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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th May 1866.

Read the following papers :—

No. 356. From the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 22nd December 1865, No. 1,878.

1. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Proceedings of Government, dated 26th June last, I have the honor to submit, for their information, letters* from the Collector of Malabar. With the latter he forwards a Statement shewing approximately the collections on account of 10 per cent. cess in South Malabar. From this Statement it will be seen that the amount of surplus cess, which has been absorbed with the general revenues, is Rupees 14,14,199 ; the interest at 5 per cent. on the amount of cess credited in each Fusly to the general revenues, after deducting the 5 per cent. interest on the cost of establishment, in excess of the cess collected in certain Fuslies, amounts to Rupees 39,01,385. The sum of principal and interest together is Rupees 53,15,584. On this sum, if interest be claimed as a contribution to supplement the insufficient assets for meeting the cost of Umshom establishments, the amount so calculated would be Rupees 2,65,779 ; but the immediate increase recommended in my letter dated 12th April 1865, was only Rupees 10,500.

* Dated 6th September 1865.
,, 21st October ,,

2. In the first letter recorded above, the Collector again strongly recommends that the pay of the *Umshom Peons* should be raised to 5 Rupees, instead of 3½ Rupees, as I have proposed. I have already expressed my opinion that 4 Rupees a month is as much as need be given to these village servants in Malabar ; and if this rate be adopted, the additional sum required will be Rupees 15,768, but if the Collector's recommendation, to raise the pay to 5 Rupees, be acceded to, the extra amount will be Rupees 26,280.

3. The Government will perhaps decide the question, with reference to the sum now apparently available for the purposes of the Village Establishments in Malabar, as to the amount that may be annually set aside from the accumulated funds. The Board of Revenue should then, with reference to the late Order of Government passed on the general scheme of Village Establishments, submit their proposition for such improvements as are required, and may seem practicable in the Malabar District, with regard to the funds at the disposal of Government for that purpose.

G. O. dated 28th November 1865, No. 2,946.

No. 357. Official Memorandum from the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 3rd February 1866, No. 1,892.

Adverting to his letter to Government, dated 22nd December 1865, No. 1,878, the undersigned has the honor to forward to the Secretary to Government copy of a Memorandum addressed to the Collector of Malabar, and that of his reply, regarding the large variation observable between the revenue of Fusly 1233 and that of Fusly 1234, as shewn in the Statement submitted by the Collector of Malabar, with

his letter dated 21st October 1865. The Statement is now herewith re-transmitted, with a foot note explaining the difference between the revenue of Fusly 1233 and that of Fusly 1234.

No. 358. Official Memorandum from the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 7th March 1866, No. 1,900.

With reference to the Official Memorandum from the Acting Under Secretary to Government, dated 5th March 1866, No. 27, the undersigned has the honor to inform him that the Statement therein alluded to has been submitted to Government, with a foot note explaining the difference between the Revenue of Fusly 1233 and that of 1234, on the 3rd February last, with an Official Memorandum; and it appears from the Registers of this Office that this Statement has been actually forwarded to Government on that date.

No. 359. Official Memorandum from the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 20th March 1866, No. 1,907.

With reference to the Official Memorandum from the Acting Under Secretary to Government, dated 6th March, the undersigned has the honor to forward a copy of the Statement therein called for, the same having been obtained from the Collector of Malabar. A foot note is appended to it in red ink.

No. 360. From the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 11th May 1866, No. 1,925.

Adverting to my letter of the 22nd December 1865, No. 1,873, forwarding a Statement shewing approximately the collections on account of 10 per cent. cess in South Malabar, with reference to paragraph 5 of the Proceedings of Government, dated 26th June 1865, I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, a letter from the Collector of Malabar, dated 3rd May 1866, requesting that orders for increasing the salaries of the Umshom Peons may be passed at an early date.

