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No. 179. Read the following letter from G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., Inam Commissioner, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Vellore, 19th December 1861, No. 72:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit for the orders of Government the circumstances of three

	No. of villages.
Areagounden.....	14
Kurambagounden.....	42
Shadayagounden.....	40

Hill Estates situated within the Kallakúrchí Tálúq of the District of South Arcot, belonging to the Poligars named in the margin, and comprising ninety-six Hill Villages with their dependent hamlets. These Estates do not appear to

have come under consideration during the general resumption of the Poligars' lands made in this District in Fasli 1216, probably in consequence of their being situated in the then subsisting Jágghír of Sankarapúram. After the reversion of the Jágghír in Fasli 1229, enquiry was made on one or two occasions, into the condition of the Hill Villages, but no decision was arrived at, nor was any report made to the Board of Revenue.

2. The Hill Villages were never surveyed nor have they a place in the Collector's accounts, and there are no Sanads or other documents in the possession of the Poligars from which information regarding their tenure can be obtained. There seems to be no doubt, however, that they were acquired in connection with the Káveli offices of the Poligars, and they constitute in fact their Mukhásas, or villages given for their personal subsistence. Areagounden held no Káveli under this Government, but he has paid, ever since the days of the Náwáb, a small Nazzar or Peshkash of Rupees 37-5-2, which was probably imposed in consequence of his holding no office. Both the other Poligars, who hold their villages rent free, had Kávelis in the Government Tálúqs, but with the abolition of their offices in Fasli 1216, their lands and fees were resumed and money pensions were conferred on them. Kurambagounden, however, continues to enjoy Kável Maniems in the villages of the resumed Jágghír, though he has long ceased to render any services for them.

3. The Mukhása villages enjoyed by the former District Revenue and Police Officers partook of the nature of personal grants, while the Maniems and fees were more properly regarded as the emoluments of the office. The former were accordingly in several instances continued to the family, when the office was abolished, though the other emoluments attached to it were discontinued. Acting on this view, the similar tenures found in

* Order of Government, dated 25th October 1860, No. 1,951, paragraph 5.

Nellore have, under the sanction* of Government, been treated as personal grants in the present settlement, and enfranchised

on a quit-rent equal to one-eighth of their value; and, with the approval of Government, I propose to adopt a similar course in regard to the villages under notice, which appear to have been held by the families of the Poligars from very remote times. The value of the villages will be carefully ascertained in communication with the Collector, and in the case of Areagounden the quit-rent to be imposed will be in addition to his present Peshkash.

4. From the accompanying Memorandum of the assets and expenditure of one of these Poligars, taken from a statement furnished by him to the Collector, it will be seen that a very large portion of the income of these Poligars is expended for various religious purposes and for the maintenance of a large personal establishment. I propose, however, to take no note of these alienations, and to impose the quit-rent upon the full value of the villages, leaving it to the Poligars to make such retrenchment in their expenditure as they may find expedient.

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5. There is another village, called Uruamangur, situated in the plains belonging to the Poligar Katcho Royen. This village is entered in the Collector's account as an Izára village, owing perhaps to the circumstances of its bearing a Peshkash which has been paid from the days of the former Governments; but its tenure is similar to that of the other Poligars' villages above described, and I propose to enfranchise it at one-eighth of its value in addition to present Peshkash.

6. This Poligar as well as Kurambagounden above referred to, enjoys Káveli Maniems in the villages of the resumed Jághir of Sankrapúram, which are either fixed in extent or form a proportion of the Government lands annually cultivated by Ryots. These Maniems as being more properly the emolument attached to the abolished Káveli offices will, in both instances, be enfranchised on a quit-rent equal to one-half of their value, and the fluctuating Maniems, which consist of an annually varying per centage of, and proportionate to the Ayan cultivation, will be further commuted into a fixed extent of land with reference to the average cultivation of the last five or ten years.

