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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 1st February 1877.

No. 13. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th January 1877, No. 334.

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Bellary, 13th January 1877, No. 23 :—

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* Originals sent (to be returned).

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From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Sub-Collector of Bellary, dated 25th November 1876, No. 1,770.

Your report made demi-officially as to the part taken by the Acting Tahsildar of Adoni, H. Rama Row, on the occasion of a slight disturbance among the coolies employed on relief works, when they were paid their hire according to measurement, although the system of payment by

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ENCLOSURE 1 in No. 1.

From W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Sub-Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Adoni, 28th November 1876, No. 568.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I have, in anticipation of your sanction, demi-officially asked for, suspended Rama Row, Tahsildar of Adoni, for a week, which would give time for his transfer elsewhere.

2. This Tahsildar and his Sheristadar Ummerkhan on the 8th instant fled from before a concourse of 8,000 people who wanted employment on relief works at Adoni and hid themselves in a temple, leaving the people to wander about through the town. There was every prospect of disturbance, which, however, was fortunately averted chiefly by the praiseworthy energy and tact of Hom Chund Lall, Police Inspector.

3. On the following day the Tahsildar fled from Adoni, leaving the 8,000 people still unemployed; unemployed they remained for three days. He went hiding in villages more or less remote, and has never since ventured to show himself in Adoni, except on a single occasion when he passed one night here on the 20th.

4. Of these events you have been for some time aware, and also of the circumstance that the Tahsildar sent me a false report, in which he concealed the fact that the stoppage of work had occurred. I should never have known of that fact and the attendant circumstances had it not been for a telegram sent by a private person to Mr. Thornhill, and by him forwarded to me for report.

5. On Saturday, 25th instant, in consequence of certain information received, I sent a telegram to the Adoni Sheristadar ordering immediate obedience to certain former orders of mine, demanding to know where the Tahsildar was, and ordering a special messenger to be sent for him. The Sheristadar sent a special messenger to the Tahsildar on Saturday night. The Tahsildar was then at Parlapalli, 23 miles off a place where there is not, has not been, and will not be a single relief work, and where there was nothing particular of any kind of duty to be done. I arrived at Adoni on the morning of Sunday (26th), and when I in the course of the day found that there was no sign of Tahsildar's coming, the Sheristadar by my orders despatched at 2 o'clock a second special messenger* bearing my telegram. The Tahsildar ignoring my existence altogether wrote a letter to the Sheristadar, which reached this place yesterday at 4 o'clock. But the Tahsildar himself did not appear before me till 9 o'clock this morning, the last place he had come from being the village of Kanakkavedu, 25 miles from here and 4 or 5 from Paralapalli.

* *P.S.*—It was by the first messenger that my telegram was sent I find.

6. Upon his appearance I simply told him that he was to consider himself under suspension and might go home. He disappeared, and a few minutes afterwards the Sheristadar came up, and I verbally ordered him to take charge of the taluq. My reasons for declining any discussion with the Tahsildar were, first, because I considered that his insolent and insubordinate conduct could admit of no good excuse, and, secondly, because he had by his deliberately false report above mentioned proved himself utterly unworthy of credit. I say nothing about his cowardly desertion of his post and his disgraceful conduct in continuing, after he might reasonably have been expected to have recovered from his fright, to skulk about the country, perfectly regardless of the present troubles. Of these facts I have by demi-official letters informed you. I quite appreciate the objection to manœuvring in front of the army so to speak; a change of Tahsildars under any ordinary conditions would be a misfortune at the present crisis. But "ordinary conditions" do not exist here. This Tahsildar, Rama Row, is absolutely worse than no Tahsildar. He does nothing, nay

worse than nothing: for the exhibition of enduring fear of the masses by the Tahsildar of Adoni is, as every body knows, a thing to which there is a special objection. This Tahsildar will not even, from a safe hiding place, make an effort to keep things going on at the centre of troubles. He has been leaving his unfortunate Sheristadar, a weak and inexperienced young man, to struggle on as he best can, and make frantic appeals to me when he is in alarm of being overwhelmed. I have just received a letter, which shows that the Tahsildar has totally disregarded up to the present time a letter written from the specially appointed Overseer, Andiyappan, simply asking for an answer to the very pressing question whether relief works were going on. While all the rest of us are working all our waking hours, this senile creature will not touch the common burthen with his little finger. Having only recently joined the district, I am not in a position to suggest a successor to Rama Row, or a taluq to which he might, with least disadvantage to the public service, be relegated. Of course, under the present system, there is no chance of ridding the public service of him. I only protest against his being kept here. I beg you will let me have a new man as soon as possible.

