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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1194 Press Mis.

Dated 9th September 1853

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No. 22. *PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.*

Dated 6th September 1859, No. 1194.

Para. 1. The Honorable the Governor in Council proceeds to pass orders on the Despatch from the Home Government in the Public Department dated 14th July 1859, No. 29.

Para. 1. Communicate remarks on the report of the proceedings of the Government regarding Pagoda endowments.

2 to 5. Notice the transfer of the Taruff Villages in Tanjore to the Pagoda Trustees. Observe that the report does not afford full and precise information as to whether the whole of these villages have been made over to the Trustees. Apprehend that they are the property entirely of the Pagodas, and in that case consider the arrangement regarding them to be correct.

Desire to be informed more particularly of the arrangement made with respect to the Taruff Inams; whether the collection of the rents of the entire villages in which the Pagoda lands are comprised, or only of those portions in them which are the property of the Pagoda have been made over to the Trustees.

2. Ordered that a copy of this Despatch be forwarded to the Board of Revenue, and that they be requested to reply as soon as possible specifically to the points noticed in para. 5 regarding which the Home Government appear still to entertain doubts.

7. Trust that no delay will occur in the transmission of the report on the Tinnevelly endowments, and of the information regarding money allowances to religious institutions.

3. The Board will expedite the submission of these reports.

8. Desire to be informed of the measures taken for giving effect to the instructions of the Government of India for the commutation into land of the money allowance received by certain Pagodas in South Arcot.

4. The information required in this para. has already been furnished in the letter to which the Despatch is a reply, viz., that land yielding an annual revenue equivalent to the allowances enjoyed by the five Pagodas in South Arcot have been made over to the Trustees for the benefit of the institution.

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

INDIA OFFICE.
LONDON, 14*th July* 1859.

PUBLIC.

No. 29.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL FORT SAINT GEORGE.

Revenue letter dated 18th March (7) 1859.
Disposal of Pagoda endowments under the management of the officers of Government.

Para. 1. Your letter noted in the margin having been considered by me in Council, I have now to communicate to you the following remarks.

2. In their despatch of the 12th May (No. 26) 1858, the Court of Directors desired you again to take into your consideration the case of the Tanjore Pagodas with the view of substituting some other arrangement for that sanctioned by your Government, the effect of which was to make over to the Pagoda Trustees, the whole of the villages in which the Pagoda lands were situated.

3. You now state your opinion that the arrangement authorized by you, and now reported to have been fully carried into effect, is the natural and correct one; and you express your decided opinion that no change ought to be made. You further remark "the late Court "of Directors appear to us to have been under some misapprehension as to the real nature of that "arrangement when they alluded to the Pagoda Trustees, as *Managers and Collectors for the "Government.* This description of the Trustees we beg to observe, is incorrect: the position "of the Trustees as representing the Pagodas, in relation to the Taruff lands, is that of Pro- "prietors of these lands, and that they are no more Managers and Collectors for the Govern- "ment, than other Meerassidars in Tanjore. They pay the rent of their own land like other "proprietors and have no further connection with Government."

4. Your remarks are no doubt, correct, if the whole of the lands which have been made over to the Trustees, as representing the Pagodas, are actually the property of those institutions.

	Circar interest.	*Pagoda.*
356 *taruff villages*.....	125,735	28,770
Taruff Enams.		
1570 *values in* 294 *villages.*	43,904	10,444
	169,639	39,214

5. Your letter under reply, does not appear to Her Majesty's Government to afford full and precise information as to whether the whole of the villages referred to (as noted in the margin) in the 7th para. of your letter of the 22nd December 1856, have been made over to the Trustees. Her Majesty's Government understand that the 356 villages under the first head are the property entirely of the Pagodas, and in that case, the arrangement you have made in regard to them (and as to the nature of which there is no doubt) is without question the correct one. The property of the Pagodas however in the 294 villages under the second head would seem to be limited to portions of land within the village areas; and if so, Her Majesty's Government desire to be informed more particularly of the arrangement which has been made in regard to them, whether the collection of the rents of the entire villages in which the pagoda lands are comprised or only of those portions of land in them which are the property of the Pagodas have been made over to the Trustees.

6. It is satisfactory to find that since the date of your letter of 22nd December 1856, the endowments in the Districts of Masulipatam and South Arcot, then in charge of the officers of Government, have been made over to the Trustees of the Institutions to which they respectively belong.

7. I trust that no unnecessary delay will be allowed to occur in the transmission of your report on the Tinnevelly endowments and of the information called for by the Court of Directors in the 11th para. of their Despatch of 12th May 1858, with respect to money allowances to religious institutions.

8. Referring to the concluding para. of the Court's Despatch, I observe from your reference, noted in the margin, that the Government of India has directed the commutation into land of the annual sum of 1225 Rupees payable to five Pagodas in the Cuddalore Talook in the District of South Arcot, you will state in a future report, the measures taken for giving effect to the instructions of the Government of India.

Revenue letter dated 15th October (44) 1858, para. 22.

(Signed) C. WOOD.

(A true Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

Exd. W. Sashachellum Naidoo.

R. D.

No. 1194.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 8th September 1859.

Read the Honorable the
Governor in Council proceeds to
pass orders on the Despatch
from the Home Government
in the Public Department
dated 14th July 1859 No 29.

Read Communicate to records
the report of the proceedings of
the Government Registration Pagoda
endowments.

2 & 3 Notice the transfer of
the Tarieff Villages in Tanjore
to the Pagoda Trustees. Observe
that the report does not afford full
and precise information as to whether
the whole of these Villages have
been made over to the Trustees —
Apprehend that they are the property
entirely of the Pagodas, and that
care consider the arrangement pre-
-cending them to be correct.

Desire to be informed more
particularly of the arrangement
made with respect to the Tarieff
Dewans; whether the Collection of the
rents of the entire Villages or
which the Pagoda lands are com-
-prised, or only of those portions

Clerk

2. Ordered that a copy
of this despatch be forwarded
to the Board of Revenue, and
that they be requested to reply
as soon as possible specifically
to the points noticed in para 5
regarding which the Home
Government requires details to

entertain doubts.

Items which are the property of the Pagoda have been made over to the Trustees.

3. The Board will expedite the submission of these reports.

7 Trust that no delay will occur in the transmission of the report on the Tinnevelly endowments and of the information regarding money allowances to religious institutions.

4. The information required in this para has already been furnished in the letter to which this despatch is a reply, viz. that Local Agents pay annual Revenue equivalent to the allowances enjoyed by the five Pagodas in South Arcot have been made over to the Trustees for the benefit of the Institutions.

8 Desire to be informed of the measures taken for giving effect to the instructions of the Government of India for the commutation into Cash of the money allowances received by certain Pagodas in South Arcot

5 Copies to the Board of Rev. and the Collectors

Despatch

Revenue 1859 Dep.t
Pro. of Govt of 5 September
№ 1194.

Pro. of the Madras
Government
Dated 6th September 1859

Rec.d 26th Oct.r 1859
C. A. 1995.

For the Pres.t Cons.n of 10 March /60
№ 430

14-12-08

Passing orders
the Despatch from the Home
Govt regarding Pagodas
Remuneration &c.

№ 22.