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No. 3,251.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 5th December 1878.

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Palmanair, 16th November 1878, No. 358:—

I REGRET to be obliged to make the following report on certain conduct on the part of Mr. D. Pereira, Acting Sub-Magistrate of Kalahasti, which calls for the unfavorable notice of the Board of Revenue.

2. Mr. Pereira, whose permanent appointment is that of English Record-keeper in my office on a salary of Rupees 60, was nominated not long ago to act as Sub-Magistrate of Kalahasti, and the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings, No. 8,635, dated 23rd August 1878, were pleased to approve of the appointment. On the 23rd ultimo Mr. McMaster, the Special Relief Officer in charge of the Kalahasti Division, was out in camp at a distance of twelve miles from Kalahasti where he received an express from Mr. Calder, Superintendent of the Kalahasti Relief Camp, informing him that he had just discovered a serious theft of cooked raggi in the camp in which the cooks and Camp writer, and Police guards were all implicated. Mr. McMaster at once hastened into Kalahasti and sent a messenger on to the Acting Sub-Magistrate, requesting him to come as speedily as possible to the Relief Camp in order to hold the necessary Magisterial enquiry on the spot, and before the witnesses could be tampered with. Mr. McMaster's messenger returned with the news that on the morning of the 24th October Mr. Pereira had left Kalahasti and gone down to Madras. Mr. McMaster therefore had to hold the enquiry himself as best he could, and on the 25th ultimo in his letter, No. 243, he reported to me the result of his investigation, and casually mentioned that the Sub-Magistrate had gone away to Madras.

3. Knowing that Mr. Pereira had obtained no leave from me I referred to Mr. Laffan, who is now in charge of the Head Assistant's Division, and was informed that Mr. Pereira had made no application to him for leave, nor had he reported his having quitted his division, or given over charge of his office and treasury.

4. Mr. Kitts, who is at present in Magisterial charge of Kalahasti, went there from Tripatty as soon as he heard from Mr. McMaster of the theft in the Relief Camp. Mr. Pereira returned to Kalahasti on Monday the 28th October, and when Mr. Kitts questioned him as to where he had been he replied that he went on Saturday, the 26th, to Ranipet to see his brother who is guager there, and his sister's child.

5. On the 28th October, when I learned from Mr. Laffan that he had not given any leave to Mr. Pereira, I sent him an order to furnish explanation as to his having quitted his division in this improper manner. The Sub-Magistrate duly received my order but took no notice of it, and on the 5th instant I sent him another order desiring him to come at once to Chittur and explain his conduct. The next day I was informed by Mr. Pereira's nearest relatives, who reside in Chittur, that he in reality came into Chittur during the time he was absent from his division. By the post of the day following I received an official reply (copy forwarded herewith) from Mr. Pereira to my first order in which he distinctly stated that he had only gone from Kalahasti to Ranipet to visit his relations there, and had returned from thence straight to Kalahasti.

6. It was thus clear that either Mr. Pereira was lying grossly or that his own relatives, who I was aware were in great distress at his behaviour, had falsely stated to me that he had been in Chittur. On Mr. Pereira's arrival, in obedience to my second order, I questioned him, and he confessed that his Arzi, stating that he had

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only been to Ranipet, was entirely false. He admitted that he had not been to Ranipet at all, but had come in secretly to Chittur, and from thence returned straight to Kalahasti. He also acknowledged that when Mr. Kitts questioned him as to where he had been he falsely informed him that he had gone to Ranipet. I took a statement from him, and forward copy of it herewith for the Board's consideration.

7. The Board will perceive that in that statement Mr. Pereira alludes to his having incurred my displeasure on a former occasion by quitting his division without leave, and I must therefore explain that, on the evening of Sunday, the 6th ultimo, Mr. Pereira came to my house at Chittur, and when I asked him how he came to be absent from his division he distinctly told me that Mr. Cox, the Acting Head Assistant Collector, had given him seven days' casual leave. I told him that he would have to cut his leave short as on the following Thursday I intended to examine his Treasury and Sub-Registrar's office at Kalahasti. On my way to Kalahasti I saw Mr. Cox who told me that it was not true that he had given Mr. Pereira seven days' leave. He wrote asking for *five days'* leave to go into Chittur, to which Mr. Cox replied that he could not have any leave then as I was about to visit Kalahasti on a tour of inspection, but after I had left the division, if there was nothing very important going on, he (Mr. Cox) had no objection to allow five days' leave to the Sub-Magistrate. Mr. Pereira then quitted his division without leave, and came to see Mr. Cox at Ranipet. He stated that he had not received the *Takeed*, declining to give him the leave he had asked, and had come away in anticipation of sanction. He was then urgent in his request that Mr. Cox should allow him to go on to Chittur to see would I give him the leave he wanted. Mr. Cox unwillingly consented to this, and on coming to Chittur, as I have stated above, Mr. Pereira falsely informed me that he had actually obtained seven days' leave from Mr. Cox. When I met Mr. Pereira at Kalahasti on the 10th October 1878 I was displeased with him for having played off Mr. Cox in this cunning manner against me, and I rebuked him severely, warning him against any similar behaviour in the future, and I pointed out to him that he had only been given his acting appointment on probation, and that he had his character to make.

