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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th September 1865.*

No. 400. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th August 1865, No. 5,014.

Read the following letter from G. L. MORRIS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Point Calimere, 13th July 1865, No. 208 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Board's Endorsement on the Petition marginally noted, addressed to Government by Atmaram Josi and other Yeomiah-dars, residing in the Fort of Tanjore, I have the honor to submit the following report.

2. The aforesaid Atmaram Josi and seven other individuals were in receipt of certain Yeomiah allowances from the Treasury of this Collectorate, and their names are entered in the printed list of Yeomiams as Rozmaniem, Nos. 26 to 34 inclusive. These individuals being residents of the Fort of Tanjore, and having been in the service of his late Highness the Rajah as Astronomers, or compilers of Hindu Almanacs, the practice observed until the death of his late Highness was, for the Surkele of the palace, to send a Memorandum to the Collector every six months, requesting that the usual payment of these allowances might be ordered; upon which orders were accordingly issued.

3. After the death of the late Rajah in 1855, these Memoranda ceased to be sent, and no payment has, therefore, been since made to these individuals. I have not been able to ascertain from the records of this Office, as also those of the late Residency, why and by whose order these payments have been stopped. The probability, as it appears to me, however, is that these Yeomiams were considered to have been intended as a remuneration for compiling Almanacs for the use of the Rajah, and that as the Rajah had deceased, it was considered unnecessary to continue them.

4. From the printed list of Yeomiams above referred to, it will be seen that the object of those now in question is stated to be "Compiling Almanacs," and that all of them are stated to have been

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"held under one Sikka Sunnud alleged to be in the palace." Having called for this document from the records of the Palace, I have received eight different original Daftar Rokhas in support of these eight Yeomiams. They all bear one date, viz., 1760, being the year of Rajah Pretapsingee's reign, and contain no condition of service whatever, being evidently personal grants of a charitable character. A translation of one of these is herewith enclosed. From the fact, however, of the profession of these parties as Astronomers "Josi" being stated in these grants, it might perhaps be presumed that the object of the grants was that they should continue to practice Astronomy; but in this view of the case even a liberal construction of the documents, would support the inference that it was for the use of the general public rather than that of the Rajah alone that they were to practice this profession, and I am of opinion, therefore, that the payment of the Yeomiams in question was stopped without sufficient grounds.

are due to the yeomiah-dars.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Translation of a Dafter Rokha.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Petition.

1. Submitted to Government with reference to their endorsement on Petition 972 of 1865.

2. The Board, with advertence more particularly to Extract from Minutes of Consultation, 6th April 1852, No. 302, are of opinion that no reason existed for the discontinuance of these Yeomiahs during the life-time of the present incumbents, who seem moreover to be entitled to arrears from the date on which payment was suspended.

No. 401. ORDER THEREON, 19th September 1865, No. 2,256.

Miscellaneous.

1. Before disposing of these Proceedings the Governor in Council wishes to be informed whether the Collector has satisfied himself that the Petitioners are really the men to whom the Yeomiahs, which they claim, were paid up to the death of the late Rajah.

2. The Collector should also be called upon to submit translations of some of the more recent Memoranda, referred to in paragraph 2 of his letter to the Board. They will probably shew whether any service was required from the Yeomiahdars in return for the grant, and if so, the Collector should report whether that service is still performed.

3. With reference to the claim to arrears for nine years, the Petitioners should be called on to explain distinctly how they were prevented from coming forward and asserting their rights so long.

4. Descriptive Rolls of the applicants, if not already in existence, should be prepared forthwith.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Government Office,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

14.

My dear Phillips
I have put some
notes on the Yeomiahs
to the Board of Revenue
explaining some of the
difficulties you
mentioned. I am in the
act of writing to the
Board on the subject
in the hope that it will
be of service to you.
I am, Sir, very
truly and respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
W. Hudleston

by the Deputy Asst. Surgeon
or Subst. Asst.
correspond to the those
shown in the printed
list under the No.
borne by their cert.

I don't know whether
this explains? Like after
your view of the case
but there seems to
doubt that the Germans
are included in the

required list of
existing allowances.
That pay. is made
to the individual cert.
holder sent to the
State. & so that?

as to the Lincoln being
applied on each occasion
to the pay. for pay. to
be made in honor
out by the pay. report.

for Lincoln
G. H. H. H.

Mr. H. J. Phillips.
Huron, Michigan

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14 Sept

My dear Rudieston.
The "chuckman" instead
of "Rupen" certainly makes a
difference. I failed to observe
the unusual heading.

But, it seems to me still to
be a doubtful case. Mind
years have passed away with-
till now, any agitation of
the claim!!! and from any
accepting as fallen in down
there, it is utterly impossible
that they did not have had
heaps of opportunity for
bringing it forward long ago.
My idea is that the Coll.
should be instructed to refer

With last 2 or 3 men? submit.
{ the trouble to ascertain & report
whether these men? certified that
the Society had duly performed
their duty of preparing almanacs.

