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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th February 1866.*

No. 262. Read the following letter from the Government Pleader, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 25th January 1866, No. 15 :—

1. I do myself the honor of acknowledging the receipt of the Order of date 16th January 1866, No. 121, Revenue Department. and number noted in the margin, and of reporting, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that I desired C. Sitaramiah Sastry to call upon me, and have had two interviews with him.

2. I have experienced considerable difficulty in resolving, into an intelligible shape, the information he professes to be able to afford. At my first interview, I immediately discovered that he can neither speak nor read English. His language is Telooگوو, but he professes to be acquainted with Sanserit. In reply to my question, how he became aware of the nature and extent of the authorities produced by the alleged adopted son, he informed me he had procured a copy of the accom-

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panying print,* and that it had been interpreted to him in Telooگوو by a son of Runganada Sastry. This was not a very promising commencement; I however endeavored to elicit from him the nature of the assistance he could afford. His replies were vague and verbose in the extreme. I therefore desired him to state precisely what he could do in the matter, to my Gumashta, who was to reduce his statement into writing in a somewhat collected shape. On this I have again seen C. Sitaramiah Sastry, and interrogated him minutely on the subject; his replies were not satisfactory, and after a lengthened investigation I collect that he is not now prepared with any authorities of the nature spoken of by him in his letter of the 1st instant; that in many instances he has not the books from which he hopes to find texts which will support the case put forward on behalf of Government, but will have to see them in the College; while in almost all instances he has not yet searched for the authorities, and says it will occupy him three months to make the search.

3. C. Sitaramiah Sastry then adverted to the subject of remuneration, and I learnt that he expected, if Government succeed in the Privy Council, to have given him an Inám village yielding a monthly income of 100 Rupees; and if Government did not succeed, he should be remunerated for his labor 100 Pagodas a month for the time he may be occupied in searching.

4. He did not impress me favorably as to his power to assist the Government. It is quite possible there may be works in which there are passages which have been overlooked, or have not been noticed with particularity or at large by authors on Hindu Law, which might bear favorably for the position set up on behalf of Government. Moreover, I think it very possible that in the books from which Mr. Advocate General has given extracts in the accompanying print, there may be passages which would neutralize those quoted, and which it would have been of great consequence to quote; I am, however, unable to come to the conclusion that C. Sitaramiah Sastry would be likely to afford the information required.

5. I request the accompanying print may be returned to me, as it is the only copy I have, and my report to the Secretary of State is now under preparation.

No. 263.

Miscellaneous.

(True Extract.)

To the Government Pleader.
 ,, the Board of Revenue.

Erd. S. T. Augustin.

on behalf of Government, in a word I think it very possible that in the books from which Mr. C. draws his General & specific extracts in the accompanying print, there may be passages which would neutralize those quoted, and which it would have been of great consequence to quote. I am however unable to come to the conclusion that C. S. Sethuramiah Esq. would be likely to afford the information required.

5th I request the accompanying
print may be returned to me, as it
is the only copy I have, and my
report to the Secretary of State is now
under preparation.

Have the honor to be
Sir
Yours most Obedient servant
Wm. Wake
Governor of New Jersey

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Under the explanation given,
the Court agrees with the fact that
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any useful information. The
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