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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	354	Press ~~Mis.~~
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No. 58. Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government; dated 11th February 1860, No. 195.

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the Collector of Bellary to the Board of Revenue, on the subject of fees paid by the weavers to Karanams which, by order* of Government, were directed to be discontinued everywhere. As the question of village establishments and the remuneration of the servants is now under my consideration, and as the fees paid by ráyats generally, will form a prominent item in the assets available for providing funds for the payment of these officials, I would submit to Government whether it would not be expedient to postpone carrying into effect the order for abolishing the fees payable by weavers to the village officers until I am able to report more fully on them.

* 1*st August* 1859, *No.* 103.

It will be observed that these fees are paid by weavers not only to the Karanams, but to the Potails and Talaiyáris also, and amount in Bellary district to about 12,000† Rupees. Similar fees under the head of Vartana are also levied from shopkeepers and others of the non-agricultural classes, and not only in Bellary but in Cuddapah, Kurnool, and most likely, in other districts; and have been authorized in some places by long-established custom, as in the Ceded Districts, and looked upon as part of the regular emoluments of office.

	Rs.
† *Karanams*	4,759
Potails same...	4,759
Talaiyáris (half)	2,370
	11,888

† 1*st August* 1859, *No.* 1037.

No. 59. ORDER THEREON, 6th March 1860, No. 354.

1. The Board of Revenue lately brought* to the notice of Government a case of a village (Chérála) in Guntoor, where a large sum was levied from the weavers, under the name of "Karanams' fees." In their order† disposing of the matter Government characterized the proceeding as "an abuse and extortion," and ordered that the practice of exacting such fees should be abolished wherever it was found.

* 16*th July* 1859, *No.* 2802.

† 1*st August* 1859, *No.* 1037.

2. With his present letter Mr. Pelly forwards one from the Collector of Bellary, from which it appears that in that district the collection of Rupees 4,759, formerly levied from the weavers by the Karanams, has been forbidden; that out of the 1,228 villages which have hitherto paid this sum, 1,102 villages possess sufficient emoluments for their Karanams, exclusive of the sum of Rupees 4,170 now to be discontinued; and that in the remaining 126 villages the emoluments, after deducting Rupees 589 hitherto paid by the weavers, are insufficient for their purpose, and will consequently have to be supplemented by that amount.

3. Mr. Pelly now proposes that "as the fees paid by ráyats generally, will form a pro-"minent item in the assets available for providing funds for the payment" of village servants, it is expedient to postpone carrying into effect the order quoted in paragraph 1 supra.

4. He also shows that in the District of Bellary not only the Karanams, but also the Potails and Talaiyáris are remunerated in the same way, the former receiving the same as the Karanams and the latter half as much, so that altogether the weavers pay a sum of 12,000 Rupees nearly. He adds that similar fees are levied in Cuddapah and Kurnool, and most likely in other districts.

	Rupees.
Karanams	4,759
Potails	4,759
Talaiyáris	2,370
	11,888

5. The Government are pleased at Mr. Pelly's request to direct that their order of 1st August 1859, No. 1037, shall remain in abeyance until the whole question of fees can be dealt with. The present decision will not however affect the case of Chérála on which the original order was penned.

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

No. 653.

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

Read letter from the Collector of Bellari, dated 22nd December 1859, No. 193, forwarding a statement of the Karanams, whose emoluments have to be supplemented in consequence of the abolition of weaver's fees.

(In Con. 24th December 1859, No. 6437.)

Resolved that copy of the above letter be transferred to Mr. Pelly for disposal, the revision of the salaries, &c., of the village establishments having been specially entrusted to him by Government.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Sub Secretary.

To
A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Collector of Bellari.
Copy to C. Pelly, Esq.

Exd. J. Wright.

In Con. 24th December 1859, No. 6437.

From A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Collector of BALLARI,

dated Alur, 22d December 1859, No. 193.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 3031, of 4th August 1859, I have the honor to report, that immediately on the receipt of the said Proceedings, the collection of the fees, viz., Rupees 4,759, from the weavers for the payment of the Karanams, in this district, was forbidden.

2. Enclosed is a detailed statement of the Karanams, whose emoluments have to be supplemented; which, in consequence of the abolition of the above practice, have fallen short of the remuneration, fixed for them by Colonel Munro; an abstract of which is as follows:—

	No. of villages.	Amount of fees paid by weavers.
Karanams whose emoluments, after deducting the weavers' fees, are sufficient....	1,102	4,170
Do. do. are insufficient.	126	589
Total fees paid by the weavers to the Karanams...	1,228	4,759

3. The subject of the Karanam's emoluments being supplemented by the said sum of 589 Rupees, will be noticed, more in detail, in my reply to a Circular from Mr. Pelly, No. 59, of 26th October 1859, regarding the revision of the village revenue establishment.

