

Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultation

1st June 1858

Back No^s 31 & 32.

Order No. 702 of 29th May 1858

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 1st June 1858.

No. 31. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 4th May 1858, No. 1602.

In Cons. 16th Dec. 1857. Read letters from the Collector of Rajahmundry, dated 12th November 1856 and 29th March 1858.

(Here enter Nos. 133 and 26.)

In the second of the above letters the Collector states that the Dutch Government granted an Enam in the Salt Pans of Juggernaikpoorum to Jurmoory Bhajereddy, in consideration of his having shewn the mode of manufacturing Salt, and also allowed him certain fees in perpetuity under a Puttah, dated 25th September 1767.

2. The village came under the British Government in 1795, and the Enam &c. are reported to have been continued until 1805, when a money allowance of Rupees 181-1 was granted in lieu of them.

3. In 1818 the village reverted to the Dutch, but on its final cession to the British Government in 1825, the money allowance was restored and has ever since been paid, the condition of performing the Curnum's duty of the village being attached to it.

4. No documents are forthcoming in support of the grant, and the earliest mention the Board can find of it in their records is its entry as a Dutch grant in a list of salt allowances prepared by Mr. Long in 1806. The Board's authority for its payment in 1814, and the orders of Government dated 3d November 1826 continuing

In Cons. 9th Nov. 1826, R. D. No. 650. it to Jurmoory Bhajereddy and his three brothers, do not expressly declare it to be perpetual, but the circumstance of its having been granted so far back as 1767 and subsequently continued by Government seems to have led the local authorities to infer that it was meant to be hereditary.

5. The four persons mentioned in the order of Government, dated 3d November 1826, died at different periods between 1831 and 1851, one without issue, one leaving three daughters who have married into other families and a son, and the other two leaving each a son. The three sons have since divided the allowance which was continued to them without report to the Board, until in 1856 the Civil Auditor objected to the payment and rendered the present reference necessary.

6. Admitting the account given by Mr. Purvis of the origin of the grant to be correct, it rests with Government to determine whether it shall be continued in perpetuity or not. The Board recommend that sanction be granted for the continuance of the allowance to the present recipients, but referring to the condition of service attached to the grant, they think that if the allowance be declared hereditary, such an amount as the Collector deems sufficient should be expressly allotted to the person performing the duty; without some restriction of this nature the allowance may be sub-divided indefinitely. It does not seem necessary in this case to allot the whole to the person performing the business of the office, because a portion will suffice for that purpose, and because such an arrangement would ignore the original character of the grants which was evidently a reward for personal services rendered by the original grantee.

7. If on the other hand Government do not consider the grant to be perpetual, it will only be necessary after the death of the present incumbents, to provide a sufficient salary for the office of Curnum to which no other emoluments are attached.

8. One of the sharers in the allowance is a Jawabnevis in the Collector's office, and draws a salary of 15 Rupees per mensem.

9. The papers bearing on the case are noted in the margin.

Extract Minutes Consultation 11th in Cons. 28th April 1806.
To Rajahmundry 23rd November 1813.
" do. 16th May 1814.
From do. 31st " in Cons. 9th June " "
To do. 9th June " "
Enclosure A. in letter from Rajahmundry 16th in Cons. 23th January 1819. 1826.
From Rajahmundry 2d May " "
To Government 23rd October " "
From do. 3rd November " "

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, Sub-Secretary.

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செப்பனியுபவர் பெயர் (செப்பனியுபவர்)

செப்பனியுபவர்க்காக எடுத்தல் -
கொள்கைப்பட்ட நாள்.

25.2.1859
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சுராய்ச்சி
உதவியாளர்
கையொப்பம்

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No. 32.

ORDER THEREON, No. 702; dated 29th May 1858.

1. In 1767 the Dutch Government are said to have granted an enam to one J. Bhágéreddi of Jagannayakapuram in Rajahmundry, in consideration of his having shewn the "mode of manufacturing salt"; and in a puttah dated 25th September 1767, certain fees were secured to the same individual. When in 1795 the village of Jagannayakapuram came under the British Government the Enam &c., was continued until 1805; in that year a money allowance of Rupees 181-1 was granted in lieu and paid until 1818 when the village reverted to the Dutch. In 1825 it was finally ceded by them and the allowance was paid, (the condition of performing the duty of karnam of the village being attached to it) from that time up to 1851, by virtue of an order of Government dated 3d November 1826 in favour of four individuals the then representatives of the original grantee, who deceased in 1831, 1842, 1843 and 1851: to the three sons of those four persons, the allowance was subsequently paid until 1856, when the Civil Auditor objected to the payment, and the orders of Government are now requested on the subject.

