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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 114. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th October 1863, No. 6,821:—

Read again letter from the Acting Collector of the Godavery District, No. 155, dated 19th, in Cons. 26th June 1863, Board No. 3,992, reporting on the distribution of food at Choultries under the management of Government in his District.

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, No. 238, dated 5th, in Cons. 13th August 1863, Board No. 5,225.

In reply to the Board's Proceedings No. 4,129, dated the 7th ultimo, I have the honor to forward an Abstract Statement of the income and expenditure of the Choultries of Peddapur and Wontimamidi. The income is derived from Ináms only.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.
STATEMENT showing the income and expenditure of the Choultries at Peddapur and Wontimamidi.

STATEMENT showing the income and expenditure of the Choultry at Peddapur.												
Where the Choultry is situated.	Where the Ináms are situated.	Extent of land.	Fuslies.	Income.		Expenditure.				Balance.		Remarks.
				Rs.	A. P.	For food, &c.	Salaries.	Total.	Rs.	A. P.		
1. Peddapur. ...	1. Peddapur. ...	A. C.	1269	2,020	0 0	1,325	15 7	1,481	15 7	538	0 5	The surplus in the expenses of the Wontimamidi Choultry has been defrayed from the income of the Choultry at Peddapur.
				2,200	0 0	1,586	5 1	1,728	9 5	471	6 7	
				2,330	0 0	1,550	8 1	1,806	9 1	523	7 11	
				2,575	0 0	1,483	8 4	1,656	8 4	918	7 8	
				Total..	9,125	0 0	6,043	5 1	6,673	9 5	2,451	
2. Wontimamidi.	1. Pontulapudi..		Average.	2,281	4 0	1,510	13 3	1,668	6 4	612	13 8	
				1,150	0 0	1,206	0 1	1,374	0 1	...	...	
				1,200	0 0	1,387	11 11	1,547	11 11	...	...	
				1,270	0 0	1,166	6 7	1,286	6 7	...	...	
				1,271	0 0	1,452	5 9	1,615	11 11	...	...	
			Total...	4,810	0 0	5,212	8 4	5,823	14 6	...	...	
				1,202	8 0	1,032	2 1	1,435	15 7	...	...	
				Average.	1,202	8 0	1,032	2 1	1,435	15 7	...	

(Signed) H. MORRIS, Acting Collector.

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Cocanada, 5th August 1863.

- Ordered that the foregoing communications be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government, with reference to paragraph 8 of the Government Order, dated 27th May 1862, No. 1,179.
- It appears that there are two Government Choultries in the Godavery District, one at Peddapur and the other at Wontimamidi. The average annual income and expenditure of each institution is shown below:—

	Ináms where situated.	Extent of land.	Income.	Expenditure.			Balance.
				Cost of food, &c.	Salaries.	Total.	
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Choultry at Peddapur.	Peddapur..... Pulimeru..... Kandrakota...	511 42	2,281	1,510	157	1,667	Surplus. 614
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The excess of charges over receipts in the one Choultry has been met from the surplus in the other.

3. Both Choultries were founded by former Zemindars of Peddapur, one of whom in A. D. 1829 made a grant of land for the maintenance of a Choultry in the Town of Peddapur; and since the assumption of the Estate, the charity has been under the charge of Government; but as the object of the endowment was the supply of cooked rice to travellers, the Acting Collector does not recommend any change in this respect.

4. Mr. Morris however reports that, besides the above accommodation for travellers, daily distribution of rice and curry stuff is made at the cost of the Choultry funds to four individuals resident in the place. Two of these persons hold Puttahs from former Zemindars to their families, and the other two are it is stated paupers. In addition to these payments a monthly allowance of Rupees 4 is paid to Nalami Checkravartulu Venkata Rangacharu. This allowance was conferred by a former Zemindar on the original grantee, for conducting the worship of certain images formerly kept in the house of the Zemindar, but since removed to the house of the grantee. The allowance was continued to the present holder under orders passed by the Collector in 1858, but as he holds no Puttah, and is not in indigent circumstances, Mr. Morris would, discontinue it. He also proposes to discontinue the supply of food which is given at the Choultry to Brahmin boys from the neighbouring villages, as he considers that this food is given without due authority.

5. At Wontimamidi, boiled rice is distributed once a day to travellers, but the same individual is not allowed to have this allowance two days running. A cook, a worshipping Brahmin, and a reader of the Vedas, are fed morning and evening, and Rupees 61-0-1 per annum is expended on Pagoda worship, besides extra allowances on the occasion of some Hindu festivals.

