

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st June 1866.*

No. 98. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th May 1866, No. 3,497.

Read again letters from the Collector of Cuddapah, dated 10th February and 24th March 1866, Nos. 19 and 41, in Board's Proceedings, 6th March and 16th April 1866, Nos. 1,536 and 2,629.

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated Madanapally, 3rd May 1866, No. 71 :—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 16th April 1866, No. 2,629,

I have the honor to state that I have now nominated Nemali* Ramanuja Row, a passed Candidate, to act as Sheristadar of Budwail Talook in lieu of S. Rama Row, whom I have directed to resume his post as Vernacular Clerk in my Office; and I request, therefore, that the Board of Revenue will obtain the sanction of Government for the disbursement of Rama Row's salary as acting Sheristadar of Budwail in arrears up to the date of his delivering over charge of the office to the above-named individual.

* No. 251 at page 6A of List of Candidates published in "Fort Saint George Gazette Supplement," dated 27th March 1866.

1. Ordered that the foregoing letters be submitted for the information and orders of Government, with reference to their Order, dated 24th January 1866, No. 211.

2. As the Collector now reports that he has nominated a passed Candidate to act as Sheristadar of the Budwail Talook in the room of S. Rama Row, the Board support Mr. Smith's recommendation that sanction be granted for the disbursement of the arrears of salary due to the latter individual up to the date on which he reverted to his substantive appointment as Vernacular Clerk of the Collector's Office.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1866, No. 1,337.

Miscellaneous.

Sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM

Secretary to Government.

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

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No. 1,536.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 6th March 1866.

Read the following letter from H. G. SMITH, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Pedda Cheppalli, 10th February 1866, No. 19:—

1. With reference to Government Order, No. 211, dated 21st January 1866, communicated in Board's Proceedings of the 29th of the same month, No. 677, I have the honor to state that S. Rama Row was nominated Acting Serishtadar of Badwail Taluk, during the absence of the permanent incumbent, H. Tirumala Row, on sick leave. Rama Row, was not informed, until the receipt of the Government Order, dated 8th August 1865, No. 1,838, that he should undergo the Special Test Examination, and, consequently, he could not attend it in September 1865. His service in the Revenue Department exceeds ten years, and he is entitled to the benefit of Modified Special Test Examination, but as the post is temporary, he cannot be allowed to attend that examination.

2. As there are no passed Candidates for the post of Taluk Serishtadar or Tahsildar in this District, and as the Special Test Examination is required to be passed by persons, who have been nominated to posts on condition of undergoing that examination, I request that the Board of Revenue will be pleased to recommend to Government that S. Rama Row be allowed to draw his salary in his acting appointment, without passing the Special Test examination.

The Board do not understand the Collector's observation, that as the post is temporary, the Modified Test Rules do not apply, and request him to explain his meaning.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Cuddapah.

Exd. J. Wright.

Requesting Collector of Cuddapah to explain meaning of his observation that Modified Test Rules do not apply in case of S. Rama Row, Acting Serishtadar, of Badvel Taluk, as the post is temporary.

No. 1,536.

Dated 6th March 1866.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

No.

1866.

Department.

Rev. 1483/66.

Enclosed in the Board of Revenue of Cuddapah to the Secretary of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th April 1866, No. 41 :-

No. 2,629.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 16th April 1866.

Read the following letter from H. G. SMITH, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Voilpud, 24th March 1866, No. 41 :-

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th March 1866, No. 1,536, I have the honor to refer you to a Notification of the Honorable C. Pelly, Commissioner for the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examination, dated 12th June 1865, in which it is distinctly laid down that, "Any unpassed Officer, who, on the 1st January 1865, may have served for ten years in the grades of the Revenue Department entitled to pension, and who may be selected by a Collector for the post of Tahsildar, Deputy Tahsildar, Sub-Magistrate, or Taluk Serishtadar, in consequence of passed Candidates otherwise qualified not being available, or in consideration of some special qualification, shall be subjected to an examination."

2. S. Rama Row was nominated merely to act as Serishtadar during the absence of the permanent incumbent on sick leave, and not selected by me to that post permanently on condition of undergoing either the Special or Modified Test Examination, of which latter being intended to apply exclusively to persons who have been selected to the vacant offices, and I therefore again request, that the Board of Revenue will be pleased to obtain the sanction of the Government for the disbursement of salary to S. Rama Row for the period he may be acting Serishtadar of Badvel Taluk, without subjecting him to any examination.

