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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th February 1866.*

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No. 251. ORDER THEREON, 13th February 1866, No. 392.

Miscellaneous.

Sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Accountant General.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 7th October 1865.

Read the following Statement from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Marupura, 4th September 1865, showing the amount of arrears due to the undermentioned Yeomiahdar in the District of Nellore :—

Number of Certificate.	Name of the Yeomiahdar.	Amount of Yeomiah per annum.	Date of sanction.	For what purpose granted.	From what, to what period.	Total amount.
8	Mohadeen Sha, son of Chandu Sha, an inhabitant of Durvur in the Nellore Taluk.	RS. A. P. 22 8 0	26th August 1842, (Government of India,) communicated with Board's Proceedings, dated 26th September 1842.	Durgah.	From February 1859 to 31st August 1865.	RS. A. P. 146 4 0 1 14 0 148 2 0

Remarks.—1. In his Arzi, dated 18th August 1859, No. 14, the Huzur Cash-keeper reported that the Yeomiahdar under notice had some five or six months previously entered the Military service, and that the allowance in question remained undrawn from February 1859. Thereupon, the then Collector, Mr. Elton, issued a Takid, dated 25th idem, No. 253, directing the Head Accountant to strike off the name of the Yeomiahdar from the Baraward, or Pay Abstract.

2. In 1861, the applicant presented two Petitions, Nos. 791 and 925, which were received on the 9th September and 10th October respectively, representing that in March 1859 he went to Bellary, and having fallen sick was not able to return earlier, and on this ground requested the continuance of the allowance with arrears.

3. The Treasury Deputy Collector, to whom the said Petitions were referred, reported in Yadast, No. 167, dated 11th December 1861, the circumstances under which the Yeomiah was stopped by Mr. Elton.

4. On 6th May 1862, Takid No. 686 was issued to the Tahsildar of the Nellore Taluk, calling upon him to report where the Durgah, for whose service the Yeomiah was granted, was situated, and how the service was performed during the applicant's absence.

5. From the Tahsildar's reply, dated 12th January 1864, No. 317, it appears that the Durgah is situated at Durvuru; that during the applicant's absence the service was performed on his behalf by his brother-in-law Imamsha, the applicant himself performing the service since his return to the village, and there are no Inams or other emoluments attached to the service in question.

6. The Tahsildar's Arze, together with its enclosures, were on the 18th March 1864, forwarded to the Treasury Deputy Collector, Mr. Jellicoe, for further information. In his reply, dated 8th April 1864, No. 189, the Deputy Collector stated that the applicant having absented

*Takid, 28th April 1864, No. 282.

himself without leave could not claim the renewal of the Yeomiah. Thereupon, the Tahsildar was again called* upon to take Kyphe-

yats, or depositions from the village authorities as to the date on which the applicant resumed the service, and the Tahsildar in his Arzi, dated 18th May 1864, No. 240, reported that the applicant deposed to his having returned from the Military service four years and six months ago, the village Munsiff also deposing to the same effect.

7. On the 3rd September 1864, Takid No. 150 was issued to the Tahsildar pointing out that the statement of the Yeomiahdar, or the village Munsiff, could not be true, and calling for an explanation of the delay in making the application if the Yeomiahdar, as he stated, had returned four or five years ago.

8. In his reply, dated 26th October 1864, No. 371, the Tahsildar reported, that the parties concerned could not give the precise time of return, and the Yeomiah and discharge certificates would give these details.

9. The Yeomiah certificate shows, that the allowance in question due for the month of January 1859, was paid on the 5th February of the same year.

10. The discharge certificate shows that "Syed Moahd-en, born at Nellore in the District of Masulipatam, was enlisted as a private at Nellore in the District of Masulipatam on the 4th October 1858," and discharged 20th June 1860, after a service of one year and 267 days.

11. And from these facts it will be observed that the original statement of sickness is false; that the applicant in reality transferred his office without leave to his brother-in-law; that pay was drawn in his name for some months, when he was in all probability away with his regiment at Bellary; and that when he was discharged, in consequence of the reduction of the Army, instead of coming forward and stating clearly what had taken place, applicant endeavoured to get the arrears of his Yeomiah by misrepresenting the facts of the case.

12. When he really came back is uncertain; but there can be no doubt as to his having been back in 1861.

* Years.	Rs.	A.	P.
1862...	22	8	0
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1865...	15	0	0
1st January 1865, to 31st August 1865...	82	8	0

13. And under the circumstance, as he has since his return performed the duties of his office, it is recommended that he be allowed to receive back-pay from the 1st January 1862.*

14. As regards the delay observable in this and similar cases, it is proposed to prevent recurrence by a monthly Statement showing the state of the Serishtadar's file, which will be also a help to the present Serishtadar, who is busily engaged in clearing off arrears that have accumulated for want of some such reminder.

1. From the correspondence quoted in Column 4 of the foregoing Tabular Statement, and specified in the margin,† it appears that the Yeomiah in question was entered in the register made in 1804 as a "charitable" allowance, and in that made in 1812, as an allowance "for

† From the Collector of Nellore, 30th October 1841.
Board's remarks, 13th December 1842.
Government Order, 20th September 1842, No. 1,137.
Board's Proceedings, 26th September 1842, "1,770.

"keeping a light in the Takid at Doovoor," and that when in 1841 it was recommended by the Principal Collector to be continued, there were four persons dependent on it, who had no other means of subsistence, which circumstance formed one of the grounds of the Collector's recommendation.

2. In the present Statement the allowance is represented to be for service in a "Dargah," by which is probably meant for keeping a light at the tomb of a Fakir, or other reputed holy person; but the Board observe that under the views expressed by the Government and the Board, in the correspondence specified in the margin of Note 4 at page 4 of the 2nd Volume of the Board's Circular Orders, relative to allowances for the support and care of Takids, Mokans and Tombs, the Yeomiah at present in question would appear not to be of a character calling for a continuance in perpetuity, and as the Yeomiahdar of his own accord left it undrawn for more than two years it should lapse to the State.

3. Before, however, submitting the case for the final Orders of Government, the Board request the Collector to report fully on the character of the building in which the "service" is stated to be performed, and of the service itself, also, as to the estimation in which such service

(if any) is held by the Mahomedan community of the place. The Collector should also state the number of persons who may be dependent on the Yeomiah; but the fact of the Yeomiah having been allowed to remain undrawn for more than two years, without any effort being made by any one to bring the matter before the Collector, would appear to show that no such dependents exist.

4. The first application made by the Yeomiahdar for the payment of arrears was in September 1861, and the Tabular Statement now submitted by the Collector is dated 4th September 1865, or four years after the application. The Collector proposes to prevent a recurrence of such delays by a monthly Statement showing the state of the Serishtadar's file. This is undoubtedly indispensable, and should have always been required not only from the Serishtadar, but from the Tahsildar of every Taluk, and the Collector should personally scrutinize such Statements or Lists. It is, however, observed that the Collector has reported separately on the system pursued in his office, in regard to arrears of work, in his letter, dated 14th September 1865, which will be separately considered.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To J. W. B. Dykes, Esq., Collector of Nellore.

Ed. R. H. Lee.

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Exd. J. Wright.

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in Nellore Taluk, Nellore District.

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