

Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations

20th April 1858.

Back nos 25 & 26.

Order no 4902/17th April 1858

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 20th April 1858.

No. 25. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 22d March 1858, No. 1010.

In Cons. 22d March 1858. Read letter from the Collector of Chingleput, dated 24th December 1857, reporting on the Taliary Merahs of that district.

(Here enter No. 386.)

*Pro. to Chingleput 23d Oct. 1857.

In Cons. 23d October 1857.

1. Mr. Shubrick's letter now under consideration is in reply to a reference* made to him by the Board for information regarding the early institution of Taliary fees; the Government having in para. 5 of an Extract Minutes Consultation dated 7th October 1857, No. 1030, R. D. desired the Board to furnish them with a brief history of the arrangement under which Taliary fees were originally calculated on the produce of the soil.

2. The opinion of the Board was also requested as to the obligation of the ryot to pay his portion of the village officers' fees, and further as to the regularity of these fees being collected from the ryot by the officers of Government and paid by them to the Taliary.

3. From the correspondence which accompanies the Government Minutes Consultation, the Board understand that the revision of the present scale of Taliary emoluments in Chingleput awaits the decision of the last of these two questions.

Mr. Smalley's report 4th in Con. 9th

Nov. 1820, paras. 42, 43, 45.

Mr. Freese's report 19th in Con.

25th April 1844, paras. 28, 38.

4. On consulting such of their records as throw light upon this subject, the Board find no notice of the origin of the practice of remunerating Taliaries and other village officers by payments in kind or of the principle on which the rates were fixed, the custom probably dates from the earliest times of the Hindoo village economy which has existed undisturbed through all political changes under the sanction both of the religious and civil laws of the country. The reports noted in the margin only speak of the system as we found it and refer to its later conditions and operation; they shew that with few exceptions the village Taliaries of Chingleput enjoy both rent free lands, and fees in kind, taken from the produce.

Mr. Freese's report para. 28.

5. The account given by Mr. Freese of the aggregate value of these emoluments is as follows:

Manium land in 1297 villages, comprising 4412 cawnies and represented by an assessment of...	Pagodas 5,714
Grain fees in the above mentioned 1297 villages, and in other 239 villages where no Manium land exists (in all 1536 villages)...	Pagodas 15,335

Total value of land and fees being a per-centage of 6 2-16ths on the revenue... Pagodas 21,049

There are also 22 villages where neither manium land nor fees exist. Mr. Smalley and Mr. Freese both observe, that there is no uniform rate for the calculation of the fees, and that it varies in almost every village.

Para. 2.

6. The Board learn from Mr. Shubrick's letter now under consideration that among the native village accounts at the period of our Survey field settlement were two separate accounts called respectively Swotumtrum and Merah accounts, the former shewing the quantity to be deducted from the gross produce and the latter from the Government share of the produce so that means existed for determining the Taliars' claims both on the ryot and on the Government. So long as the Aumany system was in force the village officers had the advantage of receiving their fees with punctuality and exactness under the eye of a Government Official, but at the Survey field settlement the payment of both the Swotumtrum and Merah was left to the ryots themselves and the interests of the inferior village officials have consequently suffered much from neglect and injustice.

7. The Board do not propose entering on this subject at any length as it is clear that no research could avail to detect any thing like a rule in the apportionment of the Merah and Swotumtrum on the crop either in the gross, or after its division between the Government and the ryot.

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the completion of such a measure, it would be an advantage, the Board think, at once to commence the system of paying to the Taliares a money equivalent for the aggregate amount of the Merahs entered under the new rule in the ryots' puttahs; this payment might be made, as is usual in districts where money allowances exist, at the time of Jumma-bundy.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES, *Secretary.*

No. 26.

ORDER THEREON, No. 490; dated 17th April 1858.

1. The above proceedings refer to the question of the remuneration of Taluaries in Chingleput, and it will shortly be disposed of, but in the mean time the Government are desirous of disabusing the Board of the impression which they appear to be under, that orders have been issued to the Collectors with which the Board have been left in ignorance.

