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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st June 1866.*

No. 36. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd April 1866, No. 2,825.

Read again Proceedings, dated 22nd December 1864, No. 8,206.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vellum, 1st March 1866, No. 42 :—

1. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings of the 22nd December 1864, No. 8,206, I have the honor to submit herewith a Statement shewing in detail the money allowances now paid from the Treasury to the Religious Institutions under the charge of the late Rajah's senior widow, Her Highness Kamashi Bhaie Sahiba, and the lands of which it is proposed to assign the revenue in lieu thereof.

2. The first sixty-eight institutions entered in this Statement are the Pagodas in this District under the charge of Her Highness Kamashi Bhaie Sahiba ; the next three are those of Rameswaram, Srirangum, and Jambukeswaram in other Districts, the allowances shewn opposite to their names, and which are intended for the performance of certain stated ceremonies therein, being also paid to Her Highness Kamashi Bhaie Sahiba, and the nine institutions last entered are connected with the palace establishment, and are under the charge of that lady.

3. The allowances which are paid on account of the nine institutions last mentioned, were granted subsequent to the death of His Highness the late Rajah, in accordance with the Orders* of Government in the Political Department

* 12th April 1860, No. 217.
28th July " " 457.
27th March 1861 " " 168.

noted in the margin. When sanctioning these allowances, the Government directed that the same was eventually to be commuted into an assignment of land, and they are therefore included in the Statement now submitted.

4. From this Statement, it will be seen that the total amount now annually paid on account of the several institutions above particularized is Rupees 32,655-7-9† and that the amount of the revenue, which it is proposed to assign in lieu for the support thereof, is Rupees 36,269-10-5, made up of the assessment of thirteen entire villages under Ryotwar Settlement, twelve field assessed, and one Mottamfaisal. The

† Vide Board's Standing Circular LXXXIII. 9th July 1863. amount last mentioned less ten per cent. to be allowed to cover the cost of superintendence, and the risk of seasons,

leaves a net sum of Rupees 32,642-11-1, or Rupees 12-12-8 less than the aggregate amount of the money allowances to be commuted. This deficiency, however, being very trifling compared with the aggregate amount of the assignment, may, it appears to me, be with advantage left out of account. The arrangement by which the revenue of a certain number of entire villages is assigned over is convenient to both the Government and the assignee, the villages being all of the latter's own selection.

5. Most of these villages are of a superior description, well irrigated and richly cultivated, and except in one of them situated on the side of the Colleroon there is very little arable land left uncultivated.

6. I must, however, take leave to add, that it is nevertheless not without reluctance that Her Highness Kamashi Bhaie Sahiba has agreed to the proposed commutation of the money payments now made from the Treasury, and that she has shewn particular disinclination to this arrangement in respect of the nine small institutions connected with the palace establishment. Neither is the assignment generally acceptable to the Mirassidars : those of eight of the thirteen villages which have been selected being opposed to it.

7. Before the new Rent Recovery Act was passed, it was expected that it would provide means for the summary realization of the revenue thus assigned over to Native religious institutions, and this was accordingly specifically intimated to Her Highness Kamashi Bhaie Sahiba in reference to the objections which the lady made to the arrangement proposed ; but

† Vide Board's Proceedings, 11th October 1865, No. 6,415, paragraph 3. it seems to be now doubtful whether the term "landholders," as defined in the

Act, can be held to include assignees of Land Revenue.

Statement shewing the Money Allowances of the undermentioned Pagodas, and the particulars of lands of which it is proposed to assign the Revenue in lieu thereof in the District of Tanjore.

Number.	Names of the Institutions.	Amount of Allowance per annum.	Particulars of lands selected for the assignment of revenue.			Deduct.			Net amount.
			Names of Villages.	Extent.	Assessment.	Five per cent. for superintendence.	Five per cent. for contingencies of season.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<i>Pagodas under the management of Her Highness Kamashi Bhair Sahib.</i>	rs. A. P.		V. M. G.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1	The Pagoda of Airavateswaraswami at Darasuram ...	350 0 0							
2	" Saptarishiswaraswami at Sakthavaramapuram ...	2,296 14 0							
3	" Brigatishwaraswami at Tanjore ...	8,093 12 0							
4	" Kankaneswaraswami at Tanjore ...	2,471 11 6							
5	" Prasannavenkatesa Perumal at Tanjore ...	1,137 8 0							
6	" Kalikadevi at Tanjore ...	105 0 0							
7	" Kilasingaperunat Tanjore ...	175 0 0							
8	" Shankaranaraswami at Tanjore ...	469 9 4							
9	" Talikeswaraswami at Tanjore ...	131 4 0							
10	" Sivagunai Pillaiar at Tanjore ...	5 7 6							
11	" Oma Pillaiar at Tanjore ...	5 7 6							
12	" Naganatha Pillaiar at Tanjore ...	10 8 10							
13	" Sanadisunderaswami at Tanjore ...	131 4 0							
14	" Subramaniaswami at Tanjore ...	52 8 0							
15	" Kasivisvanadaswami at Tanjore ...	131 4 0							

