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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th June 1866.*

No. 165. [Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Judicial Department:—

Directing to report the steps taken by the Revenue
authorities, with reference to the misconduct of
Mr. Melson, Sea Customs Superintendent at Tranquebar. (Here enter 23rd May 1866, No. 801.)

No. 166. ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1866, No. 1,371.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue, who will
obtain and forward the report against the conduct of
Mr. Melson, the Superintendent of Sea Customs at Tran-
quebar.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 801.

Exd. S. T. Augustin,

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department.

23rd May 1866,

No. 244. Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector and Magistrate of Tanjore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vallam, 9th May 1866, No. 100.

I have the honor to report, briefly, for the information of Government, a serious occurrence which took place at Tranquebar last Friday evening, and which

2. The English Captain of the Steamer *Jaffna*, in a fit of drunken phrensy, endeavoured to murder the Mate, a respectable, well conducted man, and then ran his vessel ashore. The *Jaffna* had taken in cargo at Tranquebar, and was about to steam southwards. Mr. Burnell, the Head Assistant Magistrate, fortunately happened to be at Tranquebar; he at once proceeded on board, and, with considerable difficulty, placed the Captain in custody, and got the vessel off, after taking out her cargo. The Captain will be committed to the High Court in due course. I regret to state that, although Messrs. Melson and Potts, respectively Sea Customs Superintendent and Inspector of Police at Tranquebar, took part in the hard drinking on board which led to these serious consequences, they took no part whatever in aiding Mr. Burnell to remedy the perilous effects of their debauch, by which they were probably incapacitated, although not infuriated like the Captain. I shall take serious notice of Mr. Melson's misconduct, and, from what I hear, his antecedents are not such as to entitle him to lenient consideration. Mr. Potts will be dealt with by Captain Rolland, the Superintendent of Police. Mr. Burnell appears to have shown much alacrity and promptitude, and his presence at Tranquebar was most opportune.

No. 245. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1866, No. 801.

The Governor in Council notices with pleasure the promptitude with which Mr. Burnell, the Head Assistant Magistrate of Tanjore, is reported to have acted on the occasion referred to in the foregoing letter.

2. The steps taken by the Revenue and Police authorities, with reference to the misconduct of Messrs. Melson and Potts, should be reported to Government.

(True Extract).

C. J. Courtwright
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector and Magistrate of Tanjore.

Inspector General of Police.

Revenue Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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