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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 32. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th September 1866, No. 6,843.

Read the following letter from the Sub-Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kodaikanel, 3rd September 1866 :—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 15th ultimo, and, as therein directed, to transmit, for submission to Government, with reference to their Order, under date the 10th idem, No. 2,033, a list of dates shewing the periods during which I have resided on the Pulney Hills from 1863 to 1866.

2. I regret having been unable to submit the list earlier, but some papers material to its compilation were not immediately forthcoming, and had to be searched for. As now submitted, however, I believe it to be quite correct.

3. The very fact that I am called upon to assign a reason for each visit leads me to conclude that the record of my stay on the hills is likely far to exceed the anticipations of the Government. Some special reasons for several more than ordinarily prolonged visits, I may mention such as the serious and protracted illness of a member of my family in the middle of last year, and a severe fever which I contracted at Dindigul in August, which clung to me for a long while, and left me in a very reduced condition.

4. Otherwise, it will probably be considered sufficient, if I at once willingly admit that my residence on the hills has, since February of last year, been restricted only by the requirements of the public service necessitating my presence in other parts of the Division. Having fulfilled those requirements in a manner which the closest scrutiny will, I am confident, show to have been quite satisfactory, I have considered myself at liberty to consult my own convenience in regard to residence within my Division.

5. It is quite true, as remarked by Mr. Levinge, that in 1863-64 I was not anxious to reside frequently on the hills; but in 1865 a change had occurred in my domestic circumstances, which rendered it more than ordinarily urgent that I should not fail to secure to my family the advantage of a residence in the fine climate within my reach. Accordingly, in a domestic point of view, in the most open manner, I made the hills my head-quarters. I have continued to do so under the impression that the fact was not unknown to gentlemen connected with the Government, to whom, in my private capacity, I am known, and accordingly up to this time I have always believed and maintained that in such matters the policy of the Government was a liberal one, and that, as long as the duties of my office were conducted in a thoroughly efficient manner, the Government in no way objected to my frequent residence on the hills.

6. From the manner in which the question has now been put to me, I do not conceal from myself that I may have been mistaken, in which case I am glad that the subject has been thus publicly brought to notice, and an opportunity afforded me of learning what the opinion and wishes of the Government are.

7. Passing from this point, in respect to which I still hope, in spite of present appearances, that I may be proved not to have been in error, it is of course incumbent upon me to shew that my residence on the hills has been in no way

detrimental to the public service. To do this I shall have to shew that the administration of this Division is attended, as far as my experience of various other parts of the Presidency extends, by quite exceptionally favorable circumstances.

8. As the justification of my residence on the hills rests on this fact, I beg that, setting aside any prejudice such as I admit a first view of the matter might not unnaturally create in their minds, the Government will give me their impartial attention, while I explain what are the exceptional circumstances which have enabled me to combine, to a considerable extent, my personal convenience with an administration, on the character of which I certainly pride myself, and which I feel confident the Government have only to be acquainted with to consider creditable.

9. I shall mention first, as being at the root of the whole matter, the character of the people. The great bulk of them belong to the purely agricultural classes. I have had experience in several Districts both in the north and in the south, but nowhere have I been brought in contact with a people so simple, so orderly, and so industrious, who place so high a value upon their time, and who are, greatly in consequence of this, so little litigious. They are, moreover, happily almost free from the presence of that very pernicious class, so common in other parts of the Southern Districts, whose trade it is to excite feuds and litigation for the sake of the profits therefrom accruing to themselves.

10. I would next mention how very fortunate the Division has been in the absence of changes among the chief subordinate officers. There are now but two Talooks, both the Tahsildars of which are first class Sub-Magistrates. Both held their posts previous to my appointment in 1863. Than the Tahsildar of Dindigul in point of ability and character, Government has no better officer in that grade; the Ryots have no better friend. The Tahsildar of Pulney though he may not have the same ability, has equally earned, by his excellent character, the full confidence of the people. Lastly, my Serishtadar, who also held the office prior to my appointment, is in every respect a first rate public servant, having the interests of the people at heart, and invariably kind and considerate in his conduct towards them. These are the leading men in the Division, and, while never parting with one whit of my proper control over them, it has been a pleasure to me to treat them with that confidence which is the best guarantee for continued faithful service. Their good conduct naturally produces the best effect on that of their subordinates. It may be thought a bold assertion to make, but I have had very considerable experience to lead me to an accurate judgment, and I do not hesitate to state my belief that, comparatively with other parts of the country, corruption among the public servants is at its minimum in my Division; and the people, being less interfered with, have better reason to be (as they are) happy and contented than those of most other parts.

