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Read again the following papers :—

No. 113. From the Honorable Mr. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th February and recorded in Proceedings 7th March 1862, No. 500.

Do. do. dated 26th February and recorded in Proceedings 29th March 1862, No. 704.

From the Inám Commissioner, dated 8th and recorded in Proceedings 18th November 1862, No. 2,432.

Read also the following papers.

From G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., Inám Commissioner, to J. D. SIM, Eq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Tinnevelly, 28th January 1863, No. 3.

SIR,

1. Being informed by letter from the Collector of Kurnool, that the new arrangement of Village Establishments was introduced in his District at the commencement of the Fasli, and that it is of great consequence that the Title Deeds, and Talook Registers should be received in time to admit of the collection of Quit-rent being made within the Fasli, I have the honor to state, with reference to my letter of the 8th November last, reporting upon the settlement of the Service Ináms of the Ceded Districts and Kurnool, that I have instructed the Special Assistant in charge of my Office at Coimbatore to despatch the Kurnool Title Deeds and Registers forthwith to the Collector, for the purpose of being distributed to the Inámdars during the current Jamabandi, and, as the readiest means of showing him the result of the settlement so far as regards his District, I beg that a copy of my report, above quoted, may, if there be no objection, be forwarded from the Government Office to Mr. Minchin for his information.

2. The Government will observe that the Title Deeds for the Police Service Ináms in Kurnool, and for the whole of the Village Service Ináms in Bellary and Cuddapah, cannot be distributed until their orders are received on the subject.

No. 114. From the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 25th February 1863, No. 1,459.

SIR,

Letter to Government, dated 26th February 1862, No. 1,189.
Order of Government, dated 29th March 1862, No. 704.

1. In my letter reporting on the Village Establishments of Cuddapah District it was stated that the value of the fees paid by the Ryots was Rupees 50,580: by a revised Statement of these fees now forwarded by the Collector it appears that the value of the fees, calculated on prices of Fasli 1271, is no less than 1,17,921 Rupees, so that a fee cess in lieu of all fees at 3½ per cent. would closely represent the sum now paid in fees and would cover the cost of the new Establishment, without the imposition of an extra burden on the Ryots.

See paragraph 28 of letter above.

2. This valuation of the fees distributed among the several classes of recipients would give 1,14,956 Rupees to the Revenue, and 2,965 Rupees to the Police, Village Servants, as per following table, instead of 47,965 Rupees to the Revenue, and 2,615 Rupees to the Police

Revenue alone and to 8¼ per cent. on that and the assessment of Inám lands combined, and he seems apprehensive that the levy of these fees, if strictly enforced, may cause loss of Revenue and be productive of hardship.

8. In Cuddapah the Village Establishments may be estimated, as follows:—

	Rs.
Moonsiffs...	56,040
Curnums...	86,172
Vetties...	83,232
Shroffage, say...	12,000
Extra Moonsiffs, say...	1,600
Taliaries, say...	42,500
Nirgunties...	26,373
	3,07,917

Land..	1,96,122
Fees..	1,17,921
Land relinquished.. ..	16,144
	3,30,187

9. The Inám assets amount to Rupees 1,96,122 exclusive of Rupees 16,144 due on lands relinquished. The fees were at first estimated at Rupees 50,580, but they are now returned at Rupees 1,17,921, the difference being owing to the old commutation rates being taken in the first instance, and the prices of Fasli 1271 (which Mr. Pelly apprehends are somewhat too high) in the second. The assets altogether at a maximum amount to Rupees 3,30,187.

