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Minutes of Consultations

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 15th December 1857.

No. 55. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 26th November 1857, No. 4231.

Read again letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated 14th January recorded in Consultation 27th February 1857, reporting on certain Enams.

Read also letter from the same officer, dated 16th June 1857*

**In Cons. 26th November 1857.* supplying further particulars respecting the Enams at Pudúcúdy.

(Here enter No. 197.)

Resolved that the above letters be submitted for the orders of Government.

1. In the first letter recorded above, the Collector represented the claims advanced by the heirs of the proprietors of the Chuttrum at Puducudy to certain Enams, attached in 1853, by Mr. Bird the late Collector, on the ground that they were unauthorized and that their proceeds had been misappropriated.

2. It appears that in accordance with the practice which prevailed in the early days of the British rule, most of these grants were made by the then Collectors in favor of the Chuttrum, Pagoda and Aggraharum at the village of Puducudy and they are entered in the public accounts of Fusly (1211) A. D. 1800-1. They have thus been continued without interruption for more than half a century until in consequence of complaints of misappropriation, they were placed under attachment by Mr. Bird.

3. The Chuttrum in question is situated on the high road leading to Trichendoor, and was endowed at a remote period to provide refreshment to the travellers, who restored in large numbers, to that place. The object of this charity, according to the local officers report, has not been carried out for some years.

4. The following are the particulars of the several grants as they appear in the Public accounts.

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		Pagoda.			Chuttrum.			Aggraharum.			Total.			
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
1	Ready money allowance ...	...	...	...	93	5	4	...	...	...	93	5	4	Granted in 1763.
2	Remission of Asst. on dry land	...	...	...	25	3	5	...	...	...	25	3	5	} in 1805.
3	Do. on garden land....	...	...	...	7	1	6	...	...	...	7	1	6	
4	Do. on Tope	8	7	9	372	4	4	...	...	...	380	12	1	} in 1803.
5	Do. on Palmirah trees.	291	6	5	60	2	5	...	...	...	351	8	10	
6	Do. of ½ share in wet land	...	...	...	42	12	6	...	...	...	42	12	6	in 1786. †
7	Do. of ¼ do.	...	...	...	38	11	5	...	...	...	38	11	5	in 1791.
8	Do. of Moturpha ...	...	...	...	150	12	11	...	...	...	150	12	11	in 1801.
9	Allowance from the Tusdeek of Alwar-tirrú Nagary pagoda	423	2	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	423	2	11	
10	Wet lands of Valoor held on favorable tenure.	166	2	2	166	2	2	166	2	2	498	6	6	in 1807.
		889	3	3	956	8	0	166	2	2	2,011	13	5	

5. The grants Nos. 1, 6 and 7 having been conferred previously to the year 1792 were continued by Mr. Bird in accordance with the provisions of Section II Regulation XXXI. of 1802.

6. No. 9 is a yearly item of Rupees 423-2-11, which was transferred by the Collector Mr. Parish in 1803 from the income of Alwar-tirrú Nagary pagoda to that of Pudúcudy. As suc arrangements were common in the early period of the British possession the Board authorize the continuance of this allowance on the Collector's assurance that the Tusdeek of Alwar-tirrú Nagary rests on valid authority. The allowance will be commuted into land as directed in similar cases.

Proceedings to Collector 27th February 1857.

7. In reply to a call for further information, the Collector has submitted with his second letter 3 original orders and a statement of the full and reduced assessment of the lands and trees of which remission some of the enams consist.

8. The order No. 1 dated 15th April 1806 issued by the Collector Mr. Cocherane conveyed the grant of a share in the produce of certain wet lands and of a daily allowance of 5f anams (item No. 8) for the performance of a religious ceremony in the pagoda at Pudúcúdy, but when the sharing system was superceded by a money rate in 1807-8, the assessment fixed on the lands at Rupees 25-3-5 and 7-1-6 respectively (items Nos. 2 and 3) was remitted. The allowance No. 8, though originally granted to the pagoda, was, afterwards, transferred to the Chuttrum and has hitherto been paid from the Moturpha levied from certain classes of people.

