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APRIL.

Unions.

Approving, with certain exception, the proposals of the Local Boards in the Nellore district to exclude certain villages and hamlets from the Atmakuru and Udayagiri — and to exempt certain other hamlets included in the latter from the payment of house-tax, and ordering the publication of the necessary notifications in the Fort St. George and the Nellore District Gazettes.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From W. S. MEYER, Esq., President, District Board, Nellore, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 23rd March 1897, No. 635-D.B.

The two unions of Atmakúru and Udayagiri in the district as constituted under G.O., No. 467-L.F., dated 28th April 1886, consist of the following villages and hamlets :—

Atmakúru Union.

- (a) Nellorepálem village.
- (b) Nuvvurpádu village.
- (c) Atmakúru village and its hamlets of—
 - (1) Venkatarávupalli.
 - (2) Gollapalli.
 - (3) Pérráreddipalli.
 - (4) Mustafápuram.
 - (5) Narasápuram.

Udayagiri Union.

Kondáypálem revenue village and its following hamlets :—

- (1) Udayagiri.*
- (2) Venkatarávupalli.
- (3) Sarvarábádu.
- (4) Nelatúru.
- (5) Gangireddipalli.
- (6) Yerráreddipalli.
- (7) Másáhebupéta.
- (8) Ganigepentapalli.

* Note.—Udayagiri, though separately mentioned in the notification of 1886, is at present technically but a hamlet of Kondáypálem.

2. The Atmakúru Taluk Board in its resolutions Nos. 23 and 48, dated 28th May and 21st August 1896, respectively, resolved to exclude from the Atmakúru and the Udayagiri unions all the outlying villages and hamlets included in them and to

† Note.—Even here the taluk board meant apparently to include the village-sites only which is, of course, inadmissible. retain only the villages† of Atmakúru and Udayagiri as unions on the ground that, by reason of the distance of these hamlets, &c., from the main villages (Atmakúru and Udayagiri), they are receiving no benefit in return for the house-tax they contribute.

3. The district board originally approved of the taluk board's proposals in their entirety—vide enclosed copies of District Board Resolutions Nos. 258 and 259, dated 29th August 1896, on the subject. But, in view of G.O., No. 1274 L., dated 4th

July 1887, the district board has subsequently (after some correspondence with the Taluk Board President) decided ‡ in modification of its former resolutions.

I. To exclude from the Atmakúru Union, the separate villages of Nellorepálem and Nuvvurpádu and all the hamlets of the Atmakúru village which have or had a

§ Note.—All the hamlets, except Gollapalli of the Atmakúru village, had a separate karnam and a headman before 1889. Gollapalli had only a karnam. previous independent existence as evidenced by the possession now or formerly of a separate headman or karnam § and to limit the union to the Atmakúru village proper.

II. (a) To exclude from the Udayagiri Union, the revenue village of Kondáypálem and its hamlets of Venkatarávupalli,* Sarvarábádu* and Nelatúru

* All these three hamlets had a separate headman and karnam.

which possess the requisite qualification above referred to;

(b) to limit the Udayagiri Union to the Udayagiri portion of the Kondáypálem village and its marginally-noted dependencies on the ground that Udayagiri can be separated as having had a previous independent existence; and

(c) to apply to Government for exemption under section 63 of the Act for the above named four hamlets which fall under Udayagiri on the ground that their inhabitants are very poor.

4. The proposed constitution of the two unions will thus be as follows :—

Atmakúru Union.

Atmakúru village proper.

Udayagiri Union.

Udayagiri, Gangireddipalli, Yerráreddipalli, Másáhebupéta and Ganigepentapalli.

5. I have the honour to request that the Board's proposals may receive the approval of Government.

6. Two draft notifications and two maps showing the position of the several villages and hamlets are submitted, together with extracts from the Atmakúru Taluk Board President's letters, No. 534, dated 21st July 1896, and No. 594, dated 23rd August 1896, furnishing details about the distance of the hamlets, &c., from the head-quarters of unions, the income from house-tax and other similar matters.

ENCLOSURES.

EXTRACTS from Resolution Book of the Atmakúru Taluk Board, dated 28th May 1896, No. 23.

Read petition of the 18th instant from Griddalur Ramadoss and others of Mustafápuram, a hamlet of Atmakúru, to exclude their hamlet from the union.

