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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 904 — Press Mis.

367. 368

Dated 28—4, 1862.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 28th April 1862.

No. 367. Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Agent to the Governor, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vizagapatam, 13th March 1862, No. 178:—

SIR,

1. Referring to the order of Government, dated 28th February 1862, No. 446, paragraph 2, I have the honor to state, that as yet I have taken no measures to prevent the exactions therein noticed.

2. I had intended, as the Government are aware, visiting Jeypore in the early part of this year, to introduce the new Police. I intended simultaneously to put a stop to all road collections both in Jeypore and Paurich-penalty. As I did not accept the excuses of the Zamindars for their collections, and was of opinion that no real protection was ever afforded to travellers, or any repairs to the passes ever made by the Zamindars making these collections, I was afraid, however, that in the event of the Zamindars persisting therein, redress would be difficult to obtain until the complete organization of the new Police, and as in the hilly portions of this district that has not been accomplished yet, I did not, as above stated, proceed in the matter.

Vide to Board 11th September 1861, No. 973.

Order of Government, 18th October 1861, No. 2,008.

3. On the subject of the tolls levied on the Bunjarries carrying Salt, Mr. Forbes addressed me a letter, dated the 12th ultimo, and I was on the eve of addressing the Government, through the Board of Revenue, for permission to at once abolish them in the district of Goonoopurum, where we have Police, and where these collections are largely made, when the Proceedings of Government now under acknowledgment reached me.

4. In 1845 the question of these tolls was discussed, and the Board were pleased to recommend that so long as there were no complaints by the Bunjarries, the collections might be allowed to continue on account of the alleged protection afforded by the Zamindars, and this order the Government approved of under date the 25th October 1845, No. 1,230.

Vide Revenue Board's Circular Orders, Vol. I, pages 475 and 476.

5. It will now be some six months before the District Superintendent of Police is prepared to take over the Jeypore Hill Talugs, and as any further delay in the abolishment of the taxes might seriously affect the Salt Revenue in general, I request the opinion of Government as to whether I am to abolish all road taxes throughout the District, or only those in Goonoopurum; and if the former is decided upon, I beg they will cancel the orders of 1845 above referred to.

6. It appears that thirteen collections were not included in the assets of any of the Hill Zamindaris, and are therefore illegal; but as the Zamindar of Jeypore granted a sum of 5,000 Rupees last year to be expended on the opening out of the new road viâ Galikondah to Sirpiguel, the Government might allow him compensation to that amount, as although his road collections amount to 13,000 Rupees a year, only grant of his of 5,000 Rupees was given upon the implied permission given to him in the order of 1845, that he should be allowed to continue the collections on the score of the protection he afforded to travellers, &c., &c.

No. 368. ORDER (Revenue), 28th April 1862, No. 904.

The Governments having recently had before them complaints against the Zamindar of Jeypore for levying tolls on Salt conveyed from the Ganjam District, called upon the Agent in Vizagapatam to report what steps had been taken to prevent these exactions agreeably to the order of Government, dated 18th October 1861, No. 2,008. The letter above recorded is Mr. Fane's reply.

28th February 1862, No. 446.

2. Mr. Pycroft states that the Zamindars are not exempted upon the order of Government alluded to, as the new Police have not yet taken charge of the Jeypore Hill Talugs, and are not likely to do so for six months more. But as the Salt Revenue is likely to be seriously affected in the meanwhile, he requests the orders of Government as to whether he is to abolish all road taxes throughout the District, or only in Goonoopurum, where a Police establishment is maintained. Mr. Fane

requests also that the orders of 1845, sanctioning the levy of tolls under notice by the Zamíndárs, may be cancelled.

3. The Government have carefully considered the subject, and they see no reason to suffer the continuance of the levy of the toll by the Zamíndárs. Their order dated 25th October 1845 sanctioned the collection of the toll because the Brinjaries were stated "to pay it willingly as a "sort of compensation for the expense to which the Zamíndár is subjected in keeping down the "jungle in different passes, and in posting guards to protect the Brinjaries from the attacks of "robbers and wild beasts." Again when the subject came under notice in 1859, the Board of Revenue recommended that the levy of the duties may be tolerated "until by opening "out roads, and establishing an efficient Police, its existence "becomes unnecessary," and the order of Government was "that matters be allowed to remain *for the present* as they are now." The state of things is now completely altered. The Brinjaries themselves object to the payment of the tax; the Agent states that no real protection was ever afforded to travellers, nor any repairs to the passes ever made by the Zamíndárs in return for these taxes, which it is observed are not included in the assets of the Zamíndáris. The Government have undertaken* the opening up of the Jeypore country, and have sanctioned† the establishment therein of an efficient Police.