6. Mr. Morris considers that, as the founder intended that cooked rice should be given, no alteration in the practice ought to be made, and that consequently the services of the cook must be retained; but that the services of the Brahmin worshipper and of the reader of the Vedas should be discontinued, as well as the allowances to the Pagodas.

7. The Acting Collector proposes that the funds that will be obtained by adopting his suggestions should be expended either on the improvement or enlargement of the Choultries, or in the construction of another Choultry for the sole benefit of travellers.

8. The Board are not prepared to recommend all Mr. Morris's proposals. They consider that the present supply of food should not be continued at the Peddapur Choultry to the residents of the place beyond the lives of the present recipients, but would discontinue the allowance of

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10th November 1863.*

Rupees 4, and the supply of food to the Brahmin boys, at the close of the present Fusly. The Board would treat the reader of the Vedas and the worshipper at the Wontimamidi Choultry in a similar manner, discontinuing the allowance after June 1864. The payments to Pagodas made from the funds of this Choultry might, the Board think, be at once discontinued, as the income does not cover the expenditure.

No. 115.

ORDER THEREON, 10th November 1863, No. 2,019.

1. The Board of Revenue submit with their remarks letters from the Collector of the Godavery District, reporting on the distribution of food, &c., at the Choultries at Peddapur and Wontimamidi under the management of Government in that District.
2. It appears from these papers that both the Choultries were founded by former Zamindars of Peddapur, and that their income is derived from Inám lands granted by one of the Zamindars in 1829.
3. As remarked by the Board in their Proceedings of 7th July 1863, No. 4,129, the Zamindar had no legal power to make this endowment, and Government are free to act as they think fit.
4. They direct that the buildings in question be treated like other Government buildings repaired when necessary by the Department Public Works, and placed each under the charge of a watchman to be paid by Government unless the village officers can take care of them. On this latter point the Board will report hereafter, submitting, if necessary, a Tabular Statement for the Watchmen.
5. The distribution of rice and the other grants now made should all cease, and the buildings be simply kept open for the accommodation of passing Native travellers. The Inám will of course be included with the Government land.
6. The Government are willing, however, to make an exception, as an act of grace, in favor of any of the four individuals named in the Collector's Memorandum of 19th June 1863, who may be in really indigent circumstances, but the allowances should in that case be commuted into money payments, which should be restricted to the lives of the recipients.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

- „ Public Works Department.
- „ Accountant General.
- „ Civil Paymaster.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 4,129.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 7th July 1863.

Read the following letter from H. MORRIS, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 19th June 1863, No. 155:—

1. My attention has been directed to the orders of Government and of the Board,* regarding the distribution of food at Choultries under the management of Government.
2. There are two Government Choultries in this District, at Peddapur and at Wontimamidi.
3. A grant of land was made by the Zemindar of Peddapur in A. D. 1829, for the maintenance of a Choultry in that town; and, since the assumption of the estate, the charity has been under the charge of Government. It was originally intended for the supply of cooked rice to travellers; and, as this was the very object for which it was established, I would not recommend any change.
4. Besides this accommodation to travellers, however, allowances are made from the funds of the Choultry for certain individuals resident in the place. A list of these persons is enclosed, from which it will be seen that a daily allowance of food has been given to the four first, since the Zemindar founded the charity. I think it would be hard to deprive them of the allowance, which, like many similar gifts, is really derived from a free grant of land.
5. But I decidedly object to the last item, which is a monthly allowance of Rupees 4 to a Brahmin for the worship of idols. The two first have Puttahs granted them, the date of which can be accurately ascertained; the next two received their allowance on account of poverty; but the last has neither poverty nor Puttah to plead as an excuse for its being continued. The late Collector gave permission for this allowance in January 1858, but I do not think it ought to be made from the funds of the Choultry.
6. Twelve Brahmin boys from other villages used also to receive food, on their coming itno Peddapur to read the Vedas. The cost was Rupees 15 a month. It is now Rupees 5, four boys only receiving the allowance at present. I would discontinue this at once, as the only authority for it appears to have been the verbal orders of the late Naib Serishtadar and the Tahsildar; and the money might be applied to the general purposes of the Choultry.
7. The Choultry at Wontimamidi was also founded by the late Zemindar of Peddapur. Boiled rice is distributed once a day to travellers, but it is not allowed at night or continued to the same individual on the following day. A cook, a worshipping Brahmin, and a reader of the Vedas are fed both morning and evening. Rupees 61-0-1 a year is expended on Pagoda worship, besides extra allowances on the occasion of some Hindu festivals.
8. I think that this also should cease at once, and the amount applied to the distribution of food to travellers only. As it was the original intention of the founder that cooked rice should be given, I would not recommend the alteration of this practice. The services of the cook may, therefore, be retained; but those of the Brahmin worshipper, and of the reader of the Vedas may be discontinued.
9. I would recommend that all the money thus released should be expended either on the improvement or enlargement of these Choultries, or in the construction of another for the sole benefit of travellers.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

