

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2103

Press

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Dated

16-8-1866.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th August 1866.*

No. 411. Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 10th August 1866, No. 80:—

1. In accordance with the instructions of Government, Mr. Overbury has joined this District, and has proceeded to Collegal, where I anticipate his services are most required to organize and carry out measures for the relief of the poor. He has received personal instructions from me as to the works he is to undertake, &c., and I have placed at his disposal Rupees 1,000 out of Rupees 2,000 received from the Famine Relief Fund at Madras. Mr. Overbury has most cordially undertaken the duties assigned to him, and I anticipate marked benefit to the poor from his presence amongst them. I must, however, point out to Government, for their favorable consideration, what Mr. Overbury looks on as rather a hardship to himself personally. He has been preparing for his first standard examination, and was to have been examined at Coimbatore on the 21st and 22nd of this month. His presence at Collegal places it out of his power to be present at Coimbatore at the time appointed, as Collegal is at least 100 miles from Coimbatore, and the distance cannot be travelled under a week, as a great part of the road runs through jungle, and is very bad, in fact in parts it may be said that there is no road at all, simply a track, which in rainy weather it is difficult to get along. I have taken on myself the responsibility of directing Mr. Overbury to proceed to Collegal and forego his examination, and this step, I trust, will receive the support of Government, as I deemed his presence there of greater moment than his examination, which can be deferred without any great public inconvenience.

2. Mr. Overbury, however, pointed out (his language being Malayalam), and there is much force in what he advanced, that if he went up for examination just now, he would be in a much better position, being fresh from Malabar, to pass well in the language, than he will be hereafter, after moving about for perhaps a month or more, amongst a Canarese and Tamil-talking people.

No. 412.

ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1866, No. 2,103.

Miscellaneous.

The Collector's arrangement is approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

„ the Board of Revenue.

„ the Board of Examiners.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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 of Gold & Silver
 From W. 2521.
 The collector of gold & silver
 to the Chief Secretary
 of Government

Dated 10th Aug 1865
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Report on the
 arrival in the
 District & his departure
 of a collector for the District
 who is connected with
 the relief of poor districts
 that he may be allowed to
 forego his examination.

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 The Collector
 of the District is
 approved. N.
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Copy to the Collector of the District
 14th Dec 1865
 Board of Revenue

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