7. There are three small rent free Hill Villages in the Salem Collectorate which, I believe, to be of similar origin, and which are referred to in paragraph 23 of my Instructions for that District. One of them, as therein mentioned, recently came under the notice of Government on the occurrence of a lapse, and was continued on half assessment. This seems to have been imposed on account of the defective title of the present holder, rather than in consideration of any defect in the tenure of the village, which did not then specially come under enquiry. In fixing the half assessment a considerable portion of the lands of the village alienated to persons and charitable institutions were excluded, which will be now treated as separate grants. I propose to enfranchise this village upon the assessment already fixed by Government and to treat the remaining two villages in precisely the same manner as the similar villages in South Arcot.

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A Memorandum showing the assets and expenditure of Kurambagounden Hill in Kullakúrchí Taluq, South Arcot District, 1862.

Particulars.	Amount.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
<i>Receipts.</i>						
Total amount of the collections from the villages attached to the hill...	1,288	4	2			
Toll paid on firewood and jungle wood cut by people from the plains.	35	0	0			
Kódálivari or toll paid on the axe by the hill trs for cutting bamboos, &c., for sale	15	0	0			
Rent from fruit trees...	35	0	0			
Grazing tax on cattle and sheep from the plains grazing in the jungles attached to the hills...	12	0	0			
Uluppavari or presents in kind given to the Poligar by the hill people on the occasion of Sankarándi or Pongal...	60	0	0	1,445	4	2
<i>Expenses.</i>						
To the Pagoda of Varadarju Perúmal of Pakkanam...	57	4	0			
Do. of Kalia Ramár of Valakuli...	18	0	0			
Do. of Pullikonda Ramár of Annalúr	45	0	0			
Do. of Arnáchelesvarar of Parukanjéri	40	0	0			
Do. of Unnamalé Ammen of Jekkampat	15	0	0			
Do. of Dropadi Ammen of Pallaru	11	8	0			
Do. of Kalia Perumal of Jumbai...	17	8	0			
Do. of Sembiammen of Jumbai...	51	4	0			
Do. of Kúmarasékkara of Peláppuridu...	45	12	0			
Do. of Sólé Ammen of Védúr...	45	8	0			
Do. of Sólé Malé Ammen of Junadú	25	8	0			
Do. of Mari Ammen of Palaippattú	15	0	0			
Do. of Sembi Ammen of do.	10	8	0			
Do. of Dharmparaja of Kallipat...	21	0	0			
To the Abkishakan ceremony expenses of the ab Pagoda met from the Pongal receipts	30	0	0			
	448	12	0			
<i>Establishment charges.</i>						
To 2 Vakils per year	120	0	0			
" 1 Samprati do.	60	0	0			
" 1 Sardow do.	30	0	0			
" 1 Karvari do.	24	0	0			
" 1 Kadúkavalmaniam or jungle watch	12	0	0			
" 1 Nattúmaniam per year...	12	0	0			
" 1 Arasur do.	9	0	0			
" 1 Tandalkar or Money collector do.	6	0	0			
" 1 Adhikari or Superintendent do.	24	0	0			
" 7 Peons do.	144	0	0			
" 1 Mashalchi do.	12	0	0			
" 2 Watermen do.	24	0	0			
" 2 Servants do.	24	0	0			
" 6 Palanquin bearers do.	54	0	0			
" 6 Bhirudukar or ensign bearers do.	36	0	0			
" 2 Nattú Toties do.	18	0	0			
" 2 Servants of flower garden of Arnachelésvarásvámi. of Tirúnamalé...	42	0	0			
" 1 Servant of do. of Paliapat	9	0	0			
	660	0	0			
				1,108	12	0
Remaining to the Poligar.....				336	8	2

(Signed) G. N. TAYLOR,
Indm Commissioner.

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ORDER THEREON 10th April 1862, No. 806.

The Commission proposals are approved.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

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