9. The items Nos. 4 and 5 were granted under the order No. 2 dated 7th March 1803 issued by the Collector Mr. Parish for defraying the expenses of the Chuttrum and Pagoda, No. 10 was also granted towards the same object by the Collector Mr. Hepburn under the order No. 3 dated 17th October 1807, out of the lands forfeited to the state by a rebel.

10. After full consideration of the case the Board do not concur with the Collector in the necessity of continuing the enams Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 any longer. It does not appear that these grants were ever sanctioned by Government. The charities they were intended to support were discontinued some years ago, before the enams were attached, and the Board see no necessity for now reviving them by confirming unauthorized payments for the purpose, considering therefore the originally invalid title and subsequent misappropriation of the allowances the Board recommend the resumption of these enams, with the exception of Rupees 166-2-2 granted to the Aggraharam, which they propose should be treated as a personal grant and continued to the present incumbents during their lives as they appear to have no other means of subsistence, villages held on this tenure are however often enjoyed by a very large number of shareholders whose individual rights it is difficult to ascertain for registry. If this is the case in the present instance it may be preferable to continue the village rent free for a specific period to be proposed by the Collector on a careful consideration of the circumstances of the case.

11. The continuance as proposed of the ancient endowments to the Chuttrum will leave it in possession of an annual income of 175 Rupees. It will be the Collector's duty under Regulation VII. of 1817 to guard against the misappropriation of this endowment.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 56.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1303; dated 15th December 1857.

Dated 14th January and 16th June 1857.

1. With the paper above recorded, the Board of Revenue submit for the orders of Government, two letters from the Collector of Tinnevelly, respecting the disposal of certain enams in his district.

2. These are ten in number, and are said to have been originally granted to a Pagoda, Chutrum, and Agraharam, situated at a village on the road to Trichendoor. Three of the grants were made previously to the year 1792, and they have been continued by the late Collector in accordance with Section II. of Regulation XXXI. 1802. But before sanctioning the continuance of these 3 enams, (the numbers and assessment on which are noted in the margin,) in perpetuity, the Government request that the Board will ascertain and report, whether the original documents exist, on the strength of which they are held; if this be the case, the Purwanahs should be submitted (with translations) for the information of Government.

No.	*Rs.*	*A.*	*P.*
1	93	5	4
6	42	12	6
7	38	11	5
	174	13	3

3. Meanwhile, it will be the duty of the Collector under Regulation VII. of 1817, as remarked by the Board, to guard against the misappropriation of the funds.

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4. The enams numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10, have been granted at different* times by Collectors of the Province. They are consequently unauthorized; but independently of this, in itself a valid ground of resumption, the charities they were intended to support were discontinued some years ago. The Government accordingly grant authority for their resumption as solicited by the Board of Revenue, with the exception of the ⅓ share in No. 10 enjoyed by the Agraharam. This it would be hardly practicable to make a personal grant, as the numerous shares into which it is divided would render it extremely difficult to treat each holding, as it lapses, as an escheat. The Collector should rather be directed, as the Board suggest, to report for what time he would propose to continue the village rent free, or a progressively increasing rent may be fixed until the full assessment is reached.

* 1801.
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5. No. 9 is a ready money allowance from the income of the Alvartiroonagary Pagoda, which was transferred to the Pagoda at Puducudy by Mr. Parish in 1803. It has been ascertained that the former institution has a valid title to the allowance it enjoys, and the Governor in Council has no objection to sanction the continuance of an arrangement which has been in force for 50 years; but the allowance must be commuted into land.

6. In para. 2 of their Proceedings, the Board state that "most of the grants were made by "the Collectors, and are entered in the accounts of Fusly 1201." The Government observe that the grants which were not made by the Collectors are entered in the accounts of that year; the grants by the Collectors not having been made until after that date.

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

Commrs & Auditor to Treasy

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No 4231

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th November 1857.

Read again letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly dated 14th January recorded in Cons 27th February 1857 reporting on certain Enams.

