Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th February 1873.

No. 25. Read the following letter from G. THORNHILL, Esq., Acting 2nd Member of the Board of Revenue, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 1st February 1873 :—

I OBSERVE from Proceedings, Madras Government, 18th January 1873, No. 17, Public Works Department, that the [illegible] as to the returns obtained from the Madras Water Works Project has been more than once referred back to the Madras Government for further information.

It may be in the recollection of the Government that very heavy censure was passed on me personally by the Secretary of State for the part which I was erroneously supposed to have borne in connection with those works.

2. I furnished an explanation to the remarks made by His Grace, which the Madras Government were pleased to characterize as perfectly satisfactory; but with that exception, no notice has hitherto been taken of my letter, and I am led to fear that it has gone no further than the Government of India, and that it has never, up to this time, been placed before the Secretary of State.

3. Should it be so, the result will be that my name as a public servant has been allowed to remain before the India Government in England with an undeserved slur upon it for many months, and I trust I may be pardoned for begging that His Excellency the Governor will do me the justice of pointing this out to His Grace the Secretary of State.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1873, No. 146.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government gladly comply with Mr. Thornhill's request.

2. Ordered that the following despatch be sent to the Secretary of State :—

(Here enter No. 3 of 1873, Miscellaneous.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To G. Thornhill, Esq.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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From
G. Stormhill Esqre
acting 2d Member
Board of Revenue
Madras.

To The Chief Secretary
to Govt
Madras

Dated 1st February 1873
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Requesting that his explanation as to his freedom from blame attached to him in connection with the Madras Water Works may be brought to the notice of the Secretary of State.

1. The Govt. plainly cannot interfere
2. Return to the following despatch to be sent to the Secretary of State. Dft. 2/2/73
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