

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	2165	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th August 1868.*

No. 211. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Simla, 29th July 1868, No. 1,227 :—

Read Endorsement of the Home Department, No. 707, dated 15th instant, transferring the following :—

Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Revenue,) to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 11th June 1868, No. 44.

1. I have considered in Council the Despatch from your Excellency in Council No. 115, Financial, and dated the 22nd of April, with which you forward a copy of a Memorial to my address from one Gulam Mahomed Savi, late a Jaghire Pensioner in the Presidency of Madras, praying for the restoration of his pension which was forfeited upon his being convicted by a Court of Law of false testimony in two separate cases.

2. I concur with you in the opinion that His Excellency the Governor in Council at Madras, who submitted this Memorial through your Government, is right in not recommending it for favorable consideration, and I accordingly approve the proceedings in this case.

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Ordered that a copy of the above be sent to the Government of Madras for information, with reference to its letter, dated 7th April 1868, No. 927.

(Signed) G. H. M. BATTEN,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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No. 212 ORDER THEREON, 14th August 1868, No. 2,165.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated, with copy of the letter to the Government of India, dated 7th April 1868, No. 927, to the Board of

Revenue, who will cause the decision of the Secretary of State to be made known to the Memorialist.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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few years. The want of proper accounts and supervision is the cause of the present income being so limited. The forest, too, ought to produce a considerable sum. The Jaghiredar has been duped in regard to this. Kristnama Naidoo, a native of Ahtur, who has great influence over the Jaghiredars has obtained a lease of the entire forest for ten years at 100 Rupees a year. This lease has some six or seven years to run. Not only will the forest produce three or four times the amount paid by Kristnama Naidoo, but if the Government accept the lease offered by the Jaghiredar, a considerable amount of clandestine felling in existing Government jungles will be stopped.

8. The rate of assessment levied by the Jaghiredar upon each plough is 2 Rupees, and upon each hoe 1 Rupee. There are certain contributions made by the Jaghire ryots for religious purposes, and these of course the Jaghiredar will continue to receive.

9. I have not been able to see the Proprietor of the Chinna Kulroyen Estate. I will send a copy of the lease held by Kristnama Naidoo as soon as I receive it. I think the sooner this matter is taken up and the sanction of Government obtained, the better.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

To

C. N. POCHIN, Esq.,
Collector of Salem.

The Humble Petition of LUTCHMANA GOUNDEN, Pattakar of Peria Kulroyen Nad, in the Ahtur talook.

1. The Government having proposed to have quit-rent fixed by the Inam Commissioner for my Poliyapett, I beg to state that I agree to make over the said Poliyapett to the Government, under condition hereinafter mentioned, in consideration of a money allowance.

2. The income now derived in the said Nad from Land Revenue, Tree-rent, and several sundry rents, and the professional income, amounts nearly to Rupees 1,100. I request you will obtain an order so that the income of Rupees 1,100, together with an addition of Rupees 400, be paid to me yearly in three instalments, from the Talook Treasury, Ahtur.

3. As I propose to lease to Government permanently the said Poliyapett for Rupees 1,500, I and my heirs agree to forfeit all our rights and claims to the incomes now derived from several sources in the Poliyapett, or to the income hereafter derived in any way. Government shall be at liberty to act as they choose. But I request at the same time that an order may be issued allowing me to continue to obtain that income which I get from the inhabitants according to the customs of caste on the occasions of Pongal and Deepavalli feasts. This income is distinct from the income derived from land and trees.

4. I agree that the duty of maintaining my relations shall be with me, and the Government will have nothing to do with it.

5. I further wish that the thirty ploughs and thirty hoes which I have in three of the villages belonging to the said Poliyapett, namely, Shulangurchy, Covilpoothoor, and Uduvangurichi, may be exempted from revenue.

— This mark of PUTTAKARA LUTCHMANA GOUNDEN.

Witnesses.

(Signed) PEDDAKUTTY PADAYACHI,
Zemindar of Sekattiputty Moottah.
(„) TANAPADAYACHI,
Zemindar of do. do.

22nd September 1867.

(True translation.)

(Signed) C. N. POCHIN,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From W. T. BLAIR, Esq., Officiating Inam Commissioner, to the Collector of Salem, dated Coimbatore, 19th February 1866, No. 217.

1. In forwarding a copy of the Deputy-Collector's Register for the Hill village of Peria Kulroyen, in the talook of Ahtur, I have the honour to request the favour of your opinion as to the fairness of the valuation proposed by the Deputy Collector for the village.

2. Under the Order* of Government, dated 10th April 1862, No. 806, the village will be confirmed on one-eighth assessment and not on one-fourth as recommended by the Deputy Collector, and no allowance will be made on account of the alienations made by the holders of the village for religious or other purposes.

* Copy herewith forwarded.

† 1. Nayakanur.
2. Chinna Kulroyen.

3. Of the other two Hill villages† in your District, the village of Nayakanur has been already settled by this Department, and application has been made for the attachment of the village of Chinna Kulroyen, the holders of it having failed to appear before the Deputy Collector. The application for attachment was sent to your office by the Deputy Collector of this Department on the 7th September 1864, and as one year has fully elapsed, I request that the village may be at once resumed, unless you see reason to excuse the defaulters, in which case the Register for that village should be prepared in due form, and sent to this office for the preparation of a Title-deed. If you fully assess the village, I request to be furnished with the estimated amount of its annual revenue.

5. The Deputy Collector has not given the area of the village now proposed to be confirmed, and probably it is not possible to ascertain it. I request that the boundaries of the village may be clearly described in the Register, and returned to this office for transcription in the Title-deed.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. N. POCHIN,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Extract from the Inam Register.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Statement.

