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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 10th January 1868.*

No. 153. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 17th December 1867, No. 8,111:—

1. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Despatch of the Secretary of State, dated 9th May 1866, communicated with Government Order, dated 20th June 1866, No. 1,508, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit, for the information of Government, the replies of the Collectors to the Board's Proceedings, dated 10th July 1866, No. 4,733, calling upon them to report the spirit in which the proposal for the issue of Sunnuds of Permanent Settlement has been received by the Polygars.

2. The Board in paragraph 3 of their Proceedings, dated 8th January 1866, No. 128, reported that, in the districts noted in the margin, there were either no Polliems, or at least none to which the Orders of Government, dated 10th November 1865, No. 2,730, were applicable. Of the remaining districts, it will be seen from the statement appended (prepared from the Collectors' letters,) that of the whole number to whom it was proposed by Collectors to grant Sunnuds of Permanent Settlement, only fourteen Polygars have declined to accept the terms offered. As the acceptance or refusal of the offer was left entirely optional, there can be no doubt but that the proposed change has been received favorably by those proprietors who have expressed a willingness to receive Sunnuds. The cases of those estates which were held by minors when the offer was made, will be dealt with hereafter.

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| Ganjam. | Cuddapah. |
| Vizagapatam. | Madras. |
| Kistna. | South Arcot. |
| Nellore. | Tinnevelly. |
| Kurnool. | Malabar. |
| Bellary | South Canara. |

3. With regard to the inquiry as to what arrangements have been made with the Kavilgars of the Nellore District, I am directed to refer to the correspondence entered in the margin, from which it will be seen that the Board's proposals for the settlement of the claims to compensation of the Kavilgars in question, in lieu of resumed alienated Russums, have been already sanctioned by Government.

Board's Proceedings, 10th September 1866, No. 6,449.
Order of Govt., 13th October 1866, No. 2,785.

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Statement shewing the number of Polygars who accepted and declined the offer of Sunnuds of Permanent Settlement.

| Districts. | Number of Polygars who accepted the offer. | Number who declined the offer. | Total. |
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| Godavery District ... ... | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| North Arcot ... ... ... | 6 | ... | 6 |
| Tanjore ... ... .. | 8 | 5 | 13 |
| Madura ... ... ... | 15 | 5 | 20 |
| Coimbatore .... ... ... | 10 | 2 | 12 |
| Salem... ... ... ... | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Total... | 42 | 14 | 56 |

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
*10th January* 1868.

No. 154. ORDER THEREON, 10th January 1868, No. 78.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be forwarded to the Secretary of State, with reference to the correspondence noted below:—

From Secretary of State, 9th May 1866, No. 14.
To do. 26th Aug. 1867, ,, 3.
From do. 24th Oct. ,, ,, 28.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 3,655.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 14th June 1867.

Read the following letter from C. N. POCHIN, Esq., Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th June 1867, No. 147:—

1. I have the honour to reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated the 4th June 1866, No. 21.

2. Of the three Poligars in this district, viz., Unkusagherry, Shoolagherry, and Bagalur, the two latter have expressed their willingness to accept the Sunnud offered. They, however, beg that certain requests made by them may be complied with before the issue of the Sunnuds. Their petitions are enclosed.

I. That, as the Peishkush was greatly enhanced on the issue of Sunnuds, by Captain Graham, to the nominal tribute which was paid to the former Governments, which was only about 100 Pagodas per annum, the quitrent imposed by the Inam Commissioner, on the old Inams granted prior to 1799, may be made over to me.

II. That the Inams granted subsequent to 1799 may not be enfranchised, but left entirely to me, as also the Oomliga Inams.

III. That the Poromboke lands unjustly made over by the Inam Commissioner to the Oomliga Inamdars may be restored.

IV. That the quitrent imposed on the five villages held by the Head Oomligar may be paid.

V. That the amount of salary formerly paid to the Serishtadar may be struck out of my Peishcush, as that office was long ago abolished.

VI. That I be not held responsible for the debt illegally and improperly incurred by the guardian of my predecessor.

VII. That the villages mortgaged by her may be recovered and entered in the Permanent Sunnud about to be issued.

VIII. That the Camanthaddy, &c., five villages wrongfully included in the Ayen village and withheld from him, may be restored to the Poliem.

