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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 197. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th September 1866, No. 6,686.

Read again Board's Proceedings, 28th November 1865, No. 7,598A, and 20th February 1866, No. 1,209.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 31st May 1866, No. 108:—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 20th February 1866, No. 1,209, I have the honor to submit a revised Statement shewing the amount of quit-rent on Ináms and Jodi of Shrotriem villages,* as well as rent-free land, as shewn in the margin,† which I propose to be assigned to the religious Institutions in the Chellumbrum and late Manargudy Talooks in lieu of money payments on an average of three years, and to state that the land so selected is Sheigal and not waste.

* Belonging to the several institutions

† Inám quit-rent ... ... Rs. 20 A. 12 P. 0
Shrotriem Jodi 59 6 5
Rent-free land ... 1,262 7 2
Deduct permanent remission ... 114 12 10
Net... 1,147 10 4
Total... 1,227 12 9

Statement shewing the quit-rent on Inams, Jodigi of Shrotriems, and rent-free land proposed to be assigned in lieu of payments made to Religious Institutions called Covil Pumai, in Chellumbrum and late Manargudy Talooks, in the District of South Arcot.

Number.	Name of the Institution.	Average annual of deductions per annum, as shewn in Column 3 of Statement A. submitted to Board with letter, No. 218, dated 13th October 1865.	Particulars of Quit-rent on Inams, Jodigi of Shrotriems, and Rent-free Land proposed to be assigned in lieu of the money payments entered in Column 2, as instructed by the Board in their Proceedings, dated 20th February 1866, No. 1,209.														Grand Total of Columns 3, 4, and 9.
			Quit-rent on Inams proposed to be assigned in lieu of ready money deductions.	Jodigi of Shrotriems proposed to be assigned in lieu of ready money deductions.	Particulars of rent-free land proposed to be assigned.										Deduct perpanent remission of ten per cent. on account of occasional loss by bad season, &c.	Net.	
					Wet.				Dry.				Total.				
					Extent.		Assessment.		Extent.		Assessment.		Extent.		Assessment.		
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			Rs. A. P.				Rs. A. P.				Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1	Streemoolanum Booverahaswamy ...	59 6 5	... ...	59 6 5	... ...		... ...		... ...		... ...		... ...		... ...	... ...	59 6 5
2	Toneeburanswamy	25 10 5	1 0 0	... ...	3 34		25 7 5		4 9		27 2 1		4 9		27 2 1	2 7 8	24 10 5	25 10 5
3	Vetteranda Perumal	14 15 8	0 10 0	... ...	2 43		15 12 7		3 43		15 12 7		3 43		15 12 7	1 6 11	14 5 8	14 15 8
4	Terumalasandaswamy	20 6 5	... ...	... ...	3 16		21 11 0		3 44		22 7 1		3 44		22 7 1	2 0 5	20 6 8	20 6 5
5	Pattasaraswamy	305 2 4	... ...	... ...	56 81		335 8 5		56 91		335 10 7		56 91		335 10 7	30 8 3	305 2 4	305 2 4
6	Kylasandaswamy	17 8 7	... ...	... ...	3 28		18 15 3		3 28		18 15 3		3 28		18 15 3	1 11 7	17 8 7	17 8 7
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8	Pranavapoorahaswamy	38 14 3	... ...	... ...	6 51		42 12 5		6 51		42 12 5		6 51		42 12 5	3 14 2	38 14 3	38 14 3
9	Sabanitaswamy	327 9 8	16 0 0	... ...	53 31		343 12 1		53 31		343 12 1		53 31		343 12 1	31 3 5	311 9 8	327 9 8
10	Anantaswaraswamy	237 9 5	1 12 0	... ...	43 86		255 14 2		44 2		259 6 6		43 86		255 14 2	23 9 8	235 13 6	237 9 5
11	Suryampracashaswamy	136 13 11	0 6 0	... ...	30 15		150 8 1		30 15		150 8 1		30 15		150 8 1	13 11 2	136 7 11	136 13 11
	Total...	1,227 12 9	20 12 0	59 6 5	213 66		1,259 2 9		213 95		1,262 7 2		213 95		1,262 7 2	114 13 10	1,147 10 4	1,227 12 9

(Signed) C. W. READE, *Collector.*

1st June 1866.

1. Ordered that the foregoing correspondence be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government, with reference to paragraph 9 of their Proceedings, dated 19th October 1860, No. 1,906.

2. In paragraphs 105 to 109 of his report on the settlement of the revenue in the Talooks of Chellumbrum and Manargudy in South Arcot, dated 27th August 1859, Mr. Newill, the Director of Revenue Settlement, brought to notice the practice of making over to certain pagodas and religious institutions money payments in the shape of petty fees collected from the Ryots, and deductions from the revenue on account of lands called Covil Pannai, formerly granted in endowment to the said institutions. In forwarding this report, the Board of Revenue, in paragraph 27 of their Proceedings, 3rd November 1859, No. 4,498, supported Mr. Newill's proposal to clear the public accounts from the petty fees, by leaving it optional to the Ryots to pay them, or not, as they pleased to the pagodas, and to get rid of the Civil Pannai by assigning rent-free lands to the Trustees equal to its annual amount. In paragraph 9 of their Proceedings quoted above, Government were pleased to agree in these views, and requested the Board to take the necessary steps to give effect to the proposal.

