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Read the following letters :—

From the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
dated 10th August 1865, No. 163.

1. I have the honor to forward a Tabular Statement, in the prescribed form, for the continuance of the Pensionary allowance enjoyed by Muttu Malayandy Naik, a member of the Dhully Poliput family, who died on the 10th March last.

2. The delay, in the submission of this Statement, has been occasioned from the fact, that the report called for by the Sub-Collector, on the 1st April last, was not received from the Tahsildar of Oodumulpettah until the 25th ultimo.

3. The Acting Sub-Collector has been written to, to call on the Tahsildar to afford explanation regarding the delay in making the above report.

Report of Lapses of Ináms, Yeomíahs, &c., in the District of Coimbatore, under the Board's Circular, dated 22nd May 1855.

Poliput pension.	1	Case.
1)hully in Oodumpulpettah Talook.	2	Talook and village.
Rupees 7-2-6 per mensem, or Rupees 85-14-0 per annum, payable in cash.	3	Extent and nature of the entire Inám or Yeomiah.
Sanctioned by Government on the 10th April 1827.	4	When and by whom granted.
None.	5	Sunnuds or other documents in support of the grant.
In lieu of Poliput resumed.	6	Nature of the grant, charity or service. If service, nature of the duty prescribed by the grant.
Toppomaul.	7	Name of the original grantee.
Moottoo Muliandy Naiken, grandson of the original grantee, died on the 10th March 1865.	8	Name of the last holder, and the relationship in which he stood to the grantee, and the date of his decease.
The whole allowance, viz, Rupees 85-14-0, enjoyed by the deceased.	9	Share enjoyed by the deceased, and that held by the other members.
Peddammal, first widow of the deceased. Vencatammal, second do. Comarandy Naiken, son of the first widow. Mootocomara Naiken, son of the second do. Comarandy Naiken is adopted by a cousin of the deceased pensioner; the other has no other means of subsistence besides the pension.	10	Family left by the deceased, and name of the parties.
Recommends the continuance of the whole amount of pension in the name of Moottoocomara Naiken, as he and the other members of the family are dependant upon the pension alone.	11	Means of subsistence possessed by the family.
Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for confirmation by Government; the pension itself is small, and does not appear susceptible of reduction.	12	Recommendation and the grounds thereof.
	13	Further remarks.
	14	Recommendation of the Board of Revenue, and the grounds on which it is founded.
	15	Decision of Government.

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Collector.

From the same Officer, dated 23rd September 1865, No. 201.

1. In reporting the death, on the 14th ultimo, of Yeddapah Naik, Poligar of Dhully in Oodumulpettah Talook in this District, I have the honor to forward the Tabular Statement of lapses called for in the Board's Circular of the 22nd May 1855.

2. Yeddapa Naik was in receipt of a pension of Rupees 40 per mensem, under the sanction of Government, dated 12th February 1828, No. 99.

3. I beg to recommend that the pension granted to the deceased Poligar be continued to Comarandy Naik, his nephew and adopted son.

4. The deceased Poligar left no property with the exception of a small portion of Puttah land; he had about twenty dependants, who now look to his adopted son for support.

5. It appears that the ancestor of the deceased was transported to Prince of Wales Island in 1802, where he received an allowance of Rupees 2 per diem. His Poliput, which was sequestered, now yields to Government more than half a lakh of Rupees. On the return of the Poligar, (under the sanction of Government, to this country in 1820,) he was in great distress, and on Mr. Sullivan's recommendation, he was granted an allowance of Rupees 40 per mensem, which has been continued to the family ever since.

6. The Tahsildar's Urzee, reporting the death of the Poligar, reached this office on the 26th ultimo, and the Acting Sub-Collector was requested, on the 28th idem, to afford information regarding the circumstances of the deceased's family, and his reply was received on the 18th instant.

Report of Lapses of Inams, Yeomiahs, &c., in the District of Coimbatore, under the Board's Circular, dated 22nd May 1855.