3. The requests of the Poligar of Shoolagherry are no less than twelve, and these are summed up in paragraph 23 of his petition. Nos. I. to IV. should, I think, be settled by the Board in communication with the Inam Commissioner. I may, however, state that there is nothing on my records to show that the Peishcush was enhanced by Captain Graham as alleged by the Poligar. On the other hand the Peishcush appears very light, bearing only 35 per cent. of the gross revenue of the Poliput, as shown in the margin. In regard to the quitrent claimed by the Poligar, I do not myself think that he is entitled to it. The quitrent has been imposed by the Commissioner under the Inam Rules for defective title or other reason, and it does not appear on what grounds the him (*i. e.*, as successor) by Government rather as a special case, as he was a distant relation only of the last holder who had no issue.

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| Gross revenue... | 15,018 |
| Peishcush... ... | 5,630 |

V. The petitioner claims a deduction of 300 rupees on account of a Serishtadar whose office no longer exists. The Poligar was called upon, through the Sub-Collector, to prove his assertion that 300 rupees was included in the Peishcush of his Poliput for a Serishtadar. The Poligar has produced a copy of Captain Graham's Sunnud (enclosed) in which 100 Pagodas are included in the Peishcush as "Serishtadar's wages." My records, however, though they go back for upwards of sixty years, do not show what the duties of this Serishtadar were, nor that any one ever held the office, nor why such an office was ever inserted into the Sunnud. The Poligar himself is not able to give any information on these points. As there does not appear that any such officer was ever employed, the inclusion of the 300 rupees was, I believe, merely nominal, and as the Peishcush itself which has been paid for so many years is very light, I do not propose that the deduction claimed by the Poligar should be made or allowed.

VI. and VII. These are matters to be decided by the Civil Courts. The villages under mortgage will, of course, be included in the Sunnud, but their possession should be recovered either by restoring to the Civil Courts, or by acting on the advice given him by the Sub-Collector Mr. Thomas.—*Vide* letter to the Board, dated 31st May 1866, No. 89.

VIII. There is nothing to show that these villages were withheld. They have always been Ayen villages.

IX. That the amount of Soyer fees formerly collected by the Poligars may be remitted in the Peishcush.

IX. A deduction to the amount of Rupees 809-13-11 has already been made in the Peishcush on account of the resumed Moturpha. His request for any further reduction does not require therefore notice.

X. That the cess of the 250 acres taken up in the formation of the Bangalore trunk road may also be remitted in the Peishcush, or allow me to enjoy the produce of the avenue trees.

X. It was not usual formerly to make any reduction in the Peishcush on account of roads carried by Government through such estates, and there are several Muttas, &c., in the Salem district in which no reduction was made for roads constructed twenty, thirty, or forty years ago, as it was considered that the formation of such roads was rather a boon than otherwise to the owner of the lands through which they passed. The trunk road to Bangalore was made nearly forty years ago, and I do not think that the Poligar's claim at this distance of time should be entertained.

XI. That at the time of issuing the permanent Sunnud, the honour of a Kilhut, according to the ancient immemorial practice, may be bestowed on me.

XI. The grant of a Kilhut is for the consideration of Government.

XII. That his peons whom he is allowed to retain according to Captain Graham's Sunnud, may be allowed to wear belts in the same manner as they did in all formerly, and as the Peons of all other Zemindars, Poligars, and even Jaghiredars and Muttadars do now.

XII. On this point the Poligar will at once be informed that there is no objection to his Peons wearing belts so long as the provisions of Section 171 of the Indian Penal Code are not broken.

4. The Poligar of Banagaloor has only one request, viz., that a deduction of 300 rupees included in his Peishcush on account of a Serishtadar, may be made. He has not, however, been able to produce any document to show that such an addition was made to the Peishcush. He has produced no Sunnud or any document whatever, to show that his statement is correct, nor do my records afford any information on this point. The Poligar's request does not, therefore, deserve notice.

| Gross revenue. | Peishcush. |
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| 15,527 | 6,371 or 41 per cent. |

5. The Peishcush of this Poliput is also very light, though it exceeds the percentage in the other case, as shown in the margin.

