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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 402 Press Mis.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 8th March 1864.

No. 78. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th February 1864, No. 1,186 :—

Read again letter from the Collector of Malabar, dated 21st February 1863, No. 31, and recorded in Board's Proceedings dated 14th March 1863, No. 1,528.

Read also the following letter from the Acting Collector of Malabar, dated Calicut, 18th January 1864, No. 15 :—

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, under date the 14th March 1863, No. 1,528, I have the honor to submit copy of a report* from the Hoozoor Treasurer†, together with a Return in the prescribed form of his self-acquired property in land.

* Dated 4th December 1863.
† C. Choi Cooty Mupen.

2. Appended to this Return, it will be observed, is a Statement of his ancestral property, showing the locality of land and the amount of revenue assessment paid upon it to Government.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. C. COOTY, to G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated Calicut, 4th, December 1863.

I beg leave most respectfully to acknowledge the receipt of your Order, conveying the Proceedings of the Honorable the Board of Revenue, dated 14th March last, No. 1,528, on the report submitted by me under date 19th December 1862, respecting the several difficulties and obstacles which exist in the way of preparation of an account of the lands belonging to my Tarwad, as required by their Circular, dated 14th November of the same year, calling for a Return of landed property held and acquired by Uncovenanted Officers.

As required in paragraph 3 of the above Proceedings, I beg to lay before you a detailed Statement in the prescribed form of the landed property held by me.

A Statement showing the localities where the lands pertaining to my Tarwad are situated in this District, and the amount of revenue paid to Government on them, is also submitted, as required by paragraph 2 of the said Proceedings, and which I beg may be received, without my being required to furnish further particulars, as it is almost impossible to procure them.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) M. J. WALHOUSE, *Acting Collector*.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Register of lands held by Callinguel Choy Cooty Moopen, Cash-keeper, Hoozoor Treasury, and acquired by him subsequent to his entering into the service of Government.

1. Ordered that the foregoing letters and their enclosures be submitted for the Orders of Government, with reference to paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Rules on the subject of Uncovenanted Servants holding or acquiring landed property in the Districts in which they are employed.

Board's Circular, dated 13th October 1862, No. 6,643.

2. Under the circumstances represented by the Treasurer as to the difficulty of obtaining the information required regarding his ancestral property in land, the Board recommend that the Statement furnished by him showing the locality and assessment only of those lands may be accepted. His post as Hoozoor Treasurer can confer on him but very slight official influence, capable of being misused, while it is eminently desirable to retain in the public service native gentlemen holding such a respectable position as large landed proprietors.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1864, No. 402.

The Board's recommendation is accepted.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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No. 1,528.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 14th March 1863.

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 21st February 1863, No. 31 :—

1. With reference to the Board's Circular dated 14th November 1862, I have the honor to forward translate of an Arzi dated 19th December 1862, presented by the Huzur Treasurer, Choi Kutti Mupan on being called upon to furnish a return of his landed property.

2. He is the head of his family and possesses immense landed property acquired by his ancestors, but as he is in the service, his nephews are entrusted with their management.

3. He owns also some property acquired by himself; of these he states a return can be furnished, but the preparation of a return of his ancestral property, being for reasons stated a work of great difficulty and time, he prays that it may be dispensed with.

4. There is no doubt that he would have great difficulty in making out the returns required, and I would recommend exception being made for his and similar cases. I solicit the instructions of the Board on the subject.

ENCLOSURE No. I.

From C. CHOI KUTTI, Cashkeeper, to G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated Calicut, 19th December 1862.

I beg leave most respectfully to acknowledge receipt on the 22nd November last of the notice issued by your Honor consequent upon an Order dated 14th idem from the Honorable the Board of Revenue, requiring the submission, before the 1st December following, of Statements in the prescribed form, showing the particulars of lands held, and acquired by the Uncovenanted Servants

1. In the first place I beg to solicit your kind permission to explain to your Honor in as brief a manner as possible, the existing difficulties in ascertaining, agreeably to the tenor of the above order, the particulars of the lands pertaining to my Tarwad and of those held by me individually, and of the delay in the preparation of the return in question, craving at the same time your kind indulgence for its non-submission within the prescribed period.

Calicut. Shernaad.
Koormanad. Betumad.
Mahe. Kootnaad.
Telicherry.
* Nedoomnaad.
Wallowanaad.

2. The lands pertaining to my Tarwad are situated in the several Taluks of this Province as noted in the margin, and are very ancient acquisitions. Among those are included certain extensive forests* which are situated in jungly localities and of which no account has ever been prepared showing accurately and distinctly all the particulars connected with them and their position.

3. Even if I intend to frame out a Statement at a rough guess, based on the title deeds of the property, the fact of the necessary documents of some of it being in a decayed state, and otherwise not in existence, stand in my way. The only proof I am able to adduce of such property is merely the extent of their produce. Hence it is impossible to forward a Statement embracing all the particulars prescribed in the form, and moreover, under the present order, it is not I presume, at all expedient to submit a guess work account, inasmuch as there is a declaration, tantamount to an oath, to be attached to the foot thereof.