Poliput pension.		1	Case.
Dhully in Oodumpulpettah Talook.		2	Talook and village.
Rupees 40 per mensem, or Rupees 480 per annum.		3	Extent and nature of the entire Inam or Yeomiah.
Sanctioned by Government, under date the 12th February 1828.		4	When and by whom granted.
None.		5	Sunnuds or other documents in support of the grant.
In lieu of Poliput resumed.		6	Nature of the grant, charity or service. If service, nature of the duty prescribed by the grant.
Maliyandy Yeddalappa Naik.		7	Name of the original grantee.
Yeddappa Naik, nephew to the grantee, died on the 14th August 1865.		8	Name of the last holder, and the relationship in which he stood to the grantee, and the date of his decease.
Rupees 40.		9	Share enjoyed by the deceased, and that held by the other members.
Comarandy Naik, nephew and adopted son. Seranganachar Ammal, daughter, aged six years, and about twenty dependants.		10	Family left by the deceased, and the name of the parties.
The deceased left no property with the exception of a small extent of Puttah land.		11	Means of subsistence possessed by the family.
The applicant, who is the nephew and adopted son of the deceased, has no other means of subsistence than the pension which may be continued.		12	Recommendation and the grounds thereof.
		13	Further remarks.
		14	Recommendation of the Board of Revenue, and the grounds on which it is founded.
		15	Decision of Government.

COIMBATORE,
23rd September 1865.

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Collector.

1. The papers recorded above relate to two lapses among the Poligar pensioners of Coimbatore.

2. In the first the deceased pensioner is apparently the individual entered as "Mooddoomalayandi Naidoo," No. 4 in the List No. 1 of "Subsistence Yeomiahs for one or more lives" payable in the District of Coimbatore, which accompanied Mr. E. B. Thomas's letter, dated 14th August 1857, No. 132. He was then thirty-seven years old and in receipt of an allowance of Rupees 85-14-0 per annum, the pension having been given on the assumption of the country to Toppamaul, his grand-mother. The latest orders which had been passed were alluded to as of the 10th April 1827 and the 21st June 1831, and reference was also made to a letter addressed by the Collector to the Board on the 20th July 1826.

3. It appears that this "compensation in lieu of resumed offices and privileges" had its origin in a daily allowance granted for the support of certain Poligars' families and servants in the Coimbatore District. The total sum paid on this account in Fusly 1234 amounted, according to a statement furnished by Mr. Collector Sullivan on 5th December 1825, to Rupees 3,211-3-3, divided among thirty-seven* individuals. In this list the name of Toppamaul does not find a place.

From a statement of "charges objected to" received from the Civil Auditor in April 1826, the Board find that prior to Fusly 1234 there were forty-four persons so receiving allowances; of these seven died without heirs, and their stipends were accordingly stopped; seven others died leaving relatives whose names were substituted in the accounts for those of the original holders, and it was in consequence of this that the Civil Auditor called upon the Collector to obtain the sanction of Government for the changes which had been made without due authority.

4. In the Dhully Poligar's family (to which the present cases appertain) three* names had been newly entered. The Collector, at the Civil Auditor's request, wrote to the Board on the 20th July 1826, forwarding a revised list of persons to whom the pensions were then paid, and explaining how the changes had been made. Paragraph 4 of his letter seems to refer to the present case. It is as follows:—"By the Cutwal's list an allowance of Rupees 3-9-14 (?) per mensem, or Rupees 85, A. 14, P. 0 per annum, was payable to Toppamal, widow of the Dhully Poligar, and Rupees 2, A. 9, P. 84 for her son Yettapa Naick, then an infant. Having ascertained the death of the widow, I ordered the allowance of 2-9-8 to be discontinued, and the first sum be paid to the son now grown up."

5. It would appear, therefore, that the "Yettapa Naick" mentioned in the letter is the same as "Venkatapah Naick" in the list of the preceding December, and the individual whose decease is now reported must have been his son.

6. The Government passed a general sanction for the alterations referred to, in their Order of 10th April 1827, No. 267.

7. In 1830, the Collector reported† the death of "Yettama Naick, late Poligar of Dhully" to whom (as was stated) a pension of Rupees 7-0-10 per mensem had been granted on the assumption of his Poliem in 1801, and requested permission to continue an allowance to his son, Mootoomalany Naick. "Yettama Naick's" name is alluded‡ to by the Board as having been included in the list which accompanied Mr. Sullivan's letter, dated 20th July 1826. After some further correspondence, the Government sanctioned§ the renewal of the pension to Mootoomalany Naick.

