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## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th May* 1861.

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In Cons. 11th June 1860.
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(A true Extract.)

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

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No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1861, No. 1,009.

Under the circumstances stated, and agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, the Governor in Council grants authority for reducing the Jódi of the Srotriyam village of Mardalam Mutaradi in the District of North Arcot, from Rupees 546 to Rupees 424; and also for writing off to "profit and loss" the balance of Rupees 121-13-10 outstanding against the village for Fasli 1269.

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

In Con. 24th December 1859, No. 6431.

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of NORTH ARCOT,
dated Chittur, 24th December 1859, No. 301.

On the 4th December 1858, Mr. Whittingham reported to the Board of Revenue, the attachment of the shrotriem village of Mardalam Mutavadi in the Sholingavaram Taluq for arrears of jodi due by the shrotriemdars for Faslies 1264, 1266 and 1267, and the appointment of an Amin to manage its affairs.

2. In their Proceedings of the 8th January last, No. 79, the Board drew the attention of the Collector to their Circular Order of the 28th October 1839, which prescribes the mode of procedure when the jodi of a shrotriem village falls into arrears, and pointed out that the course therein laid down should have been followed.

3. The circumstances, it may be urged, under which these arrears have accumulated, entitle the shrotriemdars to some consideration, as they claimed a large sum from Government in compensation for land taken up for the Railway.

Extract Proceedings Board of Revenue, dated 12th October 1858, No. 3,517.

4. The question, however, having been finally decided in communication with the Board, and a portion only of their claim been admitted, it appears notice was given to the shrotriemdars that unless they liquidated the arrears within five days, the shrotriem village would be permanently resumed. They, thereupon appear to have paid all the arrears up to Fasli 1267, excepting a sum of Rupees 421-15-0.—This balance represents the amount they claim as due to them from Government on account of village lands taken up for the Railway.

5. The extent of patikat land appropriated in that village for Railway purposes appears from the accounts submitted to this office by the Tahsildar to be Rupees 18-8-0, assessed at Rupees 105-7-9. The land was taken up in Fasli 1264, so that the accumulated assessment up to Fasli 1267 amounts to Rupees 421-15-0.

6. The jodi due for Fasli 1268 has also been paid up minus the assessment of the land taken up for the Railway, viz., Rupees 105-7-9 as above shown, thus increasing the arrears outstanding against the shrotriemdars to Rupees 543-12-10,* a sum which is equivalent to that due to them by the Government up to Fasli 1268.

* Note—Of this amount, Rupees 316-7-3 is included in the sum recommended to be written off in column 20 of the statement forwarded to the Board with my letter, dated 7th November 1859, No. 264.

7. I have the honor under these circumstances to request that the sanction of Government may be obtained to remit the balance outstanding against the shrotriemdars in my accounts, by crediting the amount to "land revenue," and debiting it to "compensation."

8. The jodi at present payable by the shrotriemdars is Rupees 516, from which, however, should be deducted the assessment of the patikat land taken up, and of the maniem land Cs. 3, as. 8, ch. 12, appropriated for the same purpose. The jodi will then be reduced to Rupees 424-2-2,* which sum I beg to recommend may be fixed as the jodi payable by the shrotriemdars from Fasli 1269.

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| Jodi | | Rs. | 516-0-0 |
| Deduct. | | | |
| Assessment of Patikat land | 105-7-9 | | |
| Do. of maniem land | 16-6-1 | | |
| | | | 121-13-10 |
| | | * | 424-2-2 |

Exd. J. Thomson.

No. 2821.

*Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th July* 1858.

Con. 26th July 1858. Read letter from Collector of North Arcot, dated 2d July 1858, reporting on Petition No. 1735 of 1858.

(Here enter No. 133.)

The Petitioners in this case seek to obtain compensation for certain land taken up for Railway pur-
s, on the alleged ground of their being the Meerassidars of the villages in which they are included,
ch villages were by their ancestors divided into 20 shares, and continue to be so held and enjoyed by
n, their descendants, up to the present time.

2. The Collector on the other hand had decided to pay the money to certain parties to whose
estors in A. D. 1744 the villages of the estimated annual value of Rupees 726-4 (Beriz) were
ated by the Nawab Anaverdy Khan, for charity, at an annual Jody or favorable rent of Rupees 423-8.

3. The grant was it appears confirmed by the Nawab Wallajah, whose purwana was produced at
time of the Registry of such villages, but no document was forthcoming to shew whether it was
editary or otherwise.

4. In the Pymaish accounts the Petitioners' names are entered as occupiers of the land in question.

5. The compensation money has not yet been disbursed, and the Collector proposes to await the
ard's orders as to the proper recipients.

6. Assuming that the facts of the case as above recorded are correct, the Board are of opinion
t both parties, viz. the Petitioners as hereditary occupiers, and cultivators of the land taken up, and
Shrotriumdars have a claim to compensation in some form, but that that of the former is for the larger
ount.

7. The grant of the land on Jody could in no degree affect the rights of the Meerasidars to the
d in their occupation and enjoyment, for it was merely an assignment to the Shotriumdar of the Govern-
nt right to collect the fixed land tax from the landholders with permission to retain himself a certain
rtion of that revenue. The proprietary right, strictly so called, was not and could not be assigned, for
long as they duly paid the State demand, that right was vested in the landholders, and of it they
nnot be deprived except by sale of their lands for default, in the mode prescribed by the Regulations.