No. 361. ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1866, No. 1,199.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Governor in Council observes that the surplus proceeds of the Malabar Village Service Cess amount to Rupees 14,14,000, the annual interest on which at 5 per cent. would be Rupees 70,600.

2. The Governor in Council considers that as the cess was specially levied for the particular purpose of paying the Village Officers, the interest on these accumulations, at least, may fairly be applied to improving the salaries of the Village Officers.

3. The Collector's proposal is limited to the Amshom Peons, and the Governor in Council does not consider it desirable to bring so partial a measure

before the Supreme Government, seeing that the salaries of the other Village Officers are also too low.

4. Mr. Pelly will, therefore, communicate with the Collector, and submit a complete scheme for improving the position of all the Village Officers, on the understanding that the number of Amshoms is not reduced, that a fair sum is reserved for Village Police, and that the total expense does not exceed the present cess, *plus* 5 per cent. on the accumulated capital of the fund.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Honorable C. Pelly.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

My dear Sirs

We cannot make out the cause of decease sent per Saranac Mem. Mr. Ballard must have made a mistake & have written 2 here for 1st. so please alter it & let me hear by return of post.

Yours &c

5 Jan 66. Leecy

Mr. Wm. Spratt Post Office Toronto

/Signed/ C. Pelly
Member

Jane (Mrs) Leecy
Member

1233		160262
1234		159123
1240		153361
1250		164861
1260		164842
1270		175724
1274		181406

Board Office
May
ber 1865.

(Signed) C. Pelly
Member

(Same Sign)

Member

of the Low Shore Lakes in No. 930647 - the
difference are given below -

	Acres		
		1233 -	1234.
According to the Coll. General State		1144428.	806877
According to the Genl Statements		934964 -	930647

It will thus be seen that according to the Genl Statements the decrease of Acreage in the nine Counts of the Low Shore Lakes was very small - the difference of the whole district both Low Shore and Northern shows only a small decrease of Eleven Thousand Acres and upwards of this decrease the Coll. Returns and the Genl Statements nominal, accounted for by the Coll. having struck out of the Queens Co. various Lakes, Salt Pans, Salt Marshes Salt Creeks & Estuaries under the head of Rice Lands, but shown on the Genl Statements in Account. It is thus Account that the Low Shore

of the Northern District have been over
valued. The Low Shore Lakes which appear
on the Coll. General Statements only have
received for by any means for the purpose
of Low Shore Lakes to Northern after Feb
1873 and there is nothing to show what
Lakes for to place - The Coll. should
therefore be called upon to explain the
Lakes to be called upon to explain the
Low decrease -

9/4/86

of plan. -

/Signed/ C. Pelly
Member

Board Office
May
1865.

(Same Copy)

Official Memo:

The Collector of Malabar is requested to explain the cause of the apparent falling off of the revenue of Three Fasals in South Malabar and the old Karumbanad Taluq, since Fasly 1234 as shewn by the Statement which accompanied his letter to Mr. Pelly dated 21st October 1865. A Memo: prepared in the Board's Office from the Jamabandy Statements for Fasly 1233 and 1234 for each Taluq in the whole District is appended for information. It will be seen that the figures differ from those given in the Collector's present Statement which the Collector may perhaps be able to explain.—

1233	1144428
1234	806677
Decrease	337751

/Signed/ C. Pelly
Member

Revenue Board Office
Madras
5th December 1865.

(True Copy)

Member

From an Official Mem to the Secretary to Govt dated 3rd February 1868. Rec. 3857/66.

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Copy of an Official Memo to the Collector of Malabar.

Memo Showing the revenue of Fuslies of 1233 & 34 of the several Taluqs in the District of Malabar prepared from the Jamabundy Statements received in the Board's Office.

