

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 995	Press Mis.
Dated 27-4-	1866.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th April 1866.*

No. 442. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23th March 1866, No. 2,226 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vellum, 1st February 1866, No. 19.

1. My attention has for some time been directed to the desirability of clearing the various items of deposits of long standing which have accumulated in the Accounts of my Treasury, and as the instructions of the Board and Government are required for the disposal of two of these items, I beg to submit the following report regarding them.

2. One of these, amounting to Rupees 23,828-7-1, consists of the surplus proceeds of the Swatantram, or per-centage on the gross produce formerly collected for the support of Pagodas, Chuttrums, and Brahmins. Formerly, the proceeds of this Swatantram were thrown into a separate fund, from which payments used to be made according to a fixed standard to the various institutions and individuals entitled to participate therein : any surplus left out of the gross collections, after deducting the amount payable according to that standard, having from time to time been carried to the account of Government. Latterly, however, this item was incor-

* To Board 9th September 1850, No. 79.
From Board 23rd September 1850, No. 79.
To Board 7th January 1853.

† Board's Proceedings, 19th April 1859.

‡ Board's Proceedings, 8th July 1857, No. 2,319.

porated* with the General Revenues, the payments which till then used to be made therefrom having thenceforward formed a charge on the revenues, according to a revised scale then sanctioned.† Subsequently, the Swatantram was abolished,‡

and all annual payments to pagodas on that account ceased ; such payments as still continued to be made to chuttrums and individuals being borne as a charge against the revenues of the State. A detailed description of this Swatantram is contained in paragraphs 26 to 31 of the Board's Proceedings of the 29th August 1856, No. 2,813.

3. The sum above specified is the unexpended portion of the amount which remained in deposit when the item was incorporated with the public revenues. The greater part of this sum, viz., Rupees 16,663-7-0, consists of the unclaimed arrears of allowances, according to the standard above referred to, of the chuttrums and mattams many of which have ceased to be kept up, and the remainder Rs. 7,165-0-1 represents the proportion belonging to pagodas and individuals for which no claimants are forthcoming. The arrangement which I would propose for the disposal of the whole amount remaining in deposit under this head, is that the same be transferred to the Endowment Fund, subordinate to " Local Funds."

4. I must here add that the amount in question forms the assets referred to in paragraph 6 of the report of the Acting Sub-Collector in charge, noted in the margin, as available for payment to the pagodas which were in receipt of annual

Dated the 17th April, No. 114, referred to in Board's Proceedings, 23rd June 1865, No. 3,469.

payments from the proceeds of the Swatantram above specified, in adjustment of their claim to compensation, arising in consequence of the abolishment of the Swatantram, and the consequent cessation of those annual payments. This, however, presents no obstacle to the amount in deposit being transferred to the head above-

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Establishment, and for whom it will be impossible to provide other situations in the District, the Board would recommend that this surplus be carried at once to the credit of the Village Service Fund, and that on the final introduction of the new Village Establishment, the question of remuneration from this source to the Nat Kurnums whose services may not be retained be taken into consideration.

4. The Collector should, in the meanwhile, continue to use his best endeavours to effect a reduction in the number of Nat Kurnums by appointing them to suitable vacancies as such may occur. - It is presumed that no vacancies among the Nat Kurnums have been filled up since the change of system was proposed.

No. 443.

ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1866, No. 995.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government sanction the transfer of the item of Rupees 23,823-7-1 to the head of Endowment Fund under Local Funds, as recommended by the Collector and the Board of Revenue.

2. The Board's proposal for the transfer of Rupees 12,652 to the Village Service Fund is also approved.

3. The Collector will attend to the suggestion in paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Pro. 22 July 1866. A 1-2
16 May 66 - 58-59
3 July 62 - 21-22
11 June - 57 - 13 & 15
18 July - 65 - 218-209

Under this order stated in
para 2 of the four letters I
am of opinion that the
balance of Swatantra
shol long ago have been
carried to the public credit.
I am now to dispose of it.
As regards the smaller
line belonging to the Nat
Curum Fund I see no
reason whatever in leaving
it as it has been left, until
we are in a better position
for determining the future of
such of the Nat Curum
as cannot be absorbed
& employed in the general
service - W.M.
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No. 998-
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated 27th March 1866.

Order of April -
2nd 7th

No 2,220.

Submitting for orders with remarks letter
from Collector of Tanjore forwarding proposals
for disposal of certain items of deposits of long
standing.

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The Government sanction
the transfer of the item of Rs. 2,828-7-1
to the head of Endowment fund under Local
funds, as recommended by the Collector
and the Board of Revenue.

(16) The Board's proposal for
the transfer of Rs. 12,652-0-0 to the Village
Service fund is also approved.

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Board's proceedings.

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