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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st September 1869.*

No. 22. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th August 1869, No. 6,173 :—

Read the following letter from J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st July 1869, No. 443 :—

I HAVE the honour to forward copy of a letter from the Collector of Ganjam, complaining of the inconvenience felt in his district owing to the non-confirmation, as Salt-Deputy-Collector in Vizagapatam, of Mahomed Ali Sahib, the Salt-Superintendent of the Nowpada Cotaure in Ganjam.

2. Mahomed Ali went up for the Deputy-Collector's examination on the last occasion, and failed; and though he is now addling his brains by endeavouring to learn by heart Acts and Regulations quite unconnected with his business, I have no anticipation of his ever passing the Deputy-Collector's Test in spite of his most laborious efforts at this uncongenial study.

3. The system of Test Examinations is perfectly suited to the Hindoo mind, but is not so to the Mussulman. Mahomed Ali Sahib is a good practical officer in the Salt Department, and has done good service in this district. He would do better if he were relieved from an impossible task which is weighing on him like an incubus.

4. If the Government are unable to confirm Mahomed Ali as Deputy-Collector without his passing the Examination, I beg that he may be permitted to continue to act as Deputy-Collector on the full pay of the vacant appointment, and be relieved from a test which it is hopeless to expect him to go through.

Enclosure No. 1.

From G. ELLIS, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam, to the Collector of Vizagapatam, dated Chatterpore, 15th July 1869, No. 646.

MAHOMED ALI SAHIB, the Acting Salt-Deputy-Collector of your district, having been drawing one-half of his salary of his confirmed appointment of Salt-Superintendent of the Nowpada Cotaure of this district, namely, Rupees 62-8-0 per mensem, great inconvenience is felt in securing the services of a competent person to fill his permanent post on the remaining half of the pay attached to that post. I have therefore the honour to request that you will be so good, should you see no objection to this proposal, as to take necessary steps for disbursing to him from the 1st of next month the full salary of his acting appointment from your treasury, instead of Rupees 187-8-0 as at present.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. I. MINCHIN,
Collector.

THE Collector of Vizagapatam reports that Mahomed Ali Sahib, who is Superintendent of the Nowpada Salt station in Ganjam, but has been acting as Salt-Deputy Collector for the last two years, is not likely to pass the prescribed Special Test, and recommends that he should be exempted from it. The Collector of Ganjam states that he finds great difficulty in securing a fit Acting Superintendent of Nowpada, because Mahomed Ali, as an Acting Deputy-Collector, continues to draw half the pay of his permanent post.

2. The Board have ascertained from their Acting First Member that Mahomed Ali is a man of good antecedents, and that the interests of the public service would not be endangered if the Examination Rules were relaxed in his case. He did not enter the Revenue service till he was middle aged, having previously been a Regimental Moonshi, in which capacity he enjoyed the respect and esteem of men and officers to a degree not common with persons in his position. His service as a Moonshi accounts for the fact that, in spite of his great intelligence and love of reading, the desultory character of his training has caused him the greatest difficulty in passing the Special Test Examination. As a Revenue officer he has shown himself honest, energetic, and intelligent.

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3. Nevertheless, looking to the importance of preserving the system of special examinations, and the danger of relaxing the rules, the Board are not prepared to support Mr. Minchin's application. They are of opinion that if Mahomed Ali fails to pass at the next Examination, he should either revert to his permanent post, or Government should issue special orders for the payment in full of the salary of that post to the actual incumbent.

No. 23.

ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1869, No. 2,476.

Miscellaneous.

THE Right Honourable the Governor in Council concurs in the observations made by the Board of Revenue in paragraph 3 of their Proceedings above recorded.

2. Should Mahomed Ali have failed to pass at the Special Test Examination which has just been held, he must revert to his permanent appointment. Pending the published result of the Examination, he must be satisfied with such salary as is available in the Vizagapatam District, leaving the full salary of his post in Ganjam for the acting incumbent, as the efficiency of the service cannot be sacrificed to his private convenience.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
the Accountant-General.

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Pros. of the Madras Govt.

Under date the 1st Sept 1873

Read the following
Pros. of the Bd. of Rev.

H.C. 18th Sept. 1873

The Rt Honble the Gov. in
Council concurs in the
observations made by the
Board of Rev. in ^{removal of} their
Pros. above recorded.

Should have been
Ali failed to pass at the
Special Test Exam?
As the test has not been held
he must revert to his

permanent appointment

Regarding the published result of
the exam. he must
be satisfied with such salary
as is available in the Vizagapatnam
District leaving the full salary of
his post in Bangalore available
for the B. in circumstance, as the
efficiency of the service cannot
be sacrificed to his private
inconvenience.

H. to the Bd. of Rev. 27
to the Govt.

Our Salt-Superintendent
work is most appreciable;
always labor with
great temptations before him
and to reduce there to a
minimum, he should be well
paid. But, however, in this
present case, is impossible,
if the permanent Salt-Super.
of Nowpata be permitted to
take with him to his Acting Deputy Commissioner
in Vizagapatnam, $\frac{1}{2}$ his Salt-Super. salary, and to hold one
year after year drawing it with $\frac{1}{2}$ the pay of the Deputy
Comm., the Acting Salt-Superintendent receiving meanwhile
only half the stipulated remuneration of the Salt-officer.
As there seems no reasonable prospect of his
being promoted to succeed the permanent Comm.
has and for Deputy Comm., I would advise that he be
at the next exam.

GOVT. OF MADRAS

REVENUE

THE BOARD OF REVENUE

10th September 1873

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SEPTEMBER

No. 22-23

Madras M. Acting Salt-Superintendent
of Vizagapatnam - For the order on the
part of the Revenue to his permanent appointment
in the event of his failing to pass the Special Test
Examination which has just been held.

but that during the
published result of his
advice he shall draw
out a word of the Deputy
Clerk's salary, the whole
of that of the non-paid
cell. I am sure that the
being a signed to the
person who is doing the
Sup^d duty -

28 days. W.D.
I am, Sir,
Yours, &c.

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