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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st January 1867.

No. 587. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th January 1867, No. 343 :—

Read again Board's Proceedings 13th December 1866, No. 8,845.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Circuit Office, Vellore, 4th January 1867, No. 3.

I have the honor, with reference to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 13th ultimo, No. 8,845, to submit copy of a letter from the Acting Sub-Collector Mr. Hathaway, furnishing information called for by the Board. Under the circumstances therein described, I presume that the Board will be willing to let the matter drop.

From the Acting Sub-Collector of North Arcot, to the Collector of North Arcot, dated Vellore, 21st December 1866, No. 649.

1. In answer to your docket, No. 1,015, enclosing the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 8,845, of the 13th instant, I have the honor to state that the Tahsildar at that time was Sanjiva Rao, upon whose character, for allowing delay and enormous accumulation of arrears in his office, I believe it is unnecessary for me to dilate to you. I believe, however, that he was honest and of good character, and was prevented from keeping things in better order, simply by old age and sheer inability. He happily was enabled to retire on pension at the end of last year. He is, I believe, still living at Arcot, but as I am not sure whether I am intended to call for his explanation, now that he is out of office, I have not done so.

2. I may further explain that the discovery, in November 1864, of the previous payment was only made by the Amin sent to attach and sell the property; that he made the reference to the Tahsildar, Sanjiva Rao, as to whether the statement of the ryots was correct; but that the Tahsildar paid no attention to this reference; and that it was only while inquiring into the outstanding balances at the Jummahbundy of last year, that the fact of the previous remittance having really been made was discovered and established.

Ordered that the foregoing papers be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that, under the circumstances stated, the Collector be authorized to write the amount in question off the accounts.

No. 588. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1867, No. 282.

Land Revenue.

Sanctioned as requested.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Rd. T. O'Connor.

No. 8,815.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 13th December 1866.

Read the following letter from W. F. HATHAWAY, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of North Arcot to the Collector of North Arcot, dated Vellore, 1st December 1866, No. 615:—

1. I have the honor to request that sanction may be sought for writing off from the accounts the sum of Rupees 20-4-0, being the balance outstanding against the village Shembedu, in the Arcot taluk, on account of Fusly 1273, as it is not actually due by the ryots, who discharged it so long ago as May 1864; but it appears to have been made away with, in all likelihood by a peon of the Taluk cutcherry, since dead, on the arrival of the remittance at the Taluk treasury.

2. The Monigar of the village states that he remitted this sum of Rupees 20-4-0 to the Taluk treasury on the 30th May 1864, and the Toty, who carried the remittance, corroborates the Monigar's statement.

3. On his arrival at the Taluk cutcherry the Toty handed the money over to a peon in waiting, Parthasarady Naik, as Pariahs had not then admittance into the Taluk cutcherry, and returned to his village without taking an acknowledgment. Parthasarady very probably taking advantage of the Toty's immediate return seems to have made no mention of the receipt of the money, and to have made away with it.

4. In November following, however, when coercive measures were taken for the recovery of the arrears in the village, a reference was made to the then Tahsildar as to the receipt of the remittance at the treasury; and possibly, if an immediate inquiry had then been instituted, the real culprit would have been discovered, as Peon Parthasarady was then alive, but the matter lay over till March last, when, in consequence of his death, it was found to be impossible to learn what

5. A copy of the present Tahsildar's report is enclosed for your information.

No. 360.

True copy.] Forwarded to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, with request that the sanction of the Board may be accorded for writing off the amount from the accounts.

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Collector.

TRIPATHY,
6th December 1866.

The Board desire to know where the "then Tahsildar" who neglected to make the necessary inquiry now is, and what explanation he offers.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of North Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 13th *December* 1866.

Fwd to Secy to Govt

No. 8,845.

Desiring to know from Collector of North Arcot whether Tahsildar who neglected to make necessary inquiry into defalcation of assessment of Shembedu village for Fusly 1273 is still alive, and what explanation he offers.