

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd July 1868.*

No. 388. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th June 1868, No. 4,708 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 2nd May 1868, No. 126.

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of the Board, whether the posts of Head Vernacular Clerk, Head Magisterial Clerk, and Translator in a Collector and Magistrate's Office might not, with advantage, be added to the list of those in which three years approved service renders the holder eligible for the post of Tahsildar after passing the required examinations.

2. The Head Vernacular Clerk certainly holds a responsible position, and has excellent opportunity of learning both Revenue and Magisterial work. The same may be said of the Head Magisterial Clerk, and, though in a somewhat different line of work, of the Translator.

3. As far as the criterion, either of opportunities for acquiring knowledge of work, or of salary, is concerned, it seems to me all these Officers are as favorably situated as several of those mentioned in the Board's Proceedings above quoted, *e. g.*, as the Sub-Collector's, Head Assistant's, or Deputy Collector's Head Clerks.

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.. Head Magisterial ..	60
.. Translator ..	70
Sub-Collector's Head Clerk...	50
Head Assistant Collector's Head Clerk	70
Deputy Collector's Head Clerk	45 & 50

1. The Board are not prepared to support Mr. Ballard's proposals as regards Translators. Their duties afford few opportunities of gaining a practical acquaintance with Revenue and Magisterial work, and it is always open to a Collector to make a special recommendation on behalf of a specially qualified public servant.

2. The Board would be glad, however, if Government would remove the post of Head Clerk to a Deputy Collector from the list* of qualifying appointments, and substitute those of Head Magisterial Clerk and Head Vernacular Clerk in Collector's Offices.

* Talook Sheristadar.
Sub-Magistrate and Deputy Tahsildar.
Head Clerk in Collector's Office.
.. Sub-Collector's Office.
.. Head Assistant Collector's Office.
.. Deputy Collector's Office.

3. The Board do not think it would be expedient to *increase* the number of qualifying appointments, because of the desirability of making the grades of Talook Sheristadar and Deputy Tahsildar the ordinary stepping-stones to that of Tahsildar, and so inducing the selection of a superior class of men for such posts. The Board believe that, as a rule, Talook Sheristadars and Deputy Tahsildars are not men of such attainments as they should be, and they ascribe the fact, in a great measure, to a feeling which seems to exist that such grades are not favorably regarded as the source from which a Tahsildar should ordinarily be taken. They would strike out the post of Head Clerk to a Deputy Collector from the list, because they believe that when Deputy Collectors were first instituted, it was intended that they, being usually well educated and experienced Natives or East Indians, should do their work without

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such assistance as is given to Covenanted Civilians, and their establishments were officered accordingly, so that their Head Clerks are not on a par with those of Collectors or Head Assistants.

No. 389.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd July 1868, No. 2,015.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government are quite of opinion with the Board that the ordinary duty of a Translator does not point to him as a person likely to be well fitted for the office of Tahsildar. At the same time, should a Translator have been employed on extra or special work, the discharge of which has indicated more than the mere capacity of a Translator, his claims to promotion to a Tahsildarship may be brought forward specially.

2. The Government also concur with the Board in considering that it is advisable to strike out, from the list of qualifying offices, the post of Head Clerk to a Deputy Collector, and to include those of Head Magisterial Clerk and Head Vernacular Clerk in the Collector's Office. They resolve accordingly to direct that the previous orders on the subject be amended to this extent.

3. The Board, however, should impress upon District Officers that service in the grade of Talook Sheristadar and Deputy Tahsildar is undoubtedly the best preparation for the situation of Tahsildar, and that they should use their utmost endeavours to elevate this grade by the nomination of only thoroughly competent Officers to such appointments.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant General

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2294.

From Pro. of the Bd of Rev.

Dated 25th June

1868.

FOR ORDERS.

I have been fortunate enough not to find myself in harness as collector, with Native Deputy Collectors as aids. I therefore am compelled to accept the Board's decision that functionaries of that class were intended to work without the assistance usually given to covenanted civilians. - The deeply poor being on his own ground saving his own laurels might certainly to have expected no such aid, and it now occurs to me that it would have been better had the good obtained from making the order of the 24 Oct. 1865, No. 2601, which accepted all that was proposed by an acting collector of South Arcot. — The Board, Hall,

Submitted the Govt's court without
any opinion on it. - I would now as
proposed by the Bd. exempt from the test
of officers qualifying for a Thasildarship
the office of Head Clerk of a Deputy Collector
office. -

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more than the mere capacity of a Translator.
The subject of promoting such a man to
a Thasildarship, where better men are
wanting, can be specially brought forward.

I have had no experience of work
with the Subordinates now designated
Head Amildar, and Head Magistral
Clerks & know what they do only from hearing.
But Mr Baller's opinion is entitled to
weight & as the Board support it. I think
the Govt may easily add those two to the
presently sanctioned qualifying officers.
6 July.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 22nd July 1868.

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that certain class of officers be
with advantage added to the
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