3. The Statement submitted with the last of the letters recorded above, embodies the proposition for finally divesting the Government Officers of all connection whatever with the collection of the temple dues, and for securing to the institutions an equivalent of their Covil Pannai. The Collector proposed at first to assign Acres 205·90 of land, assessed at Rupees 1,227-14-7, being the average amount of the Kistbundy deductions; but having been called upon to report whether the Ryots acquiesced in the arrangements, he replied that they did not, and assigned, as a reason for their disinclination, their fear lest, in their future position, they should lose that liberal consideration in the way of remissions, which as direct Government Ryots they receive when they suffer unavoidable losses of crop. The Board then pointed out to the Collector that in all such cases of commutation of cash payments, the Government had sanctioned an additional allowance of ten per cent. of the amount hitherto paid, in order to leave a margin to cover occasional loss by remissions in bad seasons and expenses of collection, and desired him to revise his proposals with reference to these instructions. They further pointed out that if the temples held land paying quit-rent or assessment, such tax might be remitted in lieu of assigning the revenue of land in the occupation of others. In his last Statement therefore, the Collector, in pursuance of these instructions, proposes to assign Acres 213·95 of Sheigal land, assessed at Rupees 1,262-7-2, which being subjected to a deduction of ten per cent, reduces the value to Rupees 1,147-10-4, and to remit the quit-rent and jodi on Inám and Shrotriem lands belonging to the temples, amounting respectively to Rupees 20-12-0 and Rupees 59-6-5, so as to bring up the compensation to the requisite amount of Rupees 1,227-12-9. The Board recommend that this arrangement be sanctioned.

4. The cash payments to the pagodas were discontinued from Fusly 1271, and the Trustees claim the arrears, which were reported by the Collector in his first letter to amount to Rupees 4,911-3-0, for the period from Fusly 1271 to Fusly 1274. Mr. Reade did not support the claim, because the Trustees had neglected

to act on the invitation of the Revenue Officers to select lands to be assigned to them. The Board do not agree with Mr. Reade in this view of the matter. The Government Officers should have taken steps to prevent arrears accruing against Government, and until the new arrangements could be settled, the cash payments should have been continued. The Board consider that the Trustees have an equitable right to the arrears on the commutation being carried out, and recommend that payment be sanctioned.

No. 198. ORDER THEREON, 9th October 1866, No. 2,719.

Miscellaneous.

1. The proposed assignment of land is approved.
2. Payment of the arrears due to the Pagods sanctioned subject to the Board's audit.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Governmen

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Accountant General.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

No. 7,598A.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 28th November 1865.

Read the following letter from G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 13th October 1865, No. 213:—

1. As required in paragraph 1 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 4,963, dated 26th October 1860, I have the honor to submit, for the final sanction of Government, a Statement showing the extent of rent-free land, equal in value to the amount of annual deductions that were made from the Beriz, and proposed to be assigned to the Trustees, in lieu of payments made to religious institutions, in the Chellumbrum and Manargoodi Taluks, and which emoluments were termed "Kovil Punnaih."

2. A certain extent of Punjah and Nunjah lands was entered in the survey account distinctly as Pagoda lands or "Kovil Punnaih." Prior to the introduction of the original survey into this District, the Ryots, who cultivated such lands, were in the habit of paying in kind, at varying quantities, to the trustees of certain large and petty Devastanums. On the introduction of the survey in 1806, these grain payments or Sotuntrums were incorporated with the Government share, and the assessment thus fixed. In place, therefore, of grain payments deductions were made from the settlement Beriz, at the varying money rates, as per margin, on account of the Pagodas concerned, the remaining assessments being credited to Ain Land Revenue.

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Large Pagodas at	1	13	0	per Cawny.
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3. The nature of Kovil Punnaih lands will be found fully explained in paragraph 9 of Mr. Bird's letter to the Board, dated 23rd July 1850, No. 66, as well as in paragraphs 108 and 109 of Mr. Newill's Report to the Board, dated 27th August 1850, No. 776.

4. Mr. Newill, when introducing the revised survey assessment into Chellumbrum and late Manargoodi Taluks, suggested in the latter part of paragraph 109 of his report above quoted, that instead of these payments, assignment of lands of equal value could be made, with advantage, to these religious institutions. The Board in paragraph 27 of their letter, expressed their concurrence in Mr. Newill's proposal, and represented to Government the advisability of getting rid of Kovil Punnaih by an assignment of rent-free land equal in value to the proceeds therefrom, and Government in paragraph 9 of their Order, dated 9th October 1860, No. 1,906, expressed their approval of the Board's proposition. The payments to Pagodas were discontinued from Fasli 1271.

