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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
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Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st November 1874, No. 5,395.

Read also Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd August 1864, No. 5,395; 4th May 1868, No. 6,247; 1st September 1868, No. 6,245; 20th June 1870, No. 4,268; and 7th October 1871, No. 4,314.

Read also the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 17th October 1874, No. 371:—

I HAVE the honor to lay before the Board the conduct of Y. Hanumanta Rao, Tahsildar of Pennakondah. This is the individual referred to in the Board's Proceedings, No. 6,246, dated the 1st September 1868; No. 4,268, dated the 20th June 1870; and No. 4,314, dated the 7th October 1871, which I request may be once more perused.

2. The complaint now brought against him is not of a new kind; it is simply, as formerly, "peristent neglect of duty," "carelessness," and "indolence."

3. In March last, the Head Assistant Collector, whilst absent from his own division, reported the Tahsildar for not having sent in his monthly returns of revenue business for November or December 1873. He further stated that he found it useless to call upon him for anything. I in reply requested him, on his return to Pennakondah, to obtain in person answers to the questions severally put to the Tahsildar and to forward the man's explanation, if he had any to give, of his habitual delay.

4. The letter I now forward is an answer to that, and it discloses a most disgraceful state of things.

5. The Head Assistant Collector has with great labor compiled lists of the arrears of different kinds at present existing in the taluq office. An abstract of them is subjoined, and all the enclosures of his letter are forwarded in original:—

Statement showing the delay made by the Tahsildar of Pennakondah in the despatch of his work.

Name of Work.	DELAY.							Total.
	Over two years.	Over one year and under two years.	Over six months and under one year.	Under six months.	Under three months.	Under two months.	Under one month.	
<i>Revenue.</i>								
Petitions presented in taluq	4	4	9	17	...	...	...	34
Orders from the Collector for report	...	...	31	21	11	...	...	63
Petitions referred for disposal by the Head Assistant Collector	...	...	4	15	...	...	...	19
Petitions referred for report by do.	...	8	24	30	28	...	...	109
Orders for report from do.	...	12	13	17	...	...	...	42
<i>Magisterial.</i>								
Calendars and orders not written	...	...	...	1	2	11	9	23
Orders for report	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	3

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6. A serious charge is made against him of furnishing false returns of answers to endorsements on petitions sent from the Head Assistant Collector's office. His answer to this is, as may be imagined, utterly unsatisfactory, and though he may not at first have intended to deceive his Divisional Officer, he did not like to put an arzee on the list when once it had been struck off, and thus, no answer having been really sent, month by month he got more and more entangled. In August 1873 he included them all again.

7. It will be seen that there has been delay on the magisterial as well as on the revenue side. Many Calendars in criminal cases remain unwritten. With regard to this I may mention that, by the remark in one of the lists and by the arzee from the Tahsildar himself (also enclosed), it appears that Mr. Davies had instructed him to send in all his Calendars in English. This Mr. Davies had no power to order, and he was wrong in doing it. I have pointed this out to him. The fact was never brought to my notice. At the same time I must say that Hanamanta Rao would have no difficulty whatever in writing anything in English, for, as Mr. Davies observes, he is a master of that language, and therefore the excuse which he now brings forward, for the first time, of the hardship of having to do it, cannot be accepted as a reason for the arrears.

8. Hanamanta Rao is a man of really great ability, but he appears either to mistrust his subordinates or not to be able to use them as the instruments given to him to carry on the various duties of the office, and without whose help he must be as a man without hands.

9. On his reappointment by the Board in a Tahsildar's grade in 1871 I posted him to Pennakondah, the Head Assistant's headquarters, in order that he might be more directly under the eye of his Divisional Officer, but it has been of no avail.

10. In 1870 I gave it as my opinion that he was not a man fit to hold the responsible position of a Tahsildar, and I can only repeat that opinion. It is hopeless to expect him ever to bring up the arrears now existing unless he be relieved of the charge of the taluk altogether for a certain number of months. If a Tahsildar could be placed in charge upon deputation allowance. This course, however, although I regret it, I cannot recommend.

11. The Head Assistant Collector has urged his immediate suspension; but, under the circumstances of his previous degradation and reinstatement in office, I have not complied with the request, but leave the matter for the orders of the Board.

12. A second letter from the Head Assistant Collector reporting further arrears of unsubmitted petitions sent from this office is also enclosed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. A. DAVIES, Esq., Head Assistant Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated 9th September 1874, No. 165.

In reply to your letter, No. 37, of the 6th March 1874, I have the honor to report upon the delays of the Pennakondah Tahsildar, whom I have called up and examined in person as directed by you, and at the same time to bring to your notice the hopeless confusion in which the current records of his office are kept and the wholesale accumulation of arrears that I find there.

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2. In September and October last year the delinquencies of this Tahsildar first came to my notice, and I then examined the taluk records and discovered a most disgraceful state of affairs, and was then, and have subsequently been induced, on occasions when he made spasmodic efforts to work conscientiously, to give him every chance, and allowed him ample time from date to date to right his arrears. I have in view trusted to his repeated promises of reform, and I am at last compelled, finding him perfectly incorrigible, to inform you of his misconduct. I have drawn up the detailed complaints I have to make against him in the accompanying tabular form, in which his explanation, taken verbally (for it would have been vain to expect him to answer a written order) and his remarks are also contained. The two or three specific instances of delay which gave rise to this reference being like so many drops in the ocean of his shortcomings are merged in the several complaints and are not therefore specially referred to again. The disclosure now made speaks for itself and requires no further comment from me. I have, of course, been constantly besieged by petitioners from this taluk complaining of the delay in getting orders upon their complaints, and the last instance was the Magisterial Case No. 66 of 1874 (see List H), where the complainant had been kept hanging about the Sub-Magistrate's Court for nearly seven weeks, and even then had obtained no judgment, in a case of simple assault. It is needless to point out, too, how much labor and time (which might have been more profitably employed) it has cost me to make this inquiry and the difficulties I have had to encounter in getting even this approximation to the true condition of affairs in the taluk owing to the absence of registers and returns and the utter confusion in which the records have been kept. The investigation has occupied me for hours upon hours day after day.

