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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th January 1877.*

No. 950. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd January 1877:—

Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, 1877 No. 36:—

I HAVE the honor to report that the Tahsildar of Ramalkota discovered a defalcation of Rupees 7,146-14-10 out of the Famine Funds entrusted to 1st-Class Revenue Inspector Hariprasad Lall, who was employed on the relief works near Kurnool, and who recently died, it is alleged, of cholera.

2. A statement showing the amounts given to the 1st-Class Revenue Inspector, those for which vouchers were furnished or found, the balance that should remain, the amount actually remaining, and the amount believed to have been misappropriated by the Revenue Inspector, is herewith submitted.

3. The Tahsildar in reporting, on the 6th December, the death of the 1st Class Revenue Inspector on that date stated that the Revenue Inspector had taken a sum of Rupees 27,000, (Rupees 16,000 from the Huzur Treasury and Rupees 11,000 from the Famine Funds in the hands of the Tahsildar,) that vouchers for a portion only of the amount had been furnished by the Revenue Inspector, and that a full report would be submitted soon after the completion of the inquiry which he had begun.

4. The Tahsildar subsequently sent four reports, dated the 8th, 22nd, and 24th December 1876, and 3rd January 1877, and from these reports the following information has been gathered.

5. On the evening of the 2nd December, when the Tahsildar was returning to Kurnool from Narnur where he had been to organize gangs of coolies with Mr. Brett, he was informed that the Revenue Inspector had taken from the Huzur Treasury Rupees 16,000 to pay about 25,000 coolies, whom the Revenue Inspector had been ordered by the then Collector to remove to Chinna Tekur to open relief works there.

6. The Tahsildar went that very night to Kallur and he was there informed that the Revenue Inspector had not furnished vouchers for a great portion of the amount sent to him. The Tahsildar immediately wrote to the Revenue Inspector, who was reported to be at Chinna Tekur, to furnish the vouchers without any delay. The peon who took the letter not finding him at Chinna Tekur went to Nagalapur, where he was informed the Revenue Inspector was. Not finding him there, the peon went to Kurnool where he delivered the letter to the Revenue Inspector, who sent a verbal message by the peon on the 5th December, that he would come to the Tahsildar with vouchers, &c., on the following day. On that day (the 6th December) the Tahsildar had intimation that the Revenue Inspector had just died of cholera. The Tahsildar immediately wrote to the Town Sub-Magistrate to search the house of the Revenue Inspector without any loss of time, and he himself proceeded to Nagalapur to make inquiries about the amount for which vouchers were not furnished.

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7. On reaching Nagalapur, he learnt from the officers of that village that out of Rupees 16,000 taken by the Revenue Inspector from the Hapur Treasury, a sum of Rupees 3,430-14-8 had been disbursed to coolies at Tekur, Rupees 4,000 brought to Nagalapur, and the remainder kept in a box at M. L. ... the sum of Rupees 4,000 brought to N ... about Rupees 2,500, had been taken by the Revenue Inspector's house as deposited by the Head Constable of Nagalapur, who sent a Police Constable with the Revenue Inspector as he was taking money.

8. Another sum of Rupees 2,000, taken by the Revenue Inspector to Lanjapour on the 26th November, was found on inquiry to have been taken by the Revenue Inspector to his house, instead of having been paid to coolies as first intended.

9. The Town Sub-Magistrate, who searched the Revenue Inspector's house, found a sum of only Rupees 498-13-0 and some vouchers, which were handed to the Tahsildar.

10. The Tahsildar states that on the 18th November he examined the accounts and cash with the Revenue Inspector, and found them to be correct, and that ever since he was working with Mr. Brett and others in Narnur and other places organizing cooly gangs, &c. He adds that there are at present a large number of coolies working in his taluq, and that money required for their payment is kept in 37 villages; that the examination of accounts and cash in these 37 villages vested solely in him, and that it was impossible for him to make these examinations even once a month, as his whole time was taken up in organizing and starting gangs, &c.

11. This embezzlement would appear to have occurred at a time when strenuous efforts were being made to reduce the enormous crowds who had flocked into Kurnool before work had been systematically provided for them elsewhere.

