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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd April 1863.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 202. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th March 1863.

Read the following letter from R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 26th February 1863, No. 231/21.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to make the report called for by Government in paragraph 13 of their Order of the 14th instant, No. 334.
2. No final orders have yet been passed on the subject of the new Settlement of the Kistna District. In Mr. Newill's report, dated 12th October 1861, submitted to Government with the Board's Proceedings of the 17th October 1862, certain rates were proposed for the District generally, and the Peshcush fixed on the Gudúr Purgannah by Government Order, dated the 19th June 1862, No. 53, was a certain proportion of the value of the estate as ascertained by applying Mr. Newill's rates to it. The calculations of the financial results given in Mr. Newill's general report were however based on estimated areas, the true ones not having been at the time available. Subsequently the correct survey areas have been received, and have been found so largely to exceed those estimated, as to induce the Deputy Director to send in a supplemental report proposing certain modifications in the manner of assessing the District. In submitting that report with my letter of the 23rd January No. 100, and subsequently in my letter of the 24th instant, No. 225, I have recommended further changes which are now under the consideration of the Board.
3. Although the statement for the Gudúr Purgannah submitted by Mr. Newill in his letter of the 19th February 1862, No. 181, was based on true survey areas, yet as the value of the estate was ordered to be estimated according to the rates decided on for the District generally, if the proposed modification in those rates are adopted, it follows that the value of the estate and consequently the Peshcush must be proportionately reduced.
4. Two statements in form similar to that appended to paragraph 2 of Mr. Newill's letter of the 19th February 1862, No. 181 are enclosed, the first showing the altered value of the estate on the supposition that Mr. Morris' proposed modifications are approved; the second showing its value in the event of the further alterations recommended by me being adopted. It will be seen that whereas the value of the estate as fixed by Mr. Newill was Rupees 51,710, of which three-quarter or Rupees 38,781 was ordered to be taken as the Peshcush, its value will be reduced to Rupees 45,624 or to Rupees 42,695, and the three-quarter share to Rupees 34,218 or Rupees 32,019 according as Mr. Morris' or my recommendations are adopted.
1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted to Government with reference to their Proceedings dated 14th February 1863, No. 334, Revenue Department.
2. It will be remembered that the present value of the Gudúr estate, on Mr. Newill's proposed scale of assessment for the Kistna District was estimated at Rupees 51,708, but by the application of Mr. Morris' modified rates this present value, that is the revenue derivable from the existing cultivation, is reduced to Rupees 45,624, which is still further reduced by the Officiating Director Mr. Master to Rupees 42,695, the maximum difference being Rupees 9,013.
3. The adoption of the higher or lower value for the calculation of the Peshcush would involve a difference of Rupees 6,759, the lowest amount of Peshcush being Rupees 32,019 without any additional charge for the water supply from the Anikut works to the existing area of wet cultivation, but liable to revision when deemed advisable in consequence of a perceptible increase in the wet cultivation.
4. The subject of the general assessment of the District is still under the Board's consideration, and the modified proposals need to be very carefully analyzed before submission to Government, but they will be sent up with as little delay as possible.
5. It may, meanwhile, be mentioned here, that the result of the application of Mr. Newill's proposed rates to the exact areas is found to be an increase of 50 per cent, over the joint rents of

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Fasli 1269, although this latter is the demand on the whole lands of the village, while the new assessment is calculated on the cultivated land only, and this result has convinced the Department that some very material error has vitiated their calculations of what would constitute a fair demand on the land.

6. Should Mr. Master's present proposals be adopted, the result will still leave the revised assessment on the cultivation 23 per cent. higher than the joint rents of Fasli 1269, and the Board have not yet satisfied themselves that these proposals can safely be adopted without risk of over-taxation.

7. It would certainly be desirable that the present value of the Gudúr estate should be calculated on the same principle as may ultimately be adopted for the whole of the District before the demands on account of Peshcush be fixed.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 203. Petition from RAJAH B. NAGANNAH NAIDOO BAHADUR, Zamindar of Gudúr Purgannah, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 30th March 1863.

SIR,

1. I beg most respectfully to address you, and may I hope you will kindly excuse me for intruding on your valuable moments.

2. Being informed that the Proceedings from the Board of Revenue regarding my Gudúr Purgannah have been forwarded to your Department, I beg to solicit that you will be pleased to submit the same for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, supported by your kind recommendation of allowing me the privilege of retaining the one-third of the annual produce of my Gudúr Purgannah in consideration of my humble and faithful services to Government for three generations, as already represented in my respectful appeal to Government on the subject thereof and as has been usually the practice with parties enjoying Zamindary estates.

3. By extending your helping hand and indulgence towards me, who has been waiting here for some months, I will always remember the kindness as a standing monument towards me and my family.

No. 204. ORDER THEREON, 23rd April 1863, No. 703.

1. With their Proceedings recorded above the Board of Revenue furnish with their remarks the report called for from the Director of Revenue Settlement in paragraph 13 of the Order of Government, dated 14th February last, No. 334.

