

Revenue Department

No 56

Dated 12-1-1859

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 18th January 1859.

No. 13. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue ;
to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort Saint George,
22nd December 1858, No. 4706.

SIR,

In conformity with the instructions contained in the Extract Minutes Consultation of Go-
vernment, under date the 3rd November last, No. 1481, R.
In Con. 22nd Dec. 1858, No. 5023. D., I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for
approval a form of lease to be granted to the Zemindar of
Poonganoor.

2. The Board have felt some difficulty in determining the nature of the Tenure conferred
by a *Perpetual Lease*, as leases are generally for a term of years only. They have concluded,
however, that the rights intended by Government to be enjoyed by the lessee, are inferior to
those possessed under the *Sannud Istimrar*. They have therefore provided that the Estate shall
be resumable on a failure to pay the Rent, instead of making the same recoverable by the sale
of the Estate.

3. Agreeably to what appear to be the orders of Government it also restricts succession to
the lease to the heirs male of the grantee, and excludes power of transfer.

4. With regard to the maintenance of Works of irrigation and District Roads the Board,
with legislation pending, have been obliged to confine themselves to stipulations of a general
nature. A clause has been inserted to secure to the landholders the benefit of any modification
of the assessment which may be made in the adjoining Government villages.

Draft of a perpetual Lease to the Poonganoor Estate in the District of North Arcot.

Whereas, for a long series of years past, the Estate of Poonganoor, lately attached to the
district of Cuddapah, and now included in the district of North Arcot, in the Presidency of Fort
Saint George, and consisting of the Villages

NOTE.—The names of the Villages are given in hereinafter enumerated, has been held on tem-
porary leases by the Individuals commonly
known by the designation of the Zemindars of
Poonganoor, on payment to the Government of
Fort Saint George of a certain sum specified in
the lease; and, whereas the Family has always
been distinguished by its loyalty and good be-

haviour, the Right Honorable the Governor of Fort Saint George is pleased by this Deed to
grant a perpetual lease of the said Estate to Rajah Soogootoor Enuddy Shenkerroyaloo Eshvunt
Bahadoor, the present Head of the Family and His Heirs male, without power of transfer by gift,
sale or mortgage on the following conditions :—

1st. That he shall pay the annual sum of 63,000 C. Rupees to Her Majesty's Government
through the Collector of North Arcot by the following Instalments :—

December.....	6,300
January.....	12,600
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March.....	12,600
April.....	12,600
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2nd. That he shall maintain all the sources of Irrigation in his Estate in good order.

3rd. That he shall conduct himself with good faith towards his Ryots, treating them with
tenderness, and encouraging them to improve and extend the cultivation of the land; and he
shall allow them any reductions in the rates of Assessment which may hereafter be granted in
the Government lands of the adjoining Villages.

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4th. That the Curnums on the Estate shall be appointed and dismissed by the Collector under the orders of the Board of Revenue, according to the Law applicable where no Sunnud Istimrar has been granted; and that in any question in regard to their Inams, the lessee shall abide by the decision of the Collector subject to the orders of the Board of Revenue and the Government of Fort St. George.

5th. That Puttahs shall be granted to the Ryots according to the practice which has hitherto obtained or which may hereafter be established in the Government Talooks; and that regular receipts shall be given to the Ryots for all sums paid by them.

6th. That he shall aid and assist the Officers of Government in apprehending and securing offenders of all descriptions, and that he shall enquire and give notice to the Magistrate of all robbers and disturbers of the public peace who may be found or may seek refuge in the Estate.

7th. On breach of any of the above conditions it shall be competent to the Government to resume the Lease.

8th. For the recovery of any balance of Revenue it shall be competent to Government, if they should prefer that course, to attach the Estate temporarily; and in the event of any arrear outstanding when the Estate is resumed the Government shall be at liberty to realize the same by distraint and sale of the personal property of the lessee.

9th. The rights conferred by this lease are exclusive of the Revenue derived from the sale of salt and saltpetre; of duties on Goods in transit; of the abkary or tax on the sale of spirituous liquors and intoxicating drugs; of the excise which is or may be levied on articles of consumption; of all taxes personal and professional as well as those from markets, fairs and Bazars; exclusive of Lakheraj lands, and lands paying Quit-rent, (which Quit-rent unchangeable by the Lessee, is included in the Assets of the lease) and exclusive of all lands and Roossooms heretofore appropriated to the support of the Police Establishments.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, Secretary.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, No. 56; dated 12th ^{January} ~~December~~ 1859.

On further consideration the Government resolve to defer the question of a permanent Sunnud till the view of the Home Government is obtained. Meanwhile the 5 year lease may be renewed as recommended by the Board, and they will inform Government whether the Poligar is a person who is from his personal character able satisfactorily to manage the Estate, and have the welfare of so many people entrusted to him.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort St. George,
22d December 1858.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J. D. Bourdillon
Secretary.

Copy to Collector of North Arcot,
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