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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 19th May 1857.

Read the following papers.

No. 46. Purport of a Tamil Petition from Poolaneeandeegowaden and others of Hosore in Vittoocatty talook, Trichinopoly, dated 17th October 1856.

Pray for the abolition of the appointment of Tarup Manium newly created in the Zillah of Trichinopoly; and the abolition of the Cutlayshelavoo cess.

No. 2348 of 1856.

Referred to the Collector through the Board of Revenue for report.

By order,

Fort St. George, 8th *November*, 1856.

M. NORMAN,
Depy. Sec. to Govt.

No. 47. Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 27th April 1857, No. 1308.

Read letter dated 19th January 1857,* from the Collector of Trichinopoly, reporting upon Government Perition, No. 2348 of 1856.

**In Cons. 27th April 1857.*

(Here enter No. 11.)

Ordered that the above letter be laid before Government, with reference to their Endorsement under date 8th November 1856.

2. The Petition under notice contains two requests.

1st. The discontinuance of the "Cutlayshelavoo" levy.

2d. The abolition of the fees drawn from the ryots for the remuneration of the Tarul Monegars.

3. With regard to the 1st, it is observed that the Cutlayshelavoo being an allowance varying from one to thirty Rupees according to the condition and revenue of the village has for a length of time, possibly since the cession of the District, been levied from the ryots to cover the charges incurred by the Curnums for cadjans, oil, &c., and as batta during their absence on Jummabundy duty.

4. In the dry villages of Vettookutty this levy is not entered in the puttahs, as in other parts, but is paid by the ryots themselves according to their several holdings. In the irrigated villages, it is paid in kind, and varies according to the extent under cultivation.

From Collr. 23d February in Cons.	19th March 1856.		
Proceedings to Collector	19th do.	"	
From Collr. 5th April in Cons.	29th May	"	
To Collector	29th do.	"	
From do. 3d June in Cons.	13th Aug.	"	
Proceedings to Collector	13th do.	"	
From Collr. 19th in Cons.	29th do.	"	
Proceedings to Collector	29th do.	"	

5. The above information was elicited by a reference upon the subject of Saderwared for the use of the Curnums adverted to in the Government Endorsement dated 8th January 1856 on Petition No. 2621 of 1855.

6. After receiving from the Collector further explanation of the nature of this levy, the Board were of opinion that this charge upon the ryots over and above the rent on their lands was exactly one of those extra cesses which Government were anxious to do away with: they therefore ordered its discontinuance.

7. The Collector in answer strongly urged that until the Curnums of the District get a fixed salary, the Cutlayshelavoo should continue. He remarked that the Curnums generally throughout the province are entirely dependent on this levy for their remuneration and salary of office. If the charge upon the ryot were abruptly discontinued, there would be no funds or means at hand to pay the Curnums, and the whole official transactions of the Collectorate would be placed in a position of the greatest difficulty.

8. Upon this representation, the Board intimated that they would make no immediate change as regards this practice, but directed that the question should be brought forward for adjustment at the general survey.

9. With regard to the 2d request preferred by the Petitioners, the Collector states tha the discontinuance of the Taruf Monegars cannot be carried out until the revision of th village Police in Trichinopoly is fully es tablished, and that even then the Petitioner will not be relieved from the fees now levie by the Monegars, since they are a portion o the amount entered as a set off against the increased expenditure sanctioned by the Supreme Government.

Pro. of Supreme Govt. No. 5273 of 1854, para. 2 in from Govt. 15th January 1855, No. 71.

10. The Petition No. 2348 of 1856, is herewith returned.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) L. FORBES, *Acting Sub-Secretary.*

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, No. 467; dated 18th May 1857.

Para. 1. The Petition above recorded contains two requests.

1st. That a certain cess called Cutlayshelavoo may be discontinued.

2d. That the fees now paid by the ryots for the remuneration of the Taruf Monegars may be abolished.

