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No. 246. Read the following Petitions from Gode Venkata Narayana Rau, Proprietor of Chepurapalli Estate in Vizagapatam District:—

Submitting copies of his addresses to the Board of Revenue and of their reply thereto, complains that no final order has as yet been passed by the said authority regarding the subject (Moturpha) contained therein, although one year and four months have elapsed, and prays that on a perusal of the same, a favorable reply may be sent to him. (Here enter 13th October 1862.)

No. 247. Refers to his former petition to Government, dated 13th October last, to which no reply was as yet given him. Represents that he felt great trouble to pay Moturpha tax in 1861, and that as the time for next payment is very near, prays that an order may be issued to the Board of Revenue to suspend the collection of this tax from him (Petitioner) until the question may finally (as he is informed by the Board) be decided. (Here enter 29th January 1863.)

No. 248. Submitting copies of correspondence which has passed between him and the Collector, and the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, and of his Memorials to the Government presented through the Revenue Secretary, prays that as he failed to obtain the redress he sought therein, it may be granted to him. (Here enter 28th February 1863.)

No. 249. States that, with reference to his former applications regarding the remission of Moturpha tax upon his proprietary Estate Chepurapalli, no reply has been as yet sent to him. Prays that as the time for the collection of the said tax from him is approaching, orders may be sent to the Collector to grant him the requested remission. (Here enter 25th April 1863.)

No. 250. Complains of his having received no reply to his former Petition presented in the month of April last, regarding the Moturpha tax levied on his village, and prays for the consideration of his case and for an order exempting him from paying the said Moturpha tax for the reasons herein stated. (Here enter 14th October 1863.)

No. 251. Referring to his former Petition of 14th October last, submits a copy of the Endorsement of the Board of Revenue. Prays to bring his case into the favorable consideration of His Excellency. (Here enter 12th November 1863.)

No. 252. ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1865, No. 833.

Miscellaneous.

1. In these Petitions, Gode Venkata Narayana Rau, proprietor of Chepurapalli Estate in the Vizagapatam District, claims a remission of Peshkash on account of Moturpha, the collection of which has been discontinued under orders of Government.
2. In the course of 1861 Petitioner was, in common with other proprietors, directed by the Collector to discontinue the collection of Moturpha with the promise that if on enquiry it was found to have been included in the assets upon which his Peshkash was fixed, the amount of the tax would be refunded to him.

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3. The tax he estimates at Rupees 524-12-0 annually.

4. From Statement No. 2, which accompanied Mr. Smollett's letter to the Commissioner Northern Circars, dated 21st September 1855, it appears that Chepurapalli is a sub-division of Panchadurla, one of the seventeen Estates which composed the "First Division" of the Vizagapatam District.

5. In 1854 the Commissioner Northern Circars reported on the state of the Moturpha question in Vizagapatam and Ganjam, and the Government in passing orders on that Report (Extract Minutes Consultation, 23rd June 1855, No. 762,) expressed their conviction (paragraph 4) that "in the first Division of Vizagapatam the Moturpha taxes were included in the Permanent Settlement though under the name of quit-rent. But it is quite uncertain whether the commutation ordered was, in fact, ever made, and the Zamindars have, in fact, always continued to levy the taxes in the old form."

6. The Government then proceeded (paragraph 5) to observe that "the amount included on account of Moturpha in the Settlement of this Division was Rupees 2,859-0-6, but, omitting one Estate (Oopada), transferred to Rajahmundry (and apparently afterwards arranged in common with the rest of that District), and other Estates lapsed to Government, there remains only one Estate out of the seventeen originally in the first Division of Vizagapatam, viz., Cassimcottah, in which the amount included for Moturpha was Rupees 1,792-11-8; and omitting Rupees 57-9-7, appertaining to five villages on which no Peshkash is paid, there remains Rupees 1,735-2-1, the amount to be remitted to the proprietor of this Estate on the abolition of the Moturpha or its resumption by Government.

From Collector of Vizagapatam to Commissioner Northern Circars, 21st September 1855, No. 131.

7. The Collector of Vizagapatam subsequently pointed out that Government were in error in assuming that the above-mentioned sum of Rupees 1,735-2-1 had reference to one Estate only. The Estates had not, as supposed, *all* lapsed to Government, but had been sub-divided and disposed of in various ways, and now numbered twenty-seven. The amount of Moturpha included in the assets of the old first Division was Rupees 2,721-4-0. Deducting that belonging to estates subsequently acquired by Government, the remainder included in the assets of the private Estates, and which was now to be foregone amongst 18 proprietors, amounted to Rupees 1,735-2-1. Column 7 of Statement 3, accompanying Mr. Smollett's letter, shewed that the Chepurapalli proprietor's share of this sum, was Rupees 472-4-5. Most of this tax was levied from fishermen.

8. The above-mentioned letter from Mr. Smollett was submitted to Government, with a full report by the Commissioner Northern Circars on the general question as it effected both Vizagapatam and Ganjam. *Final* orders were not passed, but as far as the first Division of Vizagapatam was concerned, it was directed (Extract Minutes Consultation, 4th December 1856, No. 1,281, paragraph 5,) that the Zamindars should continue to collect the tax, further and accurate information being in the mean time collected, so that should orders for its abolition be received, nothing more would be necessary than to relieve the people from the demand, and strike off from the Peshkash of each Zamindary, in the assets of which the tax was originally included, the already ascertained amount of compensation. "In finally determining the compensation question, the amount which *should have* been (*i. e.*, that belonging to the assets) and "not that which *has* been, collected, will of course be considered."

