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No. 202. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd November 1875, No. 3,202.

Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector and Magistrate of the Ganjam District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chatterpore, 5th November 1875, No. 2,332.

I HAVE the honor to request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for the dismissal from the service of Chatti Venkata Ramanayya Puntulu, Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate of Itchapore, under the following circumstances.

2. An atrocious murder was committed within the precincts of the Chikati Palace on the night of the 19th May last, and the guilty parties, including the Zemindar's brother, have since been tried, convicted, and sentenced by the Session Court.

3. Chikati is within the jurisdiction of the Itchapore Sub-Magistrate.

4. On C. Venkata Ramanayya Puntulu receiving intimation of the discovery of the corpse, he proceeded to Chikati, held an inquest on the 30th May, left Chikati on the 31st, and did absolutely nothing more in the matter.

5. I reached Chikati on the 18th June, saw C. Venkata Ramanayya on the 20th at Itchapore, and questioned him verbally as to his reason for abstaining to perform his duty. The only explanation he gave was that he had heard an anonymous petition had been sent to the Acting Senior Assistant Collector accusing him of having taken a bribe of Rupees 500 as hush-money.

6. Shortly afterwards I suspended him, and I have the honor to enclose translation of a statement which he gave before me on the 16th July.

7. I have strong reason to believe that he was bribed, but the system of corruption was so skilfully managed that in only one instance was there detection. In that case the Superintendent of Police had intimation from an Inspector of what was going to happen, and in the dead of night he seized the party in the act of paying Rupees 2,000 to the Inspector. Those concerned have been tried and punished, and the money, which was proved to have come from the Chikati Palace Treasury, and was alleged to have been obtained therefrom under false pretences, was, on the application of the Chikati Zemindar, restored to him by the Senior Assistant Magistrate who tried the case.

8. An attempt to prove that C. Venkata Ramanayya had accepted a bribe in this particular case would have been worse than useless, as in all probability it could only have resulted in failure; but, on his own showing and admission in his statement, I trust the Board will agree with me in thinking that he is utterly unfit to discharge the important and responsible duties of Sub-Magistrate and Deputy Tahsildar.

9. Had he done his duty promptly at the time, I have little doubt that the true facts of the murder might have been discovered with the little difficulty shortly after its occurrence, whereas, owing in a great measure to his misconduct, the time of the Magistracy and Police was occupied for nearly four months in attaining that object.

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10. He bears a bad reputation; but, if not corrupt in this case, he has, in my opinion, shown himself to be a worthless public servant in whom no reliance can be placed.

11. I am of opinion, therefore, that he should be removed from the service, and I trust my recommendation may be complied with.

Enclosure No. 1.—Statement made by the suspended Sub-Magistrate.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board strongly support the Acting Collector's recommendation. They do not consider it necessary to establish a charge of bribery in order to justify the Sub-Magistrate's dismissal. An officer who in a murder case within his charge inspects the body and then leaves the place and takes no further action in the matter for twenty days is clearly not fit to be a Magistrate.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

*(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.*

No. 203. Order in Council, 20th December 1875, No. 1,821.

Miscellaneous

The Government resolve to ask for detailed information as to the neglect of the Sub-Magistrate.

2. It seems that he went at once to hold the inquest, and it is presumed that the paper he drew up as the report of the Jury stated clearly that it was a murder and not a case of suicide. It is presumed, also, that he lost no time in reporting his proceedings to superior authority; and that it is true, as he states, that the Police were at once put on to the investigation under the personal direction of the District Superintendent.

3. As the Police have one set of functions and the magistracy another, it is not clear what else the Sub-Magistrate could have done; and he is not charged with directing the Police in any way. The case has now been prosecuted to conviction, but probably this is owing solely to strenuous and unusual acts of authority by the District Magistrate himself, who, in the exercise of his discretion,—as demanded by him to Government from time to time—took measures which nobody but the chief officer of the province could possibly have ventured to take.

4. It should, therefore, be distinctly stated what the Sub-Magistrate's default was, and what resulted from it.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Date 23rd November 1875

Read the following

No 2232

From The Acting Collector and District Magistrate
To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Panjani
Madras

Date Chetipore 5th November 1875

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Philip R. Davidson
Collector Magde

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(True copy & Extract)

J. F. C. C.
Secy. to Govt.

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department with original
enclosure to be returned.

C. J. C. C.

I did not do anything in the matter of this murder. Chikati is within my jurisdiction. I did not take any or further action in the matter because it is not customary for the Sub Magistrate to interfere with cases under inquiry by the Police, and because the Police were holding an inquiry into this matter. I did not do so further because the Superintendent of Police was holding an inquiry into this matter. I thought that I might arouse suspicion and who never need to go out in any case, went there in the particular case and also because I heard that an anonymous petition was sent to the Superintendent of Police against me alleging that I had taken a bribe of Rs. 500. Question - I want to understand that you consider it your duty not to take action

action in cases which the Police are endeavouring to detect? Answer - Yes. You are. Question - For what purpose was it that you heard a bribe of Rs. 500 was stated to have been given you in the anonymous petition? Answer - I did not hear that it was stated for a particular purpose. Note - Mr. Stephen Chetty Venkata Rameswara Rao informed the District Magistrate that he had read it was written in the anonymous petition that the bribe was given him to induce him to abstain from taking any further action in the case of this murder. (Signed in Telugu) Chetty Venkata Rameswara Rao Taken in my presence at Rameswaram this 16th July 1875. Read over and pronounced correct. J. P. Davidson District Magistrate

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What the Sub Mayor's department want to know

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