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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 105. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th April 1860, No. 1,744 :—

Read letter from the Collector of Chingleput, dated 10th March 1860, No. 73, requesting sanction for a sum of Rupees 5,233-6-10, the expense incurred from Faslis 1266 to 1268, on account of the Yénádis of Striharikotta.

(In Con. 12th March 1860, No. 1,128).

Resolved, that the above recorded letter be submitted for the Orders of Government, with the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, that the sum of Rupees 5,233-6-10 disbursed by the Collector of Chingleput in Faslis 1266, 1267 and 1268, for collecting the products of the Striharikotta jungles, may be sanctioned.

2. The mininum standard of remuneration fixed in the late Court's Despatch indicated in the margin,* to the Yénádis who are employed in the above work is two-thirds of the value of the produce collected, but owing, the Collector states, to the high price of paddy and cloths of which the remuneration partly consists (as explained in the Board's Proceedings to Government, No. 103, dated 9th January 1860), this proportion has been greatly exceeded† during the period for which sanction is now sought.

* No. 17, dated 30th July 1845, para. 9, in from Secretary to Government, R. D., No. 1,328, dated 14th November 1845, para. 5, in Con. 8th January 1846.

† For the three Faslis.

	R.	A.	P.
Value of products.....	5,623	4	4
Two-thirds of do.....	3,748	13	6
Actually disbursed.....	5,233	6	10
Excess.....	1,484	9	4

3. The Collector's attention is requested to paragraph 5 of the Board's Proceedings above alluded to, calling for a Report on the effects of the measures adopted for the reclamation of the Yénádis.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 106. ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1860, No. 866.

Para. 1. Under the circumstances stated by the Board of Revenue, the Government sanction the charge amounting to Rupees (5,233-6-10) Five thousand two hundred and thirty-three, Annas six, and Pice ten, incurred by the Collector of Chingleput during Faslis 1266, 1267 and 1268 on account of remuneration to the Yénádis for collecting the products of the Striharikotta jungles.

2. It appears to Government that the time has arrived for re-considering the existing arrangements respecting these people.

These Yénádis dwell in the Striharikotta jungles, and gain their living mainly by collecting honey and other wild produce, which is received from them by the Government. Up to a few years ago they were paid in kind only, viz., in paddy, tobacco, and cloth. In 1855, the Collector, under orders from the Board of Revenue, adopted the system of paying them partly in money, and at a more liberal rate, in the hope that the consequent intercourse with other classes would promote their civilization.

3. The introduction of this measure was stated by the Board of Revenue in 1857 to have been followed by a change in the habits of the tribe. They manifested a desire of sharing in the comforts enjoyed by their neighbours, and with that view some of them had undertaken the preparation of charcoal for the Canal Works, and others the felling of timber.

Proceedings Board of Revenue, 27th April 1857, No. 1,287, para. 5.

4. To promote these changes still further, it appears to Government desirable, that the Yénádis should be brought into more habitual communication with other classes; but this is hindered so long as they find a ready market within the jungle for the wild products which they collect. They have now been taught to value money, and to appreciate the advantages derivable from the use of rice for food and cloth for dress; and it is no longer necessary, therefore, that the Government should act as a middleman between them and the trader. And in the opinion of the Governor in Council this interference should now cease, for the advantage of the Yénádis not less than on general considerations.

5. It must also be noticed that the effect of the present system as respects the Government is far from satisfactory. The value paid for the articles brought by the Yénádis does not exceed two-thirds of their value, and yet the difference between the price so paid and the sum realized by the sale of the articles is no more than one-fifteenth of that sum. The time of many servants is taken up, and temptations to illicit and fraudulent proceedings are thrown in their way.

6. It appears to Government also that the present practice of providing a ready market for the jungle products collected tends to keep these people to that kind of wild and irregular life, and to deter them from more steady and regular industrial employments. And further, if as the Government believe the jungle in which they collect such products is that which under the present arrangements is all cut down in successive portions every eighth year, the field for the employment of their labor in the present method must now be greatly narrowed, as no part of the jungle can be more than eight years old, and half of it not more than four years.

7. The Government request that the Board of Revenue will consider the foregoing remarks, and in communication with the Collector, submit their opinion at an early date, on the course now proposed. It would be useful that either the Collector or the Sub-Collector of the District should visit the spot and make accurate inquiries and observations on the various matters above referred to, as well as on the management of the jungles under the Orders of Government of the 5th February 1857, No. 141, and the 9th June 1858, No. 789.

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

In Con 12th March 1860, No. 1128.

From C. J. SHUBRICK, Esq., Collector of CHINGLEPUT,
dated Saidapet, 10th March 1860, No. 73.

I have the honor to submit a statement of charges incurred on account of remuneration to the Yenadis of Striharicotta from Fasli 1266 to 1268, and request that the same may be passed by the Board to enable the Civil Auditor to admit them in his accounts, as he has lately called for authority for a portion of those charges, apparently in consequence of their exceeding the estimates of those Faslis. It will be seen from this statement, that the charges are in excess of ⅔rds of the value of the produce collected by the Yenadis; but this has arisen from the high price of paddy and cloths in the Faslis referred to.

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Statement shewing the charges incurred on account of remuneration to the Yenadis of Striharicotta for collecting jungle products.

Fasli.	Amount of value of the articles collected.	⅔rds of the value of the articles collected.	Disbursements.				Comparison between cols. 3 and 7.		Remarks.
			Value of paddy &c., distributed.	Value of cloths supplied.	Expense incurred in the cultivation of lands by the Yenadis.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1266 ..	2,010 8 9	1,340 5 10	1,124 9 9	510 14 0	37 1 3	1,672 9 0	332 3 2	... .	
1267...	1,526 4 2	1,017 8 0	1,036 11 8	603 0 0	31 8 4	1,671 4 0	653 12 0	... .	
1268...	2,086 7 5	1,390 15 8	1,190 11 0	680 4 0	18 10 10	1,889 9 10	498 10 2	... .	
Total.	5,623 4 4	3,748 13 6	3,352 0 5	1,794 2 0	87 4 5	5,233 6 10	1,484 9 4	... .	

Saidapet,
10th March 1860.

(Signed) C. J. SHUBRICK,
Collector.

Exd. J. Tuiloch.

Revenue Dept.

No 866

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 28th May 1860

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board of

Revenue.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Chingleput and recommending that the sum of Rs. 5,233-6-10 disbursed by him in Fasles 1266-1267 and 1268 for collecting the products of the Sriharikottah jungles be sanctioned.

(Here enter 11th April 1860 No 1744)

Fasli Sriharikotta

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Enclosure in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Government Revt Department dated 11th April 1860 No 1744.

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1 " Accountant General.
3 " Civil Auditor.

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Sanctioning the Charge incurred by the Collector of Chingleput during Fasties 1266 & 1267 on account of remmeration to the Village Officers, and remarking on the existing arrangements respecting these people.

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