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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th May 1866.

No. 293. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Political Department :—

Sanctioning, with instructions, the disbursement of Rupees 695 to the Jaghiredar of Sundoor, in the Bellary District, in full adjustment of his claim for past years, for the ground occupied for public purposes on the Ramandroog, and also authorizing the payment annually of the quit-rent of Rupees 139. (Here enter 5th May 1866, No. 106.)

No. 294. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1866, No. 1,167.

Land Revenue.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Political Department, No. 106.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

Read the following papers :—

No. 7. From the Collector of Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Hurpanhully, 14th December 1865, No. 84.

I have the honor, in acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, No. 247, of the 2nd October 1865, (and to which a reply would have been sent earlier but for the necessity of communicating with the Superintending Engineer and the Jaghiredar of Sundoor) to observe, with reference to paragraph 4 thereof, that the probable reason of my predecessors allowing the condition in the Tahaunma, alluded to therein, to remain dormant, was the waiving by the Jaghiredar of any claim to quit-rent for ground occupied by Military buildings on Ramandroog.

2. Similarly, as no such claim was preferred to me by the late Jaghiredar, or by his successor till now, the natural conclusion was that the former, and the native advisers of the latter, preferred to be silent on the subject ; the real truth, I believe, consisting in the fact that, as the Hill in question is, from its traditional connection with Rama, who is said to have performed "tapas" or penance on it, or in its vicinity, previous to his expedition to Ceylon, they preferred to keep the fact of the original cession of the Hill to Government in the back ground.

3. The instructions contained in the above Proceedings will, however, in future be carried out ; and I shall, as directed in paragraphs 6 and 7 thereof, take the first suitable opportunity of personally explaining to the young Jaghiredar the terms of the cession of the Hill to Government by his father, as also the opinions expressed by Government in the said Proceedings.

4. The amount of arrears of quit-rent, and of future annual payments, for the disbursement of which I request the sanction of Government may be obtained, is as follows, having been calculated with reference to a survey plan furnished to me by the Superintending Engineer, and the correctness of which has been acknowledged by the Jaghiredar :—

	Arrears.	Rs.	A.	P.
Quit-rent on 139 acres, at 1 Rupee per acre, from date of demise of the late Jaghiredar, on the 19th November 1861, to the close of 1864... ...		756	0	0
	Future annual payment.			
Quit-rent on 139 acres, at 1 Rupee per acre...		139	0	0

The Collector is requested to report how he makes out the amount of arrears to be Rupees 756 from the 19th November 1861 to the end of 1864, while the amount of annual payment is only 139 Rupees.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

24th March 1866.

No. 8. From the Collector of Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Camp, Tadipatri, 4th April 1866, No. 23.

With reference to your foot note, dated 24th ultimo, on my letter to the address of the Secretary to Government, Political Department, Madras, No. 84, dated 14th December 1865, herewith returned, I have the honor to inform you that, by an oversight, the amount of arrears has been put down as Rupees 756, instead of Rupees 556, which latter is the correct sum for four years, viz., from 1861 to 1864.

No. 114.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 9. In the letter from the Collector of Bellary, dated the 4th instant, No. 23, the amount of arrears of quit-rent due to the Jaghiredar is given at Rupees 556 for four years from 1861 to 1864, but in the Collector's previous letter of the 14th December last, No. 84, the amount is calculated from the 19th November 1861, the date of the death of the former Jaghiredar, to the close of 1864, or for three years, 1 month, and 12 days. The correct amount for this period, at the annual rate of 139 Rupees, would be only Rupees 433-3-5, and not 556 as now stated. The Collector is requested to explain this further discrepancy, and to submit a short, clear Statement, showing the amount requiring sanction, and the period for which it is due. He will also be good enough to state whether

the correctness of his computation has been acknowledged by the Jaghiredar in writings, and how it is intended to make the annual payment hereafter, whether at the close of each Fusly, or Calendar year.

Fort Saint George, (Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
13th April 1866. *Chief Secretary.*

To the Collector of Bellary.

No. 10. From the Acting Sub-Collector of Bellary, in charge, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Bellary, 23rd April 1866, No. 57.

With reference to your Memorandum, No. 114, dated 13th April 1866, I have the honor to inform you that the sum of Rupees 556, stated to be a correct sum in Mr. Hathaway's letter, No 28, dated 4th idem, has been calculated for full four years, viz., from 1861 to 1864, at Rupees 139 per annum, although the death of the late Jaghiredar took place on the 19th November 1861, as it is said to be usual to charge rent on land to the full amount for any year, when the land has been occupied even during only a part of such year, and this is the course adopted in paying quitrent to Government for lands on which houses are built in Bellary.

2. I herewith send, as directed, a Statement shewing the amount requiring the sanction of Government. The amount entered for 1866 would not be required till the end of the year.

