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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st June 1863.*

No. 3. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th May 1863, No. 2,671 :—

Read again letters from the Acting Collector of North Arcot, dated 12th May and 18th June 1862, Nos. 86 and 114, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 17th May and 12th July 1862, Nos. 3,204 and 4,493.

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated 20th March 1863, No. 34 :—

1. With reference to the Proceedings noted in the margin, I have the honor to enclose a Statement showing the amount of compensation to be paid to the Ryots of Goodipati Poliem.

2. On receipt of the Proceedings under reply, I summoned the Ryots before me to ascertain from them the net profits which they were able to realize from the lands in question.

3. They could give me no satisfactory or reliable accounts of their profits. They spoke from memory only, and like all Ryots never keep any written accounts. I therefore declined to trust to their vague statements.

4. The sales of land in these villages or thereabouts have been very few, so that I had no alternative but to call upon the Tahsildar to assemble a Punchayet of neighbouring Ryots, and Monigars, and fix the price in consultation with them.

5. The accompanying Statement exhibits the settlement thus made. The rates per Kani therein given are I think fair, and I have no hesitation in recommending the same for the Board's approval. I may here mention that on one occasion a Nunjah Kani of Dasabundum Inám was sold for about 400 Rupees. This being the case the rates of 200 and 250 Rupees per Kani as settled by the mediators cannot be considered high, and I have no doubt the lands are worth as much; considering that they were being cultivated every year previous to their appropriation for public purposes.

6. With regard to the lands entered as Punjah in the Survey accounts, the arbitrators have in one case recommended a rate of 200 Rupees per Kani, the reason being that the land has been cultivated as Nunjah every year from a long time back. In other cases, where Punjah crops were raised, three rates, viz., of Rupees 50, 35, 20 per Kani are recommended. These I consider are likewise fair.

7. Under these circumstances I beg to recommend that the sum of Rupees 1,162-3-0, shown in column 7, may be paid to the Ryots as the price of lands taken from them, together with interest amounting to Rupees 1,638-10-9, calculated at 12 per cent. from date of appropriation, which obviates the necessity for any payments being made to them for annual loss of income from the time of appropriation up to the date of compensation being disbursed to them. This satisfies the Ryots.

8. The Board Petition noted in the margin addressed by the Poligar of Goodipati is herewith returned.

9. Provision has already been made in the Budget to meet the charge in question.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Statement of Compensation to be paid to the Ryots of Goodipati Poliem.

1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Statement enclosed in the letter last recorded is of compensation due to the Ryot proprietors of Cawnies 7-14-12 of land, being part of Cawnies 39-5-8 situated in the Goodipati Poliem, and taken up in Fasli 1261 for the public road from Chittoor to Vellore. The long delay in bringing the claim to notice was mainly due to the Poligar himself, who deferred making his claim until 1858, and did not submit his accounts till the close of 1859. When the claim came first before the Board in May 1862, the Collector recommended payment of 10 years' assessment, while the Ryots claimed 20 years' purchase. The Board objected to the Collector's proposal as based on no intelligible principle for ascertaining the Ryots' profits; and the Acting Collector therefore now submits a revised Statement of compensation due to the Ryots, settled by arbitration by a Punchayet of neighbouring Ryots and Monigars assembled by the Tahsildar.

3. The compensation thus awarded on the Cawnies 7-14-12 of land in the occupancy of Ryots, amounts altogether to Rupees 1,162-3-0; but in addition to this, the Collector recommends payment of a further sum of Rupees 1,638-10-9, being interest at 12 per cent. from Fasli 1261 to

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March 1272, a period of eleven years and nine months. As, however, the parties themselves neglected to bring their claims to notice until 1858, the Board cannot advocate the payment of interest from any earlier period than that date, and they accordingly recommend that, in addition to the abovementioned sum of Rupees 1,162-3-0, a further sum of Rupees 662-7-1 be disbursed to the Ryots, being interest at the rate of 12 per cent. from Fasli 1268 to March 1272, a period of four years and nine months, or a total compensation to the Ryots of Rupees 1,824-10-1.

