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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 23d June 1857.

No. 18. Read the following letter from P. B. SMOLLETT, Esq., Collector and Agent to the Governor; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Vizagapatam 1st June 1857, No. 69.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for the consideration of Government a petition addressed by the Zemindar of Bobily and presented to me for transmission to Government on the subject of Moturpha. An English translation made in this office accompanies the Petition.

Translation.

To MAHARAJESTRY the Madras Government, Petition addressed by SREE RAJAH SWATACHALPUTY RUNGA ROW BAHADAR, Zemindar of Bobily in the Zillah of Vizagapatam.

With reference to a communication to me from the Agent to the Governor at Vizagapatam dated 24th January last, stating that the Government have ordered that the Moturpha of my Zemindary will be collected by Government from Fusly 1267, I beg to state as follows.

1. The Moturpha upon shepherds, &c., which is of a similar nature as land revenue and which is particularized below are always under the management of Zemindars only, whosoever may have been the rulers of the country. When making permanent settlement the Government declared by Section IV. Regulation XXV. of 1802, that similar taxes and lands yielding small revenue are exempted from calculation: the former was accordingly excluded but the latter was however included, and the Sea Custom and other sources were taken under the control of Government; from this it is evident that the Government were of opinion that the Moturpah should be under the Zemindars. I trust that the Government would consider my claim regarding Moturpha as just, considering that it has been under my uninterrupted control from these 55 years, since the permanent settlement.

2. If this tax is taken from under me the loss accruing therefrom will never leave me. Under the impression that this tax will be in the control of my family in perpetuity, I gave certain jeroyetee lands to Banians, &c., in which they built their houses, and are carrying on their trade paying Moturpha to me, the shepherds are grazing their sheep in my jeroyetee lands, there being no other means of livelihood for the flocks, the fishers and hempmakers live by means of my jeroyetee lands. The tax upon Palmira trees is also connected with the jeroyetee.

3. If I were to make collections for myself on the jeroyetee land, and the Governmnet collect money upon the professions of the parties, the people will not only surely suffer but both these two descriptions of taxes will fall off; it having been declared by the said Regulation that no remissions are to be granted to Zemindars on any account whatever, it will be of some advantage to me if the Moturpha is continued under me besides relieving the Government of the trouble of solving the questions accruing on account of the aforesaid different taxes. By my making the collections with lenity the people will be much benefited. This tax is but a particle to the exalted views of Government, consequently this tax was never separated from under the Zemindars.

I pray that the Government will be pleased to take the above circumstances into favorable consideration and direct the Agent to allow the Moturpha in my Zemindary to remain under me as is hitherto usual.

(Signed) STREE RAJAH SWATHACHELLAPATY RUNGAROW BAHADUR.

21st *May* 1857.

(True translation)

(Signed) P. B. SMOLLETT, *Agent to the Government.*

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, No. 607; dated 19th June 1857.

1. In this letter, the Agent to the Governor in Vizagapatam submits for the consideration of Government a petition from the Zemindar of Bobily, remonstrating against the order of Government directing the resumption of Moturpha in his Zemindary from the commencement of Fusly 1267.

2. Bobily being* one of the estates affected by the 8th† para. of the abovementioned order, the Zemindar's petition is quite inadmissible. But adverting to the assertion at the conclusion of para. 2 of the Zemindar's address that "the tax on Palmyra trees is connected with the Jeroyaty" (by which is apparently meant that such a tax has been classed in the Zemindary accounts, as Moturpha, though really an item of the land revenue) the Government have no intention of interfering with the Zemindar's collection of any item which clearly cannot belong to the Moturpha, provided always‡ that the item in question be not one excluded from the assets of the estate in making the permanent settlement.

3. The Government resolve to call Mr. Smollett's attention to their opinion expressed at the conclusion of para. 8 of the order quoted above, that it is desirable to impress upon the Zemindars situated similarly to the Petitioner, that they have collected this impost wholly without right, and that their connection with it cannot be too soon dissolved.

