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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th August 1867.

Read the following papers:—

No. 339. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th May 1867, No. 2,979.
Read the following letter from the Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetterpore, 26th April 1867, No. 1,202.

1. I have the honor to annex a statement shewing the particulars of the amount of the collections embezzled by Curnums of Gungadana and Kunchipuram and the Curnum and Carjee of Bamooniyapilli, in Berhampore talook, who have all been punished and dismissed the service for these offences.

2. You will observe that out of Rupees 162-13-6 due to Government, only Rupees 3 have been recovered in the shape of a Magisterial fine by distress and sale of moveable property. This is all that can be realized, and a balance of Rupees 159-13-6 still remains against these Curnums. They have no property except the huts they are living in. Considering the extreme hardship which these men suffered during the famine, and which no doubt led them to embezzle public money, and in reference also to their present utterly impoverished condition, I think they may be released from further liability, and I, therefore, request that the Board will be pleased to accord their sanction for striking the said Rupees 159-13-6 off the accounts of Fusly 1275.

Statement shewing the particulars of the amount of Land Revenue collections of Fusly 1275 *embezzled by the Curnums of the villages of Gungadana and Kunchipuram, and the Curnum and Carjee of Bamooniyapilli, in the talook of Berhampore.*

Villages.	Sist.	Collections for Fusly 1275.	Amount remitted to the Treasury.	Amount embezzled.	Amount due to ryots.	Amount due to Government.	Amount recovered.	Balance due to Government.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Gungadana	1,108 4 6	623 11 9	486 12 0	136 15 9	56 6 0	80 9 0	3 0 0	77 9 9
Kunchipuram	200 0 7	117 15 11	45 14 0	72 1 11	33 10 2	38 7 9	... ...	38 7 9
Bamooniyapilli... ..	269 0 0	166 7 9	90 12 0	75 11 9	31 15 9	43 12 0	... ...	43 12 0
Total...	1,586 5 1	908 3 5	623 6 0	284 13 5	121 15 11	162 13 6	3 0 0	159 13 6

CHETTERPORE,
26th April 1867.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Collector.

The Collector is requested to state in what month the embezzlement of the money referred to took place, when it was discovered, and how? when the Curnums were brought under trial, and what was the punishment inflicted upon them. The offence is criminal, and without full particulars regarding it, the Board cannot recommend to Government the application of the Collector. Mr. Forbes should also explain how the amount became due to the ryots out of the embezzled money, and what led them to pay a larger amount than their dues.

No. 340. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th August 1867, No. 5,014.

Read again letter from the Collector of Ganjam, dated 26th April 1867, No. 1,202, recorded in the Board's Proceedings, dated 15th May 1867, No. 2,979.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetterpore, 28th June 1867, No. 1,855.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated the 15th ultimo, No. 2,979, I have the honor to state that the exact dates on which the embezzlement took place in the three cases therein alluded to cannot be ascertained, but it must have been before the Jummahbundy which took place in the month of May 1866, as no collections have subsequently been made.

2. The offence was not discovered until the ryots preferred complaints in the months noted in the margin, and the Curnums were brought to trial immediately afterwards and punished as follows:—

Cunchipur ryots in May.
Bamooniyapilli do. in August.
Gungadana do. in September.

Cunchipur Curnum was fined double the amount embezzled, and in default of payment, six months' imprisonment under Regulation IX of 1822.

Gungadana Curnum was punished with six months' imprisonment with hard labor and a fine of 150 Rupees, and in default of payment, one month and fifteen days further imprisonment under Section 409 of the Indian Penal Code.

Bamooniyapilli Curnum was sentenced to two years' simple imprisonment under Section 409 of the Indian Penal Code.

3. In each of these three villages one-half of the demand was remitted by the Collector at the Jummahbundy made in May 1866. In the meanwhile the ryots of these villages (in common with those of other villages) had actually paid to the Curnums sums exceeding the moiety of the demand which was fixed at the Jummahbundy, but the Curnums embezzled a portion of these payments, crediting the Government only with the remainder. Of the amount thus embezzled by the Curnums, a portion should have been refunded to the ryots, and the rest carried to Government account.

1. Resolved that the foregoing papers be submitted to Government. They relate to the embezzlement of Rupees 284-13-5 by the Curnums of three villages. It appears from the Collector's second letter that the Curnums have been duly punished.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Gungadana	136	15	9
Cunchipur	72	1	11
Bamooniyapilli	76	11	9
	284	13	5

2. The embezzlement consists of two sums, viz., Rupees 121-15-11 due to ryots by whom over-payments were made, and Rupees 162-13-6 due to Government. Out of the fine imposed, only Rupees 3 have been recovered, the Curnums possessing no property but their huts, and being in a state of extreme destitution owing to the late famine.

3. Under these circumstances, the Board request that the Government will be pleased to sanction the difference of Rupees 159-13-6 outstanding against the villages being written off, and the Curnums being released from further liability.

They also request the sanction of Government to the payment of Rupees 121-15-11 to the ryots, from whom over-collections were made, and who are properly entitled to the refund of the amount.

No. 341. ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1867, No. 1,917.

Land Revenue.

Sanctioned, as recommended by the Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 6th August 1867.

Ganjam

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No. 5,014.

Submitting letters from Collector of Ganjam regarding embezzlement of Rupees 284-13-5 by curnums of three villages and requesting sanction for writing off Rupees 159-13-6 outstanding against these villages after recovery of 3 Rupees from the curnums and for refunding to the ryots over-collections amounting to Rupees 121-15-11 made from them by the curnums.

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