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G.O., No. 4751

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Dated 9 September 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Directing that Mr. R. J. N. Kothandaraman
by order of the Government be dismissed
the Service from the date on which he was
placed under suspension.

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CURRENT No. 7427
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The Hon Mr Govt C.R.
Discontinued
The Hon Mr H. B. K. C. C. (?) Secy, for order

From

The Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue, Madras.

For Orders

The Board forwards the records of Mr
Tumenbeere's investigation into the conduct
of the Dy Tahsildar of Ootacamund, Mr R. B.
T. N. Kodandaraman and recommends
the latter's dismissal from the public
service.

The case is clear & the
fault is clear & the
dismissal. No. 3119 M.S./Compl.
No. 110

Dated 23rd August 1897.

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Enclosures *Twenty*

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SUBJECT.

The circumstances of the case are
simple & as follows. On the 13th of March
the Dy Tahsildar without previous intimation
put in his application⁺ to resign the service. ⁷⁴²⁷
Curiously enough, on the same day, a
written in a case against me Lingaiah
was making a statement to the
effect that the said Lingaiah had made,
and subsequently had erased,
an entry in his account of a certain
sum paid to Ku. Si. Ma. which
witnesses interpreted to mean ^{refer to} Kodandaraman
namely, ^{at that time Dy Tahsildar of Ootacamund} The Collector however points
out that this is very doubtful for

Submitting for the orders of --
Govt. papers reg. conduct of M.R.Ry.T.
N. Kodandaraman Aiyar, Dy. Tahsildar of
+ Ootacamund, now under suspension, in --
secretly trafficking in land with --
one of his kurnams &c. and recommend-
ing his dismissal from the service.

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The citation statement in Letter B that the rate was 270 per meuseur seems an error

+
Rs 300 + interest for
18 mos (Nov 95 to Apr 97)
at 12% per ann

His transaction the Dy Tahsilwar mentions
+ kept in his Land & Property statement for 1895.
Suppressing however the fact that Lehen
the Karmam was a subordinate of his.

times } the mortgage for payment.
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sheet } Upon the above facts the
of his } Board remarks, "Accordingly
" M. R. R. Kodandaramier stands
" convicted not only of trafficking
" in land secretly with one of
" his Karmans and of suppressing
" in his Land Statement the
" fact that his vendor was his
" own subordinate and a Karmam
" in his own Division, but, what
" is worse, of having remained
" for a period of nearly 18 months
" under pecuniary obligation
" to the same Karmam to the
" extent of Rs 300 & interest
" thereon. It is obvious that
" an honest Dy Talukdar who
" did not mean to take
" advantage of his official

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latum to the Karnam who
then have paid off the mortgage
at the time of purchase
have sought out the
mortgage without delay and
renewed the mortgage in
his own name.

The Dy Talukdar's explanation
answers the charge brought. + vide explanation flagged E
against him as follows.

1. The charge that he
placed himself under pecuniary
obligations to a person subject
to his official authority. (Rule 23 of the Rules for the conduct of Govt. servants)
The Dy Talukdar replies
that he made himself liable
for the balance of the
purchase money & interest.
This is in fact an admission
of the charge.

2. The charge that he made
the collector of not stating in
his landed property statement
that Seshiah was a Karnam
in his Division. (Rule 17 of the Rules for the conduct of G.S.)
The Dy Talukdar replies
that the landed property state-
ment contains no column for
particulars as to the vendors
occupation.

Comment on this explanation
is, I submit, needless.

3. The charge that he purchased
lands from one of his Karnam
without permission & without
bringing the fact to the
notice of his superiors

The Dy Talukdar replies
that as he paid full price
and as the land was in another
Taluk he does not consider
any permission to have
been necessary.

The Deputy Talukdar
has put in 22 years service.
His record is not clean. Once
before the Board recommend-
ed his dismissal for buying
land from a man
whom he had recommended
for an appointment. The Govt.
thought the case very suspicious
but not proved. G.O. 3176 &
22 May 90. Mr. Rees suspected
him in another case in Nov 95
& transferred him to G.O.
+ vide para 826 Nov 95.

Mr. Trembheere re-
commends that he be
dismissed or that, at the
least his resignation be
accepted.

+ which he did not
do. 11/1/97

But in his resignation in
March he said he knew that
in consequence of his resignation
he would not be entitled to pension

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+ 749 G.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue).

NO. 1040 Misc. dated 19th March 1897.

Read letter from J.H.A.Tremenheere Esq.,Ag.Collector of Nilgiris, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue Madras Ref.on Conf.No.208/97,dated 16th March 1897.

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Resolution.

With reference to the above letter, the attention of the Collector is invited to the enclosed cutting from a local paper. It is not known whether the Kodandaramiah therein spoken of, is the same individual as the present Dy. Tahsildar of Ooty. If he is the same person the Board does not understand why Mr. Tremenhoe made no reference to the case in question when submitting the officer's resignation.

