

# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Revenue* DEPARTMENT.

|              |                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| G.O. No. 195 | <i>Press</i><br><del>Mis</del> |
| 61-62        |                                |
| Dated 3-2-19 | 1904                           |

Not to be folded or roughly handled

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
3rd February 1864.*

No. 61. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India (Revenue), to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 21th November 1863, No. 80:—

SIR,

1. I have had under my consideration in Council the letter from your Excellency's Government, dated the 12th August last (No. 79), in which you inform me of the circumstances under which you have sanctioned the restoration of the Pergunnah of Goodoor, in the Kistna District, to B. Nagannah Naidoo, Zemindar of Walloor.

2. This estate was formerly in the possession of this individual under permanent settlement, but, having fallen into arrear, was put up to sale, and purchased by Government in 1852.

3. B. Nagannah Naidoo having rendered valuable services to the State in providing carriage, provisions, &c., for the Saugor Field Force during the mutiny, which have already received some recognition in the Military Department, you resolved to comply with his request for the restoration of the Pergunnah, not as a matter of right, but in further recognition of those services, and on such a Peshcush as may be adapted to its present improved condition. The restoration of the Pergunnah is in fact, therefore, a fresh grant of the estate, and it is open to you to impose whatever conditions you may think fit.

4. The correspondence now before me relates principally to the mode of estimating the assets on which the new Peshcush is to be calculated, and there appears to be some difficulty in arriving at a just conclusion. The Pergunnah has already largely benefited by the construction of the Kistna Anicut, and will ultimately be altogether brought under its influence. If the Peshcush be now fixed in proportion to the presumed future value of the estate, the amount will be greater than the Zemindar will be able to pay in its present condition; whereas, if the actual condition be taken as the basis of calculation, the Government will be needlessly subjected to a considerable prospective loss of revenue to which it might legitimately lay claim when the works of the Anicut are brought to completion and the estate shall enjoy the full benefit of irrigation.

5. Under these circumstances, you have resolved to make only a temporary arrangement, and have accordingly fixed, for the present, the Peshcush at Rupees 32,022, being three-fourths of the sum proposed by the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement as the total assessment of the cultivated portion of the estate at the revised rates. This amount is subject to modification hereafter, so as to assimilate the rates on the Goodoor estate to those which may eventually be sanctioned for the entire District. When the Peshcush shall have been so determined, it is not to be altered until a perceptible increase in the wet cultivation of the estate shall render a division desirable, the profit of any increase in the dry cultivation being left to the Zemindar.

6. I do not object to this as a temporary arrangement, but I desire that the question as to the mode of charging for water supplied from the Kistna channels for irrigation may be again taken into your consideration. It was first proposed that a separate water rate should be imposed on the irrigated land, and the Zemindar was in favor of the plan. The water was to be measured, if possible, and charged for at a rate equivalent to Rupees 3 per Acre. The Public Works Department, however, reported that the irrigation of the estate was inextricably mixed up with that of the Government villages, and that the only means which existed of ascertaining its extent would be the annual measurement of the irrigated area. You have accordingly fallen back on the old plan of a consolidated assessment, including land and water rate. You will have learnt, from my Despatch of the 30th March last (No. 9), which must have reached you subsequently to the date of these Proceedings, that Her Majesty's Government adhere to the opinion which has been repeatedly expressed by the Home authorities, that, in all practicable cases, and particularly when the means of irrigation are newly provided at the cost of the State, a water rate should be levied distinct from the land assessment. It can scarcely be argued that the adoption of this arrangement is impracticable in the case of the Goodoor Pergunnah, as, in the event of that estate having remained under permanent settlement, it would have been necessary

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
3rd February 1864.*

to devise some means for obtaining a pecuniary return for the water supplied by the Anicut, in addition to, and separate from, the Peshcush to which the estate was originally liable.

7. I regret to observe, from the Proceedings, before me, that there is much reason to fear that the rates of assessment originally proposed by Mr. Newill, the Director of Revenue Settlement, for the Kistna District, were based on incorrect data, and that the Officiating Director, Mr. Master, has seen reason to recommend a considerable modification in them. I trust that this important question will receive the early and careful consideration of the Board of Revenue and of your Excellency in Council.

No. 62.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1864, No. 195.

1. The foregoing Despatch together with that to which it is a reply will be communicated to the Board of Revenue and the Director of Revenue Settlement.

2. The Secretary of State's Despatch of 30th March 1863, alluded to in paragraph 6, is recorded in G. O. 16th June 1863, No. 1,056, and the subsequent correspondence on the same subject in the orders marginally\* noted.

3. The general subject will be taken into consideration in disposing of the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd December 1863, No. 8,139, and the papers referred to therein. The question alluded to in paragraph 7 of Sir Charles Wood's present Despatch will also be reviewed at the same time.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ Director of Revenue Settlement.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

India Office,  
London, 24 November 1863.

Revenue,

No. 80

To His Excellency The Honourable The Governor in  
Council, Fort St. George.

SIR,

Para. 1. I have had under my consideration in Council the Letter from your Excellency's Government, dated the 12th August last (No. 79), in which you inform me of the circumstances under which you have sanctioned the restoration of the pergunnah of Goodoor, in the Kistna district to B. Nagannah Naidoo, Zemindar of Walloor.

2. This estate was formerly in the possession of this individual under permanent settlement, but, having fallen into arrear, was put up to sale, and purchased by Government in 1852.

