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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 1— 2— 1867.

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Read again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th November 1866, No. 8,029, and recorded in Government Order, 12th December 1866, No. 3,349.

No. 5. Read also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th January 1867, No. 313:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Circuit Cutcherry at Tindevanum, 3rd January 1867, No. 2.

1. I am in receipt of the Orders of Government of the 12th December 1866, No. 3,349, communicated with the Board's Proceedings of the 20th idem, No.——.

2. In paragraph 2, Government desire to be informed whether there is a passed officer of experience in the Revenue or Salt Department of the district possessing equal qualifications as Mr. Thompson recommended by me for the post; in reply I have the honor to state that there is no such officer in the department, and therefore it was that I specially advocated the nomination of Mr. Thompson.

3. I desire to disclaim any opinion adverse to that expressed in paragraph 1 of the Government Order as a general rule or principle; still, I submit that there is no reflection implied on any Native officer, by giving preference to one of European extraction for certain posts when the requisite qualifications are possibly as much physical as moral, and the information as to the Government intention of employing a European instead of a Native gentleman, as the Head of the Salt Department, reached me as I thought from a tolerably authentic source, but if I may be allowed to note my own experience, it is in favor of a Native Deputy Collector, though I could appreciate the grounds for the opposite opinion.

4. I was perhaps injudicious in noticing the tendency of the Police to lord it over the Native revenue servants, but the fact remains, and it is the potent one in support of my present recommendation that one of European descent should be the Superintendent at Mercanum. In theory there may appear no reason why a Native Superintendent of Salt should have more difficulty than a Native Tahsildar in maintaining his position with the Police; but it must be remembered that the one officer is armed with extensive Magisterial powers, and the Police are ostensibly and avowedly subordinate to him as Sub-Magistrate, while the Salt Superintendent is nothing more than a curator and seller of salt, wholly divested of any powers; and the Police very generally entertain the idea that their functions are as much to watch over the *modus operandi* of the departmental revenue servants, as it may be, to protect the salt from being stolen from the pans or platforms by strangers, although recently, and since my letter to Government, the Inspector General has issued a very proper order on the subject pointing out the duties, or rather what are not the duties of the Salt Police, and I have issued a corresponding order to the officers of my department, in order that the action of the Constabulary as preventive and detective officers may have free course consistent with the independent working of the Revenue Executive.

5. There being no one else available in South Arcot, except the young man "Vardiah," mentioned in my previous letter, I await the orders of Government on my recommendation therein submitted.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st February 1867.

1. Submitted to Government, with reference to paragraph 2 of the Government Order, dated 12th December 1866, No. 3,349.

2. The Board beg to renew their conditional recommendation in favor of the proposed appointment.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 1st February 1867, No. 286.

Separate Revenue, No. 1.
Salt.

Under the circumstances stated, and at the recommendation of the Board, the Government sanction Mr. Thompson's appointment to be Superintendent of the Salt Department at Mercanum, on the condition of his passing the prescribed Special Test for the post at the next examination.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Commissioner for Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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No. 313.

Submitting letter from Collector of South Arcot, and renewing Board's recommendation in favor of Collector's proposal to appoint Mr Thompson, as Salt Superintendent of Merkanum.

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