3. The correctness of the late Collector Mr. Hathaway's computations has been acknowledged by the Jaghiredar in writing, copy of which is enclosed for your information.

4. The annual payments proposed to be made at the close of each Calendar year, as is the case with all the private buildings, &c., in the Ramandroog plateau.

Statement showing the arrears of quitrent to be paid to the *Jaghiredar of Sundoor, for lands occupied by public buildings at Ramandroog.*

Year.	Extent of land occupied.	Rate.	Arrears due.	Amount for which sanction is required to be paid yearly.	
	Acres.		Rupees.		
1861	139	1 Rupee per acre.	139		
1862	.....	.....	139		
1863	.....	.....	139		
1864	.....	.....	139		
			556	.....	*Vide letter from this Office, No. 23, dated 4th instant.
1865	.....	.....	139		
			695		
1866	.....	.....	139		
	Total arrears due...		834	139	

(Signed) W. S. FOSTER,
Sub-Collector in charge.

From the Jaghiredar of Sundoor, to the Collector of Bellary; dated 23rd April 1866, No. 6.

Your official Memorandum, No. 1120.

Returns the Plan of survey of Military Buildings on Ramandroog, and informs him that he has no objection to the proposed boundary, which, according to the Survey, includes—

Acres.	Roods.	Poles.	Sq. feet.
139	0	24	1010

No. 11. From the *Jaghiredar of Sundoor,* to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Sundoor, 1st November 1865, No. 8.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to familiarize Agent Sir Macartney, who will deliver this letter in person, with copies of all the documents connected with the Ramandroog question now under the consideration of Government.

Mr. Macartney is fully authorized and empowered by me to treat with the Government relative to this question, and any arrangement to which he may consent will be ratified by me.

No. 12. From the Jaghiredar of Sundoor, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Sundoor, 25th November 1865, No. 13.

Understanding that the Collector of Bellary has not submitted the accompanying correspondence for the consideration of Government, though

a Original Letter, No. 196, dated 20th May 1865, from the Collector of Bellary.
b My reply to the above, No. 4, dated 7th June 1865.

he was requested by me to do so, I have now the honor to forward the same, respecting which, for the orders of Government.

From the Collector of Bellary, to the Jaghiredar of Sundoor; dated Camp Ramandroog, 15th May 1865, No. 206.

I have the honor, in reference to your letter, No. [illegible] the 9th instant, and its enclosure the letter which you request me to forward to the Chief Secretary to Government, to request that you will be so good as to inform me what you allude to when you state in the letter "that your independent authority over your own villagers of Ramandroog is now questioned, and that all fines on Ramandroog are carried to the Collector's Treasury, even though they may have been imposed *conjointly or possessed under your own authority and at the Collector's request,*" and that you will give me instances of this having been done.

2. I am also of opinion that, with a view to Government having a clear view of what you wish granted, it would be desirable that you communicate to me what measures you propose to adopt for the administration of justice and the maintenance of order on Ramandroog in case the Collector and Magistrate's authority were to cease.

3. I have in addition, to request, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, of the 20th ultimo, No. 140, that all communications from you to me be, in future, signed by yourself, and not by your Agent, and that, in such communications, your name be subscribed in English under your signature in the Vernacular.

From the Jaghiredar of Sundoor, to the Collector of Bellary; dated Sundoor, 18th April 1865, No. 2.

Upon the Jaghiredar of Sundoor, to the Collector of Bellary; dated Sundoor, 18th April 1865, No. 2.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 406, of the 14th instant. I have the honor to inform you that the clause in my letter to the Honorable the Chief Secretary to Government, referred to by you, and of which you request an explanation, relates to a passage in an official note addressed by you to my Agent, Mr. Macartney, on the 19th, in which, after pointing out the course which you considered it proper for me to pursue in maintaining a Police in my villages of Ramandroog, with reference to the rebuilding of fine towers—the course pointed out being, to send the matter to you, and to refer you to paragraphs 21—you proceed to say, "you really have no power to act independently upon Ramandroog, every thing ought to go through me as per treaty." My Agent subsequently raised a question on the subject, with regard to the authority claimed, and requested that he might be furnished with a copy of the document confirming your authority, if any, up to the present moment, this communication, though promised, has not been received.

With reference to this second question contained in the 3rd paragraph of your letter, I would observe that in the Chief's address to my Agent on the 20th instant, he was desired to request that my Agent should address letters hereafter in the name of the Jaghiredar, and not in his own name, as was the case with the letter of the 19th instant, requesting him to issue the necessary orders to prevent the reckless destruction of trees &c., on the Ramandroog Hill, which were soon subsequently

issued by him, prohibiting the cutting of trees on Ramandroog, under pain of fine, which may extend to Rupees 50, or of imprisonment, or of both ; that the said orders were forwarded to you for promulgation, the point being reserved as to the necessity for so doing ; and that subsequently five men, charged with the offence alluded to, were examined before the Sub-Magistrate of Ramandroog, and punished by him with fine, the fine being realized by you.

