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Revenue Department
Mis No 8739 ²⁹⁰⁷

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 26th August 1878

Read the following
No 156.
From

A. Mc L. Webster Esquire
Collector of Coimbatore

To

C. A. Galtton Esq^r

As Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to bring
to the notice of the Board of Revenue
the conduct of C. Saminaiah the
Deputy Tahsildar of Talavady Division
in the Sattyamangalam Taluq -
The correspondence as per margin
on the subject is submitted for the
Board's perusal - In 1875 the Sub Magistrate
conduct in misappropriating Government
Kerosene oil, his punishment of his
Goomastah with whom he had quarrelled
for

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Enclosure 22
as per list
ac companying

for contempt of Court, and his treating the umbrella of the postal clerk of his office as unclaimed property, all of which showed a want of character, and knowledge of law, and an excess of personal feeling, was brought to the notice of my predecessor Mr. Medderburn; who however in his proceedings of the 11th November 1875 passed over the matter with a warning.

2. This warning seems to have produced no effect on Saminadiah's conduct - and in 1877, his irregular conduct was again brought to my predecessor's notice by the Superintendent of Police and Mr. Medderburn drafted a letter recommending his degradation and transfer to the post of the Taluk Sheristadar of Collegal, but seems to have excused the man in hopes that he might improve and did

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Vide Police
Sup^d letter
of 15 June 1877
No 151.

x
Vide the Manigar's
deposition in
Original D^o 26 June
1878 enclosed.

x
Dated 28th
June 1878 No 78.

not send the letter. A copy of the draft is enclosed - ^{2907/2}

3. Since my arrival in Coimbatore, I have seen no improvement in his conduct, and beg to bring to the Board's notice 2 or 3 instances of his irregularities - There was a petition by the Manigar of Boyarapuram village, complaining that the Sub Magistrate asked him to buy for him a bullock worth 25 Rupees or to pay him Rupees 10, and that on the Manigar's refusal to comply with the Dy Tahsildar's demand, the latter abused him - I referred the complaint to the Deputy Collector N^o D^o, a copy of whose report is enclosed.

4. Although Mr. Macgregor does not think the Deputy Tahsildar would have demanded the bullock or 10 Rs in the presence of so many witnesses, still he believes the use of

of the abusive language.

5. The Deputy Tahsildar left his station without leave and was absent at Chamarajannagar in the Mysore territory from the 5th to the 7th May last, for registration of a document referring to a loan to his servant. He is said to have taken away with him the Sub-jail Warder and the Keys in consequence

Consequence of which three prisoners had to be kept in the Police Station for three days. The Deputy Tahsildar admits having gone to Chamarajannagar but denies that he took the warder and keys with him. With reference to this Mr. Macgregor remarks that the Deputy Tahsildar denies having taken the "keys of the Sub-jail with him; "but you will see from his own contradictory statements as to who keeps the key, grave irregularities in this

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Vide Extract
from the Talabada
or Police Inspector's
Diary of 7 May 1878

* Vide Mr. Macgregor's letter No 172 of 27 June 1878 para 5.

* The N^o 4 Constable says that the Masoolchy had the key but refused to admit prisoners without the Deputy Tahsildar's order.

* Vide the Talabady or Police Inspector's Diary of 23 May 1878.

Para 6 of Mr. Macgregor's letter quoted above.

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this matter are permitted; "the key of the Sub-jail according to the Goomastah "being sometimes kept by the Chuttrium Masoolchy, and it is clear from the "depositions that the Prisoners could "not be kept in the Sub-jail on the 5th, 6th, and 7th May. It is also "clear that the Deputy Tahsildar was "absent on those days without leave. "So the Cutcherry was closed and no "money transactions could be effected."

6. Again the Police in view to refund the pay of a constable who had absented himself sent the money to the Deputy Tahsildar and requested a receipt. The Deputy Tahsildar did not give a receipt and Mr. Macgregor remarks "the 19th was a Sunday, so "the Deputy Tahsildar was justified in "not attending to work on that day. "The Deputy Tahsildar denies having "heard anything on the subject on the 20th May - he appears to have left "office ill before 12 and did not return.

"return. He says nothing about the
"21st and 22nd but states that as he
"was sick he possibly absented himself
"for a day or two.

"From the statements of the Goomastah
"and Police, it would appear however,
"that he did refuse to grant the receipt
"applied for."

4 Again on the 17th June the
Dy Tahsildar left his station without
orders, and went to Collegal and
was absent until the evening of the
19th. In his explanation enclosed
the Deputy Tahsildar says that on
account of sickness and in order
to see his Division Officer Mr Mackenzie,
he went to Collegal which is nearer
to Talavady than Suttayamangalam
the Head quarter Station of his
Talug. Mr Macgregor remarks, "when
I arrived at Talavady, I found the
Deputy Tahsildar had gone to
Collegal

* Translation of
Wazir No - 725 June
1878.

* Para 7 of Mr
Macgregor's letter
quoted above.