4. On the other hand, if I am to appoint and depute immediately a set of Inspectors to ascertain the present condition of the property and to frame out a Statement accordingly, I fear it will not answer the object in view, for the work will require time and care, and some delay must inevitably take place in its completion, independent of the great expense it will entail on me.

5. The next thing is the difficulty in procuring competent persons to proceed to the forests and prepare accurate accounts of their extent and boundaries, &c., and any one deputed for the purpose at the present unwholesome season, will be immediately laid up sick, which is a notorious fact. People are afraid and refuse to proceed to the Forests for any consideration even in healthy seasons,* much less will they do so at the present time, when they know that they will have to encounter a bad season.

* Mithunam. Kany. Karkadagom. Tulam. Chingom. Vrischigom. To stay in the Forests even in Tulam is out of question specially if the years' monsoon had been a bad one.

6. I admit that an account of the above description will prove highly advantageous even to the owner of the property, but the impracticability in framing it out at present, is what I regret.

7. So long as I am in the Government employ, I am bound for the sake of my situation to surmount every obstacle and difficulty to furnish them with an account of the natur required of me, and if I neglect to do so by assigning some frivolous excuses or other, and thu evade compliance with their order, I may probably be subject to the loss of my situation, the emolument of which, though a handsome one, can, I may add, bear no comparison to the income I may derive from my Tarwad, the affairs of which I have neglected †, and have undertaken the most responsible ‡ situation in which the Government interest is involved, from no other consideration than that after having so long § served the Government with zeal, integrity, and respectability, it is my sanguine whish so to continue in it till my services are fully completed.

† By entrusting the management of my Tarwad affairs to my Anandravans.

‡ Property situated in the immediate vicinity of the Treasury which was then worth 50,000 Rupees and now double that amount had been tendered by me as security for my appointment.

§ A period of 34 years.—Vide the certificates granted to me by Messrs. Clarke, Robinson, and Williams.

It is not however at all expedient on my part to remark here on the inadequacy of my pay, with reference to the arduous and responsible nature of my duties.

8. Although the rule under which the present accounts is called for applies equally to all officers possessing landed property, yet I humbly conceive that my case may fairly be made an exceptional one, in consideration of the large extent of lands held by my Tarwad, and of the very great difficulty and inconvenience as well as the expense it will entail on me if I am to inspect the property even leisurely in order to furnish a complete Statement embracing all the particulars required by the form. I therefore confidently trust your Honor will not view the explanation which I have taken the liberty to submit above, in the light of an excuse to obtain a dispensation in my favor, but do me the justice to believe my statement, and under the circumstances detailed deign to dispense on the present occasion with the account of the lands pertaining to my Tarwad. If in doing so it is deemed necessary that the sanction of the higher authority should be obtained, I further request you will be so condescending as to forward this my application backed by your favorable recommendation.

9. When a statement of the lands held by Government servants was called for on a former occasion, pursuant to an order from the Revenue Board, I represented to then Collector, the late Mr. Conolly, the several difficulties, such as those above stated, which stood in the way of my furnishing with any degree of accuracy an account of the lands pertaining to my Tarwad, and the impossibility of my complying with the said order, when that gentleman was kindly pleased to dispense with the accounts of the lands belonging to my Tarwad.

10. In consequence of the order from the Revenue Board I had not purchased any lands individually, except lately on Jenm a piece of waste ground, near a river situated in the Kurumbranad Taluk, under the orders of the higher authority, by paying adequate price for it to the Sircar, and another spot of waste ground on the same enure in the vicinity and to the west of the Kora Poya Bridge in the Calicut Taluk, by obtaining it on Cowle. All the remaining property belongs to my Tarwad.

True Translation of the Malayalum Urzi presented on the 19th December 1862.

(Signed) CHOI KUTTI, Cashkeeper.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. A. BALLARD, Collector.

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1. Under all the circumstances of the case, the Board are willing to recommend to Government that it be dealt with exceptionally.

2. The Collector will obtain from his Treasurer as full a statement of his ancestral property in land as he can without difficulty furnish, showing the locality of the land, and the amount of Revenue assessment now paid to Government upon it, and will forward copy of it to the Board for inspection and for eventual submission to Government if deemed sufficient.

3. The return of the Treasurer's self-acquired property in land can it seems be made in the prescribed form without difficulty.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To C. A. Ballard, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

Ed. J. Wright

No. 1,523.

Dated 14th March 1863.

Department.

1863.

Received the Rupees on account of Land Revenue.

Rs. 538/62.

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Passing orders on letter recommending that the Huzur Treasurer be exempted from furnishing a return of his ancestral property.

No. 1,186.

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(True Copies and Extract).

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., with enclosure and copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 14th March 1863, No. 1,528.

Copy to M. J. Walhouse, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar.

Rd. J. Wright.

Rev. 1864. Department.
Rec'd 3rd March.

No. 538.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 24th February 1864.

Read 3rd March.

Ent'd Order

No. 1,186.

Submitting letters from the Collector of Malabar forwarding copy of a report from the Huzur Treasurer together with a Return in the prescribed form of his self acquired property in land.

Wm. Order

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The Bd's recommendation is accepted.—

Fort St. George 8th March 1864

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Cd. Rec'd 8th Mar. 1864