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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

15th October 1877, No. 3,105.

Read the following papers:—

No. 115. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th September 1877, No. 4,562.

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 17th September 1877, No. 747:—

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the Proceedings of the Board, Miscellaneous No. 11,149, dated the 10th ultimo, and with reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 2,355, dated the 21st July 1877, to state that I asked the Sub-Collector again how far he thought the Tahsildar was responsible for the laxity which obtained in the Adoni Taluq in the matter of the transmission of Government money without Police escorts.

2. His answer does not place the subject in a more satisfactory light.

3. He maintains that I was wrong in calling the transmission a remittance from the Taluq Treasury to a Sub-Treasury, and that it was a remittance for payment of famine relief gangs.

4. I do not think his view is correct. Of course, the money was for the payment of famine relief gangs, but the difference in the present instance, as far as I can make out, consisted in this, that the money was consigned to the Deputy Tahsildar of Yemiganur, not to the famine officer.

5. Ordinarily there is no Sub-Treasury at Yemiganur; but in the present emergency, the office of the Deputy Tahsildar is used as such.

6. The Deputy Tahsildar would issue the money to Mr. Oldham or his subordinates, and then the transaction would become "a famine relief operation."

7. I think that this is a proper view of the case, and I am sure Mr. Oldham would not shirk responsibility if he had imagined he was in any way liable to it.

8. The Tahsildar is primarily responsible for regulating such matters as cash remittances; but ever since the commencement of relief operations, he has been so continually absent from head-quarters that he is unable to look after details which other officials—his immediate subordinates—ought to be perfectly capable of managing.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Sub-Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Gooty, 31st August 1877, No. 329.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge your foot-note, dated 16th instant, on G.O., No. 2,355 dated 21st July 1877.

1. You merely direct me to report how far the (present) Tahsildar was responsible for the practice of sending money from Adoni to Yemiganur without a Police escort.

2. But it seems necessary to point out that you and Mr. Oldham, and the Government upon your representation, are under a misconception as to the nature of the transaction in question.

3. You call it "not a remittance of money being sent for the payment of famine gangs," but "a remittance going from one Government Treasury to a Sub-Treasury." Mr. Oldham calls it "a normal part of the ordinary district administration" and compares it to a question of land revenue and to remittances between Bellary and Adoni, and in this view you expressly acquiesce.

4. I have the honor to point out that there is no Sub-Treasury at Yemiganur, and that the remittance in question was a remittance of money for payment of famine gangs.

5. In other words, the transaction was in the fullest sense "a famine relief operation."

6. It never occurred to me from the outset that anybody could take any other view of it. Therefore it was that I refrained from action in the matter till I learnt definitively from Mr. Oldham himself that he did not intend to prosecute inquiry into the affair either departmentally or as a Magistrate.

7. The degree of responsibility to be attached to the present Tahsildar is a matter for the decision of higher authorities. I proceed to state the facts that appear necessary as the ground of decision, aware as I do so that responsibility may be fixed upon myself and others as well as upon the Tahsildar.

8. The first four remittances of this special kind were made by Ummur Khan between 16th October and 3rd December 1876, and consisted of the sums of Rupees 760, Rupees 540, Rupees 1,010, and Rupees 2,700, respectively. He was then Taluq Sheristadar, and was for twenty-five days in charge of the taluq.

9. On the 5th December, Raghavendra Row took charge, as Acting Taluq Sheristadar, from Ummur Khan, and on the 6th the present Tahsildar, Pampathy Row, took up his appointment. Since 5th December the duty of despatching the remittances has vested in Raghavendra Row, under, of course, the head of the office, Pampathy Row.

10. As you are aware, relief operations in Adoni continued under me from the day I joined (7th November 1876) till Mr. Oldham took charge on 7th March 1877. While I was in charge, sixteen remittances took place, and subsequently fourteen up to the date of the dacoity. Half the remittances in my time were of Rupees 10,000 each, the rest of smaller sums. Of the subsequent remittances, eight were of Rs 10,000, five of larger amounts, and one of a smaller amount.