ENCLOSURE 2 in No. 1.

From W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Sub-Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated 29th November 1876, No. 572.

WITH reference to your letter, No. 1,770, dated the 25th instant, I have the honor to say that, before the receipt of it, I had suspended the Adoni Tahsildar, Rama Row; full reasons for this cause are given in my letter of this (28th November) day, No. 568, also written before receipt of this letter. It only remains to declare in the most distinct manner that I believe that the Tahsildar's story about his insisting upon payment according to measurement and about a consequent show of turbulance among the people was an utter falsehood invented *ex post facto*. I do not believe that he ever insisted upon the payment according to measurement, and I do not believe there was any show of disturbance. This I meant to make clear in my demi-official communications. It is most unlikely, as I feel sure you will agree with me in thinking when you have read my above-mentioned letter of to-day that a man who showed himself at the time and has shown himself ever since the occurrence to be so abjectly timid and so utterly regardless of his duty and the public good should have had firmness enough to have insisted upon any course likely to compromise his own personal safety, even in accordance with orders of a superior. To conceive, however, that such a man would, *contrary to superior orders*, have done an act involving personal exertion and personal risk to himself and to me seems simply incredible.

2. I await your orders as to whether, in view of the aggravation of Rama Row's conduct disclosed by my letter above referred to (No. 568, of this date), you will post sanction the order of suspension passed by me.

ENCLOSURE 3 in No. 1.

From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Sub-Collector, dated 1st December 1876, No. 1,820.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge your letter, No. 568, dated the 28th instant, and to confirm your action in suspending H. Rama Row, Acting Tahsildar of Adoni.

2. As however it is necessary that a full report upon his conduct should be sent to the Board of Revenue, I request you will send copies of all papers connected with the subject, viz., your orders and his replies, &c., together with any explanation the Tahsildar may have to give when all the correspondence which has passed has been perused by him.

3. Pending the final decision of his case, he will continue under suspension.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From W. H. GLENDENING, Esq., Sub-Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated 12th December 1876, No. 570.

WITH reference to your letter, No. 1,820, of 1st instant, and my own, Nos. 568 and 572, of 28th and 29th ultimo, I have the honor to submit record of statements by (1) Rama Row suspended Tahsildar of Adoni; (2) by Taluq Sheristadar Ummurkhan; and (3) by Fakir-u-din, Taluq Peon.

2. The case against the Tahsildar remains unweakened except in one detail, viz., he spent three nights (not one only) in his cusbah between his flight before daylight on 9th November and his enforced but turdy return thither on 28th.

3. He admits (after his fashion) the falsehood of the report in which he concealed from me the occurrence of the 8th. The report herewith sent (enclosure 1) speaks plainly for itself.

4. On his own showing, he spent the first period (ten days) of his absence from Adoni after his flight thence on the 9th, on the following plan. He used to go to a village, "consult" about works, and decamp next morning before daylight. During this first period he admits he never saw a stroke of work done, and I do not believe he saw a relief cooly at work during his second absence till the morning after that on which he had received my telegram. His own story is that once for less than half an hour and on another occasion for about an hour he actually saw some people working.

5. It seems to me not worth while to make inquiry into the truth of his assertion, or as to the details of his travels. The fact remains that he deserted his post, having deliberately concealed from me the occurrence of the 8th, and without an effort to restore order, and stayed away for ten days. The further fact remains that on his return, he must have heard (I think he does not tell the truth when he says he showed himself and saw for himself) that there was the most urgent call for the *depletion* of Adoni. Not a single effort did he make to effect this object. He did not even call to me for aid. He simply fled in the night once more and began that second period of his absence which I brought to an end. This second absence was also spent in "consultation," and nightly flights, with the same careful avoidance of the sight of a relief cooly.

6. The first question that arises is—Was this disregard of the state of Adoni justifiable on the ground of orders from superiors? You see how the Tahsildar pleads his relief from responsibility by Mr. Crosthwaite's orders. I enclose translations of these orders (enclosures 2 and 3). You will judge for yourself whether, under the circumstances, the plea is a good one.

7. The amount of good faith and truthfulness with which the Tahsildar should be credited may be judged of by the following exposition. In his report (enclosure No. 1) while thoroughly concealing even the bare fact of stoppage of work, he, in view of the contingency of the occurrence coming to light, "hedged" with a vague hint of reluctance or delay to work by the people themselves, stating as the ground of such reluctance that he had told them that they must do a "task."