9. It does not appear that any further enquiry has been made into the circumstances of the Estates which form the first Division of Vizagapatam. The subject is referred to in the more recent correspondence marginally noted, which took place after the orders of Government had been passed, intimating the resumption of Moturpha tax from Fusly 1271. From the second of the Board's Proceedings, marginally noted above, it appears that at their request, the Collector

Board's Proceedings dated—

- (1) 26th August 1861, No. 4,625, paragraphs 15—18.
- (2) 19th October " " 5,761.
- (3) 27th March 1862, " " 2,025.

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of Vizagapatam forwarded a Statement shewing the Moturpha collections of the several Zamindaries and proprietary Estates in his District during Fusly 1270, as also the amounts of compensation payable to certain proprietors in the assets of whose Estates the Moturpha was included at the Permanent Settlement. The compensation entered as claimable, viz., Rupees 910-15-3, is the same as that mentioned by Mr. Smollett as belonging to the first Division of Vizagapatam: for, of Rupees 1,735-2-1 to be distributed to the several landlords, as noticed in paragraph 7 of this Order, the sum of Rupees 824-2-10, due to one of the 18 proprietors, viz., the owner of Waltair, was ordered (Extract Minutes Consultation, 23rd June 1855, No. 762, paragraph 21,) to be deducted from the Zamindar's Peshkash and the Moturpha resumed, thus leaving Rupees 910-15-3 due to the remaining 17 proprietors, whose cases have not yet been settled. Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 1,281, paragraph 3, shews that the reduction in the Waltair proprietor's Peshkash was carried into effect.

10. As Government have in the above-mentioned instance, and throughout the correspondence above referred to, admitted the right of proprietors in the position of the present Petitioner to a reduction of Peshkash on the resumption of the Moturpha, and as the Petitioner has since July 1861 been debarred from levying Moturpha though still compelled to pay Government the same Peshkash as heretofore, he will be at once relieved from the latter obligation, and a refund with interest at 5 per cent. made of the excess Peshkash so levied which was noticed in paragraph 7 above amounts to Rupees 472-4-5 per annum.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Accountant General.
" the Petition Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

no would be refunded.

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To. The Secretary to the Revenue Boards
Port Saint George

Sir

In submitting the following statement for the consideration of the Revenue Boards, with a request you will please lay before them, I respectfully beg to solicit their kind indulgence, as I feel necessitated to address them in consideration of the great difficulties I have been put to, & humbly hope that my prayer will be favorably received and obtain for me an early answer -

In the beginning of July of this year, the Collector under instructions from the Revenue Boards issued orders to all Proprietors &c to discontinue collecting Moturpha Tax in their respective Estates - and that such Moturpha tax as are included in their Permanent Grant will be re-funded to them on receipt of orders from Government, I accordingly carried the order into effect, and submitted a Petition in February last for orders to pay the list of February minus the Moturpha Tax Vith No 524-12-4, the Collector was then pleased to direct me to pay regularly the instalments until the last instalment becoming due in the month of May 1862 as it was hoped that orders would arrive prior to that time for the disposal of this question -

I accordingly done so, and find no instructions have as yet been received on this subject. I respectfully here beg to state that Petitions were received on the 10th May 1862, requesting they be exempted from paying the Tax until orders are received from the Boards, but I regret to state that the prayer of my Petition has not as yet been answered, and the time is drawing nigh when I will be called upon to pay - I have therefore been necessitated to apply to the Boards as it is no inconsiderable amount I am called upon to pay without receiving any benefit.

The Moturpha Tax I am called upon to pay by the end of May, and humbly hope an answer may be received relieving me from

Vidyapati
 16th May 1862

Your most Obedient & Humble Servant
Signed Genarain Ann
Proprietor of Cheboorilly Estate
of Vizagapatnam Zillah

The Secretary
to the Finance Board

Fort Saint George

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Sir

With reference to my letter of the 16th May last, I
that I have since received a letter from the College
publication wherein solicited to be exempted paying
Proprietors rate to Church or so fully until I am a
on the Board, but I regret to state that the College
the Prayer of your Petitioner, and consequently forego
to the notice of the Board as early as possible so that
as it will inconvenience me considerably if I have to
no benefit

Pisapattam
4th June 1862

Respectfully, W. Hermann

Yours Most Obedt. Humble Servant
H. C. Conner

Proprietor of Chechooripilly Estate, Kanyakumari District

1582 & 1794 of 1862

Petitioner is informed that the general question of compensation on account of Moulthrop is now under the consideration of Government - Until final orders are passed, the Board can take no steps in Petitioner's behalf.

Riverside Board of
Government House
15th July 1862

By Order
Signed, C. J. Maston
Atty & Sub Secy

True Copies!

W. H. T. P. R.
Proprietor of Chacoan or Pilgrimage
of Vizcaya at the Zillah

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G. V. Harris Esq.
Proprietor of Cheekeroo property Estate
of Wodagahatamp Lillah.