* Vide copy of letter from the Secretary to the Commissioner for the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examination, dated 2nd September 1865, No. 350, herewith sent.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. G. WALKER, Esq., Secretary to the Commissioner for the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examination, to the Collector of Cuddapah, dated 2nd September 1865, No. 350.

1. With reference to the Miscellaneous Circular of the Board of Revenue, No. LXXXIII. of the 14th July, I am directed to annex an extract from a reply to a reference made by the Revenue Department, No. 2,052, of 31st August 1865.

Commissioner to the Board on the subject. I am also directed to send you the accompanying copy of an Order of Government passed on a letter of the Commissioner.

2. From these, you will see that no person is to be admitted to the Modified Special Test Examination, unless he has been selected to fill some office actually vacant at the time of the examination, or unless he is selected to fill some office which will certainly become vacant before the next Modified Special Test Examination (that is, in the present case, before March 1866): and that all persons selected to fill the post of Tahsildar must have had their nomination approved by the Board, before they can be admitted to the Examination.

3. It is believed that misconception of the above rules is impossible; and I am directed to state that the Commissioner trusts that Collectors will hold themselves most strictly bound by these restrictions, since he feels himself precluded from admitting any person about whom doubt may exist.

4. You are aware that the Examination has, in consequence of the general misunderstanding of the orders of the Board and of Government, been postponed until the 20th and 21st October; and I am now directed to request that you will forthwith give notice, to the persons whom you may select, of the date and place of examination, and send to me, not later than the 20th September, a Return in the accompanying form duly filled up.

5. Detailed instructions for the conduct of the Examination will be sent to you and the Judge hereafter.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th August 1865, No. 4,899.

The Board observe that paragraph 2 of the Circular referred to, makes it quite clear that it is not the intention that any one should attend the Examination, unless he has been actually selected to fill some vacant office.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. G. SMITH,
Collector.

The Board desire to know how much longer Rama Row is likely to continue acting. He has already far exceeded the period for which his appointment was originally sanctioned by Government, and the Board see nothing in his case to warrant special treatment.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Cuddapah.

Exd. J. Wright.

Desiring to know how much longer Rama Row is likely to continue acting in the post of Sheristadar of Budwail taluk.

No. 2,629.

Dated 16th April 1866.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

No.

No. 1483/66

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Exd. J. Wright
R. D. dated 18th Aug 1865
No. 3497.

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No. 1483.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 18th May 1866

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No. 3,497.

Recommending that sanction be granted for disbursement of arrears of salary due to Vernacular Clerk S. Rama Row, of Cuddapah Collector's Office, for period during which he acted as Serishtadar of Budwail taluk.

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would, however, fix the rate of pay at twelve Rupees a month in each case, that being the rate sanctioned by Government for the Nundial Taluk in Kurnool District; but before addressing Government on the subject, the Board desire to be favored with the opinion of the Conservator of Forests on the subject.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Conservator of Forests,
with enclosure to be returned.
Copy to Collectors.

Exd. J. Wright.

Requesting opinion of Conservator of Forests
in regard to entertainment of additional Gumas-
tahs in Forest Taluks of North Arcot and Salem.

No. 2,100.

Received

Despatched

Dated 24th March 1866.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Enclosure No. 1
to be returned to the
Conservator of Forests
1866-11-23-395.

No. 3,013.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 30th April 1866.

Read the following letter from H. CLEGHORN, Esq., M. D., Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 24th April 1866, No. 1,774:—

1. Adverting to the Board's Proceedings, dated 24th March 1866, No. 2,100, I beg to state that the total number of vouchers, issued by the Tahsildar of Polur, from 1st May 1865 to 31st March last, was 671, or an average of sixty-one per month; an amount of work which could not occupy a Gumastah of the Cutcherry beyond a few minutes daily. During each of the first three months of the current year, the Tahsildar issued about 100 vouchers; but this number has been much diminished since the abolition of the Bamboo tax.

2. The Forest Overseer, who traverses the Polur Range, should occasionally see the Tahsildar and settle many points, so as in great measure to render correspondence unnecessary.