10. Thus in the two Districts above named the Inám assets must be largely supplemented by a fee cess. Supposing that a cess of 6¼ per cent. or 3⅛ per cent. were levied in lieu of all fees, the following would be the result according to Mr. Pelly's Statement :—

	6¼ Cess.	3⅛ Cess.	Inám. 6¼ Cess.	Inám. 3⅛ Cess.
	Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs.
Bellary...	1,87,000	93,500	4,20,000	3,26,500
Cuddapah...	2,07,000	1,03,500	4,03,000	2,99,500
Kurnool	1,15,000	57,500	3,47,000	2,89,500
	5,09,000	2,54,500	11,70,000	9,15,500

11. The charges as above given but reduced in Bellary to 4½ lacs which ought to suffice are—

	Rs.
Bellary.....	4,50,000
Cuddapah.....	3,08,000
Kurnool..... ...	2,50,000
	10,08,000

or Rupees 92,500 more than the assets, if a 3⅛th per cent. cess were levied. But if a 6¼ per cent. cess were levied in Bellary (which would relieve the people to the extent of Rupees 80,000) and a 3⅛ cess in Kurnool and Cuddapah, the total assets would amount to Rupees 10,09,000 or a trifle over the proposed charges. In Cuddapah a cess at the rate of 3⅛ per cent. would relieve the people to the extent of nearly Rupees 15,000. In Kurnool relief would be afforded in the Talooks transferred from Bellary, and Cuddapah and 1⅛ be added in the Talooks of the original District, the assessment of which will shortly be revised and placed on an equitable footing, and the people of which will benefit by the Irrigation Company's works.

Now	2,68,226
6¼	1,87,000
	81,226

12. Before passing final orders in regard to the Bellary and Cuddapah Districts the Government resolve to call upon the Board of Revenue and the Inspector General of Police for their views on this important question, and especially on the grouping of the villages and the fee cess above suggested. This report should be submitted as soon as possible, so that if a fee cess be determined upon it may be introduced without delay.

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

Note.

These papers relate to the revision of the Village Establishments of Kurnool, Cuddapah & Bellary.

The scheme was first sanctioned for Kurnool as circumstances there were favourable by Emoluments ample and Chs favorable.

It was extended to Bellary & Cuddapah on the representation that the circumstances of all 3 Districts were precisely similar

Mr Taylor has completed his enfranchisement of the Inams & orders are now necessary.

The Hereditary Revenue establishment has been appointed by Govt. This for Kellany Head district were ordered to be over the the available assets were better known.

One of the principles of the new scheme is the grouping together of villages - So as to reduce the number of servants required and the consequent Expence - But this will only answer as regards the collection of Revd. one Cutcherry may suffice for several villages: but one Moonsiff and one Taliary will not. The Moonsiff is the Clerk Magte of his village - the chief representative of the Govt: the Taliary is the Watchman - Our villages are all little municipalities - complete in themselves - must be portions of them separate existence - To group 3 villages to be there is in fact to blot two out of municipal existence - to leave them with no authority and more still, to subject them to the Rule of a neighbouring village - Such a step will be most unpopular - and I am confident will be incompatible with Police administration I have therefore allowed for Extra Moonsiffs and Taliaries in

my draft. The Taluks
have not been dealt
with by Mr Pelly-ht
I have allowed that
1 Peel Sure will
suffice.

The result of the
Inam enfranchise-
ment is a total in.
the 3 Districts of
Rs. 6,61,000
which the establish-
ments will cost
Rs. 10,08,000. The
deficit must be
made up by the
Fees.

The Fees Cess Act
was deferred until
ppt could see their
way more clearly -
Mr Robinson held
out for an average
of 10 per cent - the
Bd of Rev for a
maximum of 6¼
or one anna in every
Rupee of assessment.

The collection of the
fees is yearly becoming
more difficult - and
something must be
done.

Leaving the Discussion
of general principles
alone for the present
it seems to me that
ppt may very fairly
levy something not
exceeding what the
people now pay - No
one could grumble
at that -

Now in Cuddapah
the people pay 17,000 Rs.
a fee cess of 3⅛ per

cent or six pice in
every Rupee would
yield 103,000 - So that
the people ~~must~~ generally
would be relieved
to the extent of Rs 15,000.

In Bellary the people
now are said to pay
fees to the tune of
Rs 268,000 - But this
could not be realised
regularly at stated
times - especially as
the Ryots have to free
free & consequently
pro tanto relieving
the pressure of the
Land tax, will hereafter pay Rs 232,000 -
A cess at the rate
of 6¼ per cent would
yield Rs 187,000 -
would relieve the
people to the Extent
of Rs 80,000 - and would
I feel sure, be as much
as we could collect.