8. The occurrence of the 8th *did*, as you know, come to light, and one result was a sudden flying visit by me to Adoni. The Taluq Sheristadar evidently had instructions to tell me again this story about the "taskwork." I turned upon him at once and demolished this attempt at deceit by telling him that I knew perfectly well that Mr. Crosthwaite had (under your orders) several days before the 8th forbidden the continuance of the so-called taskwork. That countermand was received at Adoni on 4th November.

9. I have told you (in my letter, No. 572, of 29th ultimo) of my utter disbelief in this story about the attempt to exact taskwork, and have given reasons for such disbelief.

10. The Tahsildar thus driven from shelter under the original order directing the exaction of a task *now* seeks to justify his conduct *on the 8th* by one order from Mr. Crosthwaite which did not reach Adoni *till the 9th*.

11. Under all the circumstances, I do not believe that the Tahsildar was trying to do his duty by prosecuting these alleged "consultations" in the villages. The facts already disclosed seem to me to negative conclusively the idea that he was. I have been over a good deal of his

taluq since I took his statement, and have seen no fruit of his "consultations," [illegible] work in one village. It is not, I think, worth while to delay this report to make inquiries in each village which he says he visited. The damming facts of his flight, his falsehood, his utter and continued supineness in regard to the centre of troubles, Adoni; these facts seem to me quite sufficient to demolish the theory that he made any honest endeavour to face his duty and do it.

12. I now come to the charge of insolent and insubordinate conduct towards myself.

13. I had despatched a strongly-worded telegram (copy of which I send, enclosure No. 4) on Saturday, 25th ultimo. This was forwarded by special messenger to the Tahsildar. The first fact to which I would draw attention is that the Tahsildar had completely cut off communication between Adoni, the centre of troubles, and himself. The messenger bearing my telegram eventually reached the Tahsildar (on the Tahsildar's showing) at a place 25 miles from Adoni, and the Tahsildar took 26 hours to do the 25 miles.

14. As might have been expected, the Tahsildar refrained from telling me that (*vide* the peon's deposition) on receipt of my telegram he first went straight away in the opposite direction to Adoni: then after a halt went off at right angles to a village (Nagaladinna) where he stayed an hour or so, after that he headed for Adoni, but halted for an hour and a half over his dinner on the road. Nor when he reached Adoni did he in any manner hasten himself by any hurry to meet the Sub-Collector, whom he had (according to himself) deliberately kept waiting for a day and night. It was out at a work, perhaps a mile from the [illegible] on he arrived. He did not come to meet me *there*, but waited till I had been for some time on the ground of the tank in Adoni Fort.

15. I do not think there is any thing more that need be said.

P.S.—I enclose a written statement by the Tahsildar, which I received after I had written this letter. I read it over yesterday and send it with some marginal remarks.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

Case of suspended Tahsildar Rama Rao.

I HAVE gone through all the papers connected with the case of Rama Row, suspended Tahsildar, and think that it is clearly shown that he deserted Adoni, leaving 7,000 or 8,000 men unemployed and without means of subsistence.

2. It is not clear what led to the somewhat unruly conduct of the men, nor is it certain that there was any thing really insubordinate in their conduct, but it is quite certain that work was stopped on the 8th November, that the Tahsildar departed from Adoni early the following morning without making any provision for employing the many thousands who were clamouring the day before; he remained absent for 12 days; the day of his departure he wrote a report, stating that the work was not satisfactorily performed, and that the people were disposed to be turbulent, showing that he was aware that extra supervision was required; in that respect however he never said that the work had been actually stopped, nor did he in any way allude to his intended departure. It was essentially misleading.

3. In leaving his post at a critical period like that described, he has clearly shown himself unfit for the post of Tahsildar; either he was in personal fear or he was ignorant of the fist duty of a Tahsildar; he was certainly guilty of suppressing the truth.

4. His excuses are extremely ingenious, but quite futile to my mind.

5. I think he must be reduced to the grade of Taluq Sheristadar, but the duties of Taluq Sheristadars are now extremely onerous and responsible. I do not think he should be entrusted with them during this crisis, and would, therefore, suspend him altogether for six months.

6 [illegible] Collector thinks this too severe, he might appoint him to some strictly ministerial post, not exceeding Sheristadar's pay during the next six months.

21st December 1876.

(Signed) G. THORNHILL,
Member, Board of Revenue.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 4 and 5.—Tahsildar's explanation.

ENCLOSURE No. 6.—Tahsildar's deposition.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 16th December 1876, No. 2,072.