4. I beg to add, that the weavers in this district also pay the same amount of fees to the Potails, and half as much to the Talaiyaries, as they do to the Karanams.

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in R. 319.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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STATEMENT showing the particulars of the fees paid by the weavers to the Karanams, in the Ballari district.

Taluqs.	Karanams who receive fees from the weavers.		Of whom, those whose emoluments, after deducting the fees, are sufficient.		Those remaining, whose emoluments, after deducting the fees, are insufficient.						Remarks.
	Number of villages.	Amount of fees.	Number of villages.	Amount of fees.	Number of villages.	Amount of beriz including land revenue, and muhatarafa.	Remuneration as per scale fixed by Colonel Munro.	Amount of the inam and fees, called meara & vartana enjoyed by the karanams, after deducting the jodi or quit rent paid by them.	Of which the amount of fees, paid by the weavers.	Amount to be supplemented to the Karanams' emoluments, in consequence of the abolition of the weavers' fees.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1 Ballari	89	636	81	569	8	8,705	413	273	67	67	
2 Kampli	27	104	21	93	6	9,505	342	313	11	11	
3 Harpanhalli	58	114	47	64	11	24,643	976	613	50	50	
4 Kudligi	86	186	69	70	17	30,389	1,058	845	116	116	
5 Huvinhadagali ...	61	178	30	17	31	44,854	1,960	1,235	161	161	
6 Adoni	43	218	37	196	6	6,924	352	264	22	22	
7 Gulliam	60	143	60	143	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
8 Gutti	100	554	100	554	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
9 Yadaki	55	511	55	511	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
10 Rayadrug	104	274	101	267	3	1,908	132	117	7	7	
11 Tadapatri	66	427	36	297	30	36,723	1,919	1,556	130	130	
12 Anantapur	98	475	97	474	1	31	18	8	1	1	
13 Pengonda	83	290	83	290	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
14 Kodikonda	67	192	64	188	3	620	76	64	4	4	
15 Madakasira	82	87	79	80	3	4,930	218	175	7	7	
16 Dharmavaram ...	149	370	142	357	7	3,046	251	207	13	13	
Total.....	1,228	4,759	1,102	4,170	126	1,72,278	7,715	5,670	589	589	

BALLARI, 22nd December 1859.

(Signed) A. HATHAWAY, Collector.

Memo for Orders

1. The Board of Revenue [illegible] to
the 16th July 1859 No 2802 transmitted to the notice of Government a case
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large amount received from the cultivators
under the name of "Karanam fee":- In
their order dispensing of the matter Govern-
ment observed) the proceedings as
"an abuse and extortion" and ordered that
the practice of exacting such fees should
be abolished wherever it was found
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forwards one from the Collector of Bellary
from which it appears that in that dis-
trict the collection of Karanam fees
(which from the answer by the Karanams
to the enquiry of the Collector of Bellary
in 1858 village Karnams) [illegible] [illegible]
Legal which have hitherto paid this amount
1102 villages have entirely refused to pay
-ment for their services, & the remainder
the sum of Rupees 41,170 were to be
discontinued

discontinued; and that in the remaining 126 villages the emoluments, after deducting Rupees 589 hitherto paid to the weavers are insufficient for their purpose, and will consequently have to be supplemented by that amount.

3. Mr. Pelly now proposes that "as the fees paid by ryots generally, with" "form a prominent item in the assets avail" "able for providing funds for the payment" of village servants, it is expedient to postpone carrying into effect the order quoted in para 1 supra.

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	Rs.
Karanams	4739
Pátils	4739
Talayaris	2380
	11,888.

5. The Secretary to the Government of India, called for ex- planation on the abolition of the fees in the case referred to in para 1 supra the reply

† 20 Sept. 1854 No. 1886

of this Government is dated 15 October 1856. No 1416—

6. The Madras Government have recently issued an order on the subject of Village Officers fees—

Orders are requested

15 Feb.

15 Feb. 1860
No. 233—

I Went to see Mr Pelly read the order had letter to Keet in abeyance with the intelligence that fees is brought forward— Keep 2 years then petty measure keet tax decreased made when tax ceases for such for as this means shows they have to be asked to pay as usual— additionally this fees also for as to the authority to receive the fees