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Revenue Department

Minute of Consultation

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

No. 38. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd September 1857, No. 3160.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Guntoor **In Consultation 23d Sept.* 1857. under date the 19th August 1857.*

(Here enter No. 121.)

Under the sanction accorded by the Extract Minutes Consultation under date the 7th February 1857, No. 148, Revenue Department, the lands in 34 villages along the coast of the Guntoor District, watered by hand from wells dug in the sand, and theretofore subjected to a garden assessment now pay only a dry Teerwa. The object of the letter recorded above, is to procure sanction for similar lands, constituting the enams of the village servants in the tract in question being valued at the same rate, and for the grant to these officials of additional waste lands to make up for the deficiency which will thus be occasioned in the amount of their enams.

2. The enclosure to the Acting Collector's letter shews that the present extent of enam is acres 20 and 31 of which the present registered assessment is Rs. 413-13 and that under the proposed arrangement the extent would have to be increased to Acres 182-18 in order to bear the same assessment. The addition would cause no expense to Government, as the land to be given is wholly waste. Under the old system the Mauneamdars, like the ryots, changed their patches of land nearly every year, as the nature of the soil prevents the same land being cultivated continuously for any length of time. If the present proposition be adopted, they will be confined to the limits of their grant which will admit of a portion of the land being left fallow. It is only by ample manuring and great labour in watering that the sandy belt in question can be rendered remunerative.

Note—In regard to two items no increase is suggested by the Collector.

3. Under these circumstances, the Board resolve to recommend to Government that the Acting Collector's application may be complied with, the grant of additional lands being necessary to place the Enamdars on the same footing as the ryots in general and to give them permanent holdings in remuneration for their services, instead of lands requiring to be changed, and therefore measured nearly every year.

4. If the Government approve of this arrangement the Board will enquire into the cause of great inequalities appearing from the statement to exist in the rates of remuneration enjoyed by the officials of different villages, and should they prove to arise from no good cause, will take the opportunity to correct them by limiting, in regard to villages now holding more than others, in proportion the addition to be made from the waste.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, No. 1097; dated 27th October 1857.

Government having, in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 148 dated 7th February 1857, sanctioned the remission of garden assessment hitherto paid on lands irrigated from wells in 34 coast villages of the Guntoor District, and the application to them of dry assessment, the Board of Revenue, in their Proceedings above recorded, remark upon a * *Dated 19th August* 1857. letter* from the Acting Collector, the object of which is to show that, one effect of the revision of the assessment has been to cause great depreciation in the value of the enams of the village servants in the tract in question, and to suggest a remedy for this state of things.

2. It appears that under the old system both ryots and village officers were in the habit of cultivating where they pleased to the extent of their holdings, or their enams, as the land was too poor to allow of a crop being raised in two successive years on the same piece of land. Under the new system, however, this change of occupancy will not be permitted, inasmuch therefore as the same spot of ground cannot be cultivated oftener than once in from two to five years, a village officer's emolument would be unproductive after the first year, till it could again be cultivated if he were not allowed to change.

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செப்பனிடுபவர் பெயர் T. K. அசனிவேல்

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செப்பனிட்டு முடித்த நாள் 05/07

வரிபாக்கும் உள்ளூர் மு. நி. பா. உ. சரிபார்க்கும் உ. நி. பா. உ. தலையாரி தலையாரி

3. To counteract these causes of depreciation in the value of their enams, it is proposed to assign to the village officials, such an extent of land, assessed at the new rates, as will make up to them for the loss they would otherwise suffer by the change of system, and to give them an extent of land, the new assessment on which will be equal to the old assessment on the land they have hitherto held. To do this, the extent of their enam must be increased by 182⅝ acres; but no additional expense will be entailed on the State, as all the land to be assigned is waste.

4. The Government are of opinion that, as a general rule, it is far better to remunerate all village officers by direct money payments, than by grants of rent free land, they are then under no temptation to forsake their duty while looking after their cultivation, it is not open to them to abuse their office to their personal benefit, by taking, as their official enam, the best land in the village, and the great evil of sub-division of official emoluments, which when they consist of land, is almost universal, is prevented, and the salary in each is paid wholly to the incumbent of office.

5. The Government consider that the present is a favorable opportunity of commencing a system which they would wish were universal, and they request that the Board will once more consider the matter, and report the annual amount that should be disbursed to the village officers now in question, to make up to them for the diminished value of their enam, in consequence of the recent change in the garden assessment of Guntoor.

6. The Government must request explanation however of an expression in para. 3 of the Acting Collector's letter, to the effect that no ryot is permitted to relinquish the land he has once taken up, as such a rule appears not to be in accordance with the general principle of ryotwary tenure.

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

Revenue Consultation
No. 3150
Extract from the Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue, dated 23 September 1857.
Read Letter from the Acting
Collector of Guntoor, under date the 19
August 1857.
(Nos. 3150 to 3151)
Under the Instructions received
by the Extract Proceedings under
date the 6th February 1857 No. 415 the Acting
Collector is requested to report
from what date and to what extent
Garden Assessment may be
imposed on Village Officers' Enams
proceedable to, and the reasons why
Garden Lands, considered as part of
the Village Emolument in the Enam grants
had not been assessed on the same
footing as
2 Resolved that the Letter of
Collector be forwarded to the Government of

of Crown is 20 acres 1 rod 31 perches the present re-
-gistered assessment is £13. 13. and that
under the proposed arrangement the Extent
would have to be increased to 182. 68 acres
under the same assessment. The
additional would cause no Expenditure by Govern-
-ment, as the land to be given in exchange
would be under the old System the Assessm-
-ent, & the Rent changed their present
of land nearly every year, as the nature
of the soil proved the same per acre
being ascertained continually for any
length of time. If the present proposal
is adopted they would be entitled to the
Crown Grant of their land, being satisfied
that under the proposed arrangement, and great
Labour in working, that the Land
is good from the Natural Barrenness there,
I Beside these Advantages
that Crown would receive by increased Re-
-venue, and Timber, the Country
would be benefited by the Settlement
of a Class of People who would
give a stimulus to Trade, & Commerce
& from their Industry & Perseverance
would soon become valuable Members of
Society.

