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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th August 1862.

No. 225. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th July 1862, No. 4,550 :—

Read the following letter from J. FRASER, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Bommasamudram, 19th March 1862, No. 58.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 5,942, on the subject of examination of Gosha female pensioners in this District, I have the honor to forward copies of Deputy Collector Mr. Locke's report on the matter, and its enclosures.

2. The invitation to all to present themselves for inspection at the Húzúr has been responded to by only 41 out of 166 individuals, and I do not think any more are now likely to come forward. The arrangement has resulted in a very general failure hitherto; but I recommend that the course resolved on be strictly adhered to, and that after the lapse of a reasonable further period, say six months, the pensions of all Gosha Yeomiahdars who have not made their appearance be declared to be forfeited.

3. Nothing short of periodical personal inspection of this class of pensioners can protect Government from frauds, and I therefore recommend the adoption of the above extreme measures.

4. In regard to the other three descriptions of Gosha pensioners,* though Mr. Locke states that no doubt has hitherto existed of the pensions being drawn by the parties to whom they are properly payable, I think the rule of periodical appearance before a competent female examiner should apply.

* Dehat Enamdars, Jaghirdars, Carnatic.

5. I think the inspection conducted by Miss Franz has been conducted with rather more care, particularly as regards measurement of height, than that by Mrs. Gomes, and I feel inclined to place confidence rather in the former than the latter. Of the nine parties, the discontinuance of whose pensions was recommended by Deputy Collector Narasimha Pantulu, and whose names have a small A in red ink prefixed to them in the list now sent, I recommend that Nos. $\frac{80}{367}$ $\frac{110}{571}$ $\frac{130}{352}$ $\frac{218}{442}$ be called on to produce satisfactory proofs of their identity within 6 months from this date, in consequence of the great differences between their height as entered in the Register of 1849, and as now ascertained; that pending production of this proof, payment of their pension be witheld. The measurements made by Narasimha Pantulu were taken with a bit of string, and are of course liable to error from unequal stretching of the material. Those taken by Miss Franz were with the Standard Rod in the Húzúr office.

6. In regard to the pensioner reported on by Captain Wilson, Chepauk Agent, I would recommend a course similar to the above being pursued.

7. I recommend that their pensions be continued at once to Nos. $\frac{78}{483}$ $\frac{79}{483}$ $\frac{170}{603}$ $\frac{217}{554}$ $\frac{134}{252}$, as I trust Miss Franz rather than Mrs. Gomes' inspection; the former seeming to have been the more careful one.

8. The other cases I have noted for immediate continuance.

9. In the list now sent, where there are three entries in the column of Indeliable marks, &c., the first is a copy of the Register; the 2nd of Mrs. Gomes' remarks as reported by M. Narasimha Pantulu; the third of Miss Franz (in red ink): where there are but two entries, they are copies of the Register and Miss Franz' remarks.

10. I consider the remuneration for Miss Franz recommended by Mr. Locke much too high, and that it will suffice if she receive for the duties just performed at the same rate as was sanctioned for Mrs. Gomes, viz., 2 Rupees a day and her expenses. For the future, I would recommend a fee of 8 Annas for each pensioner inspected.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From S. R. LOCKE, Esq., Deputy Collector of North Arcot, to J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, dated Chittoor, 29th January 1862, No. 15.

SIR,

Order of Government, dated 2nd May 1861, No. 979.
Memorandum from Collector, to Deputy Collector, dated 9th May 1861, No. 36.
Letter from do. to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th August 1861, No. 211.
Circular Order of Board, dated 30th October 1861, No. 5,942.

1. With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, relating to the examination of the female "Gosha" pensioners in this District, I have the honor to state that after considerable difficulty in securing the services of a trustworthy female, which I was able to do in August last only, immediate notice was given to the parties concerned of the arrangements made, pointing out to them that their scruples and prejudices would be respected under that arrangement, and inviting them to appear for muster, but I regret to say that the invitation has not been responded to so cheerfully and generally as I expected. At the risk of even of incurring the charge of dilatoriness, I extended the original date fixed for their appearance up to the very latest period possible, but without any better success, and I therefore beg to submit the following report of what has been done in this matter.

2. Of the different classes of female pensioners who receive their stipends from this treasury only 41 male (?) have appeared for muster as detailed in the margin. Of these it may be as well to mention at once that no doubt has ever existed regarding the 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes, but they have nevertheless appeared, and their Muster Rolls transmitted herewith support, as you will observe, the descriptions recorded of them in our Registers. Of the 25 Yeomiahdars, nine have already been examined by the Deputy Collector M. Narasimha Pantulu through the agency of Mrs. Gomes, and cast by him for the reasons recorded in his Memorandum, and abstracted by me into the Muster Register herewith forwarded immediately under the office Descriptive Roll. The remaining 16 were always considered *bonâ fide* cases, and I see no reason to question their integrity now.

