

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st May 1870.*

No. 278. Read the following Endorsement of the Accountant-General, Madras, dated Fort Saint George, 9th May 1870, No. 40 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th April 1870, No. 2,856.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 31st March 1870, No. 2,162.

Read also the following letter from the Acting Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 28th March 1870, No. 61.

THE office of Tahsildar of Perindooray having become vacant in consequence of the application for pension of the incumbent, Annajee Row, from 1st instant, I have nominated Vencatesa Iyengar, Sub-Magistrate of Kongiem, to act as Tahsildar of Perindooray, pending the result of the recommendation made in paragraph 4 of my letter to the Board, dated 26th February 1870, No. 43; and request that this nomination may receive the approval of the Board, and that Vencatesa Iyengar may be allowed to draw the full amount of the salary of the Tahsilship during his incumbency.

2. Vencatesa Iyengar has passed the Special Test Examination prescribed for the office of Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate, and is a servant of eleven years' standing.

THE appointment of Vencatesa Iyengar to act as Tahsildar is approved.

2. The Collector's request that he may be permitted to draw the full salary of the post will be submitted for the favourable consideration of Government, through the Accountant-General.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government with the remark that, as the salary of the appointment in which Vencatesa Iyengar is acting exceeds Rupees 200 per mensem, he cannot, under the Orders of the Government of India, No. 1,821, dated 12th July 1869, Financial Department, draw the full salary of the appointment during the period he acts although it is available.

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON,
Accountant-General.

No. 279. ORDER THEREON, 21st May 1870, No. 758.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED that a copy of the Accountant-General's remarks be furnished to the Board of Revenue for their information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 2,162.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 31st March 1870.

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th February 1870, No. 43:—

I HAVE the honour to submit the following subject for the consideration and orders of the Board.

2. In March 1858, Narrain Row, the Head Moonshy in the Collector's Cutcherry, was nominated by Mr. Thomas to act as Naib Sherishtadar, and when that office became permanently vacant, the late Mr. Cherry, when Acting Collector, in a letter, dated 10th September 1858, No. 157, submitted for the Board's consideration, the propriety of confirming in a post of such importance a person who laboured under the drawback of not knowing one word of English. In their Proceedings, dated 7th October 1858, No. 3,758, the Board declined to confirm Narrain Row in the post of Naib Sherishtadar, leaving it to the Collector to decide whether on the abolition of that appointment, his ignorance of English would stand in the way of his performing competently the duties of the new office of Manager. On the creation of that office in May 1859, under the authority conveyed in the Board's Circular, dated 10th idem, No. 1,639, Mr. Thomas appointed Narrain Row, who had continued to act as Naib Sherishtadar to the post of Office Manager, on Rupees 175, a month. In June 1860, under the Orders of Government, dated 11th April 1860, No. 555, the designation, Manager, was given up and the Chief Ministerial officer of the Collector's Cutcherry was again styled Sherishtadar, the pay of the office being raised to Rupees 200. In November 1861, the pay of Sheristadars was again raised to Rupees 250, and this sum, Narrain Row is now in receipt of.

3. I would here state that I have nothing to urge against Narrain Row's character. So far as I know, and I have been employed in the district before, there has never been a whisper against it. He is simply in a false position. He is a man of very ordinary abilities, and his entire ignorance of the English language quite unfits him for the post he now fills. In fact, from the time he was first appointed, he has never performed its duties, and has been simply an incubus, the full weight of which was not however felt until the late Head Clerk C. Vencateshiah received the long deferred reward of his energy and ability the other day, when he was promoted to be a Deputy Collector. For twelve years he cheerfully and uncomplainingly, as my predecessors would, and have testified, performed the work of the Sherishtadar in addition to his own, but his duties in connection with the Treasury no longer admit of this, and the consequence is, that the machine has almost come to a stand-still.

4. The Board are fully aware that in these days, even with an efficient staff, Collectors have as much work as they can get through, and perhaps a little more, and if the establishment is not kept up to the highest point of efficiency, the administration of the provinces entrusted to them cannot but be prejudiced. It is solely on public grounds that I seek their intervention in this matter, and ask for more able assistance than the present Huzoor Sherishtadar is able to afford me.

5. In a letter to the Board, dated 20th October 1861, recorded in their Proceedings, dated 12th November of the same year, No. 7,386, the then Collector, Mr. Grant, proposed that the Huzoor Sherishtadar Narrain Row, should be transferred to the Perandoray Talook, on the retirement of Annajee Row, the Tahsildar. The latter has now sent in his application for pension, and will cease to do duty from the 1st proximo, and I request that the Board will sanction Mr. Grant's proposal being carried out. The only objection to it is, that owing to the pay of Sherishtadars having been raised in 1861 to Rupees 250, the proposed transfer would involve a loss to Narrain Row of Rupees 25 per mensem. I would fain have spared him this if possible, but I submit that very great indulgence has already been shown to him. Since 1858, he has been permitted to hold an honourable and lucrative post for the duties of which he is wholly unfit. He has for the last five years drawn a higher salary than any official in the district, and has done nothing for it, and this state of things cannot be allowed to go on any longer. He accompanied me during the Jummahbundy of the Coimbatore Talook, and even in routine work of this sort he was unable to afford me any assistance.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Received by the Hon. Secy. of the Board of Revenue, Coimbatore, on 31st March 1870.

6. I shall feel greatly obliged by an early intimation of the Board's views on the subject, as pending their orders, no permanent arrangements for filling up the Tahseel of I dora can be submitted.

The Board are not prepared to allow Narrain Roy to be made a Tahsildar. In their opinion he must be particularly unfit for such an appointment. The Collector will report whether he has served sufficiently long to entitle him to pension, and if not, when he will have done so.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Secretary

To the Acting Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Revenue Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 21st May 1870.
Read the following letter from the

Accountant General.

Reporting on Board's Proceedings
requesting that Venkatesa Sengar,
Sub-Magistrate of Kongiery may be
allowed to draw full salary of post
of Tahsildar of Perindoor in Coim-
batore District, while acting.

(H. E. G. " May 1870 No. 40)

Ordered that a copy
of the Accountant General's remarks
be furnished to the Board of
Revenue for their information and
guidance.

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b Accountant General.

BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 31st MARCH 1870, No. 2,162.

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No. 2,162.

Honour Secretary, Narrain Roy, of Coim-
batore District.—Proposed transfer of, to post of
Tahsildar of Perindoor, owing to his inefficiency,
declined to be sanctioned; and Collector requested
to report whether he has served sufficiently long
to entitle him to pension, and if not, when he
will have done so.