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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th August 1867.

No. 325. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department :—

Authorizing Acting Collector of Madras to execute contracts, &c., on behalf of the Secretary of State for India in Council. } (Here enter 13th August 1867, No. 1,298.)

No. 326. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1867, No. 1,911.

Separate Revenue, No. 22.
Salt.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 1,298.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th August 1867.

No. 177. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd July 1867, No. 4,664.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 15th June 1867, No. 180 :—

1. Having been called on to execute a deed of contract for the supply of boats for the use of the Salt Department with one Mr. Rozario, I met the Governor-[illegible] Collector with that view.

2. A question was raised by Mr. Brockman as to whether the Collector of Madras had been formally authorized by Government to sign such contracts on behalf of the Secretary of State for India, in whose name all Government contracts are now drawn out. Mr. Brockman considered that such was necessary to render the instrument legal.

3. On inquiry in the Office, I cannot find that any authority has been issued, nor can I find any copy of the Government Order of 26th April 1860, which, I am informed, bears on the subject.

4. I have the honor, therefore, to request that the Board will be so good as to obtain the requisite authority for the execution of all contracts which it may be necessary for the Collector to sign on behalf of Government, with retrospective effect, and that they will furnish me with a copy of the Order above quoted.

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1. Submitted to Government for their orders.

2. The Board are of opinion that it is expedient that the Collector of Madras should have the power of signing contracts on the part of Government. As he is called upon to enter into Abkarry (with reference to the supply of Colombo Arrack) contracts and other agreements, besides the one respecting which he addresses the Board in the foregoing letter, the Board request he may be authorized accordingly under the Government Order to which he refers, and that the competency may be made retrospective.

No. 178. Order thereon, 8th August 1867, No. 1,842.

Separate Revenue, No. 8
Salt.

1. The necessary order empowering the Collector or Acting Collector of Madras for the time being to execute contracts on behalf of the Secretary of State will be issued in the Judicial Department.

2. The Government do not consider that the Order can have retrospective effect.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.