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7th February 1871.*

No. 94. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th January 1871, No. 230:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 28th November 1870, No. 320.

RAMACHENDRA Row, the Tahsildar of Colligal, having applied for pension, I have the honour to recommend that Sooloor Soobiah, who has been Sheristadar of the taluq since November 1865, be appointed to succeed him.

2. From the accompanying extract from the Service Register, the Board will observe that he was Tahsildar of Erode for nearly three years, and lost his appointment owing to the amalgamation of that taluq with Perindoray in October 1860. It will also be seen from the remarks made by Messrs. Thomas and Webster that they considered him an able and efficient officer.

3. I am able to corroborate Mr. Webster's statement that Sooloor Soobiah has for some time been virtually the Tahsildar of the taluq. The incumbent, about to retire from age and consequent infirmity, is quite unfit for the charge of a taluq which can only be traversed on horseback. I believe he hardly ever quitted the Cusbah or its immediate vicinity, and was entirely dependent on the man whom I have now the honour to recommend as his successor.

4. In their Proceedings, dated 25th April 1866, No. 2,901, printed with Proceedings of Government, dated 7th May 1866, No. 1,077, the Board recommended that this officer, on his re-appointment to the service as Taluq Sheristadar, should, as he had been three years a Tahsildar, be exempted from passing the Special Test. The Government accepted this recommendation so far as the appointment of Sheristadar was concerned, but decided that he must pass before being promoted to a Tahsildary. From paragraph 2 it would appear that the Government were induced to pass this order because of his want of experience in the Revenue line previous to his appointment as Tahsildar; but at present, of course no such objection exists.

5. In justice, therefore, to the man who, ten years ago, through no fault of his own, lost one of the highest offices to which his countrymen aspire, who subsequently without good cause (*vide* Board's Proceedings above quoted) was left without employment for the space of five years, and who for another five years has faithfully and efficiently filled a subordinate post in a taluq which is regarded as a penal settlement by most Revenue officials; and in justice to the taluq itself which he knows thoroughly; I strongly recommend the Government being moved to relax the Examination Rules in his favour. I do not speak of his fitness for the post from hearsay. I was three weeks in the taluq myself, and he travelled with me through the jungles. I found him fully informed on all points connected with the administration of the taluq, in the remotest parts of which he was known and looked up to.

6. If my recommendation is not attended to, I shall have considerable difficulty in filling up the appointment. Owing to its inaccessibility, its remoteness from civilization, and the reputation it has for insalubrity, few persons care to go to Colligal. Any one tempted by the post would only take it with the fixed determination of getting transferred at the first opportunity, and yet this taluq only needs development to become the garden of the district; and this object is

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now being steadily kept in view. Roads connecting it with the plains on all sides are now in progress or projected, but no material improvement can be attained without an officer on the spot competent to deal with the difficulties which have to be overcome, and from which most Natives shrink appalled. The late Deputy-Collector in charge of the Northern Division could not be persuaded to visit this taluq. He fully believed that if he did, he would either fall a victim to fever, be trampled by elephants, or be devoured by tigers. Sooloor Soobiah has no dread of one or the other.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Extract from Service Register.

THE Board resolve to submit this application for the favourable consideration of Government.

2. The case is a peculiar one, and the testimony borne by past and present officers of the district to the character of Sooloor Soobiah shows that indulgence will not be misplaced.

3. If it is necessary to limit the exemption at all, it might be done by making it effectual only with regard to the taluq of Colligal.

No. 95. ORDER THEREON, 7th February 1871, No. 251.

Miscellaneous.

UNDER the peculiar circumstances of the case as stated by the Collector, the Government accept the Board's suggestion, and sanction the exemption of Sooloor Soobiah from the necessity of passing the Special Test for promotion to the post of Tahsildar of Colligal Taluq only.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

*Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue:

„ the Accountant-General.

„ the Commissioner for the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations.

## PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 7<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1871.

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The Board of Revenue

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Sheristadar of that Talook and  
Talucildar of Collegal, in  
Lombalane Dist., for his ex-  
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Test Examination.

H.C. 17<sup>th</sup> January / 1871

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G. O., 7th February 1871, No. 251.

FEBRUARY.  
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S. Soobiah, Sheristadar of Collegal Taluk  
— His exemption from the necessity of passing the  
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