

CONFIDENTIAL.

Revenue (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 3176

Confidential No. 950

DATED 24th June 1897.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Passing orders on N.O. Submitting a list of
attestations to be made in the Confidential
register of persons qualified for the post of
De Collector & ~~a second~~ ^{another} list of persons
recommended for appointment as De
Collector.

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Note for the Secretary

It is thought that the discrepancies in the lists should be pointed out to the Board as was done last year. vide G.O. 2490
26-6-96.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 12th May 1897.
No. 1735^{hms.}
Conf. No. 63.

READ *List received from Collectors of alterations to be made in the Confidential Register of persons qualified for the post of Deputy Collector, for 1896-97.*

Resolution.

With reference to the latter part of para 2 of G.O. No 922 Revenue, dated 2nd September 1892, the Board submits to Government a list prepared from the Collectors' reports read above, showing the alterations to be made in the Confidential Register of persons qualified by examination for the post of Deputy Collector.

2. The Board also submits to Government, as required by para 3 of the G.O. referred to, the annual list for 1896-97 of "persons recommended" for appointment as Deputy Collector.

3. The list of persons who completed the Deputy Collector's test at the last Special Test Examination, has just been received from the Secretary to the Commissioner for Government Examinations, and the Supplemental Register of

of persons qualified for the post of Deputy Collector for 1896-97, re-
quired to be prepared with reference to the first point of para 2
of the G. O. of 2^d September 1892, will be submitted to Govern-
ment in due course, after obtaining from Collectors the
required information with regard to the names entered
in the Commissioner's list. Columns 4 to 12 ^{of the Confidential Register} can then be
duly filled in.

4. The Board ventures to take this opportunity
of again submitting to Government the question of entrusting
to the Land Revenue Commissioners the duty of appointing
and posting the Deputy Collectors working under them. In
para 7 of G. O. No 59 Revenue, of 30 January 1897, the Govern-
ment has negatived the Board's proposals under this head,
and has based its decision mainly on the ground that
the work of a Deputy Collector is only in part subject to the
supervision of the Land Revenue Commissioners, and that
a Deputy Collector cannot be said to be directly subordinate
to the Board on the Land Revenue side in the same sense as
an officer of the Police, Forest, or ^{Revenue} Separate Department is
said to be subordinate to the Inspector-General, the Forest
Member, or the Separate Revenue Commissioner respectively.
The Board would, however, submit that the arguments
used by Government in respect of Deputy Collectors would
apply with almost equal force to the case of Tahsildars &
Deputy Tahsildars, who may aptly be described as
the servants of many masters. Tahsildars have of late
been relieved of the greater portion of their Magisterial
duties, but they are ex officio Magistrates. They have the
direct control of Income-Tax work and of Jannabandi,
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which fall respectively under the supervision of the Separate
Revenue Commissioner and the Settlement Commissioner. They
have various functions in connection with Alkari, and, while the
Tahsildar of a Taluk is often a Member of his Taluk Board, he still more often is employed on duty con-
nected with Local Funds. On the ground of analogy
the appointment and posting of Tahsildars should therefore,
the Board submits, be on the same footing as those of De-
puty Collectors.

5. The only other argument stated in the G. O.
in support of the Government's rejection of the Board's
scheme is the delay and inconvenience likely to result
from the transfer of control, because "the posting of
Deputy Collectors often depends on the movements of
Government civilians". The Board submits that, so long
as the Government remains in Madras, no such delay
need arise: the offices of the Government and the Board
are connected by a telephone and matters of an urgent
nature can be settled in a few hours either by this
means or by letter. When the Government moves to
the Hills the telegraph wires are freely used for urgent
references, and questions in regard to postings could,
if necessary, be asked and answered in this manner.

6. The Board would accordingly request
that the matter may be reconsidered. It cannot be denied
that the great majority of Deputy Collectors, more especially
those in the acting or temporary appointments, are entirely
unknown to the Revenue Secretary to Government, who has
small opportunity of scrutinizing their work, and who
must

must therefore rely upon the Collectors' recommendations or on
his own previous knowledge when employed on district work.
The Land Revenue Commissioners are, on the other hand,
in direct charge of the Land Revenue administration, and,
both in their capacity as Members of the Board and previously
as Collectors, are more likely to know the idiosyncrasies of
the men who are serving under them.

(Price Extract)

W. E. C. C.
Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
with two lists.

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Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 4235 of 1897

From Board of Revenue (Land Revenue)
A. E. The Secy

Dated 12 May 1897.

FOR ORDERS.

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the first 4 pages of this
list which deal with more
technical matters in the
list.

Myself.

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No 47 in the recommended
list.

With the paper read above the
Board of Revenue submits a list
of alterations to be made in the
Confidential register of persons
qualified for the post of Dy Collector
and a second list of persons
recommended for appointment
as Dy Collector for 1896-97.

