MR. O. 1—39,000—16-10-29.

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1307 Press ~~Mis.~~

341-42.

Dated 23. 8. 1870 ~~19~~.

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No. 341. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th June 1870, No. 4,259 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 18th May 1870, No. 162.

With reference to your endorsement, dated 24th August last, on Government Order, No. 2,379, dated 20th idem, I have the honour to furnish the required information, and regret that such delay has occurred in doing so.

2. I beg to submit, in original, a letter, received on the 11th instant, from the Treasury Deputy-Collector on the subject. It appears that sanction was received in May 1862 to disburse the arrears of pension to the Yeomiahdar, but that nothing was done in the matter till 1867, no order having been issued from the Sheristadar's Department to the Tahsildar, and no notice being taken of the sanction by the Account Department to whom the papers were referred.

3. Although there may have been an omission in the Sheristadar's Department, I cannot acquit the Account Department on which, in my opinion, the chief blame rests, that they did not move in the matter for five years. When an inquiry was made by them in June 1867, and an answer received in November of the same year, the Clerk laid it aside, noting upon it that no answer was necessary. In November 1868, on a general muster of Yeomiahdars, the subject was again brought to notice by the Deputy-Collector in charge of the division, and final sanction for the payment of the whole of the arrears was received in August 1869.

4. It is difficult to fix the blame for all this delay on any one particular person: the Sheristadar was partly to blame—he is pensioned; the Tahsildar was partly to blame—he is dead; the Talook Sheristadar of that period is pensioned.

5. There remain the members of the Huzoor Account Department. The Native Head Accountant, most to blame, as will be seen by the list attached to the Deputy-Collector's letter, was C. Kristna Row, at present Sheristadar in the Hospett Talook; but I cannot acquit the Head English Accountant of blame. He, as head of the whole department, ought certainly to have ferretted the matter out. Mr. Blake does not implicate him.

6. I do not think it was anything but mere neglect on the part of either of these officers. I have therefore inflicted on the head of the office a fine of fifteen Rupees and on C. Kristna Row a fine of ten Rupees.

Enclosure No. 1.

From the Deputy-Collector in charge of Treasury, to the Acting Collector of Bellary, dated 11th May 1870, No. 640.

With reference to the Orders of Government, No. 2,379, dated 20th August 1869, passed on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th July 1869, No. 5,393, I have the honour to state that the Yeomiahdar Badada Sivalingappah therein alluded to had resided in Hurpanhully, and drawn his monthly allowance of Rupees 4-13-9 up to January 1861; he absented himself until December 1861; he appeared before the Tahsildar of Hurpanhully in January 1862, and requested to be paid the arrears of his allowance. The Tahsildar applied direct to the Collector for instructions in his Arzee, dated 13th January 1862, No. 3, and the Collector replied to the

Tahsildar, through the Sheristadar's department, in a Takeed, No. 9, dated 31st January 1862, stating that on receipt of instructions from the Board of Revenue, to whom application had been made for sanction, the same would be communicated to him.

2. The Collector addressed the Board of Revenue on the subject, in letter No. 55, dated 26th April 1862, and the Board of Revenue sanctioned the payment of arrears in their Proceedings, No. 3,230, dated 20th May 1862.

3. A copy of the above Proceedings was sent to the Account Department with the words "needful to be done in the Account Department" written on it; but as the first Order, on receipt of sanction in all Yeomiah cases, was invariably prepared by the Sheristadar, signed by the Collector, and despatched to the Tahsildars by the Sheristadar's Clerk, as a reference to the records will show, no action was taken in the Account Department, especially as the writing of the words "needful to be done in the Account Department" was looked upon as nominal, as the person who was then the Correspondence Writer wrote the same on almost every paper received, whether it required to be replied to or simply had to be placed on record, or whether it had to be attended to in the Vernacular Department or English, in the Sheristadar's Department or the English Correspondence or Account Department, a reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue noted in the margin, sent to the Account Department, will show that this was the case at that time.

Board's Proceedings,	No. 5,456,	dated	19th August	1862.
Do.	„ 5,762,	„	29th do.	„
Do.	„ 6,036,	„	10th Sept.	„
Do.	„ 6,045,	„	do.	„
Do.	„ 6,105,	„	12th do.	„
Do.	„ 7,459,	„	12th Nov.	„
Do.	„ 1,405,	„	9th Dec.	„

4. No intimation was sent through the Huzoor Sheristadar's department to the Tahsildar of the receipt of the sanction of the Board of Revenue for the disbursement of the arrears, as was promised in the Collector's Order of the 31st January 1862, and the Tahsildar entered a note monthly in his Abstract of Yeomiahdars, to the effect that pending instructions from the Collector, the Yeomiah of Badada Sevalingappah was not drawn, and this was continued to be done up to May 1867, when a remark was written by the Account Department in June in the Yeomiah Abstract of the Hurpanhully Talook for May, calling upon the Tahsildar to report the circumstances under which the Yeomiah had not been drawn up to that time, and the Tahsildar in his Arzee to my address, No. 80, dated 27th November 1867, replied, stating, that it was in consequence of the non-receipt of instructions from the Collector as had been promised; this Arzee was laid aside by the Clerk who conducted my Vernacular correspondence, after writing on it that no answer was necessary, and this was done with the view of awaiting the result of the muster of all the Yeomiahdars in the district, which the Collector had in the month of May of the same year directed the division officers to hold, in reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 1st April 1867, No. 2,064, and this was the more necessary, as the Yeomiah had remained unpaid for more than five years, owing, it may be said, chiefly to the Yeomiahdar not having even once during all that time, addressed me in regard to the non-payment of his stipend either direct or through means of the Tahsildar. He states he had addressed the Collector direct once, but your predecessor, Mr. Sullivan, mentioned in his docket, No. 1,441, dated 28th November 1868, that no such Arzee was forthcoming in his office.

