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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd September 1863.*

No. 32. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd August 1863,
No. 4,841 :—

Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to W. HUDLE-
STON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 15th July 1863, No. 221.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings of the 10th instant, and call the attention of the Board to the orders of Government of the 9th April 1861.*
2. The Board call for detailed information "to allow of orders being issued for compensating the holders of alienated Russums," with individual details to test the proposals that may be submitted to them. In the Order of Government of April 1861, the compensation of the alienees was entrusted to Mr. Taylor. It has probably been taken up; and if the Board wish me to submit a detailed and individual report for their orders also, I have the honor to suggest for the Board's consideration whether I had better not get a list from the Inám Department of the recognized alienees, as the independent action of two Departments in the same matter cannot otherwise, in my opinion, but be productive of confusion.
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3. In paragraph 15 of their Revenue Order dated 25th October 1860, No. 11,951, on the Inám Commissioner's Report on the Inám tenures of Nellore, the Government desired that the alienated fees should be dealt with in the same manner as the alienated Kavul Ináms in South Arcot, which were disposed of by the Collector under certain rules; and this order also was communicated to the Board of Revenue and to the Collector.
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8. Mr. Dykes will ascertain exactly and report how the case stands in the Inám Department. Had he done so in the first instance, much correspondence and loss of time might have been spared.

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 3rd September 1863, No. 1,615.

Government await the report which the Board of Revenue have called upon Mr. Dykes to submit after enquiry in the Inám Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 3,912A.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 26th June 1863.

Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 25th April 1863, No. 117:—

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 3,674, under date the 11th July 1861, communicating the Orders of Government No. 1,361 of the 8th idem, I have the honor to submit herewith a Statement showing the Demand Collection and Balance of the fees of the Urtawar and Chittetwar Poligars for the last four years.

2. The amount of fees varies in different years, in consequence of their being generally dependant on the Ryotwar revenue. They are charged at so much the Rupee; but in some instances, a gross amount is charged which does not fluctuate with the Land Revenue.

3. The fees of both Poligars have been hitherto credited partly to the Peshkush due by the Poligars, partly to the salaries of the Peons maintained to guard the District Treasuries, &c., and now dispensed with on the introduction of the new Police.

4. If the quit-rent on the Poliputs has been revised, as contemplated in the Order of Government under acknowledgment, the lands in the Poliputs are the proper source from which to meet the demand under this head, and no necessity will longer exist for crediting to Peshkush the fees under consideration, which are collected from a number of villages scattered all over the south of the District, and a source of annoyance to the Ryots. The introduction of the new Police has rendered the retention of these fees equally unnecessary as regards the purpose for which originally imposed; and under these circumstances, I have the honor to recommend that the Urtawar and Chittetwar fees be carried to the credit of Government, as soon as the revised quit-rent has been fixed by the Inam Commissioner, and that they be finally merged in the general demand on the introduction of the Survey settlement.

5. In addition to meeting the cost of District Police Guards and the Peshkush, the fees have been used in many cases to supplement the village watch, where no provision existed or what Inam there was, was insufficient; and in other instances they have been given for religious and charitable purposes. Should it be desired, a statement shall be drawn up of these latter payments; but I see no reason for recognizing such unauthorized alienations, and in respect to the extent to which the village watch is dependant on these fees, when the general resumption is carried out, it will be a simple matter to give land instead.

6. I regret that from a misconception there has been so much delay in submitting this report.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Demand Collection and Balance of Chittetwar and Urtawar in the District of Nellore up to 31st March 1863.

1. In paragraph 8 of their Order in the Judicial Department, dated 28th June 1860, No. 807, communicated to the Collector by the Board on 13th July 1860, with Government Order dated 10th idem, No. 1,135, Revenue Department, the Government ordered that the quit-rent on the Nellore Poligar's Mukhasa villages should be revised, and that the fees hitherto levied on their account by the village Police should be resumed. The Collector was ordered to submit an early report on the subject.