2. On 10th October 1855, certain Curnums in Trichinopoly petitioned Government to the effect that they were unable to purchase paper (upon which substance they had been directed to write the new forms of accounts) from their own small salaries. The Board on being referred to, called for information upon this Petition, and from the letters from the Collector of Trichinopoly noted in the margin, it appears that the Curnums' charges for cadjans, oil, &c., are met by a cess called "Cutlayshelavoo." This is described as a varying impost, (amounting sometimes to 30 Rupees) according to the condition and size of the village. It is paid in kind in the irrigated villages, and varies according to the extent under cultivation. It is always entered in the ryot's puttah, except in the dry villages of *one talook.

From Collector 23*d February* 1856.
" 5*th April* "
" 3*d June* "
" 19*th June* "

**Vittikutty.*

3. The Board, considering that this was one of those cesses which had been repeatedly condemned by Government, directed its discontinuance,† but on the reply of the Collector that the Curnums were, throughout the province generally, entirely dependent on the cess for their remuneration, they relaxed their order,‡ and directed that the question should be brought forward for adjustment at the general survey.

†*Proceedings to Collector* 19*th March* 1856.

‡*Progs. to Collector* 29*th August.*

4. The Board were perfectly correct in stigmatizing this description of cess as most objectionable. They open a way for every illegal demand, and it is probable that during the settlement, the Curnums are not the only parties who benefit by the cess. In the Collector's letter to the Board of 3d June 1856, he describes the Cutlayshelavoo as "paid to the Curnums for "their expenses at the annual settlement." The Government would wish the Board to consider, whether a fixed sum might not be assessed on each Puttah, and the total made available for the purpose to which the Cutlayshelavoo is now applied; so as to remedy the present system, under which any amount of undefined exaction may be made.

5. With regard to the Taruf Monegars' Fees, the Board explain that, even under the new system of Police, the ryots will not be relieved from them, for they will be levied, though under a different name and principle, as a set off against the increased expenditure sanctioned in 1854, by the Supreme Government.

6. Ordered accordingly that the following endorsement be made on Petition No. 2348 of 1856.

1. "Petitioners are informed that the subject of the Catlayshelavoo cess is now under "the consideration of Government."

2. "Petitioners' request as to their relief from liability for the Taruf Monegars' Fees "cannot be complied with."

7. Ordered also that Petition No. 2621 of 1855 be returned to the Board of Revenue, with a view to their furnishing the Petitioners with an endorsement. Government observe that another Petition* to the same effect has just been referred to the Board for disposal.

**No. 993 of 1857.*

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

Forwarded to
the Collector for re-
port.-
Revenue Office,
Fort St. George,
1st Dec. 1856.
By Order,

L. Secretary
to Govt.

Revenue 1857 Dept
Dated 19th January
No. 84 to 55

From Sadagopadas
Vijayarangadas Salamu
Ramkrishnadas &
others of Thodoor
in Vittacherry Talook
Trichinopoly -

In No. 384 of 1857.
Dated 17th
for 20th Octr. 1856
S.C.No. 467. 18 Gray

Pray for the abolition
of the appointment of
Sarkar Mamoon newly
created in the Zillah of
Trichinopoly; and the
abolition of the Cuttay
Thelavoo cess.

Recd. Dec. 8th. 1856
Dept. Jany. 19th. 1857

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Collr.

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No. 467 of 18 Jany 57.-
Govt Secy

Referred to the Collector through the Board
of Revenue for report.

By order
[illegible]
Secretary to Govt.

Fort St. George
5th November 1856

No 147 A. 1308

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 27th April 1857.

In Cons 27th April 1857.

Read letter dated 19th January 1857 from the Collector of Trichinopoly reporting upon Government Petition No 2338 of 1856.

(Here enter No 11)

Ordered that the above letter be laid before Government, with reference to their Endorsement under date 8th November 1856.

2. The Petition under notice contains two requests.

1st The discontinuance of the "Kuttay Shelavoo" Levy.

2d. The abolition of the fees drawn from the Ryots for the remuneration of the Tanjy Moneyars.

3. With regard to the 1st it is observed that the Kuttay Shelavoo being an allowance varying from one to thirty Rupees according to the condition and revenue of the Village has for a length of

of time, possibly since the cession of the District, been levied from the Ryots to cover the Charges incurred by the Cummums for cadjans, oil &c. and as table during their absence on Summabundy duty.

