Revenue Department

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 10th November 1857.

No. 42. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 30th September 1857, No. 3272.

Read letter from the Collector of North Arcot,* reporting the result of his efforts to induce the Zemindar of Coongoondy to increase the emoluments of the village Police in his estate.

*Dated 19th Feb. in Cons. 30th Sept. 1857.

(Here enter No. 32.)

Ordered that the foregoing letter be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government, with reference to the Minutes of Consultation of the 12th December 1854, No. 1629, R. D.

2. In these Proceedings the Government intimated their inclination to agree with the Collector of North Arcot that there exists no necessity for their interfering between the Zemindar of Coongoondy and his Enamdars in general under present circumstances; but that they would not absolutely surrender their rights over the enam lands and villages, nor forego their power to call those rights into operation on occasion arising. The permanent sunnud, which the Collector now returns for the purpose was therefore to be modified and submitted to Government for approval.

3. With reference also to the scanty emoluments enjoyed by the village Police, the Government wished the Board to consider and report whether if the Government on their part are not disposed to interfere with the Zemindar's management of his enam lands except in cases of strong necessity, and abstain from preferring a claim to the large resumptions made since 1795, they may not on the other hand fairly ask the Zemindar to make such addition to the remuneration, and if requisite to the number of his village servants, as would render the Establishment efficient.

4. In pursuance of these instructions, the Board directed the Collector to endeavour to obtain the Zemindar's consent to such an increase in the village Police and its emoluments as might seem required, and to report the result. Hence the communication now recorded.

Pro. 12th March 1855.

5. The Board will first notice the question of the service enams. The answer of the Zemindar is wholly unfavorable. He consents, it is true, to add 7 Toties; and, including their pay, to grant increased maniem, and remission of Jodee to the aggregate amount of Rupees 166-9-6; but at the same time requests a corresponding decrease in his Peshcush, so that in fact the additional expense would be borne solely by Government.

6. The value of the enams held by 66 Taliaries and 261 Toties employed in the 319 villages of the Zemindary appeared from Mr. Carmichael's report submitted in the Collector's letter of the 18th August 1854, to amount, after deducting quit rent only, to Rupees 2,427, and if the Zemindar should remit the quit rent, amounting to Rs. 672, which it was proposed that he should do, the emoluments would still it was supposed only amount to about 9 Rupees per annum to each individual on the average.

In Cons. 16th Oct. 1854.

7. The Zemindar's account differs somewhat from that prepared by Mr. Carmichael in regard to numbers and extent of landed enam. It includes also a considerable amount of marahs as received by the village Police from the ryots; and the Zemindar argues that neither the numbers nor the remuneration of his village Police is inadequate, considering the circumstances and situation of the villages. The account shews the average emolument to the Talaries to be Rs. 21-13 and of the Toties Rs. 19-8-3, or deducting a tax paid by the Toties for the privilege of appropriating the dead carcases of animals to Rs. 15-5-6.

8. In his letter of the 18th August 1854, the Collector, Mr. Bourdillon, made no attempt to estimate the amount of marahs enjoyed by the village Police, but supposed it to be very small. Mr. Whittingham in the present report, merely mentions that the Zemindar states that they are undervalued in the statement without expressing any opinion as to their real amount. The Board

In Cons. 16th Oct. 1854.

therefore are not in a position to judge with precision how far the assertion of the Zemindar as to the actual emolument received by the village Police is correct, or what addition thereto is really required. The observation made by Mr. Bourdillon leads them strongly to doubt the marahs being so considerable as to compensate for the smallness of the landed enam.

