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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 13th June 1863.

No. 313. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 26th May 1863, No. 898 :—

Observing that Mr. Pelly's report on the Neerguntics of the Ceded Districts was transferred to the Department of Public Works for consideration. } (Vide Revenue Proceedings, 26th May 1863, Nos. 289-290.)

No. 314. ORDER THEREON, 13th June 1863, No. 2,534.

Government await Mr Pelly's reply to their Proceedings in this Department, No. 619, dated 14th March 1863, referring for his opinion the report of the late Chief Engineer on the Conservancy Establishments of the Public Works Department.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government Revenue Department, dated Madras, 21st April 1863, No. 1,504:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Order of Government dated 15th April 1863, No. 658, I would beg permission to make one or two observations.

2. I am directed (paragraph 2) in communication with the Collector of Kurnool to arrange for the distribution of the Shroffage among the Curnums. I believe the Government mean the *Potels*, as mentioned in their Order of 25th June 1862, No. 1,398, paragraph 3, and not the *Curnums*, for I pointed out in my letter dated 8th January 1862 (paragraph 6), that the Potel was the person responsible for the collection of the Revenue. I shall accordingly, in addressing the Collector, treat of this Shroffage as payable to the Potels.

3. In paragraph 1 the Government say that they are not aware what sum has been realized on account of fees in Kurnool. I have the honor to state that nothing has been collected. Mr. Minchin, in a letter dated 17th January 1863, reports as follows:—"The commutation of fees "is delayed solely from the want of an Act rendering the collection of a cess in lieu of the "fees legal. The collection of such fees on the part of village servants has, of course, ceased, "as the latter are now paid by fixed salaries. On the other hand, their collection in kind on "behalf of Government is impracticable, and consequently until an Act is past to legalise the "levy of a cess, the Ryots enjoy a complete exemption on this account."

4. The Government (paragraph 1) allude to a further report which has to be submitted for Neergunties for the Kurnool District, and in their estimate of the possible cost of the whole Establishments for this and the other two Districts treated of, assume an estimated sum for Neergunties. But I beg to remind them of my [illegible]* on the requirements of these three Districts in respect of Neergunties, in which I made the following calculation of the cost for these servants; compared with the item in the Order now under reply, it stands as follows:—

* To Government, dated 12th July 1862.

Cost of Neergunties.

	As per my report dated 12th July 1862.		As estimated in the G. O. dated 15th April 1863.
Kurnool	6,852	.....	2,608
Bellary	16,968	.....	21,114
Cuddapah	15,924	.....	26,373
Total...	39,744	.....	50,095

5. I have requested the Inspector General of Police, with reference to the last paragraph of the Government Order, to ascertain, in each instance of the grouping of villages proposed in my reports, whether the grouping as proposed is objectionable or not in a Police point of view. By doing this the Government will be put in a position of knowing more accurately *to what* extent any modification of the grouping is necessary. I have only to report that the Collectors of these Districts have stated the opinion that the measure as proposed is unobjectionable. I hope very shortly to be able to submit a report accompanied by the replies of Collectors to a Circular letter I sent them requesting their opinion on the probable working of the new scheme of Village Establishments, and which is only delayed awaiting information on one or two points from certain Collectors.

ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1863, No. 898.

1. Mr. Pelly is right in his conclusion that the allowance for Shroffage is to be granted to the Potels and not to the Curnums.

2. As the Collector of Kurnool reports that the collection of the fees of village servants on account of Government is impossible without a legislative enactment, measures will be adopted for introducing a Bill into the Honorable the Governor's Council for the levy of a cess in lieu of fees.

3. Mr. Pelly's report on the Neergunties of the Ceded Districts was transferred to the Department Public Works for consideration. His estimate for Kurnool, it is observed, is Rupees 6,852 instead of Rupees 2,608, as stated in G. O. 15th April last, Revenue Department, No. 658, but there are ample funds available to meet this probable increase.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To Honorable C. Pelly.
To the Board of Revenue.
" Department Public Works.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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