2. In their Proceedings dated 25th October 1860, No. 1,951, Revenue Department, the Government disposed of the question as regarded the revision of the quit-rent, and directed (paragraph 15), with reference to the Order for the resumption of the Fees, that alienations of these Russooms by the Poligars, should be dealt with in the same manner as were the alienations of Inams by Kavilkars in South Arcot, viz., by individual grantees receiving a life allowance equal to their past average receipts, and by Pagodas to which the Russooms had been alienated, being compensated for their resumption by payment of a sum equal to five years' income.

3. This Order was communicated to the Collector on 30th October 1860, in Board's Proceedings No. 4,996.

4. It was again confirmed in Government Order dated 9th April 1861, No. 790, Revenue Department, communicated to the Collector by the Board under date 10th idem.

5. On 29th idem, the Collector requested to know whether any report was still required from him, and his letter being referred to Government Order, dated 8th July 1861, No. 1,361, Revenue Department. Government, he was informed that a report on the resumption of the Poligars' fees was still required.

6. It is with reference to this last Order that the Collector, after an unexplained delay of nearly two years, submits his present imperfect report, on the fees appertaining to two only of the Poligars of which there would seem to be seven in the Government Taluks, and to all of which the Government Order must certainly apply. See Government Order of 20th October 1860. the Government servants, on which point information should have been given.

7. Mr. Dykes states that if the quit-rent on the Mukhasa Villages or Poliputs has been revised as ordered, it is no longer necessary to credit the collections of the Fees partly on that account, these collections being made by the Government Officers on account of the Poligars.

8. The revision of the quit-rent was entrusted to the Inam Commissioner, and it was Mr. Dykes's business to ascertain what had been done in the matter before addressing the Board on the subject.

9. He will please to do this at once, and to bring forward such definite proposals with detailed information as the Board may be able to submit to Government.

10. As regards the alienated fees, Mr. Dykes states, that he sees no reason for recognizing them, and expresses his opinion that, so far as the village watch is dependant on the fees, it would be preferable to commute them for land.

11. Both these questions having been already decided by Government. Mr. Dykes' opinion was uncalled for, and should not have been offered.

12. More definite information should be submitted in his reply, as to the principle on which the Fees are in each case assessed.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To J. W. B. Dykes, Esq., Collector of Nellore.

Ed. J. Wright.

Making remarks on the imperfect report submitted by the Collector on the Poligars' fees, as well as on the great delay, and requesting more definite information on the subject at once for submission to Government.

No. 3,912.

Recd 26th June 1863.

Despatched

Received

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

No.

1863.

Department

Received by the Board of Revenue
of the Secretary to Government
on 3rd August 1863
No. 4841.

No. 4,229.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 10th July 1863.

Following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd July 1863, No. 210:—

have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings of the 26th capitulating the orders passed during the last three years in respect to the Polliputs of et, and, in observing that there is an unexplained delay of two years on my part in carrying orders, directing me to submit a more detailed report for all the Polliputs, instead of the principles on which the fees in each case are assessed, after ascertaining from the commissioner what he has done in respect to the quit-rents.

The Board observe it was "my business" to ascertain what the Inam Commissioner had he matter of the quit-rent, the revision of which had been entrusted to him, before g them in the letter of the 25th April last on which these Proceedings are held.

In the Judicial Department the Government observed, 28th June 1860, that in the Department orders would be passed for the revision of the quit-rent on the Poligars' Mukhasa villages and the resumption of their fees* on the introduction paragraph 8 of the new Police; and in the Revenue Department on the 10th July 33, paragraph 1. the Board was accordingly ordered†, in the first instance, to take immediate steps for the revision of the quit-rent and the resumption of the fees; on which order the endorsement to me was "Forwarded to the Collector of Nellore for early report."

Subsequently, orders were passed by Government in respect to the operations of the commissioner, which were communicated to me, making over the revision of the quit-rent Chittetiwar and Urtawar Polliputs to the Inam Department, and on my asking whether these circumstances any report was called for from this office, I was informed, it was as to imputation of the fees.

I received this order on the 14th July 1861, and when the Board stated that I had replied order after an unexplained delay of nearly two years, they apparently overlooked paragraph 6 letter of the 25th April last. I there explained that from a misconception there had been h delay in submitting the report, and the misconception was that it, would be necessary to visit d, which other business from time to time prevented my carrying into execution; and found that this was not necessary, and did report, looking at the last order, I further o error and reported only for Chittetiwar and Urtawar, as these were the only Polliputs by the Government in the said Order.