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To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Port. Saint George
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The Memorial of Today Vencata Narain Proprietor
of Cheepooropilly Estate of Vizagapatam Lillah

Most humbly sheweth,

That your Memorialist had occasion to
address the Revenue Boards on two occasions, Copies of these letters
your Memorialist begs herewith to enclose, together with Copies of replies
from the Asst. Sub Secretary to the Revenue Boards & also the Collector, & as a Copy
of 1 year & 4 months has transpired, and no answer as has yet been received
by your Memorialist, he is therefore induced to Memorial the Government
this year, & humbly hope that you will be so good as to place your
Memorialist's letters &c. together with this Memorial before Government,
and thus obtain for your Memorialist a favorable reply
And as in duty bound

Vizagapatam
13th October 1862

With Ever pray
T. V. Narain Pillai
Proprietor of Cheepooropilly Estate
of Vizagapatam Lillah

that on a perusal of the
same, a favorable reply
may be sent to him -

Rev. of Govt. of Madras
From Goday Venkata

Narain Rao Proprietor
of Cheepooropilly
estate of Vizagapatam

Oct 13th
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Submitting copies of
his addresses to the Board
of Revenue with
reply thereon, complains
that no final order has
yet been passed by the said
authority regarding the
subject ^(of Moturpha) continued thereon
although 1 year & 4 months
have elapsed & prays
No. 833-22. Apr. 1865

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No. 411 of 1863.

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St. George
Madras

The Memorial of Goday Venkata
Narain Rao Proprietor of Cheepooropilly Estate
of Vizagapatam Tillah -
Most Humbly Sheweth,

That, your memorialist did on the 13th
of October last year submit a Memorial with copies
of documents to and from the Revenue Board, and also
the Collector of Vizagapatam, on the subject of paying
Moturpha tax for the consideration of Government &
regarding the hardship felt by your memorialist
of being made to pay on account of Moturpha tax of
Rs. 524-12-0 annually of my estate Cheepooropilly,
which was resumed by Government in 1861, the time is

near at hand when your Memorialist will be again
called upon to pay the Maturpha tax for this year
also, while your Memorialist is deriving no benefit, and
the hardship felt in having to pay this tax your
Memorialist will leave for the Consideration of
Government. Your Memorialist begs to state no reply
was received to the former Memorial, and he will
earnestly look forward for an early and favorable
reply and in the mean while your Memorialist
prays that, the Government will be pleased to issue
instructions to the Revenue Board to suspend
the Collection of this tax from me until the question
is finally decided, as the Board of Revenue in
their Memo No 1582 & 1794 of 1862, informed your
Memorialist that, the general question of Maturpha
was under the Consideration of Government, and that
they could give no final orders until the decision
of Government has been received.

And your Memorialist will as in duty bound

Ever Pray

W. H. Curran Row

Proprietor of the Proprietary Estate
of Vitagapattam Lillah.

Vitagapattam
29th January 1863

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therefore been necessitated to apply to the Board, as it

is no inconsiderable amount I am called upon to pay without
reaping any benefit -

The Moturpha tax I am called upon to pay
by the end of May, and humbly hope an answer may be received
relieving me from the payment of the above sum

Respectfully beg to remain
Sir,
Your most Obedient humble servant
Signed G. Narain Pillai
Proprietor of Cheepooroppilly Estate
of Virayapatam Zillah -

Virayapatam
15th May 1862

To. The Secretary to the Revenue Board
Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 16th May last,

I respectfully beg to state that I have since received a letter from

the Collector of Virayapatam to my application, wherein solicited

to be exempted paying the Moturpha tax of my Proprietary Estate

Cheepooroppilly until final orders are received from the Board,

but I regret to state that the Collector declines sanctioning the

prayer of your Petitioner, and consequently to request that you

will kindly bring to the notice of the Board as early as possible,

and obtain for me a speedy reply, as it will inconvenience me

considerably if I have to pay a tax wherein I receive no

benefit -

Respectfully beg to remain
Sir,
Your most Obedient humble servant
Signed G. Narain Pillai
Proprietor of Cheepooroppilly Estate
of Virayapatam Zillah -

Virayapatam
1st June 1862

No 1582 & 1794 of 1862

Petitioner is informed that the general question of compensa-
tion on account of Moturpha is now under the consideration of
Government - until final orders are passed, the Board can take no
steps in Petitioner's behalf -

Revenue Board Office
Government House
15th July 1862

By Order
Signed J. C. Master
Asst. Secretary

To. The Secretary to Government Revenue Department
Fort Saint George
Madras

The Memorial of G. Narain Pillai
Proprietor of Cheepooroppilly Estate of Virayapatam Zillah -
Most humbly sheweth,

That your Memorialist had occasion to address
the Revenue Board on two occasions, copies of these letters your
Memorialist begs herewith to enclose, together with copies of replies
from the Asst. Secretary to the Revenue Board; and also the Collection,
and as a lapse of 1 year and 4 months has transpired, & no answer
has as yet been received by your Memorialist, he is therefore induced to
 Memorial the Government thro' you, & humbly hope that you will be so
good as to place your Memorialist's letters & etc, together with this Memorial
before Government, & thus obtain for your Memorialist a favorable reply
And as in duty bound
With ever most
Respectful regards
Signed G. Narain Pillai
Proprietor of Cheepooroppilly Estate of Virayapatam Zillah -