2. The Board must decline to entertain the application to resign until the above point is cleared up.

(True Extract)

(signed) R.C.C. Carr

Secretary.

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The Collr. of Nilgiris ~~with~~ with a cutting
from a Newspaper.

(True Copy)

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Secretary.

Robert
Q.B.

in this explanation

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To

True Copy of Board's Proceedings

NO.1040 Mis.dated 19th March 1897..

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue).

NO.1193 Mis./Conf.No.52,dated 31st March 1897.

Read letter from J.H.A.Tremenheere Esq.,Ag Collec--
tor of Nilgiris, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Réve-
nue Madras Ref.on Conf.No.8/97,dated 24th March 1897.

Resolution.

The Board is not satisfied with the Collector's ex-
planation of his action in withholding from the Board certain in-
formation, which was in his possession, when his letter of the 16th
instant was submitted. The resignation of M.R.Ry.Kodanda Ramaya can
not be accepted until the investigation, which is apparently being
held to scrutinize his conduct in certain cases, has been completed
and until final orders can be passed upon the results of the said
investigation.

2. The Collector suggests that the Dy.Tahsildar may --
refuse to exert himself in the discharge of public duty, if his re-
signation be not accepted. If such proves to be the case, the matter
will become the subject of separate orders.

TO

The Collector of Nilgiris.

(True Extract)

(sd) R.C.C.Carr

Secretary.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue)

NO.1346 Mis./Conf1.No.54,Dated 8th April 1897

Read the following letter from J.H.A.Tremenheere --
Esq.,Ag.Collector of Nilgiris, to the Secretary to the Commissioner,
of Land Revenue Madras Ref.on Conf1.No.8,dated 5th April 1897.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Board's
Proceedings No.1193 Misc./Conf1.No.52,dated 31st March 1897.

2. The Board states that M.R.Ry.Kodanda Ramayya's re--
signation cannot be accepted until the investigation,which is ap--
parently being held to scrutinize his conduct in certain cases,has
completed.

3. Lest the Board should continue under this impression
I must inform it that no such investigation is being held.

4. Under these circumstances I beg to ~~forward~~ be ----
favoured with the instructions of the Board whether the second sen-
tence in the first paragraph of the Proceedings under acknowledg--
ment should be communicated to the Deputy Tahsildar in its present
form.

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Resolution.

The Board understands that a Magisterial enquiry is
now-or was at one time-going on in which the name of M.R.Ry.Kodan-
da Ramayya was implicated.On the completion of the said case it --
will be the Collector's duty to see how far the Dy.Tahsildar's ---
character has been compromised,the Collector holding such further
enquiry as may be necessary.

2. If the Collector is then prepared to report that --
there is nothing against the Deputy Tahsildar,the Board will be in

a

position to consider the question of the resignation tendered by him. In
the meantime this resignation cannot be accepted.

3. The Board is of opinion that Mr. Treménheere should have been
able to understand the position without applying to the Board for ins--
tructions.

TO
The Collector of Nilgiris.

(True Copy & Extract)

(Signed) R.C..C.Carr

Secretary.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue).

Mis.No.2699/Conf1.No.89,dated 20th July 1897.

Read letter from J.H.A.Tremenheere Esq.,Collector of Nilgiris to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras,Ref.on Cur.No.520/97,dated 8th July 1897.

Read also letter from the same officer,Ref.on Conf1 No.8/97,dated 8th July 1897.

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Resolution.

The Board considers that the charge against the Dy. Tahsildar,M.R.Ry.Kothanda Ramiya of purchasing land from a curnam in his division is so grave that severe notice must be taken of it. The charge should now be formulated,and the Dy.Tahsildar called upon to submit his defence within 10 days of receipt of the Collector's Proceedings on pain of dismissal.In the meantime the Dy.Tahsildar will be considered to ^{be} ~~have~~ under suspension.The leave granted by the Board in its Proceedings No.1354 A,dated 4th May 1897 is hereby cancelled and the Deputy Tahsildar's suspension will date from his handing over charge of office.

TO

The Collr.of Nilgiris with
the enclos.returned.

(True Extract)

(sd) R.C..C.Carr

Secretary.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
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Mis. NO.3119/Conf1.NO.110,Dated 23rd August 1897.

Read the following papers.

- (1). Again Board's Proceedings NO.1040 Mis.dated 19th March 1897.
- (2). " " " NO.1193 Mis.dated 31st March 1897.
- (3). " " " NO.1346 Mis.dated 8th April 1897.
- (4). " " " NO.2699 Mis.dated 20th July 1897.
- (5). Letter from J.H.A.Tréménheere Esq.,Collector of Nilgiris, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras, Ref.on Conf1.NO.8/97,dated 30th July 1897.

Resolution.

