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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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17th October 1878, No. 1,682.

Read the following paper:—

No. 187. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th August 1878, No. 2,320.

Read again—

MISCELLANEOUS No. 6,927.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th July 1878.

From A. CRUICKSHANK, Esq., Ag. Collector of South Arcot, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 4th July 1878, No. 290:—

IT will be six months on the 26th instant since Mr. Dumergue joined his appointment of Assistant Collector in this district, and the appointment of C. Venkataramiah, the Temporary Deputy Collector, made under the provisions of G.O., No. 105, of the 12th January 1877, and published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 19th March 1878, should cease on the above date. The rules, however, require that Mr. Dumergue should have passed the Lower Standard examination before he is put in charge of a taluk. He went up for this examination last month, but the result of the examination is not yet known. There are some Railway cases about the taking up of land to be disposed of, which might perhaps better be done by the Temporary Deputy Collector. I requested in my letter of the 15th April 1878, No. 182, that he might be invested with the powers of a Collector to dispose of these cases, but up to date no order has been passed on the above letter. Not knowing the result of Mr. Dumergue's examination, I can make no definite proposal, but I have thought it right to bring to the notice of the Board how matters stand so that the Board may do what they think proper.

THE Board have ascertained that Mr Dumergue's papers have not yet been valued, but whatever the result of the examination, under the terms of the letter from the Government of India embodied in G.O., dated 12th January 1877, No. 105, the Temporary Deputy Collector cannot be retained after the Assistant Collector attached to the district has attained six months' standing. The Collector's letter of the 15th April 1878, No. 182, has not reached the Board, and he has not reported with reference to G.O., 22nd October 1877, No. 3,137, on the necessity for the employment of a Deputy Collector for Railway work; he should send a copy of the letter referred to with the information called for in the order quoted.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of South Arcot.

Read also the following letters —

From A. CRUICKSHANK, Esq., Ag. Collector of South Arcot, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kuliakurchi, 26th July 1878, No. 316.

ADVERTING to the Board's Proceedings, dated 12th instant, Miscellaneous No. 6,927, I have the honor to report, for the information of the Board, that I have this

day directed the Temporary Deputy Collector to make over the revenue charge of the Cuddalore Taluk to the Assistant Collector, Mr. Dumergue. The result of the examination for which Mr. Dumergue appeared last month is not yet known.

From the same Officer, dated Kallakurchi, 29th July 1878, No. 324.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 12th instant, No. 6,927, I have the honor to enclose a copy of my letter to the Board, dated 15th April inst. No. 182, with its enclosures,* submitting explanation of Venkatasubbiah, late Deputy Collector on Railway duties.

* Statement D will follow.

Enclosure No. 1.

From A. CHURCHHANK, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 15th April 1878, No. 183.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 14,788, of 26th October last, I have the honor to submit the following report.

2. A statement, marked A, showing the amount of Railway compensation work done by the Temporary Deputy Collector Venkatasubbiah from January 1876 to July 1877 is enclosed, together with another, marked B_1 showing the progress made since I wrote my letter, No. 278, of 14th June last, applying for his retention for three months longer.

3. The object in applying for the retention of Venkatasubbiah from 21st October to the 31st December last was that he might not only dispose of the balance of work reported by him, but also might have time to examine the accounts and see whether all the land ordered to be acquired by Government for the Railway from the commencement of operations in 1873 had been completely acquired and delivered to the Company, and whether all claims of compensation for those lands had been fully settled. The work of acquisition was done by several officers and in a rather hurried manner, and such an examination was therefore considered necessary. To show the Board what difference exist between the area directed to be acquired and that actually acquired, I enclose a statement, marked D, from which it will be seen that in a great many of the villages traversed by the Railway there is still to be acquired or accounted for some land over and above the area comprised in the cases reported as still pending. Probably a portion of this land does not exist, but there is no record to show that such is the case. The delay in submitting this report is due to the preparation of this statement which it was considered necessary to make out before addressing the Board again on the subject, and which was a work of considerable labor.

4. The services of a Special Deputy Collector on account of the above arrears, however, are not now necessary, as the work of disbursing compensation in the remaining cases can be done by Tahsildars under a recent interpretation of the law contained in Standing Order, No. 18 of 1877, and as the remaining work of settling compensation can be done by the Temporary Deputy Collector G. Venkataramiah recently appointed to the charge of the Cuddalore Taluk. The Tahsildars have been ordered to disburse the compensation themselves in the remaining cases.

5. A copy of the Deputy Collector Venkatasubbiah's explanation is also forwarded, and if it is found satisfactory, as I trust it will be, I request that the objection taken by Government in paragraph 4 of their order to the extension of his employment as Special Deputy Collector during the time he was on leave may be removed as its removal will render the full salary of his substantive post (viz., Tahsildar of Chidambaram Taluk) available for the officer who acted for him.