Kurnool consists of
1 Bellary - 2 Cuddapah
& 4 original Talooks -
The first 3 would re-
ceive relief if treated
as Bellary & Cuddapah
are proposed to be -
In the others the Com.
some years ago pro-
hibited all fees, be-
cause the assess-
ment was so high -
but they have still
been levied at 2 per
cent - The assess-
ment however is now
being revised and
I see no objection to
fixing a rate of 3/8
per cent in them &
the two Cuddapah
Talooks - The old Bel-
lary Talook, most likely

Speaking, ought to be treated like the Bellary District but for the small sum at issue it is not worth starting the anomaly of taxing one Taluk out of seven at 6¼ per cent.

My proposal then is to raise 187,000 in Bellary by a 6¼ per cent cess – 103,500 Rs in Cuddapah & 57,500 in Kurnool by a 3⅛ per cent Cess. The total + the Guntur will pay the proposed Establishment and leave a margin. The figures are set down as given by Mr Pelly but I think his figures are rather low in Bellary & Kurnool.

It may be said that as the Guntur alone suffice in Kurnool it is not fair to tax the District to make good deficiencies elsewhere. But this, I conceive could be fully answered by arguing that Guntur are in fact assignments of the first receipts – not contributions by the people – and therefore they cannot be pleaded as a set off against the latter –

I should herewith the Essential papers. viz. The Bellary report
. The Cuddapah do
. Mr Taylor's letter.
The Kpls do
The Cess packet.

I also submit a Draft founded on the views above set forth. Mr Ro- -binson must be consulted about the Salaries and the Sufficiency of the Sums I have set down.

The Calculation it will be seen is adverse to the whole new system.

My plan, it will be remembered, treats the Ceded Districts as a whole & makes no provision for deficient & Collectorships elsewhere. The Collectorships are not all in debt & I cannot estimate the total expence - but within

is being done in other Districts beyond repistering the Seamen - Of course if the large Seamen of the Ceded Districts were joined in sufficient the smallness of other Districts will scarcely be felt -

It will be remarked that Mr Taylor says the Seamen are not exactly satisfied with the new arrangement but no absolute dissatisfaction was expressed -

The Bellary & Cudapah Districts & 3 Talooks of Kurnool will not be re-assessed -

It is hopeless to expect that the

Subsequent Govt. will give friends for Village Servants out of Imperial Revenue especially as in the Cedist Districts the Lessees are to keep - and heavy fees have for years been paid.

Village Establishments of Ceded Districts

Orders be requested

L. W. P.

Note

I think it would be as well to consider carefully the question alluded to within Viz: that of joining two or three villages together. It could be by no means desirable to combine the Jurisdiction of one Village System, with a change in the habits & views of the people

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No 658

15 Oct 63.

In their order of the 19 Nov. 1861 No 2180 the Govt. sanctioned an Establishment of Moonsiffs, Cummums & Vetties for the Guntoor District costing Rs 152.620. To this an addition of about Rs 8000 has to be made as remuneration to the Cummums in consideration of the responsibility for false coin which will be thrown on them by the abolition of the Office of Village Shroffs. Provision has also to be made for the Virjanties for keeping down the Petty Disputes which has not

yet been submitted. In preparing the village police the Supt. has acted on orders - There are originally were 1112 villages in Kurnool presently and probably on an average 2 Talaris would be required for each village - Thus there is a high average Each Talari probably have the same pay as the Settis are to have of Rs 36 per annum - It is pro. It is also that for Police purposes Vaytors it may be necessary to have a Monopoly in each village, the pumping system being found as regards the Common Settis - such Mon.

Liquor Licenses would be sufficiently remunerated by a salary of Rs 18 each annually and pro. Rs 400 such others would be required -

The total cost of the Kurnool establishments would thus be.

