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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd February 1865.*

No. 408.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th November 1864, No. 7,418.

Read again letter from the Officiating Collector of the Godavery District, dated 15th July 1864, No. 178, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 13th August 1864, No. 5,196.

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated Cocanada, 18th October 1864, No. 266 :—

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th August 1864, No. 5,196, I have the honor to inform you that the Sayer and Abkarry of the Rumpa country, with the exception of Abkarry in six villages, has been farmed out by the Munsubdar to Baddireddi Kamanna and Palepu Bamaiya for a term of five years, or from Fuslies 1274 to 1278 inclusive, at 2,000 Rupees a year. The Abkarry in the six villages has been farmed out to six different individuals for the sums and periods mentioned in the

	Rs.	A.	P.
One Division for five years from Fuslies 1274 to 1278 at...	38	8	0
One do. for three years from Fuslies 1273 to 1275 at...	116	0	0
One do. do. do. at	33	0	0
One do. do. do. at	15	0	0
One do. for three years from Fuslies 1274 to 1276 at...	30	8	0
	233	0	0

margin, at a total amount of 233 Rupees a year.

The conditions of the lease for 2,000 Rupees

are, that the renters should give up the farm at

once, without any compensation, if the Govern-

ment order the discontinuance of Sayer and

Abkarry. As for the rent of Abkarry for six

villages for 233 Rupees, no such conditions have

been entered into by the parties in the Puttahs and Muchilkas executed between them and the Munsubdar. As soon as the Munsubdar prohibits the renter from collecting Abkarry revenue, the Government will have the option of collecting it, and the present renters of these villages may be permitted to hold these farms for the sist and period farmed out by the Munsubdar. A statement showing the collections by the Munsubdar on account of Sayer and Abkarry between Fuslies 1257 and 1268, as well as for Fusly 1273, is herewith submitted.

2. I beg to forward a Statement showing the cost of the Rumpa Police Establishment, amounting to Rupees 4,374 per annum.

3. The amount of collections by the Munsubdar in Fusly 1273, from sources of revenue other than Sayer and Abkarry, is shown in the

	Rs.	A.	P.
Land Revenue	4,405	8	0
Wood cutting tax	132	0	0
Grass rent	10	0	0
	4,547	8	0

margin. Though the Munsubdar should cer-

tainly pay the cost of preserving the peace in

his country, as he is bound to do by his Sun-

nud, the cost of the Police now maintained

there is greater than is required for this object solely. The Police now there have, in addition to preserving the peace, to detect and repress crime. The Munsubdar now has an income, all sources included, of Rupees 6,780 per annum; and of this 1,000 Rupees are very grudgingly and rather irregularly paid by the Muttadars to him. As the Board are aware, he is not a popular man in the country; and his return to live in it would probably be followed by disturbances. I do not think that he can fairly be charged with the whole cost of the Police maintained in his country though he should pay a portion, say half of it.

4. The three Petitions, Nos. 2,095, 2,315 and 2,601 of 1864, presented to the Board by the Munsubdar on the subject of Sayer and Abkarry, and referred to me with reference to the Board's Proceedings under reply, are herewith returned.

8. The Board do not deem it necessary on this occasion to notice the request made in the Munsudbar's Petitions for permission to raise the demand on the Hill Chiefs, further than to observe that if any increase were made, it is very unlikely that it could be realized.

Endorsement from Board of Revenue submitting a Petition from Sri Raja Maduviti Sreerama-bhupati Garu, Munsudbar of Rumpa, who states that the Collector has recommended to the Board that Sayer and Abkarry should, for the future, be forbidden, and that a very inadequate compensation be granted to him; prays that the Board will either direct that the terms of the Collector's Orders of 21st December 1848, and 10th August 1850, should continue in force, or declare that Petitioner is released from the obligation of foregoing the full assessment upon the twenty-three Muttahs; that no new demand may be made upon him respecting the Sibbundy, and that the Collector's order of the 17th October 1863, be rescinded, and that he be permitted to reside wherever he thinks fit.

(Here enter 3rd December 1864.)

No. 409. ORDER THEREON, 22nd February 1865, No. 382.

Separate Revenue, No. 22

Abkarry.

G. O. 6th October 1863, No. 1,602, Judicial Department.

was drawn to the fact that the Munsudbar had been in the habit of collecting a small revenue from Abkarry and Sayer. Subsequent enquiry induced His Excellency in Council to direct that in

G. O. 13th April 1864, No. 628, Revenue Department.

longer be made, but that the Munsudbar should receive in lieu compensation in the shape of a reduction of his Peshcush.