New Taluqs	Old Taluqs	Fusli 1233	Fusli 1234
	Southern.		
Carumbranad	Carumbranad	59201	59225
	Garlenad	36854	36520
Calicut		51518	50864
Ernad	Ernad	70015	70028
	Shernad	78317	78028
Wallawanad	Wallawanad	83893	83877
	Nedinganad	133613	134145
Ponany	Betulthad	58716	57814
Kotta[illegible]	Kolnad	78142	77466
	Chonghat	49583	48091
Palghat	Palghat	127170	126646
	Ternalapuram	107942	107942
	Total	934964	930647
	Northern		
Cherikul	Cherikul	50828	50465
	Caway	51629	51420
Cottyam		46577	45595
Mybad		33094	33312
Cochin		1077	986
	Total	183205	181778
	Grand Total	1118169	1112425

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(Signed) C. Pelly
Member.

collected.

2. From Fasli 1234 however the accounts show that the cess has been levied only on wet lands, and as the statement above quoted is intended to exhibit only the revenue on which the 10 per cent cess is collected, the wet revenue only has been shewn therein for that and subsequent Faslis hence the difference observable between the revenue of Fasli 1233 and that of Fasli 1234.

3. Why the cess on dry and garden lands and hottas was abandoned I have not as yet been able to trace, although diligent search has been made amongst the records of this Office for any documents tending to throw light on the matter.

In para 4 of the Jamabundy

Report for Fasli 1234 it is simply stated that the cess on garden lands has been relinquished but no reasons are assigned for the measure.

4. Regarding the difference between the figures in the statement prepared in the Board's Office and those in the statement sent by me I have the honour to offer the following explanation.

My statement as noticed above shews only the revenue on which the 10 p.c. cess is calculated. The Taligs noted pay no cess and consequently the revenue of those Taligs has not been included in my statement as it has been in yours.

Regarding the other Taligs I must observe that I am not aware how you have arrived at your figures for Fasli 1233. I have

Contents amalgamated with the Nuranbia: ned Taligs. Cherikul &c. chusing old Tirkhood in Wai Taligs. Kotiyoor Wynad Cochin.

belonging to the Cochin Raja
ow which no cess was till late
-ly levied. The figures in your
statement embrace these item
This will account for some dif-
-ference.

I have the honour

Signed G. A. Mallard

Collector

(True Copy)

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Member

my accounts by which to verify
them and the copies of the Jama
-bundy statements sent to the Board
for Fasli 1233 which is in the
office do not appear to me to af-
-ford the necessary particulars
for calculating the net assess-
-ment.

Written 27th Aug 1/2

But I may remark that
for Fasli 1233 my figures embrace
the revenue derived on account of
wet, dry, and garden lands and
Mottupa whereas your figures
represent the net assessment
only. This may probably ac-
-count for the difference be-
-tween your figures and mine.

For Fasli 1234 the assess
-ment quoted by me Rs 80,678 an
-inclusive of the 10 % cess, Rs 80,668
and the assessment on enfranch
-chealed lands and lands in Palghat

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In the Offce Memo from the
Hon'ble Mr. Pelly to the Secretary
to Govt RD. No 73 Dated 8/Feb/1872

Rec'd 3885/66

From 19th May 1866 No 357

Enclosure No 2

Copy of the letter from
the Collector of Malabar
explaining the Falling
off in the Revenue of Sale
1234.

Rec'd 24th May 1866
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Note.

These papers relate to the proposal of the Collr. of Malabar to raise the Assessment on the Village Revenue from Rs 2½ to Rs 5 per: Mn:

The Village of Malabar is heavily. The people seem to do not compensate the Village but lies on their lands. The Talukdars are consequently divided into Annshomes and things like the Parishes of England which of are subdivided into Desams. There are 432 Annshams of an average area of 14 Square Miles & an average population of

Price to the middle
North in the taxing
Kings. The Extra Re-
venue would also
diminish by Rs
20,000 -

The Govt accordingly
in 1862 decided that
the Existing State of
affairs should not
be disturbed - the
Expediency of Ex-
tending the Cess to
the N. Districts being
doubtful and the
Question not being
one that should be
taken up inde-
pendently of the Re
Survey & the Cor-
rection of the Land
Tax - but time should
decide the point -

But the Cess Bill

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passed duly in the
S. Council has been
a subject of the Legis-
lature of the Country
Establishment of
the whole District.
and - for the - the
Surplus Receipts
have been appropri-
ated by Govt.