† 26th October 1830.

‡ 18th November 1830.

§ 21st June 1831, No. 661.

8. This individual appears, as now reported, to have died on the 10th March last, leaving two widows and two sons. The son of the first widow has been adopted by a near relative, (since demised; vide Collector's letter, dated 22nd September 1865, No. 202,) and the Collector recommends that the pension should be continued without diminution to Mootoomara Naicken, son of the deceased by the second widow, as the family have no other means of support.

9. The lapse reported in the second paper recorded above being connected with that already noticed may conveniently be disposed of along with it.

* 13th January 1831, No. 22.

10. When the Board proposed* to renew Yettama Naick's pension to his son (see paragraph above) the Government communicated to them copies of correspondence which had taken place between themselves and the Principal Collector of Coimbatore in 1821 and 1828 in reference to the allowance granted to Maliandy Yeddalapa Naick, late Poligar of Dhully, who having been transported to Prince of Wales Island in 1802, returned to his native place under sanction of Government in 1820. Being without any means of support, his Poliem having been sequestered on the assumption of the Province by the British Government, (its revenue amounted to about half a lac of Rupees,) the Collector recommended Government to make him an allowance of Rupees 40 a

† 18th September 1821, No. 389.

‡ 12th February 1828, No. 99.

11. Mr. Grant states that the deceased left no property with the exception of a small extent of Puttah land, and he recommends that the allowance of forty Rupees be continued to the nephew and adopted son of the deceased, Comarandy Naick (son of the late Mootoomaliany Naick, vide paragraph above). Yeddalapa Naick has also left a daughter six years of age.

12. The original grantee of this pension, viz., Maliandy Yeddalapa Naick does not, however, appear to have been Poligar *de-jure*, though he was found in that position, and, as such, resisted the British authority when the country was assumed in 1801-2. The correspondence noted marginally shews that Venkataputty Yeddalapa Naick, who was Poligar of Dhully some five or six years before the British assumption, had been removed from his country, and imprisoned in one of the Hill Forests in Mysore by Tippoo, the affairs of the Poliput being entrusted to his relative, the man found in possession in 1801. When released Venkataputty Naick did not immediately lay claim to the Poliput, but visited Benares whence he returned about 1820, and upon his representing his circumstances, obtained as a matter of

§ Ex. Mins. Cons., 10th August 1836, No. 1,037.

be held for the term of their natural lives.

13. It may be a matter for consideration whether the allowance drawn by the descendants of the Poligar *de-facto* should be continued intact when that enjoyed by the representatives of the Poligar *de-jure* has been thus limited.

14. The Board find, in regard to these Poligar pensions, that though in many cases allowances have been continued undiminished on lapses, in others a different course has been pursued, and they, therefore, feel some doubt as to the mode in which the present lapses should be treated.

15. On the death of Venkatapa Naick, a member of the Jollyputty Poligar's family, the Government of India would only sanction a renewal of his pension of Rupees 42-15-0 to his widow for life, and then only if she was without other means of subsistence. The expediency of making provision for her daughter after her death was to be left for future consideration.

16. When Linga Reddy Naick, another member of the same family, demised leaving a widow, son, and two daughters, the Government of India "with much reluctance" sanctioned a pension of Rupees 30 per annum to the son, "on strict condition that it shall lapse totally and 'finally on the death of the present grantee, and on no account be renewed in 'favor of any member of the family.'"

17. On the other hand, the same authority sanctioned, without remark, the continuance of the annual allowance of Rupees 64-5-0 enjoyed by Coopppanda Gownden to his widow and two sons; and that of Rupees 85-12-8 per annum held by the late Mootoovulla Condammal, widow of the late Poligar of Goodemangalum, to her adopted son.

18. It remains, therefore, for the decision of Government, whether the Collector's recommendations should, or should not, be adopted in the present cases.

No. 288.

Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 16th November 1865, No. 2,813.

The continuance of the pensions is sanctioned; but the Government desire that the Collector will endeavour to arrange for the commutation of the whole into a single grant of land, bearing an equivalent annual assessment, to be registered in the joint names of the two brothers for the maintenance of the family, the elder brother being recognized as the representative.

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

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Master
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

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