5. In November 1868, the General Deputy-Collector after mustering the Yeomiahdar in question with the other Yeomiahdars of his division, forwarded to me the Arzee addressed to him by the Tahsildar of Hurpanhully in regard to the non-payment of his stipend, together with a deposition he had taken from the Yeomiahdar, which I, in the same month, submitted to the Collector for his orders. The subject was reported to the Board of Revenue, and the Government in their Order under reference sanctioned the payment of the arrears of the Yeomiahdar, and the payment was made.

6. The non-payment of the arrears of the Yeomiah allowance so long was owing to neglect and oversight in this office, as also in the Tahsildar's office, which would have been avoided had the Huzoor Sheristadar kept a memorandum of replies which had to be sent to the Tahsildars, and had the Head Native Accountant brought to my notice before he did the circumstance of the note

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alluded to being entered monthly in the Talook Yeomiah Abstracts, and also if the Tahsildar maintained an unanswered list, which would have enabled him to dispose of this matter by addressing either the Collector or me on the subject. The person who was the Huzoor Sheristadar when the Tahsildar was informed in 1862 of the fact of the Board of Revenue having been applied to for sanction for the payment of the arrears of the said Yeomiah, and that the result would be communicated to him, and who remained in that office up to 4th August 1863, was M. Narrain Row, who is now a superannuation pensioner, and the names of those who were Head Native Accountants during all the time the note in question was being entered monthly in the Talook Yeomiah Abstracts are entered in the annexed Memorandum, with information as to how they are now employed, the name of the officer who was Tahsildar of Hurpanhully when the Collector's Order in 1862 was received, as also of others who held that appointment and that of Sheristadars of that talook during all the time the above-mentioned note was being entered in the Abstracts prepared in their office, without the Collector being addressed on the subject; but I beg at the same time to suggest that you will be good enough to solicit the Government not to inflict punishment on any of them, as the three individuals* who were chiefly to blame in the matter are no longer in Government employ, and as the business in the office is now conducted differently to what it was in 1862, as all Arzees, etc., received by the Collector now in regard to the payment of pensions, etc., are referred to me for disposal.

* 1. M. Narrain Row, Huzoor Sheristadar in 1862, now a pensioner.
2. P. Venkut Row, Tahsildar in 1862, deceased.
3. Doddy Kristna Row, Talook Sheristadar in 1862, now a pensioner.

Memorandum.

Designation.	Name.	Period.	How now employed.
Huzoor Sheristadar.	M. Narrain Row ...	From January 1862 to 4th August 1863.	A Superannuation Pensioner.
Tahsildar of Hurpanhully.	P. Venkut Row ...	1st January to 17th March 1862.	Dead.
	(Vacant)	18th March to 31st May 1862.	
	K. Sashagirry Row ...	1st June 1862 to 20th September 1864.	A Superannuation Pensioner.
	(Vacant)	21st to 26th September 1864.	
	Raghava Row ...	27th September to 2nd November 1864.	Tahsildar of Tadpatry.
	(Vacant)	3rd November 1864 to 8th February 1865.	
	Parthasarathy Naidoo.	9th February 1865 to 29th June 1868.	His services were dispensed with in consequence of his having failed the Special Test Examination.
Sheristadar of Hurpanhully.	D. Kristna Row ...	1st January 1862 to 7th June 1863.	A Superannuation Pensioner.
	J. Kristna Row ...	8th June 1863 to 6th May 1864.	Dead.
	Dassi Sooba Row ...	9th May 1864 to 6th March 1865.	Sheristadar of Raidrug.
	K. Sashagirry Row ...	7th March 1865 to 9th August 1869.	Do. of Tadpatry.

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Memorandum.—(Concluded.)

Description.	Name.	Period.	How now employed.
Native Head-Accountant.	C. Kristna Row ...	January 1862 to 21st February 1865.	Sheristadar of Hospett.
	H. Sooba Row ...	22nd February to September 1865.	Vernacular Record-keeper.
	C. Kristna Row ...	1st October 1865 to 15th January 1866.	Sheristadar of Hospett.
	H. Sooba Row ...	16th January 1866 to 11th June 1867. But the duty of Native Head Accountant was performed from April 1866 to April 1867 by C. Kristna Row.	Vernacular Record-keeper.

(Signed) B. A. BLAKE,
Deputy-Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government, with reference to Government Order, No. 2,379, dated 20th August 1869.

2. The Collector was not competent to impose a fine of 15 Rupees without the previous sanction of the Board. His proceedings are, however, approved.

3. It is clear from this report that the talook returns of unanswered Arzees cannot have been scrutinized with any sort of care since the Collector's present Sheristadar took charge, and the Collector should call upon him for an explanation, and forward it with his own remarks.

4. The Deputy-Collector should also explain his great delay in submitting this report.

No. 342. ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1870, No. 1,304.

Miscellaneous.

APPROVED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Rd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

To

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated August, 23rd.

Recd. Inst.

G. O., 23rd August 1870, No. 1,304.

AUGUST.

Nos. 341-342.

Payment of arrears of Yeomiah to B. Sivalingapaah in Bellary District.—Punishment inflicted by Collector on certain officials for delay allowed to occur in—, approved.

G. O. 25 Aug 1869 No 2379

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 20TH JUNE 1870, No. 4,259.

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No. 4,259.

Arrears of Yeomiah—due to Badada Sivalingapaah of Hurpunhully Talook in Bellary District,—Letter from Collector reporting punishment inflicted by him on certain officials who are responsible for delay of five years which was allowed to occur in payment of, after it had been sanctioned by Board, submitted to Government and Collector's proceedings, approved.

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