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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th May 1866.*

No. 160. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th April 1866, No. 2,987.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd April 1866, No. 67 :—

1. I have the honor to request you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of Government for writing off the accounts of this District, to profit and loss, a sum of Rupees 75-15-6, which has for a long time been lying unadjusted, and for the recovery of which there seems to be no prospect. The item originally amounted to Rupees 309-0-7, and consisted entirely of advances made from time to time by the several Tahsildars from the Permanent Advance Fund for laying dāk bullocks for travellers, between the years 1854 and 1860.

2. It would appear that the practice then prevailing amongst the Tahsildars was to advance the requisite sum to the bullock owners, with the intention of eventually recovering it from the travellers, but some travellers refused to pay the charge, and thus items from times accumulated to the sum above-mentioned, and the Tahsildars neither brought the matter to the notice of the Treasury Officers, nor did they take any steps for the recovery of the amounts.

3. The circumstance came to light in 1864, on preparing a return connected with the Permanent Advance Fund of the District for the Accountant General, when measures were at once taken for the recovery of the amount, and, after

a good deal of delay and trouble, all
but the balance* now under notice was
recovered. There appears to be no means now for the recovery of this amount, either from the Tahsildars who advanced the money, all of whom are now dead, or from parties for whom the dāks were laid, most of whom have left the country; and no application being made to others for payment, they refuse on the grounds of having no knowledge or recollection of the matter.

Submitted for the sanction of Government.

No. 161.

ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1866, No. 1,100.

Miscellaneous.

Sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