Resolution.—The Board is of opinion that the hamlets of Mustafápuram, Venkatarávupalli, Narasápuram, Gollapalli and Pérráreddipalli and the villages of Nellorepálem and Nuvvurpádu should be excluded from the union, as they get nothing in return for the house-tax they pay. The President will address Government accordingly.

EXTRACT from Resolution Book of the Atmakúru Taluk Board, dated 21st August 1896, No. 48.

Read the petition of the 4th instant from Yadala Ramayya and others of Nelatur, a hamlet of Udayagiri, to exclude their hamlet from the union.

Resolution.—The Board resolves to exclude from the union all the union villages and to retain Udayagiri alone as the union village, as the other villages get nothing in return for the house-tax they pay. The President will address Government on the subject.

EXTRACT from Resolution Book of the District Board, dated 29th August 1896, No. 258.

Read note regarding the exclusion of certain villages, &c., from the Atmakúru Union.

Resolution.—The exclusion of the hamlets, &c., referred to is sanctioned.

EXTRACT from Resolution Book of the District Board, dated 29th August 1896, No. 259.

Read letter from the President, Taluk Board, Atmakúru, No. 594-A.T.B., dated 23rd August 1896, regarding the exclusion of the main village of Kondáypálem and all its hamlets from the Udayagiri Union.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

EXTRACT from Resolution Book of the District Board dated 27th February 1897, No. 334.

Read note regarding the exclusion of the villages and hamlets noted below from the Atmakúru and Udayagiri unions:—

Atmakúru Union.

Nellorepálem and Nuvvurpádu villages and the following hamlets of Atmakúru village:—

- (1) Mustafápuram.
- (2) Venkatarávuipalli.
- (3) Narasápuram.
- (4) Gollapalli.

Udayagiri Union.

Kondáyapálem village and its hamlets noted below:—

- (1) Venkatarávuipalli.
- (2) Sarvarábádu.
- (3) Nelatúr.

Resolution.—In modification of the Board's Resolution No. 258, dated 29th August 1896, it is resolved to exclude from the Atmakúru Union the independent villages of Nellorepálem and Nuvvurpádu and those hamlets of Atmakúru which may, by the present or former possession of a separate headman or karnam, be considered as separate revenue entities, viz., Gollapalli, Pérrareddipalli, Mustafápuram, Venkatarávuipalli and Narasápuram.

As to Udayagiri, the Board resolves, in modification of Resolution No. 259, dated 29th August 1896, to exclude from the Udayagiri Union the main village of Kondáyapálem and the hamlets of Venkatarávuipalli, Sarvarábádu and Nelatúr and to retain the remaining hamlets which have always been attached to Udayagiri. It will, however, suggest to Government that action be taken under section 63 of the Act with reference to the hamlets of Gangireddipalli, Ganigepentapalli, Másáhebuta and Yerrareddipalli which are distant from Udayagiri proper and the inhabitants of which are generally poor.

From M.R.Ry. D. ANANTIAH GARU, President, Taluk Board, Atmakúru, to the President of the District Board, Nellore, dated Chanchulúr, 21st July 1896, No. 534-A.T.B.

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4. The house-tax is levied in all the hamlets and villages named above, but the amount of the house-tax being very small, all that can be done in a union under the Local Fund Act regarding sanitation, water-supply, &c., is being done only in Atmakúru proper and the other villages and hamlets get nothing in return for the house-tax they pay.

5. The house-tax collections in the villages and hamlets are—

	RS.	A.	P.
Nuvvurpádu ..	11	14	0
Narasápuram ..	8	0	0
Gollapalli ..	8	4	0
Nellorepálem ..	11	14	0
Pérrareddipalli ..	19	2	0
Venkatarávuipalli ..	16	10	0
Mustafápuram ..	9	12	0
Atmakúru proper ..	234	8	0
or a total of Rs. 320 at half the schedule rates.			

6. The distance of the several villages and the hamlets from Atmakúru proper is—

	MILES.
Nuvvurpádu ..	2
Nellorepálem ..	2½
Mustafápuram ..	3½
Venkatarávuipalli ..	1½
Narasápuram ..	2
Gollapalli ..	3
Pérrareddipalli ..	2½

Except Nellorepálem and Pérrareddipalli, none are accessible by a road. They are accessible, but by village paths; but during the monsoon and cultivating season when the wet fields surrounding Atmakúru are under cultivation, they are not easily accessible.