4. In the dry Villages of Vellore, Kutty this levy is not collected in the Kuttahs as in other parts, but is paid by the Ryots themselves according to their several holdings. In the irrigated Villages, it is paid in kind, and varies according to the extent under cultivation.

5. The above information was elicited by a reference upon the subject of Sadewarad for the use of the Cummums advicted to in the Government Endorsement dated 8th January 1856 on Petition No. 2831. 1855

6. After receiving from the Collector further explanation of the nature of this levy, the Board were of opinion that this Charge upon the Ryots over and above the rent on their lands was exactly one of those extra cesses which Government were anxious to do away with: they therefore ordered

From Coll. 25 Feb. inst. 19 March
Proceedings to Collector 19 — 5
From Coll. 5 April inst. 29 May
& Collector — — 29 — —
From 1st & 3d June inst. 13 August
Proceedings to Collector 15 — —
From Coll. 19 inst. 29 August
Proceedings to Coll. 29 — —

ordered its discontinuance.

7. The Collector in answer strongly urged that until the Cummums of the District get a fixed Salary the Kutty should continue. He remarked that the Cummums generally throughout the Province are entirely dependent on this levy for their remuneration and Salary of office. If the Charge upon the Ryot were abruptly discontinued, there would be no funds or means at hand to pay the Cummums, and the whole official transactions of the Collectorate would be placed in a position of the greatest difficulty.

8. Upon this representation, the Board intimated that they would make no immediate change as regards this practice, but directed that the question should be brought forward for adjustment at the general Survey.

9. With regard to the 2d request preferred by the Petitioners, the Collector states that the discontinuance of the Survey Monegars cannot be carried out until the cessation of the Village Police

in Trichinopoly is fully established, and that even then the Petitioners will not be relieved from the fees now levied by the Monegars, since they are a portion of the amount entered as a set off against the increased expenditure sanctioned by the Supreme Government.

Proc. of Supreme Govt. No. 5273 of 1854. Read in Fort St. George 15th January 1855.

10. The Petition No. 2318/1856 is here-with returned.

(A true Extract)

L. Forbes.
Asst. Secretary.

To

L. Forbes Esq.
Asst. Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Read 15th January 1855.
Dto Consultation.
No. 173.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 21st December 1854.
No. 1309.

Read Petition of the Inhabitants of Pooloor Village, Trichinopoly District, praying that the Collector may be directed to refund the amount collected from them on account of Sayer Cesses.

Ordered, that the Petition be referred to the Collector of Trichinopoly for report.

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No. 1829

From

G. L. Forbes Esqr.

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue.

To

J. Bird Esqr.

Collector of Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th Ultimo, explaining in accordance with the request made in the Board's Proceedings dated the 19th of March, No. 851, the system under which a Cutlay levy is collected from the Ryots of Trichinopoly, to meet the expenses which the Cummums are put to in attending the settlements and in providing Cadjans &c. for the Puttah.

Recd. 29th May 1855.

2. In the 19th Paragraph of your letter of the 23d of October 1854, No. 102,

Recd. 23d Jany. 1855.

your

1857 Dispatch

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Enclosure no. 2 in Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Government of Bengal Dated 27th May 1857 No. 208.

To
The Collector of Chittagong
Dated 29th May 1850
Regarding the Custom Duty

you informed the Board that you had already issued orders to your Tahsildars to strike out of their Accounts all extra "imposts, such as the levies on account of "Sadelwai," and the Board now therefore direct me to request that you will explain to them, how it is that the Custom Duty is still collected, in apparent inconsistency with the order which you have informed them that you have already given for its abolition.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
29th May 1850.

I have &c.
Signed G. S. Forbes.
Secretary.