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

* *Vide Statement 3, Commr. N. C. to Govt. No. 100 of 24th July 1856.*

† *Extract Minutes Consultation 4th Dec. 1856, No. 1231, R. D.*
P. 8 *"Government resolve peremptorily to prohibit the collection of "Moturpha by the Zemindars of all those Estates, the owners of which "(in spite of their tribute to the Government having been originally "fixed exclusive of that tax) have continued without any legal right to "collect it up to the present time."*

‡ *In Enclosure A in No. 3 Statement of the Commissioner's letter of 24th July 1856, the items of Moturpha excluded from the assets of Vizianagrum and 8 other Estates are given. The Palmyra tree tax is one of these items; but it seems to have been excluded from the assets in Vizianagrum alone; it is possible therefore that in Bobily, it may have been included.*

No 69. Vizagapatam Coll.r & Govt. Agents Office 1st June 1857

From

P. B. Smollett Esqre
Coll.r & Agent to the Governor

To

C. Malthy Esqre
Actg Chief Secretary to Go-
vernment
Fort St. George.

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Sir,
Your most Obed.t & Sev.t

P. B. Smollett
Coll.r & Agent to the Governor.

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Translation.

To

Maharajestry the Madras Government.

Petition addressed by Sree Rajah Swatar chalpaty Runga Row Bahadar Zemindar of Bobbily in the Zillah of Vizagapatam.

With reference to a communication to me from the Agent to the Governor at Vizagapatam dated 25th January last, stating that the Government have ordered that the Mokurpha of my Zemindary will be collected by Government from Fasly 1267, I beg to state as follows.

1 The Mokurpha upon Shepherds &c. which is of a similar nature as land revenue and which is particularized below are always under the management of Zemindars only, whosoever may have been the rulers of the country. When making Permanent Settlement the Government declared by Section IV Regulation XXV of 1802 that similar taxes and lands yielding small revenue are exempted from calculation: the former was accordingly excluded but the latter was however included and

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Revenue Department
Letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam
to the Govt
Vizagapatam
Dated 1st June 1855
Rec'd 8th do
Ans'd 2nd do
No. 659
Rs. 55 Rs. 60 Rs. 15 Rs. 130
Forwards a petition from
Zemindar of Bobbily
to the address of the Board
with the Collector's remarks
thereon

Rs 18.

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the Zemindars. I trust that the Government would
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considering that it has been under my manage-
ment for the last 55 years since the
Permanent Settlement.

2 If this tax is taken from under me the loss
accruing therefrom will be
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of my family in perpetuity I gave certain Jeroyetee
lands to Banians &c on which they built their
houses, and are carrying on their trade paying
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I pray that the Government will be
pleased to take the above circumstances into
favorable consideration and direct the Agent
to allow the Motinpha in my Zemindary
to remain under me as is hitherto usual.

21st May 1857

(Signed) Shree Rajah Sivaji Rao
in Telugu Chellapathy Ramayan
Bahadur.

(Two Translations)

Shaik Ali
Agent to the Govr

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No 607.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date the 19th June 1857

Read Letter from the Govt
& Ag.t & the Govt in Kgdy
dt. 3rd June 1857.
No 684

Ag.t to the Govt. in Kgdy
dt. 3rd June 1857.
No 684

Read the letter from the Agent & the
Govt. in Vizagapatam sub-
mitting for the consideration
of Govt a petition from the
Zamindar of Bobbily re-
presenting grievances
redress of & soliciting the
remission of Mokurfa in
his Zamindary from the
commencement of Fasly

Bobbily being one of the Estates,
~~included in the category~~ af-
fected by the 8th Para of the
above mentioned order, the
Zamindars petition is quite

Ex. M.C. 4 Dec 1856
No 1281 R.D.

8 ... But nevertheless strictly
" prohibit the collection of
" Mokurfa by the Zamindar
" from those ryots, the owners
" of which (in spite of this prohibi-
" tion) have regularly
" from exclusive of that they have
" collected without any legal
" collect it up to the
" time "

Statement &c. Commr. &c.
No 100 of 24 July 1856

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excluded from
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in making the permt
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3 The Govt resolve to

*** In enclosure A in Mo 3 of the Commissioner's letter of 24 July 1856 the items of Mokatta excluded from the aspect of Vizianagaram. & other Estates are given. Viz. Palmyra tree tax is one of those items; but it seems to have been excluded from the aspect of Vizianagaram alone. It is probable therefore that it may have been included

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Coll Mr. Brodie's letter
& their opinion enclosed
& the conclusion of Para
& the order suggested above
for the reasons
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& the Petitioner, that
they have collected
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any connection with it
cannot be too soon
reposed.

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Copy to the Agent in Vizagapatam. Dispt 20
Brot Bs Govt Rec V
for information.

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Dated 13th June 1816

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Richard Allen & Wife

Deed 3 June 1815

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Deed 13th June 1816