9. Assuming that they are not, the Board are nevertheless of opinion that the Government cannot legally oblige the Zemindar to increase the Police enams; and adverting to the strong opinions expressed by the local officers of the burdensome amount of the Peshcush owing to Captain Graham having overestimated the value of the Ayen lands of the Zemindary, they are reluctant to recommend that the measure should be pressed on him by a threat of calling him to account for the Government share of the enams which have been resumed. It does not appear that the net amount of resumptions since Mr. Cooke's registry in 1821 is considerable. It will be borne in mind also, that not only was the value of the Zemindary over-estimated but that the frontier duties and Abkarry estimated to yield Rupees 2,975 included in the assets, were, if Mr. Carmichael was not mistaken, taken away without any corresponding deduction from the Government Peshcush.

10. The measure which the Board would recommend under all the circumstances, is to prohibit the levy of the tax on the Toties for the privilege of appropriating the carcasses of dead animals, which they consider illegal, and a direction to the Collector to make full enquiry as to the amount of remuneration actually received by the village officers including marahs, and to include any additions he deems necessary when reporting on the village Police of his District generally.

In Cons. 15th March 1855.

11. It is resolved to submit to Government with these Proceedings Mr. Whittingham's letter of the 12th March 1855, accounting for his not having submitted the report on the village Police of the District.

12. With respect to the desire expressed by Government that the permanent sunnud should be modified for the purpose of securing to Government the power to call into operation, whenever it may be deemed necessary, their rights over the enam lands and villages in this Zemindary, the Board observe that the present sunnud appears to them, on full consideration, to provide amply for this object. In para. 3 it excludes from the permanent settlement all Lakheraj, or rent free lands; all alienated lands paying a small quit rent, and all lands and Russooms or fees heretofore appropriated to the support of Police Establishments. This reservation seems to be as comprehensive as it is possible to make it: and to retain in the hands of Government most securely the power of preventing the improper resumption of enams, and of appropriating such as escheat by lapse. The effect of an additional clause of the tenor indicated by Government would, in the Board's opinion, be to narrow and compromise this authority, not to guard it against deterioration by non-exercise. Before framing an additional clause, therefore, they resolve to submit the permanent sunnud with these remarks for the further consideration of Government.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, No. 1137; dated 7th November 1857.

In Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 1629, dated 12th December 1854, in reviewing the report made by the Collector of North Arcot upon the registry of enams in the Congoondy Zemindary, Government remarked that their orders seemed to be chiefly required on two points; first, whether the dealings of the Zemindar with the enam tenures should, for the future, be subjected to any interference or control on the part of Government; secondly, what provisions were necessary for the adequate remuneration of the village Police in the Zemindary.

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2. As regards the first point, Government decided that, under present circumstances, there was no need for immediate interference on their part with the Zemindar's arrangements; but

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they considered that his sunnud should be so modified, as to reserve to Government the free power of asserting their paramount right of revising the enam tenures, whenever they should see fit to do so. The Board of Revenue were accordingly directed to obtain and submit the sunnud, for the insertion of a clause to the required effect.

3. In their Proceedings above recorded, the Board express their opinion that the sunnud, as it stands, is amply sufficient to secure to Government the rights in question, and that no alteration is required. In para. 3, the Board observe, all rent free lands are excluded from the permanent settlement, as well as all lands or fees heretofore appropriated to the support of Police establishments; and they are of opinion that the effect of an additional clause, would be to narrow and compromise the authority which Government already possess, under the terms of the sunnud. On a reconsideration of the matter, the Government are disposed to concur with the view taken by the Board; no further orders on the subject are therefore necessary.

Para. 12.

4. With reference to the second point, the scanty emoluments enjoyed by the village Police in the Zemindary, the Government directed the Board to consider and report, whether, if the Government on their part abstained from interference with the Zemindar's management of his enam lands, and put forth no claim to share in the large resumptions made since 1795, they might not on the other hand, fairly ask the Zemindar to make such addition to the remuneration, and, if necessary, to the number of the village servants, as would render the establishment efficient.

Board, para. 3.

5. The letter from the Collector of North Arcot, enclosed and recorded in the Board's proceedings, explains what has been done in obedience to the orders of Government above detailed.