6. I also request that the Board will recommend Government to authorize the Temporary Deputy Collector Venkataramiah to perform the functions of a "Collector" under the Land Acquisition Act in the four talukas of the District through which the Railway passes, to enable him to proceed under the Act in disposing of the remaining cases as well as in acquiring further lands for the Railway. The Consulting Engineer has recently applied to me for the acquisition of 2·26 acres of land.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. CHURCHHANK,
Acting Collector.

Enclosure No. 2.

From S. VENGATASUBBIAH, late Temporary Deputy Collector of South Arcot, to F. R. H. CHARP, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, dated ———.

With reference to your foot-note, dated 31st ultimo, to the Proceedings of Government, dated 22nd idem, No. 3,137, I respectfully beg to submit my explanation as follows.

2. Out of the eighty cases referred to by Government in paragraph 1 as having remained undisposed of in May 1878, only twenty-six are now pending together with eight cases of lands taken up in 1877. These eight recent cases may be disposed of in few hours had the parties attended at the appointed time.

3. For the sake of convenience I will designate the twenty-six cases as follows and then explain the delay in their disposal *seriatim*:—

(*a*) 2 Cases of Ayan lands.
(*b*) 5 Cases of Inam lands assigned to Tolies and Toliarins.
(*c*) 15 Cases of charitable service Inam lands.
(*d*) 2 Cases of Mosjid Inam.
(*e*) 1 Case in Andermullipattam.
(*f*) 1 Case of land taken up out of the Inam granted to Devanayaga Pillay's Choultry.
26 Total.

4. As regards (*a*), the extent of land concerned in these two cases is very trifling. Across 0-0-½ in one case and 0-0-6 in the other. The parties concerned appeared before me only once and did not do so again as ordered. I did not consider it worthwhile to refer these to the Court as being insignificant in their nature and in consideration of the tedious proceedings involved in cases referred to Court.

(*b*) In these cases, the lands form part of the Inam granted to village servants, viz., Tolies and Toliaries. In spite of my utmost exertions, I was not able to prevail upon the ryots to sell their patta lands to be given in exchange to the servants for their Inam last.

(*c*) In almost all of these cases I at first settled ready-money compensation under Mr. Curtin's orders, but being doubtful of the propriety of the above procedure, requested that gentleman to reconsider the matter. He then directed me to procure lands to be given to the parties in lieu of their Inams. I was not able to obtain lands by private purchase. The Board declined to enforce the Land Acquisition Act in respect of lands to be given in exchange for those taken up for the Railway, and in their Order, dated 14th May 1877, No. 7,002 (Miscellaneous), have determined to make deductions in the basis of the assessment of these service Inams, and have called for a statement showing their assessment. This order reached me on the 26th May when I was engaged in the Jamabandi. Under these circumstances, nothing remains to be done in these cases beyond preparing the statement referred to which a clerk may do easily.

(*d*) *and* (*e*), *three cases*.—The parties possess no title-deeds or other documents to prove the lands to be Inams. They have not, I believe, applied to the Collector for any title-deed, nor established their right in accordance with the Collector's notice published in the District Gazette of the 20th May 1876, page 100. I was not therefore able to settle any compensation in these cases.

(*f*), *one case*.—In this case my predecessor has passed an order in the register to the effect that certain land has been accounted for to be given in lieu of the choultry Inam taken up. The register did not show the village in which the new land was situate. The office clerks and the village officers were unable to give me any information on the subject, as they were not present at the settlement. I then sent for the owner himself and on asking him found that the land was in some other village. But the village officers very much undervalued the property, and I consequently determined to inspect the place myself and dispose of the case *de novo*. But owing to other work and the non-appearance of the owner at the time appointed, the case is pending.

5. A sum of Rupees 3,835-14-8 in 161 cases has to be disbursed to the parties as compensation. The parties do not appear on appointed days. They reside in different talukas. As I had other important works to attend to, I am sorry I was unable to complete the payment. I may do this in eight or ten days if I am employed on that duty alone.

6. In their Proceedings under reference, Government observe that it does not appear that any statement of works done in the Railway Department was sent since May 1876. I beg to enclose a Memorandum showing the number of cases I settled and the amount of compensation disbursed from May 1876 to June 1877. It will be seen from it that 152 cases were settled and a sum of Rupees 11,326 was distributed in 294 cases. The difference between the number of cases pending in May 1876 and that settled since is owing to additional lands having been taken up.

