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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th *January* 1861.

No. 457. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th January 1861, No. 189:—

Read the following letter from J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated 24th December 1860, No. 203.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Circular Order of the Board of Revenue, No. 5,913 of the 17th instant, directing Collectors to report when they have allowed an Assistant to exercise the ordinary powers of a Magistrate, I have the honor to report that I placed Mr. Arbuthnott in Magisterial charge of the Táluqs of Pattikonda and Nandikotkur on the 1st July last.

2. Mr Arbuthnott had then been an Assistant in the District for upwards of twelve months, and from my personal knowledge was perfectly qualified from his acquaintance with the vernacular, and with general practice, to hold an independent charge. I regret to state, however, that he had not past the lower standard of examination, a fact which, until very recently, I was not aware precluded him from exercising the uncontrolled charge of a Magistrate.

3. I was under the misconception that after twelve months' residence, *or* at any time after passing the lower standard of examination, an Assistant might be entrusted with an independent charge.

4. The Board are aware that Mr. Arbuthnott has recently been under examination at this station, Mr. Innes and myself being appointed as the local Committee. We are both of opinion that on this occasion Mr. Arbuthnott has more than attained the necessary qualifications, although it may yet be some time before the Central Committee can report him to Government as having past.

5. In my letter of November 15th last, No. 182, considering that Mr. Arbuthnott had not yet past the lower standard, I recommended to the Board that the Deputy Collector Ragunáda Ráu, on special duty in this District, might be placed temporarily in charge of the Head Assistant's Office, on the departure of Mr. Jellicoe, on sick certificate, and the subject is still under consideration of Government.

6. This arrangement, though the best that then appeared feasible, was attended with serious inconveniences. It is essential both on account of the Jamabandi, and the settlement of the Income Tax in the Táluqs of Kambam and Dupád, that the Officer in charge of the Head Assistant's Office should proceed to his own station, while the Deputy Collector Ragunáda Ráu, must be detained by his special duties in other portions of the District.

7. Considering, therefore, that Mr. Arbuthnott, has now unquestionably past his examination, I laid the above facts before the Government demi-officially, with reference to my previous recommendation on the subject then under their consideration, and stated that, for the above reasons, I proposed at once to place Mr. Arbuthnott in charge of the Head Assistant's Office, which he assumed on the 21st instant. He will accompany me on the settlement of my first Táluq, which I take up at the close of the Christmas holidays, in order to obtain a full insight into that duty, and will then proceed at once to his own Táluqs.

8. I trust that the Board will approve of the above arrangement, and, while I regret the error by which I was led to place Mr. Arbuthnott in independent charge before he had past the lower standard of examination, I feel it right to state that his discharge of the duties allotted to him perfectly bore out my opinion as to his being qualified for the trust.

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2. His letter will be submitted to Government in continuation of the Board's Proceedings, dated 27th November 1860, now under consideration.

(A true Copy and Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 458. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1861, No. 228.

Ordered to be communicated to the Public Department with reference to paragraph 2 of the Order in that Department dated 5th December 1860, No. 1,752.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

W. Hudleston

Acting Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to J. I. Minchin, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool.

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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 11th
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From Lo. 2/22d May/61 Nos
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No. 139

Submitting in confirmation of the Board's Proceedings dated 27th November 1860 a letter from the Acting Collector of Burmah reporting that he placed Mr. Arbuthnot in Magisterial charges of the Talugs of Patticonda and Nandidroog on the 1st July last.

With an Order

No. 228. 29th January

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Order to be communicated to the Public Dept. with reference to para 2 of the Order in that Dept. dated 5th December 1860 No 1752.

Fort St. Geo:
29th Jan.y 1861

Expires
To the Public Depart.t

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