6. The above Poligars have been time after time requested to present such documents as they had in their possession, which would facilitate the deciding of their requests; but up to this time, with the above exception, nothing has been received from them. This and the vast amount of records in my office that have had to be looked over, has caused the delay in forwarding this letter.

7. The only Poligar who has not replied to the offer of a Sunnud is the Appa Row, the Poligar of Unkusagherry.

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ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 6.—Petitions and Sunnuds.

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The Inam Commissioner will be requested to inform the Board on what terms the Inams in the Sholagherry estate were settled, and whether, in his opinion, the Poligar has any good grounds for making his first, second, and third requests.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Secretary.

To the Inam Commissioner.

Copy to the Collector of Salem,
with three enclosures.

Exd. J. Wright.

From G. BANBURY, Esq., Officiating Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Point Calimere, Tritrapundi talook, 24th July 1866, No. 187.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 10th instant, No. 4,733, I have the honour to state that, as already reported in my letter of the 2nd April 1866, No. 67, the holders of only eight out of the thirteen Poliems in this district, have accepted the offer of a permanent settlement made to them. As the Government Order, communicated to these landholders, left it entirely to their option to accept or to decline the offer, all that can be stated with reference to the inquiry of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State, as contained in the last paragraph of his Despatch, is that those Polygars, who came forward and accepted the permanent Sunnuds, approved of the measure, and that we must naturally presume that those who declined disapproved of it.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

From V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 25th July 1866, No. 239.

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings, No. 4,733, dated 10th instant, I have the honour to report that, of the twenty unsettled Poliems in the district, fifteen Polygars have asked for Sunnuds of Permanent Settlement for their estates, as reported in my letters marginally noted. The spirit in which they accepted the change is chiefly owing to the following three causes:—

* 8th May 1866, No. 142.
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*First.*—To prevent the possibility of the Peishkush now paid for their estates being raised at any time by Government.

*Second.*—To relieve themselves of the evils incident to the uncertainty of tenure, by which succession on each lapse is dependent on the will and pleasure of Government.

*Third.*—To secure for themselves the right of disposing of their estates as they please.

Exd. J. Wright.

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Palmanair, 26th July 1863, No. 212.

I have the honour, with reference to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 10th instant, No. 4,733, to report that the proposed change in the conditions under which the Poliems in this district are at present held, has been most favourably received by the Polygars. This result will, I believe, be apparent on a perusal of the report submitted by me on the 6th instant, No. 181.

From J. FRASER, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coconada, 28th July 1866, No. 175.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 10th July 1866, No. 4,733, conveying the Order of Government, dated 20th June, No. 1,503, I have the honour to inform you that I have already reported on the 29th ultimo, No. 145, regarding the issue of Sunnuds to the holders of Polliems.

Exd. J. Wright.

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From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th September 1866, No. 260.

1. In reference to paragraph 6 of the Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, dated 9th May 1866, No. 14, I have the honour to report that the Proclamation which accompanied the Board's Proceedings of the 4th January last, No. 21, was duly published in the District Gazette, and that the Polygars were individually addressed on the subject of the proposed change of tenure.

2. As already reported in my letter of the 28th May 1866, No. 137, the Polygar of Andiputty is a minor, and there can be no objection to the issue of a Sunnud in the new form in his case, unless Government are of opinion that he should apply for it when he attains his majority.

3. The Polygar of Samattoor and Cotampatty died without returning an answer to my offer of a Sunnud. Kolanda Swamy Vanavaraya Kounder, declared by Government to be his successor, is a minor, and a Sunnud in his case can only be issued when he attains his majority and applies for it.—Vide Government Order of 15th September 1866, No. 2,481.

4. The holders of the remaining Polliems have one and all expressed their willingness to accept the terms now offered by Government.

5. A statement showing the amount of Peshcush payable on each Polliem, and other particulars, has already been submitted to the Board of Revenue.

**Exd. J. Wright.**

No 78. 4

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No. 3482.

From the Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To the Secretary to Government. R. D.

*Dated 17th December* 1867.

No. 8,111.

Submitting to Government for information reports of Collectors on the spirit in which the proposal for the issue of Sunnuds of Permanent Settlement has been received by the Poligars, and stating that Board's proposals for the Settlement of claims to compensation of Kavilgars of Nellore district in lieu of resumed alienated Russums have already been sanctioned in G. O. dated 13th October 1866 No 2785.