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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th February 1875.*

No. 191. Read the following endorsement of the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 14th December 1874 :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th December 1874.

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of Godavery, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 23rd November 1874, No. 431.

THERE is some land taken up for public works, but which was not subsequently so required, in the Bhadrachellum Taluq. This land is usually leased out by the Tahsildar there, and the rents are collected by him for the Department of Public Works. The Engineers, however, have now and then taken up portions of the land without the Tahsildar's knowledge, and the ryots complained to the Tahsildar. I told the Tahsildar, therefore, that it would be well to leave the lands to be rented out by the Department of Public Works. Before he received my orders he had leased out some lands for the current year ending with April next, and the Muchilkas he sent with a covering letter to the Executive Engineer, Mr. Weedon, at Dumagudiem, to enable him to collect the rents from the lessees. Mr. Weedon refused to receive the packet as also another containing a cheque in his favor.

2. I cannot think that the Engineer acted rightly. It was his duty to have received the packet, and, if he thought that the Tahsildar should have written through me, or if he had any other cause for complaint, to have addressed me on the subject. In Board's Standing Order No. 61, Dalyell's Digest, the Board have laid down the form of address to be adopted by District and Executive Engineers to Tahsildars and from Tahsildars to the Engineers. It is, therefore, clear that Tahsildars are competent to correspond with the Engineer Mr. Weedon direct. His having refused to receive the packets when he knew that they came from the Tahsildar is very insulting to the sender, and I have the honor to request that the Board will take such notice of the matter as it deserves.

3. The letters sent to Mr. Weedon are returned with an endorsement to the effect that he does not know Telugu. If it is not necessary that the Executive Engineer who is employed there should know Telugu, he should be provided with a Clerk that does, and I believe he has one. At all events it can serve no good purpose to allow the Executive Engineer to refuse letters from the Tahsildar.

4. In another letter the Tahsildar sent him an order for money, and he refused it, and then I got a telegram from the Controller of Public Works Accounts in the Central Provinces asking me to give him money.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board are not sure as to the status of the officers of the Department of Public Works now in Bhadrachellum and Rekapully. Mr. Weedon's conduct, as reported by the Collector, is certainly contrary to the orders in force in this Presidency.

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

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TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

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

No. 192.

ORDER THEREON, 8th February 1875, No. 351.

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ORDERED that these papers be communicated to the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces for such action as he may think fit. It is observed that disobliging conduct on the part of the same officer, Mr. Weedon, is complained of in the correspondence recorded with G. O., No. 124, of 15th January 1875, which will also be communicated to the Chief Commissioner.

(Here enter No. 352, dated 8th February 1875.)

(True Extract.)

C. G. Master Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
.. District Engineer, Godavery.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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Mr. Weedon, Assistant Engineer.—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue on a letter from the Collector of Godavery bringing to notice the irregular proceedings of the Assistant Engineer at Damagudem towards the Tahsildar of Bhadrachellum, ordered to be communicated to the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces for such action as he may think fit.

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14. To the Board of Revenue, 17 Feb