11. None of the subordinates ever spoke to me as to the safe conduct of these sums. I regret to say that it never occurred to me to inquire into the matter. I believe I am right in saying that no one ever mooted the subject to Mr. Oldham.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 21st July 1877, No. 2,355.

2. The question as to whether the remittance is to be regarded as a transaction connected with the ordinary administration or as one relating to famine relief operations has been discussed. The Board think it was clearly a famine operation. As far as the taluq officials are concerned; under either view they must be held equally responsible for the laxity which seems to have prevailed from the commencement. The Acting Taluq Sheristadar, Raghavendra Row, who dispatched the remittance in question, is undoubtedly the officer to whom the chief blame attaches; the Tahsildar of this taluq was early relieved from all ordinary details to enable him to devote his attention to inspection, and there have been several changes of Tahsildars so that it would be difficult to fix responsibility on them. There has been much confusion in the Adoni Taluq from the first, and the Tahsildar originally in charge, who, it is presumed, is the officer responsible for allowing the laxity to grow up, has been degraded, *vide* G.O., dated 1st February 1877, No. 481; neither the Sub-Collector nor the officer in immediate charge of the taluq seem to have thought of making inquiries as to the manner in which the safe conduct of remittances was provided for, and even after the occurrence it does not appear to have occurred to either of them that it was his duty to take any active steps for the detection of the loss and recovery of the money. The transaction is, as remarked by Government, discreditable to all concerned; the officer immediately responsible in the matter has however been punished, and the Board think that this will suffice.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 116.

ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1877, No. 3,105.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

2. His Grace the Governor in Council observes that from Mr. Glenny's explanation it may be hoped that the laxity condemned has not extended to ordinary taluq remittances; but the nature of the remittance was no reason whatever for the Acting Taluq Sheristadar failing to take the necessary precautions to run Government property.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Judicial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Bellary Revenue Department
No 4562

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 28th September 1877.

Read the following;