16	Neduvinada Sundara Santana Pillaiar at Tanjore.	78 12 0
17	Arkasalai Pillaiar at do.	5 7 6
18	Topparakatti Pillaiar at do.	10 8 10
19	Ellamma Mahadevi at do.	183 12 0
20	Virabhadraswami at do.	13 2 0
21	Mannarswami at do.	26 4 0
22	Dakshinakasiswaminadaswami at Tanjore ...	5 7 6
23	Anante Pillaiar at Tanjore.	5 7 6
24	Karppura Pillaiar at do.	5 7 6
25	Aiyankulam Pillaiar at do.	65 10 0
26	Vijayarajachendraswami at Tanjore ...	312 3 4
27	Nananitekrishnaswami at Tanjore ...	131 4 0
28	Madanagopalaswami at Tanjore ...	25 7 9
29	Kalanjium Lakshimidevi at Tanjore ...	5 7 6
30	Pratapvirahamair at Tanjore ...	933 5 4
31	Bazaar Ramaswami at Tanjore ...	262 8 0
32	Kaliyuga Venkatesa Permal at Tanjore ...	131 4 0
33	Gurunadaswami at Tanjore.	5 7 6
34	Govindarajaswami at do.	87 8 0
35	Bhulokakrishnaswami at do.	19 11 0
36	Amitavenkatesa Permal at Tanjore ...	5 7 6
37	Chaturbhuj Varadaraja Permal at Tanjore ...	5 7 6
38	Purnasajivi Rayar at Tanjore ...	5 7 6
39	Kodandaramaswami at Tanjore ...	5 7 6
40	Gurukula Sanjivi at Tanjore.	10 8 10
41	Adikesana Perumal at Tanjore ...	25 7 9

Statement showing the Money Allowances of the undermentioned Pagodas, &c.—(Continued.)

Number.	Names of the Institutions.	Amount of Allowance per annum.	Particulars of lands selected for the assignment of revenue.			Deduct.			Net amount.
			Names of Villages.	Extent.	Assessment.	Five per cent. for superintendence.	Five per cent. for contingencies of season.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
42	The Pagoda of Varadareja Perumal at Tanjore ...	ES. A. P. 262 8 0			ES. A. P.	ES. A. P.	ES. A. P.	ES. A. P.	ES. A. P.
43	Partabiramaswami at Tanjore ...	13 2 0							
44	Jenardana Rameswami at Tanjore ...	9 15 3							
45	Vettamarga Sanjiviar Tanjore ...	5 7 6							
46	Dakshana Sanjiviar Tanjore ...	5 7 6							
47	Ranganadaswami at Tanjore ...	5 7 6							
48	Tirtasanjiviar at Tanjore ...	5 7 6							
49	Nuttetootirupatti at Tanjore ...	9 15 3							
50	Anantavallitanpuriswami at Tanjore ...	1 397 8 0							
51	Kailasadaswami at Tanjore ...	150 1 0							
52	Siddhivinayakaswami at do. ...	131 4 0							
53	Sundariswaraswami at Kallattutangi ...	78 12 0							
54	Kalahastiswaraswami at Vinnattangarai ...	25 7 9							
55	Kodi Amman at Tanjore ...	13 2 0							
56	Sundariswaraswami at Vinnattangarai ...	52 8 0							
57	Sokkanadaswami at Vinnattangarai ...	10 8 0							
58	Melasingaperumal at Vinnattangarai ...	1 166 10 8							
59	Nilamaghaswami at Vinnattangarai ...	722 9 1							