MEMORANDUM of ALLOWANCES made from the FUNDS of PEDDAPURAM CHUTTRUM to different individuals.

Rice	1½ Seers.	Salt ...	...	1½ Seers.
Red Gram...	¼ "	Chillies ...	...	1½ "
Tamarind ...	¼ "	Leaves ...	...	3 No.
Ghee ...	1½ "			

1. *Eranki Venkana*.—A Puttah was granted him by the former Zemindar, Vatchavoy Butchi Setia of Peddapur, who established the Chuttrum under date the 10th Maghabahulam of Sarvadhari, (A.D. 1828-29). He was Priest to the Zemindar. An order was issued by the Collector under date the 18th March 1851 to continue the allowance as usual.

Rice ...	2½ Seers.	Salt ...	...	1½ Seers.
Red gram...	¼ "	Chillies ...	...	1½ "
Tamarind...	¼ "	Leaves ...	...	4 No.
Ghee...	1½ "			

2. *Chilakamarri Tiruvangakacharu and Darmacharu*.—Do. do. in the year Nandana (A. D. 1832-33) in the name of the grand-father of the said individuals. It has ever since been enjoyed by the grand-father and father of the present holders. An order from the Collector was issued, under date the 10th July 1861, to continue this allowance to the aforesaid individuals.

Rice ...	5½ Seers.	Salt ...	...	1½ Seers.
Red gram...	¼ "	Chillies ...	...	1½ "
Tamarind...	¼ "	Leaves ...	...	1 No.
Ghee...	1½ "			

3. *Chilakamarti Venkatacharu*.—Granted to the individual on account of his poverty. An order from the Collector, under date the 30th November 1857, was issued to continue the allowance as usual.

Rice and other articles to the above extent.

4. *Kota Latchmidivi*.—Granted to a poor old man by the Zemindar. He died two years ago, and the allowance was continued to his widow, the present holder.

5. A monthly allowance of Rupees 4 was ordered by the Collector in 1858 to be continued to the holder Nalami Checkravartula Venkata Rungacharu, it being originally granted by the former Zemindar for worshipping images formerly kept in the house of the Zemindar, and since removed to the house of the grantee.

COCANADA, 19th June 1863.

(Signed) H. MORRIS, Acting Collector.

1. The Acting Collector will please to submit an Abstract Statement of the Income and expenditure of these Choultries, showing the sources whence the income is derived.

2. The Board observe that under Regulation XXV of 1802, Section 12, the Zemindar was not competent to make a permanent alienation of land for a charitable purpose in free tenure, and they consider it highly objectionable that a system of hereditary pauperism should be encouraged.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To H. Morris, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 7th July 1863.

No. 4,120.

Requesting an abstract statement of the Income and Expenditure of certain Choultries, showing the sources whence the income is derived.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

M. J. Gell

Sub-Secretary.

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

Copy to H. Morris, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District.

For Order.

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Dated 24th October 1863.

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Submitting with remarks letters from Collector of the Godavery District on the subject of certain Government Choultries in the District.

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Proceedings of the Madras Board under date the 10th Nov 1863

Read the following Pro: of the Board of Revenue

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(Here enters 24th October 1863 No. 6,821)

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with the houses were founded by former Landlords of Serdapur, and that their income is derived from Inam lands granted by one of the Landlords in 1829.

3. As remarked the Board in their proceedings of 7th July 1841, the Landlords had no legal power to make this endowment, and Govt free to act as they fit.

4. They direct the buildings in question be treated as other Govt buildings repaired when necessary by the Department of Public Works, and placed each under the charge of a Watchman to be appointed by the

Magistrate, or other officer, of them. On this latter point the Board will report hereafter, submitting, if necessary, a Tabular statement for the Watchmen.

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- 11. Copies to Mr. Bigelow (Receipt)
- 21. " P.M.C.
- 3. " J. C. C. C. C. C.
- 3. " Civil Paymaster

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Of 10th Novr/63.

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