7. I further beg to enclose a statement of the business done by me as General Duty Deputy Collector in addition to the Railway work from July 1876 to July 1877. My tenure as the Railway Deputy Collector ceased on the 31st March 1876. I was in charge of the Head Assistant Collector's division during April, May, and June 1876, and settled the Jamabandi of the Villupuram Taluk and a part of Cuddalore after personal inspection of several villages. I discovered the malpractice of Villupuram Tahsildar, Srinivasiengar, and he has been reduced to Deputy Tahsil. From July 1876 to July 22nd, 1877, I was in charge of the Assistant Collector's division. Besides the ordinary routine work of the office and division, I conducted the Jamabandi of two taluks, Cuddalore and Kullakurchi. In September 1876 I was again in charge of the Head Assistant's division together with the Assistant's and the Railway Department. I need not describe the tedious nature of the Jamabandi of these taluks in this season of extreme distress. With all this on hand I have not neglected the Railway work. My nature is to take more interest in office work than in my private affairs, and even at its expense sometimes. I used to work from 6 A.M. to 9 P.M. daily, and very rarely availed myself of the holidays, Sundays, &c. The remarks of the Collectors Messrs. Beadle, Curtin, Sullivan, and Hereall, and of Mr. Danbury, the late Member of the Board of Revenue, will bear out my honesty and hard work. I had not the least idea to try to extend my tenure of office as Temporary Deputy Collector by delaying the disposal of Railway work, but on the contrary I have done my best to finish the work with all practicable speed in hopes of obtaining a permanent Deputy Collectorship.

8. There are a few statements to be prepared in the Railway Department, but it is a mere clerical duty, and in the preparation of these statements alone the Head Clerk has been employed from April 1876.

9. A bill for the value of the trees standing on station grounds in possession of the Railway Company has to be made out, but I was not able to finish it owing to the non-reply from the Railway Engineer, District No. 9, to my letter, dated 5th March 1877, requesting him to furnish me with a list of the trees cut by his men.

10. I hope, Sir, that the foregoing will satisfy you that I have not unnecessarily delayed disposing of the Railway work amidst the multifarious duties which devolved on me from time to time ever since April 1876.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. CRUICKSHANK,
Acting Collector.

Enclosures Nos. 3 to 5.—Statements.

THE Collector of South Arcot having brought to notice that as Mr. Dumergue would shortly complete six months' service, the Temporary Deputy Collector could not be retained after July 26th under the provisions of G.O., dated 12th January 1877, but that it was desirable that his services should not be dispensed with until certain work in connection with the acquisition of land for the Railway had been disposed of, was directed to submit the explanation called for in G.O., dated 22nd October 1877, No. 3,137. It now appears that a report on the subject was furnished in the Collector's letter, dated 15th April 1878, No. 182, which however never reached the Board. The papers will now be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Collector has not stated in his letter of the 29th July whether any progress has been made in the settlement of Railway compensation cases since his letter of the 15th April was written, but as in consequence of that communication having miscarried the Temporary Deputy Collector was not invested with the requisite powers, it is presumed that the statements furnished by him then represent the existing state of things. There remained apparently 132 cases in which compensation had been settled but the money had not been disbursed, and 32 cases which awaited settlement of compensation. The disbursement of the money can be effected through the Tahsildars under recent orders; the services of a Deputy Collector are stated to be required to settle the remaining [illegible] to compensation and to examine the accounts from the commencement to [illegible] whether all the land ordered to be made over has been acquired and delivered to the Company and all claims to compensation have been fully settled. The Statement D referred to has not reached the Board. It seems from the Collector's letter in Board's Proceedings, dated 12th October 1877, No. 14,201, that this work is likely to occupy three months. The Board have ascertained that Mr. Dumergue has failed to qualify according to the Second Standard,

and as he is not competent to hold charge of a taluk at present the Temporary Deputy Collector might perhaps be retained to dispose of the remaining cases, and to relieve the Collector of a portion of the work connected with charge of the Cuddalore Taluk.

3. The Board consider Venkatasubbiah's explanation satisfactory; from March 1876 when the sanction for his employment exclusively on work connected with the acquisition of land for the Railway expired, he was continuously employed on duty which prevented his devoting much time to the completion of the Railway work; they, therefore, support the Collector's recommendation that the period of his employment as Special Deputy Collector be extended to the 20th October 1877 so as to embrace the period of his absence on three months' leave.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 168. ORDER THEREON, 17th October 1878, No. 1,682.

Miscellaneous.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council accepts the Board's view of Venkata Subbiah's explanation, and extends the period of his employment as Special Deputy Collector to 20th October 1877, i.e., to the termination of his three months' privilege leave.

2. Government see no necessity for the appointment of a special officer for finishing the Railway compensation work, which should be transferred to Divisional Officers for disposal.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Accountant-General.

Encl. A. F. Goodall.
Spare Copies.

No. 2,320.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 17th August 1878.