11. I think the deduction to be drawn from the above relation of facts will be obvious. It is simply, that among a people such as I have described, and with Tahsildars to whom the people resort with confidence, and with whose proper functions I never interfere, there is really not much left for me to do but to exercise a general control, and to let well alone.

12. It is quite true that I have Magisterial duties to perform, but Mr. Levinge's remarks on this head would convey a very inaccurate impression, unless I explain what are the nature of those duties. The Government will be prepared to learn that the people with whom I have to deal are not addicted to crime, or to the perpetration of offences of a grave character such as require to be dealt with exclusively by a Magistrate with full powers. I have also mentioned above, that I have in each Talook a first class Sub-Magistrate. I do not permit my Sub-Magistrates to waste their time, and that of the Police, in trying petty complaints such as can be dealt with by the Village Munsiffs, being entirely of Mr. Robinson's opinion on that point. They have, therefore, ample time to dispose of the bulk of the Magisterial work. The cases that come before me are with very few exceptions, brought by the Police, and consist of the simplest and most ordinary crimes, such as cattle, sheep, and grain stealing by old offenders. It is of the rarest occurrence that there is occasion for a complainant to prefer a charge before me, on which I have to issue process. Appeals from the decisions of the Sub-Magistrates are also quite rare. The preferring of such charges and appeals is rare when I am resident in the plains, and therefore it cannot fairly be attributed to my residence on the hills. With my experience in the year 1863-64 in which I was chiefly on the plains, I cannot be mistaken on this head.

13. I trust, therefore, that I have shewn that my residence on the hills is not productive of inconvenience to a number of would-be complainants, and when I mention that the average number of days between the arrest and conviction or discharge of prisoners brought to trial before me in each of the past four years was (omitting fractions) respectively 9, 11, 11 and 8, and that this of course includes the delays occasioned by summoning the witnesses for the defence after the examination of the prisoner, I think it cannot but be apparent to the Government that justice has not been appreciably delayed consequent on my occasional residences on the hills.

14. Tappal Petitions are filed and attended to. I keep no arrears of business at any time, and all my other public duties are punctually performed. If those duties required my constant residence on the plains, I should be there without a murmur. Whenever they do require it I go down. I am always ready to go down. It takes me but six hours to reach the Cusbah of Pulney from Kodaikanel, or leaving one afternoon I can be at Dindigul early the next morning. I am no stranger to the people in the Division. They have seen me in all parts of it. Take the last few months. I was in Dindigul in May, in Pulney in June. In July I rode two hundred miles in the Division, and visited both Talooks in order to satisfy myself, by observation, of the state of the country and the condition of the people. Earlier in the year when I found the Public Works Department unable to procure labor for some important works, and about to transfer a great part of the allotment to Tinnevelly, I gave them timely assistance, furnished the labor, executed the greater part of the work within the official year, and saved the money to my Division. My Jummahbundy Report was despatched within a month of the close of the Fusly. Last month I was enabled to forward a considerable contribution to the Famine Relief Fund. I mention these facts in the hope of convincing the Government that my residence on the hills is not incompatible with a sincere

interest in the affairs of the Division, and with the due performance of all my public duties. Doubtless it is the comparative lightness of those duties that has rendered such residence possible, but I trust I have proved that I am deserving of credit rather than blame on that account, owing as it is in a great measure to the very sound state of the administration; and without wishing to deprive my subordinates of their full share of the credit due, I may say that the condition of the Division has in every respect improved since I assumed charge of it.

15. After this explanation I trust the Government will not only not lay me under any imputation of sacrificing my public duty to my private inclination, but that they will place me under no fixed restrictions in reference to the hills. Further, that if they wish for an additional reason to those already given by me and supported by the Board for attaching the hills to the Sub-Division, they will find it in this letter, from which it will be apparent that the Sub-Collector has both leisure and opportunity to look after the hills in a far greater degree than the Collector's more onerous and multifarious duties can possibly leave to him.

