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No. 14. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th December 1871:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madura, 12th September 1871, No. 268:—

With reference to paragraph 24 of the Order of Government, No. 619, dated 9th May 1871, I have the honour to state that the only institution to be transferred to the Local Fund Board of Madura Circle, under Section 10 of the Local Fund Act, is the Dispensary at Ramnad. Its annual expenditure, as appears from the enclosed statement, amounts to Rupees 4,900, of which the Zemindar contributes Rupees 2,000, being the cost of native medicine, dieting of the sick, and the petty establishment. The remainder is borne by Government in the shape of the salary and allowances of a Native Surgeon in charge of the institution, a Dresser, and European medicine.

2. I beg to enclose a list of charitable institutions which the Local Fund Board is willing to take charge of under Section 11 of the Act.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Civil Dispensary at Ramnad may be vested in the Local Fund Board under Section 10.

3. The Sholavandan Chuttrum is a Government building. The Revenue Board are prepared to make over the management and superintendence of it to the Local Board, if Government consent, under Section 11. The building will then belong to the Local Board.

4. The other four Chuttrums named in the list are private Chuttrums, and the Board of Revenue think it desirable that the management of them should be made over to the Local Board in the same way.

5. There seems to be no reason for not transferring the three water sheds mentioned in the list.

6. With regard to "Urani Inams" the Board are in doubt. The ponds may be public property, but the Inams, so far as the Board know, are private property. The Collector will report further on this point.

7. There are seven Government Chuttrums and eighty-six private Chuttrums with Government endowments, some in the Madura and some in the Dindigul Circle, which are not mentioned by the Collector. It is very desirable that the Local Boards should have the superintendence of all of them.

8. Similar proposals for the Dindigul Municipality and Circle should be submitted as soon as possible.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
10*th January* 1872.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 10th January 1872, No. 20.

The Government authorize the Collector to notify in the District Gazette that it is the intention of Government to declare the Ramnad Dispensary to be vested in the Local Fund Board of the Madura Circle. The date of the appearance of the Notification must be reported.

2. The Government consent to the transfer, by the Board of Revenue, of the management of the Sholavandan Chuttrum.

3. As regards the "private" Chuttrums, the Government, not understanding the character of these institutions, are in doubt whether they can be transferred under the Act, and refer to paragraph 10 of G. O., 9th December 1871, No. 762, Financial.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Collector of Madura.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated January, 10th.

Read.

Ended.

G. O., 10th January 1872, No. 20.

JANUARY.
Nos. 14-15.

Passing orders with reference to the transfer to the Madura Local Fund Board of the Ramnad Dispensary and the Sholavandan Chuttrum.

No. 6,488.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 30th August 1869.

Read the following letter from the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th May 1868, No. 134:—

ADVERTING to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 10th October last, No. 6,505, I have the honor to submit, herewith, a list of the Chuttrums in the district which fall within the scope of Regulation VII. of 1817, showing the particulars required by the Board.

2. The Chuttrums on the list are classed as follows:—

I.—Chuttrums having a fixed money allowance from Government.

II.—Do. having landed Inams either granted by the Carnatic Rulers before the time of Fysul, or by the British Government after their assumption of the country.

Sholavandan Thathamputty.
Coonnathoor.
Tiroomangalum.
Melur.
Kottamputty.

3. The number of the Chuttrums in the former class is five, as noted in the margin, while that of those in the latter class is 30.

4. It will be observed that till before the assumption of the country by the British Government, the villages granted for the support of the above five Chuttrums were in the possession of the respective grantees, the ancestors of the present Superintendents and the Charities were maintained by themselves. But these villages which had been originally granted by the Carnatic Rulers were subsequently resumed by the British Government in Fusly 1212, and money allowances were fixed for the daily disbursement of the Chuttrums with reference to the then income of the villages.

5. Till Fusly 1247, the net proceeds of the above Chuttrum Inams after deducting the Porooppoo due to Government and the fixed allowances to the Chuttrums, were held in deposit and appeared in the accounts under the head "Chuttrum Funds." This surplus which was available for various kinds of expenses connected with the Chuttrums was in accordance with the Accountant General's letter of the 28th June 1838, No. 297, as well as the income of the Chuttrum villages in the following fusly credited to the Imperial Funds under the head "Land Revenue" and the fixed allowances to the Chuttrums have therefore since been disbursed from the Land Revenue. The villages were then incorporated with Government villages.