1. Yeomiahdars	25
2. Dehat Enamdars	13
3. Jaghire	2
4. Carnatic	1
Total	41

3. The plan I adopted for the examination of these females was the following :—A detached room in the Kacheri compound having been set apart for their accommodation, Miss Franz there examined each one separately, making her own notes of each case (which I hold in original and shall be glad to forward if you require them), and measuring each woman with the *Rod* used for this purpose in this office. Miss Franz' notes are copied verbatim into the Muster Registers in red ink, and I think it right to mention they are entirely her own without any help from me, or reference to the Registers which during the examination were kept under lock and key.

4. As far as I can judge from Narasimha Puntulu's Memorandum, his chief reasons for rejecting the cases he has done, are difference in regard to the ages of the parties examined as compared with the Registers. What measures Narasimha Pantulu adopted for ascertaining the former, I have not the means of knowing. I cannot even ascertain how the heights were determined when they were originally registered, but from all I can gather, the work seems to have been done in a very loose and slovenly manner. I am afraid I must say that our Registers are not trustworthy in this respect. A case in point has recently occurred which confirms this opinion. A female Yeomiahdar residing in Madras applies to me by Arzee, to be allowed to be examined by the female employed under the Government Agency, Chepauk. I made the necessary application to Captain Wilson, whose reply* states that she is the identical party, except as regards her height which is 4 feet $8\frac{3}{4}$ inches instead of 4 feet 3 inches as registered in our office. it is absurd to suppose that she could have grown $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches since her Registry, as she was then 83 *years* of age. Miss Franz' measurements may, I think, be depended on ; at all events they are the office measurements, and some good cause must be shown for any deviation therefrom at any future time. As regards the ages however of the stipendiaries, a difficulty exists which I find myself unable to explain away

* True copy enclosed.

satisfactorily. Admitting that our Registers are faulty to some extent on this respect too, and making every allowance for the ignorance of natives generally in the subject of age, so wide an antagonism of opinion exists between Mrs. Gomes (Narasimha Pantulu's agent) and Miss Franz on the same point that I hardly know how to decide. Miss Franz however assured me that she has recorded her opinions conscientiously, and only after a close and minute examination of the parties, and I feel bound to accept her statements. My opinion of the cases now sent up is that they are genuine, and if we only keep up the work of examination, at the least say twice in the year, and extend the examination to all classes of Gosha women, Mohamedan or Hindoo, I feel that this is the only and surest method to avoid the perpetration of similar frauds to those recently brought to light in this District.

5. Miss Franz has, in my opinion, conducted the present examination with so much circumspection and intelligence, and as she understands the language spoken in the District (Tamil, Telugu and Hindustani, the first of which she can also read and write), I beg to recommend that she be entertained as a permanent examiner of Gosha women in this District on a fixed monthly salary : how much this shall be, Government will no doubt be better able to determine ; but if I might venture an opinion, scarcely less than 25 Rupees per mensem would I think suffice, considering her position and circumstances, and the responsibility attached to the trust, and for the examinations which Miss Franz has just concluded, I beg to recommend that she be awarded with a gratuity of 41 Rupees, being at the rate of 1 Rupee for every female actually examined by her. In addition to the enclosures already named in this report, I beg to send also M. Narasimha Pantulu's Memorandum of the examinations held by him.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. FRASER, *Acting Collector.*

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—List of female Yeomiahdars who have appeared for muster.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

ABSTRACT.—List of Carnatic pensioners (Gosha women).

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

ABSTRACT.—List of mustered female Jaghire pensioners (Gosha women).

ENCLOSURE No. 5.

ABSTRACT.—List of mustered female Dehat Inámdars in the District.

1. Ordered that the foregoing letter and its enclosures be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government, with reference to their Proceedings, dated 31st August 1860, No. 1,481, and paragraph 2 of their further Proceedings, dated 2nd May 1861, No. 979.