3. In conclusion, I would suggest that this Tahsildar (of whose former offences and their punishments—a suspension and a degradation—you are, I believe, aware) be immediately removed, for he is not likely to improve now he has been reported, and every day's further delay will only make worse arrears. It will require a Tahsildar of ability and energy to bring order out of the present chaos and to conduct the business of the taluk back to a satisfactory footing.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From the same Officer, dated Pennakondah, 30th September 1874, No. 277.

In continuation of my letter, No. 263, dated the 16th instant, I have the honor to forward a list of further arrears of the Pennakondah Tahsildar, viz., of endorsements referred by you for report to me. The existence of these arrears escaped my notice before, owing to the Tahsildar's not having sent in lists of arrears as already reported, for ten or eleven months, and to his not having informed me of the same during my late inquiry. It was only on my calling for this list, which I happened to think of, that it has been submitted even now. It simply goes to confirm the disgraceful state of the Tahsildar's arrears, and I trust speedy orders will be given for his removal or suspension, for matters are daily getting worse. I have scarcely received a paper from him since I wrote, and not a single Calendar for now just upon four months.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—List of Enclosures.

The report now submitted shows that, in spite of the warnings he has received, Hanamanta Rao, Tahsildar of Pennakondah, is as indolent as ever.

2. The state of things disclosed in the Head Assistant's letter is outrageous. Hanamanta Rao is responsible for arrears and delays of all sorts and descriptions, and some of them are of a sort which must have caused great hardship to the people within his jurisdiction as the Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate of a taluk.

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3. In a letter to the Collector Hanumanta Rao writes that all his shortcomings are due to ill-health, & that he has not had sufficient opportunity of considering and answering the charges against him; and that certain extraordinary delays in preparing Calendars were caused by an order of the Head Assistant Magistrate requiring him to write them in English instead of Telugu.

4. The plea of ill-health falls to the ground because Hanumanta Rao has never asked for sick leave since he was Tahsildar of Pennakondal (enclosure to Mr. Davies' letter, "List of Charges with Tahsildar's Explanation, &c.") The state of business in the taluk is such that it cannot possibly be explained. The order requiring Hanumanta Rao to write his Calendars in English was wrong, as Mr. Master points out, but Hanumanta Rao ought to have remonstrated and urged that it would cause delay.

5. Though Hanumanta Rao is a man of twenty-eight years' service, of considerable ability and with excellent testimonials as regards his former part of his service, the papers recorded at the head of these Proceedings show that he is unfit to be a Tahsildar, and that punishment has had no beneficial effect.

6. The Board accordingly resolve to recommend Government to reduce Hanumanta Rao to the grade of Deputy Tahsildar.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. G. ROSE,
Secretary.

No. 207. ORDER THEREON, 22nd December 1874, No. 1,607.

Miscellaneous

THE Governor in Council accepts
the Board's recommendation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
the Assistant Secretary.

By A. S. Douglas

No. 5,395.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd August 1864.

Read the following letters:—

From AS R. THAWAY, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Camp Gooty, 12th July 1864, No. 116.

1. I have the honor to report as follows, upon Board's Petitions Nos. 175, 361, and 842, 1864, from Subbiah and Surappa, Kurnums of Yellatur in the Taluk of Tadapatri.

2. The Petitioners appeal against an order of the late Acting Collector, Mr. Wedderburn, dated 8th October 1863, dismissing them from office in favor of Venkatachellamapah, whose conduct had been severely admonished upon by the Sessions Court in Calendar C. No. 63 of 1857; and who had in consequence been removed by the then Joint Magistrate, the Honorable D. Arbuthnot, in an order dated 27th August of that year.

3. The record in connection with this case shows that at the settlement of Fash 1272 the Acting Collector, finding on the list of Kurnums, five persons entered as actually in office for the village of Yellatur, nominated, under the rule that one individual only should be appointed for each village, the Respondent, Venkatachellamapah; but subsequently, on learning the facts alluded to above, cancelled the said nomination, and directed the Tahsildar to recommend a suitable person out of the remaining candidates, to the late Deputy Collector, Srinivasa Row, under whose charge the Taluk of Tadapatri at that time was, the result of which was, that the Acting Sub-Collector, on the 25th June, appointed one of the Appellants, Subbiah.

4. This appointment led to an appeal by the Respondent to the late Acting Collector, who referred the same to the Acting Sub-Collector for report, through an Official Memorandum, No. 135 of the 3rd August. On the reply (to be returned) of the latter, on the 22nd idem (which document as well as the Memorandum to which it was a reply is herewith forwarded), Mr. Wedderburn passed the following endorsement (as per enclosure):—"The Acting Collector having received a report from the Sub-Collector, sees no objection to Petitioner's restoration to office, and refers him to the Acting Sub-Collector, who will doubtless give his case every consideration."

5. This endorsement, which was passed on all the official information Mr. Wedderburn ever obtained on the matter, was never forwarded to the Acting Sub-Collector as directed therein; and I believe from previous and subsequent experience which I have had of the character of the Vernacular Head Clerk, Hanumantha Row, purposely so; it not being the wish of the parties concerned that the Acting Sub-Collector should have the disposal of the matter.

6. The Respondent, on the 29th September, presents another Petition, in which he reminds the Collector of his former Petition; and, alluding to his having been called upon to forward a copy of the Acting Sub-Collector's order, and to his having been referred to an English endorsement, on a former Petition, which had never reached him, he requests the Collector, for certain reasons, not to refer the matter back to the Acting Sub-Collector (which gives the impression that he had through some channel, been made aware of the Collector's endorsement of the 25th August) but himself to order his re-appointment.

7. On this Petition is endorsed, by Mr. Wedderburn, on the 8th October, as follows:—"The previous endorsement will be forwarded to the Deputy Collector with directions for the restoration of the Petitioner; which brief endorsement was at once, without any delay, converted into an amplified order (as per enclosed translate) by the Head Vernacular Clerk, and forwarded to the Deputy Collector the next day."

8. Knowing as I do the character of this Clerk, and from what I have been able to learn on the matter, I feel satisfied that the final endorsement of the Acting Collector, recorded without any further information to guide him than what he had, when he passed the previous one, must have been the result of considerable intrigue and corruption; and as a check to such proceedings, I would suggest that as the two Appellants and the Respondent have equal Mirassi rights to the office in question, the Collector be entrusted to examine the parties in question, and put into office, the one who proves to be the most competent on personal examination.

