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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 411	Press / Mis.
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No. 44. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st March 1859, No. 759.

Read letter from the Collector of Rajahmundry, dated 18th October 1858, No. 147.

(In Con. 28th December 1858, No. 4855.)

Pro. to Rajahmundry, 13th Nov. 1848.
From do. 31*st Jan. in Con.* 15*th March* 1849.
Pro. to do. 15*th March* 1849.

In 1847 certain Inamdars of the Tanúkú Talook complained to the Board that the quitrent of their Inam lands which they had been accustomed to pay for more than half a century had been raised from Rupees 63, the amount fixed by Mr. Collector Skinner in Fusly 1210, A. D. 1800-1, to Rupees 132-8 the rate fixed at the permanent settlement, and prayed that it might be reduced to the former rate.

2. Their Petition was referred to the Collector, who reported that the Inam lands of the Talook comprised Pooties 48-7-12, that at the permanent settlement in Fusly 1208, A. D. 1798-99 the Cuttubuddy or quitrent was fixed at Rupees 671-6 which was subsequently raised by the Zemindar to Rupees 691-4-6 and this was reduced by Mr. Skinner in Fusly 1210, A. D. 1800-1 or two years after to Rupees 430-15-10 on what grounds the records of that period do not shew. On the sale of the estate shortly afterwards, or in Fusly 1212, A. D. 1802-3, the proprietor continued the lower rate though he might have exacted the higher. In Fusly 1242, A. D. 1832-33, the estate reverted to Government, and the full quitrent of Rupees 671-6 was entered in the accounts as the demand against the Inam lands, but for some reason or other, it was not levied till Fusly 1256, A. D. 1846-47, the lower rate having been collected in the intermediate years; and this has caused some of the Inamdars to complain.

3. There are no documents to shew when or by whom, these Inams were granted, but they appear to be of old date and to have been enjoyed without interruption for more than 70 years. They are entered in the Public accounts from Fusly 1197, A. D. 1787-88, to Fusly 1208, A. D. 1798-99—long before the permanent settlement—in the names of the ancestors of the present holders; and their permissive enjoyment since that period affords primâ facie evidence of a prescriptive right in favor of the Inamdars. The Honorable Mr. Elliot while Commissioner Northern Circars, referring to the unnecessary reduction of the quit rent, in many cases, by Mr. Skinner as shewn in the margin, and to the great inequalities in the value of the Inam lands, desired that a more careful and minute enquiry should be made into the circumstances of each Inamdar's land in order to obtain, as far as practicable, a correct estimate of its value. The Acting Sub-Collector who was deputed to institute the enquiry, has submitted a Statement above recorded shewing the present Amaracum, or rents received by the Inamdars from their tenants, the quit rent entered in the accounts of the permanent Settlement in Fusly 1208, A. D. 1798-99, the amount to which it was reduced by Mr. Skinner in Fusly 1210, A. D. 1800-1, and the amount suggested by the Commissioner on the data then before him. A reference to this Statement shews that the present Amaracum or rents received by the Inamdars for their Pooties 48-7-12, amount in the aggregate to Rupees 1,233-13-0, the average for Pooty being Rupees 25⅓, while the quitrent according to the permanent accounts was Rupees 671-6 or Rupees 14 per Pooty. Mr. Skinner reduced this to Rupees 447-12-0 or Rupees 9⅓ per Pooty in the aggregate. The amount proposed by the Commissioner is Rupees 547-0-2 or about Rupees 11½ per Pooty.

From Rajahmundry to Commissioner Northern Circars 19th July in Con. 7th November 1853.
From Commissioner to Collector, 7th November 1853.

	P.	T.	M.	*Quit rent as per public accounts.*	*Reduced.* Rs.	A.	P.	*Amaracum.* Rs.	A.	P.
No. 14	0	10	0	4	4	0	0	14	0	0
,, 22	1	5	4	10	12	9	0	29	12	0
,, 41	0	17	11	10	10	9	6	23	0	0
,, 42	0	17	11	10	10	9	6	22	12	0
,, 43	0	17	11	10	10	6	6	25	5	0

From Rajahmundry 18th Oct. in Con. 28th Dec. 1858.

4. The Amaracum, the Acting Sub-Collector thinks, affords the closest approximation to the real value of the Inams. Mr. Skinner's reduced rate amounts to a little more than one-third of the Amaracum and "as thequit rent on most Agraharums and other Inam lands, was at that time, one-third," he considers this a fair rate to be imposed.

5. The Collector on the other hand, advocates the adoption of the rate proposed by the Commissioner as it nearly represents the average between the original and the reduced rates, and is considered very moderate. In most cases the Commissioner has adopted Mr. Skinner's rates but in those in which they are excessively low, they have been raised though not above the rates fixed at the permanent settlement.

6. Taking the Amaracum as giving an approximated value of the Inams, and considering the rate proposed by Mr. Elliot as a fair standard, the Board approve of its adoption except in case No. 37, in which they think the rate might be reduced to Rupees 25-0-0.

Ordered that a copy of the above Proceedings be submitted for the orders of Government.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, No. 411; dated 26th March 1859.

1. The Inamdars of the Tanúkú Talook of Rajahmundry having complained that the quit rent on their Inam lands had been suddenly raised in 1847, the Collector was instructed to enquire into the circumstance.

2. He accordingly reported that in 1798-99 the quit rent on the Inam land comprising Pooties 48-7-12, was fixed at Rs. 671-6-0, but was raised by the Zemindar to Rs. 691-4-6. Mr. Collector Skinner however, without apparently any authority, reduced it in 1800-1 to Rs. 430-15-10, and on the Estate being sold, the proprietor continued to levy the same reduced rate.

