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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th September 1866.

No. 253. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th August 1866, No. 6,166.

Read again Board's Proceedings, 16th April and 1st August 1866, Nos. 2,618 and 5,266.

Read also the following letter from the Accountant General, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 10th August 1866, No. 2,052 :—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, dated the 1st instant, No. 5,266, and in reply to state that I fully concur with the Deputy Accountant General in his opinion that the sanction of Government is needed for the retention of the Customs Establishment kept up at Kalai.

2. It is no doubt true that the Board omitted to mention that establishment in their letter to Government of the 4th November 1865, through oversight, but it must at the same time be remarked that, that in their Order, dated 13th September 1865, the Government expressed a very decided opinon that "*all*" the British Frontier Chowkies might be abolished, and the Board in their report, submitted in compliance with that order, distinctly state that the whole of the British Frontier Chowkies in Tinnevelly, Madura, Coimbatore, and Malabar have been abolished, and that no portion of the establishment maintained on their account have been retained. It is quite clear, therefore, that the Government have no idea that a Custom Establishment is maintained at Kalai, and it is only right, in my opinion, that its existence should now be brought to their notice, and formal sanction asked for its continuance.

Resolved that the foregoing papers be submitted to Government, with the Board's request that a new sanction may be accorded for the establishment of the Chowkey at Kalai, on the frontier of the French Settlement of Mahé, this establishment having never been discontinued. It will be observed that the Account Department considers this fresh sanction necessary, as this Chowkey was not referred to in the correspondence between the Government and the Board regarding the Chowkies on the Travancore Frontier, in which it was represented by the Board, and observed by Government, that *all* the Frontier Chowkies had been abolished, alluding of course to those on the Travancore frontier.

No. 254. ORDER THEREON, 11th September 1866, No. 2,434.

Separate Revenue, No. 13.
Customs.

1. The formal sanction required by the Accountant General for the continuance of the Custom Establishment at Kelai is granted.

2. The Government do not agree with the Accountant General in his explanation of their G. O., dated 13th September 1865, referred to in paragraph 2 of his letter recorded in the foregoing Proceedings. It only refers to the abolition of the Chowkies on the Travancore frontier, and not the one on the French borders, as properly remarked by the Board.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 2,618.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 16th April 1866.

Read letter from the Acting Deputy Accountant General, dated 26th March 1866.

The Accountant General will be informed that in the letter from the Collector of Malabar, dated 3rd October 1865, referred to in the Board's letter to Government, dated 4th November 1865, it was distinctly stated by Mr. Ballard, that all the Land Custom Chowkies in Malabar, except those at Mahé, were abolished in 1846. This exception was however omitted, through oversight, in the Board's letter to Government above referred to. The Accountant General will find in the Tabular Statement of the revised Land Custom Establishment sanctioned by the Government of India, and communicated in the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 30th October 1863, No. 1,957, an entry of the Establishment at Kalai at a monthly cost of Rupees 26. The Establishment having thus been formally sanctioned since 1846, the Board do not think that any further sanction of the Government is necessary for the charge. The Accountant General will be requested to state whether the sanction now pointed out will not be sufficient for this purpose.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Accountant General.
Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 5,266.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 1st August 1866.

Read the following letter from R. TAYLOR, Esq., Acting Deputy Accountant General, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 30th April 1866, No. 6,466:—

1. *Vide* Proceedings, No. 2,618, dated 16th instant.

2. The undersigned has the honor to say that he quite admits that the charge is an old one, and was fully sanctioned, but thinks that, as Government has declared (2,194, dated 13th September) it may at once be abolished and afterwards notified that it had ceased, it can hardly be revived without new sanction.

The Acting Deputy Accountant General will be requested to refer the matter to the Accountant General for decision. The Board's letter and the Order of Government referred to the abolition of the Chowkies on the Cochin and Travancore Frontier, and had nothing whatever to do with the Frontier of French Territory in which the Chowkey now objected to is situated. The Board are averse to troubling Government in the matter, and trust that the Accountant General will not compel them to do so.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Sub-Secretary.

To the Accountant General.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 2,618.

Dated 16th April 1866.

Requesting to know from Accountant General whether further sanction of Government is necessary for the establishment at Kalai Malabar district which has been sanctioned since 1846.

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No. 5,266.

Requesting Acting Deputy Accountant General to refer to Accountant General for decision question as to necessity for obtaining renewed sanction to Chowkey establishment on frontiers of French territory in Malabar.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 1st *August* 1866.

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