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

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1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted for the consideration of Government.
2. There are eight Agraharums in the Kistna District, in which the Moturpha tax had been collected from time immemorial for the benefit of the Agraharumdars. Of these six are charged with a Quit-rent, and two are free of Land tax.
3. The Board do not gather from the Collector's letter that the right to collect this Moturpha had ever been expressly conceded, but it had not been interfered with under the British Government, until the recent abolition of the tax.
4. The Collector recommended that a remission of Quit-rent equal to the average collections of Moturpha should be allowed in the villages paying a Jodi to Government, and that in the Survamaniem Agraharums belonging to the Pagodas compensation should be made by a ready money payment equal to ten years' purchase of the average receipts.
5. The Board support these proposals. The remission of Quit-rent will amount to Rupees 38-12-0 per annum.
6. The ready money payment will be Rupees 386-4-0.
7. The Acting Collector will be required to state from what item in his Budget this charge can be met.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed.) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1863, No. 231.

As the Agraharumdars in question have collected the Moturpha "from time immemorial" the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the compensation proposed by the Board of Revenue.

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

No. 3,295.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd May 1862.

Read letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, dated 26th August 1861, No. 217.

(In Cons. 2nd September 1861, No. 5,561.)

Read also the following letters from the same Officer :—

Letter dated 17th January 1862, No. 10.

With reference to paragraph 3 of my letter, No. 247 of the 26th August 1861, I have the honor to forward herewith a translation of the accounts received from the Collector of the Nellore District with his letter of the 20th ultimo, No. 732, showing the Moturpha collected by the Zemindar of Venkatagiri in the village of Swerna situated in the Bapatla Taluk in this District, during the last four years. The average collections for one year were 11½ Pagodas, or Rupees 45.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Translation of account showing the Moturpha collections of Swerna village.

Letter dated 30th April 1862, No. 86.

Referring to my letter No. 217, dated 26th August last (paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7), on the subject of remissions to be granted on account of Moturpha collected by Agraharumdars, &c., to which I have as yet received no reply, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to obtain the instructions of the Board as to whether compensation, as recommended in my letter referred to above, may be granted to the Agraharumdars for the current Fasli.

1. The Collector will please to report what grounds there are for supposing that the right to collect Moturpha in the Bilmucta and Surva Agraharums was ever conceded or admitted by competent authority.

2. In the case of the Bilmucta Agraharums, he will if possible furnish copy of the Statement of assets on which the Jodi was fixed, or of any letter showing on what system it was calculated.

3. The Moturpha being one of the items of Revenue specially reserved by Government at the time of the permanent settlement, there appears *prima facie* no more reason to allow the right to collect this tax to Agraharumdars, than in the parallel cases of the Salt, Sayer, and Abkarry Revenues, in which no such right is asserted.

4. The case of the village of Swerna stated to belong to the Venkatagiri Zemindar, will be decided according to the principle that may be adopted by Government for the rest of the Zemindary in the North Arcot District, if, as the Board presume, this particular village formed part of the original Estate. On this point however the Collector will please to furnish more exact information.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To G. Thornhill, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District.

Exd. J. Wright.

Requesting further information about the collection of Moturpha in certain Agraharams

No 3,295.

Dated 22nd May 1862.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Enclosure No 2 in the Proposed
Circular of the Board of Revenue
to the Secretary to Government
1862. (Copy to be dated 19 June
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IN CONS. 2ND SEPTEMBER 1861, No. 5,561.
From G. THORNHILL, Esq., Acting Collector of the KISTNA DISTRICT,
dated Masulipatam, 26th August 1861, No. 217.

With reference to the Board's Circular No. 3,920, dated 22nd ultimo, I have the honor to state that due publicity has been given to their Circular Orders dated 3rd April last, prohibiting the collection of Mohturfa by any one, except a Government Officer, from 1st July last in Zemindaries, Shrotriums, &c.

* To Board, 1st May 1821, paragraph 12.
From Board to Government, 18th April 1822, paragraph 10.
To Collector, 18th July 1822.
To Board, 12th August 1822.
Order of Government dated 29th November 1822.

2. No Mohturfa is collected by Zemindars in this district. The two estates of Moongai* and Lingagiry are however exempted from the tax, owing to their isolated position in the midst of the Nizam's country, and the difficulty of getting tradesmen to settle there from fear of robbers.

3. The only village in the whole district in which Mohturfa is collected by a Zemindar is Swarna in Bapatla taluq. It belongs to the Zemindar of Venkatagiri in the Nellore District. I consequently wrote to Mr. Dykes to furnish me with the requisite information, but as I have not received it as yet, I have requested him to include the village in question in his report.

4. There are some Bilmaeta and Sarwa Agraharam villages in Government taluqs in which Mohturfa has been collected up to last year by the Inamdars. A Statement showing the number of villages and the amount of collections is herewith submitted.

5. The total Mohturfa collections in all these villages amounted to Rupees 76-4-0 in Fasli 1270, and the average collections of the three preceding Faslis 1269, 1268, and 1267 come up to Rupees 72-8-0. The Mohturfa is collected chiefly from Comaties, weavers, shepherds, and fishermen. The accounts showing the collections in each year were kept by the Karnams, and have been carefully examined. The variations in the collections are attributable to the usual causes.

Name of taluq.	Name of village.	Amount of jodi or quit rent payable to Government.			Deduct average yearly collection of Mohturfa.			Remaining jodi payable to Government.		
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Tumurukodu...	Mallavarm Agraharam....	96	4	0	2	2	8	94	2	8
Callapalli...	Kachepudy Agraharam....	231	0	0	1	12	0	229	4	0
	Avenampudy....	10	0	0	3	0	0	7	0	0
Dachepalli....	Tri Rukminipuramdo....	3	13	7	1	10	8	2	2	11
Gudivada....	Yelacurru....	134	0	0	3	0	0	131	0	0
Nandigam....	Vemulapalli....	230	0	0	27	2	8	202	13	4

6. Of the villages entered in the accompanying Statement Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 are Bilmaeta Agraharams, and as Mohturfa has been collected by them from time immemorial, I would recommend that the average collections in these, amounting to Rupees 34 may be deducted from their Shrotrium, as specified in the margin.

7. The remaining* are Sarwa Agraharams paying no jodi or quit rent to Government. They are temple endowments. I would recommend that ten times the average amount of collections may be granted as compensation.

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ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the Mohturfa tax levied by the Agraharamdars.

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To **J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.,** with 3 enclosures.
Copy to **E. B. Foord, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District.**

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 19th January 1863

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NO. 290.

Submitting letters from the Acting Collector of the Kisumu District, and supporting his proposals for granting ready money payments and remissions of quit-rent as compensation for Mounphur collections in certain Agrikhaurins in his District.

Chas. J. Smith