60	Manikonda Permal at Vinnattangarai ...	237 12 2							
61	Tottam Ilanumar at do. ...	131 4 0							
62	Kaliyana Venkatesa Permal at Tanjore ...	105 0 0							
63	Paditturai Venkatesa Permal at Tanjore ...	5 7 6							
64	Codundaramaswami at Emooambapetiai ...	525 0 0							
65	Mariyaman at Mariyamangudi ...	364 9 4							
66	Badrakali at Tanjore ...	25 2 6							
67	Vasistheswaraswami at Karutangi ...	308 7 0							
68	Kodundaramaswami at Mariyamangudi ...	4,725 1 9							
<i>Allowances paid through Her Highness Kamashi Bhaie Sahiba for the performance of certain stated ceremonies in Pagodas in other Districts.</i>									
69	For Bilnarchanai in the Pagoda at Rameswar ...	481 4 0							
70	Akhandadipam and Tulasiarchanai in the Srirangum Pagoda ...	420 0 0							
71	Bilnarchanai in the Jembukeswarum Pagoda near Srirangum ...	73 8 0							
<i>Religious Institutions connected with the establishment of the late Rajah's Palace, and which are under the management of Her Highness Kamashi Bhaie Sahiba.</i>									
72	The Pagoda of Chandramowliswaraswami, or the Pagoda of family worship, in the Palace ...	1,121 0 0							
73	Virasimmasindraswami at Tanjore ...	1,431 0 0							

Number.	Names of the Institutions.	Amount of Allowance per annum.	Name of Village.	Extent.	Assessment.	Deduct.	Net amount.
				V. M. G.	ES. A. P.	Five per cent. for superin- tendence.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		ES. A. P.			ES. A. P.	ES. A. P.	ES. A. P.
74	The Pagoda of Kameswaraswami at Tanjore	45 0 0	{ Maruvur ... Vadugakkudi ... Kandiyur ... }	56 19 21 27 1 1 67 8 71	2,632 14 9 933 14 5 3,511 5 11		
75	" " Padmanati at do. ...	45 0 0	{ Avikkara ... Abhishe'puram ... }	31 0 98 5 9 24	1,480 4 5 235 0 5		
76	" " Amaranallaba at do. ...	30 0 0	{ Karanur ... Tiruchitambalur ... }	15 17 89 96 7 73	659 14 1 3,453 5 1		
77	" " Kesavasthuteswaraswami at Tanjore ...	54 0 0	{ Mattur ... Viramanje ... }	156 15 79 19 15 34	4,719 9 5 930 6 11		
78	Rajah's tombs at Tanjore ...	264 0 0	{ Velivattatur ... Nadukkaveri ... }	14 18 65 230 11 34	928 10 1 9,682 5 5		
79	Husan Sahib Durga at Tanjore ..	108 0 0	{ Tirunelumpi ... Maharajapuram. }	66 7 62 82 17 98	2,374 10 1 4,727 5 5		
80	Mohorum feast allowance... ..	150 0 0					
	Total.. ..	32,656 7 9		871 11 49	36,269 10 5	1,813 7 8	3,626 15 4
							12 12 8

VILLAN,

1st March 1866.

(Signed) G. L. MORRIS,
Collector.

1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the Collector be authorized to carry out his proposals, and instructed to make over to Her Highness, Kamashi Bhaie Sahiba, the revenues from the villages specified in the enclosures to his last letter, in commutation for the money allowances at present made by Government for the support of the religious institutions in Her Highness's charge.

2. There is no reason to doubt that Madras Act VIII. of 1865, for the recovery of rent, vests the holders of such grants (as Inámdars) with summary powers to realize the amounts due by the Ryots.

3. A very large proportion of the Ináms throughout the country are simply assignments of the Government revenue as distinguished from any proprietary right in the soil, and in regard to Shrotriems and Jaghires this is almost invariably the case.

4. Inámdars, Shrotriendars, and Jaghiredars are all specified in the definition of landholders as described in the Act.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1866, No. 1,306.

Miscellaneous.

No. 37. Miscellaneous. The Collector's proposals for the assignment of the revenue on thirteen villages to Her Highness Kamashi Bhaie Sahiba in lieu of the sum of Rupees 32,655-7-9, payable annually to religious institutions under her charge, are sanctioned, with the exception of the allowances 72 to 80, in respect to which the Government first wish to have the opinion of the Collector and Board, as to whether they can justly be considered to be of a private character, and therefore properly payable by Her Highness out of her private funds.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd December 1864.

Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vellum, 14th December 1864, No. 391:—

1. Adverting to the Board's Proceedings marginally noted, I have the honor to report that with the exception of the seventy-two pagodas belonging to the Estate of His Highness the late Rajah, and fifty-two others,* to be hereafter referred to, all the religious institutions in this District have had their money allowances commuted into assignments of lands, and the payment of the said allowance thereto from the Government Treasury has ceased from the last Fasli 1273.

