 1849, confirming the opinion expressed in the Yearly Statement of Services, and mentioning that Mr. Blake had given him every satisfaction during the long time he had presided over the Court.

Another from the Honorable D. Arbuthnott, Acting Sub Judge, dated 2nd May 1849, stating that he had found Mr. Blake, who was then 2nd Writer of the Court, perfectly qualified for his Situation, and steady and zealous in the performance of his duties, and that his translations were performed to his entire satisfaction.

Mr. E. Story, Subordinate Judge of Bellary, in recording his opinion of Mr. Blake, in the Diary of the Court on the 23rd December 1850, writes thus. "The Subordinate Judge is glad at being "able to speak highly of the late Acting Head Writer, Mr. B. A. Blake—he is very efficient in his department, "and had not Mr. Shrieves taken up the appointment, it would have given the Subordinate Judge much "pleasure in conferring it upon Mr. Blake."

Mr. C. R. Pelly, Head Assistant Collector, in a testimonial given to Mr. Blake on the 23rd December 1854 writes, "During the period that Mr. B. A. Blake has been in the Collector's Department, "as Translator, i. e. for about 4 years—numerous documents prepared by him, especially in the Inam "Department, have come under my observation; his qualifications are of a high order, and I have formed "a high opinion both of his respectability and capacity."

Mr. Blake has the following testimonial dated 24th November 1855 granted to him by Mr. R. Maltby, Member of the Board of Revenue, shortly after his visit to Bellary on special duty as a Commissioner, under whom he had conducted the duties of the Commissioner's Office solely (excepting the copying work) by desire of that gentleman.

"Mr. Blake—I return the papers enclosed in your letter of the 18th Instant, and have "much pleasure in complying with your request to give you a testimonial expressing my opinion of the "manner in which you performed the duties entrusted to you, during my stay at Bellary.

"Your knowledge of business, and intelligence afforded me much satisfaction, and as you possess "the further qualifications of industry and respectability of character, I shall be glad to hear of your ad"vancement. If it was in my power, I should be happy to forward your views, but it is uncertain if I shall "have an opportunity of doing so, except by giving you this opinion of your merits."

Mr M C Chase, Head Assistant Collector, in a testimonial given to Mr. Blake on the 5th May 1856, writes "I had every reason to be satisfied with the manner in which Mr. B. A. Blake performed his duties of Translator, during the time I held the appointment of Head Assistant in this District, "and I am able to subscribe to the testimonials he has already [illegible] respectability of character "and knowledge."

Mr. B. A. Blake was brought into the office by me more than 3 years ago, and I have taken every opportunity of promoting him to the highest grade in the English Department, and have found him always very diligent and careful. He has brought the office work in better order than it ever was before, and I can confidently recommend him to my successor.

30th April 1859.

(Signed) C. PELLY, *Collector.*

On leaving the District, I am induced to express my opinion that during the last three years, when I held the appointment of Head Assistant Collector of Bellary, I always found Mr. B. A. Blake industrious and efficient, particularly in the Inam Department, where his labors were continually before me. His respectability is undeniable, and I sincerely hope he will obtain a Deputy Collector's appointment.

1st August 1859. (Signed) J. D. GOLDINGHAM, *Head Assistant Collector.*

(A true Extract from the Uncovenanted Service Register.)

(Signed) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

EXTRACT from a Memo of services &c of persons recommended for Deputy Collectors by the Collector of Bellary, being an enclosure to a letter to the Board of Revenue dated 9th April 1859.