9. I may add, with reference to the delay in the furnishing this report, that on the receipt of Position No. 842, a few days after my return from England. I found that the other Petitions had not been attended to; I consequently referred them to the Acting Sub-Collector, who had charge of Tadipatri. After the decease of the Deputy Collector, this Officer, however, having been through press of business unable to notice them, I, on myself taking charge of the said Taluk, sent for and took them up myself.

10. A copy of the Calendar of Sessions Case No. 63 of 1857 is now sent, as the original on stamped paper which formed an enclosure of Board Petition No. 361 of 1864 is with the Acting Joint Magistrate, who has been directed to forward it to the Board.

(Signed) A. HATHAWAY,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Letter.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Memorandum.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

ABSTRACT.—Forwards an authenticated copy of Calendar Case No. 63 of 1857, on the file of the Sessions Court.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 4 to 6.—Petitions.

From J. W. REID, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Bellary, dated 20th July 1864, No. 63.

By order of the Collector, I have the honor to forward herewith the copy on stamp paper of Calendar No. 63 of 1857, on the file of the Session Court, which formed the enclosure of a Board Petition No. 361 of 1864, from Sooruppan and Soobiah, Kurnums of Yallanar in the Taluk of Tadipatri.

From A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Camp Court, 23rd July 1864, No. 124.

With reference to my report dated the 12th instant, upon Board Petitions Nos. 175, 361, and 842 of 1864, I have the honor to enclose an authenticated copy of Calendar Case No. 63 of 1857, on the file of the Sessions Court, as in the copy previously sent to the Board, the name of the 3rd witness is erroneously entered.

1. The Collector is authorized to act as he proposes in paragraph 3 above, but he will please to bear in mind that though it is desirable that no more Kurnums than are necessary to perform the work should be employed in any one village, at present there exists no order making it obligatory on Collectors to employ a single Kurnum only, and that to adopt such a practice in the Bellary District might in many instances occasion unnecessary hardship without corresponding advantage.

2. The Board observe that very grave suspicion appears to attach to the conduct of Hanumantha Row, Vernacular Head Clerk, in the case under report by the Collector.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Sub-Secretary.

To A. Hathaway, Esq., Collector of Bellary,

with four enclosures returned.

Mrd. J. Wright

No. 3,247.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th May 1868.

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd April 1868, No. 62:—

1. With reference to the accompanying letter, No. 48, dated 12th ultimo, from Mr. Buick, Assistant Collector, I have the honour to request the serious attention of the Board to the mismanagement and indolence of Yerragoenta Hanumantha Row, the Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate of the Raichur talook in this district.

2. When presiding over the Session Court, I had, on more than one occasion, to bring to the notice of the late Magistrate the irregular manner in which this officer discharged his duties. On the receipt of Extract* from the Proceedings of the Session Court, under date the 2nd September 1867, the Magistrate Mr. Wedderburn, called on the Sub-Magistrate for an explanation. It will be seen from Mr. Buick's report that no less than six different Takeeds had to be sent before this explanation was obtained.

They were not even acknowledged by the Sub-Magistrate, who delayed submitting the explanation, (which I may remark is far from satisfactory,) till the 12th ultimo. His letter to Mr. Buick marked B. requires no comment, as observed by that gentleman. It is a simple *ad misericordiam* appeal, when he found that he had thoroughly exhausted the patience of his superiors.

3. From the Assistant Collector's report, and the lists which accompany it, the Board will observe that sixteen petitions, referred to him in 1867, still remain undischarged, and thirteen Takeeds for the same year have been left unanswered. In the Collector's and Magistrate's office there are eleven Takeeds in the same position.

4. As the man appeared to be obstinately indolent, and inclined to treat the orders issued to him with contempt, I felt it my duty, before bringing the matter to the notice of the Board, to look a little into his antecedents. He has always, and I believe deservedly, had the reputation of being a clever man, and he is not, therefore, in my opinion, entitled to the consideration which might have been shown to a person of inferior abilities, who had striven to do his best but failed.

5. In this letter to the Board, dated 12th July 1864, No. 116, the late Mr. Hathaway expressed a very strong opinion as to the doubtful character of this officer, and the Board in their order thereon observed, that very grave suspicion attached to his conduct in the case under report. I am sorry to say that

* Dated 23rd August 1864, No. 5,392. though since advanced (he was then Vernacular Head Clerk,) to the responsible post of Tahsildar, he has not earned a better reputation for himself. He does not possess the confidence of any officer in the district and his conduct in the case of Bhema Reddy, referred to in the Proceedings of the Session Court, I can only ascribe to corrupt influence. The whole evidence in that case pointed to Bhema Reddy, a wealthy and influential person, as the prime mover in the offence, and in the face of this he was released by the Sub-Magistrate (who assigned no grounds for doing so in his Register of Preliminary Inquiry,) and a few insignificant members of the gang were committed for trial. As Session Judge I ordered the re-apprehension and commitment of Bhema Reddy, who was convicted on the clearest evidence and sentenced to four years' imprisonment and Rupees 1,000 fine, which sentence was confirmed on appeal by the High Court.

6. The papers C and D. enclosed, show that the Tahsildar has been fined and reprimanded times without number for persistent neglect of duty; but he appears to have lost all self-respect, and to be perfectly callous to reproof and minor punishments of this nature. Mr. Buick has, for the second time, recommended that he should be transferred to the Hospert talook, where he would be under the immediate supervision of the Head Assistant Collector; but I am not prepared to recommend this step, which would in effect be to foster on that officer a man of dubious character, who, by his persistent apathy and misconduct, would seriously impede the proper administration of the division. He is, moreover, nearly related to the Head Clerk of the Head Assistant's office. In addition to this the punishment would, in reality, fall on the present Tahsildar of Hospert, which talook is better liked, and is of greater importance than that of Raichur. When on a previous occasion

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Dated 22nd August 1864.

No. 5,392.

Authorizing him to act as he proposes in regard to the appointment to the Kurnoolship referred to in Petitions Nos 173, 261, and 842 of 1864.

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Mr. Buick recommended the transfer, the late Collector, Mr. Wedderburn, passed the following remarks:—

"The Collector is prevented sending a report on the famine works of Bellary, owing to the non-receipt of the return of expenditure from the talook of Rairdrug for the month of May, on the 31st of which month the works were to cease.

