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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	291	Press ~~Mis.~~
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No. 23. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th January 1868, No. 389 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 3rd January 1868, No. 2.

1. Subramanaiyah Sastri, a Vakeel of the Civil and Session Court of Chittoor, has represented by petition that he has obtained a license from the Licensing Officer of the Chittoor Talook to exercise the profession of Vakeel, and has paid the fee (Rupees 20) for it, but that he has been subsequently taxed by the Vellore Municipal Commissioners 12½ Rupees for the half year ending 30th April last, for exercising a similar profession in the Court of Small Causes now located at that station.

2. Subramanaiyah Sastri now contends that he is not liable to License Tax, inasmuch as he is assessed Rupees 25 per annum by the Vellore Municipal Commissioners. He therefore requests that he may be exempted from License Tax at Chittoor, and that the fee of Rupees 20, already paid by him, may be refunded.

3. In their Order of the 28th August last, No. 2,018, the Government authorize the abatement of the License Tax to which any person may be assessed at a place where both the License and Municipal Acts are in force; but no specific orders have been passed by Government to meet the case of those who are assessed to both the License and Municipal taxes at different towns in the same district.

Board's Proceedings, 3rd September 1867, No. 5,701.

4. In the present case, Subramanaiyah Sastri is a permanent resident of Chittoor, but has occasionally to attend the Small Cause Court at Vellore in the practice of his profession.

5. The Vakeel states that he has been assessed by the Licensing Officer of the Chittoor Talook upon the total income he makes in his profession generally, and that he is unable to produce any accounts to shew the proportions of that income made in the Court here and at Vellore.

6. Under these circumstances, I have the honor to request the instructions of the Board as to whether Subramanaiyah Sastri may be exempted from paying the Imperial License Tax, on the ground that he has been assessed to the Municipal Tax at Vellore, and whether the former Tax, already collected from him, may be refunded.

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1. Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board are of opinion that the spirit of the ruling of the Government of India would exempt the Vakeel from the Imperial License Tax in future.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 1st February 1868, No. 291.

Miscellaneous.

1. The intention of the Orders on the above subject is to relieve individuals from the payment of a double License Tax under the Municipal and General Acts, by allowing an abatement from the Imperial Tax equal to the amount of the smaller tax of the two, whichever that may be.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st February 1868.

2. In the case stated, if the Vakeel in question has paid the year's Municipal Tax, he is clearly entitled to a refund of the Imperial Tax collected.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 3183.

From Superintg Engineer's office 2nd Divn
Camp Pedaira, Vadlapundi Taluk
Cuddapah Dist. 28th March 1868.

To The Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle
Cuddapah

Sir,

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept
Fort St. George

With reference to G.O. No. 225 of 26th August 1868 I have the honor to inform you that the necessity of opening roads between the Bellary and Cuddapah Districts had some time ago attracted my attention, but as the Local Road Cess Fund was only started in 1865 it was not until then that there was a prospect of obtaining funds.

2. In April 1865 I requested Lieut. Bourne-father, then in charge of the Madanapilly Range, to submit a survey &c. for a road from Sitladi via Mortial cherroo and Obulavaracherroo to the Bellary frontier, which I proposed to connect with the line of road from Cocherroo near Boddapadaiah to Codoor on the Bangalore Trunk Road at or near Boodaly. From Codoor traffic &c. to or from Nundyaloor would pass via Chillamatoor and Kapatalay where there is at present a road. I cannot agree with Mr Clarke as to the necessity of a road from Nundyaloor to Palasamoodrum and hence to join the Sitladi Road; and can only suppose that he made the suggestion on what was told him without referring to the Map of the Bellary District.

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3. As regards the road from Boddapadaiah via Vemdoorthy I beg to state that in my opinion it is a very necessary line of communication and early in this year I had suggested to the Collector of Bellary the advisability of improving the present track: the only question I wanted to have decided was as to whether it should join with Road No XII. There is an existing track from Vemdoorthy past the north end of the Vemdoorthy

South to South east fairly, but thick jungle over a hilly and from what I learnt on the spot it would be better to proceed from Gondoorgy past the South end of the Tank to Mullakaravanula; passing round the end of the Range of hills; and to I have directed Captain Begbie to prepare and submit a Survey for this line.

