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

Read the following papers.

No. 20. Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 29th June 1857, No. 2223.

Read letter from the Collector of North Arcot dated 25th June 1857.

(Here enter No. 148.)

In the above letter, the Collector reports on the tenders received for the Abkarry rent of the North Arcot District, and submit a letter from his Sub-Collector on the means, &c., of all the parties, except Messrs. Morrison and Co. (the present renters), and two others.

2. Five tenders were received by the Collector. The highest offer is that of Venkatroy Moodelly and Dhurmaroy Oodian of Rupees 1,41,500. The latter is said to be a man of property and respectability, but the former does not seem to bear so high a character.

3. The next highest tender is that of Seetaram Moodelly and Calooram Moodelly for Rupees 1,41,125, or nearly the same amount.

4. The Sub-Collector writes in high terms of Calooram Moodelly but not so of his partner, and the Board persume the management of the Farm would devolve chiefly on this person as Calooram Lallah is a sowcar resident in Vellore.

5. The third highest bid was for Rupees 1,35,375, and was made by one Govindoo Moodelly whose character is said to be irreproachable.

6. The fourth tender is for Rupees 1,31,000, but no mention is made of the character, &c. of the parties.

7. The lowest offer is that of Messrs. Morrison and Co., and is for Rupees 1,25,000 per annum.

8. The Collector strongly recommends that this tender though the lowest should be accepted, being of opinion that the sums which Messrs. Morrison and Co. offer is more in accordance with the real value of the Farm than the tenders of the other parties, and that "their continuing to rent the Farm would be conducive to the welfare of the people which is materially affected by the mode in which the Abkarry Farm is managed."

9. In these views the Board concur, they solicit the permission of Government to make over the Farm to Messrs. Morrison and Co. for five years at Rupees 1,25,000 per annum.

10. The Collector forwards a statement of the Abkarry rents of the past 18 years, from which it will be seen that Messrs. Morrison and Co's. offer is above the average receipts of that period.

No. 21. The humble Petition from Vencataraya Moodelly and Durmurayavoodaver; dated Madras 1st July 1857.

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That on the 2d July a notice was issued by the Collector of North Arcot informing his intention of renting the Abkarry Farm of his district and calling tenders for the same, your Petitioners like several others offered themselves to contract the Farm for the next 5 years at 1,41,500 Rupees a year; all others applying for a less sum. One would of course think that the Farm should be at once rented to the highest bidders; especially as they had been for the last 10 years engaged in renting the Abkarry in South Arcot; but to their surprise they have been credibly informed that notwithstanding the receipt of the required amount of deposit from them the Collector recommended the rental to persons whose offer fell short of the amount at which your Petitioners agreed to undertake it. They beg to assure your Lordship in Council that all the enquiries about their respectability properly conducted cannot fail to prove highly favorable. They are now quite prepared to give security to the extent of 30,000 Rupees in addition to the deposit of 20,000 Rupees.

If in spite of all this the Farm is to be rented only to those whom the Collector may like, your Petitioners cannot see of what use the above mentioned notice can be. They simply drag the respectable merchants of the country and all to no benefit whatever. They therefore beg that the Government may be kindly pleased to order the Farm to be rented to the Petitioners.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, No. 679; dated 6th July 1857.

In their Proceedings of the 9th April last, the Board of Revenue supported the Collector's proposal to rent the Abkarry Farm of North Arcot to Messrs. Morrison and Corbett for five years, at Rupees 1,15,000 per annum without offering it to public competition, but the Government, in Extract Minutes Consultation of 12th May following, No. 442, informed them that all such farms should, after full notice, "be open to public competition," and remarked at the same time that "Messrs. Morrison and Corbett have not shewn sufficient grounds for indulgence." They directed however with reference to the Board's remark that extravagant bids are recklessly made at public auctions; that the system of inviting sealed tenders should be introduced in North Arcot.

2. The Board in their present Proceedings report the result of the tenders which have been received for the Farm in question. They are five in number as follows.

	Names.	Amount offered per annum.
1	Vencatroya Moodelly and Durmroya Oodian, - - - - -	1,41,500
2	Seetaram Moodelly and Calooram Lalah, - - - - -	1,41,129
3	Govindoo Moodelly, - - - -	1,35,375
4	Veerasawmy Moodelly and Jugunnada reddy, - - - -	1,31,000
5	Messrs. Morrison and Corbett, -	1,25,000

The Collector and the Board, with higher offers made by men of admitted good character and respectability, as borne testimony to by the Sub-Collector who has been in the District for upwards of ten years; recommend that the lowest offer, viz. that of Messrs. Morrison and Corbett should be accepted, on the ground that their continuing to rent the Farm will be conducive to the welfare of the people. The Government must however remark that some of the other competitors have also had the Farm during former years, and that there is nothing to shew that their management of it on those occasions was other than satisfactory.