Statement of number and duration of visits to the Pulney Hills from 1863 to 1866.

1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.
Two visits aggregating nineteen days.	March 19th—28th. April 1st—16th. " 19th—30th. May 1st—15th.	February 17th—28th. March 3rd—14th. " 17th—31st. April 1st. " 5th—18th. " 21st—30th. May 1st— 3rd. " 6th—31st. June 1st—30th. July 1st—22nd. " 26th—29th. August 1st— 4th. " 25th—31st. September 1st—30th. October 16th—21st. December 16th—31st	January 1st— 8th. February 12th—28th. March 1st—18th. " 28th—31st. April 1st—30th. May 1st— 8th. " 21st—31st. June 1st— 5th. " 15th—30th. July 1st—18th.

(Signed) G. VANS AGNEW,
Sub-Collector.

1. Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to Government Order quoted by the Sub-Collector.

2. The Board are glad to be able to state that they have full confidence in Mr. Agnew's zealous and efficient administration of his charge.

No. 33.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd October 1866, No. 2,638.

Miscellaneous.

1. In their Order of the 10th August last, No. 2,033, the Government, in consequence of certain remarks in a letter addressed by the Collector of Madura to the Honorable Mr. Bell and trans-

ferred by the latter to the Board of Revenue, called upon the Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate of that District, Mr. G. Vans Agnew, to report "how often and "how long on each occasion he has been on the Pulney Hills since he has held "charge of the Sub-Collectorate, and the reasons of his visits."

2. In their Proceedings above recorded, the Board submit Mr. Vans Agnew's reply to this requisition, and a Memorandum drawn up by him of his visits to the hills since 1863.

3. From the latter document it appears that in 1863 Mr. Vans Agnew visited the Hills on two occasions, aggregating nineteen days. In 1864 he visited them four times, his entire residence extending over fifty-four days. From the middle of June to the middle of November he was absent from the District on leave. From 1865 he made the hills his head-quarters, and resided on them for 211 days in that year, and for 135 days in 1866 up to the 18th July, when his statement closes. Thus since the beginning of 1865 he has regularly passed two-thirds of his time on the Pulney Hills. And not only was Mr. Vans Agnew's stay on the hills protracted to this extraordinary extent, but his visits to the plains, which constitute by far the most important part of his charge were generally so brief that they must have been practically almost useless. Thus, in 1865 Mr. Vans Agnew left the hills on ten occasions; but on no less than seven of these his absence was only for three and four days at a time.

The Sub-Division comprises an area of 2,171 square miles, with a population of 400,000, and a revenue of Rupees 4,18,000. The hill villages of the Range comprise an area of 99 square miles, with a population of 5,932, and a revenue of Rupees 5,631.

4. Further, Mr. Vans Agnew appears on several occasions of his residence on the Pulneys, as well as on the journeys which that residence entailed, to have drawn extra tentage, although he openly admits that his stay on those hills was entirely for his private convenience, and was not necessitated by the requirements of the public service.

5. The Government consider Mr. Vans Agnew's conduct in the highest degree culpable, and can only see in the defence which he has had the assurance to make a very serious aggravation of his fault. For the last eighteen months he has left the administration of the Sub-Division in a great measure uncontrolled, in the hands of his subordinates; he has manifested the most selfish insensibility to the interests and welfare of the people committed to his charge; and he has exhibited to his subordinates and the people the lamentable spectacle of an English Officer of high position making his duty subservient to his comfort.

6. The Government must now mark, in the most unmistakable manner, their sense of Mr. Vans Agnew's grave misconduct.

7. Mr. Vans Agnew will be at once removed from his appointments of Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate of Madura and Acting Collector and Magistrate of Trichinopoly, and he will be required to refund the extra tentage which he has drawn during his residence on the Pulneys.

8. As Mr. Vans Agnew's letter was sent direct to the Board and Government, the Collector, Mr. Levinge, has not had an opportunity of explaining his conduct

in suffering his subordinate so grievously to evade the obligations of his office. It was, indeed, a remark of Mr. Levinge's which led to this enquiry; but the remark was made only in April last, and the matter was far too serious to be treated incidentally. Mr. Levinge's clear duty was to have ordered his subordinate back to his proper station, and, if the order were not at once obeyed, to have reported the matter specially to his superiors. In not following this obvious course, Mr. Levinge has failed in a most important part of his functions as Head of the local administration.