2. The object of this reference was to discover what force there was in the objection raised by Memorialist to the Peshcush fixed by Government. Nagannah Naidoo had asserted that the Settlement rates originally proposed by Mr. Newill for the Kistna District (with reference to which the present value of the Gudúr Purgannah had been determined* at Rupees 51,708 and the temporary Peshcush at $\frac{3}{4}$ ths thereof or Rupees 38,781) had been proved by subsequent experience to be excessive, and that they were in consequence being reduced by the Settlement Department.

3. The Director was therefore called upon to report the actual state of the case, and to what extent the calculations made by Mr. Newill in his original report on the Purgannah would be affected if reductions were actually in contemplation.

4. It appears from the Acting Director's reply, now forwarded, that it has been considered desirable to recommend certain modifications of the original scheme for assessing the Kistna District, and that these are now engaging the Board's attention. Their effect will be to reduce the demand anticipated by Mr. Newill.

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5. These modifications applied to Mr. Newill's calculations regarding the Gudúr Estate will have the effect of reducing the "present value" estimated by him in the following manner:—

	Estimated by Mr. Newill, Director Revenue Settlement.			Proposed by Mr. Morris, Deputy Director Revenue Settlement.			Proposed by Mr. Master, Officiating Director Revenue Settlement.			Difference between columns 2 and 3.			Difference between columns 2 and 4.		
1	2			3			4			5			6		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Total assessment on the cultivated portion of the Purgannah wet and dry...	51,710	0	0	45,624	0	0	42,695	14	0	6,086	0	0	9,014	2	0
Deduct $\frac{1}{4}$ as the Zamindar's share...	12,927	0	0	11,406	0	0	10,673	0	0	1,521	0	0	2,254	0	0
Peshcush...	38,783	0	0	34,218	0	0	32,022	0	0	4,565	0	0	6,761	0	0

NOTE.—Mr. Newill's estimate was formed by taking the dry assessment on the whole cultivated area, and adding to it a water rate of 3 Rupees per acre for all land irrigated. The proposals now made are based upon separate rates for dry and wet land.

6. If either of these be adopted by Government, the Peshcush would in the one case be Rupees 34,218 and in the other Rupees 32,022: the former being less than the Peshcush originally fixed by Rupees 4,565 and the latter by Rupees 6,761.

7. The Board of Revenue observe that the subject of the general assessment of the District requires careful consideration before submission to Government. They do not enter into details, but simply remark that the application of Mr. Newill's rates involves an increase of 50 per cent. over the joint rents of Fasli 1269 "although the latter is the demand on the whole lands of the village while the new assessment is calculated on the cultivated land only." The Acting Director's present proposals would place the revised assessment on the cultivation 23 per cent. higher than the joint rents of the same Fasli, and the Board are evidently doubtful whether this modification even can be adopted without risk of over-taxation.

8. The Board further remark that it is certainly desirable that the present value of the Gudúr Estate should be calculated on the same principle as may ultimately be adopted for the whole of the District.

9. Under the circumstances of the case and pending the settlement of the Kistna District, the Government resolve that the Peshcush of the Gudúr Estate be temporarily reduced to Rupees 32,022, as recommended by the Officiating Director. In other respects the Order of the 19th June 1862, No. 1,353, will stand unaffected.

10. The second paper recorded above relates to a matter which has already been alluded to in the several Petitions recorded in Government Order, 14th February last, No. 334. The Zamindar is anxious to be allowed to retain one-third of the annual produce of the Purgannah as his share, instead of the one-fourth fixed by paragraph 7 of Government Order, 19th June 1862, No. 1,353. He will now be informed by the Collector that the latter proportion was determined upon after full consideration and cannot be altered.

11. In paragraph 10 of the Order of the 14th February last allusion is made to five alienated villages which the Zamindar desires to be included in his Purgannah. Their Peshcush, according to paragraph 6 of Mr. Thornhill's letter* of 21st August 1861, No. 21, amounts to Rupees 2,609. The Board will be requested to report on this application. There is nothing before Government to show why and where they were alienated, and whether objection exists to making them over to the Zamindar.

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

The Director was therefore

Memorandum on Dec 20. 1868

Peekkuish on the Gudur Pergunnah

With these Proceedings the Board of Revenue furnish with their remarks the report called for from the Director of Revenue Settlement in para 13 of the ~~govt~~ order of Govt of 14 February last No. 334.

The object of this reference by Govt was to discover what force there was in the objection raised by the proprietor of the Gudur Estate to the peekkuish fixed by Govt. Naganiah Naiddoo had asserted that the settlement rates originally proposed by Mr. Newell for the Kistnah District (with reference to which the Govt had determined the present value of the Gudur Pergunnah at Rs. 51,708 and the temporary peekkuish at $\frac{3}{4}$ thereof, or Rs. 38,781) had been proved by subsequent experience to be excessive and that they were, in consequence, being reduced by the Settlement Dept.

The Director was therefore

+ G.O. 19 June 1862
No. 1353.

called upon to report the actual state of the case, and to what extent the calculations made by Mr Newill in his original report on the Pergunnah would be affected if such reductions were in contemplation.