4. As to the compensation due to the Poligar himself, Mr. Fraser explained in his letter of the 12th May 1862, No. 86, that as he was entitled to the Government demand on the lands taken up, the amount to be disbursed to him in arrears is Rupees 1,407-6-10, in addition to a permanent annual remission of Rupees 127-15-2 from his Peshcush, which will hereafter be Rupees 2,845-14-2, instead of Rupees 2,973-13-4 as at present. The Collector does not propose payment of interest to the Poligar; but it is injustice due to him, and the Board accordingly recommend that a further sum of Rupees 802-3-9 be sanctioned as interest on Rupees 1,407-6-10 at 12 per cent. from Fasli 1268 to March 1272, or a total compensation to the Poligar of Rupees 2,209-10-7.

5. The total compensation which the Government are now requested to sanction, both for the Poligar and occupying Ryots, is thus Rupees 4,031-4-8, which the Board beg to recommend, provision for the charge having been made by the Collector in his Budget.

6. Sanction is also requested for the permanent reduction of the Peshcush as above proposed.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1863, No. 930.

1. The Board of Revenue recommend for sanction the undermentioned sums as compensation for land in the Gudipaty Polliem of the North Arcot District, taken up in Fasli 1261 for the public road from Chittoor to Vellore:—

	RS.	A.	P.
To Ryots	1,162	3	0
Interest at 12 per cent. from Fasli 1268 when the claim was made to March 1272	662	7	1
To Poligar	1,407	6	10
Interest at 12 per cent. from do. to do....	802	3	9

The Board also propose a permanent annual remission of Rupees 127-15-2 from the Poligar's Peshcush, which they observe will thus be reduced from Rupees 2,973-13-4 to Rupees 2,845-14-2.

2. Presuming that the Public Works Department have verified the extent of land taken up for the road in question, on which point the Board will satisfy themselves, the Governor in Council sanctions the disbursement of the first and third of the abovementioned sums, viz., Rupees 1,162-3-0 and 1,407-6-10.

3. The Government are willing to allow interest on these sums from the date on which the land was appropriated, but at the rate of 5 per cent. The amount to be disbursed under this Order will be reported by the Board for the sanction of Government.

4. Sanction is also granted for the permanent reduction of the Poligar's Peshcush as proposed by the Board to Rupees 2,845-14-2.

(Signed.) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

No. 2,67L

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 5th May 1863.

Read again letters from the Acting Collector of North Arcot, dated 12th May and 18th June 1862, Nos. 86 and 114, recorded in Board's Proceedings dated 17th May, and 12th July 1862, Nos. 3,204 and 4,493.

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated 20th March 1863, No. 34:—

1. With reference to the Proceedings noted in the margin, I Dated 12th July 1862, No. 4,493. have the honor to enclose a Statement showing the amount of compensation to be paid to the Ryots of Goodipati Poliem.

2. On receipt of the Proceedings under reply, I summoned the Ryots before me to ascertain from them the net profits which they were able to realize from the lands in question.

3. They could give me no satisfactory or reliable accounts of their profits. They spoke from memory only, and like all Ryots never keep any written accounts. I therefore declined to trust to their vague statements.

4. The sales of land in these villages or thereabouts have been very few, so that I had no alternative but to call upon the Tahsildar to assemble a Panchayet of neighbouring Ryots, and Monigars, and fix the price in consultation with them.

5. The accompanying Statement exhibits the settlement thus made. The rates per Kani therein given are I think fair, and I have no hesitation in recommending the same for the Board's approval. I may here mention that on one occasion a Nunjah Kani of Dasabundum Inam was sold for about 400 Rupees. This being the case the rates of 200 and 250 Rupees per Kani as settled by the mediators cannot be considered high, and I have no doubt the lands are worth as much; considering that they were being cultivated every year previous to their appropriation for public purposes.

6. With regard to the lands entered as Punjab in the Survey accounts, the arbitrators have in one case recommended a rate of 200 Rupees per Kani, the reason being that the land has been cultivated as Nunjah every year from a long time back. In other cases, where Punjab crops were raised, three rates, viz., of Rupees 50, 35, 20 per Kani are recommended. These I consider are likewise fair.

7. Under these circumstances I beg to recommend that the sum of Rupees 1,162-3-0, shown in column 7, may be paid to the Ryots as the price of lands taken from them, together with interest amounting to Rupees 1,638-10-9, calculated at 12 per cent. from date of appropriation, which obviates the necessity for any payments being made to them for annual loss of income from the time of appropriation up to the date of compensation being disbursed to them. This satisfies the Ryots.

