

Revenue Department

No 436

Dated 30-3-1859

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 1st April 1859.

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2. It will be sufficient to repeat here that the pay of these Curnums having been fixed at Rupees 3 per mensem, and allowance of 2 per cent. on the collections of the previous year, it was proposed to disburse these allowances by calculating the value of the entire extent of their Inam lands (including waste) at the rates of the adjoining land, deducting therefrom the amount of the quitrent hitherto paid to Government and of the allowances as above stated, and either paying to, or collecting from the Curnum, the deficit, or excess of the assessed value of the Inam lands compared with the aggregate of these two sums. The Fees that they had hitherto collected were abolished.

3. The Government approved the principal of this proposed arrangement, and Mr. Stokes somewhat hastily introduced it in the Palnad division, but in practise it was found to operate so oppressively, in consequence of the large extent of waste land in the Inams which yielded nothing to the Curnum, though it was taken into the above calculation as a source of Income, the quitrent on the waste, which had hitherto been always remitted, being now brought into the account as an item against the Curnums, that the Commissioner Northern Circars found it necessary to modify the plan by striking the waste out of the calculation in estimating the value of the Inam, or by allowing the Curnum to resign some of the waste lands, and making a corresponding deduction in the quitrent demand. The Collection of any excess value of the Inam was also suspended.

4. These measures were carried out to a considerable extent and were reported to Government in the Commissioner's Proceedings of 16th October 1854, reviewed in the Extract Minutes Consultation above quoted, in which Government desired that the existing arrangements whatever they might be should stand for the present, and no further changes be made until the proceedings of the Inam Commissioner should have so far advanced as to enable Government to arrive at some definite decision when they desired that the Board of Revenue should again bring the subject under consideration.

5. This time has not yet arrived, and it does not appear that under the modified arrangement there is any thing in the circumstances of the Timmercottah Curnums to call for special consideration.

6. From the Statement that accompanies the second of the letters above recorded it appears that there are 96 Curnums to 88 villages, with an aggregate Beriz of Rupees 1,29,819 in Fusly 1266.

7. The total Office emoluments of the Curnums was Rupees 6,047, and the net value of the Inams after deducting quitrent was Rupees 3,214, thus leaving Rupees 2,833 payable by the State.

8. The Board observe that in this Statement the demand on the Talook is given, and the per centage due to the Curnums is calculated on *that* amount, instead of on the *Collections*, as it was intended to be, a circumstance which tells probably in the Curnum's favor.

9. They presume also that in estimating the value of the Inams the waste has been struck out, and as the Collector states that to avoid complaints it has not been considered expedient to make any very minute scrutiny of its extent, there can be little doubt that the Curnums benefit in this way also.

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10. Under these circumstances and in the absence of recent complaints, the Board think it may fairly be assumed that the remuneration of the Palnad Curnums is not now insufficient, and considering the recent appointment of the Inam Commissioner and the introduction into the Northern Circars of the operations of the Survey and Assessing Departments under whose revision in course of time these Service Inams must come, the Board see much reason for maintaining the last orders of Government that the existing state of things shall for the present be left undisturbed.

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing Proceedings be submitted to Government.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 92. ORDER THEREON, No. 436; dated 30th March 1859.

The Governor in Council agrees with the Board that there is no sufficient reason at present for disturbing the existing arrangement respecting the Curnums' fees in the Palnad Talook of Guntoor District.

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

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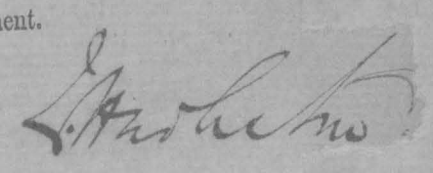
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Sub Secretary.

To

H. WOOD, Esq., Collector of Guntoor.
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Revenue 1839
No. 405

Extract from the proceedings
of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 11th & 12th March 1839
Recd 12
6. Ind. 1839.

Submitting with the
Board's observations letter
from the Coll^r of Quarter
reporting on 12th Dec 1838
on the subject of the applica-
tions of the Commrs of
the Revenue collected & paid
in his district.

No. 436
The Governor in Council

It is agreed with the Board that there
is no sufficient reason at
present for disturbing the
existing arrangements respect-
ing the Commrs fees in
the Calcutta District or
in the Benares District.

Order of Secy.
20th March 1839
3 Colrs to the Secy of the Govt
with 6 Inds.

[Signature]

No. 492.

19th 4. 36. 30th March 1839

With an order

19th March 1839