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Revenue Department

E.M.C. dated 6th February 1857

Back Nos 52-53

Order no 132 dated 3rd Feb 1857

* In Con. 16th January 1857. letter of 11th December 1856,* that officer ascribes this want of agreement between the two sets of accounts to the Taram Statements having been prepared, according to the Pymash results, after Aizmaish or examination of their accuracy. The Taram Chitta accordingly exhibits the Pymash after correction, and as the assessment is levied according to it, due weight must be attached to it in the preparation of Register A.

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 6th February 1857.

3. Under these circumstances, Mr. Whittingham suggests either that these two accounts should be re-written, without any attempt to reconcile their discrepancies, or that, if Register A is to be prepared, two additional Columns should be opened in that Statement to shew both the Pymash and Tarum results.

*From Collector 20th December 1856.
In Consultation 16th January 1857.*

4. Both propositions involve, at a considerable charge, the perpetuation of results which should be reconciled at once to be of practical use, and the Board are not therefore disposed to acquiesce in either. It appears to them that as the Collector has abundant means at hand for the formation of the required Register, he should in the first instance call upon the Curnums to give in a Register according to Form A, which should also shew the changes that have taken place in the fields since the Survey of Fusly 1215. The Register thus framed should be carefully compared with the accounts in the Collector's office as well as with those in the talooks, and those entries finally adopted, the accuracy of which rests on sufficient grounds. Where it is otherwise, enquiry should be made with the view of reconciling differences, and, if necessary, a re-examination of the lands should be made, as pointed out by the Board in para. 13 of their Proceedings 25th September 1855, No. 2479. A few villages prepared in this way will at once test the value of the former Survey records for present purposes and indicate the course to be adopted in the preparation of the Register for all the villages in the Northern talooks.

5. Mr. Whittingham does not refer to the Survey accounts of the 5 Southern talooks, but their value and adaptation to the present purpose may be ascertained in a similar manner. In this case, however, as the classification was not brought into practical operation and the measurements only recently ordered to be adopted, the Curnums should be allowed to consult the Survey accounts in the preparation of their Register, and where the details are found to be at variance with the existing fields, re-examination should be made as proposed in the case of the Northern talooks. Mr. Nesbet's classification, the Board are disposed to think, will be found generally correct.

The Board resolve to forward copy of these Proceedings for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, No. 132; dated 3d February 1857.

With these Proceedings, the Board submit correspondence with the Collector of North Arcot having reference to the re-writing of the Land Registers of that District. Mr. Whittingham explains that the Pymash and Tarum accounts do not agree with one another and suggests therefore that either that both accounts should be re-written, without any attempt to reconcile their discrepancies, or that if a Register in the form A of the revised village accounts is to be prepared, two additional columns should be opened in that Statement to shew both the Pymash and Tarum results. The Board do not approve either of these propositions, because as they say, involving the perpetuation of discrepancies, which ought to be reconciled at once. They propose therefore that all the Curnums should be called upon to furnish Registers in the form A, and that these should afterwards be corrected by comparison with the accounts in the Hoozoor or Talook Cutcheries, or if necessary by a re-examination of the lands as pointed out by them in para. 13 of their Proceedings of 25th September 1855, No. 2479.

2. The Government do not agree in the course recommended by the Board. The correction of existing measurements and Registers of land forms no part of the plan for the revision of assessment in North Arcot; and to undertake that work would, the Government fear, indefinitely delay the carrying of that revision into effect, which has already unfortunately been delayed so long. Nor can the Governor in Council consider that the course proposed by the Board could in fact be regarded as a rectification of the Registers, or that it would produce results that could be relied on; as to a great extent it would merely substitute the unchecked information of the village Curnums for records which though not to be entirely trusted were certainly prepared with better guarantees for correctness.

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 6th February 1857.

3. The Government are of opinion that the proper course to adopt will be the 2d of the two proposed by the Collector; viz. to insert two additional columns in the forms of the Register, one of which shall contain the No. of the field according to the Tarum Chittah, and the other its extent according to the same document. It seems probable that the latter area is that adopted after Azmayish on verification of the measurements of the Pymashdars; although the record of the intermediate processes is not now forthcoming. This area too is that which has been acted on in the collection of the revenue for the last half century; and it appears to Government that it may properly be continued until an authentic survey shall be made.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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No 297

Extract from the Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue dated 16 January 1854.

Read the following letters
from the Collector of North Arcot, regarding
the re-writing of the Land Registers of that
District according to certain existing Pymach
and Taram accounts.

In Jan 16 January 1854.

