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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 473. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department, dated 14th November 1860, No. 1,481 :—

Concur generally in the views of the Agent to the Governor at Vizagapatam as to the future administration of the Jeypoor Zamíndári, and await the receipt of his further reports after he has visited the country.

(Vide Judicial Proceedings, 14th November 1860, Nos. 84—86.)

No. 474. ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1860, No. 2,254.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th October 1860, No. 4,746.

Read letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector and Agent to the Governor in Vizagapatam, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated 29th September 1860, No. 1,019.

1. In answer to the Order of the Board of Revenue, under date the 12th September 1860, No. 4,157, I now beg to forward herewith as full a report as I am able to give upon the character of the new Zemindar of Jeypoor, and of the prospect there is of improvement in the management of his Zemindari.

2. As regards the state of the Zemindari, the total absence of Police and the perpetual complaints of every description of injustice going unpunished, full information has been given by former Agents and the present state is, I fear, but little different from that so reported upon.

3. The accessibility of the country has, however, much altered, and in that respect Jeypoor town is now brought as near to the Head Quarters of the district as Goonoopoorum, the capital of the Pergunnahs under management. This has been brought about by the opening up of the road to Galikondah and Harris' valley; the town of Jeypoor is only about 53 miles from Harris' valley, and the road the whole way open and level—the dividing ridge of mountains has been quite surmounted at Harris' valley, and hence the once much dreaded difficulty of access to the Zemindari has been quite got over. I would engage to get to Jeypoor comfortably in three days, and, by making use of the hill bearers of the Guddaba tribe, and posting them on the road between Harris' valley and Jeypoor, get there from Vizagapatam in two nights. Distance, at any rate, need no longer be our bugbear and that the unhealthiness need also be no longer so, has been shown by the impunity with which Sibundies, myself and others went along the road from Harris' valley last February. May and June may be unhealthy, but not even then with precaution, but the four cold months and up to April, the climate is very fine. The old Zemindar and his two sons visited me at Pandrani, four miles from Harris' valley, in May last. I then saw enough of his imbecility to now conclude that his death must be a blessing to the Zemindari.

4. Of his two sons then with him, only one, the younger, could read or write, but they both appeared well grown intelligent lads. The eldest being perfectly uneducated and ignorant of any language but Ooriah is, at present, I should say, quite as incapable of managing his Zemindari as his father was, but wanting the father's deafness, his ignorance is not incurable.

5. Whenever I have been either at Galikondah or other place adjacent to the Jeypoor territory, numerous cases of murders or robberies have been brought to my knowledge, and as it was hopeless to appeal to this old Zemindar when at Pandrani, I did so to the eldest son. He promised to do his best. I also wrote on his late accession and reminded him of the state of the Police of his country, but have not yet received any report, and fear that the results are nothing. In fact it is almost impossible for a man ignorant of reading or writing, and of even talking the language spoken by half his subjects, to give justice. He must be in the hands of the designing people about him.

6. The Pergunnahs under management, both Revenue and Police, have been a great success. The revenues have risen from Rupees 45,000 to 73,000, and the peace of the district as undisturbed as that of any of the Taluqs in the plains. The Amin and head of Police, who resides at Goonoopoorum, is a most efficient person and from the way in which he puts down all robberies and other crimes, our Police system is becoming more and more respected every year. There is now a case of gang-robbery before me, where the robbers were traced to and the stolen property found upon them in the most distant villages of the Jeypoor district under the Goonoopoorum Amin, and bordering upon the Calahundy Zemindary of Nagpore; in fact, one or two of the robbers were taken in the Nagpore territory; the Police were ably assisted by the Singpore Mocassadar under Jeypoor, but if we had had no Police at Goonoopoorum, we should have had no respect shown to our warrants at either Singpore or Calahundy, nor would the chiefs of those districts have been either willing or able to assist us. I am sure that a Police, such as exists at Goonoopoorum, would be hailed with delight at Jeypoor and in the whole of the rest of the Zemindari. In establishing a Police I foresee no difficulty.

7. As the Board of Revenue ask what prospect there is of improvement in the management and as without a Police system there can be but little prospect of improvement, I have thus prefaced this report with an account of the management, &c., of portions of the Zemindari under our Police system and management.

8. I wish now to detail what I should advise for the future. The ignorance of the young Zemindar is quite a bar to his at once successfully managing his property. I have therefore summoned the Goonoopoorum Amin, and shall depute him to Jeypoor to assist the Zemindar in bringing the accounts of his estate into shape; in February next I shall myself proceed to Jeypoor by the Galikondah and Harris' valley road that Lieutenant Dobree commenced last working season and which Lieutenant Gordon of the Sibundies will complete this season.

