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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	1405	Press Mis:-

Dated October 15, 1859.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 5th to 21st October 1859.

No. 101. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th September 1859, No. 3912.

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5. Under these circumstances, the Board are disposed to agree with the Collector that fewer than three Curnums would not suffice for the work, but independently of this consideration it appears that the total emoluments proposed by the Acting Collector to be assigned to the Curnum's office in this village, viz., Rupees 288 per annum, is very much below the amount which at the usual rate of the district the per centage on the Moturpha revenue alone would afford.

6. The Board, therefore, beg to support Mr. Dykes' opinion that the proposed total amount of emoluments be not reduced, and they would further recommend that for the present the number of the Curnums be not reduced, but that should vacancies occur, they remain unfilled until further orders.

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8. Meanwhile they request the Acting Collector to inform them what is the whole number of the village officers in Cheeralah with the duties and emoluments of each, and how it has happened that the duty of *collecting* the revenue devolves on the Curnums, when it is usually and properly that of the Head of the village, he be styled Potel, Puttah Monigar or Maniyakaren or by other designation.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 102. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1859, No. 1405.

The Government defer passing any order on this paper, till they shall receive the information called for by the Board in the last paragraph; and they request that it may be laid before them with as little delay as possible.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

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Acting Secretary.

To T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government.

Copy to Acting Collector of Guntoor.

R- 5th Augt/59. Nos 17-18.

Nos 101 & 102

Revenue 1859 Octr
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.—

Dated 29th Septr 1859.
Desp from Govt
Recd 7 Octr
C.L. (2d letter)
2 Encls Recd No 3912
17-11-59

No 1405. 15th October 1859.
Ad 8/12th ctober 859 C.L. 2207.

Submitting a communication from the Asst Collr of Guntoor furnishing the information required by Govt on the necessity of retaining four Curnums for the Village of Chaverlah and recommending that the emoluments proposed by the Asst Collr to be assigned to the Curnums Office in this Village be not reduced.—

With an Order

No 1405.

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Fort St George 15th Octr 1859.

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