Read again—

MISCELLANEOUS No. 6,927.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th July 1878.—

From A. CRUICKSHANK, Esq., Ag. Collector of South Arcot, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 4th July 1878, No. 290:—

IT will be six months on the 26th instant since Mr. Dumergue joined his appointment of Assistant Collector in this district, and the appointment of C. Venkataramiah, the Temporary Deputy Collector, made under the provisions of G.O., No. 105, of the 12th January 1877, and published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 19th March 1878, should cease on the above date. The rules, however, require that Mr. Dumergue should have passed the Lower Standard examination before he is put in charge of a taluk. He went up for this examination last month, but the result of the examination is not yet known. There are some Railway cases about the taking up of land to be disposed of, which might perhaps better be done by the Temporary Deputy Collector. I requested in my letter of the 15th April 1878, No. 182, that he might be invested with the powers of a Collector to dispose of these cases, but up to date no order has been passed on the above letter. Not knowing the result of Mr. Dumergue's examination, I can make no definite proposal, but I have thought it right to bring to the notice of the Board how matters stand so that the Board may do what they think proper.

THE Board have ascertained that Mr. Dumergue's papers have not yet been valued, but whatever the result of the examination, under the terms of the letter from the Government of India embodied in G.O., dated 12th January 1877, No. 105, the Temporary Deputy Collector cannot be retained after the Assistant Collector attached to the district has attained six months' standing. The Collector's letter of the 15th April 1878, No. 182, has not reached the Board, and he has not reported with reference to G.O., 22nd October 1877, No. 3,137, on the necessity for the employment of a Deputy Collector for Railway work; he should send a copy of the letter referred to with the information called for in the order quoted.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of South Arcot.

Read also the following letters:—

From A. CRUICKSHANK, Esq., Ag. Collector of South Arcot, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kullakurchi, 30th July 1878, No. 310.

ADVERTING to the Board's Proceedings, dated 12th instant, Miscellaneous No. 6,927, I have the honor to report, for the information of the Board, that I have this day directed the Temporary Deputy Collector to make over the revenue charge of the Cuddalore taluk to the Assistant Collector, Mr. Dumergue. The result of the examination for which Mr. Dumergue appeared last month is not yet known.

From the same Officer, dated Kullakurchi, 29th July 1878, No. 334.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 12th instant, No. 6,927, I have the honor to enclose a copy of my letter to the Board, dated 15th April last, No. 182, with its enclosures,* submitting explanation of Venkatasubbiah, late Deputy Collector on Railway duties.

* Statement D will follow.

Enclosure No. 1.

From A. CRUICKSHANK, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Inam Commissioner, 15th April 1878, No. 182.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous, No. 14,758, of 25th October last, I have the honor to submit the following report.

2. A statement, marked A, showing the amount of Railway compensation work done by the Temporary Deputy Collector Venkatasubbiah from January 1876 to July 1877 is enclosed, together with another, marked B, showing the progress made since I wrote my letter, No. 279, of 16th June last, applying for his retention for three months longer.

3. The object in applying for the retention of Venkatasubbiah from 21st October to the 31st December last was that he might not only dispose of the balance of work reported by him, but also might have time to examine the accounts and see whether all the land ordered to be acquired by Government for the Railway from the commencement of operations in 1873 had been completely acquired and delivered to the Company, and whether all claims of compensation for those lands had been fully settled. The work of acquisition was done by several officers and in a rather hurried manner, and such an examination was therefore considered necessary. To show the Board what differences exist between the area directed to be acquired and that actually acquired, I enclose a statement, marked D, from which it will be seen that in a great many of the villages traversed by the Railway there is still to be required or accounted for some land over and above the area comprized in the cases reported as still pending. Probably a portion of this land does not exist, but there is no record to show that such is the case. The delay in submitting this report is due to the preparation of this statement which it was considered necessary to make before addressing the Board again on the subject, and which, owing to [illegible]

The services of a Special Deputy Collector on account of the above arrears, however, are now necessary, as the work of disbursing compensation in the remaining cases can be done by tahsildars under a recent interpretation of the law contained in Standing Order No. 13 of 1877, and as the remaining work of settling compensation can be done by the Temporary Deputy Collector C. Venkataramiah recently appointed to the charge of the Cuddalore Taluk. The Tahsildars have been ordered to disburse the compensation themselves in the remaining cases.

5. A copy of the Deputy Collector Venkatasubbiah's explanation is also forwarded, and if it is found satisfactory, as I trust it will be, I request that the objection taken by Government in paragraph 4 of their order to the extension of his employment as Special Deputy Collector during the time he was on leave may be removed, as its removal will render the full salary of his substantive post (viz., Tahsildar of Chidambaram Taluk) available for the officer who acted for him.

