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No. 11. Read the following letter from the Acting Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 30th October 1871, Miscellaneous No. 3,840 :—

I AM instructed by the Board of Revenue to request the sanction of Government for the retention of the professional services of one of the Firm of Messrs. Prichard and Barclay in the following case :—

2. From inquiries made in the Board's Office it appears clear that the Masalchi of the Office took a sum of Rs. 25 from a petitioner, on the condition that he (the Masalchi) would get the petitioner's case favourably disposed of by the Board through the instrumentality of a person mentioned as a Lawyer. The facts of the case leave little doubt that a conviction, under Section 417, Indian Penal Code, on a charge of "cheating" will result if the case is properly conducted, of which there is no chance if it is left to the prosecutor, the petitioner ; and the Board consider it very desirable that an example should be made, if it can be proved, that a menial employed in their service has been able to carry on such malpractices.

3. As it was very desirable that no time should be lost, the Board anticipated the sanction of Government, which they now request under Government Order, 1st September 1869, No. 1,446.

4. The Government Solicitor has advised the Board that, as the petitioner must appear as prosecutor, he cannot appear on behalf of the Board in his official capacity, but will depute a duly qualified person from his Office to conduct the case.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1871, No. 1,878.

Miscellaneous. APPROVED and sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Board's Office
Madras 30th October 1811
Miscellaneous No. 3840.

From,
F. Brandt Esqre.
Acting Sub Secretary
to the Board of Revenue.

To,
The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Sir,

I am instructed by the Board of Revenue to request the sanction of Government for the retention of the professional services of one of the Firm of Messrs. Prichard and Barclay in the following case.

2. From enquiries made in the Board's Office it appears clear that the Masalchi of the Office took a sum of Rs 25, from a Petitioner on the condition that he (the Masalchi) would get the Petitioner's case favorably disposed of by the Board through the instrumentality of a person mentioned as a Lawyer. The facts of the case

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leave little doubt that a conviction under Section 417 Indian Penal Code, on a charge of "cheating" will result if the case is properly conducted, of which there is no chance if it is left to the Prosecutor, the Petitioner, and the Board consider it very desirable that an example should be made if it can be proved that a menial employed in their service has been able to carry on such malpractices.

3. As it was very desirable that no time should be lost the Board anticipated the sanction of Government, which they now request, under Government Order 1st September 1869, No. 1446.

4. The Government Solicitor has advised the Board that as the Petitioner must appear as prosecutor, he cannot appear on behalf of the Board in his official capacity, but will depute a duly qualified person from his Office to conduct the case.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant

F. Brandt

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Sub Secretary

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No. 13. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st October 1871 :—

Read the following letter from C. E. GOVER, Esq., Census Officer, to the Acting Secretary, Revenue Board, dated Madras, 30th October 1871.

I HAVE the honour to request that you will be good enough to inform the Board that it is desirable that I should be furnished with a Writer and such office-furniture as is necessary for my own use. The Municipality has not provided an office for me, as most of the work could be done at the Municipal Office. The consideration of the papers forwarded to me, and the necessity that exists that the working forms should be drawn up, requires a special office and suitable furniture, as I cannot possibly attend to such matters at the Municipal Office, I have the honour therefore to request that I may be favoured with—

1 Office-chair.
1 Do. table, with side drawers.
1 Writing slope and the necessary miscellaneous furniture.

2. A Writer is also necessary, as the work is now becoming greater.

SUBMITTED for the early orders of Government.

2. Mr. Gover has now to prepare for the press many preliminary forms for the final tabulation of the Census returns prescribed by the Government of India, and to correspond with the Board on many matters connected with this and other points relating to the Census. He is therefore in need of a Clerk.

3. In anticipation of the sanction of Government the Board authorize Mr. Gover to entertain, from 1st November 1871, a Clerk on a monthly salary not exceeding Rs. 30, and also to purchase such office-furniture as may be immediately necessary, furnishing this office with a bill for the cost.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1871, No. 1,879.

Miscellaneous.

THE Board's proceedings are approved and confirmed. They can doubtless find the necessary office room for Mr. Gover in their own office buildings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.