	Rs
Monopolies —	30,984
Customs —	58,680
Settis —	62,964
Shroffage —	8,600
Extra Monopolies &c say	7,200.
Talaries say	80,064
	~~248,492~~
Pensioners say	2,608
Rs	250,000

The Income as enfranchised yield Rs 232,277 - or in round numbers Rs 17,700 less than the (at a maximum) establishments will

Cock - against this deficiency Engineer there are the proceeds of the fees now levied on behalf of Govt under the operation of the order of 25 June 1862 No 1398. The Govt are not aware what sum has been realised on this account - but the fees of the Municipal Commrs & Vellies alone were estimated by Mr Kelly at Rs 20,620 In the Kurnool Dist. trict therefore there will be a deficiency of funds and the Collr will accordingly issue the title deeds with which he has been furnished by

the Civil Commr & to all except the Police Servants respecting whom and the additional Monies the Inspector Genl of Hospitals Police will be requested to report at his earliest convenience -

Mr Kelly will communicate with the Collr of Kurnool to arrange for distributing the Shortage among the Municipalities for all - as it will be inconvenient to have a varying amount to adjust every year.

The relinquished Inam lands can be given

ect in the usual manner at 5/8 ℔ their proper assessment - the late holders having the preference this year over all others - The proceeds of such lands will be credited to the Village Service Fund.

As the new Title deeds do not distinguish between the original Quit Rent which is Imperial Rent and the enhanced Quit Rent for enfranchisement which is a "Local Fund", it is necessary to adopt the plan proposed by Mr Taylor in para 6 of his letter of

When the assessment of the District has been revised such of these lands as may then be unoccupied will be charged with the full revised assessment -

8 Nov^r last - viz Collect & th sums as items of general Rent and deduct from the Land Rent of the District annually a sum equal in amount to the new or additional Quit Rent. The Bd will issue the necessary instructions after communicating with the Accountant General that they will take care that these items are not blended with Imperial Rent in the annual Budget.

In Bellary & Cuddapah there is a serious deficiency of assets from Inams.

The Estimate of Moonsiffs, Canongoes & Talliars, prepared by Mr Kelly for Bellary will

cost Rs 283,666

To this however more items have to be added and the account will probably stand as follows

~~Monsiffs 2836~~

Monsiffs —	67,416	
Cutcherry	105,086	
Vakeels —	111,204	
Shirastadar/Sazy	10,000	
Extra Monsiffs/Sazy	18,000	
Salaries —	121,716	Estimates by Collr.
Peerjauties	21,114	do.
Rs	454,486	

Mr Pelly's estimate, which is included amounts to Rs 440,399 and the first will exceed some what 4½ lacs may be made to suffice.

The Inam Assets amount only to Rs 232,540 Excluding Rs Rs 25,670 which will ultimately be

232,540
260,226
5,00,774
25 610
526,384

realised on lands at present relinquished. To this has to be added Rs 260,226 the estimated net value of fees as given in para 6 of Mr Pelly's letter of 7 March 1862 The total of these sums (including the ~~Cutchery~~ the relinquished land) amounts to Rs 5¼ lacs and if the fees can be collected there will be sufficient funds available for the revised establishments - Mr Pelly shews that the fees amount to 14 per cent on the first Land Rent alone - & to 8⅓ per cent on that of the ~~Inam~~ assignments of Inam lands on-

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Fees 117,921
Land value punished 16,146
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according to Mr Kelly's statements.

~~Bellary~~

	6¼ Cess	3/8 Cess	Income + 6¼ Cess	Income + 3/8 Cess
Bellary.	187,000	93,500	420,000	326,500
Cuddapah	207,000	103,500	403,000	299,500
Kurnool	115,000	57500	347.000	289500
Rs	509,000	254,500	11,70,000.	915,500

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I. G. S.

Collector Bd of Rev. Accepted 16
Inspector Genl. of Hospital Police
Secrett Genl
Civil Paymasters
Surgt Genl
Enam Commrs
Honble C. Bailey

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From The Hon.ble C Pelly Member
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From Bd of Rev.e of 17 June/64
C. Order No. 1539.

From W. Robinson Esqr
Inspector Genl of Madras Police
dy 15 July 63.

Board of Revenue
and the Inspector General
of Police called upon to
furnish certain information
regarding the introduction
of the Village Pos and esta-
blishments into the Dis-
tricts of Cuddapah and
Bellary.

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