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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th December 1865.*

No. 100. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th November 1865, No. 7,557A.

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be exempted from the Uncovenanted Civil Service examination.

2. From my personal experience of Somalinga Mudaly, who accompanied me when visiting the salt pans at Katur, I can fully endorse the high opinion Mr. Banbury held of him, and I beg, therefore, to recommend he be wholly exempted from examination, and confirmed in his present appointment, drawing the full pay.

3. As Mr. Smith remarks, it is particularly necessary that a Superintendent of a salt pan should be physically capable; and Somalinga Mudaly, I know, to have that qualification to a great degree, and to be in no way deficient in intelligence.

From the Deputy Collector in charge of Salt, to the Collector of Madras, dated 17th October 1865, No. 389.

1. I have the honor to report that Somalinga Mudaly, Superintendent of Katur, has failed to pass the General Test examination, and that his salary, for the month of September last, has in consequence been stopped by the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, who has also called upon me to recover the salary disbursed to him for the month of August last.

2. Somalinga Mudaly was formerly a Peshkar in this Department, and in common with all the Salt Peshkars of the District, was promoted to a superintendship on the introduction of the Honorable Mr. Pelly's revised scale of establishment, in pursuance of the injunctions of the Board, that the claims of the old servants of the Department should be duly attended to.

3. Somalinga Mudaly was in Government employ previous to January 1859; but as his subsequent service was not continuous for a brief period, the then Civil Paymaster objected to pass his salary, and his case was in consequence formally represented to the Board of Revenue by the late Acting Collector, Mr. Banbury, in a letter to their address, dated the 1st April 1864, No. 137.

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4. Somalinga Mudaly accordingly went up to the General Test examination in February last; but, as I expected, failed in passing it. And, no marvel! the post of Superintendent at the pans, irrespective of the writing and account duties appertaining thereto, is no sinecure; and daily exposure to the glare and heat of the sun, is not particularly favorable to the study of Grammar, Geography, and History, after the physical energies have been exhausted by a hard day's work.

5. Somalinga Mudaly has, during his service of six and a half years in this Department, acquired considerable practical experience in the details of salt manufacture; and the late Acting Collector, in his letter to the Board already quoted, testified to his qualifications in the following terms:—"On the 1st January last, when the new scale of the salt establishment sanctioned by the Government of India was introduced, Somalinga Mudaly was, after careful consideration, selected

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"by us as being best qualified for the above-mentioned post" from his natural abilities, "energetic habits, and departmental experience." And I presume, that from your own knowledge of the man, you would not object to endorse Mr. Banbury's opinion of him.

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7. Looking, therefore, to the admitted special qualifications of Somalinga Mudaly for the post of Superintendent, which he has so well and satisfactorily filled; to the fact that he is better informed than most of the Superintendents at the pans, so far as a knowledge of English is concerned; and considering that he is also physically qualified for the laborious duties of Superintendent, I submit that, for all practical purposes, no better man could be secured for that situation, and I venture respectfully to recommend that he may, as a special case, be exempted from all examination, and be confirmed in the post of Superintendent, to which he stands appointed. If, however, in a department so peculiar as this, where experimental and physical qualifications would appear to be more necessary than mere educational advantages, it be nevertheless deemed expedient, for the maintenance of the examination rules, that Somalinga Mudaly should pass through some ordeal, I would respectfully suggest that he may be exempted from the General Test examination, and be confirmed as Salt Superintendent, conditionally on his passing the Special Test examination, on the next opportunity.

1. Submitted to Government with reference to their Order, dated 9th May 1861, No. 797.

2. Under the further strong representations made by the local authorities, the Board think that Somalinga Mudaly should be exempted from both the General and Special Test examinations, and authorized to draw his full salary as Superintendent of the Katru salt pans from September last.

3. The Board are aware of the peculiar nature of his duties, which, if faithfully discharged, can leave but little if any time for study; besides which he is represented to be a better English scholar than most of the Superintendents at the pans.

No. 101.

ORDER THEREON, 15th December 1865, No. 3,030.

Miscellaneous.

Under the circumstances reported, the Board's recommendation is approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Accountant General.

„ the Commissioner of Uncovenanted Civil Service Examination.

No. 7,557A.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

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

Copy to E. G. R. Fane, Esq., Collector of Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

Recommending that Somalinga Mudali, Sate Superintendent of Katru, Madras District be exempted from both the General and Special Last Examinations, and authorized to draw his full salary from September last.

Dated 27th November 1865.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

No. 320

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