Number.	Name, Caste and Country.	Age.	Past and present service. Appointment.	Salary	Years.	Education, acquirements, temper, habits, character, and nature of certificates.	Remarks—Para in which he is noticed in Collector's letter.
		Ys. Ms.					
5	Mr. B. A. Blake.	36. 9½	First entertainment 16th Sepr. 1843.			He was educated at the English Garrison School at Bellary, and by private tuition. In acquirements he has a good knowledge of English, Arithmetic, Geography, and History; he is able to read and write Telugu and Hindustani, and possesses a colloquial knowledge of Canarese and Tamil. He has a general knowledge of Revenue matters, acquired by having had to translate all the Circulars and Orders of the Board of Revenue and Government into Telugu, for the use of the Native Kacheri, as also Reports [illegible] thereto; He has acquired a considerable knowledge of the Inam Department by the same means, and has a good knowledge of accounts both Revenue and Financial. From having spent the first 7 years of his service in the Judicial Department, he has acquired a general knowledge of Judicial work, having as a part of his work in the Sub Court, had to translate all the Criminal sentences of the Moofty and Pundit Sudr Ameens, from Telugu into English, and to put all the Decrees of the Judge into Telugu. He is, moreover, familiar with the Regulations and Circular Orders of the Sudr and Foujdary Udalut, his former duties having necessitated a reference to them constantly. Temper quiet—habits very respectable—and character as a hard-working public servant in the English Department, very good. The nature of his testimonials is all very good.	Eight Testimonials are enclosed in packet marked C. —— He is mentioned in para 7 of the report
			Writer in several grades in the Sub Court of Bellary.	17½ to 35	7——..		
			Deputy Accountant in the Collector's Office.	53½	1——1		
			Translator in do.	70	5——10		
			Head Accountant in Do.	100	1——4		

Extract from Collector's letter to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 9th April 1859

Para 7. The only person in the Office not a native, is the East Indian Head Clerk, English Department, Mr. Benjamin A. Blake. This man was introduced into the Office by myself. He bears a very excellent character, is steady and hard-working; and would I think be competent to the Charge of the Treasury at a Sudder Office, but he has not had practice in the Revenue and Magisterial duties in the Taluks

(True Extract)

(Signed) C. PELLY, *Collector.*

Extract from a letter from the Collector of Bellary to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 3rd September 1859, No. 123, reporting the death of his Treasury Deputy Collector R. Narrainsaumy Naidoo.

Para 5. I would, with due deference recommend for the vacant appointment, my Head Clerk Mr. B. A. Blake, in whose favor my predecessor, Mr. Pelly, wrote to the Board on the 9th April 1859.

(TRUE EXTRACT)
(SIGNED) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

No. 57

To, The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George.

Bellary 4th October 1859.

SIR,

I have the honor to recommend that sanction be granted to my two Deputy Magistrates, Mr. B. A. Blake and Sashagirry Row, to exercise the extended powers conferred under Section LIV Act VII of 1843, and Act I of 1853.

Mr. Blake, the Treasury Deputy Collector, has charge of the Police of Bruce and Mellor Pettahs, in the Town of Bellary; and as I have at present no Assistant Magistrate, much inconvenience will otherwise be felt, during my absence from the station.

I consider Mr. Blake quite competent to exercise the aforesaid powers, as also Sashagirry Row, who as Tahsildar of Oossoor in the Salem District, was formerly under my supervision for several Months.

I have the honor to be &c.

(TRUE COPY.)
(SIGNED.) A. HATHAWAY, *Magistrate.*

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Extract from the Administration Report of the Bellary Collectorate for the year [illegible] from the Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to Government dated 16th May 1860, No. 70.

Para 17. The 3 Deputy Collectors appointed to this District, perform[illegible] duties entrusted to them satisfactorily—One of these, Mr. Blake, is in Charge of the Treasury, and has Police Charge of the Taluk of Bellary—He has been a very active and efficient Officer.

(A TRUE EXTRACT.)
(SIGNED.) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

No. 25

To, The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 17th October 1859, No. 1398, I have the honor to state, that it is now nearly ten months since Mr. Blake, the Deputy Magistrate of this District, has been entrusted with the discharge of the ordinary duties of a Magistrate, during which time he has held the Magisterial Charge of the Bruce and Mellor Pettahs up to the 1st April 1860, and since then, (in addition to the above,) the Police charge of the Taluk of Bellary has been entrusted to him. Throughout the above period, he has discharged the duties devolving on him, satisfactorily and efficiently.

2. I, therefore, consider him well qualified to exercise the extended powers conferred under Section LIV Act VII of 1843, and beg to recommend that he be vested with the same.

