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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
13th September 1865.*

No. 285. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th September 1865, No. 5,493.

Read the following letters:—

From J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq.,  
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 8th August 1865,  
No. 183.

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1. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 26th ultimo, No. 4,371, calling upon me to submit the Tahsildar's explanation of the delay in reporting the case of the late Mahomed Asadullah's Yeomiah, I have the honor to state, that the present Tahsildar of the Nellore Talook, who took charge thereof in July 1864, reports in Arzi (Miscellaneous) No. 330, dated 1st ultimo, that he issued notices to the parties concerned four or five times, but that in consequence of certain disputes among them, they delayed appearing before him till April last.

2. As regards the delay previous to July 1864, the Tahsildar assigns the same reason, and in conclusion submits, that in the absence of any penal provision, there will always be a difficulty in respect to notices issued in the Revenue Department.

From the same Officer, dated 19th August 1865, No. 193.

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 14th instant, communicating the Order of Government, dated 10th idem, No. 1,858, I have the honor to state, that no reminder was sent to the Nellore Tahsildar to expedite the transmission of the report in question till the month of March last, when the widow of the deceased Yeomiahdar having presented a Petition, No. 598, it was endorsed to the Tahsildar on the 17th of that month, calling for early report, which was accordingly furnished on the 15th of the ensuing month.

2. The case was overlooked in this office, the parties themselves giving no assistance.

1. Submitted to Government, with reference to paragraph 2 of their Order, dated 10th August 1865, No. 1,858.

2. In his first letter, the Collector gives the explanation furnished him by the Tahsildar of the Nellore Talook, in regard to the delay of more than two and a half years, which occurred in the disposal of a claim to a lapsed Yeomiah. In his second, he replies to the enquiry of Government whether any reminders were sent from his own Office to the Tahsildar and if not, why not.

3. The Board cannot regard the explanation on either point as satisfactory. The present Tahsildar is not very much to blame perhaps, if during his tenure of nine months, he issued four or five notices to the parties concerned, but their failure to attend should at least have been brought to the Collector's notice. The delay of one year and ten months previous to his assumption of office is passed over in much too light a manner. Mr. Dykes will be requested to give the names of the Officers who held the Tahsildarship during this period, and to obtain, if possible, explanation from them upon the question at issue.

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4. It seems to the Board, however, that, after all, the fault lies principally in the Collector's own office. Mr. Dykes's second letter shews that no reminder was ever sent to the Talook on the subject until the person most interested had again petitioned, and the excuse is that "the case was overlooked in the office, the parties themselves giving no assistance."

5. It is obvious that if the lists of unanswered orders were carefully and periodically scrutinized, the omission of a Tahsildar to reply to directions issued so long previously could not have escaped detection. The Board desire that the Collector will report at once what system is observed in his office in this very important particular. It is not reasonable to suppose that the work of a District can be efficiently performed without rigid supervision.

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ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1865, No. 2,198.

Miscellaneous.

The Government await the Collector's further explanation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

*[Signature]*  
Acting Sub-Secretary.

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

Copy to J. W. B. Dykes, Esq., Collector of Nellore.

Exd. J. Wright.

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