No. 83. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madura, 3rd February 1873, No. 193:—

WITH reference to the Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 24th January 1873, No. 90, I have the honour to report that the English Record-keeper Totadrinath Rao has been suspended for six months, but I think he ought not to be re-employed in this office where he is immediately under the Deputy-Collector. Probably a Record-keeper from one of the neighbouring districts will be willing to come to Madura, but if not, I think, a transfer should be ordered.

2. The petition on which this criminal prosecution was founded is not the only one which contains strong internal evidence that the Record-keeper aided in its concoction. He is closely connected with the Deputy-Collector, and has long been at open enmity with him. Besides placing his knowledge of the public records at the disposal of others for the purpose of injuring the Deputy-Collector, he has deposed before the Assistant Magistrate that, according to general opinion, the Deputy-Collector's father was removed from Madura for dishonesty, and has pretended that he believed this himself. Both he and his friends know perfectly that the Deputy-Collector's father was honourably acquitted of all the charges made against him by his enemies, and was only transferred to Trichinopoly because he could not continue to serve under Mr. Blackburne. The final decision of the Board of Revenue and Government regarding these charges being matter of notoriety here, and being perhaps more accurately known to the Record-keeper than to any other man in Madura, his attempt to support the malicious defamation of N. Subayan approaches very nearly to giving false evidence. In one part of his deposition he says he has heard that the Deputy-Collector has a village on cowle tenure, and afterwards he admits that he did not hear the name of the village, and that he cannot name any occasion, place, time, or person, in connection with such hearing. A copy of his deposition and the remarks recorded thereon by the Assistant Magistrate is enclosed.

3. I have arrived at this conclusion regarding the Record-keeper with much regret, for in matters where his private feelings are not concerned he bears an excellent character, and his father was perhaps the most respected of all the old Sheristadars of this district.

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, 13th February 1873, No. 174.

Miscellaneous.

IF an exchange with the Record-keeper of another district cannot be negotiated within the six months, Totadrinath Rao must be posted to any vacant office for which the Collector may think him qualified. He cannot be allowed to return to the post of Record-keeper at

Madura, nor can the Government consent to the suggestion that a transfer between him and the Record-keeper of some other district should be *ordered*.

(True Extract.)

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

Ordered

Letter from Coll^r of Madura
No 193 d/ 3-2-73.

Gov^t enquired what notice was taken of this man's conduct for criticising after his immediate superior, Rama Row, the Coll^r, Treasury, Madura.

2. It will be seen he has been suspended for 6 months. at the end of which time he & the Coll^r will endeavour to effect an exchange between him & the Record Keeper of some other district. This is very well - but will the Gov^t assent to the further proposal, that a transfer shall be ordered, if it cannot be negociated? It will be very hard to send an unwilling man to Madura, merely to secure an equivalent berth for one who has shunned the ill.

3. It is no doubt very important to keep this man as Record keeper at Madura - but if an exchange cannot be negociated, I submit he & the Coll^r must look to find him some other situation.

D^y 6/2.

I entirely agree in para 3. I do not think it to be expected if he has to wait for employment

MLC

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