6. I also request that the Board will recommend Government to authorize the Temporary Deputy Collector Venkataramiah to perform the functions of a "Collector" under the Land Acquisition Act in the four taluks of the district through which the Railway passes, to enable him to proceed under the Act in disposing of the remaining cases as well as in acquiring further lands for the Railway. The Consulting Engineer has recently applied to me for the acquisition of 206 acres of land.

(True Copy.)

(signed) A. CRUICKSHANK,
Acting Collector.

Enclosure No. 2.

From S. VENCATASUBBIAH, late Temporary Deputy Collector of South Arcot, to F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, dated ——.

With reference to your foot-note, dated 31st ultimo, to the Proceedings of Government, dated 22nd idem, No. 3,197, I respectfully beg to submit my explanation as follows.

2. Out of the eighty cases referred to by Government in paragraph 1 as having remained undisposed of in May 1876, only twenty-six are now pending together with eight cases of lands taken up in 1877. These eight record cases may be disposed of in few hours had the parties attended at the appointed time.

3. For the ease of convenience I will distribute the twenty-six cases as follows and then explain the delay in their disposal *severally*:—

(*a*) 2 Cases of Ayan Lands.
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(*e*) 1 Case in Andramullipalliam.
(*f*) 1 Case of land taken up out of the Inam granted to Devarayaga Pillay's Choultry.
26 Total.

4. As regards (*a*), the extent of land concerned in these two cases is very trifling. Area 0-0-4 in one case and 0-0-6 in the other. The parties concerned appeared before me only once and did not do so again as ordered. I did not consider it worthwhile to refer these to the Court as being insignificant in their nature and in consideration of the tedious proceedings involved in cases referred to Courts.

(*b*) In these cases the lands form part of the Inam granted to village servants, viz., Tottis and Taliaries. In spite of my utmost exertions, I was not able to prevail upon the ryots to sell their patta lands to be given in exchange to the servants for their Inam lost.

(*c*) In almost all of these cases I at first settled ready-money compensation under Mr. Garstin's orders, but being doubtful of the propriety of the above procedure, requested that gentleman to reconsider the matter. He then directed me to procure lands to be given to the parties in lieu of their Inams. I was not able to obtain lands by private purchase. The Board declined to enforce the Land Acquisition Act in respect of lands to be given in exchange for those taken up for the Railway, and in their Order, dated 14th May 1877, No. 2,092 Miscellaneous, have determined to make deductions in the here of the assessment of these Service Inams, and have called for a statement showing their assessment. This order reached me on the 26th May when I was engaged in the Jamabandi. Under these circumstances, nothing remains to be done in these cases beyond preparing the statement returned to which a clerk may do easily.

(*d*) *and* (*e*), *three cases*.—The parties possess no title-deeds or other documents to prove the lands to be Inams. They have not, I believe, applied to the Collector for any title-deed, nor established their right in accordance with the Collector's notice published in the District Gazette of the 20th May 1876, page 166. I was not therefore able to settle any compensation in those cases.

(*f*), *one case*.—In this case my predecessor has passed an order in the register to the effect that certain land has been negotiated for to be given in lieu of the shoulder Inam taken up. The register did not show the village in which the new land was situate. The office clerks and the village officers were unable to give me any information on the subject, as they were not present at the settlement. I then sent for the owner himself and on asking him found that the land was in some other village. But the village officers very much undervalued the property, and I consequently determined to inspect the place myself and dispose of the case *de novo*. But owing to other work and the non-appearance of the owner at the time appointed, the case is pending.

5. A sum of Rupees 3,830-14-3 in 151 cases has to be disbursed to the parties as compensation. The parties do not appear on appointed days. They reside in different taluks. As I had other important works to attend to, I am sorry I was unable to complete the payment. I may do this in eight or ten days if I am employed on that duty alone.

6. In their Proceedings under reference, the Government observe that it does not appear that any statement of works done in the Railway Department was sent since May 1876. I beg to enclose a Memorandum showing the number of cases I settled and the amount of compensation disbursed from May 1876 to June 1877. It will be seen from it that 153 cases were settled and a sum of Rupees 17,726 was distributed to 264 cases. The difference between the number of cases pending in May 1876 and that settled since is owing to additional lands having been taken up.

