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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 277. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th October 1868, No. 7,625 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 28th September 1868, No. 282.

1. I have the honor to submit a Statement showing certain lands held by the Roman Catholic Mission in the villages of Pedda Parmi, Muthur, and Bramana Kadur, with a copy of a letter addressed to me by the Sub-Collector, regarding the Mission's claim to hold these lands without payment of assessment. I also enclose translation of the documents produced in support of the claim.

2. The land in Pedda Parmi was given to the Mission, in 1829, by the Collector, Mr. Whish, for the erection of a Chapel, and the land in Muthur was given by the villagers, in 1793, for the same purpose. Both these pieces of ground are within the village-site, and the assessment on them has been hitherto written off as irrecoverable every five years. I request the Board's sanction for excluding this assessment in future from the Land Revenue demand.

3. The land in Bramana Kadur has been held rent-free since January 1768, and, as Mr. Wilson points out, the Mission is entitled to hold it without payment of assessment under Section 2, Regulation No. XXXI. of 1802.

4. The balance of assessment now outstanding on these lands amounts to Rupees 30-10-10, as shown in the annexed Memorandum, and I request permission to write this off as irrecoverable :—

MEMORANDUM.

	Fuslies.	Assessment. Rs. A. P.
1. Land in Pedda Parmi	1275 1276 1277	5 2 0
2. Muthur	1275 1276 1277	4 2 0
3. Bramana Kadur	1274	4 3 7
	1275	5 10 4
	1276	5 11 9
	1277	5 13 2
		21 6 10
Total ...		30 10 10

(Signed) W. McQUHAE,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Acting Sub-Collector, to the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, dated Guntoor, 29th July 1868, No. 92.

In reply to your letter, No. 73, dated 26th ultimo, the enclosures of which are herewith returned, I have the honor to enclose a Statement of the lands held by the Roman Catholic Mission in the villages of Muthur and Pedda Parmi, in the Talook of Guntoor, and of Bramana Kadur, in the Talook of Bapatla. In Bramana Kadur, the lands were granted by the then Zemindar of Sattanapalli

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in 1767, in Muthur, the grant was made by the villagers in 1793, and in Pedda Parmi by the Collector, Mr. Whish, in 1829. The date of the first grant is 7th Bahoola Pooshyam of Fusly 1177, which (*vide* Brown's Ephemeris, p.) corresponds with 11th January 1768. The provisions of Section 2, Regulation No. XXXI. of 1802, therefore, preclude any further inquiry regarding, or interference with, the tenure on which it is held. The second grant, dating subsequently to 26th February 1768, would ordinarily be treated as an Inam, (*vide* No. 1 of the Inam Rules,) and enfranchised under Rule III., and the third, as an irregular grant of the second class referred to in Rule XIV. be disposed of under Rule XVI., but both are wholly within the village-sites, and might on this ground, and because the alienation of village-site for the purposes of the public worship of the resident religious sects is quite in accordance with the objects for which it is reserved, claim exemption from assessment; up to Fusly 1256, the sharing system prevailed throughout the Guntoor District, and these lands were never assessed: with the introduction of money rates, in Fusly 1257, they were charged on a principle which has not yet been abolished, that compounds in the village-site should be assessed when cultivated, though free when not. As a matter of fact, the assessment charged since Fusly 1257 has never been collected: it is written off as irrecoverable every five years. In 1857, the then Collectors Messrs. Stokes and Newill, and R. R. Cotton, directed the Tahsildar of Guntoor to refrain from collection, and intimated their intention of addressing the Board: an intention never, so far as any information at my disposal goes, carried out. Finally, for the identification of the grants the only course possible in the absence of Government records which contain no particulars of the divisions of village-site, was to ascertain by reference to boundaries, whether the lands as now held are what they were when granted, in all except the lands in Muthur, the southern and western boundaries of which have been slightly altered, the boundaries are as they existed. It is to be noted, that the *area* of the original grant in Muthur is not recorded in the grant.

Enclosure No. 2.—Statement.

Enclosures Nos. 3 and 5.
Abstract.—Translations of certain documents.

The Board recommend that Government sanction the exclusion in future from the Land Revenue demand, of the assessment of the land occupied by Roman Catholic Mission buildings in 1793 and 1829, and hitherto written off every five years as irrecoverable arrear.

No. 278. Order thereon, 18th December 1868, No. 3,147.

Land Revenue.

Sanction is accordingly granted for writing off Rupees (30-10-10) thirty, Annas ten, and Pice ten, the arrears of assessment outstanding on the lands held by the Roman Catholic Mission in the villages of Pedda Parmi, Muthur, and Bramana Kadur, in the Kistna District, up to Fusly 1277, as also to exclude in future the assessment of the lands alluded to from the Land Revenue demand, as long as they are occupied for the purposes of the Mission.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Revenue Department.

No. 3147.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 18th December 1868.

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board

of Revenue

Application for exemption of Government Lands & Government assessment on certain land in Kistna District: applied by Roman Catholic Mission

(G.O. 26 Oct 1868 No. 1625)

Sanction is accordingly granted for writing off the arrears (30-10-10) thirty annas ten and three-ten, the arrears of assessment outstanding on the lands held by the Roman Catholic Mission in the villages of Nadda in the village of Ramanna Patam, Mutlur, Ramanna Patam, & Kistna

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Dated December, 18th.

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G. O., 18th December 1868, No. 3,147.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 277-278.

Lands held by Roman Catholic Mission in Kistna District.—Arrears of assessment ordered to be written off, and the lands exempted from the payment of assessment so long as they are used for Mission purposes.

District upto Fasly 1274, as
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