22nd July 1863, communicating Proceedings of Government, dated the 18th idem No. 1,819.
* Including Service Yeomials.

2. My object, however, in making this reference is to submit for the consideration of the Board, whether, in justice to the interests of the institutions affected by this arrangement, it is not right that they should be furnished with formal Deeds of Conveyance from Government in support of this assignments of land, and which they can produce before the Courts of Judicature when compelled to have recourse thereto for the realization of their Deeds.

3. I might here observe that, during the past year, the Trustees of the Pagodas have, in fifty out of one-hundred cases, been unable to collect the revenue from the holders of lands assigned thereto, and in fact, the arrangement now made has, therefore, in practice, and to a large extent, been referring to the Courts of Civil Judicature of parties who hitherto received money payments direct from the Government Treasury for the service of the native religious institutions. The consequence is that in many cases the services or poojahs performed have now come to a stand, and there is, I have reason to believe, a very general feeling of dissatisfaction among those interested in the maintenance of these institutions.

4. Should the Board, therefore, acquiesce in the view expressed in paragraph 2 above, I would take leave to suggest that a grant in the form of a Sikka Sunnad, or some other form approved issued in the name of each institution conveying the right of collecting the Government revenue on the land which has been assigned thereto.

5. With respect to the institutions other than those belonging to the estate of the late Rajah, and in regard to which the commutation of money allowances has not yet been carried into effect, I would beg to state that the lands selected for assignment to these institutions are either wholly or partly Inam, and before fixing the extent of land to be actually made over in each case, it is necessary to ascertain the amount of quit-rent as fixed by the Inam Commission, and which will be the amount to be hereafter collected on behalf of the institutions. This quit-rent, however, not having yet been fixed, the actual assignment of land has at present to be deferred.

6. While thus the commutation of allowances has had to be suspended in the case of the institutions last mentioned, the payment of the same in money has also been suspended on account of doubts having arisen as to whether the same should be made to the Committees lately appointed under Act XX. of 1863, or to the Trustees or Managers of the respective institutions who have hitherto received the money payments, and I beg to solicit the instructions of the Board on this point also.

7. As the Board are aware, the management of the native religious institutions in this District, and which was formerly in the hands of Government, was made over to Punchayets or Trustees appointed for the purpose so long back as the year 1842, and the management of the landed endowments thereof, which was then retained by Government, was likewise latterly made over to the same parties in the years 1847 and 1857. Thus the only control which remained in the hands of Government at the time Act XX. of 1863 was passed, and which was indeed the only control that under the terms of this Act had to be transferred to the Committees appointed under Sections 3 and 7 thereof, was that of appointing Trustees or Managers. No provision, however, being

8. Considering, however, that the general superintendence of the institutions is now lawfully vested in the Committees appointed under the Act above quoted, and that what power or control the Government had over them has by that Act been transferred to these Committees, the proper and indeed the only legal course would seem to be that the money payments from the Government Treasury for the support of the institutions, so long as they are continued, should be made to the Committees. As matters now stand however, and as much doubt seems to exist with regard to the relative powers and responsibilities of the new Committees, and the Panchayets or Managers in immediate charge of the institutions, I have deemed it necessary to submit this question for the orders of the Board, and for decision, if necessary, after a reference to the Law officers of Government.

9. In conclusion, I would beg also to add that, in my opinion, no reason exists why the money allowances, now paid to the Pagodas of the late Raj, should not also be commuted into assignments of Land Revenue. Indeed, if any objection previously existed to this arrangement, it has been removed entirely by the fact of these institutions, which, on the extinction of the late Raj, came under the direct management of Government, having latterly been made over to the charge of H. H. Kamakshi Bhye Sahib.

10. The total amount of the yearly ready-money allowances of these Pagodas is Rupees 29,407 and that of the fifty-two other institutions, including Service Yeomias, the commutation of which has been deferred pending the enfranchisement of certain Shrotriem lands proposed to be assigned thereto, is Rupees 13,829. Thus the aggregate of the money allowances still to be paid to native religious institutions is Rupees 43,236.

1. The Board observe that the passing of the Recovery of Rent Bill now before the local Legislature, will remove the difficulty now experienced by the Trustees in realizing their dues from the assigned lands; but they quite agree with the Collector that some document of title should be given for the grants. The Collector will submit draft of what he would propose.