The total Sum
thus appropriated
amounts to Rs 14,14,199
and the interest
thereon at 5% -
Rs 39,01,384 -
in all Rs 53,15,583.

To Interest of
this sum Govt may
in equity now be
debt-claim - for the
Govt Public Works

The district is subject to the principal sum of 14 lacks the people Lecause they have a very fair claim inded. It was a special cess paid by the people in addition to the land tax for a special purpose. And the fact may fairly be declared to be that special purpose.

It would seem Le a pity to keep up the fact of such a mischievous Partial tax for a Purpose as Notching rather

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consideration by raising the pay of the peons only — the also the other servants are also entitled paid.

The present cess yields Rs. 87,500. Rs. and it is levied at 5 per cent on the Rs 14,14,000 — which first year after deducting yield Rs 70,000. would yield Rs 1,58,000 — while the pie charges Estabishments only Rs 84,495 — I would therefore that the Rs [illegible] be applied [illegible] certain that at

dictum it is necessary to make
of the pay of the
different classes
of village servants.
on the understanding
that the Minister
of Revenue is not
to be required, &
that a sufficient
sum is to be retained
for the Police — and
that the entire Ex-
penditure of the arrange-
ment is not to
exceed Rs 158,000
per ann:
The Peons now get
@ 2½ Rs — Rs 26.292 — Increase over present cost
They will get
@ 3½ Rs — 36,792 — 10,500
@ 4 Rs — 42,048 — 15,756
@ 5 Rs — 52,584 — 26,292
Even if the latter

Mr Lewis proposal is a very proper one. Should, as regards the village (authority) servants — and should be adopted. The Govt: could scarcely refuse to allow Colombo such large sums as they have had the use of for years past — I am not clear that I quite understand why a something should be reserved also for payment of the Police. 11.5.66. WRI

I approve Mr Lewis proposal. but like my Colleague I do not see why any part of Rs 158,000 should be reserved for the Police. JPO

I agree with the proposal of the Revenue Secretary with the reservation expressed by Mr Ketelbey & Mr Bycroft. I do not see why the Police

Rs 158,000

Should receive any portion of the special cess unless portion of the duties hitherto performed by the original special are now performed by the Police. W.

Date is allowed, there will still be a surplus of Rs 48,000 for the other Servants.

If we put only for the Peons — we may never get the rest of the Money.

Orders requested

J. D. S.

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From the Hon'ble C Pelly
dated 22nd Dec 1865 No 1878
Do dated 3rd Feb 1866 — 1892
Do 7th March 1866 — 1900
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Do 11th May — 1925

The first paper that
the two Plans proceeds
of the Malabar Village
Service Cess amounts
to Rs 14, 14,000, the
annual interest
on which at 5%
would be — Rs
70,600-

The first considera
tion is, the Cess is
not specially levied
for the particular
purpose of paying
the village Officers,
the circumstances in the
accumulations
at first, during

be applied to
increasing the
salaries of the
village officers
The Collector
Legal is limited
to the Assessors
Fees - and the
Fees does not in-
clude it desirable
to bring it before
the Leg: Council, being
that the Salaries
of the other Village
Officers are also
too low.

Mr Kelly moved
therefore com-

and consider it
desirable to bring
a complete scheme
for improving
the position of
the Village Offic
on the under-
standing that
the number of
Assessors is
reduced
that a fair
sum is allowed
for Village Police
& that the total
Expenses does
not Exceed the
present cost
plus 5% on the ac-
cumulated capital

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19th May 1866.

Mr. Pelly to submit a complete scheme in communication with the Coll. for improving the position of the Malabar Village officers.—

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