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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 7th July 1857.

No. 13. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 8th June 1857, No. 1911.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Masulipatam dated 23d April 1857,* furnishing information regarding the villages of Teegalavuncha and Sayennapallem which Mr. H. B. Smith offered to take together with other villages on progressive rents for 10 years.

* *In Consultation 8th June* 1857.

(Here enter No. 47.)

Read letter dated 12th May 1857,† on the same subject, with copy of a letter from Mr. Smith urging grounds why his application should be favorably viewed.

† *In Consultation 8th June* 1857.

(Here enter No. 71.)

1. Resolved that the foregoing letters be submitted for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 8th July 1856, No. 698, Revenue Department.

2. Mr. Smith's application as before reported embraced 6 villages, including the 2 villages, the subject of the present letters. All are situated on the Nizam's frontier. Four have been made over to Mr. Smith on progressive rents for 10 years. These were completely deserted in the famine of 1832 and have continued without inhabitant since that time, but Teegalavuncha with a large tank in ruins, still contains about 4 or 5 huts. The restoration of this reservoir will cost not less than Rupees 4000‡ and it appears from the first of the letters recorded above that it is proposed by the Department of Public Works to furnish it with a permanent source of supply.

‡ *From Acting Collector 2d June* 1856, *para.* 4, *No.* 57. *In N. C. Consultation 9th June* ,,

3. The former and present collections from this village were shewn in the letter from the late Acting Collector 13th December 1855,§ which has been laid before Government. In one year only, viz., Fusly 1233 (1823-24,) did the collections exceed Rupees 1,000. The average of the 5 years previous to the famine of 1832 was only Rupees 266. The present revenue rather exceeds this amount. Mr. Smith's offer commences with Rupees 360 for the first year and rises gradually to Rupees 600 for the 10th year of rent.

§ *In N. C. Dy. Cons. 1st May* 1856.

4. It will be seen that Mr. Smith wished chiefly to have the two villages immediately under consideration, as essential to the success of his project for introducing the manufacture of Indigo, and that the other four villages, which are already in his possession, are valuable only as forming part of the entire lands to be made over to him. Mr. Smith has incurred the expense of an European Superintendent for a year, and urges, in furtherance of his application, that "he must keep the tanks &c. in order."

5. Mr. Fraser, the late Acting Collector, it will be remembered, expressed himself very strongly in favor of the arrangement. The ryots he stated cheerfully agreed to hold land under Mr. Smith, and the first object of this person, he observed, would be to sink capital in the thorough repair of the tank, much stress was also laid on the introduction of Indigo under European supervision.

From Acting Collector 2d in Cons. 9th June 1855 *paras.* 4 *&* 5.

6. In the event of the tank being repaired by Government, the Board have no expectation, looking to the want of ryots, that a higher revenue will be attained during the next 10 years than that offered by Mr. Smith. This circumstance and the importance of the project itself, if successful, lead them to support Mr. Smith's application for Teegalavuncha. At the end of the 10 years it will be open to Government to make such further arrangements as may be considered proper, meanwhile the reservoir will be placed in a state of repair, at least sufficiently so for present purposes, by means of private outlay.

7. As regards Sayennapallem it appears from what the present Acting Collector states that the land which Mr. Smith is desirous of renting consists of 10* Cutties of waste included in this village, but as this land is stated to afford valuable pasturage, which the ryots are not willing to give up, Mr. Smith's offer does not call for further consideration.

* *About acres* 170.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, No. 675; dated 2d July 1857.

1. In Extract Minutes Consultation dated 8th July 1856, the Government confirmed the lease of the four† villages in the Masulipatam District granted by the late Commissioner for the Northern Circars to Mr. H. B. Smith on progressive rents for ten years, and they deferred passing any orders on his application to rent the village of Teegalavunkah pending the receipt of further information regarding it.

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2. This information the Acting Collector now supplies in a letter under date the 23d April last, submitted with the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue recorded above. Mr. Knox states that the tank in Teegalavunkah being situated under the influence of the Anicut proposed to be constructed over the Tamelair in Chintalapoondy Purganah, the village must derive very great benefit from the introduction of this new means of irrigation, and he advises that the renting of the village may be postponed till something definite is known of its productive powers when properly irrigated.