4. Further north there is I think another line which might be found beneficial, viz from Dharmaveram to Pedda Obiapully on Trunk Road No XII - and regarding this I have directed the Assistant Engineer Boswallan to submit a Report.

5. From Mullakaravanula I would suggest that a line of road be taken to or near Conty to join the road now in progress from Athadi to Polivendla, thus admitting of a junction with the Railway at Moodamoor.

6. I am not able to understand on what grounds Mr Clarke has recommended a road from Tallapaltha via Yellachallamalla to Gonlapenta on the road from Athadi to Rayachoty. A glance at the Map will show that from Tallapaltha you must first go East and then South East to reach Yellachallamalla and then almost South and South West to get to Gonlapenta. I made enquiries when at Athadi, as to how this line of road came to be proposed to Mr Clarke, but I could not find out who had spoken about it. The Tahsildar of the Athadi Taluk informed me that a road was wanted from Athadi to Vaimpully, which is almost on the direct line to Cuddapah; but the only question is as to the direction in which to take the road. I have directed Captain Begbie to see if an easy line could be taken from Tallapaltha, or any other point on the Athadi & Polivendla Road, via Vapamoor ghaut and the Gorge Country to Vaimpully.

7. I quite agree with Mr Clarke in his proposal

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for a road from Pulivendla through the Nagapalla Pass to Tripulty. It is a continuation of the road from the North Eastern part of the Mysore territory in Latitude 40 past Suddum, Colla Colla, Gull Roy, Chinna Seshasamoodrum & Voilpaud to Pulivendla, of which the greater portion is in very fair order. At certain times of the year great numbers of pilgrims pass along this road, I am informed, on their way to Tripulty, and the advisability of completing the portion between Pulivendla and Tripulty has been discussed for some years, but the work was deferred for want of funds. The greater part of the Nagapalla pass lies in the Cuddapah District and I would therefore suggest that the laying out of the road through the whole of this pass be left to the Ranger Officer in the North Arcot District and that the Cuddapah Ranger Officer take it up from wherever he leaves off, as this arrangement would prevent mistakes. I inspected this morning in company with Captain Begbie about three miles of this line of road & find that it will pass over stony and rocky ground and that the chief work will be removing stones & bushes: beyond this for as far as Babbarapalle I was told there was no difficulty. As the demarcation for the Reserve Survey is in progress in this, the Voilpaud, Taluk, I would beg to suggest that an immediate grant of Rs. 50 per mile or Rs. 400 for the 8 miles from Pulivendla to Babbarapalle be at once allotted from the Road Funds to enable Captain Begbie to mark out with side Channels & Check drains the proposed line of road and when this is done to have the line Surveyed. I would suggest his stopping the train when he reaches Babbarapalle until such time as the trace through the Nagapalla Pass is completed, when he might finish the connecting link.

8. As regards the progress of the works I beg to state that on the road from Athadi to Polivendla

there is a very good class of work it has been opened for about 15 miles at a cost of about Rupees 13,000, and a further sum of about equal amount will be necessary to open up the remaining distance, and when this is done I think about Rs 3,000 will be wanted for Masonry Works &c. This is a very important line of road and as it has now been commenced I trust that it will be continued until the whole distance is opened up for cart, which at present cannot pass from Allapoor to Kulladumbalay all traffic being carried on pack bullocks. At the time of my inspection there were only about 350 Coolies employed, a great number having gone away to gather in the harvest. Most of these would however be returning in a short time for work as they would not find employment in ploughing and sowing for the second Crop, in this there was a great change in the Weather, most of the Tanks in Khalli Taluk having little or no Water.