Virayapatam -
13th October 1862

To. The Secretary to Government Revenue Department
Fort Saint George
Madras

The Memorial of G. Narain Pillai
Proprietor of Cheepooroppilly Estate of Virayapatam Zillah -
Most humbly sheweth,

That your Memorialist did on the 13th of October last
year, submitted a Memorial with copies of documents to, & from the
Revenue Board, and also the Collector of Virayapatam, on the subject
of paying Moturpha tax for the consideration of Government, regarding
the hardship felt by your Memorialist of being made to pay on account
of Moturpha tax of Rs. 524-12 - Annually of my Estate Cheepooroppilly,
which was resumed by Government in 1861, the time is near at hand, when

Your Memorialist will be again called upon to pay the Motupha tax for this year also, while your Memorialist is deriving no benefit, and the hardship felt in having to pay this tax, your Memorialist will leave for the consideration of Government. Your Memorialist begs to state no reply was received to the former Memorial, and he will earnestly look forward for an early and favorable reply, and in the mean while your Memorialist prays that the Government will be pleased to issue instructions to the Revenue Board, to suspend the collection of this tax from me until the question is finally decided, as the Board of Revenue in their Memo. No. 1582 of 1862 informed your Memorialist that, the general question of Motupha was under the consideration of Government, & that they could give no final order until the decision of Government has been received. And your Memorialist will as in duty bound

Virapatalam }
29th January 1833 }

(True Copies)
G. H. Farnair, Esq.
Proprietor of Richwood Family Estate
of Visayapatanam Lihah.



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Signed G. J. True
Catharine

2400 1st St N
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the whole matter on my behalf, as if I were
present to explain the matter to His Excellency,
and obtain for me the redress so earnestly
solicited, which has as yet proved in vain

Vizajapatani

28th February 1863

Respectfully beg to remain

Sir,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

H. Tarran Roy

Proprietor of Cherpoochully

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Transferred to
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By order
Hon. Secy. C. L.
Acty. Private Secy.

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March 1853 }

through the Revenue
Secretary prays
that as he failed
to obtain the redress
he sought therein,
it may be granted
to him.

18708 of 1861.
Rev. of Govt. of Madras
From G. V. Narain
Proprietor of
Cheppooropilly
Estate of Vizagapatam
District.

Dated 28th February
Recd. G. V. Narain
with 2 Enclosures
No. 233 22nd Apr. 1863
Submitting copies
of correspondence
passed between him
& the collector & the
Secretary to the Board
of Revenue & of his
memorials to the
Government presented

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11215 of 1863.

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To
The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Fort Saint George,
Madras.

Sir,

Not having received any
satisfactory reply to my applications
d/13th October 1862 regarding the remission of Moturkha tax
d/29th January 1863 to the address of the
Secretary to Government of my Proprietary Estate Cheppooropilly,
d/16th May 1862 either from your Department, or that the
d/4th June 1862 Secretary to the Revenue Board, I deemed
to the address of the Secretary to the Revenue Board it necessary to address the Private Secretary
to His Excellency the Governor in Council,
Copy of whose letter I herewith annex for
your information, and as I am likely to be
called upon to pay the Discharge, including

Motappa tax for the present I only
also, in May next, I am necessitated to
address you on this subject, with a view
that instructions may be conveyed to the
Collector to relieve me from this charge,
and trust I may be favored with a
favorable answer as early as possible,
and beg to solicit your kind forbearance
at my again troubling you on the subject

Vizagapatam }
25th April 1863 }
Respectfully beg to remain
Sir,

Your most Obedt and
Humble Servant

C. V. Tarrain Pon
Proprietor of Cheepoorpilly Estate
Vizagapatam Lillah

N. 104 of 1863

Government House
Pondicherry
9th March 1863

Memorandum
C. V. Tarrain Pon is informed

that his Petition of the 28th Ultimo addressed
to His Excellency the Governor has been
transferred to the proper Department
for disposal.

By Order
Signed Charles Denison Col
A. G. Private Secretary

To. C. V. Tarrain Pon
Proprietor of
Cheepoorpilly Estate
Vizagapatam Lillah

(True Copy)

C. V. Tarrain Pon
Proprietor of Cheepoorpilly Estate
Vizagapatam Lillah

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To. The Secretary of Government

Revenue Department

Fort Saint George

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to the Collector to grant ^{him} the
requested remission.

N^o 1215 of 1863.
From G. V. Varrain
Now Proprietor of
Chempurully Estate
in the District of
Tiragapatam.

Dated 25th April
Recd 14th May 3/1863.
N^o 833. 22nd April/65

States that with reference
to his ^{former} applications regard-
ing the remission of Motur-
fa tax upon his Proprietary
Estate Chempurully,
no reply has been as yet
sent to him.