10 December 1856. No 297
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20 ———— Do ———— Do ———— 309

To Govt 25 Sept 1855 No 297
From do 22 Oct 1855 No 297

The correspondence noted in
the margin has reference to this subject.
The Government agreed with the Board
that it was necessary that the revision of
the accounts should be accompanied by
the formation of a complete and accurate
record of the land measurements and
classification. One copy was to be made
for the use both of the Collector and of the
Taluk Caste heri, and the Curums were
to make copies for their own use. The
record was to be framed in the form of
Register A of the new village accounts,
which

which shows every necessary particular,
but it was deemed unnecessary that all
the details of the existing assessment
and of the old or manual measurements,
as they are given in the Grammar books
and in Mr. Nesbit's survey accounts, should
be copied. The sources of information
for the preparation of the record in question
are the survey accounts of July 1215 for
the Northern Talooks, and for the Southern
Talooks the survey by Mr. Nesbit in
July 1236. The former consist of the original
rough field accounts, written on Cadjan sa
left in the hands of the Curmums, from
which Grammar Statements, in the book
form, were prepared for the Home records.
This survey was brought into operation
and has formed the basis of the annual
statements ever since. Mr. Nesbit's survey
on the other hand has not been acted
upon, but having been performed with
much care, it is now proposed that Regis-
ter A shall be framed with reference to it.
The letters from Mr. Whitting
have recorded at the head of these
proceedings have reference to the accounts

Note.
The measurements
above were ordered to
be adopted, but not
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For Coll. 20 Decr 1866.
In Coll. 16 Jan 1867

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any attempt to reconcile their discrepancies,
or that, if Register A is to be prepared,
two additional Columns should be opened
in that Statement to show both the Pymach
and Saraw results.

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at a considerable charge, the perpetuation
of results which should be reconciled
at once to be of practical use, and the
Board are not therefore disposed to
acquiesce in either. It appears to them
that as the Collector has abundant
means at hand for the formation of
the required Register, he should in the
first instance call upon the Curmums to
give in a Register according to Form A,
which should also show the changes
that have taken place in the fields since
the survey of 1215. The Register thus framed
should be carefully compared with the
accounts in the Collector's Office as well as
with those in the Talooks, and those entries
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September 1835, No 2479. A few villages
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the value of the former survey records
for present purposes and indicate the
course to be adopted in the preparation
of the Register for all the villages in
the Kachern Talooks.

Mr. Cunningham does
not refer to the survey accounts of the
Kachern Talooks, but their value and
adaptation to the present purpose may
be ascertained in a similar manner. In
this case, however, as the classification
was not brought into practical operation,
and the measurements only recently ordered
to be adopted, the Curnams should be
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(A True Extract)

By *L. S. M.*
Agent Secretary

To

J. O. Boardillon Esq.
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

2^d M. Cunningham

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N^o 102
Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 3rd January 1857

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue

Here enter 16th January 1857
N^o 191

With these
Proceedings the Board
submit correspondence
with the Collector of
North Arcot having
reference to the recording
of the Land Registers
of that District. Mr
Whittingham explains
that the Eymagh and
Tamm accounts do
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Copy in a letter to E.
14th August 1857. N^o 77

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Extract from the Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 10th Feb^y 1857

Dec^r 19th 25 January 1857

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Concurrence with the
Board's minutes and suggestions
thereon, drawn from the Station
of North Arcot regarding the re-
cording of the Land Registers
of that District according to
certain existing forms and
forms suggested.

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if necessary by a
re-examination of the
lands as pointed out
by them in para B
of their Proceedings
of 25th September 1855
N^o 2479

2 The Government
do not agree in the
course recommended
by the Board. The
correction of existing
measurements and
Registers

Registers of land forms
no part of the plan
for the revision of
Assessments in North
Arcot; and to under-
-take that work would,
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-rminely delay the
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-nately been delayed
so long. Nor can the
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could in fact be re-
-garded as a rectifica-
-tion of the Registers,
or that it would
produce results that
could be relied on,
or to a great extent
it would merely
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Per Govt 25 Sept 1855

From J. W. to Secy 1856.
P. 5 and 6.
In Govt 16 Jan 1857.

in the Northern Talooks. In Columns 10, 11 and
12 of Register A the "Direction" "Linear mea-
-sure" and "square contents" have to be filled
in. This information, it is stated, is not
to be found in the "Gramam Books," which
are copies of the Taram Chittas. It is
therefore to be sought for in the Pymach
accounts, of which it now appears there
are copies in the Collector's Office, in
the Talook Catchernis and in the hands
of the Curnums, but not for all the villages.
Those in the Collector's Office are in the
Maharatta and Telugoo languages, and
are in good order for 1500 villages out
of 1920. As pointed out in former corre-
-pondence the several accounts have not
been properly authenticated, and implicit
confidence cannot now, at this distance
of time, be placed in them. There is
however an agreement between the Maharatta
accounts in the Collector's Office and
those in the Talooks, which are in Tamil
and Telugoo and bear Mr. Keble's initials,
at least so far as the present examination
has been carried. The accounts in the hands
of the Curnums are not authenticated

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in any way, but appear to be copied from those in the Talooks. The number of villages, of which the Pymach accounts in the Talooks are in good order, are as many as 1892. So far then as regards the Pymach accounts a considerable amount of information is at hand for the formation of the Register; but a great difficulty occurs in the want of correspondence in many cases between these accounts and the Taram Chittas, and this is illustrated in the statements forwarded by Mr. Whittingham in his first letter. In his letter of 11 December 1856 that officer ascribes this want of agreement between the two sets of accounts to the Taram statements having been prepared, according to the Pymach results after a rough or examination of their accuracy. The Taram Chitta accordingly exhibits the Pymach after correction, and as the assessment is levied according to it, due weight must be attached to it in the preparation of Register A.

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[Signature]

Copy to the Ad. Genl.
with Mr. Encl.
Capt. H.

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Copy in a Letter to E.
Sept 1st August 1857. No. 7

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Extract of the
21st February 1857.

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