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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 30th August 1865.

No. 518. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th August 1865, No. 5,020.

Read again letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated 26th June 1865, in Board's Proceedings, 13th July 1865, No. 3,974.

Read also the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nannagarum, near Tenkasy, 2nd August 1865, No. 302 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to annex an abstract of the correspondence that passed since the Inspecting Gumashta Fund of the Port of Tuticorin was first established, as requested in the Board's Order, No. 3,974 of the 13th July 1865.

2. The Fund appears to have been raised for the mutual convenience of the merchants and of the Customs Department, at the sole cost of the former.

3. The objects being to afford a convenient landing and shipment of heavy materials without their being carried through the Custom House, and the necessary fiscal check upon the same : these objects seem to have been successfully attained, and the result is a large surplus the disposal of which forms the subject of reference.

4. There can be no doubt that, with the increased trade and responsibility and cost of living, the salary of the Gumashta is not in excess of the requirement of the case ; and there seems on the other hand no occasion to reduce the scale on which the amount has been levied and which is so readily paid. Consequently, there only remains for consideration, what improvement may be most suitably promoted by the surplus in deposit. Having landed at Tuticorin, I would be disposed to recommend the Jetty, for the completion of which the sum of Rupees 500 out of the balance of Rupees 1,650 on hand, is recommended by the Deputy Collector, Mr. Underwood, and by my predecessor.

ABSTRACT—Of correspondence which took place between the Collector and the Board and Government, when the Inspecting Gumashta Fund was originally founded at Tuticorin.

The above recorded letter will be submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation that a grant of Rupees 800 may be made from the Inspecting Gumashta Fund, towards the completion of the Tuticorin Jetty. The Board would suggest that the administration of this Fund be left in their hands, for the future, on the same terms as other Local Funds.

No. 519. ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1865, No. 2,034.

Miscellaneous.

The Government have no objection to the proposed disbursement. The fund, however, appears to be a purely local one, to be administered by the local Officers in accordance with the wishes of the community who raised it.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 3,974.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 13th July 1865.

Read the following letter from G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nannagaram, near Tenkasy, 26th June 1865, No. 255:—

I have the honor to forward a letter from Mr. Deputy Collector Underwood requesting that sanction may be acorded for expending Rupees 500 upon the completion of the Tuticorin Jetty from the Inspecting Gumastah Fund. As the work is most useful, the assets at our disposal considerable, and as the community have come forward liberally, I trust Mr. Underwood's proposal may be sanctioned.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. E. UNDERWOOD, Esq., Deputy Collector, to G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Tuticorin, 19th June 1865, No. 123.

1. I have the honor to bring to your notice that the balance in hand of the "Inspecting Gumastah's Fund," at Tuticorin amounts now to Rupees 1,650. The money for the above fund is raised by a charge of Rupees one on every hundred bales of cotton shipped, and a charge of six pice on every boat load of coral landed, the charge on the fund for the pay of the Gumastahs amounts to only 40 Rupees a month, there are no other contingent charges on the fund.

2. The inhabitants of Tuticorin have subscribed upwards of 600 Rupees, and a sanction of Rupees 600 was obtained from the Port Funds towards the construction of a jetty, but to complete the work a further sum of Rupees 500 is required, and I beg to recommend for your consideration that the above sum to complete the work may be advanced from the Gumastah's Fund.

3. The jetty is 260 feet in length by 12 feet in breadth. Captain Phipps has had piles driven for the whole length, and more that one-third* of the jetty planked and finished.

* 110 feet.

better purpose.

4. The money for the fund is raised, you will observe, merely for the up-keep of Gumastahs to allow the shipping of cotton direct from the godowns of the screws, any balance accumulating from such collections is not passed to revenue, but kept to the credit of the fund, and the Collector has permitted an advance from the fund when there has been a sufficient surplus towards the making of the beach road or any other useful work in Tuticorin. Fully Rupees 1,000 are now available from the fund; and it is most desirable that the money should be laid ut profitably instead of being allowed to accumulate to no purpose.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. BANBURY,
Acting Collector.

The Board request the Collector to report more fully as to the nature of the "Inspecting Gumastah Fund." Any correspondence which took place when the Fund was originally founded should be quoted by date and number.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

To A. Wedderburn, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly.

Exd. J. Wright.

Requesting fuller report as to nature of spending Gumastah Fund."

Dated 13*th July* 1865.

No. 3,974.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

1865. Department

Rec'd 28th July 65

Question Re Proper Use of Inspecting Gumastah Fund Tuticorin 1865 No. 5020

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.,
with Enclosure and copy of Board's Proceedings, 13th July 1865, No. 3,974.

Copy to A. Wedderburn, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly.

Extd. R. H. Lee.

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No. 2334.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 18th August 1865.
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Rd 24th.
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No. 5,020.

Recommending that a grant of Rupees 800 be made from the Inspecting Gumastah Fund in Tinnevelly towards the completion of the Tuticorin Jetty; and suggesting that the administration of that Fund be left in future to the Board.

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