8. The land taken up for the Railway is, it is presumed, rendered totally unfit for future culti-
tion or occupancy, and therefore in this instance, as in those where land is held directly under
overnment, the former tenants of the land are entitled to compensation, beyond the mere remission of
e land tax; which of course takes place in every similar instance.

9. But this remission of the land tax necessarily involves a diminution in the Shrotriumdar's
rofits under his grant, and a proportionate reduction should therefore be made in the amount of Jody
ayable by him, together with such additional compensation as the Collector may think equitable for
ss of advantages if any, that may have accrued in the course of years. It will be for the Collector to fix
his amount either himself or by arbitration; the Board will merely remark that in cases such as the pre-
nt, where the Government by their own act have created a supplemental interest by the grant of a
hrotrium, they must pay a higher aggregate amount of compensation when reclaiming the land for State
urposes, than where only one interest has to be bought.

(A true Extract.)

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

To

C. WHITTINGHAM, Esq., *Collector of North Arcot.*

In Cons. 24th January 1861, No. 466.

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of NORTH ARCOT,
dated Walajapet, 21st January 1861, No. 10.

I have the honor to submit the additional explanation called for in the Board's Proceedings, dated 29th March 1860, No. 1,586, respecting certain claims for compensation due for land taken up by the Railway in the shrotriem village of Maradalam Muttavadi, in Wallaja Taluq.

2. The principles laid down in the Board's Proceedings of the 26th July 1858, No. 2,821, have been observed in dealing with shrotriem land required for Railway purposes, the occupants receiving four or six years' assessment of the soil according as it was punja or nunja, and the shrotriemdars a permanent reduction in their jodi equivalent to the full assessment.

3. In the shrotriem village, of which there is now question, certain lands assessed in the aggregate at Rupees 105-7-9 were taken up in Fasli 1264, and to them was subsequently added in Fasli 1268 the piece of maniem ground alluded to in paragraph 6 of the Proceedings under reply, paying a tirwa of Rupees 16-6-1. These appropriations took place in both cases after the crops of the Faslis preceding those in which they were made had been harvested, and before agricultural operations had commenced afresh. Since Fasli 1264, the shrotriemdars have been paying, in lieu of the original jodi, the difference between it and the assessment of the lands occupied by the Railway. A sum of Rupees 665-10-8 (particulars as per margin) has thus accumulated against the shrotriemdars up to Fasli 1269, which shortly are remitted to them in full as they have made over to the Maniemdars an equivalent in land for the maniem plot appropriated in Fasli 1268.

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| | 665 | 10 | 8 |
| Sanctioned to be written off. | 316 | 7 | 3 |
| | 349 | 3 | 5 |
| Recommended do. for Faslis 1267 and 1268. | 227 | 5 | 7 |
| | 121 | 13 | 10 |

*Vide* Proceedings, dated 16th June 1860.

4. Of the above arrears, a sum of Rupees 316-7-3 was written off under the sanction of the Board noted in the margin, and the account adjusted up to Fasli 1266. A further remission of Rupees 227-5-7, due for Fasli 1267 and 1268, was recommended in the Jamabundi report for Fasli 1269. The balance, Rupees 121-13-10, I now solict permission to write off for Fasli 1269, as also authority to deduct this amount permanently from the jodi which will henceforward stand fixed at 424-2-2.

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| Former jodi..... ..... ... | 546 | 0 | 0 |
| Deduct ..... ..... | 121 | 13 | 10 |
| | 424 | 2 | 2 |

5. The compensation due to the cultivators amounts to Rupees 891-15-4 as shown in the margin. Of this sum, Mr. Whittingham disbursed Rupees 890-8-4 and remitted to the Head Assistant the balance, Rupees 1-7-0, for payment to a party who had failed to attend. The maniem inamdars received in compensation Rupees 65-8-4, being four years' assessment of the lands.

| | Rs. | A. | P. |
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| Four years' assessment... | 620 | 14 | 2 |
| Value of six wells..... | 271 | 1 | 2 |
| | 891 | 15 | 4 |

6. As the shrotriemdars derived no profits from the appropriated lands beyond the difference between their quit-rent and the rent paid to them by the cultivators, they obtain under this arrangement as full compensation as they can fairly claim.

7. As regards the difference pointed out in paragraph 7 of Board's Proceedings, I beg to state that although in the alienated register the jodi is entered as Rupees 423-8-0, the amount was raised in 1818 to 546 Rupees on the ground that the shrotriemdars had been relieved of their Menkavil or Police engagements, and thereby spared the cost of an establishment.

8. The compensation payment referred to in paragraph 8 is independent of the reduction of jodi now recommended, and has reference to the maniem claim which, as I have explained in paragraph 5 of this letter, has been intermediately disposed of and needs no further consideration.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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*Secretary.*

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

Copy to W. T. Blair, Esq., Sub-Collector in charge of North Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright.

Enclosure No. 2 in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Government, dated 11th April 1861 No. 1896.

R. D. Rs. 2 Ps.

Letter from the Acting Collector of North Arcot to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 21st January 1861 No. 10 regarding Land Revenue Remission

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Wm Cavendish

No 1009

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off the "Profit and Loss" Mardulam of
Rupees 121-13-10 and submitting grants
the village for Fasly 1269.

Forbes Geo
9th May 1861

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