6. The Chuttrums of the Second Class (or those having landed Inams) excepting those at Narikudy and Moottanendul, are under the care of the descendants of their respective founders and are duly supported from the incomes of their landed Inams, while Narikudy and Moottanendul Chuttrums are now under* the direct management of Government.

* Vide the Order of the Board, dated 5th November 1844, on Board Petition No. 805 of 1844.

7. The Superintendents of the five Chuttrums in the 1st Class (or those drawing fixed money allowances from Government) represent that these allowances which were fixed at the time of fysul with reference to the then income of the villages, have not been increased in proportion to the present augmented income of the villages and that thus the charities are only allowed a portion of their legitimate income, and that this is opposed to the spirit of Section 15, Regulation VII. of 1817, and they therefore pray either for the restoration to the charity of the villages themselves, or for the payment of their entire income.

8. It is certainly true that the revenues of the villages are considerably greater than they were at the time of fysul or when the original Schedule of the daily disbursements was fixed, and as long as disbursements are not lowered, I do not think there is just cause of complaint. But in consideration of the present prices of provisions and consequent distress of the poorer classes of travellers resorting to the Chuttrums, I think that an increase in the existing allowance might be sanctioned. The increase I would propose should be proportionate to the augmentation in the revenues of the villages in comparison with their beriz in the fysul year or the time when the

Tusdeeks were prepared. I make this proposition with some hesitation arising from a misgiving that more of the so-called charity falls to the share of wealthy than to that of poor travellers and that a still larger share never reaches the travellers at all, and for this state of things I see no possible check.

N.B.—I here allude to the allowances for feeding travellers.

9. The Board are aware that the price of provisions has increased greatly since the fysul, and the cost of living is now about three times greater than it was then. For instance, according to the Tusdeek of Melur Chuttrum, thirty persons were daily fed in Fusly 1216 at a cost of Rupees 1-10-4, whereas, this sum under the present prices is sufficient to feed only ten persons.

10. The Superintendents of the Chuttrums noted in the margin† protest against the Order of the Board, dated 12th June 1867, No. 3,597, reducing their salaries fixed in the Tusdeek. I consider there is some ground for their complaints. The ancestors of the present Superintendents were Trustees of the charities under Copper deeds duly executed by the founders, having an absolute and entire control over the funds of the charities and enjoying surplus income after defraying their charges. This privilege was commuted to a fixed salary by Mr. Hurdis and has ever since been drawn by them and their heirs till recently reduced by the Board. The office of the Superintendent is held to be hereditary, as was also declared by the Civil Court, in their decree in Appeal Suit No. 89 of 1851, wherein the Collector was Appellant and the then Huckdar of Coonnathoor Chuttrum, Respondent.

† Sholavandan and Thathamputty.
Coonnathoor.
Melur.
Tiroomangalum.

11. It will also be observed that the salaries of the Superintendents were originally fixed at a certain per centage upon the amount of allowances of the Chuttrums. The absence of any alteration in these allowances is also a point in their favor.

12. Under these circumstances, I recommend that they may be allowed to draw their salaries as proposed by Mr. Levinge in the List submitted by him, with his letter to Board, recorded in their Proceedings, dated 12th June 1867, No. 3,597.

13. With reference to the concluding part of paragraph 12 of the above Proceedings, I beg to observe that columns 6 and 13 in the enclosed List show the finances of each institution at the close of Fusly 1276.

14. In reference to paragraph 13, I beg to state that the particulars of the charges for religious purposes are given in column 10 of the List. A sum of Rupees 636-5-10 has been usually assigned from the funds of the Sholavandan Chuttrum for support of the Chennakesaperumals Devastanam at Mullankinur, in Teroomangalom Talook, and has been treated under Section 21, Act XX. of 1862, and this sum has not been included in the accompanying list. The petty sums entered in column 10 of the List are generally expended on account of sundry religious ceremonies to be observed in the Chuttrum and for performing poojahs to the deities such as Vigneiswara etc., in the Chuttrums; a small sum of money is also allotted from the funds of the Chuttrums noted in the margin‡ to the Meenatchy Sundrareiswaralls Devastanam at Madura. These appropriations were not treated under the above Act in consequence of the smallness of the sums, etc., and the institutions are managed by the Superintendents themselves.