2. The circumstance of extensive frauds having been discovered in the North Arcot District in connection with the pensions of Gosha female Yeomiahdars, which was fully reported by the Collector in his letter, dated 21st July 1860, No. 52, was brought under the notice of Government in the Board's Proceedings of the 7th August 1860, No. 3,638, with their recommendation for the discontinuance of the pensions of all those who had been directly concerned, or had aided and abetted, in thus defrauding the Government, and the witholding of the stipends of those women whom there was good reason to suspect were dead, until such persons, in common with all other Gosha pensioners, came forward and proved their identity within three months after issue of proclamation to such effect. The investigation which brought these

frauds to light was held by Deputy Collector Narsimha Puntulu, and the agency employed for the personal examination of the female Yeomiahdars was an East Indian woman of the name of Gomes. The Government passed orders in their Proceedings of the 31st August 1860, No. 1,481. They sanctioned the recommendations of the Board, with certain modifications, and desired that all the Gosha pensioners in the District should be examined by a trust-worthy female, and compared with their Registers; authority being granted for the employment of Mrs. Gomes, or any other suitable person, on the above duty under the Collector's orders, at the same rate of remuneration as was then approved in the case of Mrs. Gomes, viz., 2 Rupees a day and her travelling expenses.

3. From the report of the Acting Collector above recorded, and from that of his Deputy Mr. S. R. Locke, it appears that only 41* Gosha women out of 116 receiving pension in North Arcot, presented themselves for examination, notwithstanding that great care and caution were taken to arrange for the inspection, without violating the scruples or prejudices of the parties concerned, and that the original date was extended by the Deputy Collector in order to ensure as much as possible the success of the measure. The examination was on this occasion conducted by a Miss Franz, whose trustworthiness and intelligence are highly estimated by the Deputy Collector, as well as by the Collector himself; and the results are recorded in four statements corresponding with the class of persons examined, viz., Yeomiahdars, Dehat Inámdars, Jaghire, and Carnatic pensioners. Nine of the first class (Yeomiahdars) were rejected by Deputy Collector Narsimha Puntulu on Mrs. Gomes' examination; but on the result of the present examination by Miss Franz, Mr. Fraser recommends the continuance of their pensions to the five individuals named in the margin, and suggests that the remaining four (also noted in the margin) be called on to produce satisfactory proof of their identity within six months, a similar course being pursued in the case of the female Yeomiahdar reported on by the Government Agent at Chepauk, referred to in paragraph 4 of Mr. Deputy Collector Locke's letter. The Board support the recommendation of the Collector, as much doubt is thrown on the case of the last mentioned parties by the rigid examination instituted by Miss Franz, while her inspection is favorable to the identity of the first five. The chief points of difference between the present and former examination are in the ascertained height of the parties inspected, but as a string measured in the former, and a Standard Rod in the latter, it is evident that the latter examination must be the more trustworthy of the two. The remaining Yeomiahs in the list are recommended by the Collector for continuance; and the Board see no reason to question the propriety of the recommendation, though they remark that in three cases, there are differences in height between Miss Franz' examination and the Register, of 6 inches, 7 inches, and 9 inches in Nos. $\frac{185}{91}$, $\frac{26}{56}$, $\frac{131}{132}$ respectively. The sixteen other cases entered in the remaining three Statements, viz., Dehat Inám, Jaghire, and Carnatic, are considered clear of suspicion, and the pensions are accordingly recommended for continnauce.

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* Yeomiahdars	25
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Carnatic	1
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Continuance of Pension recomended.

No.	Names.	Amount per annum. Rs.	A.	P.
78 / 483	Hussain Beebee	27	10	6
79 / 484	Amina Beebee	27	10	6
170 / 634	Shumshoo Beebee	21	0	0
217 / 351	Besaib Beebee, alias Bejaum	23	4	4
131 / 452	Kyroom Saiba	7	7	0

Proof of Identity to be called for.

No.	Names.	Amount per annum. Rs.	A.	P.
89	Royhemar Beebee	44	4	0
577	Saram Beebee	177	0	0
119 / 571	Khanum Shah	35	6	4
213 / 142	Abeeb Sahiba	88	8	0

4. Both the Deputy Collector and Collector, as already observed, commend Miss Franz for the great circumspection and intelligence with which she conducted her examination, but they differ as to the remuneration to be awarded to her. Mr. Locke recommends a gratuity of 41 Rupees, being at the rate of a Rupee for every pensioner examined; Mr. Fraser considers this rate too high, and states that it will be sufficient if she be allowed the same remuneration as that sanctioned for Mrs. Gomes, viz., 2 Rupees a day and her expenses. Mr. Fraser does not however mention the total amount he would thus recommend to be passed to Miss Franz; neither

is it any where stated how many days she was employed. The Board see no reason to recommend any higher rate of remuneration than that already sanctioned by Government for the purpose, in paragraph 9 of their Proceedings, 31st August 1860, No. 1,481, which in the present case they presume would amount to less than 41 Rupees, as Mr. Fraser objects to that sum as being too large. The Collector will be called on to report the exact amount to be passed to Miss Franz, but in the mean time the Board recommend that remuneration be made to her at the authorized rate, not exceeding 41 Rupees in all, except under the special sanction of Government to be afterwards applied for if necessary.

