Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 18th November 1871.

No. 183. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th October 1871, No. 4,490:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 21st September 1871, No. 327.

REFERRING to the Board's Proceedings No. 3,733, dated 30th ultimo, I have the honour to report that the services of the Shroff attached to the Deputy-Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Cocanada cannot be dispensed with without causing considerable inconvenience to the Huzur, Talook, and Village Establishments.

2. Cocanada is the most important Sub-Magistrate's Division in the Zemindary tract of Pittapur, and yielded a revenue of Rs. 64,983 for Fusly 1280. From July 1870 to the end of June 1871, Rs. 62,371, passed through the Sub-Magistrate's Office.

3. At first, when the revised Revenue Establishments were introduced in 1863, no Shroff having been sanctioned, the duties were performed by an irresponsible Attender, and the consequence was a defalcation to the extent of some hundreds of rupees as reported to the Board* by Mr. Fraser. Government, on the recommendation of Mr. Pelly, sanctioned a Shroff on Rs. 10 in their Proceedings No. 1,071, under date the 21st June 1864.

* Board's Proceedings, 13th September 1864, No. 6,002.

4. In paragraph 6 of the Proceedings under reply it is remarked "that as Cocanada is the Collector's head-quarters station, receipts and disbursements, if any, at the Deputy-Tahsildar's Cutcherry might be transferred direct to the Collector's treasury now in charge of the Branch Bank." But I would recall to the Board's rocollection that the Irasalnamah† has, in the first instance, to be verified at the Deputy-Tahsildar's Office, unless it is proposed to saddle the Collector's Office with this duty. Moreover, before a receipt can be granted to the village-officers for the remittance, the money must be shroffed. There are no Shroffs at the Huzur, and if the Sub-Magistrate's Shroff is abolished, I do not see who is to do it. In short the necessity for the services of this official is as strong now as when his entertainment was recommended by Mr. Pelly, and sanctioned by Government in 1864, and I strongly deprecate his removal.

† Remittance List.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to their Order dated 11th September 1871, No. 1,565.

2. The Board observe that the Shroff attached to the Sub-Magistrate of Cocanada cannot be dispensed with, for the reasons stated by the Acting Collector.

3. It follows that the charge on account of the proposed Shroff at Kalliandroog must be met by an additional grant, as stated in paragraph 5, Board's Proceedings dated 30th August 1871, No. 3,733.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th November 1871.

No. 184. ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1871, No. 1,967.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government do not see the force of the arguments adduced in paragraph 4 of the letter from the Acting Collector of the Godavery District, submitted with the Board's Proceedings above recorded. The shroffing of remittances in the talook treasuries at stations at which there are Branch Banks need not be a necessary preliminary to the verification of the Irasalnamahs and the granting of receipts to the village-officers. The payments can at once be made into the Banks, and on the production of their receipts the Irasalnamahs (which need contain no particulars of coins) can be examined and receipts granted at the Talook Office. Before, however, passing final orders, the Government desire to have the opinion of the Accountant-General and the Board of Revenue on the subject.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

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

Revenue Department

No. 1967

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 18th November 1871.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Submg: letter from Coll: of Godavery reporting with reference to transfer of Shroff attached to Dy. Coll: Cutcherry at Cocanada to certain Sub-Treasury in Villages.

} R. 25 Oct. 1871, No. 4492

The Govt. do not see the force of the ~~arguments~~ ~~grounds~~ adduced in para 4 of the letter from the Actg: Collector of the Godavery District submitted

submitted with the Board's Proc. above recorded. The shroffing of remittances in the Taluk Treasuries at stations at which there are Branch Banks need not be a necessary preliminary for the verification of the Drafts and the granting of receipts to the village officers. The payments can at once be made into the Banks, and on the production of their receipts the Drafts which need contain no particulars of coins) can be examined and receipts granted at the Taluk office. Before however passing final orders, the Govt. desire to have the opinion of the Accountant General and the Board of Revenue on the subject

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