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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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18th January 1868.*

No. 276. Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Camp at Pathukottachervoo, Talook Gooty, 18th December 1867 :—

1. In reply to the Order of Government, dated 12th December 1867, No. 2,956, requesting me to explain why in an endorsement on a petition from Gopal Pillay, Salt Superintendent of Tinnevely, against the Deputy Collector in that district, I declined to interfere in a claim made by the former against the latter for the re-payment of a loan, which involved the charge of a grave irregularity against the Deputy Collector, and which it was my duty to investigate, I have the honor to state the circumstances of the case to the best of my recollection.

2. The petitioner, with other Salt Superintendents, came to visit me when I went to the coast, in the course of which visit the petitioner made sundry allegations against the Deputy Collector, in respect of sums which he had received on account of Government, but not remitted at once to the treasury. He further told me that he had lent a sum of money to the Deputy Collector, which he would not now re-pay, and requested my intervention and compulsion of payment.

3. I directed him to reduce his statement to writing, on which I would make inquiries. A petition to the above effect appears to have been filed before me on the 6th of March 1866.

4. On prosecuting further inquiry into the matter, I learned that the main points of the petition, inferring a corrupt retention of Government money, were not brought forward for the first time, but that nearly two years previously, and a year before my arrival in the district, a complaint was made, but the explanation then given satisfied the Collector.

5. It consequently occurred to me that I could not re-open that part of the subject. I regret that, at the same time, the existence of an Order prohibiting Deputy Collectors from borrowing money did not recur to my recollection. If it had, it would have shewn me, during my long and anxious consideration of the subject, a grateful and clear solution of the difficulty, and would have resulted in an immediate reference to the Board of Revenue.

6. While unable to grant the petitioner the request which he made, and which was endorsed on his petition, I resolved to watch the future conduct of the Deputy Collector, and to report any further instance of irregularity. My transfer to another district followed very soon afterwards.

No. 277. ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1868, No. 140.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government regret to have to record their opinion that Mr. Wedderburn's explanation is not satisfactory.

2. Their Order of 2nd June 1865, strictly prohibiting pecuniary dealings between Uncovenanted Officers and those in official relations with them, should

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not have passed out of mind in March 1866; but irrespective of this Order, the charge brought was one which called for inquiry by the Deputy Collector's immediate superior.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To A. Wedderburn, Esq.
,, the Revenue Board.

Exd. S. T. Augustin

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

No. 3459

From

The Collector of Bellary.

Dated 18th December 1867.

FOR ORDERS.

*The explanation of the Collector is not consistent. It does not seem to him recollection that an order existed prohibiting pecuniary transactions between superior officers & persons officially their subordinates. Consequently, he cannot have regarded the transactions immediately under notice as an irregularity. He however resolved to watch the conduct of the Deputy Collector and to report any further instance of irregularity! -
In Wedderburn's absence of course*

fulfillment of a very important rule-
and which at the last Social Reform
appealed to them for relief, was
a rule which the Soc. had formally
adopted to all fallouts only to be
withdrawn previously, - i. I think very
blamable. - a part, however, from
the rule, there was an obvious excuse
for her interference, and her own power
to do any thing in Social Reform's complaint
is only one more addition to the many
proofs we have had of the lamentably
loose manner in which the administration
of the Society's business was carried on
in Mr. Wedderburn & his predecessors
Mr. Selous time -

I would ~~not~~ say in reply to Mr.
Wedderburn - cons. that his explanation
is not satisfactory WDK

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have to record their opinion
that Mr. Wedderburn's
Explanation is not satis-
factory. This order of 2
June 68. strictly prohibiting
primary dealings between
unconnected officers &
those in official relations
with them. It was
previously printed in
March 68. but in respect
of this order, the charge
brought was one of (charge)
called for enquiry by
the Dy. Secy immediate

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