7. The receipts and expenditure of the Atmakúru union for 1895-96 were as follows:—

	Receipts.	RS.	A.	P.
House-tax ..	..	330	14	0
Fees ..	..	7	7	0
Contribution from taluk funds ..	..	645	8	0
		983	13	0
Excess over the receipts ..	..	25	12	10
Total ..		1,009	9	10

	Expenditure.	RS.	A.	P.
Union office establishment ..	..	180	0	0
contingencies ..	..	33	5	2
Lighting and miscellaneous ..	..	47	0	0
Other Sanitary outlay (cost of dust-bins) ..	..	84	4	0
Scavenging establishment and contingencies ..	..	231	13	7
Improvement of village-site, clearing of prickly-pear ..	..	269	4	0
of water-supply ..	..	109	4	0
Repairs to roads ..	..	54	11	1
Total ..		1,009	9	10

8. I beg to add that the tax was being collected at half the maximum rates. It will be observed from the above statement of expenditure that nearly two-thirds of the house-tax collections go towards the union office establishment and contingencies and the remaining Rs. 117-7-2 do not cover the pay of the four sweepers employed only in Atmakúru proper at a cost of Rs. 198 a year exclusive of contingencies. Atmakúru village proper is in three detached places. All the expenditure shown above was for Atmakúru proper and not for any of the other villages or hamlets constituting the union.

9. Under these circumstances the taluk board has resolved to exclude from the union with effect from 1896-97, the villages of Nuvvurpad and Nellorepalem and the hamlets of Mustafapuram, Narsapuram, Venkataravupalli, Gollapalli and Perareddipalli and to retain the main village of Atmakúru alone as the union village. This arrangement is foregoing an annual house-tax of Rs. 85-8-0, but under the circumstances nothing can be done for the said villagers in return for the said Rs. 85-8-0, they pay. The taluk board has therefore thought it fair and just to exclude the said villages and the hamlets from the union and to relieve them from the payment of the house-tax.

10. The house-tax of the Atmakúru proper is Rs. 234-8-0 at the present rates and as three-fourths of the schedule rates will be collected from the beginning of this year, as sanctioned by Government in its order, Mis. No. 559 L., dated 21st March 1896, the collections on account of house-tax will be Rs. 351-12-0, which will be slightly in excess of the amount now collected from all the hamlets and villages. I am doing my best to reduce the expenditure of the union office establishment, employing the bill collector for such time only as is required to collect the house-tax. If the villages and the hamlets proposed above be excluded from the union, the bill collector's work will be confined to Atmakúru proper and it will not take him for more than three consecutive months to collect the tax and the cost will be only Rs. 18 and not Rs. 72 as was hitherto the case. I may add here that I have already dispensed with the services of the bill collector from 1st April last to save unnecessary expenditure and he will be re-employed when registers are approved and passed by the union panchayat for the current year.

From M.R.Ry. D. ANANTIAH Pantulu Garu, President, Taluk Board, Atmakúru, to the President, District Board, Nellore, dated 23rd August 1896, No. 594-A.T.B.

2. The Udayagiri Union consists of Kondayapalem proper and its hamlets of Gangireddipalli, Masahabupeta, Yerrareddipalli, Ganigepentapalli, Venkataravupalli, Udayagiri, Nelatur and Sarvarabadu.

4. The house-tax is levied in all the hamlets named above, but the amount of the house-tax being very small, all that can be done in a union under the Local Board's Act regarding sanitation, &c., is being done only in Udayagiri hamlet, being the head-quarter station and the rest get nothing in return for the house-tax they pay.

5. The house-tax collection in Kondayapalem proper and its hamlets are as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Kondayapalem proper	1	14	0
Udayagiri	436	2	0
Gangireddipalli	7	12	0
Masahebupeta	10	0	0
Yerrareddipalli	6	14	0
Ganigepentapalli	9	8	0
Venkataravupalli	5	12	0
Nelatur	23	14	0
Sarvarabadu	5	10	0

or a total of Rs. 507-6-0 at half the schedule rates.

