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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 14th July 1857.

No. 20. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 19th June 1857, No. 2101.

Read letter from the Collector of Bellary, dated the 28th May 1857.

(Here enter No. 50.)

In 93 villages of the Bellary District a class of servants, called Auvatee or pottaries, have, from time immemorial, held a monopoly of the function of weighing and measuring the produce of ryots to the purchasers. The same practice is said to have existed formerly in other villages but to have been abolished by Colonel Munro, who is supposed to have intended that it should cease every where.

2. "In some instances," Mr. Pelly states, "the pottaries enjoy enam land together with "marah and Vurtanah fees and pay nothing to Government, in some they pay Jodee for the "enam and fees, while in other cases Jodee is paid on the fees alone." In 19 villages they are shewn to pay Moturpha without enjoyment of either enam or fees.

3. The ryots feel the obligation to take their grain to these persons to be measured, and to pay them fees a great hardship; and the Collector is of opinion that they should be relieved from it. But he considers that Government should at the same time relinquish the sum of 1,146 Rupees paid as Jodee by the pottaries on the marah now received by them, which will cease to be realized as a right; should reduce the sum of 285 now paid as Jodee for Enam and Marah combined, and give up the greater part of the 556 levied as Moturpha, though the Pottary in common with all others exercising a trade is subject, according to his means to the Moturpha exaction.

4. The Board fully concur with Mr. Pelly and resolve to recommend to Government that he may be authorized to carry out the measure. In the concluding para. of his letter he would seem to advocate a relinquishment of all the revenue collected by Government from the Pottaries; but it is unnecessary to allow them to hold enam land free from both jodee and service; and the suggestion contained in paras. 7 and 8 of the letter, which suggestion the Board have adopted, would appear to be in accordance with Mr. Pelly's real intention.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 694; dated 11th July 1857.

With the above Proceedings, the Board of Revenue submit a letter from the Collector of Bellary, stating that in 93 villages of his District the ryots are subject to the interference of a class of village servants called pottaries, who claim an exclusive right to weigh and measure their produce, and recommending that this should be abolished. It appears from the Collector's letter that the practice, which had been general, was abolished in many villages by Colonel Munro.

2. Both the Collector and the Board state that the practice above noticed is felt as a great hardship by the ryots, and that in order to remove the evil, the Government must give up the sum of Rupees 1,146, paid as Jodee by the pottaries on the marah now received by them, as well as some portions of Rupees 285 and Rupees 556, the former being collected as Jodee for enam and marah combined, and the latter as Moturpha. The Government are of opinion that the restrictions unnecessarily imposed on the ryots ought to be removed though at a loss of revenue, and they are accordingly willing to forego the demand made from the pottaries on account of the rights they enjoy at the expense of the ryots. The Collector of Bellary will be instructed to carry out the measure, he being authorized to relinquish the tax levied from the pottaries, but the enam lands enjoyed by some of them whose services will no longer be required will of course be subjected to the usual assessment, and the ryots will no longer be required to pay the marah fees hitherto enjoyed by the pottaries.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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Revenue Department

No. 2107

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th June, 1857.

Read letter from the Collector of Bellary dated the 28th May 1857.

(See enter No. 59)

In 93 Villages of the Bellary Dt. there exist a class of Servants called Kuvalies or Pottaries, have from time immemorial, held a monopoly of the function of weighing and measuring the produce of Ryots to the Putwarees. The same practice is said to have existed formerly in other Villages but to have been abolished by Colonel Munro who is supposed to have intended that it should cease every where.

2. "In some instances" Mr. Petty states, "the Pottaries enjoy Enam land "together with Marah and Kutcherah fees "and pay nothing to Government; in some "they pay Sodee for the Enam and fees, "while in other cases Sodee is paid on the "fees alone". In 93 Villages they are shewn to

to pay Motupha without enjoyment of either Enam or Fees.

3. The Ryots feel the obligation to take their grain to these persons to be measured, and to pay them fees a great hardship, and the Collector is of opinion that they should be relieved from it. But he considers that Government should at the same time relinquish the sum of 1126 Rupees paid as Sodee by the Potteries on the Marah now exercised by them, which might cease to be realized as a right, and reduce the sum of 283 now paid as Sodee for Enam and Marah combined and give up the greater part of the 550 levied as Motupha, though the Pottary in common with all others exercising a trade is subject according to his means to the Motupha taxation.

The Board fully concur with Mr. Pelly and resolve to recommend to Government that he may be authorized to carry out the measure. In the concluding Para. of his letter he would seem to advocate a relinquishment of all the revenue

revenue collected by Government from the Potteries, but it is unnecessary to allow them to hold Enam land free from both Sodee and Service, and the suggestion contained in Paras 7 and 8 of the letter, which suggestion the Board have adopted would appear to be in accordance with Mr. Pelly's real intention.

(A true Extract)

J. D. Sim
Ag Secretary.

To,

R. Jones Esq.
Secretary to Government.
Revenue Department.

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No. 694

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 11th July 1857

Read the following

Extract from the Proceedings

of the Board of Revenue

(Here enter 19th June /57 No. 2101)

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Collector of Bellary stating

that in 93 Villages of his

District the ryots are sub-

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called Pottaries, who claim

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and measure their produce,

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by Colonel Powers.

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and the Board state that
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to remove the evil the
Government must give
or give up the sum of
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upon the Pottawas, but the
same cannot be enforced by
some of them while those
servants will no longer be
required will of course
be subjected to the usual
tax &c. &c.

attachment, and the
Agt. will no longer be
required to pay the
annual fee of $5 the Pottawa
Indians

I have the honor to be
with great Respect
Your Obt. Servt.
Wm Clark
Supt Indn Affairs

To
The Hon. John C. Calhoun
Secretary of War
City of Washington

6th July 1820.