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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21st January 1861.

No. 296. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th January 1861, No. 278:—

Read the following letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Tinnevelly, 8th January 1861, No. 20.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date 3rd January 1861, conveying to me the decision of Government, dated 22nd December 1860, to the effect that as Mr. Tod was directed to proceed to this District with as little delay as possible, the Government declined to permit the Deputy Collector Mr. Wright to exercise the extended powers under Section 23 of the Income Tax Act, on account of his other onerous duties.

2. I would beg respectfully to state that this gentleman's duties are by no means so onerous as the Government suppose. Mr. Tod's appointment to Tinnevelly has been cancelled at the very time I was daily expecting to hear he had left Madras, and I saw in the Gazette that he had been transferred like the confirmed Sub-Collector who also never joined Tinnevelly, to South Arcot, and that a third gentleman, Mr. Kindersley, had been nominated. From him I have heard nothing, so that I do not know when he means to join.

3. I would beg again to urge strongly, that a Deputy Collector for general duties should be appointed to Tinnevelly. The ordinary work of the District is at all times heavy, the Income Tax can only be slowly introduced for want of aid, the Pearl Fishery is approaching and the Jummahbundy follows close on that, and I feel that it is quite beyond my power to carry on the public service of Government much longer, unless more help is granted me.

4. Formerly the Head Assistants regular established charge was, the management of two Táluqs, the Salt, the Sea and Land Customs, with a Salt Peshkar under him. The Salt Peshkar has been done away with, and the above duty is now divided between Mr. Garstin and Mr. Wright, with the exception that I keep the Land Customs myself. Mr. Wright does a little Police work, but neither having passed an examination, nor being vested with the ordinary powers of a Magistrate, I have to superintend and revise his proceedings, which occupies more of my time, than if I did the work directly myself. I am thus no better off than if I had one Head Assistant under the old system, and I have had far less aid allowed me in carrying on the heavy work imposed upon me, than is granted to any other Collector in this Presidency.

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1. Ordered to be submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation that Mr. Kindersley be directed to take up his appointment with all speed.

2. The Board are aware that all the Deputy Collectors have been already allotted, but they would suggest for the consideration of Government whether, in consideration of the amount of work devolving upon the Collector, it may not be desirable to nominate a Deputy Collector for Tinnevelly under Sections 20 and 23 of the Income Tax Act.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 297. ORDER THEREON, 21st January 1861, No. 149.

Resolved that the Board of Revenue be informed that Mr. Kindersley has been directed to join his appointment forthwith, and that the Government do not consider it necessary to give further aid to the Collector of Tinnevelly.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

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No. 149. 21st January.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly bringing to notice the want of aid in the District and recommending that Mr Kindersley be directed to take up his Appointment with all speed and that a Deputy Collector be appointed under Section 20 and 23 of the Income Tax Act.

With an order

Mr Kindersley has been ordered to join. Should he require it would be useless I think to wait - He might with the ordered powers under Act 23 of 1860 do all that is necessary

No 149

Resolved that the Bd of Revs be informed that Mr Kindersley has been directed to join his appointment forthwith and that the Government do not consider it necessary to give further aid to the Collector of Tinnevelly

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