2. The Proceedings of the Board now under review contain the reply to the enquiry which the Government then made as to the amount of compensation to be given. The first point to be noted is that as the Munsudbar pays no Peshcush whatever, the compensation which may eventually be determined upon will have to be paid direct from the Government Treasury.

	Rs.	A.	P.
• Collections under Government management from Fuelies 1249 to 1257, or nine years...	7,248	8	0
Do. by Munsudbar from Fuelies 1258 to 1267 20,250	20,250	2	0
" " 1268 to 1272 11,255	11,255	14	10
" " 1273, 2,310	2,310	0	0
A total period of 16 years	33,816	0	10
. Total	41,064	8	10
Average collection of first period	805	6	2
" " second	2,113	8	0
" " whole	1,642	9	3

branches of revenue have just been farmed out for periods of five years and under for a total annual sum of Rupees 2,233.

4. The remaining income of the Munsudbar is calculated by the Collector at Rupees 4,517-8-0; but of this Rupees 1,000 is rather precarious being very irregularly paid by the Hill Chiefs.

1. At the close of the discussion which took place in regard to the Rumpa tract, situated in the Godavery District, and which resulted in the Government declining to interfere in the management of that country, attention was drawn to the fact that the Munsudbar had been in the habit of collecting a small revenue from Abkarry and Sayer. Subsequent enquiry induced His Excellency in Council to direct that in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Revenue these collections should no longer be made, but that the Munsudbar should receive in lieu compensation in the shape of a reduction of his Peshcush.

3. As to the annual collections it appears from the marginal note* that under Government management prior to 1818, the average of nine years amounted to Rupees 805, while the revenue of subsequent years under the Munsudbar's own supervision is stated to have been much higher and may be estimated at Rupees 2,113 per annum. The Collector has no means of verifying the correctness of the Munsudbar's accounts, but it appears that these two

5. The proposal of the Board is that the Sayer and Abkarry should be immediately resumed; that the Munsudbar should be allowed compensation to the full extent of the income at present derived from these sources, viz., Rupees 2,233 per annum; and that he should, on the other hand, be required to pay one-third of the cost of the Police force now employed in his territory on the ground that he holds his estate

	Rs.	A.	P.
Annual cost of Police employed in Rumpa	4,374	0	0
Deduct two-thirds to be paid by the State...	2,916	0	0
Remainder to be paid by Munsudbar ...	1,458	0	0

a condition however which he has signally failed to fulfil. This one-third* being deducted from the proposed compensation† would leave a net balance‡ of Rupees 775 to be disbursed annually by the State to the Munsudbar.

Rs.
• 2,233
+ 1,458
† 775

6. Three petitions from the Munsudbar praying generally that his privileges may not be interfered with accompany the Board's Proceedings. He has also addressed a more detailed statement through his Vakil, which has been subsequently received from the Board's Office, and which forms the second paper recorded above. In this document he endeavors to show that the so-called Sayer collections include a tax on fruit trees existing in the uncultivated parts of the Talook which is in fact an item of land revenue, and he intimates that any interference with his existing will compel him to consider as cancelled the terms to which he "acceded" when installed in the Talook and under which, according to his own account, he relinquished the hitherto collected assessment of Rupees 9,270 from 23 of the 25 Muttahs comprized in his estate and accepted in lieu an annual payment of Rupees 1,000.

7. The Munsudbar further objects to being called upon to pay the whole or any part of the Police charges, the maintenance of the public peace being a matter of State necessity; and he finally brings to notice an order which he has received from the Collector forbidding his residence in Rumpa, which order he requests may be rescinded and protection afforded him in the exercise of his right to live wherever he chooses.

8. The Board will call upon the Collector to report from what sources the so-called "Sayer" has been realized. Should it prove that any portion of it is derived from a tax on fruit trees, or similar items properly of the nature of land revenue, the Munsudbar may be allowed to keep it, a corresponding reduction being made in the compensation to be granted him.

9. The Governor in Council considers that the Munsudbar may fairly be charged one-third of the cost of the Police force employed in Rumpa. This should be deducted from the compensation to be paid to him on account of the resumption of Sayer and Abkarry, which should be calculated upon the average receipts of the last five years. The Board will report the exact sum which will, under the terms of this Order, have to be disbursed to him.

10. The collection of Sayer and Abkarry will be immediately discontinued, the latter farm being as proposed by the Board, continued to the present renters when practicable. The assumption on the Munsudbar's part in regard to his proposed treatment of the Hill Chiefs, needs no notice. As to his request about a future residence at Rumpa, the Magistrate has good reasons for the prohibition adverted to.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Judicial Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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