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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 10th April 1867.

No. 164. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th April 1867, No. 2,125:—

Read again—

Proceedings of the Board, dated 12th November 1866, No. 8,138.
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Read also the following paper from the Acting Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd February 1867.

Statement shewing the present stations and ranges of the Covenanted Subordinates and Deputy Collectors, and the powers exercised by them in the District of Madura, submitted with reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th January 1867, No. 390.

Offices.	Head quarters	Talooks of which Officer is in charge.	Powers.
Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate. Mr. J. R. Arbuthnott.	Dindigul.	1. Dindigul. 2. Pulny.	Full powers, Magisterial and Revenue.
Acting Head Assistant Collector and Magistrate. Mr. G. McWatters.	Madura.	Magisterial and Revenue charge of Shevagunga, Tripattur in Shevagunga Zemindary. Do. in Teruchuly in Ramnad Zemindary. Magisterial charge only in Madura, Melur, Periacolum, and Tirumungalum talooks.	Full powers, Magisterial and Revenue.
Assistant Collector and Magistrate. Mr. L. R. Burrows.	Paumben.	Paumben, in charge Jail containing about 140 prisoners.	2nd Class, Magisterial.
Assistant Collector and Magistrate. Mr. H. W. Wellesley.	Madura.	No particular charge. Vice-President of Municipal Commission.	Do. do.
Deputy Collector. Mr. W. E. Underwood.	Madura.	Revenue charge of Melur and Tirumungalum talooks, and 1st Class Magisterial powers in Madura town, Periacolum.	1st class Sub-Magisterial powers.
Deputy Collector. Ram Row.	Ramnad.	In charge of Salt and Sea Customs Departments, and the branch treasury at Ramnad. Has full powers, Magisterial and Revenue, in Ramnad, Mudukalattur, Tiruvadaney, and Paumben.	Full powers of a Magistrate.
Deputy Collector. Seshagiry Row.	Madura.	In charge of Huzoor Treasury, and has Revenue charge of Periacolum.	Has full powers of a Magistrate, but has no Magisterial charge.

1. Resolved that the foregoing papers be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government, with reference to paragraph 3 of the Government Order, dated 15th October 1866, No. 2,803.

2. It appears from the Statement recorded above, that during the whole of last year, Mr. Levinge has retained two full-power Magistrates (besides himself) at Madura, to the prejudice of other parts of the district, and in defiance of the known wishes of Government, and of the repeated orders of the Board that the Head Assistant Collector should proceed to his proper station.

3. The Board consider that Mr. McWatters, the Acting Head Assistant, should now be desired to proceed at once to Ramnad, and that the present Collector should be required to abstain from calling him into Madura, except on an emergency.

4. The Head Assistant, if permanently stationed at Ramnad, might very well be placed in charge of the Jail at Paumben, as it is but a few miles from Ramnad, and it seems to the Board to be quite unnecessary to place either a Covenanted Officer or Deputy Collector in special charge of it. There is in point of fact little or no work, and the Officer has no means of acquiring knowledge of, or experience in, Revenue duties.

* Board's Proceedings, dated 26th July 1866, No. 5,139.

5. The Board have already expressed* their decided opinion that one Assistant, with full powers, should always be attached to the Madura District, and they would suggest that full powers be confirmed on Mr. Burrows, as proposed by Mr. Levinge, and that he be called into head-quarters. The General Deputy Collector might have the Periacolam and Terumungalum talooks, and Mr. Burrows the Madura and Melur talooks, and these officers should be required to make frequent tours through their ranges when the Collector is himself at head-quarters. It is obviously quite unnecessary, and most unfair to the people, to allow the Officers of the district to congregate at head-quarters, as Mr. Levinge has permitted them to do during the past year. The Salt Deputy should not exercise any Magisterial authority, as has already been directed by Government in their order, dated 15th October 1866, No. 2,803. His proper duties are ample to occupy his time.

No. 165. ORDER THEREON, 10th April 1867, No. 832.

Miscellaneous.

The Government direct that immediately on receipt of these orders the Acting Head Assistant Collector shall proceed to his own division, with head-quarters at Ramnad. The Collector will not call him in to Madura except on an emergency, and in such case he will return to Ramnad with the least possible delay. The questions of the charge of Paumben Jail, and the grant of extended Magisterial powers, will be disposed of in the Judicial Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.
,, the Collector of Madura.
,, the Judicial Department.

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No. 8,138.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th November 1866.

Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ammianaicknur, in the Taluk of Dindigul, 26th October 1866, No. 356:—

1. Referring to paragraph 3 of the Order of Government, No. 2,803, dated the 15th of October 1866, I have the honor to report that Mr. Burrows, now in charge of the Jail at Paumben, as a temporary measure, might be invested with the full powers of a Magistrate. Mr. Burrows has been up-country nearly one year, and has had some experience in Magisterial duties, and has disposed of all cases coming before him with great care and judgment.

2. If Mr. Burrows is granted full powers, and as Government object to the Salt Deputy Collector exercising full powers, I propose stationing him at Ramnad, where he could exercise full powers in Ramnad, Tiruvadanay, and Moodoocolatur divisions.

3. As Mr. Underwood is only a Magistrate of the first class, I beg he may be placed in charge of the Jail at Paumben, and exercise first class powers in the island of Paumben, and in the villages on the Point, the charge of the Paumben Joint Magistrate.

4. The Sub-Divisions of Tripatur, Shevagungah, and Tiruchuly are nearer to Madura than [illegible] present at Madura, who also exercises with me full powers in the taluks of Madura, Melur, Tirumungalum, and Periakolum.

The Collector will please to explain why the Head Assistant does not take up his proper charge with head quarters at Ramnad. Repeated orders have been issued on this subject, and they appear to have been totally disregarded.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Madura.

Exd. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

dated 12th November 1866.

No. 8,138.

Requesting Collector of Madura to explain why Head Assistant does not take up his proper charge with head quarters at Ramnad.

No. 390.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 19th January 1867.

Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th November 1866, No. 384:—

1. In reply to the Proceedings of the Board, No. 8,138, dated the 12th November, I have the honour to refer the Board to my letter, No. 254, dated 6th August, and Order of Government thereon, dated 15th August, No. 2,079, by which the Board will see that I reported the necessity of retaining the Head Assistant at Madura, and that the same was approved of.

2. Till another European officer is vested with full powers and posted to the disirict, I cannot send the Head Assistant to Ramnad.

3. Government admit the want of another full-power Magistrate, and directed me to report whether one of my Assistants could not be invested with full powers as a special case, which order I have replied to in my letter, No. 356, dated 26th October 1866, to the Board.

4. If Mr. Burrows is given full powers, he or Mr. McWatters, the Head Assistant, can be sent to Ramnad, but I have to bring to notice that for the whole of this year, the Head Assistant Magistrate has done duty at Madura, (which was reported from time to time,) doing the Magisterial duty of the Aiyen taluks, and a part only of the Zemindaries, and that his file now shows 220 numbers of cases disposed of; the Magisterial work at Madura is more onerous and important than that of Ramnad, conducted as most of the cases are at M[illegible] by Vakils, and therefore I think the more experienced officer, the Head Assistant, should be retained, at all events for the present at Madura, and the Assistant be sent to Ramnad, as was done before in the case of Mr. Best, when as Assistant, he was specially vested with full powers.

The Collector will submit a Statement showing the present stations and ranges of all his Covenanted Subordinates and Deputy Collectors, and the powers they exercise in them.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Madura.

Exd. J. Wright,

Encl in the Proc of the B. of Rev.
to the Secy to Govt. R.D. dated
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