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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,

15th April 1868.

No. 242. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th March 1868, No. 2,198.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Ongole, 18th January 1868, No. 152 :—

1. Government have lately appointed Adaki Narrain Row to be Salt Deputy Collector of Nellore. The Board are well aware of the very onerous duties of the Salt charge in this district, with eleven stations scattered over a seaboard of 170 miles. Matters in this department require very careful looking into. Since coming here, I have convicted one Salt Superintendent of fraud, and another is now on trial. Mr. Freer, during the time he acted as Deputy Collector, from his long experience, was able to bring many irregularities to light, which have been from time to time corrected, and I am truly sorry to lose his services.

2. Adaki Narrain Row, I have no doubt, is an able and intelligent officer, but he is physically incapable of travelling about much; has had no experience whatever in the Salt Department; and has stated to me that he would much prefer to be employed either in the General Department, or in the Treasury, and I am certain he would make a much more efficient public official in either of these lines. It is a dangerous experiment to send a man without experience to gain his first lessons in salt in a district like Nellore, where the number of stations and the revenue are so large. I beg respectfully to urge upon the Board, solely in the interests of the salt revenue of the district, that it would be very desirable if they would move Government to re-consider this appointment, and if possible make some transfer. If it be possible to re-appoint Mr. Freer, I know of no one better fitted on every ground for the charge. He has had a large experience; has an excellent knowledge of the department; and is a strong, hale, active man, with much energy. I have always found that whatever work he does he does thoroughly, and he is a man on whose integrity one can entirely rely. He has not passed the Deputy Collector's test, but intends to go up on the next occasion, and should there be a vacancy he might be appointed provisionally on condition of his passing.

1. Submitted for the consideration of Government.

2. The Board entirely concur with Mr. Boswell in his observations as to the qualifications required in the appointment to which Adaki Narrain Row has been nominated, and as to the danger of placing a man who is inexperienced in salt work, and unable to travel much, in so important a charge.

3. They also desire to record their satisfaction with the intelligence and activity which have been displayed by Mr. Freer, during the time he has acted as Deputy Collector.

No. 243.

ORDER THEREON, 15th April 1868, No. 963.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 2,195.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 26th March 1868.

Read the following letter from J. A. C. BOSWELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Ongole, 15th January 1868, No. 152:—

1. Government have lately appointed Adaki Narain Row to be Salt Deputy Collector of Nellore. The Board are well-aware of the very onerous duties of the Salt charge in this district with eleven stations scattered over a seaboard of 17 miles. Matters in this department require very careful looking into. Since coming here I have convicted one Salt Superintendent of fraud, and another is now on trial. Mr. Freer during the time he acted as Deputy Collector from his long experience was able to bring many error mistakes to light, which have been from time to time corrected, and I am truly sorry to lose his services.

2. Adaki Narain Row, I have no doubt, is an able and intelligent officer, but he is physically incapable of travelling about much, has had no experience whatever in the Salt Department; and has stated to me that he would much prefer to be employed either in the General Department, or in the Treasury, and I am certain he would make a much more efficient public official in either of these lines. It is a dangerous experiment to send a man without experience to gain his first lessons in salt in a district like Nellore where the number of stations and the revenue are so large. I beg respectfully to urge upon the Board solely in the interests of the Salt revenue of the district, that it would be very desirable if they would move Government to reconsider this appointment, and if possible make some transfer. If it be possible to reappoint Mr. Freer, I know of no one better fitted on every ground for the charge. He has had a large experience, has an excellent knowledge of the department, is a strong, hale, active man, and I have always found that whatever work he does he does thoroughly, and he is a man on whose integrity one can entirely rely.

Mr. Freer has passed the Deputy Collector's test, has intended to go up on the next occasion, and has been in the department for some time.

Exd. J. Wright.

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but his riches can't always
be consistent - How can't a man
When I have used salt for the
time of the salt duty - I don't think
I can afford to do so - I don't think

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No. 2198

No. 2198 Letter of J. N. N. to J. N. N.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 26th March 1868.
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No. 2,198.

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Submitting, for consideration, letter from Acting Collector of Nellore, remarking on appointment of A. Narain Row to the salt charge of district, and recording Board's satisfaction in the manner in which Mr. Freer carried on his duties while acting as Salt Deputy Collector.

Mr. Freer
Mr. N. N. N.
Mr. N. N. N.