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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th February 1865.*

No. 184. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th December 1864, No. 8,157.

Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vellum, 9th December 1864, No. 389:—

1. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Proceedings of Government, under date the 29th June last, No. 1,104, communicated with the Board's Order of the 2nd July, I have the honor to report the result of the further inquiries made as therein directed.

2. On a careful search into the records of the late Raj, authority has been found, as shewn below, in support of some of the allowances paid to some of the Pagodas of the third class.

3. The annual payment of Rupees 384 to Pagoda No. 1 of this class, consists of several small sums paid for various specific ceremonies, of which one of Rupees 195-11-7 and another of Rupees 11-7-0 are supported by two separate orders of Rajah Serbhaji, bearing date 1829, and signed, as such orders always are, by the Officer termed "Bank Naik." No written authority is forthcoming in support of the allowance of Pagoda No. 2. That of Pagoda No. 3 is supported by a similar order of the late Rajah Sivaji, dated 1835, and in which it is stated that the allowance be paid in accordance with the custom which obtained up to last year. The allowance of No. 4 is supported by an order of the same Prince termed "Paravanagi," bearing date 1833, and directs that the same be paid "*every day*," the payment being daily allowance of rice and other articles of which the aggregate annual value is specified in the Statement submitted to the Board. No written authority is forthcoming in support of the allowances of Nos. 5 to 10, as also of Nos. 12, 14, and 17. Those of Nos. 11 and 15 are supported by an order of Rajah Sivaji, dated 1843, which shews that the allowances used to be paid "from year to year" previously, and were to be paid accordingly in future. The allowance of Pagoda No. 13 is supported by an order of the same Prince, and of the same date, and it being of the nature of a daily allowance in kind, the order directs that it be given "*every day*." The individual who draws allowance of the Tripatti Pagoda, entered as No. 16, holds a document apparently of an ancient date and said to be a Sikka Sunnud, which, though from its being worn out, is illegible as to its date, and the name of the party who is to draw the allowance, shews this much, viz., that a monthly allowance of Chakrums 7, or Rupees 10-14-0, was to be paid to the Tripatti Pagoda from Rajah Kumarambapuram Chuttrum.

4. It will be thus seen that of the seventeen allowances, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 1,166½* per annum, seven† are supported by written authority on the records of the late Raj, and ten‡ are unsupported by such authority. Considering, however, that these allowances have been paid regularly for a long period prior to the late Rajah's death, I am inclined to think that in the ten cases next mentioned, the absence of authority is attributable only to lapse of time, and to the records not having been duly preserved, and that it is, therefore, not conclusive as to their being unauthorized. Whatever may have been their real origin, these allowances which have been paid regularly, and for the performance of specific service on stated days, cannot, in my opinion, be said to be mere casual offerings.

5. It is, I conceive, right to add with regard to the allowance for which no written authority is forthcoming, that the Chuttrums of Mohanambapuram and Rajah Kumarumbapuram from which the allowances Nos. 5 to 11, and 15 to 17, are paid, were originally under the exclusive management of Mohanabai Sahib, wife of Rajah Tuljaji, and in whose name the institution first mentioned was founded, and on the death of that lady and by her desire, the management of both the said institutions descended to Saidambaboge Sahib, the eldest wife of the late Rajah. It was on the death of this latter, that they were taken by the Rajah under his own management, and as all the records relating to their management were kept in the separate Department of the said two ladies, and as the same have not been preserved, no date relating to these two institutions are now capable of being ascertained.

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* In money	565½
In kind	601
† Amounting to	714½
‡ Amounting to	452

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6. I would also beg to add that on the death of the late Rajah, and when all the expenses of the Raj establishments, as also those of the charitable institutions were subjected to a general reduction by the officers of the Raj, many of these Pagoda allowances were to some extent reduced. It is at the rates thus reduced that they have since been paid, and it is at the same rates that they are entered in the Statement submitted to the Board. In one case, however, viz., No. 3, the allowances sanctioned by the Rajah's order, has been exceeded by Rupees 13, since the institution from which it is paid, came under Government management, and as this has been done without any authority, and apparently through inadvertence, the payment to be hereafter made to the Trustees of the Pagodas should be reduced from Rupees 63 to Rupees 50. This will reduce the total of the seventeen Pagodas in question from Rupees 1,166½ to Rupees 1,153½.

1. Submitted for the consideration and orders of Government, with reference to their Proceedings quoted by the Collector.

2. On consideration of the facts now brought to light, the Board have modified their opinion as to the casual nature of these allowances, and they recommend that the allowances be admitted as fixed charges on the Chuttrum endowments.

No. 185.

ORDER THEREON, 9th February 1865, No. 269.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government in their Order dated 29th June 1864, No. 1,104, authorized money payments from the endowments belonging to the Rajah's Chuttrums in Tanjore to Pagodas which have hitherto received them, and which are situated in the same villages as the Chuttrums or under the same management, and before adopting the recommendation of the Board of Revenue that those Pagodas which are neither under the Chuttrum agency nor otherwise connected with them should be deprived of the payments, they desired particular enquiry to be made as to whether the allowances in question were mere casual offerings, as the Board seemed to think they were.

2. The Board submit the Collector's reply with their Proceedings above recorded. Mr. Cadell states that only some of the allowances are supported by any written authority, but that as all of them have been paid for a long period prior to the late Rajah's death, the absence of authority in regard to the rest is attributable only to lapse of time, and to the records not having been duly preserved. He is further of opinion that, whatever may have been their real origin, they have been paid regularly for the performance of specific service on stated days, and cannot therefore be said to be mere casual offerings. The Board, in modification of the view formerly taken by them, support the Collector's opinion.

3. The Government concur with the Collector and the Board, and authorize the continuance of the payment of the allowances which the Pagodas in question have hitherto received from the Chuttrum Funds, though they were unconnected with the Chuttrums themselves. The unauthorized payment of 13 Rupees to one of these Temples, alluded to in paragraph 6 of the Collector's letter, should be at once discontinued.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department.

No. 269.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 9th February 1865.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting for consideration and orders of the Collector of Tanjore regarding the allowances made to Pagodas, no differing opinion as to the casual nature of these allowances and recommending that they be admitted as fixed charges on the Chuttrum endowments.

Here enter 20th Dec 1864 No. 8157.

The Govt. in their order dated 29th June 1864, No. 1104 authorized money payments from the endowments belonging to the Rajah's Chuttrums in Tanjore to Pagodas which have hitherto received them, and which are situated in the same villages as the Chuttrums or under the same management and before adopting the recommendation of the Board of Revenue that those Pagodas which are neither under the Chuttrum agency nor otherwise connected with them should be deprived of the payments, they desired particular enquiry to be made as to whether the allowances in question were mere casual offerings, as the Board seemed to think they were.

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formerly taken by them ^{may} support the Collector's opinion.

3. The Govt. concur with the Collector and the Board and authorize the continuance of the payment of the allowances which the Pagedas in question have hitherto received from the Chattram Funds, though they were unconnected with the Chattrams themselves. The unauthorized payment of 13 Rs. to one of these Temples alluded to in para 6 of the Collector's letter, should be at once discontinued.

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No. 269

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT
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Enclosure the
continuance of the
payment of allowance
to certain Depots in
Major's private
grounds.

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