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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2137

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18th August 1866.*

No. 481. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Police, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 13th August 1866, No. 1,316:—

1. With reference to G. O., dated 6th August 1866, No. 1,963, I have the honor to state that I consider it of the greatest importance that the Government should assume or rather continue the direct administration of the Chinna Kimedy Malayah, and put an end to the all but nominal claims and pretensions asserted by the Zemindar of Chinna Kimedy over those Khond high land tracts.

2. Practically, the administration of Chinna Kimedy Malayah, as well as of the Goomsoor Malayah, (these two Districts comprise nearly the whole of the Khond hill tracts,) has for the last thirty or thirty-five years been entirely in the hands of the Government, and every expense connected with the administration has been a clear charge against the State. The Orissa Agency and Governor's Agent have alone managed the population of those tracts, and the cost to the State of managing these tracts may safely be put down at 28 to 30 lacs of Rupees—£2,80,000 to £3,00,000—up to this time. Towards this charge the Zemindar has paid absolutely nothing.

3. The Zemindar does not, and never has visited or resided in these hills, where his influence is merely nominal and honorary. Some small Nazeranah, &c., have been paid to him, but he raises no real revenue from the hills. I am satisfied that any attempt on his part to raise an income or increase his demand on these people (which he could not do without special permission) would lead to serious complication and protracted troubles amongst those rude races. Any measure of Government to raise a revenue from those hills through the Zemindar by now conferring on him a *Sannad-i-Milkeat-Istimrar* for these tracts would lead to the same consequences, and have to be enforced by means which would be inexpedient.

4. In the meantime, there is no doubt that the hill population ought to pay towards the administration and Police of the country which their barbarous practices have made exceptionally costly hitherto. The country can bear it, and the people will pay readily enough directly to Government.

5. It would be gracious on the part of Government in setting aside definitely this nominal Zemindar, to grant him as a Malikana a per centage of the collections or fixed pension in lieu, as in Malabar.

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ORDER THEREON, 18th August 1866, No. 2,137.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue and Collector of Ganjam, with reference to G. O., dated 6th instant, No. 1,963, Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

.. the Collector of Ganjam.

.. the Inspector General of Police.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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