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No. 19. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 8th October 1857, No. 3396.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Guntoor; dated 2d June 1857.*

* *In Consultation 8th October 1857.*

(Here enter No. 83.)

Resolved that the above letter be laid before Government, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation dated 21st January 1857, No. 79, Revenue Department.

2. In accordance with the instructions conveyed in the above Extract, the Acting Collector has submitted the statement recorded above shewing the particulars of the lands proposed to be given to Barbers, Washermen, Potmakers, Shroffs and village Artisans in exchange for their service enams rendered uncultivable from causes beyond their control.

3. The extent and value of the lands are as follows.

| | Rendered uncultivable. | | | To be given in exchange. | | |
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| | As. G. | Rs. A. P. | | As. G. | Rs. A. P. | |
| In Nuchapully Tallook..... | 100 15 | 138 6 | 4 | 75 38 | 107 6 | 10 |
| In Timmeruta do. ..... | 153 38 | 197 12 | 8 | 141 33 | 190 8 | 7 |
| | 254 8 | 336 3 | 0 | 217 21 | 297 15 | 5 |

4. The lands selected though in some instances below the value of the enams, are considered to be a sufficient equivalent, particularly as the services are rendered to the community and not to Government. With reference to the opinion expressed by Government that the enams held by these classes should be replaced to them," the Board request that sanction may be accorded for making over as there Aa. 217, G. 21 assessed at Rs. 297-15-5 in lieu of the lands which have been uncultivable.

5. Considering the very large extent of Government lands alienated on enam tenures, and the inadequate remuneration annexed to even those granted to really important offices such as those of the village Munsiffs, Curnums and Talaries, the Board propose to add a column to statements of the kind now submitted, shewing the total emoluments of the officer, a portion of whose enam land became uncultivable. It can then be seen whether any additional remuneration is required or not. In those cases where notwithstanding the loss of a portion of his enam a village officer is still deemed overpaid for his services, it does not seem incumbent on Government to restore his land remaining on their original footing. In short, the Board must express their opinion that the Government are not at all called on to provide remuneration either in land or money to village peshcars, Mirasidars and such like, who if they are of any assistance at all to the villagers, ought especially under our Revenue system to look to them for payment.

(A true Extract.)

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

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No. 20. Under transmits, No. 1098; dated 24th October 1857.

From Government in the Revenue Minutes of Consultation dated 21st January 1857, No. 79, Resolved, with reference to the instructions given by the late Commissioner of the Northern Circars to the Collector of Ganjam to exclude the enams of barbers, washermen and potmakers, from the statement of lands proposed to be given in exchange to village servants in that district whose enams had become uncultivable; that it is undesirable to break up the long established usage of the village community, by resisting the same indulgence to the servants alluded to, as to the other Mirasidars, and requested the Board of Revenue to call for, and submit, a statement of the lands as set out by order of the Commissioner. This statement the Board now submit with their proceedings above recorded.

2. The total extent of the enams of these servants rendered unfit for cultivation is acres 254-9, assessed at Rupees 336-3, and it is proposed by the Collector, and recommended by the Board, that acres 217-21, assessed at Rupees 297-15-5, be given to them in exchange. This ar-

represent the Right Honorable the Governor in Council thereupon, and the Board will be good enough to instruct the Collector to make over the sum ready for the purpose mentioned, as soon as possible.

3. In the meantime, many of these proceedings the Board begins to see reason to apprehend that statements of the kind were advanced, showing the total impossibility of the natives to procure a portion of what them has become needful to them, with a view to any, whether they subscribed voluntarily or is required to not. They add, that Government has not at its disposal any funds for the purpose necessary, either in larger sums, to village headmen, washermen, and such like grounds which, if they can of any assistance at all to their subjects, might especially under the present system, to look to them for payment. The Government has no objection to the application of Government appearing in the statements, but they are not disposed to decide the respective question raised by the Board, which will affect the interests, wishes and feelings, of the whole agricultural population of the entire Presidency, before it has received full and serious deliberation. If Hereditary system is of unknown antiquity, and cannot be abolished in a summary manner on a reference like the present.

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