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செப்பனிடுபவர் பெயர்

செப்பனிடுவதற்கான வெட்டு 12/2006
கொள்ளப்பட்ட நாள்.

செப்பனிட்டு முடித்த நாள் 02/2007.

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 13th October 1857.

No. 4. Read the following letter from C. J. SHUBRICK, Esq., Collector of Chingleput; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Sydapet, 14th September 1857.

SIR,

With reference to para. 5 of Extract from Minutes of Consultation No. 858 of the 25th Ultimo, I have the honor to state for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that I did not intend it to be understood that the sole remuneration of the Taliars of Chingleput consisted of grain paid to them by the ryots from their own share of the gross produce; as such was shewn not to be the case in the statement which accompanied my letter of the 7th September 1855, No. 215. In that statement, the Taliars' emoluments from all recognized sources are laid down, and will be found to consist of rent free lands and fees, the latter being fixed rateably on the estimated gross produce of the crop at the period of the survey field assessment, and not on the ryots' share of it only. The fees have therefore remained payable at that fixed rate on each cultivated field ever since. The expression in para. 2 of my letter of the 8th July last, No. 24, that the Taliars received their fees from the inhabitants, and which probably led the Government to question the fact is, however, still true, as, though the fees were assessed on the Government portion of the crop as well as on the ryots, the grain has been left in the hands of the latter who pay the fees of both parties or of neither, pretty much as they are pressed for them or not. The Taliar has only to look to the ryot for his fees, and to obtain them the best way he can.

2. The change in the mode of collecting the fees will doubtless be viewed unfavorably by the ryots at first, as it will compel them to make payments which they have hitherto been enabled, in a great measure, to avoid; but as the efficiency of the village Police is very greatly concerned in the measure, and the Taliars have at all events a right to Government assistance in realizing the Government portion of their fees, I do not think the feelings of the ryots need be very much considered. One effect of the change will be to induce a greater watchfulness on the part of the Taliar over the grain on the thrashing floor, and not allow its clandestine removal to the loss of Government, as his receipt of his fees more or less will depend on the quantity of grain he may be able to preserve for the payment of revenue.

3. As regards the duties of the Taliars in Chingleput, I believe they are much the same as in other parts of the country, and it is difficult to separate the duties which they perform or ought to perform towards the State from those which they perform for the inhabitants, the watching of the crops and grain, and guarding the village, being as much a duty to one as to the other. Their other duties of carrying letters, conveying the Tahsildars' orders, serving summonses, escorting remittances, &c., are equally beneficial to both parties, and difficult to be apportioned between them.

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, No. 1030; dated 7th October 1857.

1. With reference to an order* of Government in the Judicial Department, Mr. Shubrick, the Magistrate of Chingleput, in a letter dated 8th July last, suggested the propriety of incorporating the Meeahs or fees of the Taliaries, and other village Police, with the Government revenues, and disbursing them in money to the proper recipients every year. Mr. Shubrick considered that such a measure would bring the village Police more directly under the control of the Collector and Magistrate; and, by removing the present uncertainty of their obtaining from the ryots any fees at all, would render them a more efficient body. The Government admitted† the propriety of the suggestion; but before passing final orders on the subject, requested to be assured whether Mr. Shubrick had correctly represented the position of the Taliaries of his District, in saying that their sole remuneration was in grain paid to them by the ryots from their own shares of the gross produce.

* *9th June 1857, No. 664.*

† *Ex. Mins. Cons. 25th Augt. 1857, No. 858.*

2. In his reply above recorded, Mr. Shubrick, who now addresses Government in his capacity of Collector, states that he did not, in his former letter, intend it to be understood that the sole remuneration of the Taliaries of Chingleput consisted in the grain paid to

gross produce. He says that in the Statements which accompanied the letter to the Board of Revenue dated 7th September 1855, No. 215, the Fees are represented as a charge of rent on lands and fees, the latter being calculated only on the estimated gross produce of the crop at the survey field assessment, and not on the gross share. The Government do not find however that this fact is shown in the Statements to which the Collector refers. They are headed as exhibiting the emoluments of the Talliaries, and there is nothing to show that the fees are assessed on the gross produce, and the Mr. Stokes, in his letter transmitting the Statements, assert it; indeed, the information was the contrary, from his subsequent letter of the 8th January 1856, in which it was twice stated that the fees were paid by the Ryots.

3. From the Collector's present letter, the Government understand that a proportion, but what proportion is not said, of the gross produce, was set aside for the Talliaries at the field assessment, that it is left with the ryots for distribution, and that they frequently retain it themselves.

4. To remedy these evils it is proposed to place the village Police on an efficient footing, and to give both the ryots and the Government a which contributes to their emoluments, a better claim to exact a vigilant performance of duty; the Collector and Magistrate proposes that the value of the proportion of the gross produce set apart for the Talliaries' fees shall no longer be left with the Ryots, but that the grain shall be collected from them, and being added to the Government share, that value shall be paid to the Talliaries by the Collector every year.

5. Of the general principle of this measure the Government entirely approve, but as the Collector's letters do not afford very precise information as to the original arrangement under which the fees in question were assessed on the gross produce, nor the degree in which the ryot is bound to contribute his share, the Government resolve to forward the correspondence† that has passed on the subject to the Board of Revenue, and to request that they will, after consulting their records, give a brief account of the establishment of the Taliaries' fees, and afford the Government the aid of their opinion as to whether, under the present law, the Collector could enforce the payment to his officers, of the value of the ryots' share of the gross produce which was originally allotted to the Taliaries.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

† *From Magistrate of Chingleput 5th July 1857, No. 24.*
Extract Minutes Consultation 26th August 1857, No. 8638.
From Collector of Chingleput 14th September 1857, No. 96.
Extract Minutes Consultation 7th October 1857, No. 10310.

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Extract from the Minutes of Proceedings

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Ext. Prem. Cons. 25 August 1857 N. 855
Prem. Ext. Chirgfant 4th Sept. 57 N. 36
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No 1830.

Extract Mins. of Com.
Dy. 11th Oct. 57.

Submitted from the Bd. of the 3rd inst.
Read, and Resolved accordingly

Intimating to the Board the Correspondence had on the subject of Payment of Fees to the Clerks of Petty and Sessions Courts, and requesting them to give a Brief account of the Establishment thereof.

Read.