2. The Board, while concurring in the propriety of the method of collecting the fees due to the Village Officers, as provided for in the Manual of Instructions circulated from the Government Office for the use of Talook Officers, take exception to the course that has been adopted in its circulation. They observe that they have not only not been consulted, but have been kept in entire ignorance of the modifications and changes in the Revenue administration embraced in the Manual.

3. The Government observe that the Manual referred to by the Board, is not a new one, but it that which was submitted to them by the Secretary Mr. Bourdillon, for consideration, in 1856, with the new forms for the Jamabundy Returns to be furnished to the Board by the Collectors. The lapse of time that has occurred between the inspection of the Manual by the Board, and the making and printing of its Vernacular translations, has perhaps led them to consider the subject as a novel one, but the original draft in the Government office has marginal notes in the hand writing of the then Members of the Board, so that there can exist no doubt that the Manual had been actually before them. The Manual consists chiefly of forms of Returns upon which are bases those to be furnished to the Board by the Collectors, which were circulated for introductions from Fusly 1265.

4. The Board, in their Proceedings dated 6th September 1856, took exception to the Jumma bundy forms having been ordered for introduction for Fusly 1265, then just expiring, instead of for Fusly 1266, and to the omission to furnish them with copies of the Circular Memoranda which accompanied the forms alluded to; and they requested, at the same time, that when instructions on any subjects connected with their duties are sent to the Collectors direct from the Government office, copies may be sent to them at the same time for their information. The Go-

*Extract Minutes of Consultation September
26th 1856.*

Government expressed their regret for the omission alluded to, and assured them that care would be taken to prevent the recurrence of such an oversight. The course of proceeding which the Go-

vernment then engaged to follow has not been deviated from in the present instance. The English Manual of talook accounts has only lately been completed, and has not yet been circulated, but as many of the Collectors have applied for the Vernacular Manuals, in order that the Statements rendered by the talook authorities may correspond with those which the Collectors are required to submit to the Board, these alone, which were first printed and finished, were circulated to them, for distribution to the talook servants. In the Memo. which transmitted them under the signature of the Acting Secretary to Government, intimation was given that the English copy, which is being printed, would be forwarded in the course of a month. This has not been done, as the printing has not been completed, but as soon as the copies are ready they will be sent to the Board for circulation to the Collectors; and copies will of course be added for the Board's own use. The Tamil and Telooگوو copies have not been sent to the Board under the impression that they would be of no use to them.

(Signed) H. FORBES.

Acting Secretary to Government.

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Enc: in an Extract from
the Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue to the Acting
Secretary to Government, D.D.
dated 22nd March 1858
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Copy
Bd. Rev. to W. H. D. D.
dated 23rd October 1857
relating the nomenclature
of the Village Office.

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See 20th Nov.
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N^o 3593.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue dated 23^d October 1857.

Read Extract from the Mi-
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October 1857 R. D.

(See inter N^o 1030)

Resolved that the Collector
be requested to inform the Board what
portion of the gross produce was set aside
before the division of crop between the
Government and the ryots for the remun-
eration of the Village Officers. and how
much of that portion was assigned to
the Taluaries.

2. He will also refer to any
correspondence between the Board and
his office on the subject and state if
his records shew the date and origin
of these fees, or give any information as
to the conditions on which they were
given.

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3. The Board also request him
to explain how the clandestine removal
of grain from the threshing floors can
cause any material loss to Government.

(True Extract)

Signed J. D. Sin
By Secretary.

To

C. J. Shubrick Esq.

Collector of Chingleput.

(True Copy)

J. D. Sin
Secretary.

Copy to the Secretary
to Government Rev. Depart.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

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Reviewing the Report
on the question of the
remuneration of Police
in Hong Kong -

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English Memo. of Law
2nd ed 17th March 1858

Lawrence 1838 2nd ed
29th to Law. 17th March

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