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No. 201. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 30th October 1863, No. 6,943 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Orders of Government dated 18th August 1862, No. 1,750, and 20th March 1863, No. 554, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council an Abstract of the replies of the several Collectors to the Board's Circular dated 20th August 1862, No. 5,502, calling upon them to institute inquiries in their respective Districts as to the existence of frauds in connection with the payment of pensions to Gosha Females.

2. It will be observed that the Collectors of all those Districts in which there are Gosha Female pensioners are of opinion that the Government is not in any way defrauded in their payment, and that more stringent rules than are already prescribed in the Board's Circular Orders of 29th January 1859, for the prevention of such frauds are not required.

3. The Board concur in this opinion, and consider that with due care on the part of the Officers who pay the pensions of Gosha Females such frauds as were committed in the North Arcot District should not remain undetected in any District for any lengthened period.

4. The publication in each District however of a list of Gosha Female pensions similar to that proposed by the Collector of Nellore would tend in some measure to prevent the successful perpetration of frauds.

5. As no Descriptive Rolls were taken of the Gosha Female pensioners in the Kistna District, when their pensions were granted, the Board agree with the Acting Collector that it is very desirable that this deficiency should be at once remedied, and they accordingly recommend that sanction be granted for the temporary employment of a respectable East Indian woman to assist a responsible Officer of the Collector's Establishment in drawing out the Descriptive Rolls.

6. The remuneration proposed to be given for the time she is likely to be employed on the works is considered moderate, and can be paid out of "Other Items" entered under the head Miscellaneous Land Revenue in the Budget for 1863-64.

7. There are no Gosha Female pensioners in the Districts of Vizagapatam, Tinnevelly, Coimbatore, South Canara, and Malabar.

ABSTRACT *of* COLLECTOR'S REPLIES *to Board's Circular, dated 28th August* 1862, *No.* 6,711, *requesting them to institute inquiries in their respective Districts as to the existence of* FRAUDS *in connection with pensions to* GOSHA FEMALES.

GANJAM, *9th May* 1863, *No.* 84.—No frauds in connection with pensions to Gosha females take place in this District, these pensioners being few in number and well known.

VIZAGAPATAM, *15th September* 1862, *No.* 775.—There are no Gosha female Pensioners in this District.

GODAVERY, *8th October* 1863, *No.* 203.—There are only six Gosha females in this District, whose existence there is no reason to doubt, and whose sureties are holders of pensionary allowances or Inám land.

KISTNA, *9th June* 1863, *No.* 128.—From inquiries made there is no reason to suspect the existence of frauds in the payment of Gosha female pensions. The pensions to Gosha Mahomedan females have hitherto been paid on "existence Certificates" provided monthly by the Nabob of Masulipatam, and to widows of Zemindars, &c., on reports received from Tahsildars. No Descriptive Rolls were however taken at the time when the pensions were granted, and a responsible Officer should now be appointed to supply this want by proceeding to each Pensioner's house and there taking down Descriptive Rolls with the assistance of a respectable East Indian woman.

NELLORE, *14th May* 1863, *No.* 142.—Inquiries have been made and the results show that Government is not defrauded in the payment of pensions of Gosha females. As a preventive against the successful perpetration of such frauds a statement has been prepared showing the age so far as known, when the grant was made, and the present age of such persons, &c. It is proposed to print this in English and the Vernacular, and to publish it in the District Gazette each year as revised.

BELLARY, *30th March* 1863, *No.* 49.—On inquiry it has been found that no fraud exists in connection with pensions to Gosha females, the Tahsildars invariably causing a personal examination of these Pensioners to be made by a trustworthy female.

CUDDAPAH, *17th March* 1863, *No.* 33; *20th June* 1863 *No.* 78; *and 11th August* 1863, *No.* 121.—There are twenty-eight women in this District, chiefly the relatives of deceased Poligars, who claim the privilege of being Gosha, and whose pensions have hitherto been disbursed after examination by trustworthy females deputed by the Tahsildars of the Talooks in which they reside

to report as to their existence. No information has been received that frauds have been practised, yet it seems desirable, considering the amount of the pensions and the ages of the recipients, that a trustworthy female should be appointed by Government to report annually on the existence of the Gosha pensioned females of this District.

KURNOOL, 8*th December* 1862, *No.* 144.—It is believed that no frauds have been committed in connection with pensions to Gosha females. The Superintendent of Khandans is personally responsible for the payment of the male and female Pensioners belonging to the Khandans families in Kurnool and by his connection with these parties, is enabled to protect the interests of Government without resorting to measures that would be most unpalatable to pensioners of high birth.

MADRAS, 1*st October* 1862, *No.* 340.—There is no reason to suspect fraud in the payment of the Gosha Pensioners. The checks directed by Government are strictly applied in their case; each pension is drawn on the Certificate of two Pensioners who declare to the existence of the woman, and by a Vakeel who is also a pensioner. Female Pensioners above fifty years of age should appear once a year before the paying Officer.

SALEM, 7*th September* 1863, *No.* 165.—From inquiries made, there is no reason to apprehend the commission of frauds in connection with the pensions to the two Gosha females in this District. Hereafter these females will be required to have their existence certified by means of two Yeomiahdars receiving pensions from Government.

SOUTH ARCOT, 5*th September* 1863, *No.* 132.—On each occasion of the payment of pensions of Gosha females a life certificate is duly granted by their relatives, and this is countersigned by the Tahsildar of the Talook after he has satisfied himself of their existence, so that every practicable precaution is taken to prevent fraud.

TANJORE, 23*rd April* 1863, *No.* 154.—Inquiries have been instituted, but no frauds have been discovered in connection with pensions to Gosha females. Many of the Gosha females connected with the late Rajah's establishment have only recently agreed to receive their pensions.

TRICHINOPOLY, 13*th October* 1862, *No.* 172.—The Deputy Collector in chargeof the Treasury pays the allowances of the Gosha female pensioners, and takes every precaution that no fraud is practised on Government.

MADURA, 11*th February* 1863, *No.* 33.—There is only one Gosha female pensioner in this District, and her allowance is paid on presentation of a Life certificate signed by her brother who is himself in the receipt of a pension. Her identity has been established after examination by a female Yeomiahdar deputed for the purpose. All the other female Yeomiahdars draw their allowance in person, and there does not appear any ground for supposing that the liberality of the State is abused.

TINNEVELLY, 16*th September* 1863, *No.* 396.—There are no Gosha female pensioners in this District.

COIMBATORE, 10*th April* 1863, *No.* 62, *and* 19*th May* 1863, *No.* 95.— Do.
SOUTH CANARA, 29*th September* 1862, *No.* 102.—Do.
MALABAR, 16*th September* 1862, *No.* 193.—Do.

No. 202. ORDER THEREON, 16th November 1863, No. 2,061.

The Government concur with the Board and approve of the measures proposed in paragraphs 4 and 5 of their Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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From the Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To the Secretary to Government, R. D.
Copy to Collectors.

Dated 30th October 1863.
Despatched 6 Nov
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Submitting with remarks an Abstract of the replies of the several Collectors to the Board's Circular calling upon them to institute inquiries as to the existence of fraud in connection with the payment of pensions to Gosha Females.

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No 2067 -
The Govt concurs with the Board and approves of the measures proposed in paras 4 and 5 of their proceedings. -

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