7. I further beg to enclose a statement of the business done by me as General Duty Deputy Collector in addition to the Railway work from July 1876 to July 1877. Since I as the Railway Deputy Collector ceased on the 31st March 1876. I was in charge of the Head Assistant Collector's division during April, May, and June 1876, and settled the Jamabandi of

the Villupuram Taluk and a part of Cuddalore Taluk per mail in respect of several villages. I discovered the malpractices of Vadiyapuram Talukdar, Sowcarmeer and he has been removed to Ongole Taluk. From July 1876 to July 22nd 1877, I was in charge of the Assistant Collector's division. Besides the ordinary routine work of the office and division, I conducted the Jamabandi of two talukes, Cuddalore and Kallakurchi. In September 1876 I was again in charge of the Head Assistant's division together with the Assistant's and the Railway Department. I need not describe the arduous nature of the Jamabandi of these talukes in the season of extreme distress. With all this on hand I have not neglected the Railway work. My interest is to take more interest in office work than in my private affairs, and even at the expense sometimes. I used to work from 6 A.M. to 9 P.M. daily, and very rarely availed myself of the holidays, Sundays, &c. The remarks of the Collectors Messrs. Reade, Garstin, Sullivan and Hawkins, and of Mr. Boulnois, the late Member of the Board of Revenue will bear out my hopeful and hard work. I had not the least idea to try to extend my tenure of office as Temporary Deputy Collector by delaying the disposal of Railway work, but on the contrary I have done my best to finish the work with all practicable speed in hopes of obtaining a permanent Deputy Collectorship.

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5. I hope, Sir, from the above answers you will find that I have not unnecessarily delayed disposing of the Railway work, and the multifarious duties which devolved on me from time to time ever since April 1876.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. CRUICKSHANK,
Acting Collector.

Enclosures Nos. 2 to 5.—Statements.

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3. The Board consider Venatasubbiah's explanation satisfactory; from March 1876 when the sanction for his employment exclusively on work connected with the acquisition of land for the Railway expired, he was continuously employed on duty which prevented his devoting much time to the completion of the Railway work; they, therefore, support the Collector's recommendation that the period of his employment as Special Deputy Collector be extended to the 20th October 1877 so as to embrace the period of his absence on three months' leave.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with three original enclosures to be returned.
" Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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be retained after July 20th under the provisions of G.O., dated 12th January 1877, but that it was desirable that his services should not be dispensed with until certain work in connection with the acquisition of land for the Railway had been disposed of, was directed to submit the explanation called for in G.O., dated 22nd October 1877, No. 3,137. It now appears that a report on the subject was furnished in the Collector's letter, dated 15th April 1878, No. 182, which however never reached the Board. The papers will now be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Collector has not stated in his letter of the 20th July whether any progress has been made in the settlement of Railway compensation cases since his letter of the 15th April was written, but as in consequence of that communication having miscarried the Temporary Deputy Collector was not invested with the requisite powers, it is presumed that the statements furnished by him then represent the existing state of things. There remained apparently 192 cases in which compensation had been settled but the money had not been disbursed, and 32 cases which awaited settlement of compensation. The disbursement of the money can be effected through the Tahsildars under recent orders, the services of a Deputy Collector are stated to be required to settle the remaining claims to compensation and to examine the accounts from the commencement to see whether all the land ordered to be taken over has been acquired and delivered to the Company and all claims to compensation have been fully settled. The Statement D referred to has not reached the Board. It seems from the Collector's letter to Board's Proceedings, dated 12th October 1877, No. 14,201, that this work is likely to occupy three months. The Board have ascertained that Mr. Dupuy has failed to qualify according to the Second Standard, and as he is not competent to hold charge of a taluk at present the Temporary Deputy Collector might perhaps be retained to dispose of the remaining cases and to relieve the Collector of a portion of the work connected with charge of the Cuddalore Taluk.

Revenue Department

Miscellaneous No 427

Copy of Circular Order of the Board of Revenue,

Dated 12th July 1878

Copy for information

No 210

From

C. A. Cameron Esqr

Secy to Govt of Madras

To

Chas Graeme Esqr

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Madras

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward for the information of the Collector of Chingleput a copy of Circular Order No 2 dated 12th January 1878 on the subject of the Departmental Examination of Ryotwari Accountants.

2. The Board desire that the Collector will cause the Circular Order to be read to the Assistant in charge of Conjeeveram and to the Deputy Collector at Vellore, and will direct the Assistant and Deputy Collector to explain to the Accountants under their supervision the rules contained in the Circular Order, and to make arrangements for the Departmental Examination of such Accountants as may be due for examination in the year 1878.

3. The Board desire that the Collector will report the number of Accountants who may be due for examination in the year 1878, and the number of those who may be expected to pass the examination.

I have &c

(Signed) C. A. Cameron

Secy to Govt

1878.

GOVT. OF MADRAS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.,

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

&c.,

&c.

Dated, August 12th, 1878.

Read,

PROCEEDINGS, 17TH AUGUST 1878, No. 2,850.

AUGUST.

No. 2,850.

Appointment of Land for the Railway to South Arcot District.—Submitting the Government Report regarding such portion of the Temporary Property Collector's Establishment as may be required until the completion of the Survey and Settlement of the Chingleput District.

