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எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்ட நாள் 6/2006

செப்பனிட்டு முடித்த நாள் 8/2006

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 24th February 1857.

No. 48. Read the following *Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 31st January 1857, No. 363.*

Read letter from the Collector of Madras dated 24th December 1856.*

**In Cons. 31st January 1857.*

(Here enter No. 191.)

In Extract Minutes Consultation dated 14th October 1856, No. 1088, Revenue Department, the Government in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, sanctioned the abolition of the rented privilege of taxing the washermen of Madras for the use of a portion of the Town Esplanade in the exercise of their calling, and required a further report regarding the Collector's proposal to levy ground rent from the washermen in lieu of their payments to the renter.

B.J's. Pro. 29th Sep. 1856, No. 3186.

2. In his communication of the 25th October last† the Collector stated that the extent of land occupied by the washermen was 9 Cawnies, but he thought that they would not retain more than 4 or 5 Cawnies if the ground were taxed.

†*In Con. 4th December 1856.*

3. The Collector proposed levying a ground rent of 4 annas monthly and collecting the whole amount from 2 or 3 of the head men.

4. This proposal however appeared to the Board to be virtually a revival of the former system, the head men would in fact levy whatever rates they thought fit, and disputes would be of constant occurrence.

5. The Board therefore suggested that licenses should be issued for the privilege of using the ground.

6. In the letter recorded at the head of these proceedings, the Collector reports that there, are now 185 persons using the ground, and, concurring in the Board's views, recommends that a license fee of 4 annas monthly should be levied from each. The receipts, he thinks, would be about 25 Rupees monthly, as probably half the washermen now frequenting the spot would resort elsewhere on the imposition of the charge.

7. The Board remark however that this is by no means the object of Government. The land belongs to the State, and as such may fairly be taxed; but it is not desired to prevent its being hereafter used by the washermen less extensively than has hitherto been the case,

8. The Board recommend that licenses be issued at the rate of 2 annas each monthly, which will still bring in a large revenue than the recently abolished system.

9. The Board see no reason for exempting washermen employed by sepoys.

10. The Collector's proposal to fix only 2 rates of ground rent hereafter will be disposed of with the general revision of quit rent.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, *No. 198; dated 24th February* 1857.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the issue of licenses to the washermen using the Northern Esplanade of the town in the exercise of their calling at the rate of two annas each monthly, and no distinction shall be made in favor of the men washing for sepoys.

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

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For Orders

Revenue Department No. 132

Extract from the Proc. of the Bd. of Rev. 31st Jany 1857.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 3rd January 1857

Read letter from the Collector of Madras dated 24th December 1856.

(Non Exte Rep 1)

In Extract Minutes Consultation dated 16th October 1856, No 1038, Revenue Department, the Government in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, sanctioned the abolition of the rented privilege of taxing the Washermen of Madras for the use of a portion of the Town Esplanade in the exercise of their calling, and required a further report regarding the Collector's proposal to levy ground Rent from the Washermen in lieu of their payments to the Renter.

Rec'd 3rd Jany 1857

13th Rev. 29th Sept. 1856 No 3158

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7. The Board remark however that this is by no means the object of Government - The land belongs to the State, and as such may justly be taxed; but it is not desired to prevent its being hereafter used by the Washermen less exclusively than has hitherto been the case.-

8. The Board recommend that Licenses be issued at the rate of 2 annas each monthly, which will still bring in a larger revenue than the recently abolished System.

9. The Board see no reason for exempting Washermen employed by Sepoys.-

10. The Collectors proposal to fix only 2 rates

rates of ground rent hereafter will be disposed of with the general provisions of Draft Rules

(A True Extract)

S. Dawson

Actg Secretary

To

H. Forbes Esq

Actg Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

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Rec. Con. 14th Oct/56 Rs. 32-2-3
—do 11th Nov. /56 —-9-15-0
—do 21st Oct/56 —26-4-27-

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Bd of Revenue

Dated 31st January 1857.
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Submitting with the Board's remarks a letter from the Collector of Madras relative to his proposal for the levy of a ground rent on the Arachemen using a portion of the Northern Capture made in the exercise of their calling, and recommending that a Licence be issued to each man at the rate of 2 Annas monthly

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Agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the issue of licenses to the Washermen using the Northern Capture made of the Town in the exercise of their calling at the rate of two annas each monthly and no distinction shall be made in favor of the men washing for Sepoys.

Fort St. George
24th February 1857

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