2. The Board concur in Mr. Thornhill's view of the case, and recommend Rama Row's suspension for six months, after which he might be appointed to the post of Taluq Sheristadar or Deputy Tahsildar on the occurrence of a vacancy.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 1st February 1877, No. 481.

Miscellaneous. APPROVED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
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Exd. L. F. Zephir.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

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From The Collector of Bellary

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

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Dated February, 1st.

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Encl.

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FEBRUARY.

Nos. 13-14.

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Sub-Collector

Letter from the Collector of Bellary to the Sub-Collector No 1820 dated 18th December 1874

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter No 568 dated the 28th Instant and to confirm your action in suspending H. V. Rama Rao Acting Tahsildar of Adoni

2 As however it is necessary that a full report upon his conduct should be sent to the Board of Revenue, I request that you will send copies of all papers connected with the subject, viz your order and his reply &c. together with any explanation the Tahsildar may have to give when all the correspondence which has passed, has been perused by him

Pending the final decision of his case, he will continue under suspension

I have &c
Sd/ J. Millett
Collector

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Collector
Letter

Letter from the Sub-Collector of Bellary
to Collector of Bellary No 579 dated 17th Decr 1855

With reference to your letter No 1820
of 14th Instant and my answer No 5684 5724 of
28 and 29th Ultimo I have the honor to
submit record of Statement by C Rama
Rau Suspended Tahsildar of Adoni
(2) by Taking Theristadar Umerkhan
and (3) by Taking Taker within Taking Rama
Rau

2 The case against the Tahsildar
remains unweakened except in one
detail viz. he spent three nights (not
one only) in his Cutcherry between his
flight before day-light on 9th November
and his enforced but tardy return
thither on 28th

3 He admits (after his fashion)
the falsehood of the report in which
he concealed from me the occurrences
of

of the 8th The report hereunto annexed
speaks plainly for itself

4 During the ensuing he spent the
first period (ten days) of his absence from
Adoni, after his flight thence on the 9th
on the following plan He used to
go to a village "Consult" about works,
and decamp next morning before day-
light. During this first period he
admits he never saw a stroke of work
done and I don't believe he saw a Ryot
busily at work during his second absence
till the morning after that on which
he had received my telegram His
own story is that once for less than
half an hour, and on another occasion
for about an hour, he actually saw some
people

people working.

5 It seems to me not worth while to make enquiry into the truth of this assertion or as to the details of his travels. The fact remains that he deserted his post, having deliberately concealed from me the occurrence of the 8th and without an effort to restore order and stayed away for ten days. The further fact remains that on his return he must have heard (I think he does not tell the truth when he says he shewed himself and saw for himself) that there was the most urgent call for the depletion of Adoni. Not a single effort did he make to effect this object. He did not even call to me for aid. He simply fled in the night once more

more, and began that second period of his absence which I brought to an end. This second absence was also spent in "consultation" and nightly flight to, with the same careful avoidance of the sight of a Relief Corps.

6 The first question that arises is— Was this disregard of the state of Adoni justifiable on the grounds of orders from Superiors. You see how the Jaheidar pleads his relief from responsibility by my Mr Crosthwaite's orders. I enclose translations of these orders (Enclosures 2. 3) you will judge for yourself whether, under the circumstances, the plea is a good one.

7 The amount of good faith and truthfulness

truthfulness with which the Tahsildar should be credited, may be judged of by the following exposition.

In his report (Enclosure No 1) which thoroughly Concealing even the bare fact of Stoppage of work, he, in view of the Contingency of the occurrence coming to light, "hedged" with a vague hint of reluctance or delay to work by the people themselves stating as the ground of such reluctance, that he had told them that they must do a "task"

8 The Occurrence of the 8th did, as you know, come to light, and one result was a sudden flying visit by me to Adoni. The Taluq Shirastadar evidently had instructions to take me again this story about the task

"task work". I turned upon him at once and demolished this attempt at deceit by telling him that I knew perfectly well that Mr Crosthwaite had (under your orders) several days before the 8th forbidden the Continuance of the so called task work. That Countermand was received at Adoni on 2nd November

I have told you (in my letter No 6720 of 29th Ultimo) of my utter dislike in this story about the attempt to exact task work, and have given you my reasons for such dislike.

