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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd March 1864.*

No. 283. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th January 1864,
No. 166:—

Read also the following letters.

From the Collector of Nellore, dated 17th September 1863, No. 305.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings dated the 9th October 1861, No. 5,491, passing orders on my report, No. 89, dated the 21st June 1860, on the Shrotriem arrears in this District, I have the honor now to submit the information called for by the said orders, with a report of the results of subsequent inquiries regarding the arrears in question and three Statements as noted marginally.

2. Abstract Statement of arrears in Fusly 1270, 1860-61.
do. on the same Shrotriems in Fusly 1271, 1861-62.
3. Detailed Statement of do. called for in the 10th paragraph of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of the 9th October 1861.

2. As regards the arrears referred to by the Board in paragraph 5 of their Proceedings* I have the honor to state they have been fully collected.

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Rendu Hissala do.	...	...	...	140	0	0
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3. With regard to the eight villages referred to by the Board in paragraph 6 of their Proceedings as under inquiry, and here specified below:—

No.	Names of Villages.	Balance outstanding up to the time of my last report, dated 21st June 1860.			Balance since up to Fusly 1271.			Total.		
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2	Gangavaram ...	549	1	6	464	4	6	1,013	6	0
3	Sazzapuram ...	917	1	1	687	15	0	1,605	0	1
4	Velicherla ...	614	8	4	...	...	...	1,614	8	4
5	Ambapuram ...	792	3	0	797	10	5	1,589	13	5
6	Veliguntapalem, ...	1,092	6	2	782	5	11	1,874	12	1
7	Timmayapalem ...	488	5	10	793	7	9	1,281	13	7
8	Tippireddipalli... ..	57	12	6	27	11	9	85	8	3
Total...		5,731	9	4	3,553	7	4	9,285	0	8

(1.) The balance outstanding on Kasumuru, amounting to Rupees 1,220-2-11, I have to report has been fully realized.

(2.) On Gangavaram the balance outstanding is Rupees 1,013-6-0; and in this village Acres 10, Cawnies 33½ of wet cultivation having been taken up for the road constructed in Fuslies 1264 and 1265 from Nellore to Cuddapah, and Acres 14, Cawnies 22, of a similar description having been rendered unfit for wet cultivation by the same road, viz., the Dorenal, inquiry has been made with a view to making compensation for the loss. It appears that these Acres 25, Cawnies 15½ were all cultivated by the surplus water of Gangavaram tank, and part being taken up by the road and part prevented by the road getting the usual supply as stated already the whole is lost to the Shrotriemdars as wet cultivation; and under these circumstances I beg to recommend that for the lands taken up for the road and those on which wet cultivation is no longer possible Rupees 980, as proposed in Statement No. 3, be written off as loss sustained, and a permanent reduction granted for the future in the quit-rent from Fusly 1272 of Rupees 130; steps have been taken for the collection of the remaining balance of Rupees 33-6-0; and in granting the reduction on the quit-rent it will be observed credit is taken for a dry assessment on the land not actually occupied by the road.

(3.) On Sazzapuram the arrears are Rupees 1,605-0-1. The Government, in their Proceedings marginally noted, directed that a reduction of Rupees 130 should be made in the quit-rent

11th December 1851, No 1,234.

of this Shrotriem on account of injury sustained by a channel dug in Fusly 1258; and in Fusly 1262 the aforesaid channel, it is urged brought in the high freshes of the Pennair and destroyed the garden lands in its neighbourhood filling the wells with sand. I have personally examined the wells and where the gardens were, and the statement is correct. And therefore, as detailed in Statement No. 3, I recommend on account of the garden lands destroyed (Acres 61, Kuntas 18) that a reduction be made per annum of Rupees 200 in the quit-rent from Fusly 1272, and also that a remission be granted of Rupees 1,505-0-1 in the present demand on account of arrears, viz., Rupees 1,400, the loss sustained by the Shrotriemdars on the garden lands during the preceding Fuslies up to Fusly 1271, and Rupees 105-0-1 the balance of the ruined wells. The collection of the balance Rupees 100 has been ordered.

