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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th March 1872.*

No. 161. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th March 1872, Miscellaneous No. 1,804 :—

Read the following papers :—

From R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 31st January 1872, No. 46.

WITH advertence to the Government Order, Revenue Department, under date the 7th February 1871, No. 255, I have the honour to forward copy of a letter from Mr. Smith requesting to be permitted to rejoin his permanent appointment as Salt Deputy-Collector of this district, and to recommend that, under the circumstances stated by him, the sanction of Government may be obtained for his retransfer.

From R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 17th February 1872, No. 69.

IN reply to the Board's official memorandum, under date 13th February 1872, No. 237, I have the honour to report that, if I had had any doubt as to Mr. Smith's fitness to return to his former situation, I should not have forwarded his application to the Board without remark.

2. I have known Mr. Smith, and had an opportunity of seeing something of his work since the beginning of 1861, when I was first appointed to act as Sub-Secretary to the Board; and though I am by no means prepared to state that his administration of the Salt Department of this district has been faultless, I am of opinion that he deserves very great credit for the manner in which he has succeeded in meeting the largely increased demand for salt at the Madras Cotours, which has occurred during the past ten years owing to the extension of the railway system throughout the Presidency.

3. On a reference to the correspondence to which the Board refer, I see nothing to induce me to alter my opinion as to Mr. Smith's fitness to transact the duties of a department, over which he has presided, I think, on the whole, satisfactorily for upwards of ten years. I am unable to concur with the Board in the serious view apparently taken by them of Mr. Smith's conduct in regard to the contract rates, for it seems to me that he merely adopted a system which he found in force when he joined the department, and that supposing the profits of the contractors to have been then exorbitant, he succeeded in reducing them by about 20 per cent.

4. As the Board are apparently desirous of having Mr. Barlow's opinion of Mr. Smith's qualifications, I have forwarded to him a copy of the Board's memorandum and of this reply, with a request that he will forward to the Board direct any observations which he may desire to make.

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Acting Collector of the Chingleput District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapett, 28th February 1872, No. 84.

As requested in a letter received from Mr. Dalyell, and with reference to his letter to you, No. 69, dated the 17th instant, copy of which and of the Board's

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2. I must add, however, with reference to the past correspondence referred to by the Board, and from my own experience of Chentsal Row's working of the Salt Department, that I should be sorry to see present arrangements disturbed.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government with the Board's recommendation that Mr. Smith be permitted to resume charge of the Salt Department, as his recent transfer to the charge of the Treasury was consequent solely on the state of his health, which is now said to be re-established.

No. 162. ORDER THEREON, 13th March 1872, No. 445.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government deem it necessary that before any change is made Mr. Smith's physical fitness to resume charge of the Salt Department should be certified by the Surgeon of the district in which he resides. The Board will cause the District Surgeon to be accurately informed of the nature of the duties and the exposure which they entail.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

From

Chingput District
My collector's office
Sydney 31st January 1872

A. Smith Esq.

My collector in ch. of Treasury
Chingput Dist.

To

R. A. Dalyell Esq.

Collector of the
Chingput Dist.

Sir,

Referring to the order of Government dated 7th February 1871 No. 255, placing me in temporary charge of the Chingput Treasury with reference to a Medical certificate from Dr. Arguehart of the then state of my health, I have the honor to request that, as I am now well, and able to attend efficiently to my duties, you will be so good as to obtain the permission of Government to my rejoining my permanent appointment as Salt Deputy Collector of this District.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
your most obedient servt.

Sd/- A. Smith.

Deputy Collector.

(True copy)

W. Dudley
Collector.

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Revenue Department

Miscellaneous No. 1804

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dated 9th March 1872.

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Collector of the Chingleput District

To, J. Grose Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

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Chingleput District Collectors Office (Sd) R. A. Dalzell
Saidapet 31st January 1872 Collector

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Enclosed letter from the Collector
Chingleput dated 31st January 1872
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Dec 1872 No. 435/72

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R. W. Barlow Esq. }
Asst. Collector }
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Submitted

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True copies & Extract

W. P. Lawrence

Sub-Secretary

The Officiating Chief Secretary to Government
 Revenue Department

with original in closure

Chambers

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