"It is now the 21st of June. The Tahsildar is fined Rupees 5 for the delay. Mr. Buick in a letter to the Collector recommended the transfer of Hanumantha Row, Tahsildar of Rairdrug, for continued neglect of duty, both Revenue and Magisterial, from Rairdrug to Hospet talook, so that he might be under the eye of a European Officer.

"The Collector will not make transfers of idle Tahsildars. This warning to Hanumantha Row is placed on record, and, if another occasion of neglect of duty appears, the Collector will report Hanumantha Row to the Board of Revenue. Hanumantha Row was appointed Tahsildar at the recommendation of Mr. Pelly. Although the Collector had occasion to remark on Hanumantha Row's neglect of duty while Revenue Moonshi, yet, in hopes of his improvement, he was promoted to Tahsildar. The Collector now regrets having made the appointment."

"In fulfilling Mr. Wedderburn's threat of bringing Hanumantha Row's misconduct to the notice of the Board, I respectfully submit that the time has now arrived for some decided step being taken in the matter. If he bore a good character, or if I saw the least chance of any permanent amendment, I would recommend his suspension for a year; but a man of very doubtful antecedents, who will not work though well able to do so, and who has shown himself perfectly careless to all reproof, and also submits without flinching to the degradation of repeated fines, cannot, in my opinion, be retained in his present post with a due regard to the interests of the service.

"I, therefore, recommend his removal from office, leaving him to be provided for when opportunity offers in the grade of Talook Sorishtadar.

P.S.—In the concluding paragraph of the explanation of the second class Sub-Magistrate of Rairdrug, dated 7th March 1868, he states that he has submitted separate explanations with reference to the remarks of the Court, contained in the 4th paragraph of its Proceedings, dated 2nd September 1867. These have never been received either in this office, or in that of Mr. Buick.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Extract from the Proceedings of the Session Court of Bellary under date 2nd September 1867.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Mr. Buick's letter forwarding the Tahsildar's explanation.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

ABSTRACT.—Copy of letter from the Collector of Bellary to his Assistant regarding distress in Rairdrug talook.

Before disposing of this case the Board wish to see the Record of the Preliminary inquiry held by the Tahsildar in the case of Bheema Row. It should be submitted as soon as possible with translations of the principal documents.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSSE,
Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of Bellary.

Edw. J. Wright.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 1st September 1868.

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 17th July 1868, No. 166:—

1. As directed in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 3,247, dated 4th May last, I have the honour to forward translations of the Proceedings of Preliminary inquiry held by the Sub-Magistrate of Raidroog, in the case of Bhacma Reddy and five others, and the principal documents in the case. I desire to point out to the Board, that in my letter of the 3rd April, No. 62, entered in the above Proceedings, I inadvertently made an erroneous statement. I stated that the Sub-Magistrate assigned no grounds in his Register of Preliminary inquiry for discharging Bhacma Reddy. I had not the Register before me at the time, and spoke from my recollection of the case which was tried before me as Sessions Judge. On a reference to the record I observe that he did assign grounds for discharging him, and though I do not consider them sufficient to warrant his doing so, I much regret having unintentionally said anything to his prejudice which he did not deserve. That, as alleged by me, Bhacma Reddy was a wealthy and influential person may be inferred from the facts that he is a Reddy Mirassidar, and that he employed an English Barrister to conduct his appeal before the High Court. That the Sub-Magistrate had not sufficient grounds for discharging him at the preliminary inquiry may, I think, be assumed from his conviction on a subsequent committal on the same charge by the Sessions Court, which conviction was affirmed on appeal by the High Court, after hearing the arguments of an English Barrister (Mr. Miller) for the appellant.

2. Another letter from the Assistant Collector, No. 111, dated 1st ultimo, again bringing to notice the apathy of this Tahsildar, and his persistent neglect of duty, is forwarded for the Board's information.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From D. BUICK, Esq., Assistant Collector, to the Collector of Bellary, dated 1st June 1868, No. 111.

1. I regret to be compelled to draw your attention once more to the conduct of Y. Hanumanta Row, Tahsildar of Raidroog.

2. Having learned on the 28th ultimo, that the Account Department had not up to that date been furnished with the accounts for Raidroog talook, showing the expenditure on Famine Relief Works in 1866-67, I requested the Deputy Collector in charge of that Department to inform me how many Takeeds had been issued from his office to the Tahsildar on the subject, and to how many of them he had replied. In answer, the Deputy Collector has furnished me with a Memorandum, copy of which I annex, from which it appears that no less than twelve Circulars and Takeeds have been addressed to the Tahsildar, between the 12th June 1867, and the 22nd May 1868, to only one of which, that dated 24th May, he has condescended to reply. In doing so, he promised to forward the accounts on the following day: a promise which, judging from the fact that three weeks have since elapsed, could only have been made to be broken.

3. The bills for expenditure on relief works from all the other talooks in the district have been several months ago forwarded to the Accountant General; but although more than a year has elapsed since the operations ceased, the accounts for Raidroog have not been submitted. The work of closing the accounts of the "Famine year" at Madras, has, perhaps, in consequence been delayed, and this district brought into disrepute through the carelessness and indolence of this one Tahsildar, whose conduct hitherto shows him to be insensible to rebuke, and indifferent to fine.

4. I have now, for the third time during the last six months, imposed on him a fine of Rupees 10, and I have informed him, that, if the accounts are not forthcoming before the end of the week, a Daboyet will be sent from this office to wait at Raidroog until they are ready.

5. I enclose copies of the correspondence with the Deputy Collector on the subject, and trust that the measures I have taken will meet with your approval.

From the Assistant Collector of Bellary, to the Deputy Collector in charge of Treasury, Bellary, dated 28th May 1868, No. 105.

As the Assistant Collector understands that the Tahsildar of Raidroog has not as yet furnished the accounts showing the expenditure on Famine Relief Works in his talook in 1866-67, requests to

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No.

Dated 4th May 1868.

No. 3347.

Requesting Collector of Bellary to submit as soon as possible, the record of the Preliminary inquiry held by Sub-Magistrate of Raidroog with translations of principal documents in Bhacma Reddy's case, before disposing of it.