6. The Zemindar's account of the Taliaries and Toties' emoluments differs from that furnished to the Collector in the first instance by Mr. Carmichael, both as regards the numbers of the officials, and the extent of their enams. The Zemindar's account would prove the average emolument of the Taliaries to be about 21¾ Rupees, and that of the Toties Rupees 19½; or, deducting a certain cess to which the latter are liable, Rupees 15¼; while Mr. Carmichael's returns shew that the remuneration of each individual does not exceed (9) nine Rupees, and this is supposing the Zemindar remits the whole of the quit rent, Rupees 672, to which they are now liable.

Board, para. 7.

7. The Zemindar is of opinion in short, that generally, neither the numbers, nor the remuneration of the village Police require alteration. He consents to add 7 Toties, and, including their pay, to grant increased maniem, &c., to the extent of Rupees 166½; but he at the same time demands a corresponding decrease in his Peshcush; so that, as the Board remark, the additional expense would have to be borne solely by the State.

Para. 8.

8. Owing to deficient information as to what the grain fees received by the village Police really amount to, the Board state that they do not feel themselves in a position to controvert the assertions of the Zemindar, as to their being undervalued in the statement furnished by him, and they are of opinion that, considering the probability of the Peshcush of the estate having been fixed by Captain Graham under a mistaken idea of the value of the ain lands, and also that no corresponding deduction was made in the Peshcush when the power of levying frontier and Abkarry duties, amounting to Rupees 2,975, was taken away from the Zemindar, it would be improper now to oblige him to increase the Police enams, by a threat of calling him to account for the value of the Government share of the enams which have been resumed since 1795.

Para. 10.

The measures recommended by the Board are, to afford immediate relief to the Toties, &c., as far as practicable, by prohibiting the levy of the illegal cess for the privilege of appropriating the carcases of dead animals, and to direct the Collector to make full enquiry as to the amount of remuneration actually received by the village officers. The Government fully concur in the advisability of these measures, and direct that they be carried out with the least practicable delay. It is observed that the letter from Mr. Whittingham, now under review, has been six months under consideration by the Board; and

that the former order of Government, dated 12th December 1854, remained three months in the Board's office before any steps were taken to communicate it to the Collector.

9. It only remains to notice the Board's remark in para. 11 of their Proceedings. In Extract from the Minutes of Consultation 6th October 1853, the Collectors of certain districts were called upon to report the arrangement they considered necessary to reform their village Police, on the basis adopted for that of South Arcot; and to furnish an account of the present condition of the Police, the emoluments of the officials, &c. This order was communicated to the Collector of North Arcot in Proceedings Board of Revenue dated 21st November 1853; and Mr. Whittingham's attention was called to the subject in the Board's letter dated 15th February 1855. In his letter to the Board of 12th March 1855, the Collector explains that, on enquiry as to what his predecessor's intentions had been on the subject, he found that Mr. Bourdillon had come to the conclusion, that the reduction of the assessment must precede any effectual arrangement for the reformation of the village Police. Here the subject seems to have dropped. But two years and a half have passed since the Collector's letter was written, and although the revision of assessment in the District is not yet completed, operations are, in the opinion of Government, so far advanced, as to render it fully practicable to obtain the data required for carrying out the views of the late Collector. Mr. Whittingham does not say if the method proposed by Mr. Bourdillon is in accordance with his own views, but however this may be, the time has now arrived when action in the matter may be taken, and the Board will be pleased to direct the Collector's serious attention to it. That officer, it is observed has already, in the letter above quoted, recorded his opinion that none but insuperable difficulties should prevent an immediate improvement in the village Police of North Arcot.

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

Revenue Department.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th March 1855.

Read Extract Minutes Consultation dated 12th December 1854.

Referring to the registration of the Cungoondy Enams - Declare the unwillingness of Government to interfere with the Zemindar's proceedings with regard to them, save when occasion requires. Desire the Board to ascertain whether the Zemindar will not, by grant of waste land of fair quality, increase the remuneration of the Village Police, and thereby secure their greater efficiency.

