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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th July 1868.

No. 136. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th July 1868:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nellore, 22nd June 1868, No. 1,901.

1. I have the honor to forward, for the consideration and orders of the Board, the accompanying original letter, addressed to them by the Zemindar of Venkatagiri in this district, in which is enclosed another addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council. The Rajah intimates his wish to proceed to Rameswaram on a pilgrimage with his followers.

2. I also beg to enclose translations of the two communications from the Zemindar, herewith forwarded.

3. The Zemindar proposes to leave Venkatagiri on the 21st July 1868, and proceed directly to Srirungum by the rail, from thence he will proceed to Rameswaram, *viâ* the Pagoda of Rajamannarcovil. After performing his vow at that place, he will return to Srirungum, from thence proceed by rail to Tripati in the North Arcot District, and after a short stay there, he will go to Kalastri to visit the shrine at that place, and from thence return to Venkatagiri. He purposes being absent for three months.

4. He solicits that two Dalayets of the establishment of each Collector, through whose district he passes, may be allowed to escort him to the confines of that district, and that the authorities of the districts, through which he will have to pass, may be instructed to afford him all necessary aid in procuring supplies, &c.

5. I beg to support the Rajah's application, and request that the necessary intimation may be given to the Magistrates of the districts through which the Zemindar will pass, leaving it to those authorities to decide what number of Government Peons or Dalayets, it may be desirable, should be allowed to accompany the Zemindar's camp while passing through their respective districts.

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1. Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board propose to issue instructions to the Collectors to afford assistance in procuring supplies for payment, leaving it discretional with them as to what arrangement shall be made with that object.

3. Similar applications from the Zemindar of Venkatagiri were dealt with by Government in Orders under date 29th October 1856, No. 1,149, and 13th December 1861, No. 2,313.

No. 137. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1868, No. 1,892.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government approve the Board's proposal.

2. They will instruct the Collectors through whose districts he may pass to afford the Rajah every assistance that he may require on his journey; and, as a special case, the Government grant his request to have an escort of two Government Peons through each district.

3. The Collector of Nellore will furnish the Rajah with copy of this Order.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Collector of Nellore.
,, the do. of North Arcot.
,, the do. of Trichinopoly.
,, the do. of Madura.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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To,

His Excellency the Governor of
Fort St. George in Council.-

(The usual complimentary words omitted.)

In November 1856, I went to Rámé-
swaram and brought, according to our Sastras,
some sand from Sétuva (Ramas bridge). I
then proceeded to Benares in February 1862,
left the sand at that place and brought the
sacred water from the Ganges. I have now
to go back to Rámeswaram and bathe the
god Rámanádaswami with the sacred water
of the Ganges. As this is a religious obligation
imposed upon me, I will proceed to Strirungam
by rail on the second day of the bright lunar
fortnight of the month of Sravanam corresponding
with the 21st July 1868, and from thence I will
proceed to Rámésweram via the Pagoda of
Rájamannár. After fulfilling the condi-
-tions of this Pilgrimage, I will return to

Strirungam

Shirungam and from thence I will proceed by rail to the Tirupati station. Thence I will perform worship to the God Sri Venkateswara-swami of Tirumala and from thence I will go to Kalasti and visit the shrine of Sri Kala Hasteswaraswami, the Vayuvulingam* belonging to one of the five lingams. I will then return to my residence. It will take three months for me to complete my pilgrimage.

As you are our chief supporters, I beg that the following request will be complied with.

The following is the list of weapons and animals which I require for three months to be taken with me. These form a portion of the weapons and animals for which a special license was granted to me by the District Magistrate of Nellore on the 10th August 1863.

50. Spears.

10. Lances.

60. Muskets.

12. Swords.

*Wind-lingam. It is believed that wind blows on the image at that place.

12. Troopers.

4. Palanquins.

40. Horses.

14 Elephants.

2. Camels.

500. Principal men.

Musical Instruments.

Navabhota.

Tamboura (Drum).-

I request that a license may be granted for taking the above weapons &c as far as the Railway station and as it is not possible to take elephants, spears &c by rail, for taking the remaining escort to Rameswaram and bringing them back to my residence.-

Both when I went to Rameswaram in November 1856, and when I went to Benares in February 1862, the Government as a token of their regard and as a mark of respect, have called upon the Collectors of the several Districts, through which I had to pass, to send out two

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of their Huzur Dalayets to meet us when entering the limits of such Districts and attend on us till we left the District, attending to our supplies in the meanwhile. I now request the Government will be pleased to order as usual that the Collectors allow me two of their Dalayets to meet me at the places named by me and accompany me till I leave their Districts.

(The usual complimentary words omitted).

16th June 1868.

(Signed) Rajah Velugoti Kumara Jachama Naidu Bahadur C.S.I. Pancha Huzar Mansubdar. Rajah of Venkatagiri.

(True translation)

M Brown

Acting Collector.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 8th July 1868.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting with remarks, for orders of Govt. letter from the Collr. of Nellore forwarding original letter to the Board from the Rajah of Venkatagiri, in which is enclosed another to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, intimating his wish to proceed to Rameswaram on a pilgrimage with his followers.

(Here enter 4th July 1868)

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