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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 9th to 15th July 1859.

No. 68. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Railway Department; dated 9th July 1859, No. 372.

Sanctioning payment of arrears due to certain Mootahdars and Shotriemdars for lands taken for Railway in Chingleput; granting authority for certain annual remission from the Peishcush of the several Mootahs and Shrotriems and authorizing the Collector to tender payment of the compensation due to the Shrotriemdars of Inaveram.

(Vide Financial Railway Proceedings from 9th to 15th July 1859, No. 17-18.)

No. 69. ORDER THEREON, 15th July 1859, No. 945.

Ordered that the foregoing Proceedings be recorded.

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

No. 2199.

From

J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

To

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

SIR,

In Con. 11th Feby. 1858, No. 628.

In Con. 30th Sept. 1857, No. 2800.

In Extract Minutes Consultation, 4th February 1858, R. D., No. 153, Government declined to sanction the compensation shewn in the Returns which accompanied the letter of the Collector of Chingleput of the 13th July 1857, to be due to certain Mootahdars and Shotriemdars in that district, for lands taken for the northern and western Trunk Roads, and the Railroad.

2. In the case of the northern and western Roads, explanation was required, of the discrepancy apparent, between the statements furnished in 1855 and 1857 respectively, as well as of the principle on which the landlord's and ryot's shares had been determined; of the data on which the share of the former was converted into money, and of the measures taken by the Collector to satisfy himself, that the annual compensation recommended, consisted of the sums which had been paid to the proprietors for several years by the holders of the land taken up, and had not been raised by them to serve their present interests at the expense of Government.

To Chingleput, 11th Feby. 1858, No. 600.

3. In respect to the statements connected with the Railroad, the Collector was directed to have them examined by the Railway officers and to afford the same information regarding the compensation shown therein, as in the case of the other roads.

From Chingleput, 25th February in Con. 4th March 1859, No. 894.

4. The Collector reports that the lands appropriated for the northern and western roads were recently measured by the Tahsildars, and the Overseers of the Engineer's Department, with the view of reconciling the discrepancy noticed by Government, and that the attempt has been unsuccessful. Mr. Shubrick has therefore made arrangements for a re-measurement, and expects to be able to transmit the requisite statements at an early date.

5. Regarding the other points on which explanation was called for, the Collector states that the shares of the landlord and ryots have been regulated by the "Vara Chuttum" or table of the ryot's share obtaining in the villages, and the rates of which vary in each village. The Curnum's accounts afford the only data for ascertaining what lands have been cultivated, and from them the landlord's portion has been determined, and converted into money at the average price of the respective years.

6. Mr. Shubrick has endeavoured, through the Consulting Engineer, to have his statements of land taken for the Railroad verified, but the attempt has been only partially successful.

7. The Chief Engineer of the Railway has furnished the following statement of lands taken up in eleven villages prepared "from plans in his office on which the boundaries of the village were marked when the line was first surveyed."

Names of limits.	Mileage on plans.		Cawnies.	Contents grounds.	Square feet.
	Miles chs.	Miles chs.			
Inaveram	4·2 to	4·67	11	2	1173·00
Veeljeembaukum	13·23 to	14·21	14	20	5·64
Tumanoor	14·61 to	16·24	26	14	1978·00
Kahkaloor	24·25 to	24·60	7	1	1331·60
Vapumbut	18·77 to	20·02	30	20	290·00
	20·30 to	21·25			
Permalput	20·02 to	20·30	3	15	552·00
Yacattoor	27·49 to	28·24	10	6	2286·60
Shediah	28·24 to	28·40	3	9	2075·40
Panumbaukum	30·26 to	31·49	19	6	66·23
Munnayoor	32·70 to	34·76	42	3	403·58
Malepaukum	45·46 to	46·2	6	22	1110·54
			176	3	1659·00

30th Sept. 1857, No. 3268.

8. This statement on comparison with Nos. I, IV, VI and VII of the statement submitted to Government with the Board's Proceedings reviewed in the Extract Minutes Consultation referred to above, is found to contain the same number of villages, seven of which correspond with the exception of slight and immaterial variations in the spelling of the names of two or three. There are four villages however in regard to which the statements widely differ, as shown in the margin,* and this discrepancy is attributed by the Collector to the mode of verification adopted by the Railway authorities who, he states, "contented themselves with measuring on their "plans the quantity of land taken up in the villages at the respective mileages mentioned and furnishing "this as the result. They have therefore changed the names of the villages, and given the quantities "of land in each village standing at the mileage on their plans instead of visiting the village named, "and ascertaining the actual quantity of land in it on the spot. It has therefore so happened that "while in my statement one village has been entered at a certain mileage, Sheikadoo for instance, ano-"ther village, Veelyembaukum, has been measured on the plan, and entered in the Railway statement "instead of it. Teroovoor and Matumcooppum in my statement and Vapumput and Mannayoor in "the Railway statement are other instances of the same kind of change. The cause of these changes "and discrepancies is to be found in the mode of measurement and verification pursued by the Railway "servants as already explained, viz. contenting themselves with a reference to a paper plan on which "the village boundaries may, or may not have been correctly laid down, instead of going to the villages "and ascertaining the particulars on the spot."

