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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th January 1866.

No. 473. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd December 1865.

Read the following letter from the Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 15th December 1865, No. 284 :—

1. With reference to the Orders of Government, 27th November last, No. 2,922, communicated through the Board, in the case of Govinda Row, I request to be informed up to what date and at what rate the arrears of salary are to be paid to the late Tahsildar. I presume a moiety, and up to the 1st of the current month.

2. I beg to add my deep regret at the decision of Government, and especially that I am made to appear as the responsible Officer in the matter.

3. Government never had a more respectable public servant in their employ, and one whose character for integrity has ever been unimpeached; and if it were practicable, I would still, with all due deference, urge a re-consideration of the present decision, which simply entails ruin on the family of a man, who has for thirty-one years honestly served the Government, and his father before him.

4. As I am made the immediate cause of so great an injury to a family so highly respected in the District, I may be pardoned for again urging Govinda Row's case on the attention of the Board in view, if possible, to their further advocacy on his behalf with the Government.

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1. Submitted for the orders of Government, and recommended for favorable consideration.

2. It is evident that Mr. Reade expressed himself more strongly regarding Govinda Row in the first instance than he is now prepared to justify; and it would seem from the Government Order of 14th July 1865, No. 1,614, Revenue Department, that Govinda Row was displaced from office under the impression that he was then entitled to pension, without the condition of a medical certificate of physical incapacity.

3. The G. O. 15th September 1865, No. 2,217, permitted him to retain office to the end of that month.

4. For the sake of the public service the Board would greatly regret that a Tahsildar, who has obtained so marked a reputation for integrity and purity of conduct, should be dismissed in disgrace after thirty-one years' service, without any pension, in consequence of delay in disposing of one of a class of cases, which it has been too generally the custom to subordinate to other business of a more essentially public character. Under these circumstances the Board respectfully submit that the punishment is excessive, however objectionable the practice referred to.

No. 474. ORDER THEREON, 26th January 1866, No. 240.

Miscellaneous.

In consideration of Govinda Row's high character for integrity, the Government will not object to his employment as a Gumashta.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

From the Bd of Rev. 22 Dec. 1865.

The Board misstate the case of Mrs Mansfield. She has not been disappointed in consequence of delay in disposing of a single "one of a class of cases"; and as only 15 years of his service for 31 years can be admitted as such service as the rules require for pension; I do not quite understand why the "31 years" heretofore being hinged upon by the Board.

The Chas. as I comprehend the papers, which I have carefully examined, was ordered to be placed on the roll of employees, with the usual clerks allowance, for several delicate services, & had been the subject of frequent commendations, and it was declared by the Col., who has known him for some years, that it was a hopeless task to expect of him remarkable or distinguished conduct of his duties.

What reading the Town, Mr Reader communicates, I made due allowance for the pride & plumminess wh ordinarily disfigure that Officer's productions, but take these off & there remain the awkward fact wh no subsequent qualification can alter the character.—
Either Mr Reade has related that wh is not, or these facts remain.—
Nor is anything pr Mr Maddan urged he has not established a claim to pension, but looking to the interests of the State, which ought not to be over ridden & those of the man, I think he may deserved what he has unfortunately got—and I am unable to modify the views wh I stated in some remarks on a paper & on which H. Sr the Pres the Board the Agent concurred.
I have never seen any bad work done by an Ex Rosaldar

after his reduction from the highest grade in his division to a subordinate post in it—and looking to the more important work wh now devolves on a Jemadar Sarishtadar, compared with the mere sanitary duties wh they used to perform prior to the new Codes coming into operation, I doubt the propriety of annexing to the Bds proposal to convert a lazy Jemadar into what I feel I am pressed will prove to be something of the same kind in the grade next in rank to a Rosaldar.
The Boards object is undoubtedly a laudable one. As Jemadar Sarishtadar two men will crawl on day after day of time, or by a pains simulation the complaint wh I believe some men unconsciously, been alleging to be one of, will enable a Jemadar to appear.
It strikes me that a Rosaldar

Mahchun Goomashta

For Orders. JP WDM

This Case has been several times before Sons. & stands thus.
A Jahsildar is guilty of Excessive delay in reporting on a Sewniah Case—
For this, per se, Govt. would justly have considered a fine or suspension from office & pays sufficient punishment— Frequently— in the case of good & old Servants a censure has been deemed enough.
But the Collr.— having some years personal knowledge of this man— declares that he has always

Whereas the Board of Revenue

Whose duty it is to protect his right to a certain allowance, ought to have been more careful & cautious in screening himself against animadversion by his Superiors as Pui:— and that he deserves this rough punishment in the pleasantry terms used by the Collectr; the Reader will not, I conclude from these papers, be able to deny.

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been dilatory to a degree amounting almost to absolute disqualification for office — that he has once been degraded without effect and that improvement is almost hopeless!

With this opinion before them & seeing that the Tahsildar had 31 years service, the Jrs. had no alternative but to place him on the pension list, or sacrifice the public interests.

The former course was adopted and then it pleased that the Tahsildar's service in pension grades was only 15 years & that being physically capable of more work, he could get neither pension nor

The Jrs. are now for the second time asked to show mercy on the man & not turn him adrift after 31 years service. He is said to have earned a high character for integrity & purity of conduct and the Colr. in the first instance of him in stronger terms than he should have used!

Mr. Reade is unfortunately a the found of fine writing and perhaps under all the circumstances Jrs. would be disposed to sacrifice the Tahsildar the benefit of his long service and character for honesty to pass the sentence that the Bd. shall call for & scrutinise the returns of his work for 6 months.*

* and report the result - for Guide, Rev. Like evidence of this kind is very difficult to get

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habit of writing in Exaggerated
terms and then pitching down
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Stumbler in the Epistle
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"view the Board would grant
that a Professorship was obtained to
meet the objections
founded upon the
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diligence after 31 years service without any
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circumstances the Board
submits that the Commissioners

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No.

Recommending for favorable consideration letter from the Collector of South Arcot urging a re consideration of the case of Govinda Reddy late Tahsildar of Cuddalore.

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W.H.O. With order

Pr 14 July/65 pp 227-8
15 Feb " 323-4
27 Nov " 513-514
23-2-94 (Lib)
Pp 473-474.

The Pet. adheres to their orders of the 14 July & 27 Nov.
Court No. 1614 & 292

No. 220.

In considering the appeal preferred by the Petitioner for restoration to office, the Committee [illegible] the enclosed Statement on a [illegible] for Restoration - his case being [illegible] at the end of that year