Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations

28th April 1857

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 28th April 1857.

No. 45. Read the following *Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 7th April 1857, No. 1072.*

Read letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated 17th January 1857.*

*In Con. 7th April 1857.

(Here enter No. 21.)

Resolved that the above letter and the Collector's previous communication dated 5th September 1856,† be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

†*In Con. 12th December 1856.*

2. In 1805 certain lands in the Tinnevelly District were leased to Mr. C. W. Young for Rupees 2,000 per annum on condition that he should introduce the cultivation of foreign cotton and other products for European export, permission being conceded to him to grow as much ordinary grain as his establishment might require. On Mr. Young's death in 1809 the lease devolved on his partner Mr. Hughes, in whose favor it was renewed on the same terms in 1814. Mr. Hughes died in February 1835 bequeathing his interest in the lands to his reputed son Ramsing, in whose name the lease was renewed in 1835 for a further period of 21 years at the enhanced rate of Rupees 3,500 per annum.

3. Ramsing died in 1846 and his son Coopchund applied for a renewal of the lease which expired at the end of last Fusly.

4. The lands included in the lease comprise 1570 Ch. of which 1,430 are culturable, and liable to an assessment at the Oolungoo rate of Rupees 9,266. The demand of Fusly 1265, an unfavorable season, was Rupees 5,061, and the probable annual demand was calculated in 1836, at Rupees 7,773. It does not appear however that this amount has ever been attained and Coopchund declares that the average of the last five years would have been Rupees 3,709. His readiness to take the lands at Rupees 5,000 per annum however throws some doubts on the correctness of this Statement.

5. The Collector was at first opposed to any extension of the lease on the ground that its conditions had not been duly fulfilled. It appeared to the Board however that the family from long possession of the land and in consideration of their outlay in its improvement had claims on the Government, and the Collector was requested to give his opinion as to whether the lease might not with propriety be continued at an increased rent of Rupees 5,000.

Pro. 12th December 1856.

6. Mr. Silver considers this amount equitable, and with the assent of Coopchund proposes that a lease for 21 years be conceded.

7. The Board still think that the family has a fair claim to considerate treatment, but as the conditions of the lease have not been fully adhered to, and the lands have been held at favorable rates for half a century, they are of opinion that a renewal of the lease at Rupees 5,000 per annum (payable under all circumstances) for a term of 7 years is as much as Coopchund can reasonably expect. In the interim the real value of the property may be ascertained and data be thus collected for fixing a permanent assessment on the property.

8. As the present recommendation is made solely out of consideration to the family, and to secure re-payment of their outlay on the land, it seems unnecessary to require that Coopchund should conform to the original agreement to cultivate produce suited for export to foreign markets. The introduction of such products is in fact already effected, and it would be bad

policy to force their cultivation if to gain this object a lower rate of assessment than other crops can bear, must of necessity be imposed.

To Govt. 7*th Sept.* 1835.
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9. The Board recommend that they may be authorized to grant Coopchund a lease of the lands for 7 years at Rupees 5,000 per annum payable in bad as well as good seasons. The lands are under the Collector's management pending final instruction as to their disposal. The correspondence between Government and the Board on this subject is noted in the margin.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 46.

ORDER THEREON, *No.* 387 ; *dated* 28*th April* 1857.

Before passing any orders on this communication, the Government desire to have before them a full report from the Collector on the Petition No. 1880 of 1856, from Kistna Taven and others, praying, for certain reasons alleged, that the renewal of the grant to Coopchund may not be sanctioned. The Board will therefore be good enough to request Mr. Silver to institute an enquiry and submit such a report.

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

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To,
H. Forbes Esq
Acting Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Revenue 1851 Dispatch
Con 28th March
No 323
Colonel Chas. Morgan
Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 7th
Rec'd 9th April 1851
4 Enclosures
Sir H. Gordon
No 387. 28th March.
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Requesting letter from
the Collector of Tinnevelly relative to
the leasing of certain lands on the
Western Coast and recommending that the Board
be authorized to grant Cap Chund
a lease of the lands referred to for
7 years at Rupees 500 per annum
payable in bad as well as good
seasons.

Entered
Copied
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Approved
Signed
Sealed
Dispatched

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Petitioners state that
Ramsing who held certain
extent of land in their Village
on Govt. grant having died,
his son Roobchund collect
from them Rupees teerwah on
the said land, transfers the
Petrs lands to the Ryots of oth
Villages, gives them neither
Puttahs, nor the usual receip
for the money paid by them S
cultivation of Indigo and Cotton
for which the said land was
given having been discontinu
and the terms of the grant hav
Expired in F. 1265 & Petrs pray tha
the said Coobchund may not
allowed to renew the grant
but that it may be resume
by the Circar.

4th June 1856.

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N° 4253.

Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th December 1856.

Read letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly dated 5th September 1856.

