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No. 3698.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 8th August 1877

Read the following

Extra No. 2148

From J. F. Price Esquire

Ag Collector of Cuddapah

To C. A. Galton Esquire

Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the report touching Mr Ottley required by G.O. Revenue Department No. 1069 dated 31st May 1877 Communicated in Board's Proceedings Miscellaneous No. 8269 dated 9th June 1877.

2. The charges against this officer

were:

1. Neglect to carry out orders passed for the payment of 3 pie children.

2. Passing payment of a large number of coolies upon a particular work in which no children were shown, after it had been brought to his notice, that there were many children in the gangs.

3. Passing payment to 24 gangs of coolies after it had been reported to him, that there were only 22 gangs at work.

4. Passing pay for 3 days to a number of coolies when it had been reported to him, that none of them had been at work.

5. Calculating all his payments to

to coolies at rates founded on the price of rice being 3½ measures per rupee, when the price was actually considerably lower.

6. Calculating tasks for coolies and arranging them at rates, such as no sensible man could believe were intended, and quoting in support an order that the task for a gang of 50 should be 16 cubic feet of gravel per diem, this being an obvious clerical error for 16 cubic yards.

7. General mismanagement, leaving coolies in arrears, and incompetence in his work.

3. The following is the result of the enquiry

1st Charge. Mr Ottley says that

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service and whose re-employment had been forbidden by the Sub Collector, and he continued this man in his service although he was told of the matter by both the Tahsildar and Mr Swan.

4. That Mr Ottley does not scruple to tell a falsehood, I have myself had distinct and clear proof in the case of a certain Brad-min, since tried and convicted of plundering Government, and who was employed as another of Mr Ottley's "private writers." It was by the merest chance that I discovered that this individual was in Mr Ottley's service, and with him at a time when that officer swore before a Magistrate, that he had not seen him for several years.

5. I consider that Mr Ottley is not only incompetent and careless but that he is utterly unworthy of trust. From what has come out in the course of the enquiries held into the conduct of his subordinates I cannot, except upon the supposition that he was grossly negligent, account for frauds, such as have been de-tected, having been committed without his knowledge. His moral conduct has been flagrantly bad.

6. I believe him to be utterly unfit

Revenue Department.

No. 6382

Dated 1 August 1877

FOR ORDERS.

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No 3695

Dated 8th
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Submitting to Govt letter from the Collr of Cuddapah, regarding the conduct of Mr Ottley Famine Officer, & recommending that his services be dispensed with from the date of his suspension.

No 4725

The Chief Sec.

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20 August 1877

To the Board of Revenue. P.O. dispd 21 Aug 1877

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FOR ORDERS

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Memo.

With reference to the remarks of Mr Grace the Govt. on Mr Gardner's letter to Capt. Sanders the undersigned has the honour to point out that nothing is now pending in regard to Mr Otley who has been dismissed the service. There is nothing in any of the papers except Mr Otley's petition about Pensions or bodies & it is not clear from that whether the Pensions were public or private servants.

Orders are requested whether Mr Price is to be called on to report further on the matter.