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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th February 1874.*

No. 257. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th January 1874, No. 36:—

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 28th November 1873, No. 500:—

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge Board's Memorandum, No. 8,048, dated 25th instant, transmitting G. O., dated 21st idem, No. 1,281, directing me to report why it is expected that the special duty entrusted to the Deputy-Collector will occupy him for a year.

2. An area of 982.53 acres, extending over a length of $61\frac{1}{4}$ miles, has already been applied for, most of which is private property. The extent taken from each landholder has to be measured, its market-value calculated, and the compensation payable according to the extent to which the property is deteriorated carefully determined. From my experience in these matters I know that as the work progresses more land under B, C, and D, will be required; so that the extent now applied for does not fully measure the Deputy-Collector's task. Moreover, during the time the Jamabundy is going on, there will be a difficulty in procuring the attendance of the village-officers, and this will, to a certain extent, retard operations. All things considered, I am of opinion that the work will occupy the Deputy-Collector for quite a year, but, of course, every effort will be made to get it done as quickly as is consistent with a thorough and satisfactory settlement of the land-owners' claims to compensation. It is in the interests of Government that this work should not be unduly hurried.

3. In submitting my estimate for the Deputy-Collector's establishment, I followed to the letter that sanctioned for the Deputy-Collector employed on similar duty in the adjoining district of Chingleput. The Government do not assign any reason why the same establishment is not required in South Arcot, but in passing orders on my proposal merely state that "no Peons can be allowed." I would ask the Board to point out to Government that the Deputy-Collector cannot possibly do the work allotted to him without them. It does not appear to have occurred to Government that the duty assigned to the Deputy-Collector involves a very considerable amount of field-work. He must be on the ground, plan in hand, with the village Curnam at his elbow, and measure out the extent of each ryot's holding taken up for the line, distinguishing the area required under each of the classes, as the compensation paid under each has to appear separately in the accounts submitted through the Consulting Engineer. He has to be in communication with the Tahsildars and village-officers, and has to procure the attendance of the land-owners. Two Peons are not in reality enough for him, and when at field-work I have ordered the Tahsildars to lend him a couple more. But with the Jamabundy coming on, those will have to be withdrawn, as the Tahsildars themselves are miserably short-handed, and I am going to send him one of my Peons instead.

4. As he simply cannot do without the Peons, I have retained them on my own responsibility in the hope that the Government, under the foregoing explanation, will be disposed to re-consider the order disallowing them.

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SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to G. O., dated 21st November 1873, No. 1,281.

2. The Board do not know on what grounds Government refuse to allow Peons for the Deputy-Collector.

No. 258. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1874, No. 272.

Miscellaneous.

It does not appear that two Peons were allowed to the Deputy-Collector in Chingleput (G. O., 24th September last, No. 1,031). The Collector of South Arcot will ascertain from the Collector of Chingleput how matters go on there, no complaint having been received from the last-mentioned district.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 36.

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GOVT. OF 1874
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TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated February 27th.

Recd.

And.

G. O. 27th February 1874, No. 272.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 257-258.

Peons to Special Deputy Collector, South Arcot.—Observes that no Peons were specially allowed to the Deputy Collector of Chingleput, and directs a reference to the Collector of that district.

W. A. R. O. S.