2. The Petition recorded above, is a remonstrance on the part of the claimants against the stoppage of the allowance since 1856.

3. The Board recommend that in any case, the allowance be continued to the present recipients, and that if it be declared hereditary by Government, such an amount as the Collector deems sufficient should be expressly allotted to the person performing the Board, para. 7. Karnam duties; as without some restriction of this nature the allowance may be divided indefinitely; if on the other hand, the Government do not consider the grant to be perpetual it will only be necessary they think for the present incumbents to provide a sufficient salary for the office of karnam, to which no other emoluments are attached.

4. The Government have no hesitation in declaring that the allowance is not hereditary. They observe that so far back as 1806, the Government "concurred with the Board with respect to the inexpediency of continuing the allowances of officers now no longer required in the administration of the salt revenue," excepting "where from peculiar circumstances the immediate withdrawal of the payment would entail individual hardship." This extract affords an indication of the spirit in which it was deemed necessary to deal with allowances like the one under notice generally, and there are no documents forthcoming to shew that this individual grant is worthy of special consideration Board, para. 4.

5. The Government concur with the views of the Board, and are pleased to direct, that, with the exception of the portion now enjoyed by the Jawábnavis in the Collector's office, who is otherwise provided for, the remaining shares be disbursed to the present recipients during their lives each share to lapse at the death of the present holder; and that of the sums so lapsing the Collector do set apart such an amount, as considering the size, population, &c., of the village above named, he may think to be sufficient remuneration for the karnam; the sum so set apart will be entered as the fixed emoluments of the office.

6. Ordered accordingly that the following endorsement be made on Petition No. 2617 of 1857. "Petitioners are referred to the Board of Revenue to whom instructions in their case have been issued."

7. The Government must observe with displeasure that the letter of the Collector dated 12th November 1856 remained unnoticed in the Board's office for nearly 13 months.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Revenue Department.

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To The Collector in the Zillah of
Rajahmundry

Sir, I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to transmit for your information and report the enclosed copy of the translation of a Petition addressed to them by certain persons styling themselves Curumans of Jagannayakapuram.

2. It would appear by a letter addressed by Mr. Long to the General Agent for the Salt Monopoly under date 25th July 1806 that the Curumans of Jagannayakapuram have some claim for fees and Russodins in the Salt Department you will ascertain particularly whether under the provisions contained in Regulation I 1805, this claim is well founded, and if so whether the parties who have addressed

addressed

addressed the Board are the individuals entitled to the allowance -

I am

Sir

Fort St. George
3^d November
1813

Your most Obedt. Servant
/ Signed J. Maubury,

Secretary

To
The Collector of

Sir
Rajahmundry

On the 23^d of November last the Board of Revenue called your attention to the representations then transmitted to you from the Curmums of Jaggarait Kapoornam. These persons have again addressed the Board and I am directed by the President and Members of the Board to desire that their claims may be investigated and reported on at an early period.

I am

Sir

Fort St. George
15th May 1814

Your most Obedt. Servant
/ Signed J. Maubury

Secretary

To

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To
The Collector in the Zillah
of Rajahmundry

Sir,

I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo and to desire that you will pay to Annamoy Phangaradhy, Ram Sudroddoo, Letchumipethy and Seta Ramadoss the late Curmums of Jaggarait Kapoornam the allowance to which they are entitled as fees and Rascams in the Sact Department being Page 51-32-14 per annum charging it under the proper head in the Account and there you will continue to pay annually in order that these people may not be put to the constant inconvenience and expense of petitioning either the Board or the Collector -

I am

Sir

Fort St. George
9th Jan 1814

Your most Obedt. Servant
/ Signed A. D. Campbell

Deputy Secy

To

N^o 390

To
The Chief Secretary to
Government
Sir.

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will lay before the Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying letter from the late Acting Collector ^{2nd in com. 8th May 1826} of Rajahmundry recommending the renewal of an allowance formerly granted as Fees and Roofrooms in the Salt Department to certain Curmums of Juggunatapooram, and of a charitable allowance formerly enjoyed by the two Pagodas of the same place.

2. In the letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue to Government under date the 25th November 1819 it was ^{In com. 25th Nov 1819} observed "that the list of incumbents in the Salt Department whose allowances were to be discontinued in consequence of their services being no longer required," directed in a letter from the Secretary to

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In com. 28th April to Government under date the 11th April 1806.

