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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th December 1868.

No. 181. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th November 1868, No. 7,857 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 7th October 1868, No. 247.

1. I have the honor to submit, for the information and orders of the Board, a brief summary of a case in which a Puttahdar has paid a large sum of money for lands which have never been placed in his possession.

2. The case is briefly this :—A person named Mahommed Bava Mercoyer, in Fusly 1270, durkhasted for all the land that was lying waste in the village of Alamailmungapuram. The Curnum on looking at the accounts found that Cawnies 227 Annas 14 were entered as waste, and gave the applicant a puttah for that extent; the Puttahdar paid the assessment without demurring until Fusly 1274. In Fusly 1275, he complained to the Sub-Collector, saying that he had not received the land entered in his puttah, and praying that it might be measured and made over to him. Measurement was accordingly made, when it was found that petitioner was only in possession of Cawnies 116-1-3, and that there was no more waste land available. Subsequently, on further investigation, it was discovered that of the remaining Cawnies 111-12-1 of land entered in petitioner's puttah Cawnies 44-1-1 were included in the boundary of another village, and Cawnies 62-1-3 were held on puttah by ryots of his own village. The Puttahdars who hold these Cawnies 111-12-1 had paid kist for them before they were applied for by the present petitioner. The mistake arose from the fact that the actual area of land in the village did not correspond with the accounts, and the error was not discovered till Fusly 1274, when the measurement was made.

3. The petitioner now claims a refund of Rupees 1,593-15-10, the whole sum which he has paid from Fusly 1270 up to Fusly 1274, (since which year the kists on account of the extra land have not been collected,) on the lands which have been entered in his puttah, but not placed in his possession. As the rent on the lands has been paid by the real occupants and Puttahdars, I consider his demand a just one, and I now request the sanction of the Board to enable me to pay him the money which he appears to have paid without receiving any equivalent.

4. The Puttahdar has been ordered to relinquish the lands which have been erroneously entered in his puttah.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board consider the petitioner fairly entitled to a refund of Rupees (1,593-15-10) one thousand five hundred and ninety-three, Annas fifteen, and Pies ten, being the aggregate amount collected from him on account of lands which could never have been in his possession.

3. The Curnum concerned in this matter appears to be an officer who has very little knowledge of his village, and his explanation should be called for, and reported on, by the Collector.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th December 1868.

No. 182. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1868, No. 3,099.

Land Revenue.

Sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 12*th*.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 12*th December* 1868, *No.* 3,099.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 181-182.

Over-collections of assessment from a Puttahdar in South Arcot.—Refund of Rupees 1,593-15-10, sanctioned.