(4.) The balance due on Velicherla is Rupees 614-8-4. The Shrotriemdars urge that the Lambadi road that was constructed from the Salt Kotars of Iskapalli and Gogulapalli through the lands of this village rendered their old tank useless. I personally inspected the lands in question, the road and the site of the old tank. I found that the statements of the Shrotriemdars in reference to their old tank were fictitious; and, as shown in Statement No. 3, I recommend for the wet land taken up for the road, viz., 1 Acre, Kuntas 33, a reduction of Rupees 4 in the annual Jodi, and a remission of Rupees 12 as the arrears for the past Fuslies. Instead of the Government having injured them, the Shrotriemdars, or rather the Ryots who cultivate the Shrotriem, have irrigated the Shrotriem lands from the Alluru large tank to a large extent (the lands being close to the escape), and have therefore been charged for the future a suitable water-cess.

(5.) There is a balance of Rupees 1,589-13-5 against Ambapuram, and this Shrotriem has to be resumed. It has been under attachment since Fusly 1268. The Shrotriemdars have been annually in arrears on the plea that some of their wet lands were submerged by the Nellore tank; and Captain Ritherdon, the Assistant Engineer, having inspected the land and reported in their favor I also visited it and came to a similar conclusion. It was clear that 12½ Acres had been rendered unfit for cultivation; and I offered to recommend that Rupees 300 of the arrears should be remitted, and Rupees 30 reduced in the annual Jodi for the future. It is not however a question of injury sustained from outside but of internal dissensions. Jillellamudi Hanumanta Row, the Tahsildar of Nellore Talook who is a sharer in the Shrotriem, has relinquished his right to it; Jillellamudi Venkata Krishnaya, another sharer, appearing for himself and on behalf of the others connected with it, was willing he said to place matters on a satisfactory footing. He consented to pay and produce security for the due payment of the arrears after deducting the said sum of Rupees 300. But whatever his intentions might have been he failed to produce the security. He had not the means; and I see no prospect of any satisfactory arrangement being made. Those who have shares and means to pay off the arrears won't make the requisite arrangements unless the other shareholders will sell their shares. This the other shareholders won't agree to. And after waiting for a long time I now recommend that the Shrotriem be finally resumed, and request sanction to write off the arrears.

(6.) The arrears outstanding against Veliguntapalem amount to Rupees 1,871-12-1, regarding which inquiry has been made. The injury complained of dates back from Fusly 1262, when an aqueduct having been constructed for the irrigation of some lands in the village of Tatiparti the drainage so obstructed flooded the adjacent lands and rendered 114 Acres of wet land unfit for cultivation. I have personally inspected the land; and under the circumstances of the case I recommend as shown in Statement No. 3 that a permanent reduction be granted in the quit-rent of Rupees 127; that Rupees 889 be remitted as loss sustained to date; and the remaining arrears Rupees 985-12-1 be paid up by the Shrotriemdars.

(7.) As regards the arrears of Rupees 1,281-13-7 outstanding against the Shrotriem of Timmayapalem I beg to state that this again is injury sustained by a canal dug through the Shrotriem to the villages noted marginally. The original channel having been injured a new canal was dug in the year 1843, for which a reduction of Rupees 3-9-9 was made in the Shrotriemdar's quit-rent under the Proceedings of the

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Government, No. 1,234 of the 11th December 1851. Subsequently the Tahsildar having reported that this canal had also become unserviceable owing to the high freshes of the river, and that Acres 25, Kuntas 33 had been washed away, Mr. Morris, Head Assistant Collector, personally inspected the spot, and after deducting the land he thought still fit for cultivation he reported that 19 Acres, 35 Kuntas had been rendered unfit, and a reduction should be granted of Rupees 121-3-0 which was confirmed as a temporary measure by the Acting Collector Mr. Ratliff. In the year 1854 it became necessary to dig again a third channel; and in consequence of the third channel having been dug existing irrigation in the Shrotriem was injured. An area of 26 Acres 34 Kuntas, formerly rice land, is now only cultivable with dry crops. And for these losses I beg to recommend a permanent reduction in the quit-rent of Rupees 218. For the land washed away by the former channel I consider a remission of Rupees 90 sufficient. For the loss of Irrigation in the Shrotriem itself Rupees 128 has been estimated as a suitable reduction; and I further recommend that Rupees 1,281-13-7 be written off as arrears to date at the above rates.

