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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th March 1871.*

No. 258. Read the following letter from the Accountant-General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 24th February 1871, No. 115:—

IN submitting, herewith, for the orders of His Excellency in Council, a letter (in original) addressed to me by two female Yeomiahdars, Rahemot-oon-nissa Begum and Fathma Begum, I have the honour to state that there are a few others who have been unable to draw their Yeomiahs in consequence of either the unwillingness of their former Vakils to appear, or of their departure from Madras, and of the difficulty experienced in procuring other Vakils.

2. The rules passed by Government and the Circular Orders of the Board of Revenue in respect of payment of Yeomiahs of Gosha Yeomiahdars, direct that no person shall be allowed to act as the Vakil of a Yeomiahdar, except he be a Yeomiahdar himself, drawing an allowance equal to half the aggregate allowances of the person or persons for whom he acts, and that each Vakil, before receiving payment, shall be required to produce, besides a Vakalutnamah and the Yeomiah Certificate, a Certificate of the existence and identity of the party or parties, attested by two male Yeomiahdars. This would seem to imply that the Certificate last named shall be a fresh one for each month, but a fresh Certificate does not appear to have been presented in the case of the Vakils mentioned in the document executed on 1st April 1871, and the Vakils standing in the same position as their own allowances, and to submit to any other punishment in case of fraud as to the existence of the parties for whom they stand as Vakils and Sureties, being all that has been taken and considered sufficient; nor has the rule in regard to the allowance that a Vakil should be in receipt of, been conformed to in all, and notably in four cases.

3. Among the documents that have been forwarded to my office by the Collector, as taken from Vakils of female Yeomiahdars, there are three which have been executed on unstamped papers, and one of these bears neither the signature of the Vakil nor of the Collector. In another case no document has been received from the Vakil, but only one Surety was accepted. There is also a case in which Sureties have not been required.

In regard to the want of the Vakil's signature to the document intended to be executed by him, the Deputy-Collector writes that the payment of pension was made to the Vakil from the year 1858, and that as he is a respectable gentleman and the premises in which the Madras Deputy-Collector's Office was held till lately, these circumstances might have waived the necessity of requiring a proper document from him in the opinion of former authorities.

A striking feature in connection with the payment of Yeomiahs to Vakils seems to be that such payments have been made without requiring the production of Vakalutnamahs. In fact, Vakils do not appear to have provided themselves with such documents. Then again, many of the Vakils and Sureties are not Yeomiahdars, as the rules require they should be but Military Pensioners and Carnatic Stipendiaries receiving their allowance elsewhere than from the Collector.

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I beg to be informed whether I am in all cases to enforce the rules strictly, or to be permitted to exercise a discretion in that respect, when parties find it difficult to comply with the orders of Government.

No. 259.

ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1871, No. 485.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

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Under date the 20th March 1871.

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