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# Revenue Department

## Minutes of Consultations

12th May 1857

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Order No 442 dated 12th May 1857

17 pages

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*Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 12th May 1857.*

No. 41. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th April 1857, No. 1119.

*In Consultation 11th March* 1857.
*In Consultation 9th April* 1857, *No.* 1046.

Read letters from the Collector of North Arcot, dated 11th February and 14th March 1857.

(Here enter Nos. 25 and 65.)

The value of the Abkarry Rent in North Arcot was fully discussed by the Board in their letter to Government, dated 26th February 1852, No. 407, in which they set forth at large their reasons for confirming the offer made by Mr. Morrison. The amount of that offer was Rupees 1,04,000 per annum for 5 years, which exceeded by Rupees 6,954 the average rent for the 20 previous years; but the latter years of the series, the Board observed, afforded no just criterion of the real value of the contract, as the rents had been unduly enhanced by active competition involving heavy losses to the contracting parties.

Mr. Morrison died about 18 months ago, but the rent was carried on by his representatives though under considerable difficulties. These persons fell in arrears in consequence of the embarrassments of their position. The balances thus accruing are in course of liquidation according to an agreement to that effect entered into by the parties, and the full amount of the contract will be eventually discharged.

The late Mr. Morrsion's son and Mr. Corbett, the parties by whom the quinquennial rent just closing has been carried on, wish to continue the rent and have made an offer of Rupees 1,15,000 per annum for 5 or 7 years as may be sanctioned. Mr. Whittingham is very earnest that the rent should not be put up to public competition, a course that would lead to loss and disappointment, and recommends that the present offer of Rupees 1,15,000 per annum should be sanctioned for 5 years, Messrs. Corbett and Morrison point out the losses to which they will be exposed in consequence of large outstanding sums due by their sub-renters if the rent, is not continued to them for a further term.

Tenders to very large amounts have also been made by other parties, but the Board fear with little expectation of their being punctually fulfilled. Adverting to the full exposition of their views in their letter above mentioned and to the recommendation of the Collector on the present occasion, they are favorable to the acceptance of the offer of Rupees 1,15,000 per annum for 5 years made by Messrs. Corbett and Morrison.

*Revenue Department No.* 1126, 1294.
*C. O. B. R. Vol. 4 page* 130, 134.

They are however in doubt whether, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 9th October and 27th November 1855, it is the desire of Government that rents of Abkarry Farms should invariably he sold by public auction to the highest bidder who complies with the conditions of sale. They resolve therefore to request early instructions from Govrnment on this point.

(A true Extract.)

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

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No. 42. ORDER THEREON, No. 442; dated 12th May 1857.

In these Proceedings, the Board of Revenue support the Collector's proposal to rent the Abkarry Farm of North Arcot to Messrs. Corbett and Morrison for five years, at Rupees 1,15,000 per annum, without leaving it to public competition, and request instructions whether, with reference to Extracts Minutes Consultation dated 9th October and 27th November 1855, it is the desire of Government that the Farms should be invariably sold by public auction, to the highest bidder who complies with the conditions of sale.

2. Resolved that the Board be informed that all farms of the nature in question should, after full notice, be open to public competition. The Government are willing to allow that exceptional cases might arise, but Messrs. Morrison and Corbett have not shewn sufficient grounds for indulgence; their plea that they will not be able to recover the arrears due to them if their lease be not continued, will be as valid when the lease they now seek is over, as it is at present, and if it were admitted therefore would give them a lease in perpetuity.

3. The Board are of opinion that bids, extravagant, and not likely to be fulfilled, are recklessly made at public auctions. The best plan to check such bids will be to substitute sealed tenders in the place of the present auction system, it being clearly understood that the Board are to make their own selection from the tenders that may be made, subject always to the approval of Government. The Board will be good enough to consider and report upon the general introduction of this plan, and will take immediate measures for its adoption in North Arcot in connection with the Abkarry rent for the ensuing fusly.

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

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Revenue Department

No 119

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th April 1857.

Read letters from the Collector of North Arcot, dated 11th February & 11th March 1857.

In Cons. 11th March 1857
In Cons. 9th April 1857
1048.

(Here Enter No 26765.)

The value of the Abkarry Rent in North Arcot was fully discussed by the Board in their letter to Government, dated 26th February 1852, No 407, in which they set forth at large their reasons for confirming the offer made by Mr Morrison. The amount of that offer was 1 Rupees 91,000 for a term of 5 years, which exceeded by 1 Rupees 6954 the average rent for the 20 previous years, but the latter years of the series, the Board observed, afforded no just criterion of the real value of the contract, as the rents had been unduly enhanced by active competition involving heavy losses to the contracting parties.

Mr Morrison died about 18 Months ago, but the rent was carried on by his representatives though under considerable difficulties. These persons fell in arrears in consequence of the embarrassments of their position. The balances thus accruing are in course of liquidation according

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to an agreement to that effect entered into by the parties, and the full amount of the contract will be eventually discharged.