10 The Tahsildar thus driven from Shelter under the original order directing the evacuation of a task, now seeks to justify his Conduct on the 8th by

by one order from Mr. Carosthwaite which did not reach Adoni till thro'

11 Under all the circumstances I do not decline that the Tahsildar was trying to do his duty by prosecuting these alleged "Consultations" in the villages. The facts already disclosed seem to me to negative conclusively the idea that he was. I have seen over a good deal of his Taluq since I took his statement, and have seen no fruit of his "consultations" except a work in one village. It is not, I think, worth while to delay this report to make enquiries in each village which he says he visited. The damning facts of his flight, his falsehood, his attempt and continued supineness in regard to the centre of troubles, Adoni — these facts seem to me quite sufficient to demolish the theory that he made any honest endeavour to face his duty and do it.

12 I now come to the charge of insolent and insubordinate conduct towards myself.

13 I had despatched a strongly worded telegram (copy of which I send enclosure No 4) on Saturday 25th Ultimo. This was forwarded by special messenger to the Tahsildar. The first fact to which I would draw attention is that the Tahsildar had

had completely cut off Communica-
tion between Adoni, the Centre of troubles,
and himself. The messenger, bearing
my telegram, eventually reached the
Tahsildar (on the Tahsildar's showing)
at a place 25 miles from Adoni
the Tahsildar took 26 hours to do the
25 miles.

However might have been expected,
the Tahsildar refrained from telling
me that (vide the peon's deposition)
on receipt of my telegram he first went
straight away, in the opposite direction
to Adoni: then after a halt, went off
at right angles to a village (Nagaladinna)
where he stayed an hour or so, after
that he headed for Adoni but halted
for

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for an hour and a half over his dinner
on the road. Now who he reached Adoni
did he incommode himself by any
hurry to meet the Sub Collector, whom
he had (according to himself) deliberately
kept waiting for a day and night. He
was out at a work, perhaps a mile from
the town when he arrived. He did not
come to meet me there but waited me
I had been for sometime on the ground
of the tank in Adoni Fort
15 I do not think there is anything
more that need be said
I have &c
(Signed) W. A. Glenny
Sub Collector

P. S.
I enclose a written statement
by

by the Tahsildar which I received after I had written this letter. I read it over yesterday and send it, with some marginal Remarks.

(Signed) W. McG. Conny
Sub-Collector

True Copies

(Signed) J. Hallaster
Collector

Case of suspended Tahsildar Rama Rau

I have gone through all the papers connected with the case of Rama Rau, Suspended Tahsildar; and think that it is clearly shewn that he deserted Adoni, leaving 7000 or 8000 men unemployed and without means of subsistence.

It is not clear what led to the

Somewhat unruly Conduct of the men; nor is it certain that there was anything really insubordinate in their Conduct: but it is quite certain that work was stopped on the 8th of November, that the Tahsildar departed from Adoni early the following morning without making any provision for employing the many thousands who were clamouring the day before: he remained absent for 12 days: the day of his departure he sent a report stating that the work was not satisfactorily performed, and that the people were disposed to be turbulent, shewing that he was aware that extra Supervision was required in that respect however

however he never said that the work had been actually stopped, nor did he in any way allude to his intended departure. It was essentially misleading.

In leaving his post at a critical period like that described he has clearly shewn himself unfit for the post of Taheildar. Either he was in personal fear or he was ignorant of the first duty of a Taheildar he was certainly guilty of suppressing the truth.

His excuses are extremely ingenious but quite futile to my mind.

I think he must be reduced to the grade of Taluq Sheristadar: but the duties of Taluq Sheristadars are now extremely onerous and responsible. I do not think he should be entrusted with

with them during this crisis, and would therefore suspend him altogether for five months.

If the Collector thinks this too severe he might appoint him to some strictly ministerial post not exceeding sheristadar pay during the next five months.

21st December 1876. (Signed) G. Hornhill
Member Board of Rev.

(True Copy)

(Signed) J. H. e Martin
Collector

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O. dated 18th December 1876 No. 2072.

2 The Board concur in Mr Hornhill's view of the case & recommend his Suspension

suspension for five months after which he might be appointed to the post of Taluq Sheristadar or Deputy Tahsildar on the occurrence of a vacancy

(True Copy & Extract)

for Actg Sub Secretary

To

The Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

with 3 original enclosures to be returned and copies of 3 others

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No 13.

Petition of Citizens of Rome
praying the Establishment
of a Court of Common Pleas
to be held at Rome
Oneida County
Dated 27th January 1800
Referred to Committee
Reported
Bill brought in
Read 1st time
Read 2d time
Committed to Committee of the whole
Reported
Bill ordered to be engrossed
Read 3d time
Passed
Sent to Senate for concurrence
Returned
Enrolled
Delivered to Governor for his approbation
Approved
Recorded in Book of Laws
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14 Th Bill Passed 29-3-99 Sent to Senate
6 Amdt Carried