(8.) The balance of Rupees 85-8-3, due on Tippireddipalli, is remission claimed for lands taken up to make a straight line from Guduru to the Rapuru Ghât. Observing the line was not well chosen, passing over hills and avoiding villages, I asked whether it was really intended to adhere to the trace; and the District Engineer in his letter of the 26th May last having intimated that the line in question will be altered, and the old line through Chaganam and Marlapudi generally adhered to, no permanent measures are requisite in respect to these arrears, I will instruct the Tahsildar to restore the land to the Shrotriemdars; and I request permission to write off the arrears of Rupees 85-8-3 as assessment on the land in question whilst in our possession.

4. In respect to the preceding eight villages, the arrangements recommended have been agreed to by the Shrotriemdars; and, as in every instance it is some act of the Government in the Public Works Department on which the claim has been based, in the statement called for by the Board (No. 3) I have opened a column showing the nature of the work. The proportionate quit-rent on the land injured is also given; and in addition to the original quit-rent the quit-rent as fixed by the Inâm Commissioner is likewise given; and the last column shows what it would be hereafter were the proposed reduction sanctioned. The system pursued in calculating the reduction to be allowed, is given in the column of remarks. It is the same throughout; and is I believe as likely to obtain accuracy as any other when the only account we have of the general cultivation are what the Shrotriemdars choose or are able to give us.

		Fusly.	Rs.	A.	P.
1	Parlapalee	1268	0	1	2
2	Yogeswarunipalle	1268	2	3	0
3	Lakshmakka Khandriga	1268	1	8	3
4	Pallamalakka Khandriga	1268	5	5	9
5	Ulanapolla	1268	0	11	2
6	Malichedu	1268	0	15	4
7	Tocham	1268	1	9	8
8	Somasila	1268	0	9	3
9	Narikellapalli Khandriga	1268	0	10	9
10	Zangamvanidoruvu	1256	21	8	4
	Total		35	2	8

		Rs.	A.	P.
	Panchetti Khandriga	535	13	11
	Alurupadu	2,749	11	7
	Pallapala	2,628	3	4
	Total	5,913	12	10

		Rs.	A.	P.
	Gottapalem	1,107	5	10
	Nagulura-am	803	3	0
	Ogurupadu	478	3	0
	Total	2,388	11	10

5. With regard to ten villages referred to by the Board in the said paragraph 6 of their Proceedings under reply, I beg to give in the margin the villages, the balances due thereon, and the Fuslies for which due; and I have further the pleasure to state that the balances on these villages have been duly collected.

6. In respect to the six Shrotriems referred to in paragraph 6, I beg to state that three, as noted in the margin, have been finally resumed, as the Shrotriemdars have expressed their inability to pay the arrears, which have been consequently written off by orders of Government on the Jamabundi Report of Fusly 1269 (paragraph 18); and on the other three villages the arrears noted marginally have been ordered to be written off with reference to Clause 1st, paragraph 16 of the Government Proceedings dated the 24th December 1859;

and similarly with reference to the 18th paragraph of the Jamabundi Report above alluded to.

7. The three villages referred to by the Board in paragraph 7, were not included either in my Report for Fusly 1269 or subsequently; the first (Potiredipalem) because it has not yet been disposed of; the two others because they are involved in the change of the Rapuru road already alluded to. The first village of Potiredipalem claims remission for the Railway to the Anicut quarry, cattle standing ground, &c. Remission, I think after personal inspection, necessary as a temporary measure; but permanent reduction had better be deferred till it is known precisely

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1270	41	15	7
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recommended by the Tahsildar, but not more than is right in my opinion with reference to the inconvenience suffered. The total amount to be thus paid will be Rupees 120; and will leave Rupees 51-5-3 to be collected. Whilst as regards this village its omission in respect to the arrear referred to by the Board for the Cuddapah road was an oversight. The two other villages, the line having been abandoned, the arrangements made already in their respect must be cancelled. The Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement will be requested to make the necessary alterations as regards demarcation; and the arrears to date I beg to recommend be written off as below:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Raganaramapuram...	26	0	2
Tokalapudi	20	15	6

8. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Board's Proceedings, I beg to call the attention of the Board to Clause 5th, paragraph 18 of my Jamabundi Report for Fusly 1269, and their Proceedings, No. 5,825 of the 2nd September 1862, confirming the resumption on the report of the Sub-Collector in charge, under date the 19th August 1862, No. 210. The report was made on the appeal of the Shrotriendars. The balance was ordered to be written off on the Jamabandi Report for Fusly 1269; and the yield of the Shrotriem (Tallapudi) in 1265 was Rupees 77-12-0.

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10. The balance on Munalapudi amounting to Rupees 263-9-3 has been discharged in full.
11. Of the 22 villages referred to in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings of 1861 as remaining for subsequent inquiry, there are only two on which I have now any arrears to report upon, viz:—

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Sitarampuram.....	2

and as regards both these Shrotriems I must go into details.

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7. Personal inspection has also shown me that the proper course to adopt for the land, south of the road, is to build a tunnel to allow a supply for irrigation to be given in due course from the Shrotriern tank, and as it should be at the cost of the road; and this again reduces the area on which a permanent reduction has to be granted from 19 to 7½ Acres.

8. In the account submitted to the Board the land occupied for road-way, pits, &c., was taken at 3½ Gorus or 11 Acres, and Rupees 59 was estimated as the proper deduction on this account. At 7½ Acres the deduction would be similarly Rupees 40; and to this amount I beg that the Board will be pleased to alter the amount shown in my report of the 17th September, and the accompanying Statements, as the sum to be permanently remitted on the quit-rent of the Shrotriern in question for the Dorenal road.

9. The land south of the road was taken at 4½ Gorus or 14½ Acres. By survey it is under 12 Acres; and whether as regards the deduction to be made from outstanding balances or from the current year's demand, pending the construction of the tunnel, these differences of measurement should properly be taken into consideration and the accounts adjusted accordingly. But perhaps as the difference of measurement is not very large the Shrotrierns have to some extent an excuse from the land not having been taken up properly in the first instance, and the question has been long unsettled, the Board will be inclined to take a lenient view of the case and allow the question, as regards arrears outstanding to be disposed of as recommended in my report of the 17th September, paragraph 2. Whilst as regards current remissions, till the tunnel is built, the correct measurement will of course be adopted; viz., 11½ Acres involving a deduction of Rupees 50.

10. For the Tahsildar I regret I can find no excuse.

11. He reported to me the measurements had been tested and were correct. He explains that he adopted what was shown him as the area previously measured, and also referred to the disputed boundary in his Arzi. But he had nothing to do with the boundary dispute when it had been settled by the Demarcation Department, or with what had been previously measured further than seeing that it correctly represented the area occupied by the road, &c. And that in this his duty he manifestly failed, when he measured the disputed land,* though he saw the boundary marks, and allowed the flags to be put in the land in occupation to the north of the road, and included this land in his measurements, though he could not help seeing with his own eyes it was not occupied by the road or pits, but was in the possession and enjoyment of the Shrotrierns themselves.

* Assigned to the neighbouring village.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Copy of letter from Mr. Puckle, Deputy Superintendent of Revenue Survey, furnishing a plan of a portion of Gungavaram Shrotriern showing the Dorenal road.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Plan.

1. Resolved that the above letters be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Honorable the Governor in Council, with reference to the Proceedings of Government under date 24th December 1859 and 13th December 1861, numbered 1,762 and 2,314 respectively.

2. In the first of the Proceedings just quoted, the Government were pleased to lay down definite and distinct rules under which the Shrotrierns in the Nellore District were to be treated had been for years a constant source of annoyance and trouble to the Officers of Government while the mistaken leniency which had been shown in some cases, and the lax procedure which had taken place in others, had had anything but a beneficial effect upon the holders of these properties. The Government accordingly directed that all villages then under attachment

should be restored to their owners, with the remission of all arrears which had accrued previous to Fusly 1267, but that in future the whole quit-rent should be rigorously exacted, and that on failure of payment the villages were at once to be resumed and incorporated with the Government lands.