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be informed how many Takeeds have been issued from the Deputy Collector's office on this subject, and to how many of them, and in what manner, the Tahsildar has replied.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. BUICK,
Assistant Collector.

From B. A. BLAKE, Esq., Deputy Collector in charge of Treasury, Bellary, to the Assistant Collector of Bellary, dated 20th May 1868, No. 715.

Begs to forward Memorandum of the Tahsildar of Raichur, in which Takeeds were sent to the Tahsildar of Raichur, asking him to furnish the accounts showing the expenditure on Famine Relief Works in his taluk in 1866-67, and to state that no replies have been received to any but the one of the six demand, in which he promised to send the same by the following day's post, but which have not come to hand yet.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. BUICK,
Assistant Collector.

The following Takeeds have been issued to the Tahsildar of Raichur, regarding the Famine Relief Works:—

1. A Circular Takeed issued on the 12th June 1867, No. 20	32
1. do do 27th do. „ „ 32	40
1. A partly Circular do 19th July „ „ 40	92
1. A Takeed do 24th September „ „ 92	99
1. do do 17th October „ „ 99	114
1. do do 28th November „ „ 114	123
1. do do 10th December „ „ 123	13
1. do do 13th February 1868 „ „ 13	19
1. do do 23rd do. „ „ 19	23
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BELLARY,
29th May 1868.

(Signed) B. A. BLAKE,
Deputy Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. BUICK,
Assistant Collector.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN,
Collector.

Enclosure No. 2.

Appendix—Calendar in Case No. 63 of 1867.

Enclosure Nos. 3 to 11.

Appendix—Vernacular documents and translations of Register of Preliminary inquiry.

The Board direct that Hanumanta Row be suspended for six months, and warned that any future misconduct will insure his dismissal from the Public Service.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of Bellary,

with five Vernacular documents.

Copy to the Assistant General.

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No. 1, 168.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 20th June 1870.

Read the following letters:—

From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 1st May 1870, No. 160.

1. Master to have to bring to the notice of the Board, the conduct of two Tahsildars of this district, with reference to the additional tax imposed by Act No. XXIII. of 1869.

2. The Act itself with full instructions for the guidance of the Assessing officers was published in the Supplement of the *District Gazette*, dated 15th January last.

3. On the 19th April, the Deputy Collector in charge of the western talooks, reported that no additional tax had been levied in the taluk of Hurpenhally, and that the Tahsildar asserted that he had never received any instructions on the subject.

4. I communicated with him then myself, and he stated that he never received in his Office the Supplement of the *Gazette* referred to. The Despatch Book at the Press Office shows that the *Gazette* with its enclosures was sent to him as well as to all other Tahsildars.

5. Whether the fact of the Supplement never having reached him be true or not, I do not think that this affords any excuse. The Income-tax is a matter which is in every body's mouth, and it is not possible that he could never have heard of the additional impost. Moreover, a subordinate in his own office, received a private copy of the *Gazette*. The head of the village received one. The Overseer of the taluk resident there has a copy also. I am sorry to say that I cannot believe his statement. The forms of notices were sent to him as to all other Tahsildars in February.

6. Venkoba Row, the officer in question is a young man, and promised on his appointment as Tahsildar, in October 1868, to do well. He is, moreover, in no way wanting in ability. I can only attribute his conduct to utter indifference. His promotion, as is so often the case, has spoiled him.

7. The next case is that of Hanumanta Row, Tahsildar of Kudligi, the neighbouring taluk. In this he does not attempt to plead ignorance. He received the printed forms of notices on the 18th February, but he did not fill them in or sign them till the end of March, and he had not issued one on the 3rd of May. He alleges as his excuse "pressure of work," and "no room." These excuses are frivolous in the extreme. The Income-tax Goomastah was in fact discontinued on the 31st January last, but the filling up of the new notices was a matter which any Clerk could have performed.

8. Hanumanta Row, has been a Tahsildar now for more than three years; he has ability, but shows an utter want of energy. He was once suspended for six months by order of the Board.

9. I do not think that any punishment which it is in my power to inflict, is sufficient in the case of these two men, and I have the honour, therefore, to report the matter for the orders of the Board and to recommend the imposition of a heavy fine. I beg to enclose copies of letters received on the subject from the Deputy Collector, and to state that I have issued instructions for the immediate collection of the arrears.

Enclosure No. 1.

From L. VENKATAPPAYA, Deputy Collector, to the Acting Collector of Bellary, dated Kudligi, 19th April 1870, No. 70.

I have the honour to bring to your notice that in the taluk of Hurpenhally the additional rate of 50 per cent. on the Income-tax originally fixed on trades and professions was not at all levied. The Tahsildar states in his Azet (to be returned,) No. 73, dated 18th instant, herein enclosed, for your perusal, that he never received a copy of Act No. XXIII. of 1869, which authorized the levy of this additional tax.

2. From the wording of Section 1 of this Act it appears that the Act ceased to be in force from the 1st instant.

3. I am therefore, doubtful whether the tax may be levied now.

4. As for the plea of the Tahsildar that the Act was not received by him, I think that he overlooked the Supplement to the *District Gazette*, dated 15th January last, in which not only the Act, but also Rules and forms for the guidance of Tahsildars were published.

5. I fear that the same mistake was made by Kudligi Tahsildar. From the Treasury account, of the talook, it appears that nothing was paid on account of the additional tax. The Tahsildar is gone to Bellary and no one else in the talook knows whether any notices were issued under Section 6 of the new Act. Hanumunta Row will return to-morrow, when I shall inquire from him, and report the result to you.

6. In the meantime, I beg to be favoured with your instructions as to how to rectify the mistake in this respect.

Enclosure No. 2.

From the same Officer, dated Kudligi, 3rd May 1870, No. 77.

In continuation of paragraph 5 of my letter, No. 70, dated 19th ultimo, I have the honour to forward, herewith, an Arzi, (to be returned,) of the Kudligi Tahsildar, dated 30th ultimo, No. 117, informing that he did not yet issue any notices according to Section 6 of Act XXIII. of 1869, and requesting instructions as to whether he could do so now.