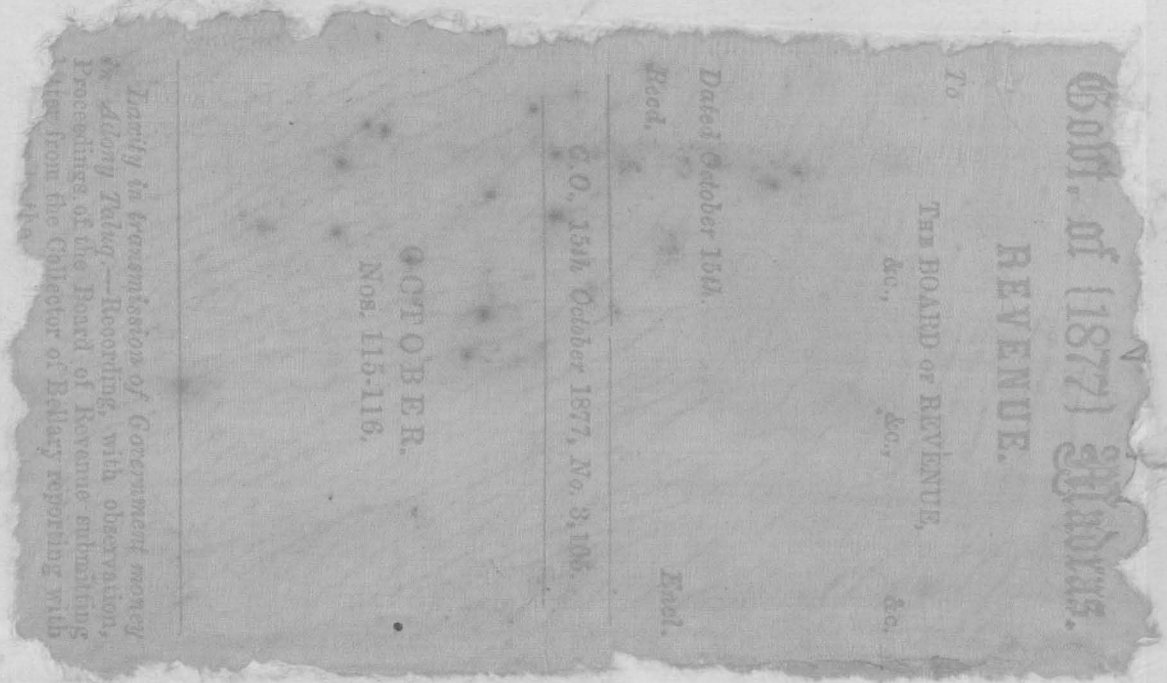
No 747

From The collector of
Bellary

To The Secretary to the Board of
Revenue Madras

Sir

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2. His answer does not place the subject in a more satisfactory light.

3. He maintains that I was wrong in calling the transmission a remittance from the Taluq Treasury to a Sub Treasury, and that it was a remittance for payment of famine relief gangs.

4. I do not think his view is correct. Of course the money was

was for the payment of famine relief gangs, but the difference in the present instance as far as I can make out, consisted in this that the money was assigned to the Dy Tahsildar of Yemiganoor not to the famine officer.

5. Ordinarily there is no sub Treasury at Yemiganoor; but in the present emergency the office of the Dy Tahsildar is used as such.

6. The Dy Tahsildar would issue the money to Mr. [redacted] or his subordinates, and then the transaction would become "A famine relief operation"

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Bellary Collectors' Office 17 Sept. 1877 } I have re-
J. H. Master
Collector

Encls: 1

31st July
Gooty

No. 329

From

W. H. Glenney Esq.
Sub-Collector

Bellary
To J. H. Master Esq.
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8. The first four remittances of this special kind were made by Ammur Khan between 16th October and 3rd Decem^r and consisted of the sums of Rs 760, Rs 540, Rs 1010 & Rs 2700 respectively. He was then Taluq Sheristadar, and was for 25 days in charge of the Taluq.

9. On the 5th December Rappa-vendra Row took charge as acting Taluq Sheristadar from Ammur Khan, and on the present Tahsildar Pampa-pathy Row took up his appointment. Since 5th December the

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I have
W. H. G. [Signature] /d/ W. B. Aldham
Sub. Collector
(True copy)
Bellary 3 /d/ J. H. Master
7-17-9-77 3 Col. [Signature]

Submitted to Government
with reference to G.O. dated 21st
July

July 1877 No. 2355.

2. The question as to whether the remittance is to be regarded as a transaction connected with the ordinary administration or as one relating to famine relief operations has been discussed.

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(True copies & Extract)

W. H. Allen
Sub. Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Govt. R.D.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 4220

From Pres. Board of Revenue

Dated 28. September 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

House taking any
more notice of this
particular case.
I do observe that
from Mr. Fleming's
explanation it may be
inferred that the tax is
undoubtedly less than
the ordinary
taxes levied. But
that the nature of the

No. 4220

Proceedings of

the Board of Rev.

Revenue 1877

Billings

Dated 28. Sept. 1877.

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Revenue, after from G.D.
of Billings, on the subject
of the tax which should
be the same as the
in the matter of the
transmission of Govt.
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records.

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warring precautions
to guard for property.

By 13/10 L.H.

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No 4220
FOR ORDERS.

On the subject of the laxity
which obtained in the
Tahy in the matter of the
transmission of Govt. money
without Police records &c.

C.S. C. 1/77 R.D. C. 1/77

P. D.

No 3105 of 15-10-77

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 18th Sept 1877

Read in

the Board of Revenue dated
28 Sept: 1877 No: 4562 sub:
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from Collector of Bellary
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Sheristadar failing to
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cautions to guard
Govt property.

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Let from Office
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14 To H. of Revenue 20-10-77
5 Judicial Dept
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G.O.

Certain lands in
Adoni Taluk & have
nothing but money

Lk