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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 59. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th July 1865, No. 4,302.

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 30th June 1865, No. 125 :—

SIR,

1. Adverting to the Board's Official Memorandum, dated 26th instant, No. 567, calling for a report on the condition of the Account Department, I have the honor to state, that the requisition for a report attracted my attention on receipt of the Proceedings of Government and the Board, dated 8th and 14th November 1864, respectively; but as the Government Order only called on the Board to make the report, and the Board did not call on me, I did not know, till receipt of their Memorandum, that any report was required from me.

2. I have now the honor to state, that the Account Department, since November 1864, has been working very satisfactorily. The only mistake that occurred in the Department since then, is the one in connection with the Season Report for April last, noticed in the Board's Official Memorandum, dated 29th May 1865, No. 488; but which was entirely a clerical error, and the Clerk who had the preparation of the report has been severely reprimanded for his carelessness.

3. I lately relieved Mr. Bates of the duties connected with the Press and Sea Custom Departments, and with this relief, I have no doubt he will be able to maintain the Account Department in its present state of efficiency.

4. I take this opportunity of observing, that, in paragraph 4 of his letter, dated 1st August 1864, No. 992, embodied in the Board's Proceedings, dated 27th March 1865, No. 1,704, Captain Beddome remarks, that "Instead of a deficit, his "returns would have exhibited a small profit, if the sum of Rupees 27,272-7-7, "realized from partial sales at Ponani and paid into the Treasury of the Collector "of Malabar to be placed in that of the Collector of Coimbatore by a Public Service "Transfer Receipt, had reached the latter before the expiration of the year."

5. In paragraph 8 of the Board's Proceedings quoted above, Captain Beddome was "Requested to ascertain and report whether the delay was in the Malabar Col- "lector's Office in furnishing the Transfer Receipt." No requisition has, as yet, been received in this Office regarding it from Captain Beddome. But I think it right to observe, for the information of the Board, that, on receipt of a letter from the Assistant Conservator of Forests, dated 29th March 1864, requesting that when Rupees 27,272-7-7, the value of Teak timber sold to Nanoojee Mukunjee Sait at Ponani had been paid, to favor him with a Transfer Receipt on the Collector of Coimbatore, an order was sent to the Tahsildar of that Talook to receive the money in his Treasury, reporting the same to this Office.

6. A small portion of the amount, viz., Rupees 4,000, only was paid in March into the Talook Treasury, the remainder, Rupees 23,272-7-7, was paid into the Hoozoor Treasury in the middle of April, and a Transfer Receipt for the aggregate, Rupees 27,272-7-7, was accordingly sent to Mr. Spring with Mr. Bates's letter of the 20th idem, No. 1,306.

7. Thus, it will be seen, there was no particular delay in this Office, and that unless there was extraordinary postal delay, there was ample time for the amount

being included in the Accounts of the year 1863-64, if proper steps had been taken in the Offices of the Assistant Conservator or the Collector of Coimbatore.

Ordered to be submitted to Government with reference to their Order, dated 8th November 1864, No. 2,055. The Board are glad to receive so satisfactory a report from the Collector of the state of the Account Department in Malabar. The returns received from that District are prepared with much greater care than was formerly the case, and the Board trust that the Deputy Collector, Mr. Bates, will not relax in his efforts to maintain the Department in a thoroughly efficient state.

No. 60.

Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd August 1865, No. 1,804.

1. The Government are glad to hear that improvement is manifested in the Malabar Account Department, but they must request the Board and the Accountant General to insist upon *prompt*, *punctual*, and *efficient* discharge of the duties connected with this most important department in every District.

2. The well-working of the Finance system of the Empire is really greatly dependant on correct and punctual maintenance of the accounts in the Districts, for delays or mistakes there, tend to obstruct or mislead in the consideration of important measures to an extent, which consideration for individuals cannot be allowed to excuse.

(True Extract.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

R. A. Dalyell

Acting Secretary.

To W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to G. A. Ballard, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright

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Dated 24th July 1865.
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No. 4,302.

With order.

Submitting letter from Collector of Malabar reporting on condition of Account Department in District.

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To Govt. anglais

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