

Revenue Department

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

No. 114. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th March 1859, No. 924.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of South Arcot, dated 17th January 1859, No. 8.

(In Con. 19th January 1859, No. 239.)

<i>Pro. to Govt.</i>	29th March 1856.	Ordered that the above letter be submitted to Government with reference to the correspondence noted in the margin.
<i>From</i>	„ 30th April in Con. 9th May 1856, No. 441, R. D.	2. It is not necessary for the Board to go into any lengthened detail of the circumstances of the present case. It is sufficient to observe that the Trustees of the Temples named in Cuddalore seek to obtain payment of the arrears of their former money allowances that accumulated between the time when their commutation for rent-free land was ordered, and that when the lands were formally transferred to them, which was at the commencement of the current Fusly.
<i>From</i>	„ 4th August in Con. 1st Sept. 1856, No. 803, R. D.	
<i>Pro. to</i>	„ 1st September 1856.	
<i>From</i>	„ 15th Dec. 1856 in Con. 10th Jan. 1857, No. 1313, R. D.	
<i>Pro. to</i>	„ 21st October 1858.	

3. Of the four items constituting these arrears, the three last entered in the Statement submitted by the Acting Collector accrued under precisely similar circumstances, the payment of the allowances was discontinued to compel the Trustees of three, out of the five Pagodas to select lands, and was not renewed during the interval between their selection and the final transfer of the lands to them.

4. The arrear in this case was to some extent caused by the Trustees' own act, but the Board observe from the late Acting Collector's letter of 4th December 1857, that the delay was also in some measure ascribed to the negligence of the late Tahsildar, and the loss consequent on the delay between the selection of land and its transfer, which was made out of consideration for the Ryots, ought not to fall on the Trustees. The expenses of the Temples must also have been defrayed by them during this period, and on the whole the Board would beg to recommend their application for payment of these arrears amounting to Rupees 4,816-0-2, to the favorable consideration of Government, feeling that compliance with it will be a highly appreciated act of grace in connection with an unpopular measure.

5. The claim for payment of the 1st item rests however on different grounds.

<i>In Con.</i>	9th May 1856.	6. In consideration of the uncertain nature of the source from which the Fees on Land and Sea Customs were derived, the Government in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 30th April 1856, No. 441, R. D. directed that one half of this allowance should be discontinued, and that its commutation for land was inadvisable.
<i>In from Govt.</i>	15th Dec. 1856, in Con. 10th Jan. 1857, No. 1313, R. D.	

7. The Supreme Government however as stated in Mr. Secretary Beadon's letter of 14th November 1856, overruled both objections, and decided that lands might be given in commutation of the full amount, a moiety of which only has been disbursed.

8. The Board of Revenue cannot doubt that the spirit of the decision requires that the full amount should be paid to the trustees, and solicit authority for the Acting Collector to disburse to them the remaining moiety now in deposit, amounting to Rupees 3,674-15-11.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 115. ORDER THEREON, No. 447; dated 1st April 1859.

The Honorable the Governor in Council concurs in the opinion of the Board as expressed in their Proceedings of the 17th March 1859, and sanctions the disbursement of the arrears specified, to the amount of Rupees 8,491-0-1 in accordance with the following Statements.

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

Names of Devastanums.				Rs. A. P.		
1.	Visvanadaswamy at Cuddalore,	...	...	...	477	12 0
2.	Comaraswamy, at do.	...	...	...	892	8 0
3.	Vamanapureswaraswamy at Terumandagooly,	...	...	...	1,256	12 7
4.	Palaleeswaraswamy at Tripaploor,	...	...	...	3,621	0 4
5.	Davanadaswamy at Trivendipooram,	...	...	...	1,761	6 3
				Total...	8,009	7 2
Additional amount in Deposit,...				...	481	8 11
					8,491	0 1

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

IN CON. 22ND JANUARY 1859, No. 239.

From, J. RATLIFF, Esq., Acting Collector of SOUTH ARCOT,
dated Cuddalore, 17th January 1859, No. 8.

In returning Petition No. 3499 of 1858 with their Enclosures, I have the honor to submit the further explanation required by the Board's endorsement thereon, dated 14th ultimo.

2. Government having authorized rent free land to be given in lieu of certain money payments made from the Public Treasury, for the support of sundry religious institutions in the Talook of Cuddalore, Mr. Taylor has informed the Board that lands had been so given accordingly from the commencement of the current Fusly.

3. The several sums to which the Trustees have set up claim are specified in the accompanying Statement.

4. The first item is the amount claimed in lieu of resumed Rasooms in the Land and Sea Customs Departments. On the 30th April 1856 sanction was granted by Government for the payment of a moiety of the usual allowance, which was accordingly disbursed (from Fusly 1265 to 1267) to the Petitioners, who are Trustees of the Pagodas in question. Subsequently, the Government of India, modified the order of the Madras Government and authorized rent free land to be given equivalent to the full amount, of Rupees 2,450. Land to that extent was afterwards selected and made over from the commencement of this Fusly. The other moiety of the money payment from Fusly 1265 to 1267 amounting to Rupees 3,674-15-11 as shewn in the Statement, (and not disbursed of course, with reference to the order in force, prior to the modification made by the Supreme Government,) is what is now claimed under this Head, by the Petitioners,—(the Trustees.)