3. The Board do not agree with the Collector in this opinion. They say that even if the tank in question be repaired at the expense of Government, they do not expect, considering the paucity of ryots as well as the difficulty that will be experienced in inducing new ryots to settle in Teegalavunkah, the village would pay a higher revenue during the next ten years than Mr. Smith has offered. The Board therefore recommend compliance with his request to rent the village.

4. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council observes that the restoration of the Teegalavunkah tank at the cost of Government might give rise to a small increase of revenue; but this increase is after all uncertain. On the other hand, it is highly desirable and more important, even in a pecuniary point of view, to encourage the settlement of a European in the provinces prepared to invest his capital and introduce skilled agriculture and new products adapted to the European markets; and his Lordship in Council accordingly authorizes the Collector, through the Board of Revenue, to lease to Mr. Smith the village of Teegalavunkah for a period of ten years on the terms offered by him.

5. The lands which Mr. Smith wishes to obtain possession of in Sayeunapollem consist of 10 cutties‡ of waste land, and the Collector states that the ryots are reluctant to give them up as they afford very good pasturage. It is also stated by the Collector that the ground in question is held by the ryots on a lease for fusly 1267. The Government remark that if after the expiration of the lease, they decline to part with the lands, they must pay the full assessment on them; and in case of their preferring to retain them on such terms, Mr. Smith may perhaps be able to make arrangements for sub-renting them from the villagers.

‡ *About acres* 170.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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No 941

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Rev[enue]
dated 8th June, 1857 No 941

Read letter from the Acting Collr
In Cons 8th June 1857 - to of Masulipatam dated 23d April 1857 Jur
nishing information regarding the Villages
of Teegalavunchia and Sayennapallem
which Mr H. B. Smith offered to take together
with other Villages on progressive rents
for 10 years.

(Here enter No 941)

Read letter dated 12th May 1857
In Cons 8th June 1857. on the same subject, with Copy of a letter
from Mr Smith urging grounds why his
Application should be favorably viewed.

(Here enter No 942)

Resolved that the foregoing letters
be submitted for the orders of the Right Ho-
norable the Governor in Council with re-
ference to Extract Minutes Consultation &c
July 1856 No 698 Revenue Department.

2 Mr Smith's application as be-
fore reported embraced 6 Villages, including
the 2 Villages, the subject of the present letters
All are situated on the Nizam's frontier. Four
have been made over to Mr Smith on pro
gressive rents for 10 years. These were
completely deserted in the famine of [illegible]

and have continued without inhabitant since that time, but Teegalaruncha with a large tank in ruins, still contains about 40 Ryots. The restoration of this reservoir will cost not less than Rupees 400 and it appears from the first of the letters recorded above that it is proposed by the Department of Public Works to furnish it with a permanent source of supply.

From Agt Collr 7th June 1855 P. 4. No. 57 In P.C. Consy 4th June

3 The former and present Collections from this Village were shown in the letter from the late Ag Collector 13th December 1853, which has been laid before Government. In one year only Viz Fasly 1233 did the 1823/24 Collections exceed Rupees 100. The average of the 5 years previous to the famine of 1837 was only Rupees 266. The present Revenue rather exceeds this amount. Mr Smith's offer commences with Rupees 360 for the first year and rises gradually to Rupees 600 for the 10th year of rent.

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4 It will be seen that Mr Smith wished chiefly to have the two Villages immediately under consideration, as essential to the success of his project for introducing the manufacture of Indigo, and that the

the other four Villages, which are already in his profession, are valuable only as forming part of the entire lands to be made over to him: Mr Smith has incurred the expense of an European Superintendent for a year and urges, in furtherance of his application that "he must keep the tanks in order."

From Agt Collr 7th Jan Cons 9th June 1855 P. 475.

5. Mr Fraser, the late acting Collector, it will be remembered, expressed himself very strongly in favor of the arrangement. The Ryots he stated chearfully agreed to hold land under Mr Smith and the first object of this person, he observed, would be to sink capital in the thorough repair of the Tank. Much stress was also laid on the introduction of Indigo under European supervision.

6. In the event of the Tank being repaired by Government the Board have no expectation, looking to the want of Ryots, that a higher Revenue will be attained during the next 10 years than that offered by Mr Smith. This circumstance and the importance of the project itself, if successful, lead them to support Mr Smith's application for Teegularuncha. At the end of the 10 years it will be open to

Government

Government to make such further arrange-
ments as may be considered proper, mean-
while the reservoir will be placed in a
state of repair, at least sufficiently so
for present purposes, by means of private
outlay.