Read also letter from the same Officer, dated 11th June 1857 supplying further particulars respecting the Enams at Pudicaidy

In C. 26th Nov.r 1857.

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Resolved that the above letters be submitted for the orders of Government.

In the first letter recorded above, the Collector represented the claims advanced by the heirs of the proprietors of the Chuttrum at Pudicaidy to certain Enams, attached in 1853, by Mr. Byrd the late Collector, on the ground that they were unauthorized and that their proceeds had been misappropriated.

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		Pagoda.	Chuttrum.	Aggra-haruns.	Total.	
		R A P	R A P	R A P	R A P	
1	Ready money allowance	- - -	93 5 4	- - -	93 5 4	Granted in 1763.
2	Remission of Ass[t] on dry land	- - -	25 3 6	- - -	25 3 6	in 1805.
3	___ Do. ___ on Garden land	- - -	7 1 6	- - -	7 1 6	
4	___ Do. ___ on Tope	6 7 9	372 4 4	- - -	380 12 1	in 1803.
5	___ Do. ___ on Palmirah trees	291 6 5	60 2 5	- - -	351 8 10	
6	___ Do. 1/3 share in wet land	- - -	42 12 6	- - -	42 12 6	in 1756.
7	___ Do. of ¼ ___ Do ___	- - -	35 11 6	- - -	35 11 6	in 1779.
8	___ Do of Molumpha ___	- - -	150 12 11	- - -	150 12 11	in 1801.
9	Allowance from the Sudeek Alwar. Tirut Nagary Pagoda	423 2 11	- - -	- - -	423 2 11	
10	Wet lands of Valeor held on favorable tenure	166 2 2	166 2 2	166 2 2	498 6 6	in 1807.
		889 3 3	956 5 -	166 2 2	2011 10 5	

5. The Grants Nos 1, 6 and 7 hav-
-ing been conferred previously to the year 1792 were
continued by Mr Bird in accordance with the
provisions of Section II Regulation XXXI of 1802.

6. No 9 is a yearly item of
Rupees 423-2-11, which was transferred by
the Collector after Parish in 1803 from the in-
-come of Alwar Tirunagary Pagoda to that of
Pudicandy. As such arrangements were
common in the early period of the British
possession the Board authorized the con
-tinuance of this allowance on the Collectors
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-gary rests on valid authority. The allowance
will be commuted into land as directed in
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for defraying the expenses of the Chattrum and Pagoda. No 10 was also granted towards the same object by the Collector Mr Hepburn under the order No 3 dated 17th October 1807 - out of the lands forfeited to the State by a rebel.

10. After full consideration of the case the Board do not concur with the Collector in the necessity of continuing the Inams No 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 any longer. It does not appear that these grants were ever sanctioned by Government. The Charities they were intended to support were discontinued some years ago, before the Inams were attached, and the Board see no necessity for now renewing them by continuing unauthorised payments for the purpose. Considering therefore the originally invalid title and subsequent misappropriation of the allowances the Board recommend the resumption of these Inams, with the exception of Rupees 166-2-2 granted to the Agraharam, which they propose should be treated as a personal grant and

and continued to the present incumbents during their lives as they appear to have no other means of subsistence. Villages held on this tenure are however often engaged by a very large number of Share-holders whose individual rights it is difficult to ascertain for registry. If this is the case in the present instance it may be preferable to continue the villages rent free for a Specific period to be proposed by the Collector on a careful consideration of the circumstances of the case.

II. The continuance as proposed of the ancient Endowments to the Chultrum will leave it in possession of an annual income of 175 Rupees. It will be the Collector's duty under Regulation VII of 1817 to guard against the misappropriation of this Endowment.

(A true Extract)

Sd/ [illegible]
Ag Secretary

To,
H. Forbes Esqr
Ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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Rec. 1857 Department
Dec 15th
No 1403

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 26th Nov 1857
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Letter from the Collector of Chingleput No 23 dated 18th Nov 1857 submitting with an expression of the Board's opinion a letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly relative to certain Inams situated at Pudiamadey in his District.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th February 1857.-

Read Letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly dated 14th January 1857.