2. The Committees appointed under the Act are to take the place of the Board of Revenue, and to perform the functions assigned to the Board by Regulation VII. of 1817, in the cases which come within the Committee's jurisdiction under the terms of the Act. These functions do *not* include the receipt of allowances hitherto paid direct to the Trustees from the Government Treasury, and there is, therefore, no reason whatever for suspending payment to those Trustees to whose temples land has not yet been assigned in lieu of Tasdik. The Board concur in opinion with the Collector that there is no reason against the assignment of land in lieu of cash allowances in the case of the temples now under the charge of H. H. Kamakshi Bhye Sahib.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To W. M. Cadell, Esq., Collector of Tanjore.

Exd. J. Wright:

Requesting to submit a draft of the document of title proposed to be given in support of assignments of land to religious institutions in lieu of money allowances, and concurring with the Collector that there is no reason against making similar assignments in the case of the temples under the charge of H. H. Kanakshin Byre Sahib.

Na. 8,206.

Dated 22nd December 1864.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

No.

*Engraving No. 7
of Bruce & Madbury's
Book of B. O. dated 23 Oct.
1860 to 2825.*

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Department

frequency consideration, I think,
 whether the allowance payable
 to the institutions marginally noted,
 viz. Suddra Swamy
 & small Padda
 Rajai Temple,
 Padda inside the Palace
 and receive
 an allotment
 of 6000 land,
 in commutation
 of the money payments made to them.
 in late years.
 From the order passed by Govt. on
 13th April 28 July 60. Nos 217 & 457. it is
 clear that the allowance then then
 was met by setting apart
 portions of one of the Rajai Murasi
 estates at that time regarded as
 unattached. and according to the
 marked domestic character of
 the religious establishment which
 would have benefited by the
 arrangement, I think the order was

well suited to the occasion. From
what I know of the Salada in 1844
and of the ceremonies therein performed
I know when there is private oration;
and when there is public oration;
and when there is public oration;
and when there is public oration;

we know from what passed in the
Laudas Code; that the villages regarded
as clear Escheats; were, however, differently
treated on a sudden change of government,
whereas even in the subject were strongly
disputed, and that the villages, now
all concerned by the same reason
of the late war, were not to be
disputed. -

as the present time, then, it seems to
be to call for a determination. The
Mr. S. and we do, in the same way, the
holders of the same.

at one time about $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs of pupae, 7
per annum and permal pupae with
at the time it was placed in her hands
some 40 (?) last autumn. It was
found to be a very good one with

late Raja, her husband, and her account
to the Raja's private expenditure according
and were raised & lowered according
to her whim & fancy. and I cannot
satisfy myself that her widow should
now be permitted to relieve her own
poor purse at the cost of the
poor & revenue of this State.

[illegible]

in the packet. In order of Govt. Political
Department 21 July 1860. No. 439.
10 May 1866. W.D.

The institution in question seems to have
been kept up by the late Rajah from his
personal revenue and not from the proceeds
of the village, at one time dealt with as
archaeological but subsequently surrendered
to the widow - On that view it is 13 April
1860 - I am not sure whether the
endowment has directed that they should be
common land for the family of land. The family
will be made from the executed village property.

It appears that the Rajah has been
cheerful - It does not appear to me that
such a transaction would affect the question.
Other land will have to be given how that
the at one time deemed archaological are not
available - I do not think that there is good
reason for excepting them as to the
the endowment of the village.

1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the Collector be authorized to carry out his proposals, and instructed to make over to Her Highness, Kamashi Bhaie Sahiba, the revenues from the villages specified in the enclosures to his last letter, in commutation for the money allowances at present made by Government for the support of the religious institutions in Her Highness's charge.
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(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, 22nd December 1864, No. 8,206.
Copy to the Collector of Tanjore.

Exd. R. H. Leo.

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No. 1214.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Date 23rd April 1866.
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No. 2,825.

Submitting letters from Collector of Tanjore,
and recommending that authority be granted for
proposed assignment of revenues of certain vil-
lages in lieu of money allowances for support
of Religious Institutions under charge of the
senior widow of late Rajah.

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29 May 1866

W. H. H. H. H.

Ception of the
allowance of 72
to 82, the request
which the
put first wish
to have the price
of the Collector
17th. as it is
they can find
be considered
to be of a private
character & though
properly payable
by H. H. out of his
private funds

for the assignment of the
Revenue on 13 villages to the
H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H.
in lieu of the sum of Rs 3265-
payable annually by the H. H. H.
under his charge
are sanctioned, with the 24-

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