Prays that ^{as} the time for
the Collection of the said

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To. The Private Secretary
to His Excellency the Governor of
Fort Saint George
Madras

Sir,
Being at a distance from the Presidency,
I am precluded from taking advantage of your Notification
in the Fort Saint George Gazette dated Sunday, 16th November
1862 to solicit a private interview with His Excellency. I am therefore
necessitated to address you by letter, and to enclose copies of
Correspondence passed thro' the Collector, the Secretary to the
Revenue Board, and two Memorials to Government thro' the
Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department, and the
redress which I therein sought. I regret to state that I have
failed as yet to obtain, and therefore respectfully beg you will be
pleased to lay the whole matter on my behalf, as if I were present
to explain the matter to His Excellency, and obtain for me the redress
I so earnestly solicited, which has as yet proved unsuc-
cessful. I respectfully beg to remain, Sir, your obedient
(Signed) G. V. Varrain Proprietor of
Chempurully Estate of Tiragapatam District

Tiragapatam
28th February 1863

To. The Secretary to Government Revenue Department
Fort Saint George
Madras

Not having received any satisfactory

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fixed, the amount of the
tax would be refunded.

reply to my applications regarding the exemption of allotment tax
 of my Proprietary Estate Cheepooroo pillay, either from your Department,
 or that the Secretary to the Revenue Board, I deemed it necessary
 to address the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor
 in Council, Copy of whose letter I herewith enclose for your
 information, and as I am likely to be called upon to pay
 the Pishenash including Moturkha tax for the present Tuly
 also in May next. I am necessitated to address you on this
 subject, with a view that instructions may be conveyed
 to the Collector to relieve me from this charge, and as I trust
 I may be favored with a favorable answer as early as
 as possible, and beg to solicit your kind forbearance
 at my again troubling you on the subject.

+ d/13th Dec. 1862
 d/29th Jan. 1863
 (to the Secretary to
 Government)
 d/16th May 1862
 d/14th June 1862
 (to the address of the
 Secretary to the
 Revenue Board)

Visagapatam
 25th April 1863

Respectfully signed
 Signed J. V. Manai Rm. Proprietor
 of Cheepooroo pillay Estate of Visagapatam Zillah

To The Secretary to the Revenue Board,
 Fort Saint George

Not having received any satisfactory
 reply to my applications regarding the exemption of Moturkha
 tax of my Proprietary Estate Cheepooroo pillay either from your
 Department or that the Secretary to Government in the Revenue
 Board, I deemed it necessary to address the Private Secretary

+ d/10th May 1862
 d/14th June 1862
 (to the address of the
 Secretary to the
 Revenue Board)
 d/13th Dec. 1862
 d/29th Jan. 1863
 (to the Secretary to
 Government)

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Visagapatam
 25th April 1863

Respectfully signed
 Signed J. V. Manai Rm. Proprietor
 of Cheepooroo pillay Estate of Visagapatam Zillah

(True Copies)
 J. V. Manai Rm.
 Proprietor of Cheepooroo pillay Estate
 of Visagapatam Zillah

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 fixed, the amount of the

Dec 27 1863

Refer to last by Revenue for report.
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decided - why present the man had
an answer when letter - M

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To The Private Secretary
to His Excellency the Governor of
Port Saint George
Madras

Sir,

I respectfully beg to bring to your notice,
for the information of His Excellency the Governor that in February
last, I addressed a letter to His Excellency's Private Secretary of
which I beg to enclose (for a more ready reference) and was favored
with a reply dated 9th March 1863 No 104 of 1863, which gave me
great hopes of my case being speedily adjusted.

Not hearing from any of the authorities on the
subject of my applications, regarding the Motur, a tax imposed
on my villages, and which I had to pay without receiving any
advantage, I deemed it necessary in April to address both the
Secretary to Government Revenue Department, and the Secretary
to the Revenue Board. Copies of these letters also I beg to enclose,
and regret to state that I have not been favored with so much
as a reply - Five months having elapsed (and if my case is

which his Highness was
fixed, the amount of the
tax would be refunded

not soon & readily settled) I will be called upon by the Collector
to pay Rs 472-4-5 which will make in all Rs 1416-10-3 I humbly
therefore beg, that His Excellency the Governor will favorably
listen to my prayer, and extend to me His kind protection,
and relieve me from the great hardships I am made to suffer
by the exactions of the Moturpha tax on my Property at
Cheepoorooilly (and as I said before without deriving
any benefit) and trust, that His Excellency the Governor
will after a fair hearing of my case, pass such order
as he may deem fit, to relieve me from what I consider,
a very great hardship.

Vizagapatam
14th October 1863

Respectfully beg to remain
Sir,

Your most Obedient
& Humble Servant

C. H. Narain Rao
Proprietor of Cheepoorooilly
Taluk of Vizagapatam District

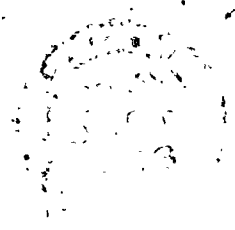
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fixed, the amount of the
tax would be refunded.

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Dr. J. H. D.
The Private Secretary
to His Excellency the Governor of
Fort Saint George
Aug 14/57
Madras



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the consideration of
his case & for an order
exempting him from
paying the said Motor-
pha Tax for the reasons
herein stated--

No. 2777 of 1863.
From G. V. Narraim
Rao Proprietor of
Chechooropully Estate
of Vizagapatnam Zillah
Vizagapatnam.

