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Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations

8th September 1857

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பாதுகாப்பு பிரிவு-1

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 8th September 1857.

No. 9. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revene; dated 13th August 1857, No. 2699.

**In Cons. 13th August 1857.*

†*In Cons. 19th December 1856.*

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 11th July 1857* relative to the Vada Verthee Enam referred to in his report of the 12th November 1856.†

(Here enter No. 152.)

Resolved that the above letter be laid before Government, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation dated 18th June 1857, No. 606, R. D.

2. It will be seen that the service enam referred to was near sub-divided although registered in the names of four individuals, by whom the proceeds are shared and the duties performed in rotation.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, No. 884; dated 3d September 1857.

Under the explanation now furnished, Government decline to sanction the registry of the Enam reported upon in the name of the son of deceased. On the death of each one of the present holders it will continue registered in the name of the remainder, and on the death of the last survivor a fresh report will be made by the Collector.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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Madura No. 2699

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th August 1857. No. 26

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 11th Augt. 1857. relative to the Vada Perthee Enam referred to in his report of the 12th November 1856. (Here enter No. 152)

Madras 13th August 1857.

Madras 19th December 1856.

Resolved that the above letter be laid before Government with reference to Extracts Minutes Consultation dated 13 June 1857 No. 606 R. D.

2. It will be seen that the Enam referred to was never subdivided altho' registered in the names of four individuals, by whom the proceeds are shared and the duties performed in rotation.

(A true Extract)

To,

R. Forbes Esq.
Ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Ag Secretary.

T. D. Cuts.

Rec.d 1857 Dep.t
D.o to Bn.r 8.th September.

No. 912

Extract from the Proceed-
-ings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 13.th
Rec.d 14.th & 15.th August 1857.

No. 2699.

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Returned.

No. & Rec.d 8814. 3.rd Sept.r

Submitting a letter
from the Acting Collector of
Madura, relative to the Vada
Vurthee Exam referred to
in his report of the 12.th No-
-vember 1856.

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C 21.th May 858

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 3rd September 1857

Read Extract Min
Cons. of 18 June and reco
in 24 to Cons. 23rd June/57
N°606.

Read also the follo
ing Extract from the
Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue.

Referred to 13 Aug/57. N°699

Under the ex
planation now furnished
Government decline to
sanction the resumption of
the Grant reported upon
in the name of the wi
of deceased, on the death
of each one of the present
incumbent

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Can [illegible] calls
a Service Grant?
If Class the Service
Lands as it is, to
be held absolutely
in perpetuity when Govt
think fit so to do
If 820, alone, are under
instruction
I think Govt is fully

Memorandum:

The Grant in question was granted for instructing the Brahmin boys of the Village in the Rig Vedas.

The Village contains 820 Inhabitants. Of these 36 are Brahmins, probably not more than 3 families and the Collector says that 8 Children are instructed, probably all that there are. No Sudra boys of course are taught.

The object of the grant is thus fulfilled to its utmost extent, assuming that of 36 Brahmins, 8 only are children which seems a reasonable proportion

proportion. It has never been the
custom, I believe, to take the
nature of service into consi-
deration in continuing ser-
vice Enams. The Enams
are continued provided the
services are performed, be they
of the most trifling nature-
provided they are not such
as from their nature cease
to be by under any circumstan-
ces benefit the doer alone,
& for instance privately
worshipping in such cases
service grants have been
granted in Sind 2 or more
instances as personal grants,
I am unable to lay my
hand on the cases.)

Rice Street Inmates
dated April 16. 1850 a service
Consultation No 374. Enam
Arcot was continued.

"Rough

And in Sel. C No 572
of 13 May 1848, an
Enam precisely similar
to the one in question
in the same district
was continued
to the son of the
deceased holder.

"Rough it was" almost a sinecure"
performing certain trifling
ceremonies in a Mosque.

There are, I am sure,
many more cases but I have not
as yet come to hand in
compiling the Enam codes.
I will search for the case
alluded to by Mr Elliot.

And I would submit
that as very large number
of these Enams are for
performing services which
seem to us very trifling
and absurd. Whether the
Grant in question and
others of a similar nature,
should be tolerated in the
abstract, is another question
I think that it has been
the universal custom
hitherto to respect them
scrupulously; but

But

but ~~this~~ if it is decided that they shall be respected, I beg to point out that referring such cases to the Director of Public Instruction and placing the performance of the Service under his Surveillance, would entirely defeat the object of the grants. For 1st it could hardly be a part of a Christian Educational system to teach the Vedaks; 2 If it could, a Hindu would look upon any interference with the Holy Books of his religion as the greatest profanation. They can only be prescribed by Brahmins to Brahmins. — The object of the grant would thus be defeated, & it would not be fair to single out this Estate alone for such interference but as this Government might fairly make the whole of such Lands for an extent equivalent to the nominal value

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value of the grants to the Pagodas with which institutions they are intimately connected. This would sever the connection of Government with such grants and preserve the right of the parties concerned.

W. Norman

Aug 28.

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Revenue 1857 Department
Dr to Com. 8th September.

No 884.

Contract Mins. of Com.
Dr 3d. September 1857

No 9410.