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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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2nd April 1868.*

No. 52. Read the following letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated on Circuit at Repalli, 29th February 1868, No. 18 :—

1. With reference to Government Order, dated 5th current, No. 8, on petition presented by D. Purushottamaya, Acting Deputy Collector, Masulipatam, informing him that he could not be confirmed as Deputy Collector without passing the prescribed test, I venture very respectfully again to address the Government, as I think that had his case been more fully put before Government, their decision might have been different.

2. Purushottamaya, as shewn in his letter, was first appointed to act as Deputy Collector in March 1863;* his name was also prominently brought forward, by the Board of Revenue, in conjunction with those of two other men, as a fit person then to be appointed as Deputy Collector.

3. At this period the old Examination Rules were in force, and Purushottamaya would have gone up for the examination as a matter of course, but that having been a Tahsildar about two years, before being appointed as Head Sheristadar, he believed that he was exempt from passing any test, and was eligible for the post of Deputy Collector whenever he might be fortunate enough to obtain a nomination. Purushottamaya has since acted twice as Deputy Collector, and is now acting in that post, for a considerable portion of the time he has discharged the chief part of the duties of Head Sheristadar, as well as Deputy Collector; he was acting for T. Dhurma Row Moodelliar, who was at the time drawing his full pay, and as there was no source from whence to pay an Acting Sheristadar, none was appointed.

4. The Government are already in possession of Purushottamaya's testimonials. They are so satisfactory, that it is needless for me to add anything to them.

5. From the excellent education which Purushottamaya received in the Mission School, under the late Reverend R. Noble, I have no doubt of his ability to pass the test with credit. I need not, however, point out that for an examination such as that now required to be passed by candidates for the post of Deputy Collector, even the best educated men require considerable preparation, and that the duties of a Deputy Collector in charge of a Treasury, or of a Head Sheristadar, have but little time for study.

6. Under this explanation, I trust the Government may see reason to modify the order passed on Purushottamaya's petition, and that he may be exempted from passing the test.

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1868, No. 871.

Miscellaneous.

The Government are unable to comply with this request.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of the Kistna District.

„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