N. B.—This is probably an innovation and never was intended by the original grantee.

‡ Coonnathoor Sundra Doss.

15. Considering the present condition of the buildings noted in the margin,§ I think that the repairs and improvements proposed by me in the List are absolutely necessary, and therefore beg to be allowed to submit estimates, and to request that the Board will be pleased to procure the sanction of Government for disbursing the amount of the estimates from the Imperial Funds, in consideration of the large sum of money (the net proceeds of the villages of the Chuttrums) that has been added to the Imperial Revenue.

§ Thathamputty Chuttrum.
Coonnathoor do.
Sundra Doss. do.
Melur do.
Kottamputty do.

* Dated 12th June 1867, No. 3,597.

† Returned herewith.

16. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings,* dispensing with one of the Superintendents of the Coonnathoor Chuttrum and to the Board Petition,† No. 2,721 of 1867, I beg to state that there were originally two Chuttrums, one at Dindigul, and the other at Madura; the former being called Sambien's Chuttrum, and the latter Coonnathoor Chuttrum. These two Chuttrums had separate endowments, with separate Trustees to manage them. Subsequently, during the time of the Nabob, the two Chuttrums were united into one institution at the joint request of the two Trustees, the charity being conducted from the combined funds of the Chuttrums. This united Chuttrum is situate in the town of Madura. Mr. Hurdis confirmed this arrangement, and prepared a Tusdeek for the daily disbursements of the Chuttrum, making, however, provision for the two Superintendents, apparently in consideration of their long established prescriptive rights to the office of Superintendent. They accordingly drew their fixed allowances till one of them was lately dispensed with. I therefore think it reasonable and just that these two Superintendents should be retained as usual.

17. Referring to the Board's endorsement on the accompanying Petitions, Nos. 2,691, 2,778, and 3,016 of 1867, I beg to state as follows:—

The great grand-father of the present Superintendent appears to have obtained from the late Nabob Wallajah, the village of Vannambaraputty for the maintenance of the Chuttrums and some lands in the villages of Keelavalavoo, Naviniputty, Uttaputty, Keelayoor, Vellaloor, and Ambalagarenputty, all in Melur Talook, as Darmasenom Inams for the subsistence of himself and his descendants in perpetuity. In Fusly 1213, the Chuttrum village was attached, and a Tusdeek was framed for the daily disbursements of the Chuttrum, with reference to the then income‡ of the village to an amount of Rupees 318-4-7. This village appears to have been again left in the possession of the then Huckdar on condition that he should conduct the charity according to the Tusdeek. But subsequently in Fusly 1216, the Huckdar having found that the fixed allowance was inadequate to meet the expenses of the Chuttrum, requested the then Collector Mr. Parish, that both the Chuttrum village and the Durmasanom lands in the five villages, noted in the margin,§ being his private property, might be taken under Government management, and that the allowance to the Chuttrum should be increased, and this arrangement was accordingly sanctioned, and the allowance was raised to Rupees 1,032-2-1. The Durmasanom lands referred to above are entered as such in the Inam Jummahbundy Accounts of Fusly 1212, and the Inam Register of Fusly 1217 shows these Durmasanom lands were transferred for the maintenance of the Chuttrum.

‡ 410 Rupees.