3. In the abstract appended to paragraph 4 of Mr. Robinson's letter, recorded in these Proceedings, the Collector of North Arcot shows 2,504 vouchers as "prepared" by the Taluk Establishment; it is not apparent why they should have been so prepared, when printed forms in triplicate, requiring simply to be filled in, were supplied from this office, as admitted in paragraph 2 of the Collector's letter.

4. Having regard to the work performed and the Forest revenue realized at present, I do not consider that an additional Gumastah is required for the Polur Taluk.

5. Again, with reference to the employment of three Gumastahs in the Salem, Tripatur, and Razipur Taluk Cutcheries, I forward a letter* (to be returned) from Lieutenant Walker, with

* No. 406, dated 11th April 1866.

its enclosure, and, under the circumstances therein represented, I am of opinion that the additional charge on this Department, proposed by the Collector of Salem, would not be justifiable.

6. The services of the extra Gumastah sanctioned for the Nundial Taluk, referred to by Mr. Minchin in his letter recorded in these Proceedings, were discontinued last month with the concurrence of the Acting Collector of Kurnool, the Tahsildar's Establishment having been to a great extent relieved from Forest work, and this will be done in other Districts as much as possible.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Lieutenant C. J. WALKER, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Salem and North Arcot, to the Conservator of Forests, dated Salem, 11th April 1866, No. 406.

1. With reference to your Memorandum, No. 1,722, of 10th instant, forwarded with Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th March, No. 2,100, I have the honor to state that I have already, in my letter, No. 242, dated 9th October 1865, to the Officiating Conservator, expressed my opinion on the subject.

2. I cannot, of course, recommend the appointment of extra Gumastahs in the Taluk Cutcheries for Forest work, when it is remembered that there is but one Gumastah in the Salem Office; from which every one of those vouchers, tickets, &c., shown in the Collector's letter are sent to the Cutcheries of two districts, comprising eighteen Taluks, all have to be entered, and generally numbered and stamped before despatch, and checked afterwards; still less can I recommend that the pay of the proposed Gumastahs be Rupees 12 per mensem, whilst mine receives but Rupees 8!

3. I have introduced a plan which greatly lessens the work thrown on the Taluk Establishments, namely, leaving the number of bandy, or head loads, for which a ticket is granted blank; and to be filled up as necessary.

Formerly for every bandy load, and every four-head loads, a separate ticket was issued, which caused unnecessary trouble.

I enclose a Statement showing the number of tickets issued, at the three Taluk Cutcheries named by the Collector, during the first three months of the current year (i. e., since the new rule was enforced). By comparing with the Collector's Statement, you will see the great saving of labour effected. The collections are about the same, and we have as good a check as formerly.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

STATEMENT showing the number of tickets issued by Tahsildars in the Taluks of Salem, Raseepuram, and Tripatur, in the months of January, February, and March 1866, the number of bandy or head loads being inserted by them at top of each ticket.

Taluks.	Tickets for bandy loads of firewood.	Tickets for bandy loads of Avaram bark.	Tickets for bandy loads of Valum bark.	Tickets for head loads of jungle wood.	Tickets for head loads of charcoal.	Tickets for head loads of Avaram bark.	Total.
Salem.....	86	8		16	246	4	360
Raseepuram..				8	275		283
Tripatur	185	7	2	13	38		245

Remarks.—The number of vouchers and, in Tripatur and Raseepuram, licenses issued is not shown, as the work on that account is small, and it is in the number of tickets distributed that excess of work is alleged; neither has any change been made in the mode of their distribution.

N. B.—This Return is from the 4th January, date of the new arrangement coming into force.

SALEM,
11th April 1866.

(Signed) C. J. WALKER, Lieutenant,
Deputy Conservator of Forests.

Communicated to the Collectors of Salem and North Arcot.
(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Salem.
" the Collector of North Arcot.
Conservator of Forests.
Exd. J. Wright.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

No.

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Enclosed are the Procs of the Board of Revenue for the month of April 1866. No. 3013.

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Dated 30th April 1866.

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Communicating to Collectors of Salem and North Arcot letter from Conservator of Forests objecting to employment of Extra Gumastahs in Forest taluks of those districts.

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From the Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To the Secretary to Government, R. D.

Dated 18th May 1866.

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No. 3493.

Forwarding copies of Board's Proceedings dated 24th March and 30th April 1866 Nos 2100 and 3013 on necessity for employment of additional Gumastahs in Forest taluks.

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