5. For the reasons above stated, I request that the final sanction of Government may be obtained for the consequent assessment to the Devastanums of the assessment on the lands entered in the accompanying Statement marked A.

6. I beg to add that the Trustees of these Pagodas lay claim to the payment of a sum of Rupees 4,911-3-0 from Fasli 1271 to Fasli 1274, as shown in the accompanying Statement marked B., in consequence of the deduction from the Settlement Beriz having been discontinued from Fasli 1271, and no land having been hitherto assigned in lieu thereof, as was originally contemplated. This calculation is based on the average deduction of three years from Fasli 1268 to 1270. It appears that repeated orders have been sent to the Tahsildar to impress on each Trustee of the Pagodas the necessity of selecting the land, the assessment of which would be equal to the annual amount of deduction formerly made, and that the attention of the Trustees was drawn to the subject by the Deputy Collector, Teruvengada Charry personally, during the annual settlement. The Trustees, however, took no action in the matter, until the month of March 1865, when the Statement of lands proposed to be assigned was furnished by the Tahsildar. They have, therefore, only themselves to blame. The negligent conduct of the Temple Trustees, in the selection of rent-free land, has apparently been the cause of the unusual delay in the submissionof the Statement required by the Board of Revenue. I am, therefore, of opinion that the request of the Trustees, to the disbursement of the allowance due for past Faslis, to the extent of Rupees 4,911-3-0, cannot reasonably be complied with; but I leave it to the Board for their consideration and final orders.

ENCLOSURE No. 1, A.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the extent of rent-free land proposed to be assigned in lieu of payments made to religious institutions called Kovil Punnaih in Chellumbrum and late Munnargudi Taluks, in the District of South Arcot.

ENCLOSURE No. 2, B.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the amount demanded by the Trustees to be disbursed to them from Fasli 1271 up to Fasli 1274, consequent on the rent-free land not having been assigned to them in lieu of payments made to religious institutions, and on the deductions from the Settlement Beriz having ceased from Fasli 1271 in Chellumbrum and late Munnargoodi Taluks, in South Arcot District.

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1. Before submitting the Collector's proposals to Government, the Board desire to know whether the land, which he proposes to assign to the Pagodas, is cultivated or waste; and if the former, whether the Ryots acquiesce in the proposed arrangements.

2. The Board cannot consider Mr. Reade's explanation, as to the delay which has taken place in the carrying out of the orders of Government, is by any means satisfactory.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

To C. W. Reade, Esq., Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 1,209.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 20th February 1866.

Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 7th February 1866, No. 29 :—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, dated 28th November 1865, No. 7,598 A, calling for further information concerning the assignment of lands to religious institutions in the Chellumbrum and late Mannargudi Taluks, in lieu of money payments.

2. The lands proposed to be assigned to the Pagodas in Mr. Banbury's letter, dated 13th October 1865, No. 213, are cultivated. The Tahsildar of Chellumbrum was directed to ascertain and report whether the Ryots acquiesce in the proposed arrangements; but it appears from the report submitted by that officer that the arrangements are anything but agreeable to the majority of the Ryots, and I may add that throughout the District the disinclination to the assignment of lands has been very general, notwithstanding all the explanations that have been given on the subject: nor is it surprising, I think, that there should be this disinclination; and it seems to me most natural that they should prefer to pay direct to Government, for we must bear in mind that losses arising from the vicissitudes of season and other causes, are annually taken into account as grounds of remission; and these advantages so far as any provision has as yet been made, cease with the transfer. I am, therefore, of opinion that we must not make the measure dependant on the consent of the people, as in that case, it never could be enforced or carried out; at the same time there is, I think, something due to their objections, and provision is almost called for as an act of justice, to meet the disadvantages of their future position in respect to remission for losses of crops arising from causes beyond their control, for which as direct Government Ryots, they would meet with liberal consideration.

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1. The Board observe that in order to meet the risk of such occasional loss by bad seasons and difficulties of collection as is necessarily incident to the system of assignment of Land Revenue in lieu of cash payments from the Treasury, the Government sanctioned an additional allowance of ten per cent. of the amount hitherto paid, and the Collector should revise his proposals with reference to this sanction.

2. In submitting his revised proposals, which the Board trust to receive at an early date, the Collector will report whether the Temples concerned do not hold land paying quit-rent or assessment which may be remitted in adjustment of their claims in lieu of assigning the revenue of land in the occupation of others.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright.

Enclosure No. 2 in Board's Proceedings, dated 28th November 1865.

No. 7,598A.

Dated 28th November 1865.

Desiring to know from the Collector of South Arcot whether the land proposed to be assigned in lieu of payments made to religious institutions in Chellumbrum and late Munnargudi Taluks, is cultivated or waste.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated 19 Sept 66 No 6886

1866. Department.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 20th February 1866.

No. 1,209.

Requesting Collector of South Arcot to revise his proposals for assignment of lands to religious institutions in Chellumbrum and late Mannargudi Taluks in lieu of money payments, with reference to the additional allowance of 10 per cent sanctioned on account of occasional loss by bad season &c.