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No. 2,616.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 20th October 1876.

Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 29th September 1876, No. 1,735 :—

I beg permission to express my regret that I should have misconstrued G.O., No. 252, of July 20th, 1875. I misunderstood "subject to the confirmation of the Government of India" to signify that the amalgamation was not to be made till the confirmation was received.

2. In reply to the order of Government, dated 6th July 1876, No. 249, Marine Department, I have the honor to state that the Master Attendant has no magisterial

* See paragraph 5 of my letter printed in G.O., powers. I have already reported* that No. 305, of 11th August 1876, Marine Department. I am not of opinion that he can be

entrusted with such powers; and he himself is not desirous of having them conferred on him. I do not think that with the duties of Master Attendant and of Superintendent of Sea Customs he would have time for magisterial work. If he were appointed he would require to have in his separate establishment a trustworthy Interpreter whose services could hardly be secured for less than Rupees 40, which would increase the ordinary cost of a Town Sub-Magistrate's establishment.

3. I have a doubt, with reference to G.O., dated 19th June 1874, No. 1,117, Judicial Department, whether the Treasury Deputy Collector is a class Magistrate or not; he was so appointed in 1872 when he was appointed Special Deputy Collector in the district, but since he has reverted to his present appointment of Treasury Deputy Collector he has never exercised the powers here; and I am in doubt whether a Treasury Deputy Collector's office is a non-magisterial one or not. The order of Government, No. 165, of 5th February 1866, seems to say that it is a non-Magisterial office; and, if so, then the Deputy Collector's magisterial powers ceased when he resumed his duties in the Treasury. He has quite enough work of his own to do, viz., the Huzur Accounts and the accounts of the two Local Fund Circles. If he were appointed Town Magistrate there would be continued delay in cases, especially when he proceeded on his tours of inspection of Taluq Treasuries.

4. The Taluq Sheristadar has not time to devote to town cases.

5. The necessity of an extra Magistrate was recognized by Government in their order, dated 18th July 1871, No. 1,251, Revenue Department, and the circumstances have not in any way altered, while the fact that Guntur, which is one-third less at least in area and population, requires a Town Magistrate, is a further evidence of the needs of Bander.

6. I subjoin a statement of the cases yearly tried in the Court of the Bander Fort and Town Magistrate for the last five years :—

Year.	Number of Cases.
1871	123
1872	749
1873	402
1874	396
1875	196

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government with reference to G.O., dated 6th July 1876, No. 249, Marine Department, with the remark that the proposals regarding Masters Attendant approved in G.O., dated 20th July 1875, No. 259, have not been sanctioned by the Government of India, (G.O., No. 356, dated 9th September 1876, Marine Department).

2. The Board are of opinion that magisterial powers ought not to be exercised by the Treasury Deputy Collector as the work of the Treasury is sufficient to fully occupy him.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

[Signature]

Acting Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Marine Department.

Copy to the Collector of the Kistna District, with copy of Government Order.

„ to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

Sub-Magistrate at Masulipatam in Kistna District.—Submitting to Government report of Collector regarding necessity for a — if posts of Master Attendant and Sea Customs Superintendent are conjoined, and expressing opinion that magisterial powers ought not to be exercised by Treasury Deputy Collector.

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