1st Offer.....	7,07,500	
Messrs. Morrison and Co.'s offer.....	6,25,000	
Loss.	82,500	
2nd Offer.....	7,05,625	
Messrs. Morrison and Co.'s offer.....	6,25,000	
Loss...	80,625	

3. The financial result of a compliance with the Collector's recommendation will be a loss to Government of more than 80,000 Rupees, as is shewn in the marginal statement which compares the offer made by Messrs. Morrison and Corbett with those made by two other firms, one member of each of which is well reported of and in one instanec very highly so.

4. With these observations, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves to leave the final settlement of the tenders to the Board of Revenue, on whom the responsibility of the decision will rest.

Ordered that the following endorsement be made on petition No. 760.

"Petitioners are informed that the Board of Revenue are empowered to decide on the offers made for the North Arcot Abkarry Farm."

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

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to persons whose Offer fall short of the Amount at which your Petitioners agreed to undertake it. They beg to assure your Lordship in Council that all the enquiries about the respectability of party tendered cannot fail to prove highly favorable. They are now quite prepared to give Security to the extent of 3,5000 Rupees in addition to the deposit of 2,0000 Rupees.

If in spite of all this the Farm is to be rented only to those whom the Collector may like, your Petitioners cannot see of what use the above mentioned notice can be. They simply drag the respectable merchants of the Country and all to no benefit whatever. They therefore beg that the Government may be kindly pleased to order the Farm to be rented to the Petitioners.

And your Petitioners as in duty Bound will ever pray

Madras
1st July 1837

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To
The Honble
The Governor in Council
Fort St George

Petition of
[illegible]
Dated 1st July 1837
Rec'd 3rd July 1837

Petitioning that all the Farms of the Collectorate may be rented to Petitioners

Read the Petition

Ordered that the Petitioners be informed that the Farms of the Collectorate cannot be rented to them unless they shall first deposit the Security required by the Collector and that the Petitioners be informed that the Board cannot interfere in the matter

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3rd July 1837

Dec: No 759 5

The Govt ordered that the Abkaree Farmer in North Canara shall be vested on Salt Lessees, as a means of avoiding the reckless bidding which often made at public auctions.

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have been accepted, and the Board expects that the necessary details

Declare the Recorded Right Offer. It need be cancelled. if in 375 weeks the Rare Re Right Lock, Lock a week of

high character will be secured, and the difference of Account is very small out of the Current Year of Rs 1,41,500.

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mentioned by Sir Whittingham
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Emigrants on board the
Steeple.

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by the Surveyor - According
to the Copy Expenditure then
being made in the Neighbourhood
in similar works & Railroads

The Appeal cannot fix either
the City Security, Bail & Choke
Custom. I think - that I regret to
decide against the with the Bd
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in the Court to interfere
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Revenue Dept.

No. 679.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 6th July 1857.

Read the following

papers.

Extract from the Proc. of the

Board of Revenue

Here enter 29th June 1857

No. 2228

From Captn. Broadley

& Surveyor Goodeve.

Here enter 1st July 1857

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	Dummoya Pedian }	
2.	Sooboroya Moodelly }	1,41,125
	Ekamaram Pillah }	
3.	Govindoo Moodely	1,35,075
4th	Veeraraviny Moodely }	1,31,000
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Susp. 82,500

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Susp. 80,625

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3d The financial result of a comparison with the Collector's recommendation will be found to be of more than 8,000 Rupees, as is shewn in the margin, and Statement which compared the offer made by Messrs Morrison & Corbett with those made by the two other parties, is a specimen of each of which is well reported of and are in every way to.

4. With these observations the Right Honorable the Governor

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Ordered that
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on Petition No 760.

"Petitioners are
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Board of Revenue
are empowered to
decide on the offers
made for the North
Arcot Abkary Farm".

3 Copies to the Bd of Rev
with 4 Encls
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Endorsement to Petn
with Dispt Petn

Copy on a Ps. of the Board
of Revenue dated 22nd December 1853 No 25
Read 24 "
Letter "
No 6492

Read a Petition of
Dated 28th December 1853
Praying

Informing Petr
Answer Written
Recorded & Returned
Copy & Abstract
Entered in Register
No 20 of 22.

Inference of
Circulation
to Board of
Revenue

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