Ordered [illegible] № 111

The communication recorded above, relates to 10 Items of alienations of Land Revenue Pymaums in the [illegible] aggregate to 201-13-5, which the late Collector Mr Bird ordered to be attached on the ground that they were unauthorized.

2. He afterwards restored Items № 1-6-7 Amounting to 174-18-3 having ascertained that they were granted prior to A. D. 1792.-

3. Item № 9 is a yearly sum of 423-2-11 which was transferred by the Collector Mr Parish in October 1803

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1803 from the Income of the Alwar teroo-
-nagary Pagoda to that of Poodoogoody-
-No arrangements of this kind were
common in the early days of our
posession of the Country, the Board
authorize Mr. Silver to allow it to con-
-tinue, provided the Tindeek of Alwar-
-teroonagary rests on sufficient authority.-

4. The remaining 6 Items
amounting in the aggregate to 1,413-13-3
having been apparently granted since
the Dutch expulsion of the Country
by Collectors of their own authority,
cannot be made over to the institutions
from which they were resumed without
the express sanction of Government, for
whose orders the Board are unable to
submit the case without fuller inform-
-ation than is contained in the
Collectors letter.-

5. Mr. Silver is requested to
furnish the Board with translations
of

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of the orders conveying the several
grants and to supply such information
as he can collect relative to the circum-
-stances which led to this being made-
He will also be pleased to submit a
Statement shewing the full and
reduced assessment of the lands and
trees out of which the Enams arise;
and to explain in what manner the
payment from the Moturpha Revenue
(Item No. 8) is yearly made and
exhibited in the Accounts. To this
information he will add any re-
-marks relative to the expediency or
otherwise of continuing the Enams
which he may think necessary.-

/A true Extract/
/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

To J. Silver Esq.
Collector of Tinnevelly.-

/True Copy/
J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary.

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No 1303

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 15th December 1857.

Present

Read Extract from the proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 14th December 1857 No 4321.

With the papa above recorded the Board of Revenue submit for the orders of Government, two letters from the Collector of Tinnevelly, respecting the disposal of certain Inams in his district.

2. These are ten in number, and are said to have been originally granted to a Pagoda Chapram, and Upakäraṇam situated at a village on the road to Tichendoor. The grants were made here by the year 1792, & they have been continued by the late Sheristadar in accordance with § II of Re XXXI of 1802.

Enclosure

Extract Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No 4321 dated 14th December 1857.

Board's Proceedings to the Collector of Tinnevelly dated 23rd September 1857.

Read the Report of the Collector of Tinnevelly dated 25th August 1857 No 1303 regarding Inam Grants in his District.

But before sanctioning the
Continuance of these 3 Grants,
/ the numbers and ~~amount~~ assessment /
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in perpetuity, the Bd request
that the Board will ascertain
and report, whether the
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the strength of which they are
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the Warrants should be
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for the exemption of Governments.

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3. Presumably Such be
the duty of the Collector as remarked
by the Board, to guard against
the misappropriation of the
funds ~~under Geo VIII of 1807~~ under Geo III 21 1817.

4. The Grants numbered
2. 3. 4. 5. 8 and 10, have
been ranked at different
times by Collectors of the province.
They are consequently warrantys;
but independently of this, in
itself a valid ground of exemption,

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which it is divided would
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prospect of increasing rent
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full assessment is reached
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6. In para 2 of Mon Secy, the Board state that "grants were made by the Collector, "and are entered in the Accounts of "1201." We do observe that the grants which were not made by the Collector are entered in the account of that year; the grants by the Collector not having been made until after that date. Mr. Dec 3.

Chief Sec. of Gov.

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Extract Letter from Govt Dated 15th December 1857

Transmitting Copy of Letter from Board of Revenue No 1303 dated 3d Instant with Enclosure on the Subject of Grants made by the Collector of Malabar

Ordered, that Copy of the Letter from the Board of Revenue No 1303 dated 3d Instant with Enclosure be transmitted to the Collector of Malabar for his Information

By Order of the Governor in Council

Chief Secretary to Government

5 Dec 1857