(Here Enter No. 1629)

Ordered that Copy of the above Extract Minutes Consultation be forwarded to the Collector of North Arcot.

2. The Collector will communicate

communicate the Sentiments of the Government, as expressed in Paras 5 and 6 to the Zemindar and will return the Istimrar Sunnud, for the necessary alteration.-

3 He will endeavour to obtain the Zemindar's consent to such an increase in the Village Police and its Emoluments as may seem required. reporting the result.-

/ A true Extract /

/ Signed / B. Cunliffe
Secretary

To,
C Whittingham Esqr:
Collector of North Arcot.-

/ True Copy /

A Blair
Acting Secretary

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Ordered that the foregoing letter be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government with reference to the Minutes of Consultation of the 17th December 1854. No. 1629. R. C.

2 In these Proceedings the Government intimated their inclination to agree with the Collector of Northarcot that there exists no necessity for their interfering between the Zemindar of Congoody and their Enamdars in general under present circumstances, but that they would not absolutely surrender their rights over the Enam lands and Villages nor forego their power to call those rights into

into operation on occasion arising. The Permanent Sunnud, which the Collector now returns for the purpose was therefore to be modified and submitted to Government for approval.

With reference also to the
3 scanty emoluments enjoyed by the Village Police, the Government wished the Board to consider and report whether if the Government on their part are not disposed to interfere with the Zemindari management of this Cuum lands except in cases of strong necessity, and abstain from preferring same to the large resumptions made since 1793, they may not on the other hand fairly ask the Zemindar to make such addition to the remuneration, and if requisite to the number of his Village Servants, as would render the Establishment efficient.

In pursuance of these
4 instructions the Board directed the Collector to endeavour to obtain the Zemindar's consent to such an increase in the Village Police and its emoluments as might seem required, and to report the result. Hence the communication now recorded.

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It is resolved to submit to Government with these Proceedings Mr. Whittingham's letter of the 9th March 1855, recommending for his not having submitted the report on the Village Police of the District.

With respect to the desire expressed by Government that the Permanent Sunnud should be modified for the purpose of securing to Government the power to call into operation, whenever it may be deemed necessary, their rights over the Enam lands and Villages in this Zemindary the Board observe that the present Sunnud appears

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(A true Extract)

To
H. Forbes Esqr
a Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 7th ~~October~~ November, 1857.

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Extract from the Proceedings of
the Board of Revenue.

/Received 30th September 1857. №3272/

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Read 12th Dec. 1854 № 4044
to 14th Nov. 1855 Sep.

Read 30th Dec. 1857 № 1163
Extract from the Proceedings
& Minutes of the Board
of Revenue.

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Board's Proceedings
Revenue Department № 3272
dated 30th Dec. 1857.

Ordered that the following
Records be returned to the
Collector with the Letter of the Govern-
ment of India dated 12th Nov. 1857
№ 1137 and that the Collector
be desired to report for the
information of this Board the
result of his efforts to ob-
tain the Zemindar's compliance
with the Orders of Government
contained in the Letter from the
Chief Secretary to the Govern-
ment of Fort St. George dated
the 14th Nov. 1855.

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2 As regards the first point Government decided that under present circumstances there was no need for immediate interference on their part with the Zemindar's arrangements, but they considered that his Summd should be so modified as to restore to Government the free power of exercising their paramount right of resuming the Enam Tenures, whenever they should see fit to do so. The Board of Revenue were accordingly directed to obtain and submit the Summd, for the insertion of a clause to the required effect.

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Dt. to Cons: 10th November

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Extract Mins: of Cons:
Dated 7th Novr. 57.

Respecting the increase of
the emoluments of the Village Police
in the Estate of the Zemindar of
Vongoondy in North Arcot.

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to Govt. 15 Novr

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