Dated 14

Decr. 22^d } Oct. 1863

With 1 enclosure

N. 833 22^d Apr. /65

Complains of his having
received no reply to his
former Petition presented
in the month of April
last regarding the Mo-
turpha Tax levied on
his village & prays for

250.

3673 of 1863.

To,

The Private Secretary,
to His Excellency the Governor of,
Port Saint George,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to my
letter of the 14th of October last soliciting
that my case may be favourably reviewed
by His Excellency the Governor & relieve
me from the oppression of the Motorpha
Tax being exacted from me I now most
respectfully beg to annex copy of the
endorsements on my Petition to the Revenue
Board received yesterday which

I regret is as unfavorable to me
as on the former occasion and therefore
beg to again bring my respectful
claims for His Excellency's favorable
decision.

Respectfully beg to remain
Sir,

Your Most Obedt Servant
C. H. Tannan Roy

Proprietor of Cheppoorully Estate
of Vizagapatam District

Vizagapatam
12th November 1863

Endorsement on Petition No 1479 of 1863.

Petitioner is referred to the
Board's Endorsement on his former Petition
No 1582 of 1862.

By Order
Signed P. J. Dalzell
Sub Secretary

Revenue Board Office,
Cheppoor B.
11th October 1863

In true Copy
C. H. Tannan Roy
Proprietor of Cheppoorully Estate
of Vizagapatam District

Wing Commander

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Transferred to the
Secretary to
Government
Revenue Depart-
ment.

By order
Wm

Private Secy

Fort House,
Madras,
19th November 1863

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No 3073 of 1863.
Princ. G. V. Narain
Now Proprietor of
Chepurapalli Estate of
Vizagapatam District.
Vizagapatam.

Dated 12th of Novr 1863.
Recd 21st of Novr 1863.
P. 833. 22nd of Apr 1865.
Referring to his former
petition of 14th of Octr last.
submit a copy of the
Endorsement of the
Board of Revenue Prays
to bring his case into
the favorable Consider-
ation of His Excellency.

R.D.
Memo. on Petitions 2774 of 1862 & 411-708-1215-2777
No 3073 of 1863.

In these Petitions Gode
Venkata Narayana Rao, Pro-
prietor of Chepurapalli Estate
in the Vizagapatam District,
claims a remission of Teshkash
on account of Moturpha, the
collection of which has been
discontinued under orders
of Government.

In the course of 1861...
Petitioner was, in common with
other Proprietors, directed by the
Collector - to discontinue the
collection of Moturpha with
the promise that if it was
included in the apertu, in
which his Teshkash was
fixed, the amount of the
tax would be remitted.

to him.

The tax he estimates
at Rs 524-12-0 annually.

The correspondence on
the general subject of Motur-
pha is very lengthy, and is
still under the consideration
of Govt. But as this case
seems clear, and as the Pro-
prietor is obliged to pay a con-
siderable sum annually to
Govt. for which he gets no
corresponding benefit, it may
be well to treat the present
reference on its own merits.

From Statement No. 2
which accompanied Mr.
Smollett's letter to the Com-
missioner Northern Circars - of
September 1855 it appears
that

recorded in G. L. C. 4 Dec.
1856. No. 1281-

that Chepurapalli is a sub-
division of Panchadula one
of the 17 Estates which composed
the "First Division" of the Vi-
zagapatam District.

In 1854 the Commissioner
Northern Circars reported on
the state of ^{the} Moturpha question
in Vizagapatam and Ganjam,
and the Govt. in passing or-
ders on that report (G. L. C. 23
June 1855 No. 762) expressed
their conviction (para 4) that
"in the first Division of Viza-
gapatam the Moturpha taxes
were included in the Perma-
nent Settlement though
under the name of quit rent.
But it is quite uncertain
whether the commutation or-
dered was in fact ever made

"and the zamins are have in
"fact always continued to levy
"the taxes in the old form."

7 The Govt. then pro-
ceeded (para 5) to observe that
"the amount included on account
"of Moturpha in the settlement
"of this Division was Rupees
"2859-0-6 but omitting one Es-
"tate (Opasa) transferred to
"Bajahmundry (and apparently
"afterwards arranged in common
"with the rest of that District)
"and other Estates lapsed to Govt.,
"there remains only one Estate out
"of the 17 originally in the first
"Division of Vizagapatam viz.
"Gassincottah in which the amount
included for Moturpha was ^{R^s. 11-8} 1793-11-8;
"omitting ^{R^s. 9-7} 57-9-7 appertaining to
five villages on which no Peshkash
is paid there remains ^{R^s. 2-1} 1735-2-1, the
amount to be remitted to the Proprietors
of this Estate on the abolition of the
Peshkash or its resumption by Govt."

From Coll^y of Vizagapatam
to Comm^r Nor. Circular 21st
Sept/55 N^o 131.