Proceedings dated 4th August 1859, No. 3,011.

Political Order, dated 30th August 1859, No. 516.

* Public Works Order, dated 19th November 1861, No. 2,145.
Do. 6th February 1862, No. 161.

† Judicial Order, dated 28th June 1861, No. 893.

4. Under these circumstances the Government resolve to authorize the Agent immediately to abolish the road taxes throughout the District. The Inspector General of Police will be requested (through the Judicial Department) to introduce the new Police into these Hill Zamíndáris as soon as possible, in order that due protection may be afforded to travellers.

5. Under the circumstances stated in paragraph 6 of Mr. Fane's letter, dated 13th March 1862, No. 178, the Government authorize the re-payment to the Zamíndár of Jeypore of the sum of Rupees 5,000 paid by him in 1860, for the formation of the road to Jeypore viâ Gali-konda. Orders will be issued from the Public Works Department as to the source from which the money is to be paid.

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

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" 18 — — 167 — 232 } 233
— 28 February 162 — 567 } 588
— 12 March 162 — 287 } 287

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From
The Agent to the Govt
Vizagapatam
To
The Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort St. George

Dated 13 March
Rec'd 21st } 1862

No. 178 dated 28 April

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1859

[illegible] Superintendent of Police
Madras — dated 25th [illegible]
Calcutta forwarding for information
Collector of Vizagapatam the
Petition of Kotla Lakshmanna
Pleader Vizagapatam praying
for the grant of a certificate
of authority to act as
Vakeel in the Courts of
Vizagapatam and stating
that he has been
duly admitted as a Pleader
of the Court of Sudder
Adawlut at Madras
and has practised
as such for upwards
of three years
and that he has
been recommended
by the Judges of
the Court of Sudder
Adawlut at Madras
for the grant of
a certificate
and requesting
that the same
may be
granted
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as a Pleader of the

efficient police, & maintain
peace & quiet throughout the
Island & the persons & property
of the inhabitants thereof. The
Governor will be assisted in carrying
out these duties by the Police Force
as they are now constituted. The
State of Discipline is now considerably
altered. The Magistrates complain
of the Law, the Police complain
that the Law is altered almost
every week & the Public
suffer from the inefficient Police

Published Ordin. of 30th August 1859 No 318.

the Court to authorize the Governor immediately to abolish the road Levies throughout the district. The Inspector of Police will be requested (through the Judicial Department) to introduce the new Police into these Settlements as soon as possible in order that protection may be afforded to travellers.

Ingulo expenditure for Malabby & Pamunkeen should not be much more than last year

For Police. 10m

The Court do not think that the Governor should be allowed to place a reserve of the Revenue taken from the Customs Revenue of the Province during the formation of the Road to Egypoor i.e. 1860. The Governor has been authorized to borrow £2000 Rds

The Court do not

Orders for receipts
received fully accorded to
Revd and cause of season-
-ably object to the demand
made in question being
suspended therefrom for
their ultimate purpose.
The Govt were informed that this course
involved the suspension
of his right to continue
levying tolls & decline
to perform such pay-
ments —

[signature]

Under these circ-
-umstances the Ld in
favor of Mr Steuart's letter
dated 13th March 1862
Rs 178 the Govt authoriz-
-ized the expenditure
to the Executive of
Jeypore of the sum of
Rs 6000 paid by him
in 1860 for the forma-
-tion of the road to
Jeypore via Salikon-
-da — Orders will be
issued from the Pub-
-lic Works Department as
to the source from
which the money is to
be paid —

1 to
To the Govt Agent Vizagapatam —
3 " Judicial Dept " 25
1 " M. M. Dept "
5 " Political Dept "
1 " Board of Rev "
3 " Accountant Genl "

29-12-10

Exactions by the Zamindar of Lanjundanjeu &c of Vizagapatam.

Revenue 1862 Dep.t
Pro.s of Govt. for April.

No. 904.

Pro.s of the Madras Govt.
Dd 28th April 1862

Pro.s of the Ind.r Dep.tt. Dd
11 July 1862 & enc.d 2006 Lr.

Passing orders on a letter from the Agent to the Govr. Vizagapatam on the road taxes in the Seypoor Hill Talugs and the levying, by the Seypoor Zamindar, of Toll on Salt as well as the refunding of 5,000 Rs. paid by him in 1860 for the formation of the road to Jeypore Via Golikonda.

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" 18 " /61 " 232-233.
" 28 February /62 No. 567-568.
" 12 March /62 No. 200-201.