9. Inspected the Canal from Allapoor to the Bellary frontier as far as Mootkal chavoo, but was informed that the principal work was near Kulladumbachavoo. I found there was very little Water in the Mootkal Chavoo Tank & was informed that the same scarcity of water existed in the other Tanks to the South West. This I can easily believe as, in my visit to the Pennaconda Taluk Bellary District, in the early part of this month, I found that most of the Tanks were nearly empty, the Horsapatanum Tank being about the only one which had received a good supply, and this, as I was told, was in consequence of the breaching of some Tanks in the higher Territory.

10. I regret to state that the Coffee Plants referred to by other Clerks have not as a rule given a supply to the Tanks but have merely sufficed for the dry Crops.

11. From the Sahadri Taluk I proceeded to the North Western part of the Madanapelly Taluk where the large Tanks of Kundukoor, Peddoo Siffapatanumdrum and Ringapatanumdrum are situated. The first

of these is a fine Reservoir constructed across the main branches of the Panjungee River and the other two Tanks are across smaller feeders of the same River. The Sub Collector was very anxious to carry on the excavation of the Channel from the Kundukoor Tank to the Peddoo Siffapatanumdrum Tank and from thence to the Ringapatanumdrum Tank and was very sanguine as to the increased Revenue that would be realized, considering that there would be a return of about 30 % on an Expenditure of one lac of Rupees.

12. When I inspected the Kundukoor Tank there was only about one fourth a full Supply & the Peddoo Siffapatanumdrum & Ringapatanumdrum Tanks had still less. It would of course be useless to think of taking off water from the Kundukoor Tank until it has received a full supply & as I have suggested the Acting Sub Collector to furnish me with a Statement showing how often during the last twenty years the Tahsildar's of the Kundukoor Tanks have discharged the number of days during which they were discharging and the depth passing over so that an approximate idea may be gained of the quantity of water available for the other Tanks. I regret to be obliged to throw cold water on any irrigation project for the retention & transmission to other Tanks of the Surplus Water of a large Tank, but, from the Returns shown to me, I could only see that there would be an increased Revenue of about Rs 12,000 at the out side & I think the cost would be about one & a half lacs. The return would thus be 8 % supposing the Peddoo Siffapatanumdrum Ringapatanumdrum & all the smaller Tanks were filled, but then we come to the question of whether the Supply of water is sufficient.

I have &c

A Allen Major RE

Superintending Engineer 3rd Div.

26 August/68 No 402 404
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No. 3837.

From

The Superintending Engr.
3rd Dn

To

The Secretary to Govt.
P. W. D.

Dated 28th November 1868.
Rec'd 1st Dec. 1868.

No. 3183.

Informing of the necessity of opening certain Roads between the Bellary and Cuddapah Districts.

S.O. No. 291 dated July.

Transferred

Dated Camp Gooty the 3 Sept 1868.

From

Lieut Colonel W. Pearse
Superintending Engineer
3rd Division

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Sketch of the Roads in the Bellary and Cuddapah Districts which I have lately visited in accordance with the instructions contained in your Memorandum No. 291 dated 14th July last.

2. The Roads are shown in red ink and the Villages through which they pass are marked in black ink.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 1st February 1868.

No. 25. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th January 1868, No. 224.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th December 1867, No. 342 :—

The Sub-Magistrate of Suttimungalam reports that a man named Mosavan, of the Vellala caste, and aged thirty years, died intestate about seven months ago at Melvauny hamlet, of the Choundapoor village, in Sattiamungalum talook, leaving behind him a few movable things and a thatched house. The Sub-Magistrate sent the movable property to the Session Court to be disposed of under the provisions of Regulation No. III. of 1802. But the house has to be treated under Section 6, Regulation No. VII. of 1817. The Sub-Magistrate estimates its value at 3 Rupees. I have, subject to the approval of the Board and Government, directed the house to be sold by public auction. The amount realized by its sale will be held in deposit until I am favored with the Board's orders on the subject.

Submitted for the orders of Government, whose authorization is required in order that the proceeds of the sale may be placed to their credit.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 1st February 1868, No. 292.

Miscellaneous.

The Government infer from the Collector's letter that the deceased, who is stated to have died "intestate," has left no heir, although it is nowhere so stated, and if this be the case, they sanction the proposed arrangement, subject to any claims that may be hereafter established.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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