

Revenue Department

N^o 86

Dated 20 — 1 — 1859

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 25th January 1859.

No. 20. Read the following letter from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Vullum, 31st December 1858, No. 1082.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that in the Mocassa, Chuttrum and Devastanum villages held by His Highness the late Rajah of Tanjore and now under management by the officers of Government, it has, I find, been the practice to leave to the Palace authorities, the collection of the Moturpha. A fixed sum of Rupees 428-5-8, used, however, to form an annual deduction from the Punjam Hissa payable to the Rajah, as a set off against the house tax realized by him, and since his lands have come under our direct control, the amount in question is carried to the public credit from the Mocassa collections.

2. In the few villages, however, in which the tax has been raised, a larger sum is collected than in accounted for as above stated, to Government; but in by far the larger number, its collection is not at all enforced, owing, no doubt, to the laxity of superintendence of the Durbar now extinct. It does not appear to have been usual to levy any *loom-tax*, the other authorized item of Moturpha in this District.

3. As this source of revenue belongs exclusively to the State, I would propose to resume the collection of the tax from the ensuing Fusly 1269, in all the Mocassah, Chuttrum and Devastanum villages, and for that arrangement I now beg to solicit the authority of Government.

4. I calculate that the proceeds of the impost will amount annually to about 2,500 Rupees, of which but Rupees 428, as already explained, now find their way into the Government Treasury.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 86; dated 20th January 1859.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for report. Pending further orders by Government, the Board will instruct the Collector of Tanjore to confine his demand under the head of Moturpha in the late Rajah's villages, to those precise sums only which were levied under His Highness' administration.

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

2500 Rs of which but Rs 428, as already
explained, now find their way into
the Government Treasury.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Most Obedt Servt

W D Dutt
Collector

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Report to the Board

The Revenue for report. Being
further order by Revenue
men, the Board will in
the at the Collection

The Collection of
Tanjore

To the Chief Secretary
to Government

From the Board of Revenue
March 1860

To the Secretary

Dated 31st

20th January 1860

Enclosure

With for sanction to

Long known tax in Mysore

W. C. C.

No 20 & 21.

It is to be reported that the
Revenue for report. Being
further order by Revenue
men, the Board will in
the at the Collection
of Tanjore to compare
the Revenue under the
Board of Madras, in the
late Report. It is to be
three precise items only
which were found under
the Revenue's administration.
-Madras

20th Jan 1860
3rd Dec 1859