3. For the satisfaction of Government, I have thought it expedient to apply to the Session Judge Mr. Goldie, for his opinion as to Mr. Blake's fitness to be entrusted with the above powers; and the following is an extract of his reply on the subject: "From what I have "seen of the cases disposed of by Mr. Blake, I believe him to be fitted to be entrusted with the "extended powers granted to Magistrates under the above mentioned Act; and I think it will be "beneficial that he should be entrusted with them."

I have the honor to be &c.

(TRUE COPY.)
(SIGNED.) A. HATHAWAY, *Magistrate.*

(SIGNED.) A. HATHAWAY, *Magistrate*

Bellary 23rd June 1860.

Extract from the Jamabandi Report of the Collector of Bellary to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort St. George, dated 18th August 1860, No. 153.

Para 73. I have much pleasure in recording my very favorable opinion of the manner in which my Subordinate Covenanted Officers, the Deputy Collectors, and the Serishtadar, have executed the duties, devolving upon them.

(A TRUE EXTRACT.)
(SIGNED.) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

To, B. A. BLAKE ESQUIRE,
Deputy Collector of Bellary.

Extract from a letter from the Collector of Bellary to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 1st November 1860, No. 2.

1. With reference to para 1 of the Circular Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 4895, under date 25th Ultimo, held on Proceedings of the Madras Government No. 1913, and dated the 19th idem; I have the honor to recommend that Deputy Collectors, Mr. Blake and Srinivas Row, be empowered to act as Assessors under Section XXIII of Act XXII of 1860, the former for the Taluk of Bellary, and the latter for the Taluks of Gutty and Tadpatri.

2. They are both of them experienced Officers, and worthy of confidence.

(A TRUE EXTRACT)
(SIGNED) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

No. 56. *To, The Secretary to the Board of Revenue,*
Fort St. George.

[illegible] I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of the Board of Revenue my recommendation of [illegible] the Treasury Deputy Collector Mr. Blake, that when [illegible] junior officers, he may be promoted to a higher grade.

2. Enclosed are two authenticated statements which shew where Mr. Blake was educated, and the characters he has received at different times from those under whom he was employed.

3. I would also refer the Board to Mr. Pelly's letter of the 9th April, and to my letters of the 3rd September 1859, the 16th May, 18th August, and 1st November 1860.

4. In their Proceedings of the 7th July 1860, No. 846, the Madras Government authorized Mr. Blake to exercise the extended Magisterial powers conferred under Section LIV Act VII of 1843.

5. Mr. Blake has given me much satisfaction in the performance of the duties entrusted to him, and I think him well deserving of promotion.

6. Should the Government, on the recommendation of the Board of Revenue promote Mr. Blake, I trust he may be allowed to remain attached to this Collectorate.

Bellary 15th March 1861. I have the honor to be &c.

(SIGNED.) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

(TRUE COPY.)
(SIGNED.) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

Extract from the Administration Report of the Bellary District for the Official Year 1860-61, dated 21st May 1861, No. 98.

Para 17. The two Deputy Collectors in this District continue to discharge satisfactorily the duties entrusted to them—Srinivasa Row, the 1st class Deputy Collector, has charge of 2 Taluks; and Mr. Blake is in charge of the Treasury, and has the Magisterial charge of the Taluk of Bellary—Owing to the Banking System recently introduced, his time is fully occupied; and I would strongly recommend him for promotion to a higher grade.

(A TRUE EXTRACT)
(SIGNED.) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

Extract from the Jummabandy Report of the Bellary Collectorate for the Fusly 1270, *submitted to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 27th November* 1861, *No.* 204.

Para 86. I have the pleasure again to record my favorable opinion of the manner in which my Subordinate Covenanted Officers, the Deputy Collectors, and the Sheristadar have executed the duties devolving upon them.

(A TRUE EXTRACT.)
(SIGNED.) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

To, B. A. BLAKE ESQUIRE,
Deputy Collector of Bellary.

Extract from a letter from the Collector of Bellary to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 12th December 1861, *No.* 212.