The foregoing papers relate to the conduct of M.R.Ry.T.N Kodandarama Aiyar,Dy.Tahsildar of Ootacamund,now under suspension. With his letter dated 16th March 1897 Ref.on Conf.No.8/1897,the Collector of Nilgiris forwarded the resignation of this officer, but the Board deferred passing orders,pending the completion of a Board's Progs.No.1040 criminal inquiry in which M.R.Ry.Kodanda- dated 19th March 1897. ramā Aiyar appeared to be implicated.Sub-sequently the Board learned from the Collector's report read in its Proceedings No.2699,dated 20th July last,that the criminal inquiry had had no definite result,so far as M.R.Ry.Kodandarama Aiyar was concerned,but that ~~of~~ a charge of purchasing land from one of his kurnams under circumstances pointing to a clandestine acquisition of land had been made out against the Dy.Tahsildar.The Board thereupon placed the Dy.Tahsildar under suspension,cancelling the leave on

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medical certificate, previously granted to him in Board's Proceedings No 1354 A. dated 4th May 1897, and directed that he should be called upon to explain the charge last mentioned.

2. In his explanations dated 29th April & 30th July last M.R.Ry. Kodandarama Aiyar admitted that on 18th November 1895 while he was on leave, expecting to return to the Coonoor Division of which he was Deputy Tahsildar, he had purchased a piece of land from Seshaiyar, a kurnam employed under him in Coonoor Division. The land was situated in Nelli-torai in Coimbatore District, and while the sale deed mentioned Rs. 500 as the price of the land, M.R.Ry. Kodandarama Aiyar only paid down Rs. 200 for it, promising to pay off in addition a mortgage for Rs. 300 on the same land with interest at 12 per cent. Towards the payment of this mortgage, however, or of the interest accruing thereon, he had done absolutely nothing, up to the moment of the enquiry and had even, according to his own admission, neglected to ascertain the name of the mortgagee with whom he had promised to settle. As a result of this culpable neglect, the kurnam remained liable for the mortgage-debt and interest which at the time of the enquiry together amounted to Rs. 350 and was actually being Rs. 300 plus interest for 18 mos. | pressed by the mortgagee, Rama Aiyar (Novr. 95-April 97, at 12 per cent | for payment. Accordingly M.R.Ry. Kodandarama Aiyar stands convicted not only of trafficking in land secretly with one of his kurnams, and of suppressing in his Land statement the fact that his vendor was his own subordinate and a kurnam in his own Division, but, what is worse, of having remained for a period of nearly eighteen months, under pecuniary obligation to the same kurnam to the extent of Rs. 300 and interest thereon. It is obvious that an honest Deputy Tahsildar, who did not mean to take advantage of his official relation to the kurnam, would either have paid off the mortgage at the time of purchase or have sought out the mortgagee without delay and renewed the mortgage in his own name.

3. M.R.Ry. Kodanda Rama Aiyar's previous record is far from satisfactory. In 1890 he was reported to Government for similar dishonest G.O. NO. 3176, dated 22.5.1890 | dealing in land, and was acquitted by Government with the remark that the case was no doubt a very suspicious one, but that the evidence against him was not sufficient to warrant punishment.

4. The Board resolves to submit the case for the orders of Government, with a recommendation that M.R.Ry. Kodandarama Aiyar be dismissed the service.

(True Extract)

Receives
Secretary.

TO

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with G.R. Nos. 1141 & its 2 enclos., 1634 & its enclo., 3321, 3375 & 3830 & its 17 enclos. & 1 list in original to be ret'd. & with copies of Board's Progs. 1040 Mis.d. 19.3.97, 1193 Mis.d. 31.3.97 1346 Mis. dated 8.4.97 & 2699 Mis. dated 20.7.97. The Collector of Nilgiris.

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The Government, having carefully considered the facts of the case and the explanation of M. R. Ry. T. N. Kathandadasawa Aiyar Dy Tahsildar of Oolacamund, is of opinion that it is clearly proved, (a) that the Dy Tahsildar purchased land from one of his Karmans, of this division without permission, (b) that he omitted in his Land Statement to bring notice the material circumstance that the vendor was one of his Karmans, & (c) that, by the terms of the purchase he placed himself under pecuniary obligations to a person subject to his official authority. [The Dy Tahsildar has thus acted in flagrant violation of the rules laid down

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for the Personal Conduct
of Government servants.

The circumstances of the case
moreover, raise a strong
suspicion that the Dy
Patilkar, ~~subordinate~~ availing
himself of his official position,
intended to
~~act~~ dishonestly in
respect of his obligations to
the Karnam.

3. The Govt direct that
Mr. R. R. T. R. K. Mandaram
be dismissed the service
from the date on which
he was placed under
suspension.

M.L.
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To the Hon. L.R.

26 Enclor sets as per B.P. despatched directions.

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