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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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26th August 1878, No. 1,357.

Read the following paper :—

No. 296. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th August 1878, No. 2,257

Read the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Chingleput District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 29th July 1878, No. 102 :—

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1,982, dated 17th instant.

2. What is stated by the Accountant-General is correct.

3. I took charge of this district in the latter part of March last. What with other matters calling for reform and the Jamabandi of the Penneri Taluq, which fully occupied my time from the 7th May until the 21st June, I have had no leisure to go closely into the accounts and see how they were kept. I however have given as much attention as I could to treasury matters, and prior to Mr Probyn's inspection, I had occasion to frequently [illegible] transacted. I pointed out to the Treasury Deputy Collector the repeated corrections and erasures made in the accounts, insisted upon more attention being paid to their preparation, and directed that all corrections and erasures were to be initialled. I took him to task regarding the endless objection statements received from the Accountant-General's office, and when writing to the Accountant-General demi-officially, I made particular mention of the state of the deposit accounts, which I had given personal orders were to be carefully gone over and cleared.

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6. I feel bound, however, to assert that Mr. Smith, the permanent Treasury Deputy Collector of this district, is utterly unfit for his duties. As far as I can see, he knows absolutely nothing of accounts. He was for many years in the Salt Department, and is too old ever to learn account work. He depends entirely upon the Head Accountant, who, as the establishment generally is inefficient, is overworked and consequently blunders.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

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No. 297. ORDER THEREON, 26th August 1878, No. 1,357.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government consider that Mr. Smith, the Saidapet Treasury submitting an explanation in respect to the allegations made against him, and desire that the Board will accordingly call for the same.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd, W. H. French.

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REVENUE (FAMINE) DEPARTMENT.

No. 3667 1357/3

From Revenue Board

Dated 12 August 1875.
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FOR ORDERS.

I am sorry to say that I think Mr. Smith's statement now before me will be heard. Mr. Dalyell's application was summary. Mr. Price's condemnation sweeps [illegible] also the boat master? Mr. Smith is most [illegible] but "done". I fear

23/8 pm.

Mr. A. Smith
the Deputy Collr.
to whom referred to
has died 57 years
2 months on
1 January last
He has not
had any opportunity of explaining
his matters. In
the accompanying
petition he
asks to be heard.

Collr. Tanjore 1875
REVENUE.
To
BOARD OF REVENUE
AUGUST
Nos 2665-67

I put up some
d.o. notes from
Mr Price on the
subject of the
Saidapet Trea-
sury.

This letter
recorded in the
present No: shews
that "the establish-
ment generally
is inefficient."

Mr Smith entered
the service in 1843
was Deputy Collec-
tor in charge of
the Chingleput
Salt Dept. from

March 1859 to
February 1871
when he was
transferred to
the Saidapet
Treasury.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Chingleput.
" " R. W. Barlow, Esq., Acting Commissioner, Nilgiris.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

Depart.

Fort Saint George
Acct. General's Office
No 4397 28 June 1878.

From,
The Accountant General

To The Chief Secretary
to Government

Sir

I have the honor to report having visited the Treasury of the Chingleput District on Tuesday the 25 instant for the purpose of seeing how it was worked. The Rules, in whose approval I made my visit, was good enough to be present.

2. My time was so limited that I was only able to look at some of the principal books, but I saw quite enough to convince me of the great necessity for a thorough and complete reformation.

3. Perhaps the most important account there is, under the system in force in this presidency, is the abstract for bringing together the transactions of all the Talooqs and of the Hoozoor Treasury at the end of the month. It is from that

that

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

To

The SECRETARY to GOVT.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Dated August 12th.
Printed 14th.
Read 23rd.

Proceedings, 13TH AUGUST 1878, No. 2,257.

AUGUST.
No. 2,257.

*Treasury Department*—of Chingleput District.—Submitting in Government remarks of Collector with reference to report from Accountant-General on the working of the —, and recommending that Mr. Smith, the permanent Treasury Deputy Collector, be called upon to retire.

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Received 6 } July 1878
Entered & Returned 10 }

Colonial Secretary's Office
Sydney

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No. 1157.

Transferred to the Revenue Department for disposal.

Colonial Secretary

Colonial Secretary's Office
3rd July 1878.

To the Revenue Department.

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Hair Inward 1878 Packet
Brig Mary Hannah
From the Hannah Islands
Master

The Colonial Secretary
to Commander

Dated 28th June 1878
Rec'd 2nd July 1878
No. 1352/8

Requests that he will
transmit information
made to the Master
there is a great
necessity for a thorough
and complete restriction
of the Hannah Islands
to the steamers
Sydney

Transferred

Forwarded for the comments of the Board of Revenue.

Colonial Secretary's Office
11th July 1878

Colonial Secretary & Government

Revenue 1878 Dept.
No 2833.
Endorsement
from the Chief Secretary to Government
Dated 3rd July 1878
Rec'd 3rd July 1878
Ref. to Col. Sec. 1067 - abd. No 1157.
1878
Transferring letter from the Acting Govt Astronomer stating that from a personal inspection made he thinks that there is a great necessity for a thorough & complete reformation of the Accounts Dept of the Observatory at Sydney.

Forwarded