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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 17th June 1865.

No. 381. Read the following letter from R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 22nd March 1864, No. 1,735:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Government Order No. 1,598, dated 31st August 1863, communicating to the Board of Revenue a letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of India to the Secretary to the Government Fort Saint George, dated 10th August 1863, No. 4,951, requesting that a Statement may be submitted at the close of the past year (1863), shewing the cases of every kind in regard to which measures may be taken under Act XX. of 1863, to enable the Government to divest itself of the management of religious endowments, I am directed by the Board to report that they have no Statement of the description called for to transmit, as no individual cases have as yet been referred to them for disposal; but that arrangements, as Government are aware, are being made, under Sections 3 and 7 of the Act, for appointing Local Committees for the management of the institutions coming within the scope of the Act in every District in which such Committees may be necessary. As regards the transfer to Trustees of property belonging to religious institutions, which were at one time managed by officers of Government, the action taken on the views of Government expressed in Extract from Minutes of Consultation, No. 414, dated 8th April 1846, has, the Board believe, left little or nothing further in this way to be done.

2. All the Collectors with the exception of those of Ganjam, Cuddapah, and Salem, have replied to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. LIV., founded on the Government Order dated 24th June 1863, No. 1,121, respecting the appointment of first Committees.

3. The Committees proposed for the Districts of South Canara and Trichinopoly have been finally approved by Government, and their appointment has been notified in the issues of the "Fort Saint George Gazette" specified in the margin.

South Canara Supplement, dated 1st December 1863.
Trichinopoly, dated 23rd February 1864, page 316.

4. The Acting Collectors of the Godavery and Kistna Districts and the Collector of Malabar have reported that there are no institutions in their Districts to which the provisions of the Act are applicable, and the Board and Government after further correspondence with the Acting Collector of the first mentioned District, concurred with him in that opinion as far as his District was concerned.

Government Order, dated 12th March 1864, No. 432.

5. The Acting Collector of the Kistna District has, however, cited a case in which the Collector interfered, it would seem, some years ago in a dispute regarding the Trusteeship of the Macherla Pagoda, and the Board felt themselves bound to adjudicate on the matter. The Acting Collector has, therefore, been required to afford fuller information as to the course that has hitherto been pursued in that District in filling up vacancies in Temple Trusts.

Board's Proceedings, No. 6,369, dated 6th October 1863.

6. Also the Collector of Malabar having stated in his report that a few Hindu Temples and Chuttrums, with endowments forming portions of escheats to Government, were transferred to the charge of Trustees long ago, he has been requested to report whether the nomination of the Trustees, Managers, or Superintendents of the Temples, vested in Government or required the confirmation of the Board under Regulation VII. of 1817; as, should such be the case, it will be necessary to appoint Committees under the Act in Malabar as in other Districts.

Board's Proceedings, No. 7,495, dated 26th November 1863.

7. The Collector of Vizagapatam proposed the formal transfer to the Rajah of Vizianagram of certain pagoda villages, which successive Rajahs up to the present time have always retained under their own charge, undertaking the management of the Temples in the Zemindary without any interference on the part of the Board; but the Government Pleader, to whom the case was referred, has expressed his opinion that no step need be taken under the provisions of the Act with regard to the villages in question.

Government Order, No. 26, dated 8th January 1864.

8. Pending the receipt of the rules for elections, for which Government called in paragraph 4 of the Government Order 24th June 1863, No. 1,121, referred to in paragraph 2 above, the Government have deferred passing orders on the question raised in the Board's correspondence with the Collector of Nellore, as to whether the Committees to be appointed in his District shall be appointed by election or nominated by the Collector.

Government Order, No. 215, dated 4th February 1864.

9. The Lists received from Kurnool and Madras have been returned for revision as required in Government Order, No. 2,308, dated 16th December 1863, and Government Order No. 267, dated 12th February 1864; and the Madura List was forwarded to Government with the Board's Proceedings, No. 6,237, dated 2nd October 1863. The further report called for by Government in their Proceedings 25th November and 9th December 1863, Nos. 2,127 and 2,241, in connection with this List, was submitted with the Board's Proceedings, No. 1,184, dated 23rd February 1864.

Board's Proceedings, No. 8,101, dated 22nd December 1863.

10. The Collector of Tinnevelly was requested to report his reasons for proposing District instead of Talook Committees, and whether the inclination of the people is in favor of the former plan, and his reply was submitted to Government on the 9th March 1864.

11. The proposal of the Collector of Tanjore to appoint three General Committees for the whole District has been submitted to Government, with an expression of the Board's opinion that Talook Committees composed of fewer members would be more acceptable to the people than Circle Committees as proposed by the Collector.

