

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 200. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st March 1868, No. 2,025.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th January 1868, No. 33:—

In their Proceedings of the 5th March 1864, No. 1,393, the Board sanctioned the dismissal of Zohurdin, Tahsildar of Bhowany talook, for transgressing their orders prohibiting Tahsildars from acquiring land in their talooks. No similar case had, I believe, happened before in the district. There is reason to think that the Board's rules are now pretty generally complied with. When Zohurdin was dismissed, he was, according to Native public opinion, considered to have suffered severely for the offence committed, as the acquisition of lands in one's talook was looked on at that time as an offence entailing a minimum of criminality. Since Zohurdin's dismissal, nearly four years have passed, and I confess my sympathies have often been elicited in his favour. He is now in very reduced circumstances. True the fault is his own, but at the same time one cannot help remembering that he served Government for thirty years, and I believe did his duty well and faithfully. I have made frequent inquiries about his conduct since his fall, in the talook in which he was Tahsildar, and all that I have heard about him has been to his credit. He was a man of active habits, constantly moving about the villages, settling disputes, and encouraging the ryots in the extension of their cultivation. He possessed, to a considerable extent, the art of dealing with human nature, and where others would have failed, he often succeeded in settling disputes and reconciling parties. Zohurdin is also, to his credit be it said, a Mahomedan of some mental cultivation; he reads and writes Tamil, English, Hindoostanee, Mahratta, and Telugu. He is now, I may say, in great poverty with a large family dependant on him for support. My object in writing is to solicit the Board to interest themselves in his favour, and to obtain the sanction of Government to his re-employment in the public service, even although it should be in some minor appointment. The clemency of Government will be well bestowed in Zohurdin's case, and relieve him of the poverty under which he now suffers.

The Board resolve to submit this letter for the favourable consideration of Government.

No. 201. ORDER THEREON, 8th April 1868, No. 943.

Miscellaneous.

In consideration of the punishment already undergone by Zohurdin, and in compliance with the

special recommendation on his behalf made by the Collector and supported by the Board, the Government sanction his re-employment in the public service in such minor appointment, below the grade of Tahsildar, as the Collector may think fit to confer upon him.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Accountant General.

„ the Examiner of Claims.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 995

From Pro. of the Board of Revenue

Dated 21st March 1868.

FOR ORDERS.

I find difficulty in believing that
an ex Mameldar, despatched for buying
lands in the name of his son, and whose
sons are known to be holding valuable
lands in certain villages of the District
in which the ex Mameldar served, can now
be in a state of abject poverty.

The case against the man was short,
a bad one. There was great competition
for land and the Government have been
created had not the influence of the
Mameldar been exerted for his

own ends. I do not see what more
serious detriment a Thakurdar can
cause to the State than by doing
what this Thakurdar has done -
The West. Moorcroft ^{of Delhi} was lately recom^d
of the High Court. who kept out of
employment for 5 years for buying
in the open market certain lands in
his own name & not reporting the
same. His reply was declared to have
been disingenuous. This Thakurdar's
explanation is similarly stigmatised -
but the latter has not been out
of the service for quite four years -
yet, in analogous cases, the fault
of this Thakurdar - the Govt. agent in
the disposal of the lands - was, I think,
deeper than that of the West. Moorcroft. -
I wd. not think for a moment that

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recom^d made in favor of the
Thakurdar.
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W.D.

I should be disposed to sanction
his reemployment of the man in
his superior situation. He has
been severely punished and appears
I have seen at one time an
efficient public officer. The
Board, I think, support the
late Mr. Martin's recommendation.

by H.
Yes. I wd. sanction his
reemployment.
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In consideration of the

services rendered already rendered
 & given by John. Dine. & in
 compliance with the special
 recommendation on his behalf
 made by the Gov. & supported
 by the Bd. the Gov. ^{inquiry} has re. employ
 ment in the public service in
 such minor appointment
 below the grade of Subv. as
 the Gov. may think fit to
 confer upon him.

E. H.

8th Apr. / 68

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28 March 1868 R. H. H.