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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th May 1865.*

No. 160. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 27th April 1865, No. 49 :—

SIR,
1. I have the honor to request the sanction of Government for the arrangements proposed in the enclosed copies of letters* from my Acting Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate.

* Dated 16th March 1865, No. 65.
Do. 30th " " 78.
Do. 7th April " " 85.

None of the servants named have passed the prescribed tests.

2. With reference to Mr. Garstin's remarks regarding such servants being required to pass the prescribed tests within a reasonable time, I am not myself of opinion that this should be exacted of old revenue officers.

But in the case of Sub-Magistrates, I think it should be required, and that there is no hardship in insisting that a man who aspires to hold such a post should shew his capability for it by undergoing an examination in the test books that are to guide him in the discharge of his duties.

3. I have no objection to take, to any of the appointments now proposed in themselves; but I take this opportunity of observing that Mr. Garstin proposes them for the sanction of Government without any previous communication with or reference to the approval of the Collector and

Circular Orders of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st September 1828, and G. O., dated 24th February 1864, No. 335.

Magistrate. I think the former Orders of Government, and the spirit of the late

Orders, intend that the Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate should nominate Talook Serishtadars and Sub-Magistrates in his division; but that their appointment should be with the approval of the Collector and Magistrate, as it is desirable that such offices should be open to the District generally, and not confined to the more limited range of the Sub-division.

I request the Orders of Government on this point.

No. 161. ORDER THEREON, 10th May 1865, No. 965.

Miscellaneous.

1. The proposed appointments are sanctioned on the condition of the parties who are not already in the grade of Sub-Magistrate passing such test of their fitness for Magisterial office as may be ultimately prescribed in furtherance of G. O., dated 8th April 1865, No. 766, Revenue Department, within six months of its publication.

2. Shungara Menon, Serishtadar of Cherakel being already *ex-officio* a Sub-Magistrate is not liable to any further test in the present instance.

3. The nomination to the posts in question properly belonged to Mr. Garstin as Acting Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate—the G. O. of 24th February 1864, quoted by Mr. Ballard, having reference to Assistant and Deputy Collectors.

4. The Collector has, of course, a veto on any improper appointment in his District made by his subordinates.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Civil Paymaster.
" the Collector of Malabar.
Exd. R. H. Lee.

(Copy)

Tellicherry 16th March 1865.

From J. H. Garstin Esquire
Acting Sub Collector of Malabar

To G. A. Ballard Esquire
Collector of Malabar.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that
Someswar Iyan, the Sheristadar of the
Kunnambranad Taluk has applied for his
pension. A list of his services is enclosed.

2. I propose to appoint Suppu
Battar the Head Clerk of my Office,
but at present in the Escheat depart-
ment, to the vacancy.

3. As he has not passed the
required test I request you will obtain
the sanction of Government for his
appointment.

I have &c.

Signed J. H. Garstin
Acting Sub Collector.

No. 78.

Tellicherry 30 March/65.

From J. H. Garstin Esq.
Acting Subcollector of Malabar

To G. A. Ballard Esq.
Collector of Malabar.

Sir,
I request you will obtain the sanction of Government to the following appointments made on the removal of the Town Sub Magistrate of Tellicherry Perumal Pillai from his present acting appointment to that of Head Gomastah in the Cherakel Taluk.

Shangara Menon, Sheristadar of Cherakel to act as Sub Magistrate of Tellicherry.

Ramayar 1st gomastah Cherakel to act as Sheristadar.

Neither of the above has passed the Special Test examination. But there is no one available, that I am aware of, who has done so.

I have &c.

Signed J. H. Garstin
Acting Subcollector.

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Tellicherry 7 April 1865.

From J. H. Garstin Esq.
Acting Subcollector of Malabar

To G. A. Ballard Esq.
Collector of Malabar.

Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 5th Instant, No 1055, I have the honor to state that in my opinion, Section 3 of the C. C. B. R. dated 1st September 1828 defines the principal Native District servants in a Sub Division to be the Sub Division Tahildars and the Sheristadar of the Subcollector's Cutcherry and that by inference all others under those grades must be looked on as inferior ones, the appointment, suspension and dismissal of whom rests with the Subcollector.

2. My reason for recommending that the sanction of Government should be obtained to the appointment of Supp. Putter as Sheristadar of Kurumbraod was, that he was (as far as I could judge, from the commendatory notices of his services in the Sub Division since

Registers) in every way qualified for the post, besides being the senior in point of service of all others in the Sub-division. who might be equally well qualified.

3. His service extends over 19 years and though he has not passed the Test for Taluk Sheristedars, I am not aware of any one in the District who has done so, - and who therefore has a better claim to the appointment.

4. With regard to Shaugara Menon. He is the Sheristedar of Chera. Kelam and has discharged his duties to the satisfaction of his immediate superior and myself. It was at his own request and with a view to enable him to read for his examination, that I moved him to Tellicherry where he had acted as Sub-Magistrate before and to my satisfaction. though as the Civil Paymaster would not pass his salary, he had to be transferred elsewhere.

5. As to Ramayar. as he stood next to Shaugara Menon in the Taluk list, being Head Gumahtah

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and an excellent accountant and well acquainted with English, I recommended his appointment as a temporary measure. and because I consider it a good rule that promotion in a Taluk should be made from the public servants of that Taluk, if qualified, - because they are acquainted with that particular Taluk better as a rule than the officials of any other. and in this particular case as Ramayar had served for a long time as Revenue Inspector his local experience would be invaluable & him as a Sheristedar.

6. As to their passing the Special Revenue Test. I am not prepared to make any authoritative statement. That they will all try to pass at the evening examination I have no doubt. but judging from the great difficulty all native servants are under in getting the books necessary to enable them to read for the Revenue examination. I doubt if there will be any candidates in this District for the next year or two who will have passed the prescribed

Test for Tahildars and Sheristadars.

In conclusion if I may be allowed the remarks, I think it hard to appoint a man to an office on the understanding that he shall pass within a given time, a given standard of examination. He is appointed simply because he is better qualified than all others and because there are no passed candidates eligible at the time - so that if he discharges his duty well, to reduce him to the level of an unmed.

the chance of being pronounced ineligible according to a certain literary standard, which facts proclaim his eligibility, would be scarcely fair.

I have &c

Signed J. H. Gardin
Acting Sub Collector.

(True Copies)

G. A. Wallard
Collector.

Compd J. H. Gardin

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Your most obedient servant,

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Collector.

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In a letter from the
Collector of Madras
dated 27 April 1865
No 119.

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Copy of letter from
the Secy to Government
of Madras dated 27 April 1865
No 119. In reference to
the appointment of
Magistrate.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government,
under date the 10th May 1865-

Read the following
letter from the Collectors
of Malabar:-

Requesting sanc-
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(Here enters 27th April
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The Board of Revenue
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Civil Day Master

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Pro: of the Madras Govt.
of 10th May.

Sanctioning certain
appointments of Sub Ma:
gistrates in Malabar
subject to their passing a
Resol.

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