3. In the same Order the Collector was directed to report whether there were legitimate grounds for seeking a reduction of the quit-rent in the case of particular villages, what amount of arrears it would be necessary to write off in the cases referred to in the previous paragraph, and what arrangements had been made for the payment of the arrears which still stood against the several Shrotrierns, who remained in possession of their properties, or to whom the properties were, under these Orders, restored. The Government also expressed their reliance on Mr. Dykes to take care that no place was allowed, thenceforward, for the lax and dilatory proceedings in relation to the Shrotrierns which had hitherto been customary.

4. This Order was passed at the close of 1859, and in June 1860 Mr. Dykes submitted an incomplete report on the subject. This report was considered in the Board's Proceedings under date 9th October 1861, No. 5,491, and was recorded by Government on the 13th December of the same year. Mr. Dykes also alluded to the matter of these Shrotriern balances in his Settlement reports for the Fuslies 1269, 1270 and 1271, obtaining sanction for writing off the accounts such arrears of quit-rent as were remitted under the Order of Government above noticed, or as had accrued on Shrotrierns which under the same Order, had been incorporated with the Government lands.

5. The letter recorded at the head of these Proceedings, written nearly four years after the Order of Government to which it is a reply, is the first complete report which has been received from Mr. Dykes upon the subject of the Shrotriern balances of his District, and the only communication in which he has made definite proposals for the reduction of the quit-rent in certain cases as required by Government. Mr. Dykes, in the closing paragraphs of this letter, takes

* Dated 13th July 1863, No. 4,277.

exception to some remarks which the Board felt called upon to make in some late Proceedings,* when commenting on the very extraordinary delay which had taken place in the submission of this report, and pleads in excuse for the delay, the insolvency and intrigue of the Shrotrierns, and his own ignorance of a note to a Standing Circular Order of the Board printed at page 277 of the first volume of their published Circulars, in which note they directed that an annual list of defaulting Shrotrierns should be submitted to the Board. He also adverts to the success of his efforts to reduce the arrears, as brought to notice in the letter and in the Settlement reports alluded to in the preceding paragraph; and in his present letter he refers to the same point, as showing that he is by no means in fault.

6. The Board are quite prepared to give Mr. Dykes all the credit to which he apparently considers himself to be entitled for his successful efforts in reducing the balances standing against the Shrotrierns of Nellore, but they are unable to admit that he has at all justified his delay in submitting for consideration the cases of those Shrotrierns, who, as now shown by him, are entitled to a remission of quit-rent; the more so, as the circumstances under which their claims arose

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occurred in every case some years ago, and in one case no less than ten years back.* The Board cannot but consider that the delay which has taken place in bringing forward the claims of these persons to compensation for lands, which were years ago taken possession of by Government for public purposes, admits of no just excuse.

7. With Mr. Dykes' present report he submits three Statements, No. 1, showing the arrears outstanding against the Nellore Shrotrierns up to the close of Fusly 1270; No. 2, giving the same particulars up to the close of Fusly 1271; and No. 3, containing the details of his proposals in regard to 12 of the Shrotriern villages.

stands at present is Rupees 4,272-15-8; the total reduction recommended Rupees 704-11-5; and the quit-rent to be paid hereafter Rupees 3,568-4-3.

No.	Names of Shrotriems.	Quit-rent fixed by the Inám Commissioner.			Reduction recommended from Fusly 1272.			Balance of revised quit-rent.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1	Gangavaram	1,125	0	0	130	0	0	995	0	0
2	Sazzapuram	383	2	1	200	0	0	183	2	1
3	Velicheila	354	0	0	4	0	0	350	0	0
4	Veliguntapalem	649	1	8	127	0	0	522	1	8
5	Timmayapalem	1,021	11	11	218	0	0	803	11	11
6	Chiruvella	237	0	0	11	0	0	226	0	0
7	Sitarampuram	503	0	0	14	11	5	488	4	7
Total...		4,272	15	8	704	11	5	3,568	4	3

16. In their Proceedings of the 23rd August on the claims put forward by the Shrotriendar of Gundalapalem,* the Board in conclusion refer to the general question of Shrotriems;

* No. 5,302.

and the Government having in 1859 expressed their confidence that I would take care that the lax and dilatory proceedings hitherto customary in regard to Shrotriems should no longer continue, the Board observe that the delay of four years which has again been permitted to take place is "discreditable."