1806 to be submitted by the Board had never been forwarded to Government. On reference to the records in this Office it appears that on the 25th July 1806 Mr. Long the then Collector of Rajahmundry transmitted to the General Agent of Salt Monopoly a Register of Fees and Roofrooms made out agreeably to the principles laid down in the letter from Government above referred to, and that on the 29th September 1807 he forwarded to the same Officer a "Register of persons entitled to annual Compensation on account of discontinued and continued manufacture of Salt in the Zillah of Rajahmundry." In this Register are entered as allowances to Jennooree Bangeradee Curmum of Juggunatapooram the sum of Star Pagodas 57-32-14, and to the two Pagodas at the same place Star Pagodas 55-17-24.

It

3 It does not appear that any
reply was sent to Mr. Long by the General
Agent, nor does the subject seem to have
been revisited until 1813 when on the occasion
of the Cummins of Juggunatapoomam
complaining to the Board of the stoppage
of their allowances the then Collector was
directed under date the 23^d November 1813 In Dy. Cons. 26th
November 1813.
to report on the claims preferred by these
persons. —

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On receiving the Collector's
reply dated 31st May 1814, stating that Subor. 9th June 1814
these individuals were the persons entitled
to the allowance of Pagodas 51-32-14 as
alluded to in Mr. Long's recommendation to
the General Agent under date the 25th July
1806, the Board directed him to pay annually 9th in loan 9th June 1814
to Tinnoory, Changleeradhy, Rambadoodoo,
Lutchmeepetty and Sactaramdoo the
allowances to which they were entitled as
Guns and Roofrooms in the Salt
Department

Department, which appears from the letter now submitted to have been done up to the time that the Settlement was restored to the Dutch.

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6. The Curmums in whose favor Mr. Gardiner has submitted a recommendation appearing to be amongst the original incumbents in the Salt Department whose services on the Establishment of the Salt Monopoly were no longer required, and having enjoyed their allowance up to the time when the place was made over to the Dutch, the Board conceive that they are entitled to the favorable

3 favorable consideration of the Honorable
the Governor in Council, as they thus come
within the scope of the resolution of
Government under date the 11th April
1808. The allowance Mr. Gardiner has
recommended to be continued to the Pagodas
seems also proper under the 5th para
of the same letter.

7 Under these circumstances the
Board solicit sanction for the payment
of Star Pagodas 57-52-14 or Rupees
187-11-1 annually to Jannoree Bhangeradee
Pambadroodee, Lutcheneepetty and Lecta-
-pambhos Curmums of Juggernauta-
-pambhos, and of Star Pagodas
55-17-24 or Rupees 192-13-6 annually
to the Pagodas of Larwaswaraswamy
and Lectaramswamy at the same
place and recommend that these
sums be granted with arrears
from

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from the 1st June 1825, the date on which
the settlement was made over by the
Dutch to the British Government.-

Fort St. George
23rd October 1826.-

I have &c.
Signed / J. Dent
Secretary

/ True Copies /

G. Forster
Secretary

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*Enclosed in an Extract
from the Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue to the
Secretary to Government No. 1002
dated 11th May 1858. No. 1002*

*Copy
The Collector of Rajahmundry
copy dated 23rd November 1858.
regarding the fees and
commissions.*

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No. 1002.

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In Con. 16th Dec. 1857.
In Con. 4th May 1858.

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2. The village came under the British Government in 1795, and the enam &c. are reported to have been continued until 1805, when a money allowance of Rs. 181-1 was granted in lieu of them.

3. In 1818 the village reverted to the Dutch, but on its final cession to the British Government in 1825 the money allowance was restored and has ever since been paid, the condition of performing the Curnum's duty of the village being attached to it.

4. No documents are forthcoming in support of the grant, and the earliest mention the Board can find of it in their records is its entry as a Dutch grant in a list of salt allowances prepared by Mr. Long in 1806. The Board's authority for its payment in 1814, and the orders of Government dated 3d Novem-
ber 1836 continuing it to Jurmoory Bhajeretty and his three brothers, do not expressly declare it to be perpetual, but the circumstance of its having been
In Con. 9th Nov. 1826, R. D. No. 659.

granted so far back as 1767 and subsequently continued by Government seems to have led the local authorities to infer that it was meant to be hereditary.

5. The four persons mentioned in the order of Government, dated 3rd November 1826, died at different periods between 1831 and 1851, one without issue, one leaving three daughters who have married into other families and a son, and the other two leaving each a son. The three sons have since divided the allowance which was continued to them without report to the Board until in 1856 the Civil Auditor objected to the payment and rendered the present reference necessary.