3. In 1832-33 the Estate reverted to Government, and the full quit rent Rs. 671-6-0 was entered as the demand against the lands, but for some reason or other, the lower rate, or Rs. 430-15-0 was collected till 1846-47.

4. The attention of the Commissioner Northern Circars having been called to this, a Statement was drawn out, by which it appeared that the "Amaracum" or rents received by the Inamdars for their Pooties 48-7-12, amounted in the aggregate to Rupees 1,233-13-0 (or 25⅛ Rupees per Pooty) whilst the quit rent as reduced by Mr. Collector Skinner was only Rupees 447-12-0, or 9⅓ Rupees per Pooty.

5. The Commissioner striking an average and considering the rent received by the Inamdars as giving a fair idea of the value of the land proposed a quit rent of 547-0-2, or 11⅓ Rupees per Pooty to be levied, which proposition the Board consider as a fair standard except in case No. 37. The reason of this special recommendation in case No. 37, is that the rate proposed by the Commission, would leave only 10 Rupees a year to the Inamdar, out of the rent received by him; the Board therefore suggest that the rate be fixed at 25 Rupees instead of 39 Rupees.

6. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council concurs in the recommendation of the Board, and sanctions rates proposed by them.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 13th November 1848

Read Endorsement of the Collector of Rajahmundry reporting on Petition No 1754 of 1847; complaining of over assessment of their Enam lands, dated 7th August last.

Before passing final orders on the subject of this Petition, the Collector will be pleased with reference to the concluding portion of the foregoing report to favor the Board with his own opinion on the question in dispute, and state whether he considers the Petitioners have any claim to a reduction of assessment, and refund of the alleged over collections.

/A true Extract/
/sign/ T. Pycroft
Secretary.

To The Collector of
Rajahmundry

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 15th March 1849.

Read letter from the Collector of Rajahmundry dated 31st January 1849 reporting on Petition No 1754 of 1847.

/Here enter No 12/

In the Collector's letter it is reported that from Fusly 1197 (1787-8) to Fusly 1209 (1799-1800) a sum of Rupees 671-6 was entered in the accounts against the lands 47-7-12 Pooties of which a part 5-7-5 Pooties is held by the Petitioners. that in Fusly 1210 (1800-1) the sum was reduced by Mr Skinner to Rupees 430-15-10 and that on the sale of the estate shortly afterwards over Fusly 1212 (1802-3) the proprietor continued this latter demand. It seems singular that the Zemindar should have contented himself with the lower rate of assessment when he might

how uncalled for any reduction of the present demand would appear to be in several instances examples of which are quoted in the margin. It is desirable therefore that a more careful and minute examination should be made into the circumstances of each Enamdar's land, and the Commissioner requests that the Collector will be good enough to direct the Sub Collector to do so during the ensuing settlement and to submit a report of the result.

2. The reference to neighbouring Zeroyati land is, it must be observed a vague standard. A good piece of land may be separated by an inconsiderable space from a very poor field. Experience moreover has proved that favorably assessed tenures consist generally of the best lands in the Village and there is a presumption therefore that the Enam lands on the whole may be superior to the neighbouring sery. Of the whole number of Enamdars 6 only have complained of the reimposition of the original rates. All the rest appear to have paid them without

No.	Names of the Enamdars
	Petitioners.
1	Maddory Soorannah
2	do Vencannah
3	do Vasulu Rungiah & Venkannah
4	do Soundanah
5	Vemparty Appannah
6	Goontoory Pagannah & Setcamma
	Total of Petitioners
	Others:
7	Chulla Soobanna
8	do Soobanna Sastrulu
9	Vanadaly Appunna
10	Somanchy Duchartoolu
11	Chulla Soobanna
12	Gootena Soonaroodoo mulu
13	Sistah Ramasastrulu
14	Gootena Soobannah Venkannah
15	Paladyn Lutchmenursoo and Tamukee Achutaramudoo
16	Cavalapaty Ramalutchmy
17	do Malliah
18	Viddan tam Timmana Yenemam =dra Soobamma
19	Poornoola Venkataramana and Seetamma
20	Gollapilly Ramaswamy
21	Somanchi Chinnapah Gungannah
22	Vadula Appannah &c.
23	do Venkojee
24	Allamraz Soobbanah
25	do Rammaswamy
26	do Cammannah
27	Vadula Beemanna
28	do Ramanna
29	Cuppagon tula Soobanna
30	do Cammanna
31	Tatiparty Ammanna
32	Peekondy Soobanna
33	Chedury Mallaparaz
34	do Beeparaz
35	Canducuny Veeramallia
36	Calaja Syapah
	Total.
	Grand Total.
	Mensadars.
37	Tandukee Nursimloo
38	do Lutchmepaty
39	do Peddah Ramanna
40	do Chinna Venkanna
41	do Soorannah
42	do Venkannah the wife of China Ramanna
43	do Atchannah
44	do Venkannah
45	do Ramaswamy
46	do Gopanna
47	do Ramraz
48	do Venkannah brother of Seetarmah
49	do Bapunnah
50	do Cammaraz son of Atchutaramudu
51	do Bapiah
52	do Venkatachellum
53	do Ramakrishnama son of Venkaramma
54	do China Soobanna
	Total
	Grand Total.

Commissioner's Office
Vizagapatam
November 1853.

(Signed) W. Elliot
Commissioner.

True Copy
[signature]
Sub Secretary.

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-servable in the statement now inclosed show
that great inequalities must exist in the va-
-lue of the lands and it follows that a correct
estimate can only be obtained by consider
-ing the circumstances of each individual
case.

A true Extract
(Sign'd) W. Elliot
Commiss.

No. 411

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 26th March 1859

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Sanctioning the
rates proposed by the Board,
to be levied on the Inam
lands of certain Inamdars
in Rajahmundry -

Nº 444 & 445.

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