8. The Board Petition noted in the margin addressed by the Board Petition No. 3,285 of 1862. Poligar of Goodipati is herewith returned.

9. Provision has already been made in the Budget to meet the charge in question.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Statement of Compensation to be paid to the Ryots of Gudipaty Poliem.

1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Statement enclosed in the letter last recorded is of compensation due to the Ryot proprietors of Cawnies 7-14-12 of land, being part of Cawnies 39-5-8 situated in the Gudipaty Polliem, and taken up in Fasli 1261 for the public road from Chittoor to Vellore. The long delay in bringing the claim to notice was mainly due to the Poligar himself, who deferred making his claim until 1858, and did not submit his accounts till the close of 1859. When the claim came first before the Board in May 1862, the Collector recommended payment of 10 years' assessment, while the Ryots claimed 20 years' purchase. The Board objected to the Collector's proposal as based on no intelligible principle for ascertaining the Ryots' profits; and the Acting Collector therefore now submits a revised Statement of compensation due to the Ryots, settled by arbitration by a Panchayet of neighbouring Ryots and Monigars assembled by the Tahsildar.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 17th May 1862.

Read the following letter from J. FRASER, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Palmanair, 12th May 1862, No. 86:—

1. I have the honor to enclose a Statement showing the particulars of compensation due on certain lands taken up within the limits of Gudipaty Poliem on account of the public road from Chittoor to Vellore.

2. As the appropriation took place in Fasli 1261, prior to the commencement of agricultural operation for the current Fasli, and after the crops of the preceding Fasli had been harvested, the present claim does not involve any compensation for loss of crops, nor was there any loss incurred an account of trees, wells or other improvements on the lands in question.

3. The Poligar being entitled to the Government demand on the lands taken up, the amount to be disbursed to him is Rupees 1,407-6-10,* in addition to a permanent annual remission of Rupees 127-15-2† from the Pesheush, which will, from Fasli 1272, be Rupees 2,845-14-2.

4. Respecting the compensation due to the right of occupancy, the Poligar says that the Ryots in whom this right is vested, are unwilling to accept any thing short of 20 years' purchase, this unprecedented demand being based on the principles of the Freehold rules.

5. Except in the cases of Virdambat and Kalur the compensation granted in this District for lands appropriated for public roads never exceeded the amount of six years' assessment. In the two exceptional cases above mentioned, as well as in the case of Zemindari lands taken up for Railway purposes, the payment of ten years' assessment was made, which has been the maximum rate of compensation awarded. Contrasted with the settlement of similar claims, the present demand appears to be extravagant. I would therefore recommend the payment of ten years' assessment to the Ryots in question.

6. The delay in the disposal of the claim under notice, is mainly attributable to the Poligar himself, who deferred making it till 1858, and submitted the accounts about the close of 1859. The scrutiny to which these statistics were subjected in the Taluk, and by the Public Works Department, account for the subsequent delay, the complete information being received from the Taluk on the 14th March last.

7. In explanation of the delay caused by him, the Poligar pleads his ignorance of the fact that compensation was usually granted for such cases up to the time of his application.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the particulars of land taken for public road in Gudipati Poliem in the District of North Arcot.

The Collector will please to explain on what principle he bases his proposed compensation to the Ryots on the amount of the *assessment* on their lands occupied for public purposes. The Board presume that the "assessment" is the amount paid by the Ryots to the Poligar, and they do not understand why this payment should be assumed as being in any way a measure of the Ryots.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To J. Fraser, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot.

Exd, J. Wright.

3. The compensation thus awarded on the Cawnies 7-14-12 of land in the occupancy of Ryots, amounts altogether to Rupees 1,162-3-0; but in addition to this, the Collector recommends payment of a further sum of Rupees 1,638-10-9, being interest at 12 per cent from Fasli 1261 to March 1272, a period of 11 years and nine months. As, however, the parties themselves neglected to bring their claims to notice until 1853, the Board cannot advocate the payment of interest from any earlier period than that date, and they accordingly recommend that, in addition to the above mentioned sum of Rupees 1,162-3-0, a further sum of Rupees 662-7-1 be disbursed to the Ryots, being interest at the rate of 12 per cent from Fasli 1263 to March 1272, a period of four years and nine months, or a total compensation to the Ryots of Rupees 1,824-10-1.