3. In requesting that my authority on Ramandroog shall be paramount, I am simply asking that the authority vested in me by the Sunnud which I hold from the Supreme Government of India shall be maintained in its integrity, and I see no reason why I should announce the measures which I propose to adopt for "the administration of justice, and for the maintenance of order on Ramandroog, in case your authority should cease." The Government, it is true, enjoin upon me the duty of maintaining order, and of administering justice within the limits of my territory, but they do not require me to inform them by what means I propose to do this.

4. The Order of Government to which you refer in your 3rd paragraph, was communicated to the late Acting Collector, Mr. Wedderburn, and to me, in October 1863. That gentleman, however, did not interpret it as you now do, but, on the contrary, both he and his Assistants continued to correspond with my Agent, Mr. Macartney, until his departure for England. On your return to Bellary, no question was raised by you on the point ; on the contrary, you continued amicably to correspond with my Agent, up to the mooting of the Ramandroog question. I would also respectfully remind you that a considerable amount of correspondence between the local authorities and my Agent has been, for months past, before Government, and that, had such correspondence been irregular and in violation of the orders of Government, this would doubtless have been at once pointed out to you, and the correspondence in question returned. I trust, therefore, that, on this representation, you will kindly allow matters to continue as heretofore. Should you, however, still think that the Order of Government of 1863 leaves you no other alternative than to cease corresponding with my Agent officially, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to submit, along with my letter to the Chief Secretary, the whole of this correspondence, for the consideration of Government. There may be sound political reasons for my being required to communicate with Government under my own hand, but I can see none for imposing on me the unnecessary burden of all local correspondence.

5. The signature which I append to this, as to all my letters, is my ordinary signature, and is authenticated by my own seal on the envelope.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 5th May 1866, No. 106.

In the Proceedings of Government, dated the 2nd October last, No. 247, the Collector of Bellary was directed to report, for special sanction, the amount of the arrears of quit-rent due to the Jaghiredar of Sundoor for the ground occupied for public purposes on the Ramandroog, and also to state the amount of the future annual payment. It appears, from the letters above recorded, that the area occupied by the Sanitarium measures 139 acres, according to a Survey furnished by the Superintending Engineer of the Division, and that the amount of the yearly quit-rent upon it, at a Rupee an acre, is Rupees 139. The arrears at this rate, for the five years from 1861 to 1865, amount to Rupees 695, and the Jaghiredar admits in writing the correctness of the above computation.

2. The Governor in Council is pleased, accordingly, to sanction the disbursement to the Jaghiredar of the arrears, amounting to Rupees (695) six hundred and ninety-five, in full adjustment of his claim for past years, and also to authorize the payment annually of the quit-rent of 139 Rupees. The Accountant General will be good enough to issue the necessary instructions as to how these charges are to be met and debited in the accounts.

3. With the second of the two letters from the Jaghiredar of Sundoor prefixed to these Proceedings, he submits certain correspondence between himself and the Collector of Bellary regarding the Ramandroog question, but there is nothing in these papers which has not already been reported by the late Collector in his communication of the 28th August last, and reviewed in the Government Proceedings of the 2nd October following. The Jaghiredar's claim to resume the

Police and Magisterial administration of the Droog, and his complaints that all fines levied are carried to the public account, which are the points touched upon in the correspondence both noticed and disposed of in the above Proceedings of Government, and no further orders are called for. In regard to the 4th paragraph of the Jaghiredar's letter, the Governor in Council observes that Mr. Hathaway was right, and only acted in obedience to the Government Order quoted in the margin, in insisting that

Proceedings, 24th April 1863, No. 76. communications from the Jaghiredar, whether to Government or to the local authorities, should be signed by the Jaghiredar himself.

4. The Governor in Council declines to grant the copies of the documents applied for in the Jaghiredar's other communication, viz., that of the 1st November last.

5. The Sub-Collector in charge will inform the Jaghiredar that no further communications from him to Government will be received, unless submitted through the Collector of the District.

(True Extract)

Chief Secretary.

To the Sub-Collector in charge of Bellary.
Accountant General.
Revenue Department.

No. 22. Final Decision of the Board of October 1867

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instructions, the disbursement of Rs 695 to the Inhabitants of Dundo on account of the Railway damage sustained for the ground occupied for public purposes on the Pawandoroy, & also restoring the Fine annually of the Quit-rent Rs 129 7 0 on 5 Villages

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