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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th August 1874.*

No. 49. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st July 1874, No. 1,642 :—

Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of South Canara, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kudremukh, 21st May 1874, No. 957.

Sir:—By the Gazette Mr. G. Stokes acts as Head Assistant during Mr. E. Gibson's leave. I am left without an Assistant. As Mr. Gibson's absence is for the monsoon only, this difficulty could be tide over were it not that the Deputy-Collector Mr. J. Ball will be absent at the same time, for, though Sub Deputy-Collector, he has necessarily no salt work in the monsoon, and being a full-power Magistrate is then available for magisterial work and rent recovery cases, the general work of the extra being done by myself.

2. No doubt it is highly important that Mr. Ball should, as proposed by the Board, obtain full power Proceedings dated 27th February 1874, during the monsoon a thorough practical knowledge of improved salt manufacture under Mr. Ball's supervision, so that, now that the manufacturers' price has been raised, there may remain no reason why Canara should not become self-sufficient in the matter of salt. No doubt, also, it is highly desirable that Mr. Ball should be absent for this purpose during the monsoon, so as to apply himself to salt manufacture as soon as the dry weather sets in. Without for a moment depreciating Mr. Ball's absence, therefore, I have the honour to ask a full-power Deputy Magistrate in his place.

3. The last time I had to seek similar aid, the Government was pleased to send me a perfectly qualified Deputy-Collector and Magistrate from the High Court Translator's Office, with only third-class powers, and no consequent was that he was no manner of assistance to me, but rather the reverse. He could only do the same magisterial work as a Collector and Sub-Magistrate, and that not so well, so that my appeal and revision work was increased, and no relief at all afforded in full-power magisterial cases.

4. If no full-power Deputy-Collector is given, it comes to this that Mr. G. Stokes will be my only coadjutor, and with the comparatively little aid that I can give him, he will practically have to do all the full-power magisterial cases and rent recovery cases of the district in addition to his division the Head Assistant's; in short, he will be required to do alone the work which has hitherto occupied both him and Mr. Gibson, which is simply impossible.

5. In case the Board should think that I should aid him, I would add that the magisterial returns of the Presidency will show that the share of magisterial work which I have hitherto compared well with that done by other District Magistrates, and that I cannot consequently be expected to take a larger share thereof myself than I have hitherto done. Leading cases, such as a District Magistrate generally reflects, are usually heavier than ordinary cases. One on which I have lately been engaged has thrown all administrative work into arrears for a fortnight, though I have not dawdled over it, but been at work as early as 6 A.M. and as late as 9-15 P.M. It was a case which I could not well avoid, though I foresaw its weight, on account of its complexity. The case itself was one with three phases, and it took long time to my two assistants, the third was my duty. The consequence is that, though I had brought all my work carefully up to date, it has all fallen back again by a clear half month's work, and besides the Sisyphean labour, I must expect again the while distasteful round reminders of delayed reports.

6. I do not write the above by way of complaint of my own or my Assistant's present work, but only to show that, though we are ready to do and are doing our utmost, and much more than any public servant does in England, we cannot possibly keep the increased work under, unless there be given to the district a full-power Deputy-Magistrate in lieu of the Sub Deputy-Collector Mr. Ball.

7. In the event of such a Deputy-Collector being given, the division of work, which I propose to make and for which I seek the Board's sanction, is the following.

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Mr. Olcott has the Taluk and Candam Taluk, which form the Head Assistant's division, and the Mangalore Taluk. Instead of giving Mr. Stokes the same, I propose to allow him to keep on his own taluk of Cassengode, which he knows and is interested in, in lieu of Mangalore and thus leave the Mangalore Taluk and town to the new Deputy-Collector, my own work remaining the same as reported in my letter recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd May 1874, No. 2,001.

8. Then comes the question, whether for Salt duty period I am to break up the Assistant Collector's office establishment and disorganize arrangements. If rules are imperative, it can be done, but it would be much more satisfactory if the Assistant's office could be retained. Mr. Stokes would then have his own taluk for his own taluk of Cassengode, and the Head Assistant's work for the Head Assistant's division, and the Salt Deputy-Collector's establishment would be available for the new temporary Deputy-Collector.

9. In conclusion, I have the honour to request that, in the event of the Government ordering the Salt Deputy-Collector to the East Coast, I may be allowed to retain him till the arrival of his substitute.

Consent of the Government with reference to the Board's recommendation of paragraph 1 of Salt Proceedings, dated 27th February 1874, No. 450, in the effect that Mr. Hall should visit the East Coast salt factories after the close of the season on the West Coast.

With reference to paragraph 2, the Board are of opinion that the Assistant Collector's office establishment should be retained.

No. 50. Government, 6th August 1874, No. 738.

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The Governor in Council observe that the Salt Deputy-Collector will not visit the East Coast this season (G. O., 21st July 1874, No. 509.)

2. The Assistant Collector's establishment may be retained as proposed.
3. The Collector will report whether Mr. Hall is permitted to visit salt mines.

(The Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

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No. 1,042.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 1st July 1874.

Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of South Canara, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kudremuk, 21st May 1874, No. 967:—

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