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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th February 1868.

No. 77. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th January 1868, No. 618.

Read the following letter from the Sub-Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 8th November 1867, No. 158 :—

1. I have just received a copy of Board's Proceedings, No. 6,974, of the 25th of October last.

2. I consider that paragraph 3, which comments on my residence on the Pulneys, has been written hastily, and that if the facts of the case were known fully, no remarks of the kind would have been considered necessary.

3. Under the circumstances, and taking into consideration the publicity given to these Proceedings, and the injurious nature of the implication conveyed in the latter part of the paragraph to which I have referred, I feel it due to myself to forward the following explanatory statement :—

4. It is true that I spent about six weeks of the quarter under discussion on the Pulney Hills ; but of this period nearly a month was spent by me in tents in visiting the various villages in my charge there. My visit to these villages was necessitated by the facts, that there was no Sub-Magistrate on the Hills at the time the Jummahbundy was to be made ; and, further, no European Officer had visited them for a lengthened period. During this time I had to settle several disputes, and inquire into many cases, in which my actual presence was desirable.

5. As to the thinly recited insinuation about Shambaganur, I have only to say that I had my camp there for a lengthened period ; that I often visited the place, but that I did not report myself as having done so except on four days, when I was *bona fide* occupied in the transaction of public business ; and that I did not on these occasions, as has been implied, merely ride to and from Shambaganur as a form, so that I might not appear to be staying there ; but, on the contrary, remained and slept at Shambaganur. My reasons for doing so were that Shambaganur is three miles nearer the plains than Mr. Levinge's house, where I was staying, and consequently would save six miles to persons who had business with me, and who, as is usual, go to the Hills and return the same day. During the first fortnight of my stay on the Hills, I was so weak and ill from a recent attack of fever, that I was unable to ride long distances in the sun, or take even ordinary exercise.

6. I beg to draw attention to the fact that, during this fortnight, I did not send in my application for tent allowance.

7. I am aware that the Board could not have known of the true state of the case when these Proceedings were penned, and I am, therefore, led to hope that they will now re-consider them.

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1. Mr. Arbuthnott should have addressed the Board through the Collector, and not direct. His letter will, however, be forwarded to Government in continuation of the Board's Proceedings to which he refers.

5. The Government will observe that Mr. Arbuthnott's visit to Shembaganur were not of the casual nature supposed by the Board, and that they were undertaken in the public service, and for the convenience of the people.

3. His somewhat prolonged residence on the Pulny Hills during the quarter was occasioned partly by ill-health, and was partly owing to no European Officer having visited the Hill villages for a lengthened period.

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4. The Board rely upon all the officers of the Madura District not to abuse the privilege which they enjoy of paying occasional visits to these Hills.

5. The tone adopted by Mr. Arbuthnott at the commencement of paragraph 5 of his letter is improper in a communication addressed by a subordinate officer to the controlling authority of the department. He will be good enough to bear this in mind, and to shape his future correspondence accordingly.

No. 78. ORDER THEREON, 4th February 1868, No. 315.

Miscellaneous. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No. 288.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 27th January 1868.

Dup^d 29-1-68

Desp^d 30^th.

No. 618.

Submitting to Government letter from Sub-Collector of Madura furnishing explanation with reference to Board's remarks regarding his residence on Pulneys during second quarter of 1867.

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