6. The distance of the several hamlets and Kondayapalem proper from the head-quarters, Udayagiri, is—

	MILES.
Kondayapalem	2½
Gangireddipalli	1¾
Masahebupeta	2
Yerrareddipalli	2
Ganigepentapalli	2
Venkataravupalli	2
Nelatur	5¾
Sarvarabadu	4

None of them is accessible by road. They are accessible only by village paths.

7. The receipts and expenditure of the Udayagiri Union for 1895-96 were as follows:—

Receipts.

	RS.	A.	P.
House-tax	601	6	0
Pees	35	1	0
Miscellaneous	1	0	0
Contributions from taluk board	351	0	0
Total	988	7	0

Expenditure.

	RS.	A.	P.
Sanitation	392	2	7
Communications	246	0	11
Lighting charges and miscellaneous	39	1	7
Office establishment including contingencies	222	0	3
Total	899	5	4

8. I beg to add that the tax was being levied at half the maximum rates and that all the expenditure shown above was for Udayagiri and not for any of the hamlets constituting the union. It will be observed from the above statement of expenditure that the total receipts do not cover the total expenditure without making contributions from the taluk funds. The four sweepers employed for Udayagiri Union work only in Udayagiri and no lights were provided in any of the other hamlets.

9. Under these circumstances the taluk board has resolved to exclude from the union, with effect from 1896-97, Kondayapalem and its hamlets of Gangireddipalli, Masahebupeta, Yerrareddipalli, Ganigepentapalli, Venkataravupalli, Nelatur and Sarvarabadu, and to retain the hamlet of Udayagiri alone as the union village. This arrangement is foregoing an annual house-tax of Rs. 71-4-0; but under the circumstances nothing can be done for the said villages in return for the said sum of Rs. 71-4-0, they pay annually at half the schedule rates. The taluk board has, therefore, thought it fair and just to exclude the said main village and all its hamlets except Udayagiri from the union and relieve them from the payment of the house-tax.

10. The house-tax of the hamlet of Udayagiri is Rs. 436-2-0 at the present rates and as three-fourths of the schedule rates will be levied from the beginning of the current official year as sanctioned by Government in its order, Mis. No. 559 L., dated 21st March 1896, the collections on account of house-tax will be Rs. 639, which will be in excess of the amount now collected from all the hamlets, &c. I am doing my best to reduce the expenditure of the union office establishment, employing the bill collector for such time only as is required to collect the house tax. If

the hamlets, &c., proposed above be excluded from the union, the bill collector's work will be confined to Udayagiri and it will not take him for more than three consecutive months to collect the tax and the cost will be only Rs. 18 and not Rs. 72 as was hitherto the case. I may add here that I have already dispensed with the services of the bill collector from 1st April last to save unnecessary expenditure and he will be re-employed when registers are approved and passed by the union panchayat for the current year.

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ORDER—No. 717 L., dated 13th April 1897.

As the Gollapalle hamlet of the Atmakuru village had only a karnam and not a headman or munsif, it cannot be excluded from the Atmakuru Union. With this exception the proposals of the local boards are approved and the following notifications will be published in the Fort St. George and the Nellore District Gazettes:—

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 6 and 122 of the Madras Local Boards Act, V of 1884, and in modification of notification No. 127 published at page 152 of Part I-A of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 5th May 1886, so far as it relates to the Atmakuru and Udayagiri Unions, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to exclude the villages and hamlets specified in the annexed schedule from the said unions and to declare that the maximum number of members to be appointed for the panchayat of each of the said unions shall, for the time being, be nine.

Local fund taluk.	Name of union.	Villages and hamlets.	Maximum number of members.
Atmakuru	Atmakuru	Atmakuru village with its hamlet, Gollapalle.	9
Do.	Udayagiri	Udayagiri with the hamlets of Gangireddipalli, Ganigepentapalli, Yerrareddipalli and Masahebupeta.	9

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the power conferred by section 63 of the Madras Local Boards Act, V of 1884, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to exempt the hamlets of Gangireddipalli, Ganigepentapalli, Yerrareddipalli and Masahebupeta, included in the Udayagiri Union in the Nellore district, from payment of the house-tax leviable under the Act.

(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
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To the President, District Board, Nellore.

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