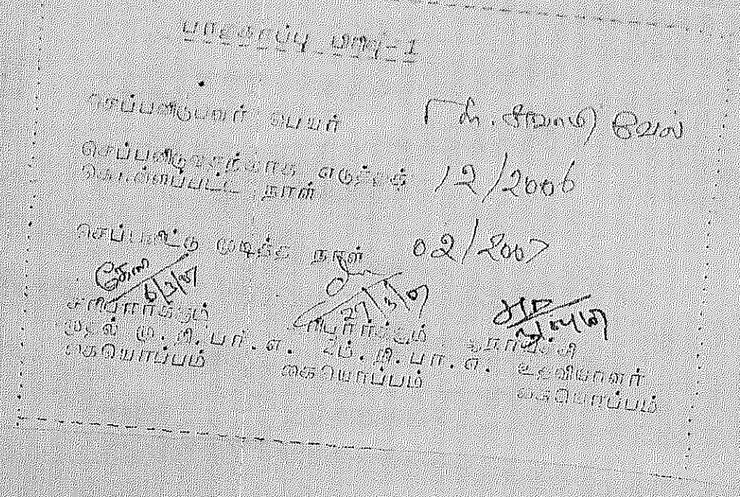
Revenue Department

Accounts of Collectors

13th Oct 1857

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

No. 12. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 1st October 1857, No. 3274.

Read letter dated 15th August 1857* from the Collector of Madras supplying the information called for by Government in their Endorsement on Petitions Nos. 609, 1279 and 1889 of 1857.

*In Cons. 1st October 1857.

(Here enter No. 129.)

1. The above letter explains fully the claim put forward by the Petitioners and the manner of its disposal.

2. The Petitioners allege that, as Meerassidars of Pondicherry, they are entitled to a share in the rents received by Government from certain Chunam Merchants who in 1855 purchased the privilege of working the shell deposits supposed to exist beneath the surface of some immemorial waste land in the village.

3. The case thus resolves itself into a question, often agitated, viz. the existence or otherwise of an inherent proprietary right in Meerassidars to all the waste lands in the villages they severally belong to.

4. The Collector remarks that, while in the interior, this question might be decided in the negative, as many instances have occurred of Government purchasing waste land from the Meerassidars, that it is very doubtful whether a judgment could be obtained in the Supreme Court on an action for the ejectment of a tenant in possession on a bill of sale by the Meerassidars.

5. He however states that on all occasions of applications for land being received from the Department Public Works, he has made over such land at once.

6. In the case immediately under consideration, the Government are in possession, and the Board chuse with the Collector, that Petitioners should be referred, if disposed further to assert their claims, to the local Courts.

7. The Petitions are herewith returned.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) L. FORBES,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 13. ORDER thereon, No. 1035, dated 9th October 1857.

609 / 1279 / 1889 } of 1857.

1. Resolved, under the circumstances detailed, to confirm the endorsement of the Board of Revenue referring the addressers of the Petitions noted in the margin to the Courts in order to establish his alleged claims against the renter of the shell-quarries or the Government as receipient of the rent.

2. Ordered accordingly that the following endorsement be made upon Petition No. 609 of 1857.

"The Government decline to interfere with the decision of the Board of Revenue in the "Petitioner's behalf."

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

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Peirson Co. vs Jno Bancks.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Court of Appeals, held for the City of Richmond, on Thursday the 19th day of December 1833.

This day came again the parties aforesaid by their Counsel, and the Court having heard the arguments of Counsel on the Petition of the said Peirson Co. and the exceptions thereto, and duly considered the same, are of opinion, that there is no error in the decree of the Hustings Court of the City of Richmond, pronounced in this cause on the 19th day of May 1832, rejecting the said exceptions, and affirming the said decree, with costs to the said Peirson Co. and

(Here Enter 139.)

the said Peirson Co. by their Counsel prayed an appeal from the decree aforesaid to this Court, which is allowed, and the Clerk of this Court is directed to certify a copy of the record, proceedings and decree aforesaid to the next Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the City of Richmond.

2. The Petitioners allege that on the [illegible] day of January 1833 they filed their petition in the Hustings Court of the City of Richmond, praying for the reasons therein stated, that a writ of error and supersedeas might be awarded them to the decree of the said Court pronounced on the 19th day of May 1832, rejecting the exceptions of the said petitioners to the report of Commissioners appointed by the said Court to settle the accounts of the said petitioners as executors of the last will and testament of [illegible]