2. List No 1. i.e. the list of
alterations to be made does not
seem to be complete. For instance
No 323 D.C. Raghava Chari passed
the third class Vern. test in August 96
but this has not been noted in the
list. Again No 282 Mir Sultan
Mohiuddin Sahib is stated to have
passed the second class Vern. test
(vide list No II) but this has not
been included in the list

3. List No II i.e. list of persons
recommended for the post of Dy Collector
contains 76 names against 8 in

FOR ORDERS.

the previous list. Two names have been omitted owing to the retirement or the death of the persons concerned and ten names have been newly added. The following discrepancies are noted in this list:-

- (a) P. Acharya passed the ~~Translation~~ ^{Revenue} ~~Examination~~ ^{Examination} in 1875 & not in 1872 as entered in the list. (vide list No I)
- (b) The no assigned to Mr. Misra in the Confidential register is 474 & not 471 as entered in the list
- (c) Mr. J. H. Gwynne having already been confirmed as Dy Collector (vide page 532 Part I of the Fort St. George Gazette 31 May 1897) his name should not have been included in the list.

No 32 in the recommended list
& No 215 in the Confidential register
Flag A

No 68 in the recommended list

No 48 in the recommended list

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4. In paras 4 to 6 of its Res. read above the Board requests that the decision of Govt in para 7 of its order 330 January 1897 No 59 on the question of entrusting to the Land Revenue Com. missions the duty of appointing & posting Dy Collectors may be reconsidered. The Board ignores one of the important aspects of the question viz that Dy Collectors are not invariably selected from the ranks of J.A.M. & that officers of other departments in the administration

Yes, we may simply say that we see no reason to reconsider it. The two most important points in our order are not noticed by the Bd. See Board's remarks on their P.O.

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Note. The list is retained in the office for reference & will not be sent in circulation.

of which the Land Revenue Commission have no connexion and ~~therefore~~ persons who have not entered for service are frequently appointed as Dy Collectors. It is presumed that the decision already arrived at will not be reconsidered.

Please also see the letter attached to this. The previous rules bearing on the subject are flagged D. and E.

11/24/97

P.J.O.

The Board in para.4 of its Proceedings sets out the arguments used in para.7 of G.O.No.59 Rev.of the 30th January 1897 (filed C) and says that the argument ^{from} ~~in~~ diversity of work applies to Tahsildars and Dy.Tahsildar as well as to Dy.Collectors. The Board originally appealed to analogy ^{and} ~~on~~ ~~the ground of analogy~~ but its analogy again, in this instance, is halting. It overlooks the fact that though ^a Tahsildar's duties are no doubt multifarious, he is not the servant of many masters but ¹ ~~is~~ one, the Collector and District Magistrate; and that the Board can issue to him orders direct only one single subject-the preparation of certain returns. It is therefore perfectly right that the nomination of Tahsildars should be ^{as it is} with Collectors. Of the orders which go to the Dy. Collector but a small portion go through the Board on the Land Revenue side.

says

(1) that the Dy. Collectors are unknown to the Revenue Secretary;
(2) that he has little and the Board has much opportunity of scrutinising their work and he has therefore to rely on the Collectors' recommendations and that the Board is more likely to know the idiosyncrasies of men who are serving under them.

(1) As to the first point, taking my own case, I know personally ^{out} 34 of the 77 ^{men} on the list of confirmed Dy. Collectors and 20 have served under me. Of the sub-protem men I know 6 of whom 5 have served ^{acting} under me and of the 25 men ~~yet~~ I know 6 of whom 5 have served under me.

As to the second point, if the Revenue Secretary had to rely on the recommendations of Collectors, the Board would also have to rely on them. No doubt, so far as the Revenue Secretary is concerned ^{very great} ~~entire~~ reliance is placed on the recommendations of Collectors and this is, I submit, as it should be. The Board argues that ^{it} ~~he~~ sees the work of Tahsildars and has opportunities of judging of them. In truth it has ^{none} ~~none~~ and knows ^{little} ~~nothing~~ ^{about} them as a rule except from visits and as the senior Board member is a man who has generally long left the districts his personal knowledge which the Board argues is as good as the Revenue Secretary's is at any rate many years older. Take Mr. Crole's own case. He was a

* Judge, Kistna June 1881.
Colr. & Magis: Nov. 1882.
Judge 1886.
Board Member .. 1890.

District Judge for five years out of ^{during which he has served}
9. ~~He was~~ in the Collectorate grade and he has not been a Collector since 1886. But the real fallacy in these arguments of the Board lies of course in the idea that the Revenue Secretary chooses his own men. ^{or in any way}

involves the appli of deputy Colr.

W. G. P.

Read C. No. 4235 of 1897

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2. The following discrepancies are noticed in the list of persons recommended for the post of Dy Collector :-

(a) ^{Milly} P. Acharyulu, ^{Panfulu} (No 32) passed the Revenue Higher in 1875 & not in 1872 as entered in the list.

(b) The No assigned to ^{Milly} M. Subbiah (No 68) in the Confidential register is 474 & not 471 as entered in the list.

(c) Mr J. H. Luyne, ^(No 18) having already been confirmed as Dy Collector his name should not have been included in the list.

3. As regards ^{question of entrusting} the appointment & posting the duty of appointing & posting

posting of Dy Collector, the Govt
sees no reason to reconsider the
decision already arrived at.

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