5. The experiment of personally examining the Gosha Yeomiahdars by the agency of a trustworthy female may, to a certain extent, be said to have proved a failure; but considering the great facilities for fraud afforded by the nature of this class of pensions, and the frauds on the State, that have been discovered in this District, the Board of Revenue agree with Mr. Fraser that the course resolved on should be maintained, and that after the lapse of a reasonable period as six months, the pensions of all Gosha Yeomiahdars who fail to present themselves for examination, after being duly warned of the consequences, shall be declared forfeited. This course will be in accordance with the wishes of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, who, in his Despatch communicated with the Proceedings of Government, dated 2nd May 1861, No. 979, suggested for consideration whether it was not even necessary to "cancel the exemption hitherto "granted to females, whose rank or caste precludes them from appearing in public, and to require "them to attend in person from time to time to receive their pensions from the Collector, or "some other Officer deputed by him for that purpose." This course, in the opinion of the Board, would be tantamount to withdrawing the pensions of such women at once; but there can be no objection, for the protection of the interests of the State, to their undergoing an examination at the hands of one of their own sex; and if they object to so reasonable a measure, they will have only themselves to blame for the consequences of their recusancy.

6. Some portion of the present failure must be attributed to the fact that the Gosha Yeomiahdars were summoned to head quarters. Mr. Robinson, the Collector, accounted for the adoption of this arrangement in paragraph 3 of his letter, dated 24th August 1861, No. 211, copy of which will now be laid before Government, by alleging the additional expense, delay, and inconvenience, that would ensue from any other from the fact of these pensioners' residences being scattered and uncertain; but it must be remembered on the other hand that much inconvenience and expense will be entailed on the pensioners, some of whom are very aged and feeble, by compelling them to repair to one place from long distances, and it will be better therefore, in the Board's opinion, notwithstanding the additional delay and expense, to fix upon different and convenient points in the District, at which the pensioners may be required to muster. As the travelling charges of the Inspectors will be defrayed by the State, she will have no good reason to object to the plan.

7. The Board are not prepared without more cause shown, to recommend the present extension of this plan to any other District.

8. It involves much that is objectionable on general grounds, and so inquisitorial and distasteful a measure should be avoided until shown to be indispensably necessary.

9. The Board would merely draw the attention of all Collectors to the subject, and desire them to state whether they see grounds for suspecting that Government is defrauded in the matter of pensions to Gosha females, and to state the reasons for their belief and the remedy they would propose.

(True Copies and Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 226. ORDER THEREON, 18th August 1862, No. 1,750.

1. In these Proceedings the Board of Revenue report the result of the examination of the Gosha pensioners in the District of North Arcot by a trustworthy female appointed agreeably to paragraph 9 of the Order of Government dated 31st August 1860, No. 1,481.

2. Of the 166 females drawing pension in that District no more than 41 appeared. Nine of these were rejected as suspicious by Deputy Collector Narasimha Pantulu, under whose instructions a similar examination was conducted in 1860, but the present examination which the Acting Collector states was more carefully made and is therefore trustworthy relieves five* of them from suspicion and the continuance of their pensions is authorized as recommended. The remaining four† the Collector and the Board propose should be required to produce proof of their identity within six months in consequence of great differences between their height as entered in the Register of 1849 and as now ascertained. The same is to be required of a female Yeomiahdar reported by the Government Agent at Chepauk to be 4 feet 8¾ inches in height, which according to the Register ought to have been 4 feet 3 inches, as she was at the time of registry 83 years of age and could not have since grown 5¾ inches. These proposals are approved and the pensions of the parties should be withheld pending the production of the proof required. The payment of the pensions of the remaining females who have been examined should of course be continued. Mr. Fraser will however satisfy himself by all possible means that there is no question whatever of the identity of the individuals,‡ the differences in whose heights are noticed by the Board in paragraph 3 of their Proceedings.

* No. | Names. | Amount per annum. RS. | A. | P.