A true Copy

G. Forbes
Acting Sub Secretary.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 13th. August 1856

Read letter from the Coll.r of Trichinopoly
dated 13th. August 1856

(Vide inter. No. 94)

The Board are of opinion that the ex-
cutlay Shellavoo, which is a charge upon the ryots
over and above the rent on their lands, and is exactly
of the nature of those which Government intended
should be discontinued should be abolished entirely
and the Collector is requested to adopt the necessary
measures for discontinuing its levy altogether.

(A. True Extract)
(Signed) G. S. Forbes
Secretary

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R.D.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
dated

Read ajain Petition 2348 of
1856. and Ex: Prop. 83 of
Revenue, reporting upon the
same.

P.1. order. Resolved that under the
explanation furnished by the
Board of Revenue, the following
Endorsement be placed upon
Petition 2348 of 1856.

With regard to the "Kattay Thela
800 cafs, the abolition for which
is prayed for, the Petitioners
are informed that the ques-
tion will be taken into
consideration at the Survey
Pet^rs request for the abo-
lition of the Tarif will accor-
cannot be complied
with.

83. Prop. para. 3-8.

83 Prop. & Ex. ut 2

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Ordered also that Petition

2621 of 1855 he returned
to the Board of Revenue,
with a view to their furnishing
the Petr with an Endorsement.

M.N.

No 30

order of Govt. in Petn dept
dated Jan 8. 1856

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Recd with Govt
& Petn

Recd 2nd May 12

R. D.

N.o 407

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

dated 18.th May 1857.

Read the following

Papers.

From Poosary Thadeyagoodum
Poolanceandiegaunder and
others of Hossore in Vittoocatty
Talook Trichinopoly.

(Heere enter 17.th October 1851.)

Extract from the Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue.

(Heere enter 27.th April 1837
N.o 1308.)

P.t. The Petition
above recorded contains
two requests
1.st that a certain cess
called Cuttayshelavoo
may be discontinued.

2.nd

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the remuneration of
the Taruf Monegaro
may be abolished.

2 On the 10th October
1835, certain Carnums
in Trichinopoly petitioned
Government to the effect
that they were unable to
purchase paper upon
which substance they
had been directed to
write the new forms of
Accounts from their
own small salaries. The
Board on being referred to,
called for information upon
this Petition, and from the
letters

Collr 23d Feby 1836.
5th April
3d June
19th

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It is always entered in the
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3 The Board, considering
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they relaxed their order, and
directed that the question
should be brought forward
for adjustment at the gene-
ral survey.

Proceedings to Collr 19th March 1856

Progs to Collr 29th august

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probable that during the
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settlement the Curnums are
not the only parties who are
benefited by the ryots. In the
Collector's letter to the
Board of 3d June 1856, he
describes the Cuttayshelavoo
as "paid to the Curnums for
their expenses at the annual
settlement." The Govert
would wish the Board to
consider, whether a fixed
sum might not be assessed
on each Puttah, and the
total made available for
the purpose to which the
Cuttayshelavoo is now ap-
plied, so as to remedy the
present system, under which
any amount of undefined
exaction may be made.

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5. With regard to the Taraf e Monegaro Fees, the Board explain that even under the new system of Police, the Ryots will not be relieved from them, for they will be levied, tho' under a different name and principle, as a set off against the increased expenditure sanctioned in 1854, by the Supreme Government.

6. Ordered accordingly that the following Endorsement be made on Petition 2348 of 1851.

1st "Petitioners are informed that the subject of the Collayhula vacancies now under

"under the consideration of Government"

2d "Petitioners' request as to "their relief from liability "for the Taraf e Monegaro "Fees cannot be complied "with."

7. Ordered also that Petition 2121 of 1855 be returned to the Board of Revenue with a view to their furnishing the Petitioners with an endorsement. Government observe that another Petition to the same effect has just been referred to the Board for disposal.

No 993 of 1857.

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Dto Cons.n 19.th May.

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D.d 18.th May /57

Extract from Bd.d 20 Oct.r 57 Cons.n No.d
in Vol. 24 p. 23
Mr. Ir.

Extract D.o — 28.th Oct.r /58
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of the Fees now paid by the ryots
for the communication of the Land
Measurer.

Mr. Ir. 46 at 45

C12.th May 815.