8. The Board now see clearly how little effect my reproof and warning had upon Mr. Pereira when, in this short space of thirteen days, he again quitted his division without leave, and sneaked into Chittur secretly. I was there then, and so was the Acting Head Assistant Collector, but he took care not to come near either of us, and his visit was so carefully managed that I never heard of it until many days after and not until Mr. Pereira had written to me a tissue of falsehood in regard to his quitting his station. It is clear that he cannot be trusted any more in an independent position and that he is unfit for the post of Sub-Magistrate.

9. I now beg to solicit the orders of the Board as to the future employment of Mr. Pereira. His permanent post of English Record-keeper is a very important and responsible one. It necessitates the holders appearing from time to time in Court to testify that this or that document has been found amongst my official records, or that it has been searched for and is not forthcoming. But when, as I have shown, Mr. Pereira does not hesitate to place on record officially a series of lies to suit his own purpose on a comparatively trifling occasion, it is extremely likely that if it were made worth his while he would connive at the placing of a paper in the record room in view to its subsequent finding and production in Court, or on the other hand to the making away with some document that would prove inconvenient if produced.

10. Under these circumstances I beg to request instructions as to the mode in which Mr. Pereira should be dealt with. He belongs to a respectable family that has held various posts in the public service in this district for many years past and several of his relations are so employed now. Mr. Pereira's former service has been good, and that is the sole extenuation that can be offered on his behalf.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Translation of Arzi.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Deposition.

The conduct of Mr. Pereira, Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate of Kalahasti, in absenting himself from his station from the 24th to the 27th October without the sanction of the Collector or the Divisional Officer and in covering his absence by a series of untruths—deliberately reaffirmed in an official report to the Collector—was most reprehensible and proves his unfitness for the office of Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate. The offence is aggravated by conduct of a very similar character on the 6th October, for which he was warned by the Collector.

2. The Board suggest for the consideration of the Collector the advisability of suspending Mr. Pereira from employment for six months after which he must be allowed to revert to his permanent appointment of English Record-keeper, unless the Collector can provide him with a more suitable post, the pay of which corresponds with that of Record-keeper.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

D. BUICK,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of North Arcot.

Exd. J. Talloch.

Revenue Department.

Mis. No. 12677.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 10th December 1878.

Read the following: -
No. 362.

I am,

W. S. Whitcombe Esquire

Collector of Kalahasti.

Esq. A. Cotton Esquire

Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

The Board are aware that in their
Proceedings No. 8636 dated 23rd August last,
communicated to me the sanction of Government
for the appointment of Mr. D. D. Pereira as
Acting Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate of
Kalahasti.

2. I am glad to hear, in my letter
No. 358 dated 16th instant, to report that

Mr. Pereira recently absented himself from
his Division without permission from me
or from his Divisional Officer, and, when
called upon for explanation, furnished me
with a totally false statement. I now beg to
nominate

1878.
BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF

NORTH ARCOT.

Dated December 5th.

Printed 11th.

Received

Proceedings, 5th December 1878, No. 3,251.

DECEMBER.
No. 3,251.

Mr. D. Pereira, Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-
Magistrate of Kalahasti in North Arcot District.

— Suggesting for the consideration of the
Collector the advisability of suspending him
from employment for six months for absending him-
self from his station without permission, and
stating that he must be allowed after that
period to revert to his permanent appointment
of English Record-keeper, unless the Collector
can provide him with a more suitable post, the
pay of which corresponds with that of Record-
keeper.

Copy - Chief Secy - No. 3055

nominate Mathura Rao, Acting Head Clerk
 of the Head Assistant Collector's Office, to act
 as Deputy Tahildar and Sub Magistrate of
 Kalahasti as a temporary measure. His service
 extends over a period of 5 years and he has
 passed the requisite Special Test Examinations
 qualifying him for the post of Sub Magis-
 trate. He has acquitted himself well as
 Head Clerk in the Head Assistant Collector's
 Office, and I have no doubt that he will
 discharge satisfactorily the duties of his new
 post. In anticipation of sanction, I have
 directed Mathura Rao to proceed and take
 charge of the Office.

3. I therefore request that you will be
 good enough to obtain the necessary sanction
 of Government for the appointment of Mathura
 Rao as Deputy Tahildar and Sub Magistrate
 of Kalahasti.

Mathura Rao
 N. Sub Collector's Office } (Sd/-) W. T. Whistler
 Camp Punganur 20 Nov 1871 } Collector.

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 Submitted for the sanction of Government
 (True Copy and Extract)

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 Secy. to Government

To
 The Secretary to Government R.S.
 with c. S. B. G. O. No. 10/78
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W. T. Whistler
 W. T. Whistler

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 17th Decr 1878

READ Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10 Decr 1878

No. 12677 submitting for sanction

appointment of Acting Deputy
Tahsildar of Kalahasti in
North Arcot DC

On the recommendation of the Board
of Revenue, His Grace the Governor in
Council is pleased to appoint

Mattura Pillai to act
as Deputy Tahsildar of
Kalahasti.

1. To the Board of Revenue, Decr 1878

Revenue 1878/79

No. 5728

Board of Revenue

Dated 10th December 1878

Dec 14th 1878

End

DD No 3055: by Revenue Secy

Secy

Submitting for the sanction
of the Board of Revenue the
appointment of Mattura Pillai
as Deputy Tahsildar of
Kalahasti in North Arcot
District.

16 Dec 1878

Revenue 1878 Department
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and Proceedings of the
Madras Government. —

Dated 14th Decem^r 1878

Per M. H. H. H.

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