* Villages entered in the Railway Chief Engineer's statement. — Villages entered in the Collector's Statement.

Veeljeembaukum.	Teroovoor.
Vapumhut.	Matumcooppum.
Shediah.	Saicaudoo.
Munnayoor.	Streedaveecooppum.

From Chingleput 8th in Con. 9th April 1859, No. 1562

Railway Engineer's statement.....	176
Collector's statement.....	126
	50

9. In the aggregate quantity of land taken the Railway officer's statement shows an excess of 50 cawnies, which the Collector attributes to the entry of waste land occupied by the Railway, but excluded from his statement.

10. On a scrutiny of the extent taken from each of the seven villages in the names of which the statements agree, the Board find that only in the villages of Inaveram and Malepaukum is there an excess (of 7 and 17 cawnies respectively) shown in the Collector's statement above the quantity given by the Railway Engineers. In the remaining five villages the quantity is less.

11. This excess Mr. Shubrick attributes to the imperfect method in which the statement of the Railway Engineer was prepared, and he further adds, "there can be no danger of paying for wrong land "as feared by the Board. The actual compensation for the land has been paid long ago. The present "investigation is for the correct amount of remission to be allowed to the Shrotriemdars, &c., and "it is not possible that we can remit peishcush for other lands than those actually taken or that future "claims for such wrong remissions can arise."

12. The deductions from the peishcush of the several mootahs and shrotriems concerned and which the Board recommended in their former Proceedings amounted to Rupees 393-12-4, and the arrears due to their proprietors for past fuslies, to Rupees 966-13-1. The latter sum has since been increased by the peishcush of two fuslies to Rupees 1,754-5-9, as will be seen from the following abstract of the Collector's statements, and in which the figures of column 4 have been suitably altered;—

Jaury. Zemin. Shrotriem. Villages.	Extent of land taken.			Value of the landlord's share of the produce, which is the amount to be deducted from the peishcush.			Number of years up to Fusly 1267, for which compensation is due.	Total amount of arrears due up to the close of Fusly 1267.		
1	2			3			4	5		
	Cs.	A.	C.	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Inaveram...	18	0	2	123	10	1	5	618	2	5
Streedaveecooppum...	3	3	10	15	4	8	4	61	2	8
Tinnanore...	21	11	6	29	13	8	5	149	4	4
Cauculoor...	6	6	0	15	1	6	4	60	6	0
Teroovoor...	21	14	0	77	7	3	4	309	13	0
Permalputtoo...	2	1	0	3	9	9	4	14	7	0
Yacattoor...	7	12	14	31	6	8	4	125	10	8
Panumbaukum...	8	9	10	21	3	4	4	84	13	4
Matumcooppum...	6	7	10	7	11	7	4	30	14	4
Saicaudoo...	7	2	0	25	12	8	5	128	15	4
Malepaukum...	23	4	6	42	11	2	4	170	12	8
Total.....	126	8	10	393	12	4		1,754	5	9

13. The arrears extend to the close of Fusly 1267 and the remission will have to be made from the peishcush of the current fusly.

14. The recent claim of the Shrotriemdars of Inaveram, forms the subject of the Board's letter dated 19th April 1859, and Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 18th May 1859, F. R. D., No. 280. The only course to be adopted, as far as the Board can see, is to tender payment of the compensation due to them.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort St. George,
10th June 1859.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

Copy to Collector of Chingleput.

FINANCIAL RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Board of Revenue.

(Here enter 10th June 1859, No. 2199.)

ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1859, No. 372.

Under the explanation afforded in the foregoing letter in respect to the compensation shown in the Collector's Returns to be due to certain Mootahdars and Shrotriemdars for lands taken for the Railway in the Chingleput District, the Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the payment of the arrears respectively due to them to the close of Fusly 1267, amounting, as per abstract appended to para. 12, to Rupees (1,754-5-9) One thousand seven hundred and fifty-four, Annas five and Pice nine; and he also grants authority for the annual remission from the Peishcush of the several Mootahs and Shrotriems from Fusly 1268 of the sums entered against them in Column 3 of the Abstract, amounting to Rupees (393-12-4) Three hundred and ninety-three, Annas 12 and Pice four.

2. The Government resolve, under the opinion expressed by the Board in the last para. of their letter, to authorize the Collector to tender payment of the compensation due to the Shrotriemdars of Inaveram.

True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department, with Board's Proceedings.
" Collector of Chingleput, do.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways. do.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Auditor.

Exd. W. Komareck.

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Proc: of Govt. re. Sligo

No. 1313

Proceedings of the Master
Govt. in the Financial &
Railway Department.

Dated 9th July 1859.
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Proc: of the Gillooly Esq.
Sub Railway Commr. 7 July 1859
sanctioning payment of
arrears due to certain Mootah-
dars & Shotundars for lands
taken for Railway in Chingleput;
granting authority for certain
annual remissions from the
Peishcush of the Several Mootah-
& Shotundars & authorizing the
Collector to tender payment of
the Compensation due to the
Shotundars of Inaveram.

No. 945.
Sec'd

No. 68469.