9. The Governor in Council regrets also to be obliged to express his disappointment at the manner in which the Board of Revenue have dealt with the subject. Mr. Levinge's remark, which led to this enquiry, was left unheeded by them, and now that Mr. Vans Agnew's misconduct has been fully exposed, it is passed over in silence, it may almost be said, with approval. The Board would have done well if they had availed themselves of this opportunity to record their censure on the course pursued by Mr. Vans Agnew, and to assert the higher principles which should guide every public servant in the discharge of his duty.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Collector of Madura.
,, the Accountant General.
To G. Vans Agnew, Esq.

Exd. S. T. Augustine.

In their order of the 10 ult° N° 2033, fwt, in consequence of certain remarks in a letter from the Collr of Madura to the Bd of Rev.t, called upon Mr Agnew, late Collr of that District to report "how often & how long on each occasion he has been on the Pulneys, since he has held charge of the Sub/division and the reasons of his visit".

Mr Agnew in reply has submitted a statement of his visits to the Pulneys & their durations, since 1863, with an explanation

This statement, I observe, is in Mr. Agnew's own handwriting - He believes it to be quite correct - There could have been no room for doubt - on such a point had it been referred in the usual way to the office of the Sub/Collector - by reference to the diary & other records - WDR

residence on the Hills and the journeys which that residence entails he does travelling allowance, not in the slightest his admission that his stay on the Hills was to suit his own private convenience.

Mr Agnew's explanation of his conduct seems to me a miserable aggravation of his guilt. It is simply an insult to ask them to believe that any Officer of his age & experience could seriously pretend that he had the power of changing his Head Quarters at his discretion - and

[illegible] act of prospective & quite unusual than a journey to undertaken for a mans own comfort & convenience WDM

I am sorry to be obliged to regard the whole affair in a very serious light. WDM JPB

especially to locate himself for such subordinate periods at a place which he himself has declared to be too unimportant to need the presence of even a Sub. Magte & to which the Collr has declared it the "cruelty & injustice to cause complainants from the plains" to resort for redress.

The rest of Mr Agnews arguments amount in effect to this - that the public & the Subordinate Officers

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"I will now touch on the most question of the most desirable location for the Sub. Magte. I cannot agree with the Board should be the place. It cannot have been - indeed I may safely say, it was not the intention of Govt, in appointing a well paid Officer of that grade, that his services should be principally devoted to a handful of Europeans & their retainers residing in the hills. ××× As regards the Hills public purposes ××× his location at Kodaikanal will almost wholly neutralize the value of his appointment as one of those would ever

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of his office, as an
expensive sinecure.
But they, in no wise,
justify Mr Ogilvie's
conduct in framing
the circumstances of
the office and relieving
himself of its obli-
gations. The adminis-
tration of the Sub Division
has, in fact, for the
last 18 months been

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if he could possibly and
doing so. Kodikanal is at
of the highest & coldest
hill to on the Hills."

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Note. The Subdivision
comprises, an area of 5 square miles
with a population of 407,000
and a revenue of Rs 418,000.
The Hill villages of the
range comprise an area
of 99 square miles - with
a population of 5982 & a
revenue of Rs 5631 +

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at, seeing what experience
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would necessarily in-
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of Mr Ogilvie's defence
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most be regarded as
an indirect approval
of his conduct. It is
not very evident in
what way Mr Aspinall
zeal was exhibited
and as to his "charge"
it may be remarked
that Mr Aspinall's
argument is that he
had next to nothing to do!

It is, I think, much to be regretted that the Govt. did not take this opportunity of tardily doing their duty - completely as only part it might be - & at least recording their disapproval of the shameless manner in which Mr. Agnew has made his public duty to subserve his private convenience.

Orders requested.