17. In their Proceedings of the 13th July, in respect to this same Shrotriem, the Board censured me for bringing general questions before the Board when reporting on individual cases. In my reply therefore to the subsequent Proceedings, in respect to the individual case in question, it would have been irregular for me to have alluded to the Board's comments on a general question; and I now do myself that honor by at once admitting that under ordinary circumstances the delay that has occurred would have been discreditable; but as the case actually stands there are reasons for coming to a different conclusion.

18. In the first place the greater part of these Shrotriems are insolvent. In the south the Brahmin communities are thriving. Here the Shrotriems are generally mortgaged to the Ryots; and the Brahminical element is exhibited in intriguing representatives whose efforts to postpone the total loss of hereditary property are natural enough, and as might be expected by no means easy to be met successfully.

19. In a note to the Board's Circular Order of the 28th October 1839 it is prescribed that a list of defaulting Shrotriendars should be annually submitted to the Board; and had this been insisted upon doubtless matters would not have gone so far wrong. But it is only recently I have been aware that such a return was necessary; and when I joined the District the arrears were Rupees 26,880.

20. When the Board however remark that there has been a discreditable delay since then on my part of nearly four years, the Board apparently overlook the report made by me on the 21st June 1860 and the sanction accorded to my proceedings by themselves under date the 9th October 1861; and the Board further have not apparently observed the progress that has been made in clearing off the arrears in the annual Jambandy Reports. When the Government did me the honor to express their confidence in my doing my duty there were 70 Shrotriems in arrears, and the arrears amounted to Rupees 25,392. In 1860-61 arrears to the amount of Rupees 6,550 had been investigated and recommended for remission. In 1861-62 Rupees 1,052 were similarly disposed of. Whilst Rupees 10,472 had been collected in the two years. And in sending in this present report I am not reporting after a delay of four years, as observed by the Board, but in

reality closing a troublesome inquiry by disposing of the remaining balance of Rupees 7,318; and under these circumstances I am of opinion the epithet used by the Board is not applicable.

21. In conclusion I have the honor to state that I propose to send in shortly the general return prescribed by the Circular Order above referred to, and will continue to send it in. There are altogether 264 Shrotriems, 19 Amarams and 8 Kattubadi villages, paying a gross quit-rent of Rupees 76,613; and till many of these have changed hands under the new Inám tenure there is little hope I fear of this class of property being put on a satisfactory footing.

Whilst as regards the Maramut balances* a separate report shall be submitted on this subject as soon as it can be got ready.

* Proceedings of the Board, No 5,302, 1863, para. 9.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Abstract Statement of Shrotriem arrears up to the end of Fusly 1271 with remarks.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the arrears on certain Shrotriems in the Nellore District, the amount recommended for remission, the reductions recommended in the quit-rents and the Public Works on account of which recommended.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

ABSTRACT.—Abstract Statement of Shrotriem arrears in Fusly 1270, amount remitted, subsequent collections and balances at the close of Fusly 1272.

From the same Officer, dated 4th November 1863, No. 367.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Memorandum, No. 772, requesting me to report on what principle the compensation proposed to be granted to the Shrotriendars of Gangavaram has been calculated, and in reply state that the principle followed was the same adopted for all the Shrotriems and given in the Remark column of Statement No. 3.

2. When I received the Memorandum I was in the North; and before I could submit this reply, I received a Petition through the Board setting forth that the accounts on which I had based my calculations were false. Before replying to the Board's Memorandum I determined to test the truth of this Petition, which is one of a series, by a personal inspection. I had not made this before, as the land lying close to Nellore, I thought the actual measurements were little likely to be erroneous. And when I made it I found in this belief there was every reason to believe I had been mistaken.