4. As to the compensation due to the Poligar himself, Mr. Fraser explained in his letter of the 12th May 1862, No. 86, that as he was entitled to the Government demand on the lands taken up, the amount to be disbursed to him in arrears is Rupees 1,407-6-10, in addition to a permanent annual remission of Rupees 127-15-2 from his Peshcush, which will hereafter be Rupees 2,845-14-2, instead of Rupees 2,973-13-4 as at present. The Collector does not propose payment of interest to the Poligar; but it is in justice due to him, and the Board accordingly recommend that a further sum of Rupees 802-3-9 be sanctioned as interest on Rupees 1,407-6-10, at 12 per cent from Fasli 1268 to March 1272, or a total compensation to the Poligar of Rupees 2,209-10-7.

	RS.	A.	P.	5. The total compensation which the Govern-
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Rupees....	4,034	4	8	which the Board beg to recommend, provision for

the charge having been made by the Collector in his Budget.

6. Sanction is also requested for the permanent reduction of the Peshkush as above proposed.

(A true Conv and Extreat)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to J. Fraser, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot.

ExA. J. Wright:

Submitting letters from the Acting Collector of North Arcot, and recommending that Rupees 4034-4-8 be sanctioned as compensation to the Gudiapaly Poligar and the Ryots for certain lands taken up for the Public Road from Chittoor to Vellore.

No. 2,671.

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Dated 5th May 1863.

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No. 4,493. dated 12th July 1862.

STON, Esq., Secretary to the Board.
No. 114 :—
1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of the Board noted in the margin, desiring me to explain on what principle I based the proposed compensation to the Ryots of Gudypate Poliem on the amount of the assessment on their lands occupied for public purposes.
I state that as the settlement of all similar claims in this District has been sanctioned by the Board and Government,

STON, Esq., Secretary to the Board.

No. 114 :—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of the Board noted in the margin, desiring me to explain on what principle I based the proposed compensation to the Ryots of Gudypate Poliem on the amount of the assessment on their lands occupied for public purposes.

No. 3,204 of 17th May 1862.

I have to state, that as the settlement of all similar claims in this District has been sanctioned by the Board and Government, I have no objection to the proposed compensation to the Ryots of Gudypate Poliem on the amount of the assessment on their lands occupied for public purposes.

2. In reply, I beg to state, that as the settlement of all similar claims in this District has hitherto been made in the manner proposed, and under the sanction of the Board and Government, I did not give the principle any consideration, assuming it to be correct. The "assessment" does mean the amount paid by the Ryots to the Poligar; but unless this, a known quantity, is taken as the basis from which to calculate the Ryots' profit, I do not see how they can be determined. I should perhaps use the term "assume," rather than "calculate;" because the Ryots' profits depend on a number of conditions unknown to Government, and which must always remain so. These are the energy or sluggishness of the cultivator, his depending on the labor of his own family or on hired labor, his economical or wasteful use of manure, the actual condition of his land, and even the healthiness or unhealthiness of the village to which his land is attached, all affect his profits; and Government can never gain an accurate knowledge of these elements of calculation.

3. I believe it to be generally admitted, that in India one-third of the gross produce of land is a fair rental for it, and that the revised assessment of this District is fixed nearly on this basis. I know, that in Scotland, practical farmers say land ought to yield three rents, one for the landlord, one for expenses of cultivation, one for the tenants; or, which comes to the same thing, that the rental should equal one-third the gross produce. I think it therefore quite fair to assume the Ryots' profits as equal to the rent or assessment, and to give so many years' purchase of the same as compensation. The number of years to be taken has hitherto been fixed rather arbitrarily, and in the case of Government land, too low, I think. I cannot see why a Zemindar, such as he of Carvetnugger for instance, should receive ten years' rental as compensation, while Government Ryots get but four and six for land very similar in quality. I do not however mean to say that ten years' purchase is too much.

1. In the Proceedings to which the foregoing letter is a reply, the Collector was asked to explain why he based his proposed compensation to the Ryots on the *assessment* of their lands taken up for public purposes. This "assessment" being, as the Board then thought, and as now appears to be the case, the amount paid by the Ryots to the Poligar, it was not clear why it should be considered in any way a measure of the Ryots' profits.

2. Mr. Fraser now informs the Board that he had not given the subject any particular consideration, being under the impression that he had followed the usual course in such cases; but assuming that the revised assessment of the North Arcot District is fixed at about a third of the gross produce of the land, he considers it fair to estimate the Ryots' profits as equal to such rent or assessment, though he is not clear as to the number of years' purchase, which ought to be taken in fixing the amount of compensation.

