

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1028	Press Mis.
5th - August - 1859		
Dated	29th - July 1859.	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
from 30th July to 5th August 1859.*

No. 1. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th July 1859, No. 2313.

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(In Con. 15th June 1859, No. 2784.)

In Con. 25th Nov. 1858, No. 5284. Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the orders of the Honorable the Governor in Council, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 23d November 1858, No. 1565, R. D.

2. The village of Bundapooram was purchased by Government in 1853 at sale for arrears of Peshcush, and investigation was immediately afterwards instituted into the claims of certain Mocassadars in the village to the lands then held by them as Inam. The entire lands of the village were twice measured in the first instance in 1854-55 and afterwards in 1856-57. The second survey, as more to be relied upon, is that followed in the review of the present question. Its results shewed an entire area of 4,019 acres, while that according to the Cutcherry accounts, calculated at the rate of 8 acres per pooty, was only 963 acres. The increase was found in every description of land. In lands paying full assessment *To Govt. 29th Oct. 1858, No. 4081, p. 7.* it amounted to 152 per cent. In waste, jungle, &c., the difference was as large as 970 per cent. while in the Inam lands of the Mocassadars it was 242 per cent.

3. The question for determination is what portion of the increase it would be fair to admit in the case of the Mocassadars, supposing their title in other respects to be good. The extent to which they are entitled, according to the grant under which the land is held, is 16 pooties, or 128 acres, at the rate of 8 acres per pooty. The actual extent found by survey is 438 acres, but as an increase occurred in all the lands of the village it was proposed by the Collector that the parties should be allowed to retain 242 acres being in the proportion of the excess discovered in the other Inams. The Board concurred in this view particularly with reference to the fact that the pooty varied in size. With 242 acres as the extent of Inam to be held in future the equivalent of the pooty would be about 15 acres. The Government in p. 8 of their Proceedings mentioned in p. 1 above, dissented from the view that the proportion of increase in other Inams, surreptitiously enjoyed, should form the standard of adjustment in the case of the Mocassadars, but they are willing to adopt a liberal calculation of the equivalent of a pooty and thought that 10 acres might be assumed as a fair average, unless the Collector, after careful enquiry, considered that a larger average ought to be taken. In this case he was authorized to arrange accordingly.

4. Mr. Purvis in his letter now submitted forwards copies and translations of three papers, viz. of the grant to the Mocassadars, of the order to the village authorities to make over the land according to the extent mentioned in the grant, and of the boundaries of the land so made over, with genealogical tables of the family of the Zemindar who granted the land and of that of the holders of it. There seems to be no doubt of the authenticity of the grant, which goes as far back as 1749-50, or of the rightful pretensions of the present claimants as descendants of the original grantee, but the question of title and enjoyment in future remains for adjudication by the Inam Commissioner. As regards the extent of land which the Mocassadars shall be allowed to hold, Mr. Purvis observes that the equivalent of the pooty in the sub-division of Rajahmundry, in which the village in question is situated, varies from 8 to 11½ acres, and that he has taken the latter as the basis of settlement in the absence of any authentic information as to the real con-

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6. An investigation into the titles of the other Inamdars in the village, it is observed, is in progress. It will not be necessary now to report the result to the Board. The Inam Commissioner will issue such orders as may be necessary in connection with the subject of Inams generally.

7. The Board observe that the present rent of Bundapooram is Rupees 1,072 exclusive of the 58 acres resumed under the present arrangement.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 2.

ORDER THEREON, 30th July 1859, No. 1028.

Ordered to be transferred to the Inam Commissioner for disposal.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

IN CON. 21ST JUNE 1859, No. 2927.

From C. J. SHUBRICK, Esq., Collector of CHINGLEPUT,

dated Sydapet, 20th June 1859, No. 212.

Referring to Extract from Minutes of Consultation, No. 507 of the 21st April last, communicated with the Board's order, No. 1504 of the 29th idem, I have the honor to request sanction for writing off my accounts the balance of Rupees 19,237-9-8 out-standing against Mr. Kenrick on account of the Abkarry farm for Fusly 1264.

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Secretary.

To

J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

*Printed Copy of
1859 No. 2927
through the Collector of
Chungabut
to the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
dated 20th June 1859.
Recd. 21st June 1859.
Enclosed: 21st June 1859.
A.C. No. 212
No. 1366/59.
Solicits sanction for
writing off the balance
outstanding against
Mr. Kendrick on
account of the
Bundapooram for
1859.*

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Revenue 1859 Defact.
Proof for 1858 & 59.

No 1346

Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue.

Dated 18th }
Dec^r 21 } June 1859.
Rec^d 21 }
E.I. & B. Sec^y }
7 Encls. } 2813.

Accordingly with the
Board's recommendation, &
letter from the Collector of
Rajahmundry reporting on
the claims of certain Cheras
relative to their own lands
in the reverted Village of
Bundabestram.

1028 730th July.
With an Order

No 1028

forward to the Income Sec^y
for disbursement.

Dated 29th Dec^r }
30th July 1859. }

A Copy to the
Revenue Comm^r
with Rajst Sec^y & 7 Civil Sec^y
to Mr. Sec^y of the Revenue Divⁿ for

29/7/59

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