7 As regards Sayennapallem
it appears from what the present Acting
Collector states that the land which Mr
Smith is desirous of renting consists of
10 Cuttles of waste included in the Village,
but as this Land is stated to afford va-
luable frontage, which the Ryots are
not willing to give up, Mr Smith's
offer does not call for further considera
tion.

about acres 170.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
[illegible]
Ag Secretary.

To
W. Forbes Esq
Ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Cons 8th July 56 No 5485
" 27th May " " 6849
" 7th Oct " " 11812

Revenue 1857 July
Dto Cons. 7th July
No 665

Extract from the Pro-
ceedings of the Board of
Revenue.

Dated 8th June 1857.
Rec'd 13th

3 Encls Returned.
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J.C. No. 675. 2nd July

Submitting letters
from the Agent Collr of Masulipa-
tam containing information
regarding the Villages
of Tegalamuncha and Sa-
yennapallem which Mr
W.B. Smith offered to take
on progressive Cowle for 10
years, and supporting Mr
Smith's application for the
former Village, but objec-
ting to his being allowed
the latter.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 2nd July 1857.

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue
(Head Quarters 8th June 57 at Ongole)

In Con. dated
8th July 1856 the Govt.
confirmed the Pleader
of the four villages in
the Masulipatam Dist.
granted by the late
Comr for the N. Circs.
to Mr H. B. Smith on
progressive rents for
ten years, & they deferred
passing any orders
on his application
to rent the village
of Teegalavuntaka
pending

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pending the receipt of
further information
regarding it.

This information
the Actg Collector now
supplies in a letter
under date the 23rd April
last, submitted with
the Proceedings of the
Board of Revr recorded
above. Mr. Knox states
that the tank in Tega-
-lawmkah being situated
under the influence of
the Ameut proposed
to be constructed down
the Jamelaw in Chintala-
-lapoondy Purgunah,
the village must de-
-rive very great benefit
from the introduction
of this new means of
irrigation, and he

advises

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advises that the renting
of the village may be
postponed till something
definite is known of its
productive powers when
properly irrigated.

The Board do not
agree with the Collr
in this opinion. They
say that even if the
tank in question be
repaired at the Govt
expence, they do not
expect, considering
the paucity of ryots
as well as the diffi-
-culty that will be experienced
in inducing new ryots
to settle in Tegala-
-wemkah, the village
would pay a higher
revenue during the next
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few years than ~~that~~ Mr Smith has offered ~~to~~. The Board therefore recommend compliance with his request to rent the Village.

The Right Hon the Govr in Council observes that the restoration of the Legalawunkal Tank at the Cost of Govt might give rise to a small increase of revenue, but that increase is after all uncertain. On the other hand it is highly desirable and the more important, even in a pecuniary point of view, to encourage the settlement of

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a European in the provinces prepared to invest his Capital and introduce skilled agriculture and adapted to the European markets new products, and his Lordship in Council accordingly authorizes the Collr. this the Board of Revr. to lease to Mr Smith the Village of Legalawunkal for a period of ten years on the terms offered by him.

The lands which Mr Smith wishes to obtain possession of in Layrumapollem consist of 10 ×Cuttiers of waste land, & the Collr states that the Pyots are

× About acres 170

are reluctant to give them up as they afford very good pasturage. It is also stated by the Collr. that the ground in question is held by the ryots on a lease for Fasly 1267. The Government remarks that if after the expiration of the lease they decline to part with the lands, they must pay the full assessment on them; and in case of their preferring to retain them on such terms, Mr. Smith may perhaps be able to make arrangements for sub-letting them from

from the villagers.

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2 Copies to the Sec. of Rev. with 2 Encls. Dispd.

Cons. 8th July 56 No. 54 & 55.
" 27th May " " 647
" 7th Oct. " " 11412

Revenue 1857 Dept.
Dft to Cons. 7th July

No 675

Extract Mins. of Cons.
Dft 7th July 57.

Passing orders on the
letters from the acting Collr
of Masulipatam, containing
information regarding the
Villages of Teegalavuneka
and Sayemmahollem, which
Mr. H. B. Smith offered
to take on progressive
Cowles for 10 years.

No 1344

Clg 4th June 1223.