3. The Board observe on this point that a land tax, bearing a uniform percentage to the gross produce, cannot form a proper basis on which to calculate the net value of fields varying in quality, for a tax so fixed would bear a greater or less proportion to the net value inversely with the land's natural fertility.

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this should have been settled years ago and should have
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated 17th May 1862.

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No. 3,204.

Requesting certain explanation respecting the proposed compensation to the Ryots on the amount of the assessment on their lands occupied for public purposes.

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4. The rent enjoyed by the Scotch landlords, referred to in paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter, is "natural rent," and between this and the "Land tax" in this country there is a wide distinction. The former is a premium paid by the tenant for the use of natural advantages inherent in the soil: the latter is a percentage on the gross produce, arbitrarily fixed, and is imposed not merely on the more fertile lands, or lands which naturally yield rent, but on the worst description of lands under cultivation, the produce of which is only sufficient, where no tax exists, to cover the cost of cultivation.

5. The only fair way then of calculating compensation is to institute an inquiry as to the actual yearly value of the lands, and the number of years' purchase at which such land is usually sold in the District, reckoned with reference, not to the assessment, but the actual profits.

6. Mr. Fraser will be good enough to give the matter further consideration with reference to the foregoing remarks, and to report the result.

7. The Board remark that in the Statement received with his letter of 12th May, No. 86, the Collector has omitted the headings to show whether the lands are entered as in kanis or acres. They request he will explain which of the two was intended.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To J. Fraser, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot.

Ed. J. Wright.

Requesting further explanation from the Acting Collector of North Arcot, on the subject of compensation to be paid to the Ryots of Gudypate Police for lands taken up for public purposes.

No. 4493

Dated 12th July 1862.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

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As in the Case of the Ryots of Gudypate Police for lands taken up for public purposes.

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Under date the 1st of May 1863.

Read the following
The rates of compensation. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Calculation of the Ryots' interest in the soil (Henceforth 5th May 1863 No. 2671)
Seems to me very high
but they have been
fixed by arbitration
and the land was
taken in 1857/2

I think interest
should be allowed
only at 5 per cent.
and from date of
appropriation. This
will be a little more
than the Ryots propose
but it seems the most
just course
for the public road
from the river to the
important element
omitted which the Ryots ought to have before it is that in
the quantities of land taken - the interest should be 5 per
cent - from date at which the land was taken - but all
this should have been settled years ago and should have
formed a part of the settlement of the Ryots of the Road WD.
the result is the payment of 1500 R. interest

inc
for the
up to
the
lands
or to

To Ryto - - - - - Rs. 1162. 3. 0.
 Interest at 12
 per cent from July
 1868 when the claim
 was made to March

1872 - - - - - 662. 7. 1.
 To Poligar - - - - - 1107. 6. 10.
 Interest at 12 per
 cent from 20 to 70 802. 3. 9.

The Board also propose
 a permanent annual
 remission of Rs. 27. 15. 2
 from the Poligar's Revenue,
 which they observe will
 thus be reduced from Rs.
 2973. 13. 4 to Rs. 2845. 14. 2.

2. Presuming that
 the Public Works Depart-
 ment have verified the
 extent of land taken
 up for the road in question,
 on which point the
 Board will satisfy them-
 selves, the Govt will
 sanction the disbursement

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of the first and third
 of the abovementioned
 sums, viz Rs. 1162. 3. and
 1107. 6. 10.

3. The Govt are willing
 to allow interest on
 these sums from the date
 on which the land was
 appropriated, but at
 the rate of 5 per cent.
 The amount to be dis-
 bursed under this order
 will be reported by the
 Bd for the same two of Govt.

4. Sanction is also
 granted for the perma-
 nent reduction of the
 Poligar's Revenue as
 proposed by the Board.
 Rs. 2845. 14. 2

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14 copies to the Bd of Revenue with the enclosures sent to the
 3 - Secy. Genl.
 3 - Civil Paymaster
 2 - Comptroller

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No. of the Board of Rev.
of 9 Sept/63 & no 2180

Compensation for
land in the Good Hope
Settlement of the Fort
Street District taken
up for public roads
sanctioned.

No 341.