12. Advantage of this was taken by the Revenue Inspector. It is believed that under the improved management since gradually introduced a similar occurrence will not happen, or go unpunished.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The defalcation was obviously the natural result of the defective arrangements which at the time prevailed in the district and which admitted of so large a sum being entrusted to an officer of so low a grade. The statement referred to in the Collector's letter has not been received, and copy of it should be furnished. Mr. Davidson will report upon what evidence it is concluded that the Revenue Inspector really did die as alleged; of what kind were the vouchers said to have been forthcoming for a portion of the money; and under what authority so large a sum was put in his possession.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed.) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

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No. 951. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1877, No. 437.

Miscellaneous.

THE Acting Collector will put the matter into the hands of the Police forthwith and assist them in every way in their enquiries. The Revenue Inspector's death should be placed beyond doubt at once.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

to the Board of Revenue.
the Collector of Kurnool.
the Financial Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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For orders

The enclosed report relates to a serious defalcation connected with Famine Relief books in Kurmool. It is by no means a satisfactory report. It appears that a Revenue Inspector named Heriprasad Lal has been employed, during the time that Mr. Foster was acting as Collector, to superintend the inauguration of relief books in the Ramalakota Taluk, and received, apparently at some time anterior to the 2nd Decr/76 two sums of 16000 & 10000 making 27000 Rs. in all. The former sum he is stated to have "taken" from the Hugur Treasury

I've direct the Collr. & put the matter at once in the hands of the Police. When the Collr. will assist in any way is his power
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REVENUE.
BOARD OF REVENUE.
JANUARY.
No. 950-951.

On the same night that
he heard of the Rev.
Leprieux "taking" the 10000.

* about a mile or 2
from it.

The Tahildar went to Kallur
 close to Kurnool & there wrote
 to the Dist. Inspector to
 furnish "the vouchers" without
 delay. Whether these
 were the vouchers for the
 expenditure of the 11000 Rs
 or of the 16000 Rs or of both
 is not clear. Any how,
 3 days after, the Dist.
 Inspector sends the Tah.
 an verbal message ~~on the~~
~~5th Decr~~ from Kurnool by
 apoon, that he would
 come to him with the
 vouchers the next day.
 On that day the Tah.
 "had information" that
 the Dist. Inspector had
 just died of cholera, on
 wh. he immediately wrote
 to the Town Sub. Mag. to
 search the dead man's
 house for vouchers, &
 sent off a Nagalapur
 to make enquiries how
 the money had been spent
 there, & from his enquiries
 there it seems that out
 of the 16000 Rs taken from
 Kurnool only 3430. was
 spent on paying coolies.

4 it does not appear
from whom he got it.

of the remainder, 4000
were taken to Nagelapur
(N° 8570) kept in a
box at Chinnu Tekur.
Of the 4000 N° kept at
Nagelapur about
2500 R° is supposed to
have been taken by the
Inspector to his own
house.

It further appears
that ~~out~~ ^{the whole} of a sum of
2000 N° taken by the
Inspector to Lingajapur
on the 28th Nov. ~~held~~
has ^{remained} by him to his
own house - This seems
to have been part of the
11000 N° first advanced
to him.

On the Inspector's house
being searched 490 N°
& some vouchers have
been found - For what
amount they are
vouchers does not
appear.

The Tah. says he
examined the
Inspector's accounts
on the 18th Nov last.

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The death should
be inquired into by the
Police & proved or
disproved at once -

An officer of accounts
depl. sd I think look
into the accounts -

By. 27/1

and found them all
correct. The Tah. also
seems to have submitted
5 reports on the 6th, 8th,
22nd & 24th Dec. & on the
3rd Jan. & yet the
report submitted by
H. Davidson is by
no means clear & full.
There is such a press
of work now in Kurnool
that it will be
difficult to have
a thorough enquiry
held into the defalc-
tion, but this ought
to be done & the death
of the Orissa sales fac-
tory established -
It is not unlikely he
swiftly crossed over into
the Nizam's country
or was requested.

26/1/27 J. H. P.

Defalcation
in
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Kurnool Collector's Office
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Acting Secretary.

To, The Secretary to Government
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E. J. Higginson

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