Revenue Department

No 293

Dated 10—3—1859

No. 6. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th February 1859, No. 608.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, dated 7th January 1859, No. 11.

(In Con. 12th January, 1859, No. 145.)

Ordered that the above letter be submitted for the orders of Government.

From Govt. 21st Feb. in Con. 2d March 1846, *R. D.*

2. It appears that out of the sanctioned Tusdeek for the Vissoovanathaswamy Pagoda, amounting to Rupees 361-4-7 per annum, "the then authorities" resolved in Fusly 1226, to reserve the sum of Rupees 137-13-3 in each year to provide a fund for the execution of repairs, &c., to the building, and this Reserve Fund having been maintained until the transfer of Pagoda trusts to Managers, amounted altogether to the sum of Rupees 5,650-5-3.

3. Out of this sum Rupees 2,207-1-11, have at various times been disbursed by the Government officers for the purposes for which the Fund was originally instituted, and deducting this amount there remained a balance of Rupees 3,443-3-4, to the credit of the Fund at the close of Fusly 1267.

4. The Durmakurtas of the Pagoda now request that this balance may be paid over to them for employment in the mode originally proposed, and the Acting Collector recommends that their request be complied with.

5. The Board of Revenue concur in this recommendation and resolve to solicit from Government authority for the necessary disbursement, and for the payment in future of the whole amount sanctioned, viz. Rupees 361-4-7 per annum.

6. Should Government see fit to accede to this recommendation the Acting Collector will be instructed to obtain from the parties authorized to receive monies belonging to the Pagoda trust, a sufficient receipt to hold Government harmless in the event of further demands, or misapplication of the amount.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, No. 293; dated 10th March 1859.

The disbursement of Rupees 3,443-3-4 to the Trustees of the Pagoda under the precautions prescribed in para. 6 is sanctioned, and the payment of the full allowance of Rupees 361-4-7 will take place until arrangements can be made for commuting it to Land under the instructions of the Home Authorities; the general question is, the Government observe, now under the consideration of the Board.

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

No. 145. From V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Acting Collector of TINNEVELLY,
dated Tinnevelly, 7th January 1859, No. 11.

With reference to the Board's endorsements of the 30th March and 19th May last, forwarding Petitions Nos. 55* and 94 of 1858 for fuller explanation than Mr. Silver's endorsement of the 13th November 1857 affords, I have the honor to submit the following report.

* herewith returned.

2. The Petitioners are Trustees of the Vissoovanathasamy Pagoda situated in the village of Agarum in the Vedoogramum Talook. They state, that up to Fusly 1225, the Government had granted a certain allowance for performing certain daily, monthly, and yearly ceremonies in the Pagoda referred to; that subsequently the Government stopped a portion of the allowances in order to meet the Tiroopany works of the Pagoda; that the money thus reserved amounts to about 5,000 Rupees, out of which about 2,000 Rs. having been paid for executing certain repairs, the remainder should be paid to them; and request that in future the whole of the allowances may be paid to them quarterly without any reserve.

* Vide Extract Min. Con. 21st February 1846.

3. The Government have sanctioned* an allowance of Rs. 361-4-7 per annum on account of this Pagoda, for the daily, monthly, and yearly expenditures, and this amount was regularly paid up to Fusly 1226. But in the succeeding year certain re-arrangements for turning the Davustanum Fund to the best advantage having been made, it was resolved by the then authorities to reserve Rs. 137-13-3 every year, for the express purpose of repairing the Pagoda &c., out of the above sum, as this Pagoda has no separate Tiroopany Funds and to pay the difference, or Rs. 223-7-4 for the performance of the periodical ceremonies.

4. Since this arrangement has taken place, the Government has out of the reserved money, paid Rs. 2,006-12-5 at different times, as per margin,* for Tripany works; and after the Pagoda trust had passed into the hands of Durmahkurtahs they paid Rs. 200-5-6 in Fusly 1253. Deducting the sums thus paid, which amount in the aggregate to Rs. 2,207-1-11, there stands a balance of Rs. 3,443-3-4 at the close of Fusly 1267.

* Fusly 36 ..... Rs. 77 7 3
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5. The Petitioners applied to Mr. Silver for the amount in hand to devote the same to the purpose for which it was set apart from the sum originally granted, but seeing that some time had elapsed between the date of last payment, and the date of application for the money in arrears, he thought that it was not optional with him to pay the same without authority and passed an endorsement to that effect on the 13th November 1857.

6. As the Petitioners however, claim nothing but what was bôna fide granted to the Pagoda by Government, there seems to be no objection to paying them the arrears in hand, and to paying them yearly the whole amount sanctioned.

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Encrs.—Petitions 55 and 94 of 1858.

No. 608.

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From Government 21st February in Con. 2d March 1846, R. D.

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3. Out of this sum Rupees 2,207-1-11, have at various times been disbursed by the Government Officers for the purposes for which the Fund was originally instituted, and deducting this amount there remained a balance of Rupees 3,443-3-4, to the credit of the Fund at the close of Fusly 1267.

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5. The Board of Revenue concur in this recommendation and resolve to solicit from Government authority for the necessary disbursement, and for the payment in future of the whole amount sanctioned, viz. Rupees 361-4-7 per annum.

6. Should Government see fit to accede to this recommendation the Acting Collector will be instructed to obtain from the parties authorized to receive monies belonging to the Pagoda trust, a sufficient receipt to hold Government harmless in the event of further demands, or misapplication of the amount.

(A true Extract.)

Sub Secretary.

To

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

Copy to Acting Collector of Tinnevelly.

R. Cons: 24 February 1846 No 20-21

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

dated 17th February 1859.
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Further Cir No 1041 of 1857
in 9 March No 546

Submitting a letter from the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly reporting on Petitions Nos 55 and 96 of 1858 from the Dharmacurtar of the Vissova natha Swamy Pagoda and concurring in that Officer's recommendation for a Compliance with the prayer of Petitioners.

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With an order

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The disbursement of Rs. 3443. 3. 4 to the Trustees of the Pagoda under the precautions presented in P.6 is sanctioned and the payment of the full allowance of Rs 361. 4. 7 will take place until arrangements can be made for commuting the Grant under the instructions of the Home authorities. The General Question is the Govt Reserve which now under the consideration of the Board.

Fort St. Geo
10th March 1859

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