The Board resolve to forward the above communication to the Conservator of Forests, and to request an expression of his views as to the proposal to take on lease the Peria Kulroyen nad or estate, the Collector being of opinion that a great deal of clandestine felling in existing Government jungles would be prevented by such an arrangement.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Secretary.

To the Conservator of Forests,

with a Statement and Extract from the Inam Register, to be returned.

Copy to the Collector of Salem.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 14th January 1868.

Read the following letter from C. N. POCHIN, Esq., Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 15th November 1867, No. 290:—

1. I have the honour to bring to the notice of the Board that Puttakara Lutchma Gounden, the Jaghiredar of the Peria Kulroyen hills, has given to me a petition, translation of which is enclosed, praying that his Jaghire may be taken by Government on a permanent lease for 1,500 Rupees per annum, and to request the Board's orders in the matter.

2. The Inam Commissioner sent to my predecessor, on the 19th February 1866, a Register prepared by his Deputy Collector for the Peria Kulroyen, and asked his opinion as to the fairness of the valuation proposed by the Deputy Collector for the village.

3. The Deputy Collector's valuation of both the cultivation and waste of the Hill was 1,680, of which he proposed a deduction of Rupees 420, or one-fourth of the entire beriz on account of the Devastanams. On the remaining he recommended a quit-rent of one-fourth, or Rupees 315. According to an Order of Government quoted in the Inam Commissioner's letter, the quit-rent would be reduced to one-eighth.

4. A copy of the Inam Commissioner's letter and the Register of the Deputy Collector is enclosed.

5. The matter was referred to the Tahsildar who submitted to me a report on the subject. It was always a matter of complaint by the Forest Conservancy Department that valuable timber was cut clandestinely in Government jungles and removed by parties holding the Jaghiredar's passes, on the pretence that it was out in the Jaghire jungles. Mr. Walker, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, endeavoured for a long time, in vain, to obtain the lease of the Jaghire jungles. In order that some arrangement might be made in this matter, and with a view of testing the valuation made by the Deputy Collector and the Tahsildar, I proceeded to the Hill myself together with Mr. Walker, and the petition above referred to, offering to lease out the Jaghire to Government, is enclosed.

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7. The Peria Kulroyen Estate comprises thirty-one villages, and yields a revenue to the Jaghiredar of Rupees 918 on ploughs and hoes according to his own statement; but he has no accounts to show, and it is my belief that he under-rated the income he derived from the lands, from a fear that a high quit-rent would be imposed. The forest products yield Rupees 200, total Rupees 1,118, as shown in the enclosed Statement. The Jaghiredar wishes to lease his Jaghire for 1,500 Rupees a year, and asks permission to retain 30 hoes and 30 ploughs in the three following villages:—

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1868. Department.

No.

Rev. 2447/68

Dated 14th January 1868.

Received

No. 238.

Requesting views of Conservator of Forests on proposal of Collector of Salem to take on lease Jaghire of Peria Kulroyen in District.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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No. 2,739.

Requesting Collector of Salem to submit further information respecting lease of Krishnamma Naidoo for the Polput of Peria Kulroyen.

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No. 5,233.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 18th July 1868.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 14th January 1868, No. 238.

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dated 15th April 1868, No. 2,739.

Read also the following letter from C. N. POCHIN, Esq., Collector of Salem, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 28th April 1868, No. 107:—

1. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings under date the 15th instant, No. 2,739.

2. As regards the lease of Kristnama Naidoo, which from the document has still seven years to run, endeavours have been made to get him to run.

3. The Peria Kulroyen Jaghire now contains little or no timber, all having been cut. There are, however, young trees springing up which will eventually become useful. The fact of the Government taking the whole Jaghire on a permanent lease for 1,500 Rupees per annum will enable Government better to protect its own jungles. As matters stand now the Forest Department are unable to cope against the tricking that is carried on. Vast number of trees are constantly being brought to Toomal by the under-contractors and the like of Kristnama Naidoo, and on being required to show their authority for having cut the trees in their possession, they invariably present a pass furnished by this said contractor. When the Jaghire comes under Government management, we shall then have our Revenue Officers to co-operate with the Forest Department, and be able to keep the contractor and his subordinates within their proper limits. There is no doubt that the revenue, when properly looked after, will well remunerate the Government for the lease. The 100 Rupees now paid by Kristnama Naidoo will have to be paid to Government, so that the amount for the lease will only be 1,400 Rupees per annum.

1. The Board suggest that the Collector's proposal to rent on behalf of Government the Peria Kulroyen Jaghire for a sum of 1,500 Rupees should be sanctioned.

2. It is true that the estate is burdened by the lease to Kristnama Naidoo of the forest produce including timber, which lease has seven years to run.

3. The Board are of opinion, however, that the step is well calculated to lead eventually to the conservancy desired for these forests, as it will enable the Collector more effectually to supervise the operations of the contractor, and it is not improbable that when the latter finds himself deprived of the illicit gains which under the present lax system he enjoys, he may be disposed to accept fair terms for the outstanding portion of his lease.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copies of Board's Procs., dated 14th January 1868, No. 238,
and 15th April 1868, No. 2,739.

Before submitting the subject for the orders of Government, the Collector is requested to state how he proposes dealing with the lease of Kristnama Naidoo of the entire forest, and which has still seven years to run, as stated in the latter part of paragraph 7 of the Collector's letter, dated 15th November 1867, No. 290.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Salem.

Copy to the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Exd. J. Wright.