(Here Enter N° 269)

The lands referred to in the above report were originally leased in 1805 to Mr. C. U. Young for Rs. 2000 per Annum, on condition that he would introduce the cultivation of Foreign Cotton, and other products for European Export, permission being given to cultivate the ordinary grain of the country to the extent his Establishment might require. On Mr. Young's death in 1809 the lease devolved on Mr. Hughes his partner and was renewed in his favor in 1814 at the same rent. Mr. Hughes died in February 1835 bequeathing his interest in these Lands to his reputed son Ram sing, Petitioner's father, in whose favor the lease was renewed in July 1845 at Rupees 3,500 per annum for a further period of 21 years. Ram sing died in 1846

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and his son the Petitioner, the Collector states, has not fully adhered to the terms on which the grant was originally made. Under these circumstances, and as the lands have been held for 50 years on very favorable terms / the highest rate paid being a little more than 1/3d of the proper assessment / the Board cannot recommend a renewal of the lease which expired on the 30th June 1855 as prayed for by Coopchund. The Board consider however that Coopchund has at the least a preferential right over all others, of retaining the whole lands, or such portion of them as he wishes, at the regulated assessment- that is, on the same terms as other persons would be required to pay. Adverting however to the long possession of these lands by the family and the outlay incurred on account of them, the Board will not object to recommend to Govern= ment that the whole or such portion of them as may be retained should be held on a fixed assessment below the full rate,

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and pay able under all circumstances.

If the present members of the Family desire an arrangement of this nature, the Collector will submit a statement shewing the exctent of land retained, its ordinary assessment and the aggregate amount to be paid hereafter.-

2. The Board observe that a large portion of the lands have not been under cultivation, and they wish the Collectors opinion as to whether an offer to renew the lease at 1 Rupees 6000 would be fair and expedient.

3. If Coopchund declines the lands on these terms, the Collector will dispose of them to other claimants in the usual manner.

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petitions Nos 1270-1880-2713-2822-3160 of 1856.

Petitioner is referred to the Collr who has received instructions on this subject.-

/ A True Extract /

/ Signed / L. D. Sim

Acting Secretary.

To,

P. Silver Esq

Collector of Tinnevelly.

(A true Copy)

Acting Secretary

Rec: No 373

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Dowlah begs leave
to petition the Hon.
in Council before preparing
orders on his reference
from the Board of Rev:.

He claims an exemption
from petitioning favorable
beyond fifty years ago,
for a certificate stating
whether it have been
in perfect attained.

A renewal of the lease
is now sought, and
is recommended
by

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Rec: Feb 6/73

the Board, partly in
consequence of the
length of time during
which the lands have
been held by the ap-
plicants family: &
partly in consideration
of the capital
invested in their im-
provement.

The first ground
of recommendation
will gain strength
with each renewal,

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based in regard to the
second: it is not
shewn ~~that~~ what amount of ~~capi~~-
tal has been invested,
nor what the amount,
whatever it may be,
has not been fully repaid
in the 50 years during
which the lease has
lasted — B.F.

9th April

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It is always advisable for
both parties a decent term
to print of their having.
Thus there is not sufficient
information to form a correct
opinion - Lord Lauderdale
proposed by
this clause proposed by
Lord B - viz a Lease for 7 years
at 5000 Rs.

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It appears that in Bos-
landis lease to an assignee
of Rs 2500 a yr were given
in a Mr Keighei on lease
for 50 years at 2000 Rs
a yr on condition that
he introduced new & valuable
articles of produce
Nothing of the kind has
been done
Mr Keighei died leaving
his farm to his natural son
who has also died &
his son asks for
a renewal

renewal of the lease
for a further period
without fee for 21
years, if there any
circumstance appear
any advantage
for so valuable a
concession.

That any have the
family introduced the
new articles of produce

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They have not even Noticed
the whole of the land.

The assessment leviable
on the cultivation in 1867.
was 5061 R. out of 9266 R.
in 1690 out of 3630 acres out of
and 2081 out of 8768 acres dry
land.

This is proposed to continue
for 7 yrs longer at 5000 R.
a yr.

It set an extremely favor-
able tenure given for no special
merit but simply for the
introduction of improved
crops & stock, is to be continued

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Minder dated the 28th April 1857.

Read the follow-

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Proceedings of the Board

of Revenue.

Here enter 7th April 1857
No 1072

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the Petition, No 880 of

1856, from Krishnaswamy

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General after the formality
having been in the Case
must be a clear Receipt
for the Land Cess
3000 Rs. for the Last Kist
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for an Extention of Time
Clear 10 years are in
Whatever Negotiations
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Copies to the Bd
with 3 Disp. Ens
Disp. 29

Abstract
Mercy Petition

a Revenue 185 Despatch
Bengal 28th April
No 38

Extract Minutes of Consn.
28th April 57

Read 28th July 57
Ans. 8th Aug 57

Dissent the Bd
to lay before the Government
a full report from the Collector of Tinnevelly, on the Petition of Sivasoorian Sattarapiragasa Kistnasawmy and others praying that the remainder of the grant to Coopchund Sawmy may not be sanctioned.

No 45746.

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