2. It would appear from the Arzi that the Tahsildar received the printed forms of notices from the Huzoor, on the 18th February, but owing to pressure of other work, he did not fill them in till the end of March, when he prepared and signed all the notices, but did not cause them to be served even on a single individual, because he had no peons. He, however, inserted in the Monthly Return submitted to the Deputy Deputy Collector for March, half the sum of the Income-tax originally imposed on the whole talook, as having been imposed under the new Act, and he inquires whether he can issue now the notices said to have been signed by him on the 28th March, or before Act XXIII. ceased to be in force.

3. The Tahsildar's excuse, first that he had no means of preparing notices because the Income-tax Goomastah was discontinued on 31st January and the printed forms of notices were received from the Huzoor.

And, secondly, that he did not fill in these forms for more than a month after their receipt, owing to pressure of other work, and, thirdly, that he lost another month without causing them to be served, because he had no peons for the duty, are not at all satisfactory. In Kudligi itself, there reside 13 Tax payors, and it is very strange that the Tahsildar had not got a peon to serve the notices on these persons. It is unnecessary for me to state that the delay is the result of carelessness on the part of the Tahsildar, and nothing else.

(True Copy.)

(Signed)

J. H. MASTER,

Acting Collector.

From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Acting Collector and Magistrate of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd June 1870, No. 204.

On the 18th ultimo, I reported to the Board the neglect of duty shown by Y. Hanumunta Row, Tahsildar of Kudligi, with reference to the Income-tax Act No. XXIII. of 1869.

2. I have now received a report from the Deputy Magistrate in charge of Harpanahally Division, to the effect that Hanumunta Row, as Sub-Magistrate, has not sent Calendars in twenty-six Magisterial cases disposed of by him from January last to April.

3. The Deputy Magistrate forwards the Sub-Magistrate's Arzi explaining the delay, and I enclose a translation of it for the information of the Board. It will be observed that the explanation is altogether unsatisfactory.

4. The Deputy Magistrate called for the records in all the cases; this I think was unnecessary, and has caused a further delay in the preparation of the Calendars. I have, therefore, directed him to return them, and I have requested him to report when the Calendars have been submitted.

5. Their preparation is of course absolutely necessary, and they must be signed by Hanumunta Row. Had it not been for this, I would have suspended him on the instant, and reported the matter for the orders of the Board.

6. I have the honour to express my opinion that Y. Hanumunta Row is not a person who can be any longer safely entrusted with the responsible office of Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate. I beg to recommend that he be removed, and that he may be provided with a Talook Sheristadar's appointment when opportunity offers.

Enclosure No. 1.

From Y. HANUMUNTA, ROW, Second Class Sub-Magistrate, to the Deputy Magistrate of Bellary.

An Arzi No. 60, dated 22nd April 1870, from the 2nd Class Sub-Magistrate, of Kudligi.

Referring to your Order No. 30 of yesterday's date, calling for the records of certain cases tried by me, and the Calendars of which I have not forwarded to your office as yet, I beg to inform you that on a reference in the Cutcherry, I find that I disposed of only 28 cases in this year, and not 30, as is meant by your order.

2. Of these, the Calendars in two cases I already sent to you and the records of the remaining 26 noted in the margin, I herewith forward, in which I failed to send you Calendars. This failure is occasioned by my having kept with me their findings and judgments, etc., without giving them to the Goomastah to prepare Calendars, as I thought to write them myself, for, in cases in which no regular charges are prepared, the Goomastah has to write the purport of complaint, etc., and in writing this, and explanations for delays, etc., he does not express himself properly, and I have to correct them on Calendars, get them re-written, correct them again, and so on, it occasions much trouble, to avoid which, I kept them all with me to write them myself. In the meantime, I had many cases referred to me, and I was engaged in enquiring into them and reporting, besides attending to the usual routine work. At the end of February, the Jummahbundy commenced, and I had so much to do both day and night, that in confusion I forgot all about these cases, neither was I able to prepare and send them to you when you wrote for them during the Jummahbundy, such was the press of gentleman work. This explanation I submitted to you in person. Even now I cannot prepare the Calendars and send, as I am now called on to dispatch the records at once without delay, thus the failure is occasioned by mere oversight, and I very much regret it. I will take care in future that such oversight will not occur again, and beg you will excuse me for the present.

3. As I am called on to send over the records at once, I have no time to prepare and send the Calendars thereon, and so I forward my findings, judgments and sentences in all the twenty-six cases, and request you will return them with the records. When I received your order, the sentences were in my دفتر and the records in that of Goomastah, and, as I am ordered to send them over as they are, I forward them separately.

4. With reference to paragraph 4 of the order, I beg to inform you, that on the 26th February last, I disposed of the case of the Reddy of Moudla Basavandully, who was charged with felling a tree, but failed to send the Calendar in the like manner, owing to press of Jummahbundy work. I beg to forward the judgment in the case, along with the records. I have written to Revenue Inspector Panduranga Row to inquire and report as to where the felled tree was standing, and as soon as I receive this information, I shall report to you as to why the Reddy failed to give information in the matter.

5. I beg to inform you that yesterday evening at half past six, when I was fully occupied in business, a peon brought me a cover and left it before me and went away, and after I finished checking and comparing the Remittance and Nandedi Accounts which took me till 8 p. m. for many people brought collections on that day and complained that they wanted to go away because they were hungry. I opened the cover and it contained an order calling for an immediate despatch of the records in question, it was the 8 p. m. when you had your office closed too, and when I was arranging the records, I was obliged to come to you for settlement work, and so I could not forward them to you on that day. I have now arranged them and forwarded them to your office with a Goomastah.

(True Translation.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,

Acting Magistrate.

Enclosure No. 2.

From L. VENKATAPPAYA, Deputy Magistrate, to the District Magistrate of Bellary, dated 27th May 1870, No. 64.

I have the honour to report, that the Kudligi Sub-Magistrate Y. Hanumanta Row has failed to send his Calendars to my office in 26 Cases disposed of by him during the months of January to April last. On this irregularity coming to my notice, I sent for the records of all the cases, with a view to verifying them, but owing to pressure of Jummabundis and other emergent works, I have not been able to do so up to this time; I shall hand over these records to my successor to make the necessary examination, and to submit a full report on the merits of the several cases.

2. I enclose the Sub-Magistrate's Aizah, dated 22nd April last, No. 69, explaining the cause of delay in the matter for your perusal.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,

Acting Magistrate.

From J. H. MASTER, Esq. Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 10th June 1870, No. 214.

