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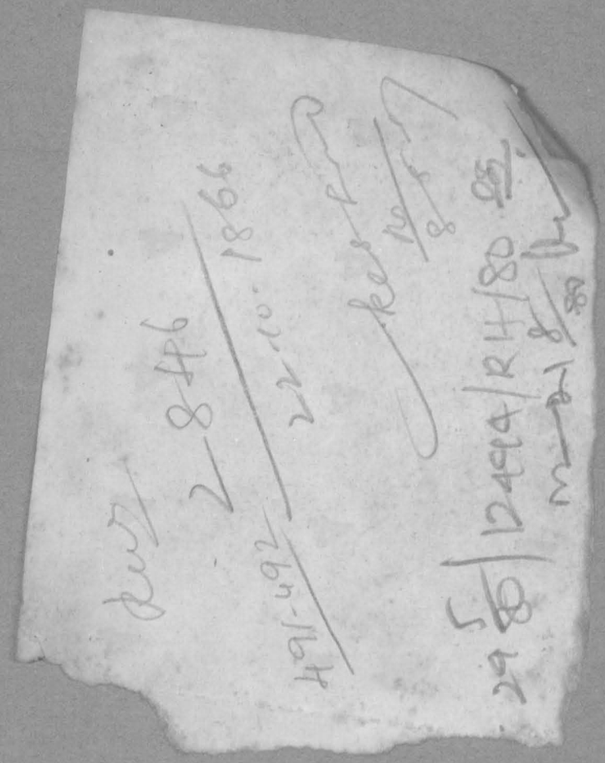
Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 2846 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 22-10-1866.

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No. 489. Read the following letter from Captain W. O. SWANSTON, Superintendent of Police, and W. S. HARINGTON, Esq., Executive Engineer, Cuddalore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Cuddalore, 4th October 1866 :—

1. We have the honor to forward a copy of the "South Arcot District Gazette," of the 29th ultimo, issued under the authority of the Collector, and beg to draw your attention to page 384 of the same, containing a report of the proceedings of the South Arcot Relief Fund Committee, and to protest against the insertion, by Mr. Reade in an official Gazette, of the last paragraph of the report.

2. You will observe that the only resolution put had been carried, and that, in fact, the business of the Meeting had terminated. Any insertion of further conversation was wholly uncalled for, and the publication, in this prominent manner, of our names can only be considered as an intentionally most insulting reflection upon us.

3. Had Mr. Reade had the candor at the same time that he drew this public attention to us, (for he must have been well aware of the publicity of the notice, copies of the Gazette being circulated throughout the Presidency,) to have stated the grounds upon which we objected to be bound by the resolution, we should not have considered the matter worthy of remark; he has, however, kept back the fact that we both stated that, in our tours through the District, we had happily met with no instances of distress, and that we had reason to believe that there was very little distress strictly so-called. We also objected to the outlay on public works of money subscribed in aid of famine, when famine or severe distress did not, as we believed, exist, and when if the money were expended, it would be on hale, able-bodied men, and not on famine-stricken wretches, for whose latter sakes the relief was being contributed, and we therefore demurred to the collection and expenditure of money for what we considered an improper end.

4. That Mr. Reade or the majority of the Meeting should have differed with us, we have no reason to complain, nor, had Mr. Reade been the Editor of a public newspaper, should we have had any good reason for objecting to the mention he has thought proper to make of our names, but we respectfully submit that he has far exceeded the due limits of official reporting, and that the manner in which he has introduced our names was most improper.

5. We have, therefore, the honor to request that you will submit this matter for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, hoping that His Lordship may see fit to direct that Mr. Reade be informed that the District Gazette is not intended to be the medium of conveying "conversations," or, as we respectfully submit, the channel of circulation of injurious reflections on the characters of individuals.

No. 490. ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1866, No. 2,846.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Governor in Council considers that the course taken by Mr. Reade in publishing in the District Gazette a statement which conveyed a reflection on two gentlemen, unaccompanied as it was by any allusion to the reasons assigned by them for objecting to pay their subscriptions to the Relief Fund, was very improper.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of South Arcot.
,, Captain W. Swanston.
,, the Board of Revenue.
To W. Harington, Esq.
,, the Department Public Works.
,, the Inspector General of Police.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

It seems to me that not only the last para of the letter, but also the mention of the dissentients would have been well avoided.

L. S.

I think so - but Reade in my opinion has misused his power of control over the S.A. Gazette - as he has in so often & should be ignored to publish an amended report of the proc: of the Relief Fund omitting the names of dissentients & the last para -

It is now a general suspicion & understood that the Famine Funds have been doing so much harm in the way many of them & otherwise - Hence the Lieutenancy is denied & Gentlemen who have been able understand a good deal more than Mr Reade - who should have an opportunity afforded him of explaining. WDR

I do not think so. but would point out to the impropriety of his proceedings in keeping this letter & on order on it after it has left his hands.

I do not think
a point
Protest
Statement
or comment
and in fact expunge
like dots

Quotation
4 Oct 1880

Revenue Department.

No. 2846.

PROCEEDINGS *of the* **MADRAS GOVERNMENT.**

Under date the 22d. October 1866.

Read the following letter from Captains W. Swanston and Mr. W. S. Warrington.

Drawing the attention of Govt to page 384 of the South Arcot District Gazette containing a report of the proceedings of the South Arcot Relief Fund Committee, and protesting against the insertion by Mr Reade the Collector in an Offl. Gazette of the last para of the Report.

(Here enter 4 Octr/66)

The Governor in Council considers that the course taken by Mr. Reade in publishing in the District Gazette a statement which ~~he must have known~~ conveyed a reflection on two gentlemen ~~public officers~~, unaccompanied as it was by any allusion to

to the reasons assigned by them for objecting to pay their subscriptions to the Relief fund was extremely objectionable.

F.B.

very impertinent.

2 Mr Reade will publish the order

1 Collector of Customs Dublin
1 Mr Swanston, Esq

Collectors table

14 The Board of Rev S
1 W Harrington Esq S
21 The D C W Dens S
4 The Inspector Generals Police S
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