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5th May 1865.*

No. 98. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th February 1865, No. 720.

Read the following letter from J. FRASER, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Godavery District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 20th December 1864, No. 335 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th May 1864, No. 3,033, accompanied by the Government Proceedings of the 2nd May 1864, No. 761, I have the honor to state as follows.

2. The village of Jagannaikapuram, which was formerly under the Dutch Government, reverted to the British Government from 1st June 1825. There was no Moonsiff in the village while it was under the Dutch, and subsequently up to the year 1832.

3. It appears from an order issued by the late Collector, Mr. Crawley, on the 29th November 1832, that one Adabala Venkatramayya was first appointed as Moonsiff, the nomination having been deemed necessary for the trial of petty offences. He and his successors served as Moonsiffs, without any remuneration whatever, up to the year 1848. A Moonsiff then in employ, named Yella Padmanabhudu, presented a Petition to the Board requesting remuneration to his office. It was referred to the Collector with the Board's letter, dated 20th January 1848, and a report was submitted to the Board on the 5th June 1848 by the then Collector, Mr. Prendergast, recommending that the Moonsiff should be remunerated out of the Moturpha collections, according to the scale of the Bellary District, until the survey should be introduced. This was accordingly sanctioned by the Board in their Proceedings dated 3rd July 1848. The collections of Moturpha in that year having amounted to Rupees 500, Rupees 18 were paid to the then Moonsiff, according to the above-mentioned scale of rates. As the Moturpha collections gradually increased, the allowance to the Moonsiff was likewise increased to Rupees 30 a year, up to Fusly 1270. The Moturpha was abolished from Fusly 1271, and the payment therefrom to the Moonsiff was discontinued.

4. The Land Revenue of the village is $9\frac{1}{4}$ Rupees a year, of which 8 Rupees are levied on a piece of Zirayati land, and the remaining $1\frac{1}{4}$ Rupee is the quit-rent of the sites occupied under buildings. There is no other Moonsiff in the village of Jagannaikapuram. It is, therefore, necessary that he should be retained.

5. The village of Rajanagaram was founded by one Rajah Bahadoor about eighty years ago. He built a choultry and pagoda in it. He arranged that the merchants and traders should contribute monthly a certain sum of money for the support of the choultry and pagoda, as well as for the payment of the village servants. The merchants and traders of Rajanagaram have accordingly been paying tax. Mr. Robertson, a former Collector, taxed them with Moturpha amounting to Rupees 228-8-0 in the year 1821; and they having refused to pay both the contributions for village servants and Moturpha, an order was issued on the 20th July 1821, suspending the collection of the latter.

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6. The Collector, Mr. Kindersley, ordered in the year 1824 that only Rupees 120 should be collected on account of Moturpha from the merchants and traders, on the condition of their paying the usual contributions.

7. Mr. Austey, the Collector, in the year 1828 reduced it from Rupees 120 to Rupees 60.

8. In the year 1830, Mr. Crawley, the then Collector, finding that the usual contributions were not regularly paid, raised the Moturpha from Rupees 60 to 120.

9. The irregularity of payment to the village servants was continued, and consequent irregularity in the performance of service occurred. Mr. Smith

	Rs.	A.	P.
1 Washerman...	0	12	0
1 Barber...	0	8	0
1 Vettian...	1	0	0
1 Naigvady...	1	0	0
1 Potter...	1	0	0
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then ordered, in the year 1837, that Rupees 51 out of the Moturpha collections should be paid to them, as mentioned in the margin. They were accordingly paid up to Fasli 1270, when the Moturpha was abolished.

10. Mr. Purvis, finding that the services of a Vettian and Barber are necessary to supply bearers and other necessities to travellers passing through Rajanagarum, it being on the high road with a Travellers' Bungalow there, ordered them to be retained on a salary of one Rupee each per month, and dispensed with the services of others. They still serve in the village, and their services are absolutely requisite as alluded to. They have no other allowances either in land or money. These servants are also useful for carrying remittances to the Taluk stations, and for assisting the head of the village in making collections of revenue and other things, as there are no other servants in the village besides these.

11. No levying of Bearers' Fund exists in this District. The average number of travellers, to whom the bearers were supplied at Rajanagarum, is about twenty a year. I, therefore, consider that a fee of one Anna per mile may be fixed for each set of bearers furnished, at each stage in the District, for the distance the passenger travels in it.

12. The Curnums of the village of Narsapur had no emoluments in land or money. They used to levy fees from the inhabitants on account of marriages and attesting documents. This practice was found to have caused many irregularities, and was, on the recommendation of the Collector, forbidden in the year 1854, and a compensation of Rs. 64-9-0 was allowed to be received by them from the revenue and Moturpha collections of the village—vide correspondence noted in the margin.

	Collections.	Fees.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Land Revenue	630 0 0	26 5 0
Moturpha	1,194 12 0	38 4 0
		64 9 0

Letter from Commissioner, dated 9th September 1852.
Do. to do. 16th December 1852.
Do. from do. 23rd "
Do. to do. 29th February 1854, No. 17.
Do. from do. 16th March 1854, No. 122.

1. Pulipaka Kamarazu.
2. Saripally Soorya Prakasem.
3. Kopparti Rajamma.

13. The Land Revenue of the village of Narsapur, for Fusly 1273, is Rupees 241-2-6; one Curnum is quite sufficient, and the other two may be discontinued at once without reference to the general revision of the village establish-

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ments. The names of the present Kurnums are mentioned in the margin. The Kurnum No. 2 has other lands, and his undivided brother Ramachendrudoo has Carnicam and Mirassi lands in the village of Saripally. As he is employed in the Revenue Survey Department, the Carnicam duties of the village are performed by Soorya Prakasem, the Kurnum No. 2. No. 3 is a woman. She has employed her brother as Gumastah, who is the Kurnum of a proprietary village of Mamidipally. I think the services of these two Kurnums may be dispensed with, and P. Kamarazu No. 1, who has no other office or means, may be retained as Kurnum of Narsapur.

14. There are no other servants employed in the District on pay from Moturpha revenue except the above five.

1. Under the circumstances stated by the Collector, the village Munsiff of Jagannaikapuram will be retained on an annual allowance of Rupees 30.

2. Of the two servants in the village of Rajanagarum one will in future be remunerated out of the fees on the supply of bearers which the Collector proposes to levy at one Anna per mile for each set, and the other, who is employed in making collections, and rendering other services in the village, will be paid Rupees 12 per annum from general funds.

3. Out of the three Kurnums now employed at Narsapur, one will be retained, and the other two discontinued as proposed by the Collector. The one that is retained will enjoy the allowance now received from the village charges, pending the revision of the village establishment. No further payment need be made to him in lieu of the allowance from Moturpha collections which was discontinued.

4. The foregoing Proceedings will be communicated to Government in reference to paragraph 3 of their Order, dated 2nd May 1864, No. 761.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, 5th May 1865, No. 934.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. S. T. Austin.

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Henry George May

No. 398

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 8th February 1865.

See 21/1/65

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No. 720.

Passing orders on letter from the Officiating Collector of the Godavery District stating that there is but one Munsiff in the village of Jaganakapuram, and mentioning the circumstances under which certain village servants were paid out of the Meturpha collections.

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John W. George
5th May 1865

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With order