Note. In regard to the Extent to be increased & the Rent to be changed by the Crown

for their services, instead of Lands hitherto to be changed, and their fees increased nearly every year.

5 If the Government approve of their arrangement the Board will enquire into the cause of great inequalities appearing from the Statement to exist in the various remunerations enjoyed by the officers of different Villages, and should they prove to arise from no good cause, will take the steps thereby to correct them, by limiting as regards the Villages now holding more than others, in proportion to the additions to be made from the waste

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
H. Herbert Esq
Acting Secretary to Government
Melbourne

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No 1097 Rev. Deptt

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 27 ~~September~~ October 1857

Read the following

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Here enter 23rd Sept 1857 No 3160)

Government having in Extract Minutes Consultation No 145 dated 7th February 1857 sanctioned the remission + of Garden Assessment hitherto paid on lands irrigated from wells in 34 Coast Villages of the Guntoor District, and the application to them of Dry Assessment, the Board of Revenue, in their Proceedings above recorded remark upon a letter from the Acty Collector the

+ dd 19th Augt /57

Revenue 1857 ... Dated 29 Sept ...

No 1109

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue Dated 23 Septr 1857 No 25 2 Enclosures No 3160

G.O. No 1097 27th October

Submitting a letter from the Acty Collector of Guntoor forwarding ... [illegible] ... 34 Villages ... [illegible]

the object of which is to show that one effect of the revision of the assessment has been to cause great depreciation in the value of the Enams of the village servants in the tract in question, and to suggest a remedy for this state of things

2 It appears that under the old system both Ryots and village officers were in the habit of cultivating where they pleased to the extent of their holdings, or their Enams, as the land was too poor to allow of a crop being raised in two successive years on the same piece of land. Under the new

system

system however this change of occupancy will not be permitted, inasmuch therefore as the same spot of ground cannot be cultivated oftener than once in from two to ~~every~~ five years, a village officer's Inaum would be unproductive after the first year, till it could again be cultivated if he were not allowed to change.

3 To counteract these causes of depreciation in the value of their Enams, it is proposed to assign to the village officials such an extent of land, assessed at

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the new rates, and will make
up to them for the loss they
would otherwise suffer by
the change of system, until to
give them an extent of time,
the new assessment are rather
will be equal to the old
assessment on the land.
they have hitherto stood.

To do this, the extent of these
Taxes must be increased
by 182½ Acres; but no
additional Assessment will
be ordered for the Lands as
till the Taxes to be raised
do exceed £7

4 The Commissioners
are of opinion that the
Assessed Taxes

Fees

Ely

Dr to the Surveyor

for letters to remove
& state all Discharges
Officers &c. dated
money Assignments
&c. & Grants of
rent free Lands &c.
over them & making
Computation to provide
their charge & settle
Books after their
Cultivation, & to make
up from the Returns
of the Officers
to be taken Removed
Cancelled & by Tickings
on their Officers Duties
the Land Tax and the
Assessed Taxes, and stated
great Care of the
Returns of the Officers
and Commissioners, entered
Books

when they consist of land, is almost universal, is prevented, and the salary in cash is paid wholly to the incumbent of office.

5. The Government consider that the present is a favorable opportunity of commencing a system which they would wish were universal, and they request that the Board will once more consider the matter, and report the annual amount that should be disbursed to the Village Officers now in

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in question, to make up to them for the diminished value of their maunium in consequence of the recent change in the Garden assessment of Guntoor —

6. The Government must request explanation however of an expression in para 8 of the Acting Collectors letter, to the effect that no Ryot is permitted to relinquish the land he has once taken up. Such a rule, if the Government have understood the Collectors meaning property

As such a rule appears not to be in accordance with the general principles of Ryotwary revenue B.

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with the general principle
of the Ryotwary system,
which is, that the Ry-
-ots tenure is perma-
-nent as far as Govern-
-ment are concerned,
but may be changed
at his option; that is,
that no enhancement
of demand shall be
made by Government,
while the tenant may
relinquish at will any
part or all of his
land.— [illegible]

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B^d para 4.

the Board of Revenue.
The intention of the Board
to equalize the maximums
in allotting the additional
land is approved.—

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as far as Government may be
necessary, but may be
exchanged at Par of Exchange, in
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of demand shall be made
by Government while the
amount may be Bargained for
at their Sale.

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Copy of Letter to C.
of 18 Dec. 1857 - 1221 - 1857

2nd Revenue 1857 Depth.
Do to Com 29th Oct.

No 1097.

Collector Customs Cork.

Dr 27th October 1857.

Requesting that Board
to refer the Enclosed Correspondence
should be declared to the Collector
of Excise in Cork, to enable him
to show for the discovered under
of their Commission in comparison
of the several returns in the
Cork Distillery.