The last Mr Morrison son and Mr Corbett, the parties by whom the aquinquennial rent just closing has been carried on, wish to continue the rent and have made an offer of 18 Rupees 15,000 per annum for 5 or 7 years as may be sanctioned. Mr Whittingham is very earnest that the rent should not be put up to public competition as course that would lead to loss and disappointment, and recommends that the present offer of 18 Rupees 15,000 per annum should be sanctioned for 5 years — Messrs Corbett and Morrison — point out the losses to which they will be exposed in consequence of large outstanding sums due by their subrenters if the rent is not continued to them for a further term.

Tenders to very large amounts have also been made by other parties, but the Board fear with little expectation of their being punctually fulfilled - adverting to the full exposition of their views in their letter



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Official Memorandum

The Acting Secretary to Government has the honor to request the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue to forward as early as possible all the enclosures submitted to them with the letter from the Collector of North Arcot, dated 11th February last, No 35 regarding the tenders for the Mokarry Farm of that District together with the letter from Messrs Corbett and Morrison referred to by Mr Whittingham in the latter part of para 9. The Statement of the tenders alluded to in para 1 of the same letter is particularly required.

Fort St George
18 April 1857

Signed H. Forbes
Actg Secy to Govt

To
The Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

Govt Bd Rev. dated 9 April 1857 No 1119

Off. Memo.

To
The Acting Secy. to the
Board of Revenue

Dated 18 April /57.

Requesting to be
furnished with certain
papers regarding the
tenders for the Abkary
Farms of the Districts
of Gorakpur and

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Official Memorandum.

The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to forward the papers required by the Acting Revenue Secretary to Government in his Memorandum dated the 18th Instant.

By Order.

Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George
23d April 1857.

Ag Secretary.

To

A Forbes Esq
Ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

With

Office of Internal Revenue

Collector's Office 1st District

Ga. 2nd Collection District

Ala. Examiner

Date 23 July 1867

Rec'd July 1867

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Gabriel Cannon

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Nominated for Office

Assistant Assessor

4th Dist. Texas.

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above mentioned and to the recommendation of the Collector on the present occasion, they are favourable to the acceptance of the offer of Rupees 1,15,000 per annum for 5 years made by Messrs Corbett and Morrison.

They are however in doubt whether, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 9th October & 27th November 1855, it is the desire of Government that rents of Akbarry farms should invariably be sold by public auction to the highest bidder who complies with the conditions of sale. They resolve therefore to request early instructions from Government on this point.

/ A true Extract /

/ sd / L. P. Lucie
Acting Secretary.

To,

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

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Geo. Dept. No 1126-1794
COBR Vol 4
Page 130-134

Memorandum

Further Proceedings of the 9th Instant, No. 379, the Board of Revenue, in recommending the Collector's proposal to renew the Abkarry Farm of North Arcot to Messrs Corbett and Morrison for five years at Rupees 1,15,000 per annum, without leaving it to public competition; request instructions whether, with reference to Extracts Minutes Consultation dated 9th October, and 27th November, 1865, it is the desire of Government that the Farms should be invariably sold by public auction to the highest bidder who complies with

with the conditions of sale.

2. The question of renting the Abbarny Farms by tenders, or public sale, was considered in 1847, and reports on the subject received from all Collectors, and from the Board, it was then deemed inadvisable to alter the practice of putting up the Farms to public competition

Vide Min: Cons: dated 12th Augt 1847 No 906.

3. In 1852 the Board, upon the recommendation of the Acting Collector, rented to the late Mr N. Morrison, the Abbarny Farms of North Arcot for five years, without any public competition or auction as usual. On complaint being presented to Government, the Board were requested



requested to report their reasons for such a proceeding, and in Proceedings dated 26th February 1852, they supported the measure, by arguing that the sum offered by Mr Morrison was a fair one, that the continuance of the Farms for a length period to the same person who then held them appeared in every respect a desirable arrangement, and that they were informed that putting up the rents to auction, would not, in the opinion of the local authority, be attended with any advantage to Government.

31st March 1853

Sir Henry Pottinger, the then Governor, received a Minute objecting in very strong terms to the

the Board having granted a Contract for a period of five years to a particular individual, whereas others were ready ~~and wanting~~ to compete for it, tho' he did not propose that the Contract should be annulled, and the Hon'ble Mr Elliott, though he deemed it inexpedient to overrule the settlement made by the Board, gave it as his opinion that "it is better in general to put up the Hikaru to public auction." In the Minutes of Consultation recorded on these papers, the sentiments of Government were not expressed, but it was simply ordered that the arrangements made by the Board ~~shall~~ would not be disturbed.

Vide Remark on the President's Minutes.

Mins Cons 24th April 1852 No 367.