3. As far as I could tell by stepping the land the extent occupied had been greatly overestimated, and I called on the Tahsildar, Jellellamudi Hanumanta Row to re-measure it.

4. The Tahsildar affirmed the previous measurement with some slight difference.

5. Not content I requested Mr. Puckle, the Deputy Superintendent of Revenue Survey to measure it; and his plan of the ground and letter on the subject I enclose.

6. We went to the spot together on the 31st, which was as soon as the river going down allowed us to get there without inconvenience. The Tahsildar was there, and had staked out the ground. The first thing we observed was that the flags had been put within the limits of the land in occupation to the north of the road. The second thing Mr. Puckle observed was that the Shrotriendars had assumed to themselves a portion of land assigned by the Demarcation to a neighbouring Shrotriem. And taking the boundary as now fixed, and limiting the land to the north to what is actually occupied for the road, the result of the re-measurement by the Survey is to reduce the total area from 25 to 19 Acres.

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8. In paragraph 10 of the Board's Proceedings under date 9th October 1861, No. 3,491, Mr. Dykes was directed to submit a return of all the Shrotriems in Nellore, showing the balances against each, with his remarks and recommendation in every case. Enclosure No. 3 of his letter purports to be the Statement called for; but as above shown, it is by no means the comprehensive document which the Board desired to have placed before them.

9. It appears that excluding those villages which have up to the present date been resumed under the Order of Government, there are only 16 Shrotriem villages, the quit-rent of which up to Fusly 1271 is not paid up. Of these 16 villages the arrears which stand against the 13 shown in the margin must still be kept in abeyance for the reasons shown hereafter. The Collector, in his Jamabundy Report for the past Fusly, recommends the arrears amounting to Rupees 52-4-0, against the restored village of Vogurpad should be remitted. The balance in the remaining two villages, Badugudpada and Khumarasawmy Kanliga, amounting in

Gangavaram.	Rangavaram.
Razapuram.	Powreddipalem.
Vedacherla.	Tukalappali.
Ambapuram.	Cheruvella.
Vediguntapalem.	Sitarampuram.
Timayapalem.	Hissa Somarazupalli.
Tipparedipalem.	

all to Rupees 2-5-1 will, the Board presume, be immediately realized

10. It will thus be observed that the general question of the Nellore Shrotriem balances has been narrowed to the disposal of the balances standing against the 13 villages noted above, in all of which a reduction of quit-rent is claimed, on what seem to the Board to be equitable grounds.

11. In his present letter Mr. Dykes recommends certain remissions and reductions of quit-rent in eleven of these villages, the details of which appear in the third enclosure of his letter. He recommends the resumption of the village of Ambapuram for the reasons stated in paragraph 6 of his letter, and it appears from a note in the remark column of Statement No. 3, that he is prepared to entertain the claim made in the 13th village* if the Shrotriemdar brings forward a Certificate from the Department Public Works in support of his demand.

12. The eleven villages to which Mr. Dykes' proposals apply are all of them entitled to a certain compensation for the temporary or permanent loss of a portion of their Shrotriem lands, and as the Board did not precisely understand the calculation by which Mr. Dykes had arrived at the amount of the compensation to be awarded to each, they called for further information on that point, as regards the village of Gangavaram. In his second letter above recorded Mr. Dykes refers the Board to the information contained in a remark which appears in Enclosure No. 3 of his first letter, information which the Board considered insufficient for them to act upon. Mr. Dykes now reports that after inspecting the lands of the Shrotriems in question, he considers it necessary to modify his former proposals in regard to this village, as the information before him when he made those proposals was incorrect. The Tahsildar was it appears much to blame in the matter, and Mr. Dykes should take due notice of the manifest neglect of duty shown by that Officer.