6. Admitting the account given by Mr. Purvis of the origin of the grant to be correct, it rests with Government to determine whether it shall be continued in perpetuity or not. The Board recommend that sanction be granted for the continuance of the allowance to the present recipients, but referring to the condition of service attached to the grant, they think that if the allowance be declared hereditary, such an amount as the Collector deems sufficient should be expressly allotted to the person performing the duty; without some restriction of this nature the allowance may be sub-divided indefinitely. It does not seem necessary in this case to allot the whole to the person performing the business of the office, because a portion will suffice for that purpose, and because such an arrangement would ignore the original character of the grants which was evidently a reward for personal services rendered by the original grantee.

7. If on the other hand Government do not consider the grant to be perpetual, it will only be necessary after the death of the present incumbents, to

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9. One of the sharers in the allowance is a Jawabnevis in the Collector's office, and draws a salary of 15 Rs. per mensem.

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(A true Extract.)

[Signature]

Sub Secretary.

To W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.

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No 702.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 29th May, 1858.

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

(Here enter the May 1858 N^o 602)

Read also Petition
N^o 2617 of 1857.

In 1767 the Dutch
Government are said to have
granted an Enam to one
Bhagira^{thi} of Jugambayakia-
puram in Rajahmundry, in
consideration of his having shown
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salt; and in a Pattah dated
25th September 1767, certain fees
were secured to the same individual.

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(query Bhagira^{thi}?)

When in 1795 the village of
Jagannayakapuram came under
the British Government the
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until 1805, in that year a
money allowance of Rs. 151-1
was granted in lieu and paid
until 1818 when the village
reverted to the Dutch. In 1825
it was finally ceded by them and
the allowance was paid, (the
condition of performing the duty
of Karnam of the village being
attached to it) ~~from that time~~ ^{from that time} up
to 1851, by virtue of an order of
Government dated 3 November
1826 in favour of four individuals
the then representatives of the
original grantee, who deceased
in 1831, 1842, 1843 and 1851: To
the ^{three} sons of those ^{four} persons,
the allowance was subsequently
paid until 1856, when the
Civil Auditor objected to the
payment

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of Government are now re-
quested in the subject.

2. The Petition recorded
above, is a remonstrance
on the part of the claimants
against the stoppage of the
allowance since 1856.

3. The Board recommended
that in any case, the allowance
be continued to the present
recipients, and that if it be
declared hereditary by Govern-
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as the Collector deems suffi-
cient should be expressly
allotted to the person performing
the Karnam duties; as
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this nature the allowance
may be divided indefinitely,
if on the other hand the
Government do not consider
the grant to be perpetual.

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it will only be necessary they think for the present incumbents to provide a sufficient salary for the office of Karam, to which no other Emoluments are attached.

4. The Government have no hesitation in declaring that the allowance is not hereditary. They observe that as far back as 1806. the Govt. concurred with the Board with respect to the inexpediency of continuing the allowances of officers now no longer required in the administration of the Salt Revenue, "excepting where from peculiar circumstances the immediate withdrawal of the payment would entail individual hardship." This Extract affords an indication of the spirit in which it was deemed necessary to deal with

Para 3 letter of Secy to Govt.
to B. of Rev. of 11 April
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with allowances like the one under notice generally, and there are no documents forthcoming to show that this individual grant is worthy of special consideration.

5. The Government concur with the views of the Board, and are pleased to direct that (with the exception of the portion now enjoyed by the Jambhavis in the Collector's Office, who is otherwise provided for,) the remaining shares be disbursed to the present recipients during their lives. ^{each} ~~the same~~ shares to lapse ^{at the death of the} with the present holders, and that of the sum so lapsing the Collector do set apart such an amount, as considering the size, population &c. of the village above named, he may think to be sufficient remuneration for the Karam.

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be entered as the fixed emoluments
of the office.

6 Ordered accordingly
that the following endorsement
be made on Petition N^o 617 of 1857.
"Petitioners are referred to the
"Board of Revenue to whom
"instructions in their case have
"been issued."

7 The Government must
observe with displeasure that
the letter of the Collector
dated 12th November 1856 remained
immatured in the Board's office
for nearly 13 months.

h. h. May 14.

100 p. to Mr. S. P. S.
with 14 Encl.
Dy. 28/52.
100 p. to Mr. S. P. S.
Dy. 1st June 1852.
100 p. to Mr. S. P. S.
Dy. 28/52.
July.

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Revenue 1858 Departmental
Dy. Cons. 1st June
N^o 702

Extract Minor of Cons.
Dy 29th May 1858.

Pro of the Board of Rev.
Dy 8th May 1858 N^o 3067.

Under the circumstances
represented sanction the cont^g
remuneration to certain Enameldars in
the District of Rajahmundry of
their allowances at the same to cease
on the death of the present holders.

N^o 31/52.

May 22nd