78 / 188	Hussain Beebee	27	10	6
79 / 188	Amina Beebee	27	10	6
179 / 603	Shumshoo Beebee	21	0	0
217 / 234	Besaib Beebee, alias Begaum	23	4	4
124 / 232	Kyroom Saiba	7	7	0

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80 / 567	Royhemar Beebee	44	4	0
141 / 147	Saram Beebee	177	0	0
139 / 153	Khanum Shah	35	6	4
215 / 413	Abeeb Sahiba	83	8	0

‡ Nos. 188, 79, 80, & 139, 153.

3. Agreeably to the recommendation of the Board in paragraph 4 the Governor in Council sanctions the payment of remuneration to Miss Franz, the individual employed to examine the female pensioners, at 2 Rupees a day with her expenses, not exceeding in all Rupees (41) forty one.

4. The Governor in Council fully agrees with the Board in the remarks made by them in paragraph 5 of their Proceedings as to the necessity of insisting on all the female pensioners, who have not as yet done so, to appear for examination to be made by one of their own sex, and he therefore resolves that after the expiration of six months from the date of the promulgation of this order in the District the pensions of all Gosha Yeomiahdars, who fail to present themselves for examination, shall be forfeited. The Collector will give this order the widest possible publicity, and if practicable he will serve a separate notice on each of the females. The Board's suggestion that the pensioners be required to appear for muster at different and convenient places in the District previously fixed upon is a good one and should be adopted.

5. The Board state (paragraphs 7 to 9), apparently with reference to paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Order of Government dated 2nd May 1861, No. 979, that they are not prepared without more cause shown to recommend the present extension of this plan of examining female Yeomiahdars to any other District, and that they will merely draw the attention of the Collectors to the subject and desire them to state whether they see grounds for suspecting that Government is defrauded in the matter of pensions to Gosha females and to state the reasons for their belief and the remedy they would propose. The Board will submit to Government the result of the enquiries which they propose to institute.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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No. 5,942.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 30th October 1861.

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Collector of North, Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Chittoor, 24th August 1861, No. 211:—

1. I have the honor, with reference to the orders of Government, dated 2nd May last, No. 979, to report that in consequence of the great difficulty in finding a suitable female willing to undertake the task of inspecting Gosha pensioners, and comparing them with their registers, no steps could be taken up to the receipt of those Proceedings towards giving effect in this District to the orders of Government.

2. Since receipt of the orders immediately under acknowledgment, the services of Miss Fransz, an intelligent and highly respectable East Indian female, have fortunately been secured, and a Notification has been published throughout the District inviting all Gosha female Yeomiahdars and Dehot Inamdars to report themselves at head quarters, on or before the 31st proximo, for the purpose of undergoing examination.

3. It was at first proposed that these Gosha women should be mustered at different points in the District, but their places of residence are so scattered and uncertain, and the arrangement itself was so distasteful to Miss Fransz, and likely to be attended with so much additional expense, delay, and inconvenience, that the idea was abandoned in favor of a general invitation to head quarters. Separate accommodation will be provided, and the examination be conducted with the strictest privacy and delicacy. More I think these pensioners cannot claim, and I am in hopes that when I come to communicate the result of the arrangement to the Board, I may be able to report that the invitation has on the whole been cheerfully and generally responded to.

The Board will await the receipt of the further report promised in the foregoing letter, which the Collector is requested to submit without unnecessary delay.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To J. D. Robinson, Esq., Collector of North Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright.

Revenue Department

No. 1750.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 18th Augt. 1862.

Read the following Pro:
of the Board of Revenue

Submitting a letter with its enclosures, from the Acting Collector of North Arcot, on the subject of examination of Gosha female Pensioners inamdars, with the Board's remarks on the subject and their recommendation for remuneration to Miss Franz for her service in the examination. — (Here enter 15th July 1862 No. 4550.)

In these Proceedings the Board of Revenue report the result of the examination of the Gosha pensioners in the District of North Arcot by a trustworthy female ~~inspector~~ agreeably to para 9 of the Order of Govt. dated 31st August 1860, No. 1481.

2 Of the 166 females drawing pension in that District no more than 41 appeared. Nine of these were rejected as suspicious by Deputy Collector Narasimha Pantulu under whose instructions a similar examination was conducted in

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Enclosure to Board's Proceedings
dated 15th July 1862 No. 4550.

1861 Department.

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No. 5,942.

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This may certainly be paid with safety

x Nos 185/91, 26/96 & 125/252

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Bd of Rev
Civil Engineer
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Examination of Gosha female Yeomiahdars

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Passing orders on Bds Pro: reporting results of the examination of Gosha or Pardonees in North Arcot.

No 225 & 226.