1. In reply to your letter of the 7th Instant No. 6820, I have the honor to inform you that besides the Treasury and Stamp, and Postage label departments, Mr. Blake has Magisterial charge of the Bellary Taluk, and is entrusted with the superintendence of the Printing Office, and making the Income Tax Assessments for the Bellary Taluk under Section XXII of Act XXXII of 1860.

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3. The Accounts which are submitted to the Accountant General, Civil Pay Master and Civil Auditor, have been despatched punctually, with very rare occurrences of delay, and in those instances, the delay was owing, either to the Accounts from the Taluks not having been received in proper time, or to their having been received in such a state as to render it necessary to call for explanation; which, after due notice taken by me, was intimated to the Officers to whom the Accounts had to be submitted.

4. There does not appear to be any necessity for Mr. Blake's being relieved of any of the duties entrusted to him (excepting that which is already contemplated to be discontinued, the signing of Stamp-papers, which, as reported on a former occasion, occupies several hours of his time daily), as the delay in the transmission of the Accounts above alluded to, is not owing to want of time to attend to the Treasury duties, but to causes beyond his control, as stated above. Mr. Blake has always been regular and attentive to his duties, and is desirous of making himself more generally useful, and I trust that with this explanation, the Board of Revenue will be pleased to exonerate him from blame.

(A TRUE EXTRACT)
(SIGNED) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

No. 59. *To, The Secretary to the Board of Revenue,*
Fort St. George.

SIR,

Being about to quit the District on temporary leave of absence, I have the honor to request that in the event of any promotions taking place amongst Deputy Collectors, you will be so good as to bring to the notice of the Board of Revenue my letter of the 15th March 1861, No. 56, relative to the Treasury Deputy Collector Mr. Blake.

Bellary 19th April 1862. I have the honor to be &c.
(SIGNED.) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

(TRUE COPY.)
(SIGNED.) E. B. FOORD, *Acting Collector.*

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 31st July 1862. No. 4958.

Read the following letter from E. B. Foord Esquire, Acting Collector of Bellary, to W. Hudleston Esquire, Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 21st July 1862, No. 118.

On giving back charge of the District to Mr. A. Hathaway, I beg to be allowed to bring to the notice of the Board, the high sense I entertain of the character and qualifi-

cations of Mr. B. A. Blake, Deputy Collector and Magistrate, and trust that his claims to promotion will be taken into consideration, when a vacancy occurs in the higher grades of Deputy Collectors.

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

2. The Board have no voice in the promotion of Deputy Collectors, but are glad to receive this testimony to Mr. Blake's efficiency.

(A TRUE COPY AND EXTRACT)
(SIGNED.) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

(TRUE COPY.)
(SIGNED.) A. HATHAWAY, *Collector.*

Bellary Collectors Office
No. 61 Cantonment, 22nd December 1806

From

H. Wedderburn Esquire,
Acting Collector of Bellary,

To

A. Dickins Esquire,
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit
herewith a Petition addressed to the Honorable
the Governor in Council, with
a request that it may be laid before the
Board, and a Letter to the Chief Secretary
dated 18th December 1806.

2. I consider the Petitioner
to be entitled to promotion to the higher
class of Clerks, being next in the 5th class, when
in the last month, as Assistant Officer
in charge of the Treasury Establishment,
and has for the last 3 years
exercised the functions of District Paymaster

Rec'd 1864

Rec'd 6th January 1864

No. 25.

The Government
have placed in reserve
such powers as they
may consider necessary to call out Militia
effectively and conduct their claims
to promotion will
be duly considered
on the occurrence
of vacancies.

I have &c
(Signed) Fred. St. George
Lt. Col.
7th January 1864

Rec'd 8th January 1864

No. 2.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit
herewith, for the information of
His Excellency the Governor
General of British North America,
a Return of Militia Officers
appointed, promoted, or transferred
during the month of December 1863.

I have &c
(Signed) Alexr. Campbell
Deputy Adjutant General

Sir Edmund Head Bart. &c &c &c
Quebec

Militia Office
Toronto 7th January 1864

No. 25.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit
herewith, for the information of
His Excellency the Governor
General of British North America,
a Return of Militia Officers
appointed, promoted, or transferred
during the month of December 1863.

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