Reserve Regiment

Muster Roll of Second Lieut

29th October 1857

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Order 14th May 1857 29th Oct 1857

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 29th October 1857.

No. 17. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 24 October 1857, No. 3339.

Read letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly dated 11th June 1857.*

* *In Consultation 24 October 1857.*

(Here enter No. 60.)

1. In their Proceedings dated 13th August 1856† the Board expressed an opinion that the Kutlay Shelavoo levy was exactly one of those extra cesses which the Government were anxious to abolish, but in consideration of the urgent recommendation of the Collector, that, until a different system of remunerating the village Revenue officers could be introduced, the levy should be allowed to continue. They directed that the question should be brought forward for adjustment at the General Survey.

† *Sent to Government 27th April 1857.*

2. In Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 18th May 1857, No. 457, Revenue Department, the Government reiterated their condemnation of this description of cess, as calculated to afford opportunities for every species of illegal exaction, and suggested as a mode of remedying the evil, that a fixed *sum might be assessed* on each Puttah and the whole made available for the purpose to which the Kutlay Shelavoo is applied; viz. the *remuneration of the Curnums.*

3. The Collector in the letter placed at the head of these Proceedings expresses an opinion that the scheme may be brought into operation without difficulty during the current Fusly.

4. The Board consider the plan proposed by Mr. Bird to be one which will probably suit the requirements of Government as a temporary measure and they would recommend it for adoption.

5. They would at the same time express their opinion that the Curnums as officers of Government, should be paid by Government, and not by the ryots, and they resolve to call upon the Collector to state, in what villages the Curnums receive either no, or insufficient remuneration, and to prepare a statement showing what land or money remuneration he would propose that Government should set apart to each village.

6. Copy of these Proceedings will be submitted for the information of Government.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, No. 1087; dated 31st October 1857.

Para. 1. With these proceedings the Board of Revenue submit a letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly, reporting that there is no difficulty in bringing into operation during the current Fusly, the scheme suggested by Government in para. 3 of Extract Minutes Consultation 18th May 1857, of assessing a fixed sum on the puttah of each ryot, and applying the proceeds to the purpose to which the Kutlay Shelavoo is devoted; that is, to meet charges of a contingent nature incurred by the Curnums, such as for cadjans, oil, &c. The Board consider Mr. Bird's proposal suited to the requirements of Government as a temporary measure, and recommend it for adoption; but they observe, that the Curnums, as officers of Government, should be paid by the Government and not by the ryots: they propose therefore to call on the Collector to report in what villages the Curnums receive insufficient remuneration, or none at all, and to suggest the remuneration he would propose to assign to them.

2. It is quite right, as the Board observe, that the Curnums, as officers of the State, should be remunerated by it for their services: but that question, the Government would remark, is a great one, applicable, not to Trichinopoly only, but to almost the whole of the Presidency inasmuch as there is hardly any District in which fees are not paid to the Curnums by the ryots. The object of the order of the 18th May last, was to carry out the present system in a way least likely to lead to fraud, and as both the Board and the Collector agree to the plan suggested in the resolution of Government, they direct that it may now be carried out.

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

Reserve Office Endorsed.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 5th October 1859

Read Letter from the Collector of Tanjore dated 27th June 1859

(No. Extract)

From the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 5th October 1859

Read the Letter from the Acting Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department dated 27th June 1859 No. 1323 forwarding a Report from the Collector of Tanjore dated 27th June 1859 No. 1323 on the subject of the Petition of Ramasamy Pillai Karnam of Kallakudi, Thanjavur Taluk, praying for the remission of the Peishcush of Rupees 2-8-0 now demanded from him on account of the Ground Rent of the Garden attached to his Office.

Ordered that the Petitioner be informed that the Board see no reason to interfere in the matter.

Ordered that a Copy of this Proceeding be forwarded to the Government for their information.

(True Extract)