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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue—**DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 898 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 26. 5. ~~19~~ 1863

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 26th May 1863.

No. 289. Read the following letter from the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government Revenue Department, dated Madras, 21st April 1863, No. 1,504:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Order of Government dated 15th April 1863, No. 658, I would beg permission to make one or two observations.

2. I am directed (paragraph 2) in communication with the Collector of Kurnool to arrange for the distribution of the Shroffage among the Curnums. I believe the Government mean the *Potels*, as mentioned in their Order of 25th June 1862, No. 1,398, paragraph 3, and not the *Curnums*, for I pointed out in my letter dated 8th January 1862 (paragraph 6), that the Potel was the person responsible for the collection of the Revenue. I shall accordingly, in addressing the Collector, treat of this Shroffage as payable to the Potels.

3. In paragraph 1 the Government say that they are not aware what sum has been realized on account of fees in Kurnool. I have the honor to state that nothing has been collected. Mr. Minchin, in a letter dated 17th January 1863, reports as follows:—"The commutation of fees "is delayed solely from the want of an Act rendering the collection of a cess in lieu of the "fees legal. The collection of such fees on the part of village servants has, of course, ceased, "as the latter are now paid by fixed salaries. On the other hand, their collection in kind on "behalf of Government is impracticable, and consequently until an Act is past to legalise the "levy of a cess, the Ryots enjoy a complete exemption on this account."

4. The Government (paragraph 1) allude to a further report which has to be submitted for Neergunties for the Kurnool District, and in their estimate of the possible cost of the whole Establishments for this and the other two Districts treated of, assume an estimated sum for Neergunties. But I beg to remind them of my report * on the requirements of these three Districts in respect of Neergunties, in which I made the following calculation of the cost for these servants; compared with the item in the Order now under reply, it stands as follows:—

* To Government, dated 12th July 1862.

Cost of Neergunties.

	As per my report dated 12th July 1862.	As estimated in the G. O. dated 15th April 1863.
Kurnool.....	6,852	2,608
Bellary.....	16,968	21,114
Cuddapah.....	15,924	26,373
Total...	39,744	50,095

5. I have requested the Inspector General of Police, with reference to the last paragraph of the Government Order, to ascertain, in each instance of the grouping of villages proposed in my reports, whether the grouping as proposed is objectionable or not in a Police point of view. By doing this the Government will be put in a position of knowing more accurately *to what extent* any modification of the grouping is necessary. I have only to report that the Collectors of these Districts have stated the opinion that the measure as proposed is unobjectionable. I hope very shortly to be able to submit a report accompanied by the replies of Collectors to a Circular letter I sent them requesting their opinion on the probable working of the new scheme of Village Establishments, and which is only delayed awaiting information on one or two points from certain Collectors.

No. 290. ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1863, No. 898.

1. Mr. Pelly is right in his conclusion that the allowance for Shroffage is to be granted to the Potels and not to the Curnums.

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2. As the Collector of Kurnool reports that the collection of the fees of village servants on account of Government is impossible without a legislative enactment, measures will be adopted for introducing a Bill into the Honorable the Governor's Council for the levy of a cess in lieu of fees.

3. Mr. Pelly's report on the Neergunties of the Ceded Districts was transferred to the Department Public Works for consideration. His estimate for Kurnool, it is observed, is Rupees 6,852 instead of Rupees 2,608, as stated in G. O. 15th April last, Revenue Department, No. 658, but there are ample funds available to meet this probable increase.

(Signed.) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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From,

The Honble C. Pelly
Member of the
Bd of Rev.

To, J. D. Sim Esq.
Secretary to Govt.
Rev. Dept.

Dated 21st April 1863
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S.O. No 898 - 26 May

Offering with reference to the Order of Govt. of 15th April No 658, certain observations regarding certain fees in the Kurnool Dist.

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Revenue Department

No. 898.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 21st May 1863.

Read the following letter from the Honorable C. Pelly Member of the Board of Revenue

Offering with reference to the Order of Govt. dated 15th April No. 158, certain observations regarding certain fees in the Kurnool District

(Here enter 21st April 1863 No. 1504)

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a legislative Enactment measures will be adopted for introducing a Bill into the Honorable the Governor's Council for the levy of a cess in lieu of Fees.

Mr. Pelly's report on the Neerzunties of the Ceded Districts was transferred to the D. P. W. for consideration. His estimate for Kurnool it is observed is Rs. 6,852 instead of Rs. 2,608 as stated in G. O. 15th April last R. D. No. 658, but there are ample Funds available to meet this probable increase.

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Mr. Pelly's letter offering certain observations regarding the collection of Village fees in Kurnool, disposed of

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