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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
5th February 1876. 137

Ganjam-Katingia Chief.

No. 21. Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George in Ganjam, to the Honorable W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chatterpore, 15th January 1876, No. 15:—

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of Government, Judicial Department, dated the 6th instant, passing orders on my report on the administration of the hill tracts for 1874.

2. With reference to paragraph 1, I beg to inform you that the Local Fund Board have already sanctioned a plan and estimate* for the reconstruction of a masonry bridge between Mojagoda and Durgaprasad alluded to, and the work, which is emergent, has, under Section 42 of the Local Fund Rules, been commenced in anticipation of the Board of Revenue's sanction, which has been applied for.

3. In paragraph 8 Government have signified their intention to grant to Ragunath Sing, the young Katingia Chief, a sanad similar to that given to his predecessor Venkateswara Deo.

May I request Government to have the goodness to order the early despatch of the sanad, so that it may reach me in the Maliahs in time for me to present it to the young chief in person about the middle of February.

4. I regret that Government should have thought it necessary to observe, in paragraph 9, that much of my report is marked by "invidious reflection" on Major Smith's work.

5. It was not my intention to disparage Major Smith's personal services either past or present; but, from what came to my personal knowledge and observation, I considered that I should have been wanting in my duty had I omitted to point out what I consider to be the serious defects of the system of road-making which I found in operation at the time of my visit, and which is carried on through the agency of T. Narayanaswamy, to whom allusion is made in paragraph 123 of my report.

6. I, therefore, thought it proper to lay my views before Government and to suggest a remedy, which, I am glad to find from paragraph 10 of the Proceedings, has met generally with the approval of Government.

7. I gather from paragraph 9 that Government are under the impression that I made my first acquaintance with the Ganjam Maliahs during the course of my last tour.

8. I would beg to point out that my experience of the Ganjam Maliahs extends so far back as 1855, when I was specially promoted to the Head Assistantship of this district for the meritorious services recorded in Government Order, dated 29th August 1854, and approved of in the Extract of the Despatch of the Court of Directors, dated 19th September 1855, No. 10. In 1857 I all but lost my life from malarious fever contracted in them.

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5th February 1876.*

No. 22.

ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1876, No. 193.

The sanad will be issued accordingly, as soon as possible.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George in *Vinagapetam*.

Order thereon. 10th Feb 1876 No 376.

*The Board of Revenue will
prepare and submit to Govt at an early
date for the seal and signature of His
Grace the Governor, the Sanad to be
issued to the Katingia Chief.*

(True Extract)

*14th D. J. / G. Michael
Okey to Govt*

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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To
THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated February 5th

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General—Katingia Chief—The canal for the
Chief to be issued as soon as possible.

At the order of the Chief of the
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