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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 8th December 1860.

No. 130. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th November 1860, No. 5,215 :—

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Chittoor, 31st October 1860, No. 254.

SIR,

1. Adverting to their Proceedings, dated the 27th June 1860, No. 2,987, I have the honor to state for the information of the Board that, as explained in my letter of the 31st May 1860, No. 117, I directed a Panchâyat to be assembled for the purpose of arbitrating and settling the differences between Alamélu Lakshmi Ammál and the Darkhástdárs of the Miras lands of Milaviranam in the Wallaja Táluq. Chengalvaráya Mudali, who had been selected by Alamélu Lakshmi Ammál as her Vakíl in lieu of Wumayanáda Mudali, her first attorney, and Strínívása Chári who acted in the same capacity for the Darkhástdárs, having bound themselves on behalf of their respective clients to abide by the decision of the Panchâyat, that body proceeded to the investigation of the dispute. Taking into account the labor and capital expended by the Darkhástadárs in the lands in dispute, the Panchâyat have decided that Alamélu Lakshmi Ammál should be put in possession of them, but have adjudged her to pay 400* Rupees to the other party, as compensation for the outlay incurred by them in their improvement. This decision, which appears to me fair and equitable, was read out in my presence to the above-named Vakíls, who expressed their willingness to abide by its terms.

* *Rupees* 200 *for levelling the land.*
„ 13 *for the repair of* 4 *wells.*
„ 187 *for sinking* 4 *new wells.*
400

2. On the 9th instant, the Darkhastdars presented a petition to me praying for the immediate payment of the 400 Rupees to which they became entitled by the decision referred to, and I have accordingly issued orders to enforce its execution.

3. The petitions noted in the margin are herewith returned. Of these, the two last impugn the propriety of the Panchâyat's decision, but as they bear dates anterior to that of the petition praying me to enforce payment of the compensation awarded by the arbitrators, they may be considered as finally disposed of.

Board No. 1,537 } *of* 1859.
„ „ 1,818 }
„ „ 3,398 }
„ „ 2,585 }
Govt. „ 2,392 } *of* 1860.
Board „ 207 }

4. I regret to say that notwithstanding the most diligent search has been made, the missing petition alluded to in the concluding paragraph of my letter of the 31st May 1860, No 117, can no where be found ; but the entry in the register has been carefully examined by me, and I can see nothing about it which should raise any misgiving as to its genuineness.

5. As, however, this matter has after infinite trouble and an almost hopeless succession of obstacles, been brought to a settlement, Government will probably concur with me in thinking that no advantage would be gained by keeping it longer open, and decide to clinch it as it stands with their final orders.

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1. Ordered that the above letter be submitted to Government, with reference to their Proceedings, dated 9th January and 25th June 1860, Nos. 52 and 1,046, Revenue Department, respectively.

In Cons., 10*th January* 1860, *No.* 132.
„ 26*th June* 1860, *No.* 3,091.

2. The Panchâyat have decided that the lands obtained on Darkhást by Payakáris in the Miras village of Alamélu Lakshmi Ammál shall be made over to her on payment of Rupees 400, value of the improvements effected by the Darkhástdárs, and the Acting Collector recommends that the case be closed here.

3. The fact of Lakshmi Ammál having applied for the land appears to be supported by the entry in the Collector's Petition file, but whether the contents of the petition itself, which is not

forthcoming, are rightly described, or whether this was the petition mentioned by Mr. Whittingham in his letter of 31st March 1859, as objecting to the grant to the Ryots, cannot now be determined, nor do the Board see that any good end will be attained by keeping the matter open.

In Cons., 2nd April 1859, *No.* 1,431.

4. The Petitions Nos. 1,537, 1,818 and 3,398 of 1859, refer to a distinct matter, and will be returned to the Collector for the report required by the Board's Endorsement on the first-named petition.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 131.

ORDER THEREON, 8th December 1860, No. 2,351.

The matter at issue having been referred with the consent of the parties interested, to a Panchâyat who have passed a decision on it after due inquiry, the further interference of Government is unnecessary.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Pro: 10th January 1860 No. 104-105
" 25th June " " 281-282

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Pro: of Govt for December
No. 2563.

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 10th
Desp. 19 } November 1860
Rec. 20th }
Encs 23-0-0

No. 5215.

Submitting with the Board's remarks a letter from the Collector of North Arcot reporting the settlement by Punchayet of the differences between Ramalu Lukshmi Ammal and the Darkastdars of the Merasi lands of Melavirunamur in the Wallajah Taluq.

No. 2351. 8th December
With an Order

No. 130 & 131.

C. 27 Nov. R-11 Dec.

No. 2351

The matter at issue has been referred with the consent of the parties interested, to a Punchayet who have passed a decision on it after due enquiry, the further interference of Government is unnecessary.

Fort St. Geo.
8 Dec. 1860.

J. B.

Punchayat

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