Read the following Report from the Collector of Chingleput, dated 29th October 1877, on the subject noted in the margin:—

Please see Board's letter of [illegible]

Taking up of land to be disposed of under a right of
pre-emption may be done by the Temporary Deputy
Collector, appointed in my letter of the 15th April
1897 - No 182 and he might be invested with the
powers of a Collector to dispose of these lands
but up to date no order has been passed on the above
letter. Before knowing the result of the Government's
communication I can make no definite proposal but
I have thought it right to bring to the notice of
the Board [illegible] stand as both the Board
may be able to [illegible]

Collector's Office
Cuddalore
the 24th July 1897

(Sd) [illegible]
for Collector.

The Superintendent of Police has
been requested to keep a close watch on
Kuppu Reddi and his gang from the Cuddalore
Taluk and to arrest them if they commit
any dacoity in the Villupuram Taluk.

The Superintendent of Police has also been
requested to keep a close watch on the
movements of Kuppu Reddi and his gang
and to arrest them if they commit any
dacoity in the Cuddalore Taluk.

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to the District has attained six months standing.

The Collector letter of the 30th April 1897 - No 202
has not reached the Board, and he has not re-
ferred [illegible] reference to G.O. No 822 Revenue dated 22nd October 1894 page 157
on the necessity for the employment of a Deputy
Collector for Railway work, he should send a
copy of the letter referred to with the information
called for in the order quoted.

(True Copy & Initialled)
(Signed) [illegible]
for Secretary

The Collector of South Arcot
(True Copy)

for Secretary

Revenue Department

No. 2320

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,
Dated 17th August 1878

Read again Board's Proceedings dated 12th July 1878
No. 1227.

Resolved the following

No. 318

From C. A. Crewe Esqr. Read
Collector of Tanjore

To C. A. Gatton Esqr.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Adverting to the Board's Proceedings dated
12th August 1878 No. 1227 I have the
honor to report for the information of the Board that
I have this day received the Treasury Deputy
Collector's receipt for the Treasure change of the
Cochatherai Tolls & the Executive Officer also
Manager. The detail of the Commutation for
which the Damagers of Lands are to be paid
will be
Collector's Office
Tanjore
2nd August 1878

I have &c
(Signed) C. A. Crewe Esqr
Collector

Collector's Office
Camp Kallakurchi
29th July 1878.

No. 334

From,
A. Cruickshank Esqre,
Ag Collector of South Arcot

To,
[illegible]
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,

With reference to Board's Proceedings dated 12th Instant No. 6927, I have the honor to enclose a copy of my letter to the Board dated 15th April last No. 182 with its enclosures,* ~~[illegible]~~ Deputy Collector on Railway duties.

*Statement [illegible] will follow

I have &ca
(Signed) A. Cruickshank
Ag Collector

Enclosure No. 1

No. 182

From
A. Cruickshank Esqre
Ag Collector of South Arcot

To
C. A. Galton Esqre
Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras

Sir,
With reference to the Board's Proceedings [illegible]

Miscellaneous No. 14758 of 25th October last, I have the honor to submit the following report.

2. A Statement marked A showing the amount of Railway Compensation work done by the Temporary Deputy Collector Venkatasubbiah from January 1876 to July 1877 is enclosed together with another marked B showing the progress made since I wrote my letter No. 279 of 19th June last applying for his retention for 3 months longer.

3. The object in applying for the retention of Vencatasubbiah from 21st October to the 31st December last was that he might not only dispose of the balance of work reported by him but also might have time to examine the accounts and see whether all the land ordered to be acquired by Government for the Railway from the commencement of operations in 1873 had been completely acquired and delivered to the Company, and whether all claims of compensation for those lands had been fully settled. The work of acquisition was done by several Officers and in a rather hurried manner and such an examination was therefore

Considered

considered necessary to show the Board what the difference would be between the area claimed to be required and that actually required, & enclose a statement marked D, from which it will be seen that the [illegible] on the existing line is still to be required or acquired for some land over and above the area comprised in the case reported on still pending. Probably a portion of that land will be required for the proposed diversion of the road. The ability for widening the Bridge again on the existing site which would avoid a waste of considerable labour.

4. The Assistant of an Assistant Deputy Collector on receipt of the above report would recommend that the necessary steps be taken by the Collector under section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act 1870 for the acquisition of the land required for the proposed diversion of the road & for widening the Bridge.

5. The Collector would then submit the case to the Commissioner of Division with his opinion as to the necessity of the proposed diversion & widening & as to the amount of compensation to be awarded for the land required.

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Remarks of the Collector upon the Petition

Objections stated in the form of Queries of the

Petitioners through whom the Secretary desires to

receive Information upon the above in writing

Remarks Cases or notes as are necessary

Letter Lands for the Cemetery. The Cemetery

Enquiries have recently applied to me for the

Acquisition of 2 or 3 Acres of Land.

