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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 336 Press Mis.

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Dated 24-2-1864

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department 24th February 1864.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th February 1864:—

No. 347. Read the following letter from J. MACKEY, Esq., Acting Superintendent of Stamps; to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 18th February 1864, No. 1,181 of Fusly 1273.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Order, dated 11th February 1864, communicating the Order of Government, 11th February 1864, No. 256, directing suspension of Teroovengada Charry, an Accountant in this Office, should the published Report accusing him of bribery be accurate. The accusation rests on the man's own statement made to Mr. Norfor as well as afterwards confirmed by him in open Court. With these facts the orders of Government received on the 12th instant have been at once put in execution.

2. I am informed that Mr. Norfor ascertained on the day following the trial of Pooliah Chetty from the Advocate General, that he would himself fully report to Government, and the former gentleman is already in possession, as respects the Accountant, of the admission made by himself to Mr. Norfor; that he the Accountant paid to Mr. A. H. Clarke, then Manager of the Office, a sum of Rupees 250 for his first appointment in the Stamp Office on 25 Rupees a month, and a further sum of Rupees 250 on his promotion to his present pay of Rupees 50. The next step would appear to be in the Chief Commissioner's Office where Mr. Clarke is now employed. The offence seems to have been committed about eight years ago, and I think is not cognizable under Peel's Act which was then in force. The Advocate General's Report will however, determine this and other law points.

3. I expect very shortly to be able to report upon further alleged bribery cases in this Office Establishment—enquiries into which have been precipitated and marred by the premature disclosures made in Court.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.
2. The Board await the further full report on the subject.
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No. 343. ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1864, No. 336.

The Board will place themselves in communication with the Commissioner of Police and Government Solicitor in respect to Mr. A. Clarke's implication in the matter.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

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Secretary

To,
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Secretary to Government
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Submitting with re-
mark letter from the Actg. Supt
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