If it is found to be so certified
the Com. should state whether
means are available for showing
how the duty has not been
thoroughly executed since 1856 till
recently.

Seeing also that one of the ^{for 1863}
free is in the printed list as
70 year old & another 69, I
would request the collector to
have the applicants to the
point & satisfy himself that
the men claiming are
the men to whom the grants
have hitherto been paid.

The collector's report was

simply on what he sees
there.

He should also inform Gov.
whether any "disruptive" of
these men exist. If not, why
not - and he should at once prepare
one of them he were.

He will in their respect be
adopting the course of I took
in regard to many persons to whom
I assigned a pension, & in whose
favor I received a document -
allowance - and, may be, that
course has been the same in every

these men, or some of them at
least; have held each from
submitting to the society in all
respects, with any improper conduct.

Again, it should, I think,
eventually be considered by
Gov. whether, after their
individually be established,

It will be proper to pay
 arrears for nine years. -
 In the last two in the bundle,
 arrears are refused after a
 break of only 4 years. - see
 6 April 52. - By apt being
 sent at that time.
 But, however the point
 may be determined, I am quite
 clear that the Govt. should have
 before him the clearest and
 most satisfactory evidence of
 the inability of these men to
 come forward, before we pay
 arrears for the period claimed.
 If you wd. kindly have a
 draft to the above effect prepared
 we might consider it in Council
 on Tuesday next unless you
 think it may be more properly
 considered by Mr.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government
 under date the Sept^r 1865 -

Read the following
 Pro: of the Board of Revenue -

Submitting, with ex-
 marks, letter from the Collyer
 of Tanjore reporting on No. 972
 of 1865 praying for the res-
 titution of certain yeomiah
 allowances enjoyed by petition-
 ers during the life time of the
 late Rajah. -

(These rules 18th Aug^r
 1865, No. 5014) -

As the yeomiahs
 alluded to in these proceed-
 ings amounting altogether
 to Rs. 437-8-11 per annum seem
 to have been improperly dis-
 continued from the death
 of the late Rajah, sanction
 is granted for their pay-
 ment during the life time
 of the present incumbents
 only. - Sanction is also
 granted for payment of the
 arrears due to the yeomi-
 ah-dars. -

The

J. S.



The articles in the enclosure
enclosed in this letter are with
reference to the book of Charles
L. ... The parts
acknowledged in the letter to the
first ... collected by the ...
Crosby ... and ...
with articles in ...

1836
Nov

87 The College of Physicians
practising in the County of Middlesex
and in the City of London
representing the College of Physicians
to the preceding year

+ Muzo, Lobos
WY

+ It is so, Lobene
 1001
 head of his
 looking away
 puppet in the
 Collector's custody
 But a penny that he did do
 at some time or other; he was put
 aside in the same affair even
 during the time I was Collector of
 Launce for nearly two years, and
 there was then the very best oppor-
 tunity for ^{the people} saying before me any
 complaint - that they had
 suffered in any way - though Vincent
 now. Hundreds did so - why did
 not those men? I was for months
 together - at least $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile
 of them. Again, why when
 I was down in Launce occupied
 with nothing but Launce Raj

affairs, did they keep back.
I am satisfied that there is some
Toscalini at the bottom of this
claimant - has escaped the former
hole - I would call on them
to submit with laws taken
the last 3 or 4 months certain

by the Sukhe prior to the Rajah's death at the close of 1855, and direct him clearly to explain what means the collector for the time being is to have hoped, for ascertaining that the same admitted to be the Sukhe's means, actually leased the Astronomical Geomadar, of property the Sukhe. This is a well known fact that much money was usually expended in the Rajah's time on charit & some went beyond the limits of the Palace. & that persons registered on lists received nothing on the strength of such report. — The collector should also explain in what manner he has satisfied himself that the Sukhe's are the men to whom (if any one was paid by the Sukhe) the Sukhe were to pay what the means brought him. — Is there a complete roll of the Sukhe's also state how the two Sukhe's are connected with the present claim & the printed list of 1863. I show how, if the Geomadar was made under a Sukha Sumund Grant. He can identify the holder with the person said to have a letter under right separate Duff's Sukhe's.

I would not do more at length in case until all these points are made perfectly clear

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W.D.

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My dear Mr. B. 31 - 731. 07. 65

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 of the Land Office
 do hereby certify that
 the within and foregoing
 is a true and correct
 copy of the original
 as the same appears
 from the records of
 the said Board
 in and to which
 reference is made
 in the within and
 foregoing certificate
 of the said Board
 of the 1st day of
 January 1881
 at the City of
 Washington
 D.C.
 J. B. [Signature]
 Secretary

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Requesting the Collo.
to furnish information
regarding the Ycomiah
claimed by the estate
owners of the late Raja
of Tanjore.

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