3. B. Nagannah Naidoo having rendered valuable services to the State in providing carriage, provisions, &c., for the Saugor Field Force during the Mutiny, which have already received some recognition in the Military Department, you resolved to comply with his request for the restoration of the pergunnah, not as a matter of right, but in further recognition of those services, and on such a peshcush as may be adapted to its present improved condition. The restoration of the pergunnah is in fact, therefore, a fresh grant of the estate, and it is open to you to impose whatever conditions you may think fit.

4. The correspondence now before me relates principally to the mode of estimating the assets on which the new peshcush is to be calculated, and there appears to be some difficulty in arriving at a just conclusion. The pergunnah has already largely benefited by the construction of the Kistna Anicut, and will ultimately be altogether brought under its influence. If the peshcush be now fixed in proportion to the presumed future value of the estate, the amount will be greater than the zemindar will be able to pay in its present condition; whereas, if the actual condition be taken as the basis of calculation, the Government will be needlessly subjected to a considerable prospective loss of revenue to which it might legitimately lay claim when the works of the anicut are brought to completion, and the estate shall enjoy the full benefit of irrigation.

5. Under these circumstances, you have resolved to make only a temporary arrangement, and have accordingly fixed, for the present, the peshcush at Rs. 32,022, being three-fourths of the sum proposed by the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement as the total assessment of the cultivated portion of the estate at the revised rates. This amount is subject to modification hereafter, so as to assimilate the rates on the Goodoor estate to those which may eventually be sanctioned for the entire district. When the peshcush shall have been so determined, it is

3

not to be altered until a perceptible increase in the wet cultivation of the estate shall render a division desirable, the profit of any increase in the dry cultivation being left to the zemindar.

6. I do not object to this as a temporary arrangement, but I desire that the question as to the mode of charging for water supplied from the Kistna channels for irrigation may be again taken into your consideration. It was first proposed that a separate water rate should be imposed on the irrigated land, and the zemindar was in favour of the plan. The water was to be measured, if possible, and charged for at a rate equivalent to Rs. 3 per acre. The Public Works Department, however, reported that the irrigation of the estate was inextricably mixed up with that of the Government villages, and that the only means which existed of ascertaining its extent would be the annual measurement of the irrigated area. You have accordingly fallen back on the old plan of a consolidated assessment, including land and water rate. You will have learnt, from my Despatch of the 30th March last (No. 9), which must have reached you subsequently to the date of these proceedings, that Her Majesty's Government adhere to the opinion which has been repeatedly expressed by the Home authorities, that, in all practicable cases, and particularly when the means of irrigation are newly provided at the cost of the State, a water rate should be levied distinct from the land assessment. It can scarcely be argued that the adoption of this arrangement is impracticable in the case of the Goodoor pergunnah, as, in the event of that estate having remained under permanent settlement, it would have been necessary to devise some means for obtaining a pecuniary return for the water supplied by the annicut, in addition to, and separate from, the peshcush to which the estate was originally liable.

7. I regret to observe, from the proceedings before me, that there is much reason to fear that the rates of assessment originally proposed by Mr. Newill, the Director of Revenue Settlement for the Kistna District, were based on incorrect data, and that the Officiating Director, Mr. Master, has seen reason to recommend a considerable modification in them. I trust that this important question will receive the early and careful consideration of the Board of Revenue and your Excellency in Council.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

*Wood*

61-62  
3-2-62

No. 16  
 Pro. of Govt for & Feb 1864  
 24th Nov 1863  
 Letter to Govt St. George  
 129. 80.

Received on the  
 5th January/64.  
 Via  
 Mercellos-

1863  
 6th Nov

1863 17th Nov 1864

During the absence of  
 the Govt towards the  
 1st of January of 1864  
 the Govt of St. George  
 was in the absence of the  
 Govt of St. George

Revenue Department.

No. 195.

Proceedings of the Madras Government  
 under date the 3rd January 1864.

Read the following  
 despatch from the Right  
 Honorable the Secy. of  
 State for India.

Reviewing the  
 proceedings of this Govt  
 towards the restoration  
 of the pargunnah of Sooroor  
 in the Kistna District  
 to B. Nagannah Naidoo,  
 Zamindar of Walloor.

(Here enter 24th  
 Nov 1863, No. 80/-

1. The foregoing des-  
 patch together with  
 copy of that to which  
 it is a reply will be  
 communicated to the  
 Board of Revenue and  
 the Director of Revenue settle-  
 ment.

2. The Secretary of  
 States' despatch of 30th  
 March 1863 alluded to  
 in para 6 is recorded  
 in G.O. 16th June 1863, No.

1056-

MD

pp

c 1061

1056- and the subse-  
-quent correspondence  
on the same subject  
in the orders marginally  
noted:-

\* 13<sup>th</sup> July 1863 - No 1272-  
16<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1864 - No 99-

3. The general sub-  
-ject will be taken  
into consideration <sup>in</sup> dis-  
-posing of the Board's  
Pro: dated 23<sup>d</sup> December  
1863, No 8,139 and the pa-  
-pers referred to therein.  
The question alluded  
to in para 7 of Sir  
Charles Wood's present  
despatch will also  
be reviewed at the  
same time:-

cyll

✓

14 Copies Letter of Paul dated 5 Feb 74  
13 in D<sup>r</sup> of Paul letter } with  
No 74.

5-94  
Revenue 1864. Dec 15.  
No: of Govt for February

6/11/95  
No: 95.  
No: of the Madras Govt  
23: February/61.

Despatch from  
Home Government re:  
relative to the restoration  
of Govt of Madras & Co.  
re: Govt, communication  
to Board of Revenue and  
in Govt settlement.