With reference to paragraphs 4 and 5 of my letter No. 204, dated 3rd instant, I have the honour to state, that the Calendars in all the 26 Cases were submitted by the Sub-Magistrate of Kudligi on the 4th instant.

In the first of these letters, the Collector of Bellary brings to notice the fact, that the Tahsildars of Hunsur and Kudligi altogether neglected to act upon the additional Income-tax, Act No. XXIII of 1869. It had been published in the *District Gazette* of the 15th January, and the conduct of the Tahsildars is inexorable and demands severe punishment, but the Board think it right to remark that it would have been safe if the Collector had called the attention of the Tahsildars to the new Act by letters addressed to them personally, as well as by publishing it in the *District Gazette*.

2. Venkoba Row, Tahsildar of Hunsur, a talook of the lowest class, will be fined Rs. 25, and with the note that the Board have formed an unfavourable opinion of him.

3. The second and third letters recorded above, relate to further misconduct on the part of the Tahsildar of Kudligi, Y. Hanumanta Row, in his capacity of Sub-Magistrate. It appears that in May it was discovered that he had not sent in to the Appellate authority the Calendars of 26 cases disposed of by him from January to April. His excuse, which is to the effect that he had too much work to do, is inadmissible. The Collector recommends that he should be degraded to the rank of Talook Sheristadar.

4. It is clear that a man who takes no notice of an important Revenue law, which it is his duty to bring into action immediately, and who after transgressing for four months the Rules laid down by the High Court for his guidance as a Magistrate, pleads press of work as an excuse, is unfit to be a Tahsildar. The Board, accordingly, sanction the transfer of Y. Hanumanta Row to a Talook Sheristadar's post.

(True Copies of Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Bellary.

Copy to the Accountant-General.

Edw. A. Turtton.

13/10/71

No. 4,314.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th October 1871.

Read Board's Petitions Nos. 59 and 60 of 1871. (Government Nos. 1,553 and 1,573.)

On a re-consideration of all the circumstances of the case and in view of the excellent testimonials held by petitioner, the Board resolve to direct the Collector to provide Y. Hanumantha Rao with the first Tahsildar's post, of the lowest grade, that falls vacant in the district.

The petitioner will be referred to the Collector who has received instructions in this case.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANFET,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of Bellary.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

For their information, with reference to their endorsement on

Petitions Nos. 1,553 and 1,573 of 1871.

Ed. G. A. Turton.

1870.

BOARD OF REVENUE,

MADRAS.

Proceedings No. 11 June 1870, No. 4295.

Received

End.

JUNE
No. 5284

*Full of papers 25 deposited on 10th Oct 1871.
Faintest of handwriting in Bellary District for
petitioning to get immediate promotion for
XXIII of 1865 - 1871. He has been in the
and Sub-Magistrate of Bellary, directed to be
transferred to a Police Station, and a post for
himself to send to the Secretary to Government
referred by him from January to April 1871.*

*Mr. [unclear]
My dear Sir,
[unclear]*

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 4206

18/10/87

From B. G. P. Co.

Dated 21st March 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

I would account the
W. R. Co. as a sub-tenant.

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FOR ORDERS.

Copy of the Board's Proceedings, dated 21st November 1874, read again Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd August 1864, No. 5,395; 2nd May 1867, No. 3,247; 1st September 1868, No. 6,246; 20th June 1870, No. 4,268; and 7th October 1871, No. 4,314.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 21st November 1874.
Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd August 1864, No. 5,395; 2nd May 1867, No. 3,247; 1st September 1868, No. 6,246; 20th June 1870, No. 4,268; and 7th October 1871, No. 4,314.
Read also the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 17th October 1874, No. 371:—

I have the honor to lay before the Board the conduct of Y. Hanumanta Rao, Tahsildar of Pennakondah. This is the individual referred to in the Board's Proceedings, No. 6,246, dated the 1st September 1868; No. 4,268, dated the 20th June 1870; and No. 4,314, dated the 7th October 1871, which I request may be once more perused.

2. The complaint now brought against him is not of a new kind; it is simply, as formerly, "persistent neglect of duty," "carelessness," and "indolence."

3. In March last, the Head Assistant Collector, whilst absent from his own division, reported the Tahsildar for not having sent in his monthly returns of revenue business for November or December 1873. He further stated that he found it useless to call upon him for anything. I in reply requested him, on his return to Pennakondah, to obtain in person answers to the questions severally put to the Tahsildar and to forward the man's explanation, if he had any to give, of his habitual delay.

4. The letter I now forward is an answer to that, and it discloses a most disgraceful state of things.

5. The Head Assistant Collector has with great labor compiled lists of the arrears of different kinds at present existing in the taluq office. An abstract of them is subjoined, and all the enclosures of his letter are forwarded in original. Statement showing the delay made by the Tahsildar of Pennakondah in the despatch of his work.

Name of Work.	D. LAY						Total
	Over two years	Over one year and under two years	Over six months and under one year	Under six months	Under three months	Under two months	
Revenue.							
Petitions presented in taluk	4	4	2	17	11	...	34
Orders from the Collector for report	...	...	31	21	...	...	63
Petitions referred for disposal by the Head Assistant Collector	...	...	1	17	...	...	18
Petitions referred for report by do.	...	8	34	30	29	...	109
Orders for reports from do.	...	2	18	17	...	...	42
Non-revenue.							
Cases not written	...	...	...	1	2	11	23
Cases not reported	...	...	...	2	...	1	3

6. A serious charge is made against him of furnishing false returns of answers to endorsements on petitions sent from the Head Assistant Collector's office. His answer to No. 18, as may be imagined, utterly unsatisfactory, and, though he may not at first have intended to deceive his Divisional Officer, he did not like to put an arzee on the list when once it had been struck off, and thus, no answers having been really sent, month by month he got more entangled. In August 1873 he included them all again.

7. It will be seen that there has been delay on the magisterial as well as on the revenue side. Many Calendars in criminal cases remain unwritten. With regard to this I may mention that, by the remark in one of the lists and an arzee from the Tahsildar himself (also enclosed), it appears that Mr. Davies had instructed him to send in all his Calendars in English. This Mr. Davies had no power to order, and he was wrong in doing it. I have pointed this out to him. The fact was never brought to my notice. At the same time I must say that Hanumanta Rao would have no difficulty whatever in writing anything in English, for, as Mr. Davies observes, he is a master of that language, and therefore the excuse which he now brings forward, for the first time, of the hardship of having to do it, cannot be accepted as a reason for the arrears.