9. In the meantime, under the Goonoopoorum Amin's instructions, it is to be hoped that the young Zemindar will have imbibed a good deal of Revenue knowledge, and with his authority, be able to assist the Amin to keep the peace.

10. I shall instruct the Amin to make no enquiries into past offences, and with present ones to do everything in the name of the Zemindar. This will break in the people to any more complete system of Police Government may hereafter think proper to establish.

11. I shall also arrange to have reports sent once a week from Jeypoor along the Galikondah new road, avoiding thereby the present round-about-way of receiving letters, viá Parvettipoor, and accustoming also people on the route to seeing Government despatches passing along, an undoubted means of civilizing them and a way of making them feel that they are not totally unknown to their rulers.

12. If the young Zemindar in February should appear to have made great strides in improvement, the Government might then consider the propriety of handing over to him the whole of his Zemindari.

13. If this latter were done, a Government Officer should certainly reside in Jeypoor and our Police system thoroughly introduced. This Officer should be permanently made an Assistant to the Agent and might settle both Criminal and Civil cases.

14. If approved of I beg to recommend to Government the propriety of carrying out the suggestions of Mr. Smollett as conveyed in his letter* of the 18th June 1855. If a European Officer of experience, such as Captain Owen, who was one of the parties named by Mr. Smollett, were sent, he ought to be relieved from his duties of Commandant of the Sibundies and made Senior Assistant to the Agent. His pay now is about 700 a month, but the Government would doubtless be willing to grant him something more, on consideration of his thus living away so far from all supplies and of the expenses he would be put to building, &c.

To Government.

15. Mr. Smollett recommended that all charges should be debited to the Zemindari, but as the Government bound itself by the permanent Cowle to keep up an efficient Police in Jeypoor, the charge can be only thus debited against the Zemindar on the score of the assistance rendered to him in a revenue point of view.

16. If thus detaching a European Officer is considered too expensive a project, I would suggest Narsing Row, the Goonoopoorum Amin, being made a 4th class Deputy Collector, and furnished with the powers of a Munsiff within the Zemindari, he would then as Deputy Collector be able to act either in a Magisterial or Revenue line and as Munsiff judicially.

17. At all events, I strongly recommend the above named Narsing Row being sent as a Police Officer, as without some such aid, I see no prospect of the Zemindari improving.

18. To show the Board of Revenue that the neighbouring Zemindaries of Buster, Calahundy, &c., are not only traversed by Europeans but comparatively civilized, I beg to send some printed copies of the reports to the Nagpore Government of Captain C. Elliot, the Deputy Commissioner of Raipore.

19. Captain Elliot also in a private communication to me lately received, stated that the disputes between the Buster and Jeypoor Zemindars had been so forcibly brought to the notice of the Supreme Government, that it has been determined to depute this year the Deputy Commissioner of Raipore and myself, or one of my Assistants to the frontier to settle on the spot the differences which are of long standing, and are likely to lead to bloodshed. An efficient Police at Jeypore will then be more than ever necessary to see that such orders as are decided upon be carried out.

20. For facility of reference, I beg to annex in the margin, the dates of some of the previous correspondence with the Government regarding Jeypore and its better administration.

From	*Government Extract Minutes Consultation,*				*2nd March*	1855.
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To	,,				*20th*	,,	1856.
From	,,	,,	,,	,,	*21st Oct.*	,,

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.

ABSTRACT.—Printed copies of the reports to the Nagpore Government of Captain C. Elliot the Deputy Commissioner of Raipore.

In Cons. 11th Sept. 1860, No. 4,542.

1. Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order, dated 10th ultimo, No. 1,554, R. D.

2. The Collector states that the young Zemindar is wholly uneducated, and the prospect of his successfully administering his estate is unpromising.

3. The administrative measures proposed by the Collector, do not fall within the Board's Province.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

To J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., Secretary to Governmnt, R. D.

ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1860, No. 1,481.

The Government concur generally in the views of the Agent as to the future administration of the Jeypoor Zemindary. They will await the receipt of his further reports after he has visited the country in the month of February next.

2. It is hoped that the Inspector General of Police will be able to proceed to the Vizagapatam district about the same time in view to the introduction there of the New Police arrangements, and he and the Agent will then advise Government on the course to be adopted permanently for the Police management of Jeypoor. Meanwhile the Agent must carry out through the Goonoopoorum Ameen such measures as may be immediately necessary for the maintenance of peace and good order in the country.

(True Extract)

Chief Secretary.

To the Government Agent, Vizagapatam.
,, Revenue Department,
,, Inspector General of Police.
,, Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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