5. The second item furnishes a total of 2,520 Rupees. A sum of 840 Rupees per Annum was originally granted in lieu of some fee in the Abkarry Revenue. The order of Government above quoted was communicated to the Trustee of the Trippapaloor Pagoda so far back as the 27th September 1854, but Mr. Hall finding that he delayed to select the lands to be given up, warned him on the 20th August 1855 "that money payment would be discontinued in consequence of his neglect, from the commencement of Fusly 1265." The arrears due from Fusly 1265 form the sum now (improperly) demanded.

6. A precisely similar observation is applicable to the 3rd item also.

7. The fourth item of Rupees 1,709-7-3 is the sum claimed by the Trustees of 3 (out of 5) Davastanums—for commuted Swotuntarum fee. In some Villages in the talook of Cuddalore this item was annually included in the Beriz and afterwards deducted as fees due to the Davastanum. The amount was formerly collected by Tahsildars and disbursed to the Trustees. The latter, are said not to have, for a long time shown any disposition to take up land as directed by Government. With a view of carrying out, however, the required arrangement, an order was issued, to the Tahsildar, to discontinue the usual deduction in the Village settlement, which induced the trustees to select the proffered lands; and a return of the same having been received in the middle of Fusly 1267, Mr. Taylor, with a view, as I am informed, of avoiding disputes between the Trustees and the ryots whose lands were so selected, deferred their final transfer to the Trustees, till the close of Fusly 1267.

8. Upon a careful consideration of all the circumstances of the case, it appears to me, that, with the exception of the 1st item which admits of a question, as to whether the order of the Government of India was retrospectively acted upon, the claims on the other items are not sustainable; the Trustees, themselves, having been wholly to blame for not having promptly acted up to the orders of Government.

9. The total claim, as per enclosed Statement, amounts to Rupees 8,009-7-2 exclusive of the sum of Rupees 481-8-11 which is held in deposit for Fusly 1266 on account of Tirnendipoozem Pagoda.

STATEMENT shewing the nature of

Numbers.	Names of Davastanums.	Amoiety of money allowance not disbursed on account of resumed Russoom in Land and Sea Customs.								
		For Fusly 1265.			For Fusly 1266.			For Fusly 1267.		
		Rs.	As.	Ps.	Rs.	As.	Ps.	Rs.	As.	Ps.
1	Visvanadasawmy at Cuddalore.....	159	4	0	159	4	0	159	4	0
2	Comarasawmy at do.	297	8	0	297	8	0	297	8	0
3	Vamanapureswarasawmy at Terumandagooly	80	14	2	80	14	2	80	14	3
4	Palaleeswarasawmy at Tripaploor.....	278	4	0	278	4	0	278	4	0
5	Davanadasawmy at Trivendipooram.....	409	1	9	409	1	9	409	1	10
	Total.....	1,224	15	11	1,224	15	11	1,225	0	1
								3,674	15	11

South Arcot Collector's Cutcherry }
Cuddalore, 17th January 1859. }

the several sums claimed by the Trustees of the undermentioned Davastanums in the Talook of

Money payment in lieu of resumed Magamain Abkarry.				Money allowance on account of annual festivals.			
For Fusly 1265.	For Fusly 1266.	For Fusly 1267.	Total.	For Fusly 1265.	For Fusly 1266.	For Fusly 1267.	Total.
Rs. As. Ps.	Rs. As. Ps.	Rs. As. Ps.	Rs. As. Ps.	Rs. As. Ps.	Rs. As. Ps.	Rs. As. Ps.	Rs. As. Ps.
0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
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840 0 0	840 0 0	840 0 0	2,520 0 0	17 8 0	17 8 0	17 8 0	52 8 0
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Cuddalore, in South Arcot.

Commuted Swatantrum fee.			Total.			
For Fusly 1266.	For Fusly 1267.	Total.	For Fusly 1265.	For Fusly 1266.	For Fusly 1267.	Total.
Rs. As. Ps.	Rs. As. Ps.	Rs. As. Ps.	Rs. As. Ps.	Rs. As. Ps.	Rs. As. Ps.	Rs. As. Ps.
0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	159 4 0	159 4 0	159 4 0	477 12 0
0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	297 8 0	297 8 0	297 8 0	892 8 0
507 1 0	507 1 0	1,014 2 0	80 14 2	587 15 2	587 15 3	1,256 12 7
106 14 2	106 14 2	213 12 4	1,135 12 0	1,242 10 2	1,242 10 2	3,621 0 4
0 0 0	481 8 11	481 8 11	426 9 9	426 9 9	908 2 9	1,761 6 3
613 15 2	1,095 8 1	1,709 7 3	2,099 15 11	2,713 15 1	3,195 8 2	8,009 7 2
			Additional amount		in Deposit...	481 8 11
						8,491 0 1

(Signed.) J. RATLIFE,

Acting Collector.

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Extract from the Minutes of Circulation
Under date the 15th April 1859.

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue.

(Were entered 17th March 1859 at 9 24)

The Right Hon^{ble} the
Gov^t in Council concurs in
the opinion of the B^d as
expressed in their proceedings
of the 17th March 1859, and
sanctions the disbursement
of the specified
of arrears, to the amount of
8491. 0. 1. in accordance with
the following statement.

Names of Devasanams. - R. a. P

1. Visvanadaswamy at Cuddalore - 477. 12. 0
2. Comaraswamy at - do - 892. 8. 0
3. Varanapureswaraswamy at Tirumunda ^{8.80th 1256} - 12. 6
4. Palakeeswaraswamy at Tripaploor - 3621. 0. 4
5. Garamadaswamy at Tirumudipozam - 1761. 6. 3

Total. 8,009. 7. 2
Additional amount in Deposit. 481. 8. 11
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