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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd April 1862.*

No. 42. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th January 1862,
No. 705 :—

Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated 21st December 1861, No. 326.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Government Proceedings of the 27th March last, No. 425, forwarded by the Board on the 15th April following for my report on paragraph 7, I have the honor to report that I have made the necessary inquiries, as regards the fees levied by the watchers in the villages of Government Tálucs, and am satisfied that there exists no regulated and defined system of levying fees, but I am sure that the Ryots pay fees to the Kavilgars at varying rates at their pleasure.

* Madura.

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† Periacolam.

2. In some villages* the Kavilgars are paid on the thrashing floor with a handful of produce or any quantity by the cultivators at the time of thrashing, while in certain others,† some distinction is made in reference to the circumstances of the Ryots, viz., the substantial Ryots pay 6 mercials of produce and 2 fanams per each house, and the poorer ones half of the same.

‡ Torumangalam.

3. In the Tinnevely villages‡ newly joined to this District, fees are paid, as regards Nanja at 1 mercial of paddy per Poru or heap of grain, and as regards Punja 1 mercial of produce for each heap of corn sheaves in some parts, and in reference to the number of ploughs in others, as well as one fanam in cash per house and a certain amount on account of betlenuts, shoes, &c.

4. In certain villages of Dindigul 4 fanams per garden and 1 mercial of produce per a chey of Nanja land is paid, while, in a village of the Palaney Táluc, the Kavilgars levy fees from the owners of the carts and bullocks conveying articles for disposal to the fair at the place at 3 or 2 Pice respectively.

5. The payment of the various fees alluded to above wholly depends on the pleasure of the payers, who pay the Kavilgars a more or less quantity in some years and withhold their fees entirely in some others, and the latter have no legal means of recovering them.

6. The returns received from the Tálucs, which are mere estimates, show the fees to be Rupees 3,954 in grain, and 1,532 in cash, making a total of Rupees 5,486.

7. I beg to return, as desired by the Board, the original letter from the Inspector General of Police to Government, dated 4th March 1861.

Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Proceedings, dated 12th April 1861, No. 820, Revenue Department. In view of the proposed village cess the Board deem it unnecessary to offer any remarks on the Collector's letter.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 43.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd April 1862, No. 735.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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† Periacolam.
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Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.
Copy to V. H. Levinge, Esq., Collector of Madura.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 12. 1862

Revenue Department.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 30th January 1862.
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Submitting for information a letter from the
Collector of Madura regarding fees paid by
Ryots to the Kavilgars in the villages of Government Taluqs.

Re Chief to the Board of Revenue

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