J. D'A.

It is impossible to believe the people of Madura sub Division have so changed from what they were, owing to the administration of an officer, living on the Pulney hills, who appears to have left matters for nearly two whole years, almost entirely to the management of three trusted Native subordinates. Assuming, however, the absence of complaints,

per Mail 20 Feb JP.

as stated, and Mr Agnew's crime, to be the fact represented by Mr Agnew, I am satisfied it must be attributed to that gentleman's continued absence on the Hills, which the Ryots & other natives of the Plains will not voluntarily visit and where ascent is unless materially aided to abhor them. I therefore take it, that the present alleged Condition of the Arcadia described by Mr Agnew, is solely caused by the inaccessibility of the European representative of Govt. to whom the people would most certainly have gone with their complaints they must have had to prefer, if on their representations anything to have done, he had remained down in the Province

committed to his charge. To my mind it is a position absurd, to attempt to foist on the Government such a statement as Mr Agnew makes of the happy contented condition of the Colonists &c he has thus left to themselves. People with real genuine grievances will endure them & groan rather than be put to what to them is the painful expense of going some 50 à 60 miles & all the kick of their heels to shake & shiver, where no Police exists, at a plan like Kadaikanal.

Mr Agnew's exculpation is not an unfounded statement. He seems somewhat, (as mentioned in the Lieutenant Governor's) to an appreciation of his unfeeling disregard of his public duty; and I am unable to believe that this can properly & sufficiently be punished by a less punishment than removal

from the Lieutenant Governor of Madras and his retention on the "out of employ" list for a brief period.

Adverting to para 5 of Mr Ricketts' Journal add that I have had no knowledge whatever of Mr Agnew's ordinary place of residence being at the Neilgherries, until the present matter came before Govt. Mr Agnew was Special Assistant under me when I was Collector of Tanjore but since January 1859 when I came from Tanjore to the Sudr Court—Madras, I have had no communication with him of any kind.

About a week ago I had a letter from him written at great length in which the subject now under notice which letter I placed for inspection in the hands of Mr Secretary Lewis.

28 Septr 1866

I desire to say that Mr Vansittart's conduct during the 2 months preceding his transfer to the Police Department was most disgraceful and that he absconded and I may say impudently directly he knew I had ordered his dismissal. I make a present of this opinion to Mr Phillips that he should mark his sense of his gross dereliction of duty by removing him from the Secretariate of Madras and placing him for a while out of employ. When the displeasure of

Government has been sufficiently evinced and an opportunity offers of recognizing his services it should be done. But until then no such appointment ought to be made as would draw him away from his duty.

The first should contain a notice of Mr Lewis's services, and the last a copy of this Letter containing an account of proceedings of this Govt Colonial Secretary Law Secretary the State of things now brought to a close, and they should be sent by the Despatch that the Board of Revenue should have to say the Examiner should also likely will be made in the Law Dept in the second part of the Report of the 24th inst.

28—9—66

I entirely concur in the strictures passed by Mr Lewis upon the conduct of Mr Vansittart Agnew, Mr Levinge and the Board of Revenue as well as in the reflections passed by Sir Thomas Pycroft and Mr Phillips. I did not know that such

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Proceedings of Madras Government

Dated 2d October 1866

Passing orders on the explanation of Mr Dan's Agent relative to his visit to the Pulnis. His removal from Office and the refund of extra Cantage drawn by him or owed.

№ 32-33

In their order of the 9th August last № 2033 the Govt in consequence of certain remarks in a letter addressed by the Collector of Madura to the Hon.ble Mr Pelly & transferred by the latter to the Board of Revenue, called upon the Sub-Coll.r & Joint Magistrate of that

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The Govt. must now mark, in the most unmistakeable manner their sense of Mr. Vans Agnews grave misconduct & the ~~effrontery~~ outrage with which he has endeavoured to justify it.

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The Governor in Council regrets also to be obliged to express his disapprobation at the manner in which the Board of Revenue have dealt with the subject. Mr Lounge's remark which led to this enquiry was left

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Collector alone in the Service. It has
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the Collector's table a Paper of Questions, or
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to touch that Assistant's Knowledge of
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I would let this word
stand. Hulme MS too
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Wm. Agnew, in the most unmistakable manner, their ~~entire~~ ~~disbelief~~ of the ~~groundless~~ tissue of the naval dereliction error of duty of which the Agnew has been ~~found~~ convicted. ~~guilty~~ (and the shameless attorney with which he has ~~connected~~ to attempted to justify it.)

