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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th September 1862, No. 6,178.

Read again letter from the Collector of Bellary, dated 11th November 1861, and 12th July 1862, Nos. 197 and 107.

(In Cons. 18th November 1861 and 17th July 1862, Nos. 7,303 and 4,450.)

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated 3rd September 1862, No. 138 :—

I have the honor to return, with English translations, the enclosures of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 5,021, dated 1st ultimo, as directed therein ; and to state that as there is no one in the office who is well acquainted with Persian, the contents of the documents which are in that language, were ascertained from private individuals.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—English translations of the documents which accompanied the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 5,021 of the 1st ultimo.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Persian documents which accompanied the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 5,021 of the 1st ultimo.

1. The Board are of opinion that the case of the Petta at Kuntal is the only one in which the parties are entitled to any compensation for loss of income by the abolition of the Moturpha, as in that case the item of revenue had been expressly granted to the family, while in all the other cases it has been collected without any authority.

2. In this case the compensation proposed by the Collector amounts to Rupees 1,020 per annum, being somewhat below the average of the collections on a long series of years, and the Board resolve to recommend to Government that this be sanctioned.

3. The Collector will be requested to report whether the compensation can be made in the form of a remission of revenue now paid by the family to Government, or by a grant of land as Inám, or should a money payment be necessary, to what extent provision has been made in his Budget for this purpose. In the event of a money payment being necessary the Board would recommend a present payment in commutation of the annual allowance.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th May 1863, No. 2,625.

Read again letter dated 17th March 1863, in Board's Proceedings, No. 1,972, dated 1st April 1863.

Read also the following letter from the Acting Collector of Bellary, dated 16th April 1863, No. 62 :—

I have the honor, with reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1,972 of the 1st instant, to state, that no revenue is at present paid to Government by the parties therein referred to, nor are they willing to accept land as Inám in lieu of the annual allowance of Rupees 1,020.

1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted to Government in continuation of the Board's Proceedings dated 10th September 1862, No. 6,178.

2. The Board see no necessity to award compensation by payment of twenty years' purchase of the average Moturpha income. They consider that payment of a sum, which at 12 per cent. would produce the same income, would afford substantial compensation to the individuals who can certainly obtain that rate for the money. The Board therefore recommend that payment of Rupees 8,500 be sanctioned.

3. The Collector's Budget for 1863-64 contains provision to the extent of Rupees 1,020, or one year's income on this account. The balance must be provided from some other source.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1863, No. 1,342.

1. The Government sanction the annual grant of Rupees 1,020, as compensation for loss by the abolition of the Mohturfa. If the parties prefer it, a "lump" payment of Rupees 8,500 may be made in lieu.

2. The Government concur with the Board in rejecting the claims of the other applicants mentioned by the Collector.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Exd. S. T. Augustin.