* i.e. Mr Macgregor
having resumed
charge of the Collegal
Talug

"Collegal on the 7th Instant. he did
"not return till the night of the 19th.
"He did this without permission, and
"intending, he states, to report himself
"to Mr Mackenzie who, he believed,
"was still in charge; but Mr Mackenzie
"was absent. It is, however, certain
"that on the 14th he knew of the
"change and my expected arrival
"from a letter he wrote. The office
"in the meantime was closed and up
"to the date of my departure 20th
"Instant, no department had been
"able to get their pay and money
"to pay for the Relief Camp supplies
"had to be brought from Suttayamangalam.
"The Dy Tahsildar ought, under
"any circumstances, to have gone
"to the Head Quarters of the Talug
"viz, Suttayamangalam which is
"very little farther; he would then
"have been relieved of his duties, if

"if necessary, and proper arrangements
"made. I believe he took advantage
"of Mr Mackenzie's absence to go to
"Collegal". The Deputy Tahsildar
has produced a certificate signed by
the Hospital Assistant at Collegal to
the effect that he was under treatment
from the 9th to 17th. There was
no reason ^{however} as Mr Macgregor observes
for him to go to another Talug; and
moreover he does not appear to
have applied for or obtained leave.

8. The Relief Officer's remarks
as regards the delay caused by this
Officer in the submission of returns
and the Division officers remarks
are subjoined.

Famine Relief Officer
remarks in his letter
No. - of 9th July 1878 -

"I would draw attention
"to the fact that although
"I have called on the

Mr Macgregor's remarks.
"I cannot get returns
"either, and trust
"my recommendation
"regarding this man's
"removal will

Dy Tahsildar Talavady
"more than a fortnight
"since to send me statements
"of those fed in the
"Camp lately started
"there by the Dy Collector. He has apparently
"taken no notice of my request, as no returns
"have been received".

"he carried out
"as he is ^{quite}
"incorrigible"

9. Mr Macgregor further observes
in his letter No. 172 of 27th June that
"no arrangements for Relief Camp had
"been made and the people were receiving
"their food and going home as they
"liked. Had a Camp been erected,
"I do not think even the present
"number of people would be there".

10. As remarked by my predecessor,
Saminadiah "has the knack of
"being unable to pull well with any
"other Department". I do not
"consider that he can any longer
"be kept in the independent position of

Vide Copy of
his draft

of a Deputy Tahisildar and
Sub Magistrate he now holds - Mr
Medderburn thought of "transferring
"him to the Talug Sheristadarship
"of Collegal which involves a reduction
"of 10th pay as he will then be under
"immediate supervision, and of
"finally removing him if he went
"in as before"

As Saminathan Iyer has not
profited by the consideration shown to
him by my predecessor, and as he
is quite unfitted for an independent
charge I have the honor to solicit
sanction for his transfer to Collegal
as Talug Sheristadar which as stated
before involves a reduction of Rs 10. in
his salary.

I have &c

Coimbatore Collector's }
Office 2 August 1878 } (Sd) A. W. C. Webster
Collector

The Board observe that under
para 2 of S. O. No. xxxii of 1874 the

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the Collector is himself competent
to dispose of the case unreported.
/True Copy and Extract/

(Signed) J. Sturrock
To The Collector of Ag. Sub Secretary
Coimbatore
with records returned
/True Copy/

Sturrock
Acting Sub Secretary

E. W. M. S.

Cy & Co
Shanubram Raju

Revenue Department
Mis: No 9758. 2907/7

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 21st September 1878

Read G. O. R. D.

dated 27th September 1878 No 2198.
Communicating for report,
endorsement of Additional Secretary
to Government transferring letter
from the Collector of Coimbatore
reporting on the failure of the
Talavady Deputy Tahsildar to
make arrangements for relief
camps.

Communicated to the
Collector of Coimbatore who will
report the action he has taken with
reference to Board's Proceedings Mis
No 8759 dated 26th August 1878.

(True Extract)
J. Sturrock
To The Collector of Coimbatore. Ag. Sub Secretary
(True Copy)

To The Secretary to
Government R. D.
with B. D. Prop.
Copy to by
Chamabrum hum-dajis
26th Aug 78. Mis No 8759.

J. Sturrock
Ag. Sub Secretary

Enclosure in Board's
Proceedings to Government
R. D. dated 21st Sept
1878 Mis No 9758.
Board 23/9/78
Copy of Board's Proceedings
dated 26th Aug 78 Mis
No 8739-

Boys - 9 - 78 and 2190 & is

Agreement 1870 & with
proceedings of the

Board of Revenue

No 4233, 1758

Dates 21st Sept 1878

Case 23 - do

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27 Nov 78

advised
per Mr. D.

Regarding the collection

of contributions to report

the action he has taken

with reference to boards

Proceedings No 4233 dates

26 August 1878. Regarding

the Dy. Tahsildar's statement

has been forwarded for

their report

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