2nd June 1868

Messrs Pitts (Signed) W. Travis Gadsden

Collector

(2nd Copy)

(Signed) W. Travis Gadsden

Collector

Enclosure No 2

Extract from Proceedings of Government

dated 22nd Octr 1867 No 3137 Directing Sub-

mission any Explanation as follows.

2. One of the 80 Cases referred to by Government

in Letter of 1st Instant Comprised 2 Acres

Valley 1st Qd, only 26 and more pending Cases in with

8 Cases of Lands taken up in 1867. Should 8

Seventh Cases may be disposed of in Like Manner

the Matter attended at the appointed time.

3. In the Matter of Communal Lands Note

Case No 2 Cases are Follows and Item explain

The Delay in Their disposal Decision

A. 2 Cases of Agricl Lands.

B. 3 Cases of Town Lands occupied

Notes and Enquiries.

C. 15 Cases of Uncultivable Waste Ground

Lands.

D. 2 Cases of Municipal Grounds

Cases not Enclosed Grounds

F. 1 Case of Land taken up with the

Consent of Government

Collector Charleston

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4. All regard to the costs of the Cause
Counsel in these 2 cases is very different where
in one Case and ——d in the other. The
Parties Concerned appeared before one only once
— the rest to do upon an Order. And not
Conceiv it worthwhile to refer these Costs
as being Incidents in their Nature and in Con-
-sideration of the whole Proceedings since the
Cases refused to Counsel.

B. As these Cases the Court from Reasons
given thereon proceeds to Judge accordingly
Tolen and Salaries. Costs of any Witnesses
according, was not able to Travail upon the
Spot to see their Testimony Cause to be given in
Evidence before the Examiners for their Travel Cost.

C. As almost all of these Cases Sol
for Leave to Read Money Consideration under
the Circumstances being doubtful of the
Propriety of the above Procedure, regarded Each
Gentleman to recommend the Matter. The Hon.
directed such Proceed Costs to be given to the
Parties

Parties in Lieu of their Costs. Same Order
to obtain Cause to be heard. The Board
declined to confirm the Said Application and
in regard the Cause to be given in Exchange for
the Order of the Day [illegible]
dated 16th May 1727 & 12 June following.
Term determined to make Declaration in the
Court of Exchequer pursuant to the Statute
and that Costs be given in Exchange for
Order dated 16th May 1727 & 12 June following.
Order Petition Counsel heard on both sides
when it was ordered, upon hearing the Matter
and Report & Costs & Clerk may do Costs
D and E Cases. The Parties Petitioned to be
heard on Petition of Counsel to Report the Cause &
heard. They were not allowed Costs
for Counsel for any Fees paid for obtaining
Orders nor Counsel upon the Petition
These Costs to be given to the Parties
the 16th May 1727 & 12 June following
Petition to be heard Counsel upon
Petition

The Collector of Customs having
brought to notice that a Bill of Sale was
Mostly Complete also recently Received for Temporary
Duty Collects could not be returned after
the 31st and the Proprietors of the Mess
12th January 1877 could therefore Receivable
Mess Bill Receipts should not be declined until
until further notice in connection with the
Appropriation of Land for the Railway and Land
Reserved for Roads should be included in the Regulations
called for by G.O. dated 22d October 1877 for
the Sale of Crown Lands Timber & Minerals
on the Ladysmith was published in the Collectors
letter dated 12th April 1878 No 182, which Remains
never received the Board. The Rates will have
to be settled for the Sales of Timber.

2. The Collector has not acted on
the letter of the 2nd May relative to the
Land Grant for the Settlement of Chinese
Carpenters Grant Lands for Coal Mines
2nd Should land Sales be Conducted by

according to the second standard and as the
said Completed & Full Charge of the Day
at present the Temporary Deputy Collector employ
for which he retained & discharged of the remaining
and to serve the College of Surveyor of
the work connected with charge of the Cuddalore
Circle —

5. The Board considers Mr Lutchmeedhoo
Collection Circle fully from a Head of which the
Education for the Employment ascertained on which
Connected with the Appointment of Head for the

Revenue department.

Office

Proceedings of the Madras Government

under date the 17th Oct. 1878

Read the following Proceedings of

the Board of Revenue dated 11th

August 1878 No. 2370

The Orders of Government

are requested

in the Board's Proceedings dated 11th

August 1878 No. 2370

on the subject of the

Selection of Candidates

for the Service of Government

and the Rules

Regarding

Several Classes of Candidates

Selections 1877-78 & the Examinations

of the three months Service Course

2. The Government does not

necessarily confine the appointments

to Special Offices for Europeans

Esq. the Railway Compensation
Comm. Maid should be Comp-
-pensed a decimal Fraction
for disposal.

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To Col. Chas. Jas. Napier Comm.
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