8. Hanumanta Rao is a man of really great ability, but he appears either to mistrust his subordinates or not to be able to use them as the instruments given to him to carry on the various duties of the office, and without whose help he must be as a man without hands.

9. On his reappointment by the Board in a Tahsildar's grade in 1871 I posted him to Pennakondah, the Head Assistant's headquarters, in order that he might be more directly under the eye of his Division Officer, but it has been of no avail.

10. In 1870 I gave it as my opinion that he was not a man fit to hold the responsible position of a Tahsildar, and I can only repeat that opinion. It is hopeless to expect him ever to bring up the arrears now existing unless he be relieved of the charge of the taluq altogether for a certain number of months. The Tahsildar could be placed in charge upon demerit allowance. This course, however, although I suggest it, I cannot recommend.

11. The Head Assistant Collector has urged his immediate suspension, but, under the circumstances of his previous degradation and reinstatement in office, I have not complied with the request, but leave the matter for the orders of the Board.

12. A second letter from the Head Assistant Collector reporting further arrears of undispensed petitions sent from this office is also enclosed.

Enclosure No. 1.

From J. S. DAVIES, Esq., Head Assistant Collector, dated 29th September 1874, No. 268.

In reply to your letter, No. 257, of 21st March 1874, I have the honor to refer to the arrears of the Pennakondah Tahsildar, which I have called up and examined in the office affected by this report. It is now ten months since I have noticed the hopeless condition of the current records of his office and the sad accumulation of arrears that I find the

2. In September and October last year the delinquencies of this Tahsildar first came to my notice, and I then examined the taluq records and discovered a most disgraceful state of affairs; but I was then and have subsequently been induced, on occasions when he made spasmodic efforts to work conscientiously, to give him every chance, and allowed him ample time from date to date to clear up his arrears. I have in vain trusted to his repeated promises of reform, and I am at last compelled, finding him perfectly incorrigible, to inform you of his misconduct. I have drawn up the detailed complaints I have to make against him in the accompanying tabular form, in which his explanation, taken verbally (for it would have been vain to expect him to answer a written order) and my remarks are inserted. The two or three specific instances of delay which gave rise to this reference being like so many drops in the ocean of his shortcomings are merged in the several complaints and are not therefore specially referred to again. The disclosure now made is for itself and requires no further comment from me. I have, of course, been constantly besieged by petitioners from this taluq complaining of the delay in getting orders upon their complaints, and the last instance was the Magisterial Case No. 86 of 1874 (see List II), where the complainant had been kept hanging about the Sub-Magistrate's Court for nearly seven weeks, and even then had obtained no judgment, in a case of simple assault. It is needless to point out, too, how much labor and time (which might have been more profitably employed) it has cost me to make this inquiry and the difficulties I have had to encounter in getting even this approximation to the true condition of affairs in the taluq owing to the absence of registers and the utter confusion in which the records have been kept. The investigation has occupied me for hours upon hours day after day.

3. In conclusion, I would suggest that this Tahsildar (of whose former offences and their punishments—a suspension and a degradation—you are, I believe, aware) be immediately removed, for he is not likely to improve now he has been reported, and every day's further delay will only make worse arrears. It will require a Tahsildar of ability and energy to bring order out of the present chaos and to conduct the business of the taluq back to a satisfactory footing.

Enclosure No. 2.

From the same Officer, dated Pennakondah, 30th September 1874, No. 277.

In continuation of my letter, No. 268, dated the 15th instant, I have the honor to forward a list of further arrears of the Pennakondah Tahsildar, viz., of endorsements referred by you for report to me. The existence of these arrears escaped my notice before, owing to the Tahsildar's not having sent in lists of arrears, as already reported, for ten or eleven months, and to his not having informed me of the same during my late inquiry. It was only on my calling for this list, which I happened to think of, that it has been submitted even now. It simply goes to confirm the disgraceful state of the Tahsildar's arrears, and I trust speedy orders will be given for his removal or suspension, for matters are daily getting worse. I have scarcely received a paper from him since I wrote, and not a single Calendar for now just upon four months.

Enclosure No. 3.—List of Enclosures.

The report now submitted shows that, in spite of the warnings he has received, Hanumanta Rao, Tahsildar of Pennakondah, is as indolent as ever.

2. The state of things disclosed in the Head Assistant's letter is outrageous. Hanumanta Rao is responsible for arrears and delays of all sorts and descriptions, and some of them are of a sort which must have caused great hardship to the people within his jurisdiction as the Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate of a taluq.

In a letter to the Collector Hanumanta Rao urges that all his shortcomings are due to ill-health; that he has not had a sufficient opportunity of considering and answering the charges against him; and that certain extraordinary delays

in preparing Calendars were caused by an order of the Head Assistant Magistrate requiring him to write them in English instead of Telugu.

4. The plea of ill-health falls to the ground because Hanumanta Rao has never asked for sick leave since he was Tahsildar of Pannakondah (Enclosure to Mr. Davies' letter, "List of Charges with Tahsildar's Explanation, etc.") The state of business in the taluq is such that it cannot possibly be explained. The order requiring Hanumanta Rao to write his Calendars in English was wrong, as Mr. Master points out; but Hanumanta Rao ought to have remonstrated and urged that it would cause delay.

5. Though Hanumanta Rao is a man of twenty-eight years' age, of considerable ability and with excellent testimonials as regards the former part of his service, the papers recorded at the head of these Proceedings show that he is unfit to be a Tahsildar, and that punishment has had no beneficial effect.

6. The Board accordingly resolve to recommend Government to reduce Hanumanta Rao to the grade of Deputy Tahsildar.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Heath
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Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,

with fourteen original enclosures to be returned, and Board's Proceedings,

dated 22nd August 1864, No. 5,395; 4th May 1868, No. 2,247;

1st September 1868, No. 6,216; 20th June 1870, No. 4,268;

and 7th October 1871, No. 4,314.

The Collector, Bellary.

Ed. A. J. Rogers

MADRAS)

Board of Revenue,
Madras.

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