

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 69

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5. I have postponed issuing the necessary proclamation to the Ryots in expectation of the Board's orders on this reference, but I thought it best to bring all this to the Board's notice. The people will be most willing to pay a five per cent. cess if the Kattalai Shelavu is abolished; but then, as I have pointed out, Government will have to supplement this amount with 53,665 Rupees to raise the amount sufficiently to meet the charge of salaries for village servants.

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6. If I felt certain that the Board and Government were prepared to make this supplement from the general revenue, the matter would be at rest; but the more I read the papers connected with this subject, the more I am impressed that this is not the intention: in paragraph 20 of the Government Proceedings, it is remarked "that Mr. Newill expressly states that he considerably "modified Mr. Puckle's calculations, and raised the assessment to an extent much exceeding "the amount of Kattalai Shelavu, so that it provides for the disbursement of the charge of "remuneration to village officers in this and other forms, and is inclusive of all such items as these "fees.

"The settlement finally proposed by the Board, is thirteen and eleven per cent. lower than the "assessment referred to (Mr. Newill's), but the Board still contemplate the abolition of the "Kattalai Shelavu at least."

7. That is to say 63,789 Rupees ready-money collections which go to pay the Curnums and all village servants' salaries at once disappear, and we have nothing in its place; the five per cent. cess to be levied will only re-place the other fees now paid in grain, 54,876.

8. I believe the course the Board and Government would most approve, would be to at once abolish the collection of the Jummabundy batta and Saderwarid charges, viz, 970,* Rupees, and to collect, as usual, the Kattalai Shelavu payable as village officers' salaries; this will give us 62,819 Rupees, and commute the other fees into a ready-money payment; this would give us 54,876 Rupees, or in all 1,17,695 Rupees, which would give us funds sufficient to pay our village servants, and the five per cent. cess would then be quite unnecessary.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. BIRD, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 19th August 1856, No. 133.

1. I have had the honor to receive Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated the 13th instant, No. 2,545, directing me to adopt the necessary measure for discontinuing the levy of the Kattalai Shelavu.

2. I have prepared Circular Orders and a Proclamation, but before issuing these I beg to bring to the notice of your Board that the Curnums generally throughout the province are entirely dependent on this Kattalai levy for their remuneration and salary of office. If the charge upon the Ryot is abruptly discontinued, there will be no funds or means at hand to pay the Curnums, and the whole official transactions of the Collectorate will be placed in the greatest difficulty and dilemma.

From Board, 24th June 1852.
To do. (with 2 Statements) 6th August 1852.
From do. 6th September 1852.
To do. (with 1 Statement) 8th June 1853.
From do. 24th February 1853.
To do. 11th March 1853.
From do. 9th May 1853.
To do. with 1 Statement 10th June 1853.
From do. 17th November 1853.
To do. 16th October 1854, paragraph 4.
From do. 23rd February 1856.
To do. Extract Proceedings, 19th March 1856.
From do. 5th April 1856.
To do. 29th May "
From do. 3rd June "
To do. Extract Proceedings, 13th August 1856.

3. I would beg to refer the Board to the correspondence noted in the margin, and respectfully suggest again that until the Curnums of the District get a fixed salary, this Kattalai Shelavu may continue.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. R. McDONELL, Officiating Collector.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th January 1865.*

1. Ordered that the above paper be submitted for the consideration of Government, with reference to the Government Proceedings dated 5th April 1864, No. 577, sanctioning the revised assessment for the Trichinopoly District.

2. Mr. McDonell points out that the nature of the Katala Shelavu is somewhat different from what has been supposed; but the Board see no reason to suppose that the results of the Government Order which he anticipates are different from what was deliberately contemplated by Government. The Government contemplate the eventual imposition of a village service cess in substitution for all existing fees.

3. Adopting Mr. McDonell's estimate of the revenue under the revised settlement, viz., Rupees 13,00,000, and calculating the cess at the maximum per centage authorized by the Act lately passed, viz., 6½ per cent., or one Anna in the Rupee, the proceeds would be Rupees 81,250 per annum.

4. Adding to this Mr. Pelly's estimate of the proceeds of the cess on the Inám lands of the District, viz., Rupees 12,500, and the produce of the Service Inám enfranchisements, viz., Rupees 16,000, the total available assets for remunerating village servants in the Trichinopoly District will be Rupees 1,09,750, while Mr. Pelly estimates the total requirements of the District at Rupees 1,57,350, after a considerable reduction in the number of villages by grouping.

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5. It seems doubtful whether this last part of the scheme can be carried out; but even assuming that it is so, there will be a deficiency of assets to the amount of Rupees 47,600 to be made good from other sources. The deficiency will of course be larger if the grouping should prove to be impracticable to the extent originally proposed; but such a deficiency must have been anticipated by Government when the mutation of existing fees for a cess calculated on the Land revenue was contemplated. The assessment in fact is accepted as inclusive of the Katala Shelavu ordered to be abolished, which amount to Rupees 63,789, or Rupees 16,189 more than the above estimated deficiency, which of course would be reduced as cultivation extends beyond the area on which Mr. McDonell bases his estimate of land revenue.

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No. 150. ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1865, No. 69.

Land Revenue.

Recorded, with reference to G. O. dated 16th December 1864, No. 2,267, declaring Act IV of 1864 (Madras) applicable to the Trichinopoly District, and fixing the rate of cess at 6½ per cent.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, M. D.

Copy to R. E. Master, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.

" to A. R. McDonell, Esq., Officiating Collector of Trichinopoly.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 5th April 1864 No. 97512
25th January 1864 No. 2441225

Rev. 1864.5 Department
No. of Enrolment January 1865

No. 1781.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 6th July 1864
25th January 1864
Rev. 1864.5

No. 4185.

Submitting for consideration with remarks letter from the Officiating Collector of Trichinopoly giving his opinion on the Kattalai Shalavu question.

No. 149155

25th January 1865
With answer

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