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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th November 1867.

No. 445. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th November 1867, No. 7,446.

Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chepauk, 15th July 1867, No. 1,375-41 :—

1. In continuation of my letter, No. 1,363-40, of the 13th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I feel it my duty to express to the Board my opinion that the neglect and indifference evinced by Tahsildars to officers of the Survey Department result mainly from the orders issued on the subject of correspondence with Tahsildars. As far as I can understand, the order that the Superintendent and other Survey Officers are to use to, and accept from, Tahsildars the same form of address as is enjoined for a Sub-Engineer, Department of Public Works, is construed merely as a mark of disapprobation, and a token that the department being out of official favor may be insulted with impunity. That the department's being treated with contumely and obstruction by persons in the position of Tahsildars must have an evil effect, I think, cannot be denied, and as long as the department is in disgrace, or what comes to the same thing, is, in the eyes of the natives, lowered by the adoption of a till lately unheard-of style of address between European officers of standing and Tahsildars, so long, I anticipate, we may expect to have similar cause of complaint. The removal of it would, also, I think, be satisfactory to Collectors of districts, to whom appeals on the subject must now necessarily be made.

2. With respect to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th May 1866, paragraph 1, I would observe that the Head of the Settlement Department and each Settlement Officer in charge of a district, being members of the Covenanted Civil Service, gave a prestige to the department, which the Survey does not possess, inasmuch as, at present, the Head of the Survey Department is placed on the same footing, with regard to correspondence with Tahsildars, as a subordinate of the Department of Public Works. Each officer in independent charge being empowered to address the Tahsildars by Takeed, and receive an Arzi in reply as formerly, is quite sufficient to insure respect and attention.

3. When demarcation was being performed by the Settlement Department in the same district as the Survey, the latter had also the advantage of the assistance and authority of the Deputy Director, Revenue Settlement, a Covenanted Officer. Now, with additional and more difficult duties to perform, we have not only lost this support, but have been placed, by the order in question, in a position of less authority, and are, consequently, less able than before to face opposition.

4. I respectfully submit that the Revenue Survey Department, in the performance of Demarcation and Survey, is more intimately connected with, and has more immediate relations with, the Revenue authorities, than any other department, and, like other branches of the Revenue Department, it is immediately subordinate to the Board of Revenue. No charge of discourtesy to Tahsildars has, to my knowledge, been brought against officers of the Survey Department, and as it is actually requisite, for the due performance of the duties of Deputy Superintendents, that Tahsildars should attend to their requisitions, and give them the weight of their influence, I beg, with all deference, to state my conviction that

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to secure this end, a return to the style of address permitted in other Revenue Departments is advisable.

The Board have already addressed Government on the subject of the form of address between the Revenue and other Departments.

No. 446. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1867, No. 2,786.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded with reference to G. O. No. 2,762, Revenue Department, dated 21st November 1867.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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Informing Superintendent Revenue Survey that Board have already addressed Government on the subject of the form of address between Revenue and other Departments.