It appears from the Acting Director's reply that it has been considered desirable both by his Deputy in the Kistnah and by himself to recommend certain modifications of the original scheme for assessing this District, and that these are now engaging the Board's attention. Their effect will be to reduce the Government demand anticipated by Mr Newill.

These modifications applied to Mr Newill's calculations regarding the Gudur Estate will have the effect of reducing the "present value" estimated by him in the following manner.

	Estimated by Mr Newill Director's Settlement	Proposed by Mr Thomas Deputy Director's Settlement	Proposed by Mr. Shadrach Director's Settlement	Difference between Col. 2 and 3	Difference between Col. 2 and 4
Total assessment on the cultivated portion of the Pergunnah wet and dry.	51,710	45,624	42,695	4	6,086-0-0
Deduct 4 as the share of the Government	12,927	11,406	10,673	2	1,521-0-0
Peekkuah	38,783	34,218	32,022	2	4565-0-0
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Note Mr Newill's estimate was formed by taking the dry assessment on the whole cultivated area, and adding to it a water-rate of 3 Rs per acre on all land irrigated. The proposals now made are based upon separate rates for dry and wet land.

If either of these modifications be accepted, the peekkuah would in the one case be Rupees 34,218-0-0 and in the other Rs. 32,022-0-0; the former being less than the original peekkuah by Rs. 4565-0-0 and the latter by Rs. 6761-0-0.

The Board of Revenue observe that the subject of the general assessment of the District requires careful consideration before submission to Government. They do not enter into detail but simply remark that the application of Mr Newill's rates involves an increase of 50 per cent over the Joint Pents of Fisi 1269 although the latter is the demand on the whole lands of the village while the new assessment is calculated on the cultivated land only. The Acting Director's present proposals will place the revised assessment on the cultivation 23 per cent higher than the Joint Pents of the same Fisi, and the Board are evidently doubtful whether this modification even can be adopted without risk of overtaxation.

The Board further remark that it is certainly desirable that the present value of the Endow Estate should be calculated on the same principle as may ultimately be adopted for the whole of the District.

Such is the position of the case. It is obviously impossible to come to any final decision as to the peshkush. The most that can be done is to fix a temporary sum which can hereafter be raised or lowered according to the rates eventually determined upon for the whole District.

As the Board do not seem inclined to regard the proposals made by the present Acting Director as likely to be too low it would be safe to adopt the peshkush at three fourths of the present value as estimated by him i.e. $\frac{3}{4}$ of 42695 = 32,022 or in round numbers Rs. 32,000. The present peshkush being Rs. 38,781. The Zamindar would be a gainer by Rs. 6,781. The Zamindar has himself offered to pay a consolidated peshkush of

* vide para 12
S.O. 14 Feb/63
No. 334.

Rs. 30,000, including water rate, but this was on condition that five proprietary ^{villages} ~~estates~~, now alienated, were restored with the rest of the Estate, and with the understanding evidently that no further demand should be made however much the wet cultivation increased. On the other hand he offered to pay the old Peshkush of Rs. 26,600 plus the water tax on all lands exclusive of the customary wet lands.

There is another matter alluded to in the several Petitions recorded in S.O. 14 Feb/63. No. 334- and which is brought specially to notice in a letter recently received from the Zamindar who desires to be allowed to retain one third of the annual produce of the Purgunnah as his share instead of one fourth as fixed by S.O. 19 June 1882. No. 1353-para 7. This proposition, it is to be observed, was determined upon after full consideration.

The question of the restoration of the alienated villages, the peshkush of which amounts according to B. Thornhill's letter (para 6) of 24 August/61. No. 21.

* d/30 March
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S.O. 10 Oct/61
No. 1962

to Rupees 2609-0-0 - might per-
haps be referred for report.

These are the principal ma-
ters referred in G. O. 14 Feb. Cash.
No. 334 which merely recapitu-
lated the statements of the In-
spector and the Board of
Revenue without coming to
any final decision upon
them -

CJW
15/4/63

Pending the settlement of the Kistna District
the Peshkash of the Gadar Taluk might be
temporarily reduced to Rs 32022 as recommended
by the Off. Director of Revenue Settlements.

Information should be asked for regarding
the 5 alienated Villages to which the Peshkash
alludes. There is nothing before Govt. to show
why & when they were alienated & whether
objection exists to making them over to him

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This however should be
retrospective.

Gudur Pargannah
Rishnah Dist

J. A.

18 April 1863

No. 703-

Read the following papers.
23rd April 1863

1. Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

(Here enter 30 March)
1863. No.

2. Petition from Rajah
B. Nagammah Naiddoo
Bahadur

(Here enter 30 March)
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the following manner.

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Total assessed - men on the cultivated & for tax of the peshcush wet	51,710 n.n.	45,624 n.n.	42,695 n.n.	6,086-0-0	9,014-2-0
Deduct 1/2 of the Taminani share	12,927 n.n.	11,406 n.n.	10,673 n.n.	1,521-0-0	2,254-0-0
Peshcush	38,783 n.n.	34,218 n.n.	32,022 n.n.	4,565-0-0	6,761-0-0
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