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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 92 Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th March 1860, No. 1,144. :—

Read the following letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Trichendúr, 22nd February 1860, No. 61.

With reference to the Board's endorsement on petition No. 3,930 of 1859, I have the honor to submit the following report :—

2. Petitioners, Karanams of Sáttanéri and Casmajorpuram villages in the Tenkási táluq, complain, that in consequence of the jungle on the hill between the limits of the said villages having caught fire, a loss of Rupees 19-4 occurred to Government, which they were required to make good, on the plea that they, as Karanams, did not watch against the destruction of the jungle, whereas the village Munsif and others invested with police authority should have been properly held responsible. Petitioners pray, therefore, that the above amount may be recovered from those officers and refunded to them.

3. On the 18th of August 1858, the jungle alluded to by the petitioners having been in flames, the Tahsíldár, under instructions from the Húzur, enquired into the cause of it and made a report on the 21st idem, to the effect that one of the shepherds tending cattle on the slope of the hill, put a fire-brand into the jungle, which caused the bushes, and eventually the smaller kinds of trees, to be burnt.

4. The value of the trees destroyed was estimated at Rupees 19-4, and Mr. Mayne, who was then acting for me, being of opinion that the fire broke out owing to the negligance of the Karanams, (the petitioners,) he ordered the value of the trees to be recovered from them.

5. Besides a Mettu Peon, Karanams and Kávalgárs, Casmajorpuram has a village Munsif, who is also Mirásdár, but he was reported to have been sick at the time.

6. Sáttanéri has no village Munsif, but has the other servants mentioned above. None of these, however, have been visited with any punishment, and why Mr. Mayne selected the Karanams for punishment, is incomprehensible to me.

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Submitted to Government, with reference to their endorsement on petition No. 3,930 of 1859.

2. The late Acting Collector's Order of 1st September 1858, stated that the loss had clearly resulted from the carelessness of the petitioners and their disregard of orders, but it does no show how that carelessness had been evinced, and on re-consideration of the matter, the Board are disposed to think that petitioners were perhaps fined without sufficient reason. They, therefore, resolve to recommend that the Collector who has resumed charge of the district, be requested to revise the order complained of, and to dispose of the matter.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

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No. 93. ORDER THEREON, 28th March 1860, No. 478.

The Government authorize the Board of Revenue to issue orders in accordance with the views expressed in paragraph 2 of their Proceedings recorded above.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

No. 1144.

PROCEEDINGS of the BOARD of REVENUE, dated 6th March 1860.

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With reference to the Board's endorsement on petition No. 3930 of 1859, I have the honor to submit the following report.

2. Petitioners, Karnams of Sattanery and Casmajorpuram villages in the Tencausey taluk, complain, that in consequence of the jungle on the hill between the limits of the said villages having caught fire, a loss of Rupees 19-4 occurred to Government, which they were required to make good, on the plea that they, as Karnams, did not watch against the destruction of the jungle, whereas the village Munsif and others invested with police authority should have been properly held responsible. Petitioners pray, therefore, that the above amount may be recovered from those officers and refunded to them.

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4. The value of the trees destroyed was estimated at Rupees 19-4, and Mr. Mayne, who was then acting for me, being of opinion that the fire broke out owing to the negligence of the Karnams, (the petitioners,) he ordered the value of the trees to be recovered from them.

5. Besides a Mettu Peon, Karnams and Cavalgars, Casmajorpuram has a village Munsif, who is also Merasidar, but he was reported to have been sick at the time.

6. Sattanery has no village Munsif, but has the other servants mentioned above. None of these, however, have been visited with any punishment, and why Mr. Mayne selected the Karnams for punishment, is incomprehensible to me.

Submitted to Government, with reference to their endorsement on petition No. 3930 of 1859.

2. The late Acting Collector's order of 1st September 1858, stated that the loss had clearly resulted from the carelessness of the petitioners and their disregard of orders, but it does not show how that carelessness had been evinced, and on re-consideration of the matter, the Board are disposed to think that petitioners were perhaps fined without sufficient reason. They, therefore, resolve to recommend that the Collector who has resumed charge of the district, be requested to revise the order complained of, and to dispose of the matter.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Sub Secretary.

To

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

Copy to Collector of Tinnevelly.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No 478 - 28th March.

Submitting with the Board's recommendation a letter from the Coll^r of Tinnevelli reporting on Gov^t Petition No 3930 of 1859 praying that the amount of Rupees 19-4-= recovered from him on account of the value of trees destroyed by fire be refunded to him. —

No 478.

The Government authorize the Board of Revenue to issue orders in accordance with the views expressed in para 2 of their Proceedings recorded above

Fort St. Geo:
28th March 1860.

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