8 The Collector of
Vizagapatam, subsequently,
pointed out, that Govt. were in error in assum-
ing, that the above mentioned
sum of Rupees 1735-2-1
had reference to one estate
only. The estates had not,
as supposed, all lapsed
to Govt., but had been sub-
divided and disposed of in
various ways, and now
numbered twenty seven.
The amount of Moturpha
included in the assets of
the old First Division
was Rs. 2721-4-0. Deduct-
ing that belonging to Es-
tates subsequently ac-
quired by Government,
the remainder, included
in the assets of the pre-
vailing Estates, and which
was now to be foregone
amongst

amongst 18 Proprietors
announced to G.P. 1735-2-1.
Col. 7 of Statement 3 ac.
-comparing Mr. Smollett's
letter
showed that the Lehigh
-apalli Proprietor's share
of this sum was Rupees
472-4-5. Most of this
tax was levied from
Fishermen.

9 The above-
mentioned letter from Mr.
Smollett was submitted
to Govt. with full report
by the Commissioner. No
-thered papers on the gene-
-ral question as it affected
both Vizagapatam and
Ganjam. Final orders
were not passed, but as
far as the First Division
of Vizag. was concerned
it was directed (Ex. 1111
L. 1111 Dec. 1861 p. 5)
that

that the Zamindars should
continue to collect the tax;
further and accurate in-
formation being in the
meantime collected so
that should orders for its
abolition be received, nothing
more would be necessary
than to relieve the people
from the demand, and
strike off from the Pub-
-lish of each Zamindary,
in the assets of which
the tax was originally
included, the already
ascertained amount of
compensation. In finally
"determining the compen-
-sation question, the amount
"which should have been
"i.e. that belonging to the
"assets) and not that
"which has been collected,
"will of course be considered.

10 It does not appear
that any further enquiry
has been made into the
circumstances of the estates
which form the First Divi-
sion of Vizag. The subject
is referred to in the more

recent correspondence
marginally noted which
took place after the

orders of Govt. had been
passed intimating the
resumption of Moturpha
tax from Fasli 1276.

From the record of the Board's
Proc., marginally noted
above, it appears that
at their request the Collr.
of Vizagapatam forwarded
a statement shewing
the Moturpha collections
of the several zamindars
and proprietary
estates in his District
during

Board's Proceedings

(1) 26 Aug. /61. Nos. 15-18.

(2) 19 Oct. 1861. - 8761.

(3) 7 March /62. - 2025.

Note These papers
are not yet disposed of

31
during Fasli 1270, as also
the amounts of compensation
payable to certain Proprietors
in the assets of whose estates
the Moturpha was included
at the permanent Settlement.
The compensation entered
as claimable viz. Rs. 910-
-15-3 is the same as
that mentioned by Mr.
Smollett as belonging
to the first Division of
Vizagapatam: for of
No. 1735-2-1 to be distributed
to the several landlords as
noted in para (8) of this
Memorandum, the sum
of Rs. 824-2-10 due to one
of the 18 Proprietors viz.
the owner of Waltair, was
ordered (by Min. Cons. 23^d
June 1855. No. 762. p. 21.) to
be deducted from the Zamindar's
Peshkush and the
Moturpha resumed - thus
leaving Rs. 910-15-3 due
to

to the remaining 17 Proprietors -
whose cases have not yet
yet been settled. Ex. Min.
Caus. 15th December 1856.

N^o. 1281. p. 3 shows that
the reduction in the
Waltain Proprietor's Pesh-
Kash was carried into
effect -

11. As Government
have in the above mentioned
instance, and throughout
the correspondence above
referred to, admitted the
right of Proprietors in the
position of the present
Petitioners to a reduction
of PeshKash on the
resumption of the Moturpha;
and as the Petitioners have
since July 1861, or for
more than 2 years, been
debarred from levying the
Moturpha though still

compelled to pay Govt.
the same PeshKash as
heretofore, it seems only
fair that he should be at
once relieved from the
latter obligation and a ^{with in} ~~to~~
refund ^{of the} ~~of the~~ excess
PeshKash so levied which
as noticed in para 8 above
amounts to Rs. 472-4-5
per annum.

910-15-3-
472-4-5-

438-10-10.

12. The same course is
indeed might be followed
in regard to the other 16
Proprietors mentioned in
the list recorded in Bd.
Proceedings 19th October
1861. N^o. 5761. in whose
cases Rs. 438-10-10 will
have to be foregone, if the
same principle is carried out.
These individuals have
probably not importuned Govt.
because the amounts levied by
them as Moturpha were very
small. -

Walter Heath
Hon. Secy.

W. M.

Revenue Department

N^o 833.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date 11th 22nd February 1865.

Read the following
Petitions from Goday Vercata
Kannan Row, Proprietor of
Cherpooropilly estate in
Vizagapatam District.

[Signature]

Submitting copies of his
addresses to the Board of Revenue
and of their reply thereto, com-
plains that no final order has
as yet been passed by the said
authority regarding the subject
(of Chittoor, &c) contained therein,
although 1 year and 11 months have
elapsed, & prays that an answer
of the sum, in favourable reply may
be sent to him.

(Here enter 13th October
1862)

Refers to his former petition
to Gov^t dated 13th Oct^r last that
no reply was as yet given him. -
Represents that he felt great trouble
to pay Chittoor, &c Tax in 1861 and
that, as the time for next pay-
ment is very near, prays that an
order may be issued to the Board
of Revenue to suspend the Coll^{rs} of
this Tax from him (Petitioner)
until the question may, finally,
(as he is informed, by the Board)
be decided.

