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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th July 1865.

No. 455. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st July 1865.

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 18th July 1865, No. 126 :—

SIR,

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 11th July 1865, No. 1,589.

1. I have the honor, with reference to Proceedings noted in the margin, to state that I am making every exertion to bring the results of my preliminary enquiry into the official conduct of the late Deputy Collector, Subbarayalu Naidu, into such shape as will enable the Board to place the matter before Government for specific instructions, respecting the course which they would wish adopted. Meanwhile I respectfully solicit, through the Board, the indulgence of Government for any apparent delay.

2. The enquiry is beset with difficulty, and unless the current business of the District is to stand still, I could not give to this case more of my time and attention than I am now bestowing upon it.

3. It has latterly cost me clear 15 days' work to prepare for the Session Court the case against Poligar Chengama Naidu, Subbarayalu Naidu's intimate friend and adviser, a case which I shall hereafter be able to shew, was most suspiciously suppressed in its passage through his (Subbarayalu Naidu's) and his subordinates' Courts. That long and intricate enquiry has brought under observation so many collateral circumstances of compromising aspect, with respect to other ministerial officers in the District, that no money or exertion is being spared to suppress evidence, and to hamper and embarass the progress of these investigations.

4. I had calculated on the Zemindar's willingness to produce a certain Treasury account, which his ex-manager had himself informed me was in the custody of the Treasurer. To my requisition the Zemindar has replied that no such account is in existence, and pretends to question the accuracy of my information. During my interview with this same ex-manager, he freely admitted to me that some Rupees 10,000 must have passed, in one way or other, into the Deputy Collector's hands during the year and a half he was at the head of the Zemindar's affairs.

5. Foiled in my attempt to get possession of this account, I am now concentrating my attention upon (3) three cases against the Deputy Collector, upon which I have already amassed considerable evidence, and which I hope to be able to reduce to shape and embody in a report to be submitted by the close of the month.

6. I will gladly, should the Board desire it, place before them at an earlier date a Memorandum of the case so far as it goes. Its perusal would, I feel assured, satisfy the Board that this is no case of injured innocence or misplaced suspicion, but a too true tale of foolhardy and shameless venality and rapacity.

7. I have all along been consoling myself, amid the almost ludicrous incompetency exhibited by this officer in every detail of his work that, that unctuous obsequiousness and bombastic address covered nothing more mischievous than defective training and conscious incapacity. Mr. Banbury, I have reason to believe, entertained much the same opinion, and bore with him, as I have done, in consideration of his long service under another régime, and his promise to retire when entitled to the full pension of his standing. Now, I have a moral conviction of his guilt, and would probably have arrived at an earlier estimate of his real character and worthlessness, had not absence in Europe and subsequent illness interrupted my official connection with the District during the greater part of the last two years.

8. I make these remarks out of no desire to entrap the Board into a precipitate expression of their views, but simply in explanation of the difficulties which surround this enquiry, and for the purpose of indicating generally that there is no

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hardship under the present aspects of the case in withholding the late Deputy Collector's pension, until such time as I can with due regard to the other interests of an onerous District, report for the orders of Government the results of my enquiries respecting some of the numerous acts in connection with which his official integrity has been impeached.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board doubt not that the Collector is using his best endeavours to expedite the transmission of his report. They trust, however, that he will lose no time in submitting the case when he is able to place it before the Board in a complete form.

No. 456. ORDER THEREON, 25th July 1865, No. 1,727.

Miscellaneous.

The Government must await the Collector's report, which they rely on his submitting with the least possible further delay.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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A.D. Bulgin
Ag. Secretary.

To

W. Hudleston Esqr.
Ag. Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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against D. Colly
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With orders

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