Revenue Department

Income Tax Circle

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Block No 6 & 7

Income tax 1983-84 Assessment

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

No. 6. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th September 1857, No. 2180.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore dated 18th July 1849,* supplying further information respecting certain grants that have been already reported upon.

(Here enter No. 101.)

Resolved that the above letter be laid before Government with reference to Revenue Minutes of Consultation dated 22nd January 1857, No. 103.

2. Resolved further that Government be called for—

1st. As to whether any reduction can properly be made in the extent of enquiry as suggested by the Board in their Proceedings dated 4th March 1857, and received from the Collector of Nellore dated 16th January 1856;

2nd. As to the conditions on which grant No. 58 is held by the Grantee;

3rd. Whether Nos. 60, 65, and 70 to 73 and other similar grants for keeping tanks in repair, may not be resumed at the end of Fasly 1268, provision being made in the Department of Public Works for the service, if there really be any.

3. With reference to the first point of enquiry, it appears that no reduction can be made in the present No. of villages, naturally considering the Circular's nature of Mamool or Service the grant from which is attached. The entire extent of the endowment is 168 Cawelies of which only 132 Cawelies is registered, the remaining portion being Poramboke and Puttoo land. The average assessment of the last 10 years on the cultivated area is only Rupees 1893 one annum, whereas the average assessment of the Taluq of the County as computed at about Rupees 3000 or Rupees 3 above the average assessment of inams. The Land Revenue have been recently raised not less than 50 percent the rate of Rupees 200 per annum.

4. The buildings erected by the grantee on the main road from Nellore to Madras are said to have originally cost Rupees 5,000 and consists of a Choultry and a Monasterkhana for the accommodation of native travellers, and a Bungalow for Europeans. At present however they are in such a delapidated state that few travellers resort to them. The 3 tanks constructed by the grantee and on which the lands are dependant are also out of repair. Oddiaung, one of the grand sons of the grantee, who has the sole management of the charity, is in reduced circumstances and has not the means of repairing the works. His younger brother Seerjung Sing however has offered to put the buildings in thorough repair at his own expense if the management is transferred to him, the Acting Collector recommends that in the event of the grant being renewed, it may be entrusted to the joint management of the two brothers on their furnishing security to execute the necessary repairs within a limited period. The Board concur in this recommendation and request that sanction may be accorded for the renewal of the enam in their names jointly on the express understanding that if these conditions are not fully complied with the grant will be at once resumed.

5. The grant No. 58 was originally conferred during the Mahomedan Government for sweeping the Monasterkhana at Sungarayacondah, and this service is said to be still performed by the Enamdar.

6. With respect to the 3d point of inquiry as to whether the enams granted for keeping tanks in repair may not be resumed, the repair being provided for in the Department Public Works, it would seem from the report of the local officers that the repairs are duly executed by the resident Enamdars whose services are properly available and that if transferred to the Department Public Works, delay and inconvenience might be experienced before the works could be executed. The Acting Collector thinks that the present mode of providing for the repair of these reservoirs is, on the whole, preferable and should not be disturbed at present.

7. The Board will address Government, if necessary, in a separate communication regarding grants 58 and 69 referred to in paras. 11 and 12 of the Acting Collector's letter, Mr. Taylor will forward the original documents connected with these cases for the Board's inspection.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, No. 1031; dated 9th October 1857.

1. In Extract Minutes Consultation No. 109, dated 20th January 1857, in passing orders respecting the disposal of certain enam lands in the Nellore District, which were said to have been alienated by two former Collectors, Messrs. Travers and Fraser, but which, upon enquiry, turned out to be grants of former Governments confirmed by those Gentlemen, Government called for further information respecting the cases in the Tabular Statement enclosed as noted in the margin.* This is supplied by the Board's Proceedings above recorded.

* No. 56.
No. 59.
Nos. 66, 68, 70, 71, 72, *and* 73.

2. No. 56 is a grant to a certain Chuttrum; Government observed in their former order that it was very large, and requested to be informed whether it could not be resumed. The particulars of the case are now detailed by the Board. The Chuttrum in question is situated 3 miles south of Nellore, on the Madras road. The buildings were constructed to afford accommodation for both European and Native travellers, and are now stated to be in such a ruinous condition that few travellers resort to them. The endowment consists of 16-½ Gootrees of land, but only 13½ of this are cultivated, by the aid of 3 tanks, which are also out of repair. The income derived from the land at present, is stated not to exceed Rupees 163½ per annum, while the expenses attending the maintenance of the charity are computed at Rupees 200. For this latter sum a lease has now been granted by the two grandsons of the original grantee. The younger of these two, (who are apparently divided brothers), expresses his readiness to repair the buildings if the management be transferred to him. The Board of Revenue recommend that the enam may be registered in the names of the two brothers, on the express understanding that, if the necessary repairs are not executed within a limited period, the grant will be resumed.

3. The present administration of the charity is, in the opinion of Government, judging from the information before them, very unsatisfactory. The buildings have gone to ruin, and are almost deserted by travellers; the charity itself exists but in name; and the chief item of expense is an establishment of servants which costs 156 Rupees per annum. But though the resumption of the grant for the non-fulfilment of the conditions attached to the tenure would be quite just and reasonable, the Governor in Council is willing to accede to the recommendation of the Board of Revenue that the enam be registered in the name of the two brothers; the Collector will be desired to report upon the state of the charity in one year from the date of this order, and the grant will be resumed as suggested, if on the expiration of that period the terms of it do not appear to have been complied with.

Collector, para. 5.

4. The second point of enquiry was as to the conditions on which grant No. 69 was held. The explanation now afforded is satisfactory; and it will be continued to the present holder as a service enam, subject to the rules which have been enacted for that class of grant.

Board, para. 5.
Collector, para. 8.

5. The rest of the grants, six in number, are for keeping tanks in repair; Government enquired whether these and other grants of the same nature, could not be resumed, and the service be provided for in the Department of Public Works. This course is deprecated by the Acting Collector, who thinks that the present mode of providing for the repair of the reservoirs is preferable, inasmuch as the services of the resident Enamdars are promptly available, and that delay and inconvenience might arise if they were transferred to the Department Public Works. The Government believe that this opinion is not in accordance with the

Board, para. 6.
Collector, para. 9.

general experience of such enams, but they will not disregard the Acting Collector's recommendations, and will only desire that measures be taken to see that the service is always efficiently performed.

6. In para. 10 and 11 of his letter, Mr. Taylor brings to the Board's notice the case of two grants which were erroneously included among alienations said to have been made by Mr. Travers, and which it was ordered should be resumed in the Government order above quoted. It now appears that these are old grants, and the Board propose to report separately upon them, on receipt of the original documents from the Collector.

Proc. 58 and 69.
Supra, para. 1st.

The Government will await the promised report, and meanwhile, the order for the resumption of the land in the two cases in question will remain in abeyance.

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

Department of Public Works.

This Service is separated by the
Act 1871. the Public part the
present mode of providing
for the Repair of the Removed
& Suspended, in connexion with
the duties of the Architect
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