13. The Board are unable with the information now before them to recommend for adoption Mr. Dykes' proposals for any of the eleven villages to which those proposals apply. It would seem from the note to which Mr. Dykes has referred the Board, that, in calculating the sum to be allowed as compensation, he has first assumed that a certain proportion of profits of land is out of occupation and is therefore valueless, and that certain rates of profits are derived by the Shrotriemdars from the remainder. If those rates of profit are distributed over the whole extent of the lands belonging to the Shrotriemdar, whether occupied or not, the rates would of course be considerably reduced. Mr. Dykes considers that the Shrotriemdar's net profits derived from every 3½ Acres of irrigable land is Rupees 13-8-0 per annum, that he obtains Rupees 1-8-0 from the same quantity of unirrigable land, and 8 Annas from the same quantity of pasture land. There is nothing, however, before the Board to show that these rates

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at all represent the rent value of the lands for which compensation is to be given, and though Mr. Dykes reports in his first letter that the amount of compensation proposed by him has the concurrence of the parties interested, in his second letter, he states that in one instance the amount to be given will after further inquiry have to be considerably reduced. It is probable, therefore, that the Shrotriemdars will not be satisfied with the terms proposed.

14. The Board resolve therefore to direct Mr. Dykes, after having ascertained by further careful inquiry the exact extent of land for the temporary or permanent loss of which compensation may be equitably demanded by the Shrotriemdars of these eleven villages, to report as to the precise amount of annual compensation to which each Shrotriemdar is entitled, the number of years for which such compensation is due to him in arrears, and the amount of quit-rent in arrears against him at the date of Mr. Dykes' report. In this inquiry Mr. Dykes will also be good enough to include the villages of Ambapuram and Hissa Somarazupalli, as the Board would be averse to the resumption of the former village so long as a claim against Government was retained by its Proprietors; and as (as has already been stated in reference to the latter village) they consider that the Revenue authorities and not the Department Public Works should assess the amount of damage sustained when land is taken by Government for public purposes.

The Board's Proceedings, 26th May 1863, No. 3,120.

15. In the Proceedings noted in the margin, the Board have instructed Mr. Dykes to calculate compensation by ascertaining the rent value of the land, and the value of any trees of

Dated 31st April 1863, No. 2,309.

crops which may have been upon it when first taken possession of, or submerged, as the case may be. As to the principle on which the land should be valued they resolve to refer Mr. Dykes to some correspondence which has taken place between the Board and the Acting Collector of North Arcot as to the mode in which land required for Railway purposes was to be valued. He will find this correspondence, as noted in the margin, in the printed volumes of the Proceedings already supplied to him. With these directions before him the Board believe that

Board's Proceedings	17th May 1862, No. 3,204.
Do. do.	12th July " " 4,493.
Do. do.	5th May 1863, " 2,671.
Do. do.	4th June " " 3,292.

Mr. Dykes will have no difficulty in arriving at a fair rate of compensation in each case. They trust that in submitting the report now called for no further delay may take place than is absolutely necessary, as it is highly desirable that the just claims of these Shrotriemdars, which have been pending for such an unnecessarily long time, should be disposed of speedily.

16. The Board entirely agree with Mr. Dykes, that he should submit an annual statement of Shrotriem balances, as required by the Circular Order quoted by Mr. Dykes. This report for the past Fusly should be no longer delayed.

Board's Proceedings, 4th January 1864.

The Board have already disposed of Mr. Dykes' report upon the water-rate chargeable on Ináms and Shrotriems, but he will be requested to submit for record, with as little delay as possible, a list of villages which have been affected by the Order of Government of 21st December 1859, showing those which have been resumed, and those which have been restored to their owners, with the amount of arrears remitted in each case. He will also explain the remission of Rupees 696 in the village of Ragupalem, as no recommendation on behalf of that village appears in his Settlement Report for Fusly 1270.

No. 284.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd March 1864, No. 504.

The Government will defer passing any orders on these papers till the final report called for by the Board of Revenue on the Nellore Shrotriems has been submitted. It is desirable that no time should be lost in bringing these long standing arrears to a definite conclusion.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

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M. S. Sub-Secretary

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To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., with five enclosures.
Copy to J. W. B. Dykes, Esq., Collector of Nellore.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

Revenue Department
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 Under date the 23rd March 1864.

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Submitting with remarks,
 a report from the Collector of
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