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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th July 1868.*

No. 174. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st July 1868.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nangunari, 4th June 1868, No. 253 :—

1. No. 371 of the Standing Orders of the Board, directs that “no Assistant Collector shall be entrusted with the charge of a talook until he has passed the first or lower standard of examination, and that Collectors shall always report to the Board of Revenue when an Assistant is put in charge of a talook or when his charge is extended.”

2. One of my two Assistants, Mr. C. J. Crosthwaite, is now acting as Head Assistant, and the other, Mr. J. Wallace, having hitherto failed to pass, holds no particular charge; both officers have been invested by Government with full Magisterial powers, and both are equally well qualified to hold independent charge. The Government have lately decided that the Treasury Deputy shall confine his attention as much as possible to Treasury work, and that the Magisterial work, hitherto performed by the Deputy, shall in future devolve on an Assistant Magistrate. As I have only one Assistant, and he must remain at head-quarters, I am deprived of his assistance for Settlement, and it now only remains to utilize his services to the best advantage in other respects. I have the Revenue and Magisterial charge of two talooks, Tinnevely and Sankaraninarkovil, and as Mr. Wallace is perfectly well qualified to have the charge of these talooks, I beg that they may be entrusted to him.

3. I am anxious to give my undivided attention for the next four months to Settlement work, so as to get in my report on the first division of the district, if possible, by the end of September; the Sub-Collector will be mostly with me, for I shall be working in all the talooks of the Sub-division, and as he is willing to render any aid in his power I trust the Board will not object to his taking my place for a time in the disposal of current petitions, appeals, and miscellaneous correspondence; these are all nearly similar to much that falls within his own province daily, and he is quite as competent to dispose of them as I am. It is not for the time it occupies, or the labor it involves, that I wish to be free from miscellaneous work, but it is simply to avoid interruption in the preparation of accounts and statistics that will require much thought and care. If the Board approve of my suggestion, I will allot certain days in the week for the despatch of all business affecting the district generally, and will see that there is no delay in the submission of periodical returns, important reports, &c.

1. In this letter, Mr. Puckle proposes to place his Assistant, Mr. Wallace, in Revenue and Magisterial charge of the talooks of Tinnevely and Sankaraninarkovil.

2. Mr. Wallace has been invested with the full powers of a Magistrate, and this being the case, the Board see no objection to the proposal, although he has not passed according to either standard.

3. Mr. Puckle further proposes, that to avoid interruptions while engaged in the preparation of his Settlement report, he may be allowed to hand over to the Sub-Collector current petitions, appeals, and miscellaneous correspondence, affecting the district generally.

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4. The Board are quite prepared to acquiesce in the necessity of the course for which sanction is sought, and they therefore recommend that Mr. Puckle's proposals be assented to. They consider, however, that it would be preferable that the staff of the district should be increased by the addition of a Special Assistant, should there be an officer available.

No. 175.

ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1868, No. 1,909.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government fully recognize the special demand made on Mr. Puckle's time and attention by the Settlement duties, and approve the temporary distribution proposed by him of the ordinary work of the district, so as to leave him more free for this particular task.

2. The expediency of strengthening the staff of the district will be borne in mind.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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