Board's Proceedings, No. 1,035, dated 17th February 1864.

12. The Collector of Coimbatore has been requested to report whether his proposals are acceptable to the Communities concerned, and whether a single Hindu Committee is likely to work well with reference to the sectarian animosity of the Vishnu and Siva worshippers.

Board's Proceedings, 16th February 1864, No. 1,025.

13. The reply of the Collector of North Arcot, dated 4th February 1864, is now under the Board's consideration; and the Acting Collector of Bellary and the Collector of South Arcot have promised in their letters noted in the margin to submit their propositions at an early date.

From Bellary, No 190, dated 1st December 1863.
From South Arcot, No. 322, dated 10th December 1863.

14. The Board direct me, in conclusion, to state that the Rules alluded to in paragraph 8 above, for filling up future vacancies are under consideration, and will be submitted to Government without delay.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th June 1865.

No. 382.

ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1865, No. 1,355.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered that the following letter be sent to the Government of India in reply to Mr Under Secretary Wyllie's letter, dated 10th August 1863, No. 4,951:—

(Here enter No. 1,356, dated 17th June 1865.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
17*th June* 1865.

No. 383. No. 1,356.

From

W. HUDLESTON, ESQ.,
Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Miscellaneous.

1. With reference to Mr. Under Secretary Wyllie's letter, dated 10th August 1863, No. 4,951, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to state for the information of the Government of India, that Committees have been appointed under Act XX. of 1863, to take the place of the Board of Revenue in regard to Native Religious Institutions in most of the Districts of this Presidency; in three Districts they are found to be unnecessary, as the Board had never interfered in the part of the country concerned, and the arrangements for two Districts are under consideration.

2. No statement of the description required by the Government of India can be submitted, as no Committees have been appointed for individual institutions. The Hindu and Mahomedan Committees appointed are to have charge of their respective institutions in one or more Talooks or in entire Districts. In some cases the Hindu Committees have been sub-divided into Siva and Vishnoo Committees. There has been no property belonging to Native Religious Institutions in the actual charge of the Government Officers since the Orders of 1846 were carried out.

3. I am to submit copy of the Rules passed by this Government for filling up vacancies in the Committees already appointed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Rd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department.

No. 1355.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 17th June 1865.

Read the following letter from the Sub Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Intimating that the Board have no Statement showing the cases of every kind in regard to which measures can be taken under Act XX of 1863 to enable the Government to divest itself of the management of religious Endowments. — (Here enter 22d March 1864 No. 1735.)

Ordered that the following letter be sent to the Government of India in reply to Mr. Under Secretary Wyllie's letter dated 10th August 1863 No. 4951.

To
The Secy to the Govt of India
Home Dept
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Revenue Department

No. 1358

17th June 1865

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India

Home Department

Sir,

With reference to the
Under Secretary Wyllie's letter
dated 10th August 1863 No 3 R 495
I am directed by His Excellency
Lieut. the Governor in Council
to request that you will
move the Government for the
information of Her Majesty
Her sanction to the
Hon. Commissioners have appointed
Trustees under Act XX of 1863
to take charge of the Property
for the purposes of
religious institutions in most
of the Districts of this Pre-
sidency, in some they have
violently resisted the
measure, and in others
have manifested unwillingness
to undertake the trust
I am enclosed a list of
the Trustees appointed
in the Districts are under
consideration

Sd.

Revenue 1865 Dept.
Pro. of Govt. for June
No. 1358.
Pro. of the Madras Govt.
17th June 1865.

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No. 387-388

Board's Pro. respecting
the appointment of
Committees for the manage-
ment of Religious Endow-
ments to be sent to Govt.
of India.

2. To the statement of the description required by the Govt of India ~~Court~~ submitted as no committees have been appointed for individual Institutions. The Hindu and Mahomedan committees ~~appointed~~ are to have charge of their respective Institutions in one or more Talooks or in the entire Districts. In some cases the Hindu Committees have been subdivided into Divisional Vishnoo Committees. There has been no property belonging to Native Religious institutions in the immediate charge of the Govt Officers since the orders of 1826 have carried into

3. I am to submit a copy of the rules passed by this Govt for filling up vacancies in the committees already appointed.

Received 1865 Sept.r
Pro.s of Govt for June
No 1356.

To
The Secretary to the
Govt. of India.
Home Departt.
Dy 17th June/65.

Letter to Govt. of
India regarding the
appointment of Pagoda
Committees despatched.

No. 383.