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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd November 1861.

No. 229. Read the following letter from G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., Inám Commissioner, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Vellore, 19th September 1861, No. 57.

SIR,

1. In the District of South Arcot there are two Shrótriúm Villages, Tiruthorayúr and Víráperumánallúr, the exact tenure of which remains to be settled by Government.

Government to Board, 15th October 1813.

Valuation fixed at the time of grant being Rupees 4,283.

2. These villages were granted in Shrótriúm by the Madras Government in 1813 to Rámasámi Pillai, at an annual Jódj of Rupees 2,800, as a reward for services rendered under Governor Farquhar at Malacca and the Island of Mauritius. No Sanad was issued, nor were the exact terms of the grant, whether in perpetuity or otherwise, specified in the correspondence with the Collector of South Arcot.

3. The grantee applied for a Purváno, declaring the grant perpetual. The Board in forwarding the application, observed that it was not their intention "to advise* any revocation of the pledge which appears "to have been passed in favor of Rámasámi Pillai in "Government Secretary's letter of the 15th October 1813." The Government, remarking that without authority from the Court of Directors they feel precluded from making a perpetual grant of the Villages, intimated to the Board that they *would submit to the Honorable Court of Directors a recommendation in Rámasámi Pillai's favor*, his possession of the Villages not being disturbed in the meantime.

* Board to Government, 15th December 1814.

Government to Board, 3rd January 1815.

4. The Records of the South Arcot District fail to show whether the recommendation was made, and, if made, with what result.

5. In 1817 the grantee died. On the report of the Collector, the Board authorized him to continue the Villages to the heir of Rámasámi Pillai (should he make his appearance and claim them), pending the reference which had been made on the subject to the Court of Directors.

Board to Collector, 18th September 1817.

6. Accordingly Kesava Pillai, the nephew and adopted son of Rámasámi Pillai, succeeded to the enjoyment of the Shrótriums and still continues to be their holder. For a short time, the Villages were managed by the Court of Wards.

7. In 1824 in reply to a call from the Board of Revenue for drafts of Cowles to be issued to the holders of Shrótriums granted by the British Government, the Collector submitted two drafts for the Villages in question, one making the grant perpetual, the other limiting it for three lives. But neither of these were returned passed for delivery to the party.

Board to Collector, 10th June 1824, No. 75.

Collector to Board, 13th October 1824.

8. On a more recent occasion in 1858, on the application of the present incumbent for copy† of the Cowle conveying the grant of the Villages to him, the Board, with the permission of Government, furnished him with a transcript of the unsigned and unpassed draft conferring the Shrótrium for three lives.

† For production in a Civil suit.

9. It is thus pretty clear from the correspondence, the substance of which is conveyed in the preceding paragraphs, that the exact tenure of these Villages is still in abeyance, though the Government were in favor of making it perpetual. The correspondence‡ with Fort William, which preceded the grant of the Shrótrium by this Government, will in all probability set at rest the doubt as to the exact terms on which it was originally intended the grant should be

Vide paragraph 3.

‡ Alluded to in letter of Government to Board, 21st April 1812.

made. The pledge alluded to in the Board's communication to Government, dated 15th December 1814, does *not* apparently refer to the tenure of the Villages, but to the promised grant of the Shrótrium to the party.

10. Under these circumstances, I have the honor to solicit the instructions of Government, as to how the Shrótriums in question are to be dealt with in the present Settlement, that is to say, are they to be considered as permanent hereditary grants, or as terminable tenures granted for three lives only.

No. 230. ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1861, No. 2,202.

1. Copy of paragraph 119 of the Honorable Court's Revenue Despatch, dated 3rd September 1817, No. — will be furnished to Mr. Taylor. This shows clearly that the village of Víráperumánallúr and its dependencies were confirmed to the original grantee and his heirs *in perpetuity*.

"We approve, on the grounds stated in your Proceedings, of your having declined to "grant an abatement of the Jumma on the Shrótrium conferred in 1813 on Rámasámi. With "reference to your recommendation and to the testimony borne by Governor Farquhar to the "services of this person we consent, in this particular case, to the grant of the village of Veera-"permanellore and its dependencies being confirmed to him and his heirs in perpetuity, subject "to the annual rent of 800 Star Pagodas. Our acquiescence in this grant is not however to "be construed as a precedent for the future relaxation of the general instruction conveyed in "paragraph 115 of our Despatch from this Department, dated the 18th December 1811."

2. The foregoing extract was, it appears, communicated to the Board of Revenue, with Extract Minutes Consultation 17th March 1818.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Under date the 22d November 1861

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Respecting two Shotrium Villages in South Arcot.

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Letter from the Inam Commissioner regarding two Shotrium Villages Teruthorayur and Viraperumanallur in the District of South Arcot, with orders thereon.

No 229 & 230.