In making this report which should have been made for all the Polliputs, I felt some as to what I was to report on. The order of the Board of 1860, to which I was referred in was "Forwarded to the Collector for early report;" and when this order was issued in the instance, the previous year, the meaning was intelligible enough. The quit-rent was to be d, and lowered. But when it was only the fees that remained to be disposed of, and they een finally ordered by Government to be resumed, it was difficult to see what report was for, save that the order of Government had been obeyed and the fees resumed. That I was into "the principles" on which these, as good as defunct items of taxation had been originally fixed,* I certainly never thought was required of me; and if the report were to be as to the Orders of Government having been carried out, then it is even now premature, for the resumption is conditional on evision of the Peshkush which has not yet been communicated to this Department.

7. I was equally unaware that it was any part of my duty, before I addressed the Board, to call on the Inam Commissioner to inform me what he has done in respect to the revision of the quit-rent, and should be obliged by the Board informing me where, in the Proceedings and Orders under reference, I shall find that this was "my business."

8. Whilst, in conclusion, I beg to express my regret that I should have failed to observe that in ordering the resumption of the fees the Government had disposed of alienations; I had overlooked the orders on this point, when I gave the opinion that has elicited the censure of the Board in the 11th paragraph.

1. The Collector will be informed that what is required of him is a full and detailed report on the alienations of the Russooms, with individual details, to allow of distinct orders being issued for carrying out the arrangement approved by Government for compensating those to whom the Russooms were alienated, in the manner expressed in paragraph 15 of the Government Order dated 25th October 1860, No. 1,951, Revenue Department.

2. To test the proposals which may be submitted to them for the compensation, it is evident that the Board and Government need an exact statement of the principles on which the Russooms were calculated, even though the items of taxation be as good as defunct, as the Collector expresses it. The Board trust no more time will be lost in disposing of this matter. On paragraph 7 of the present letter from Mr. Dykes, the Board need only remark that the resumption of the fees, that is, their collection on behalf of Government instead of on behalf of the Poligars or their alienees was ordered to be carried out simultaneously with the revision of the Peshkush assessed on the Poliputs, the fees collected on behalf of the Poligars having hitherto been credited to their Peshkush account as so much payment made to Government.

3. Under these circumstances Mr. Dykes' request to be informed where in the Orders of Government it is stated to be his business to ascertain whether the Peshkush or quit-rent has been revised by the Inam Commissioner or not is certainly unexpected.

4. The Board request him to consider whose business it was, if not his, as Collector of the District, to ascertain whether or not the time has come for directing that collections made by his subordinates, and hitherto credited to a private account, should be credited to Government.

(A true Copy and Extract)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To J. W. B. Dykes, Esq., Collector of Nellore.

Erd. J. Wright.

Intimating that what is required of him in connection with the revision of quit-rent on Poliputs in the District, is a detailed report on the alienations of Russooms.

No. 4,229.

Received

Despatched

Dated 10th July 1863.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

No.

1863.

Department.

Enclosure No. 2 in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Government P.O. dated 3rd August 1863 - J.W.B.D.

No. 4,841.

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[Signature]
Secretary.

To J. W. B. Dykes, Esq., Collector of Nellore.

Copy to J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.,

with Board's Proceedings dated 26th June and 10th July 1863, Nos. 3,912 and 4,229.

W. T. Blair, Esq., Acting Inam Commissioner.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Govt await the report

The Board of Revs have called upon

Mr. Dykes to submit after enquiry

in the Inam Dept.

For Mr. George

3rd Sept 1863

10 July/60 No 102-103
25 July/61 - 4-400-401
8 July/64 - 4-113-114
9 April/65 - 4-134-135

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Rev 1863. Department.
Office of the Secretary

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
No 1846.

Dated 3rd August 1863.
No 4841.

Observing that the Board are by no means satisfied that it was the intention of Government that the question of the alienated fees should be disposed of by the Inam Commissioner, and requesting the Collector to ascertain exactly and report how the case stands in the Inam Department.

No. 4841.

W-1015-3841

With an order.