	§ Poonjah Goolies.	Nunjah. Cawnies.
Naviniputty	462	28½
Keelayoor	...	17 1/16
Uttaputty	...	54 5/8
Vellaloor	...	58¾
Umbalagarenputty	..	5¾

18. The present Superintendent appears to have endeavored in 1860, when the Inam Settlement was in operation in the district, to get his Durmasanom portions settled under the Inam Rules, but this was not done. The Superintendent says that the Inam Deputy Collector told him that he could not settle them under the Rules, as they had been incorporated with Government lands. The Superintendent has also produced a Title-deed to show that a similar Inam which he possesses in the village of Keelavalavoo has been enfranchised under the rules. I am of opinion that whether the single village originally endowed for the support of the Chuttrum, did or did not yield sufficient income, the then Huckdar was not in any way bound to give up his Durmasanom Inams also for the good of the charity, since they had been granted to him, solely for the maintenance of himself and his heirs in perpetuity, and the case of the Superintendent of this Chuttrum is, I think, entitled to more favorable consideration than those of the other Superintendents. I therefore recommend that he may be allowed to draw his usual pay of Rupees 21.‖

‖ Now reduced to 12 Rupees.

List of Institutions to be transferred to the Local Fund Board of Madura Circle under Section 10 of Act IV of 1871.

No.	Name	Receipts	Rs. A. P.	Charges		Remarks.
1	Civil Dispensary at Ramnad.-	From Government Native Surgeon's pay	2,250 " "	Native Surgeon's salary	2,250 " "	There are no other institutions to be transferred to Madura Circle under Section 10 of the Act.-
		3rd class Hospital Assistant Do	300 " "	3rd class Hospital Assistant Do	300 " "	
		European Medicines	283 " "	European Medicine	283 " "	
		From the Zemindar of Ramnad.	2002 " "	Do + Native Do	65 " "	
		Sale proceeds of Medicine	65 " "	Dieting of the sick	1,259 " "	
				Perishable Articles	151 " "	
				Establishment	4714 " "	
				Repairs to Hospital building	56 " "	
				Expenses during Cholera season	62 " "	
			4900 " "		4,900 " "	

Madura Collector's Office
12th September 1871.-

True Copy

J. Grole
Secretary

W. Elliot Esq.
Collector

Encl. G.R.

19. In conclusion, I beg to invite the attention of the Board to the List appended to the Proceedings, dated 12th June 1867, No. 3,597, and to observe that the retention of all the servants entered in column 4 of the List is necessary for the efficient performance of the duties connected with each Chuttrum, and further to request the Board will sanction the appointment of a Goomastah as proposed by Mr. Levinge, in paragraph 4 of his letter, recorded in the above Proceedings, and also the retention of the services of the water-distributer as recommended by me in paragraph 3 of my letter, recorded in their Proceedings under report.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—List of Chuttrums which fell within the scope of Regulation VII. of 1817.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Translation of a Copper Sasanam.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Translation of a Sasanam.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 4 to 7.—Petitions.

THE Board are clearly of opinion that neither the Superintendents nor their allowances should be interfered with. Their Proceedings of the 12th June 1867 must be considered modified accordingly, and the Superintendents' salaries proposed by Mr. Levinge in the letter recorded in those Proceedings are sanctioned.

2. Before arriving at a final decision on the other points adverted to in this letter, the Board resolve to call upon the Collector for an account of the revenue derived from the villages which formed the endowments of the six Chuttrums now supported by money grants, as well as of the expenditure from the date of that arrangement. He will also submit a copy of the order of the Accountant General issued in 1838, directing the incorporation of the revenue of those villages with that which was then held in deposit, and that which might thereafter accrue with the general Land Revenue.

3. They also desire an account of receipts and disbursements in the Durmasanom villages since their resumption, together with a report on that matter.

4. The Collector should also submit a Statement showing the proportion of expense of establishment to income and an estimate of necessary repairs.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. S. CROLE,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of Madura.

Encl. G. A. Turton.

Enclosure in
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1869.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 30TH AUGUST 1869, No. 6,488.

Encl.

Received

AUGUST.

No. 6,488.

Salaries—to be allowed to Superintendents of Chuttrums in Madura District,—Late Collector Mr Leving's proposals in regard to, sanctioned, and information called for, on certain points connected with villages forming endowments of some of these Chuttrums, &c.

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Enclosure in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue & the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated 20th December 1871.

Copy of List of institutions to be transferred to the Local Fund Board of Madura Circle under Section 10 of Act IV of 1871.-

In Misc. No. 994 of 71.