(Here enter 29th Jan^y 1863)

My dear Sir,

The above is
a copy of the
Board's decision
in answer to
your letter of the
11th inst.

I am, Sir,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

[Signature]

Submitting copies, of
correspondence ^{which has} passed between
him and the Collector & the
Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
and of his memorials to
the Government presented through
the Revenue Secretary, prays
that as he failed to obtain the
redress he sought therein, it may
be granted to him.

States that with reference to
his former application regarding
the remission of Moturphu tax upon
his Proprietary Estate Chepurapalli,
no reply has been as yet sent to
him. Prays that as the time for the
collection of the said tax from him
is approaching, and as many he sent
to the Collector to grant him the
requested remission.

Complains of his having
received no reply to his former
Petition presented in the month
of April last regarding the Motur-
phu tax levied on his village &
prays for the consideration of
his case and for an order
exempting him from paying
the said Moturphu tax for
the present year.

(Here entered 28th Feb^y 1863)

(Here entered 25th April 1863)

(Here entered 11th Oct^r 1863)

Referring to his former pe-
tition of 14th October last submit-
a copy of the Endorsement of the
Board of Revenue - Prays to bring
his case into the favorable considera-
tion of His Excellency.

(Here entered 12th Nov^r 1863)

In these Petitions,
Gode Venkata Narayana Rao,
Proprietor of Chepurapalli Es-
tate in the Vizagapatam Dis-
trict, claims a remission of
Peikhash on account of Mo-
turphu, the collection of
which has been discontinued
under orders of Government.

In the course of 1861
Petitioner was, in common with
other Proprietors, directed by
the Collector to discontinue
the collection of Moturphu
with the promise that if it
was included in the assets
upon which his Peikhash was
fixed, the amount of the
tax

tax would be refunded to him.

The tax he estimates at Rs 524-12-0 annually.

From statement No. 2 which accompanied Mr. Smalllett's letter to the Commissioner Northern Circars dated 21st September 1855 it appears that Cherasapalli is a subdivision of Panchasulani one of the 17 Estates which composed the "First Division" of the Vizagapatnam District.

In 1854 the Commissioner Northern Circars reported on the state of the Moturpala question in Vizagapatnam and Ganjam, and the Government

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in passing orders on that report (E. M. C. 23rd June 1855, No. 762) expressed their conviction (para 4) that "in the first Division of Vizagapatnam the Moturpala taxes were included in the Permanent Settlement though under the name of quit rents. But it is quite uncertain whether the commutation ordered was in fact ever made, and the Zamindars have, in fact, always continued to levy the taxes in the old form."

The Government then proceeded (para 5) to observe that "the amount included on account of Moturpala

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"afterwards arranged in com-
"mon with the rest of that
"District) and other estates
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"of the 17 originally in the
"first Division of Vizaga-
"patam viz. Chepurcottah
"in which the amount in-
"cluded for Molarpha was
"Rs 1792-11-8; and omitting
"Rs 57-9-7 appertaining to five
"villages on which no Peshkash
"is paid there remains Rs 1735-2-1, or
"the amount to be remitted
"to the Proprietor of this
"estate on the abolition of the M.
"Peshkash or its resumption by Govt."

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From Collr. of Vizagapatam to
Comr. Mr. Cress 21st Sept 1851
No 131

The Collector of Viza-
gapatam subsequently point-
ed out that Govt. were in error
in assuming that the above
mentioned sum of Rs 1735-2-1
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First Division was Rs 2721-6-0.
Deducting that belonging to
Estates subsequently ac-
quired by Government, the
remainder included in these
assets of the private estates,
and which was now to be fore-
gone amongst 18 Proprietors,
amounted to Rs 1735-2-1. Col-
ly of statement 3 accompany-
ing Mr. Smollett's letter show
that the Chepurapalli Proprietor
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from the demand, and strike
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nally included, the already
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should have been (i.e. that
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considered.

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has been made into the cir-
cumstances of the estates
which form the First Division
of Vizagapatam. The subject is referred

Board's Proceedings of 1861 in the more recent correspon-
(1) 26th Aug. 1861, pt. 1625, pp. 15-18 - dence marginally noted, which
(2) 19th Oct. 1861, pt. 1625, pp. 15-18 - took place after the orders of
(3) 17th March 1862, pt. 2025 - Govt. had been passed into
ratifying the resumption of
Moturpha tax from Pasi
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Board's Proceedings, marginally
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turpha collections of the gene-
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ticed in para 4 of this order,
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(P. & M. Cons: 23rd June 1855, p. 762 B 21)

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compelled to pay Govern-
ment the same peshkash
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as heretofore, he will be
at once relieved from the
latter obligation and a re-
fund with interest at 5 per
cent made of the excess Pish-
Kash so levied which as
noticed in para 7 above
amounts to Rs 472-11-5
per annum.

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14, Fath's Boarding (Revenue) Des. April
3 & the Accountant General
1 & the Collector of the

Revenue 1865 Depts.
Proc. of Govt. for Apr.

N^o 833.

Proc. of the Madras Govt.
of 22nd April/65

Passing orders on the
claim to Remission of Pesh:
Kush in account of Moturpha
put forth in the Petition
from the Proprietor of
Chesunapalli Estate in
Vizagapatam.