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4 The Government have, in para 2 of Mins Cons dated 9th October 1855, No 1126, laid it down as a rule that "whenever farms of public revenues are to be put up to competition, due notice should be given of such sales before hand, with a detail of the conditions as to deposit &c." The Board are in doubt whether, under this, the Farms should invariably be sold by public auction

5 Orders are therefore requested as to whether Government will allow the Akkaru Farm of Betelle Areca to be rented to Messrs Corbett & Morrison without any public auction. The reasons urged by them for

such an indulgence in their behalf are, that it is impossible for them to collect the sums due to them from the sub renters, unless they obtain a renewal of the lease, and that, if the Farm be put up to public competition, the Natives are so determined to drive them out of the field, as most probably to offer sums far beyond the intrinsic value of the Farm at all hazards.

6 Messrs Morrison and Corbett's offer amounts to Rs 115,000. Already there are eight offers besides Mr Morrison's, and the subjoined tables will show that all of them are above the sum proffered by Messrs Corbett and Morrison- and



and the sums at which the farm has been rented in past years-

Table of present offers

| | Rupees |
|---|---|
| Messrs Morrison & Corbett - | 115,000- |
| Nowrain Chitty and another | 135,000 |
| S. Ramasawmy Naicker — | 135,000- |
| Abby Chitty ——— | 132,000- |
| Moothoo Manikaya Chitty and another ——— | 130,000- |
| Caloorain Salah ——— | 125,000- |
| Veerasawmy Moody & another | 125,000- |
| Appiah Naidoo ——— | 124,000- |
| Soobaroya Chitty ——— | 124,000 |

Berij or rent of past years.

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| Fasly 1252 — | 132,974 |
| " 1253 — | 141,100- |
| " 1254 — | 129,186- |
| " 1255 — | 144,900- |

Fasly 1256- 9,200

" 1257- 124,500

" 1258- 131,100

" 1259 }
" 1260 } 135,900 each
" 1261 }

" 1262 }
" 1263 }
" 1264 } 104,000 -
" 1265 }

7 The late Mr. Morrison purchased the farm at 135,900 Rs in 1259 at Public auction, and he held it at that rate for three Fasties, and in Fasly 1262, pro= cured a renewal of his lease for five years, without any public competition, for Rs. 104,000, which was below the average of Ten

+120,554
104,000
16,554

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Ten years from Fasly 1249 to 1258 by Rupees 16,554 and below the same Gentleman's rent of three

+135,900
104,000
31,900-

previous years by Rupees 31,900-

8 Among the papers sent by the Secretary to the Board with his Memo. of the 23d Instt, as requested by the Secretary, there are four Petitions from parties who have already applied for the Farm, in which they re= =quest that, in the event of their bids not being accepted, the Farm may be sold by Public auction

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all forms of this
nature might be
put up to public
auction - upon sale
to be as a general rule.

the reason given
by Mess[rs] Morrison
&c. that they title
not be able to insure
arrears - would do
which - insure them
the contracts for
ever -

But the rule
is not imperative - &
if the Bd have good reason
to suppose - that bids are in
sufficient not likely to
be forthcoming - they may of
course adopt

For this purpose

c 27 April R 2 May c 5

The plan of inviting sealed tenders is perhaps better than public auction when bids are made each separately -

But the object of both should be to keep up the Rent & to ensure - if possible of no fractional -

W. H. G.

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Revenue Dept

No 643

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 12th May 1857.

Read the following

Extract from the Proceedings

of the Board of Revenue.

Rec'd & Here enter 9th April 1857

No 1119/

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2. Resolved that
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that all farms of
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cases might arise, but
Messrs Morrison and
Corbett have not shewn
sufficient grounds for
indulgence, their plea
that they will not be
able to recover the arrears
due to them if their
leave be not continued
will be as valid when
the lease they now seek
is over, as it is at pre-
-sent, and yet were
admitted therefore unto
give them a lease in
perpetuity.

3 The Board are of
opinion that bids, extra-
-vagant, and not likely
to be fulfilled, are neces-
-sarily made at public
auctions

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to check such bids will
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upon the general in-
troduction of this plan,
and will take imme-
diate measures for its
adoption in North Street
in connection with the
Abbiarry rent for the
ensuing year.

I having clearly under-
stood that the Bids are
to make Deductions
from the London Rent
may be made subject
always to the approval
of Government

It being clearly understood
that the Board are to make
their own Deductions - subject
always to approval

Hospital to the Board
with 9 Enclosures
Dep. 13th

Copy in a G. S. to C
Dy 21st December 1857 No 48
Para 24
Collection No.

No 41 & 42.

Revenue 1857 Depart.
Cons 12th May
No 1442.

Extract Minutes of Cons
Dy 12th May 57.
From 13½ of Rec 18th May 57
Ch. 549. Cons. 3
2 June

Submitting the Board's
Report on the Abbiarry Tenures
should be opened to public
competition, observing that
the best plan to check extrava-
gant bids recklessly made,
will be, to substitute sealed
tenders in the place of the
present auction system;
also requesting to consider &
report upon the general
introduction of this plan &
take measures for its adoption
here for the West, in connection
with the Abbiarry rent for the
ensuing Year.

No 41 & 42.

C. Treasury 28th