Mr. Agnew will be at once removed from his appointments of Port Master & Joint Naval Constructor of Madras & Acting Collector & Magistrate of Trichinopoly. and he will be required to refund the Extra Sea Coast which he has drawn during his residence

c. 6. I cannot let this stand as drafted - and add and the shameless endeavour of his counsel to justify it.

WM

I object to the word shameless altogether as to the attorney but accept the alteration of the N. to M. Where in the N. N.

and travelling allowance

No. 2638.

2nd Octr 66

In their order of the 10 August last No. 2033, the first, in consequence of certain remarks addressed by the in a letter from the Collr of Madura to the Secretr Mr Pelly & transferred by the latter to the Bd of Rent, called upon the Collr & Joint Magte of that District, Mr S. Vaux Agnew, to report "how often & how long on each occasion he has been on the Pulney Hills, since he has held charge of the Collr and the reasons of his visit."

In the their proc. above recorded the Bd. received Mr Agnew's reply to this requisition.

Dr.

I have perused the correspondence in this draft - as I presume it will be the Bd's address to lay it on the Secretary of State's table. A further Dispatch from the Govt of Madras will be the transmission of Mr Agnew's explanation - I do not see any reason why the Govt should not call for Mr Agnew himself for personal explanation - if any allegations should still be suspected to be made against him - but at present I think the language of the Bd's letter is sufficiently strong

and a memorandum drawn up by him of his visits to the Hills since 1863.

From the latter document it appears that in 1863 Mr Agnew visited the hills on two occasions aggregating 19 days. In 1864 he visited them four times, his entire residence extending over 52 days. From the middle of June to the middle of November he was absent from the District on leave. From 1865 he made the Hills his Head Quarters and resided on them for 201 days in that year and for 131 days

further I consider it unfit for publication as well as very severe punishment. N.

It has not I think been usual to lay such papers as these before the Editors [illegible] and I would hardly do so on the present occasion. [illegible] [illegible] papers and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] The case [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I have [illegible] of first or [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

on the Pulneys.

As Mr Agnew's letter was sent direct to the Bd of Rev, ~~the~~ Coller, Mr Levinge, has not had an opportunity of explaining his conduct in ordering his subordinates to ~~[illegible]~~ previously. ~~[illegible]~~ It was indeed a remark of Mr Levinge's which led to this enquiry — but the matter was far too serious to be treated incidentally — (Mr Levinge's clear duty was) ~~to~~ to order his subordinate to [illegible] his station & if the order were not at once obeyed, to have reported the matter, specially, ~~to higher [illegible]~~ ~~authority~~. In not following this obvious course

or "to evade the obligations of his office"? N.

the remark was made only in April last and [illegible]

It was clearly incumbent on Mr Levinge to have ~~I propose the test~~ — it was his "clear duty" no doubt. [illegible] The insinuation [illegible] was made in [illegible] style [illegible] and duty [illegible] times before. N.

Mr Jennings has failed in the pitch an exercise of his
~~in a most important point~~ authority.
Duty

I suppose the draft duty again omits a question of style N.

The first report to also to be adopted. ~~the~~ to record which gp now
Mr ~~Wardly~~ disapproved. + was to be omitted
Mr
Mem. I at the manner in which the Wd of Rel have dealt with the subject. Mr Jennings' remark / in which led to this enquiry / was ~~XXXX~~ left unheeded by them & ~~[illegible]~~ in this their agents ~~XXX~~ misconduct has ~~[illegible]~~ been fully exposed, it is passed over in silence - it may almost be said - with approval. (The public generally expected that the Wd would have availed themselves of this opportunity to at least express their disapproval (if the gross manner in which the case has been

I doubt the propriety of publicating the question of all the suggestions except the word Shameful N.

The Board would have done well ~~in availing~~ after had availed themselves of this opportunity to remind their censure of the course pursued by Mr Haynes and to assert the proper principles which should guide every public servant in the discharge of his duty. Mr Wd

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October 66 Cet: 3879.

Passing orders on the
explanation of Mr Dans
Agent relative to his
visits to the Palnis - His
removal from Office
and the refund of
extra Cowlage drawn
by him ordered.

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