List of Charitable Institutions to be transferred to the Local Fund Board of Madura Circle under Section II of Act IV of 1871.-

No.	Names.	Receipts: Fixed allowance from Government	Receipts: Revenue derived from Inams	Receipts: Total	Charges: For feeding the poor: Number fed	Charges: For feeding the poor: Cost	Charges: Establishments	Charges: Miscellaneous Charges including Repairs to Buildings	Charges: Total	Remarks
	Chattrams.									
1	Tholavandan	3159 8 9	" "	3159 8 9	13,500	1,350 "	732 "	1,077 8 9	3159 8 9	
2	Samayanallore	" "	500 "	500 "	"	" "	48 "	452 "	500 "	
3	Melur	1032 2 1	" "	1032 2 1	8,700	550 "	384 "	98 2 1	1032 2 1	
4	Tirumangalam	869 4 4	" "	869 4 4	6,800	400 "	234 "	235 4 4	869 4 4	
5	Nuriehudy	" "	6,500 "	6,500 "	30,000	2000 "	1758 "	2742 "	6,500 "	
		5,060 15 2	7,000 "	12,060 15 2	59,000	4,300 "	3,156 "	4,604 15 2	12,060 15 2	
	Water Sheds.									
1	Melur	186 10 8	" "	186 10 8	"	" "	140 "	46 10 8	186 10 8	
2	Chettumputty	65 12 1	" "	65 12 1	"	" "	45 13 "	19 15 1	65 12 1	
3	Thumbaputty	65 12 1	" "	65 12 1	"	" "	45 13 "	19 15 1	65 12 1	
		318 2 10	" "	318 2 10	"	" "	231 10 "	86 8 10	318 2 10	
	Uranie Inams.									
1	Seringattuputty	" "	11 6 "	11 6 "	"	" "	" "	11 6 "	11 6 "	
2	Sethur	" "	5 11 8	5 11 8	"	" "	" "	5 11 8	5 11 8	
3	Kodangiputty	" "	27 66	27 66	"	" "	" "	27 66	27 66	
4	Kottaiyur	" "	12 2 "	12 2 "	"	" "	" "	12 2 "	12 2 "	
5	Pillaiyarnattam	" "	9 11	9 11	"	" "	" "	9 11	9 11	
6	Senduri	" "	6 24	6 24	"	" "	" "	6 24	6 24	
7	Seruvudy Soppa Colum	" "	4 19	4 19	"	" "	" "	4 19	4 19	
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		5,379 2 "	7,075 15 4	12,455 1 4	59,000	4,300 "	3,387 10 "	4,167 7 4	12,455 1 4	

Madura Collector's Office
12th September 1871.

(Signed) W. Elliot Duhac
A.J. Collector

/True Copy/

J. Cole
Secretary

Ex. H.R.
Copy to Watkins Pain

10 January 1872 No. 20.

The Govt. authorize the Collector to notify in the District Gazette that it is the intention of Govt. to declare the Ramnad dispensary to be vested in the Local fund board of the Madura circle from the date of the appearance of the notification now reported.

2. The Govt. consent to the transfer by the Board of Revenue of the management of the Sholavandan chatram.

3. As regards the "private" chatrams the Govt., not understanding the character of these institutions, are in doubt whether they can be transferred under the act; and refer to para 10 of G.O. 9th Dec. 71 No 762. Fin.

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Board of Revenue
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Enclosure to Govt. proceedings
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transmitting a, a Statement
of Sholavandan Chatram
Receipts & Charges
for 1870-71.

Copy of Letter from the Collector of Madura to the Board of Revenue, dated 10th January 1872 No. 14

Copy of Statement of Receipts and Charges of the Sholavandan Chatram for 1870-71.

Receipts. Rs. 1,500
Charges. Rs. 1,500

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Submitting with remarks
letter from Collector of Madura
forwarding two Lists
showing institutions to
be transferred to Local
Fund Board of Madura
Circle under S.S. 10 &
11 of Act 4 of 1871.

With an order.

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To

The Board of Revenue.

Dated Janv 10 } Encl.

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Passing orders with reference to the transfer to the Madura Local Fund Board, of the Ramnad Dispensary and the Sholavandan Chattrum.

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