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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1823 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 25th June ~~19~~ 1869

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No. 590. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th June 1869, No. 4,008 :—

Read the following letters :—

From D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Rumpah, 9th March 1869, No. 104.

On receipt, 7th instant, of Board's Proceedings, No. 1,033, of 16th February last, I sent for young Beredy who lives close by—Rumpah being the chief town in his estate—and made over the Zemindary to him.

2. With reference to the Board's proposal to obtain a new Sunnud for him, I beg it may be considered whether this is not likely to cause a good deal of complication, and to endanger existing claims on the estate. It has been settled that a Zemindary is the "self-acquired" property of the person named in the Sunnud. Should this young man have no male issue, his next brother would, as things are now, be the heir; but if a new Sunnud is issued, the whole course of succession may be altered to his prejudice; and it is doubtful if he would be so much as entitled to a maintenance from the estate. There are three brothers, all good friends now as lads; but who shall say no contentions shall arise?

3. At all events I would beg that the Government may be moved to consider the question with reference to the fact which has now been brought to my notice, that as many as *four other* Zemindars of Ganjam have their Sunnuds lying in my treasury, owing to the neglect of the Collector of the day to distribute them to the grantees, which he was desired to do so soon as each party had paid up the balance of *Peishcush* due for Fusly 1213 (A.D. 1803-4). Their names are Paloor, Suranghi, Shergodoh, and Bodarsinghi.

4. I venture most strongly to recommend that each Sunnud be sent to the present holder of the Zemindary concerned, with a few lines from the Collector, saying it has been found in his Cutcherry, and that the Zemindar should take care of it himself in future. Besides the inconveniences some of which I have mentioned above, I am confident that much misapprehension and suspicion will follow the issue of fresh Sunnuds, the old ones having been in full force and effect (though retained in the Collector's Office) for nearly seventy years.

5. I find that in my letter of 2nd December last, read in Board's Proceedings of 7th January following, I stated that in two or three instances, Sunnuds duly prepared in 1804 had been withheld; not, as those now under notice accidentally, but designedly, owing to the Zemindars concerned having meanwhile committed themselves to lawless or insubordinate courses. On further inquiry I learn that two only were in this predicament, namely, Pedda Kimedy, who made his peace and got his grant in 1806, and Chinna Kimedy, whose charter is still in abeyance.

From the same Officer, dated Chetterpore, 2nd April 1869, No. 193.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated the 13th ultimo, communicating the Order of Government of date the 5th idem, No. 567, I have the honor

cedent. The Collector is therefore authorised to forward the original Sunnud to the Zemindar of Beredy, and to adopt a similar course with reference to the Zemindars of Paloor, Suranghi, Shergodh, Bodarsinghi, and Pedda Kimedy.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Erd. F. R. Bantleman.

to state that the name in full of the present Zemindar of Beredy is "Vinaya-kasura Maharatha Murdaraja Bhramara-vara Rai."

2. I return the old Sunnud as directed.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

* Letter, dated 12th January 1869, No. 6.

Zemindar who had attained his majority, the Collector of Ganjam also proposed delivering to him the Sunnud-i-Milkeet Istimrar, bearing date September 1804, which apparently, through oversight, was not handed over to the former proprietor, although the balance of peishcush for Fusly 1213, (1803-4,) for the non-payment of which the deed was originally withheld, was subsequently duly discharged.

Board's Proceedings, dated 10th February 1869, No. 1,033.
Govt. Order, dated 5th March 1869, No. 567.

3. The Board and the Government were, however, of opinion that it would be better to issue a revised Sunnud in the name of the present Zemindar, and the Collector was accordingly requested to report his name in full with a view to the new Sunnud being prepared, and to forward the old one for cancellation.

4. In complying with the above instructions, the late Collector, in the first letter recorded above, strongly deprecates the proposal to issue a revised Sunnud, on the ground that, although the old one has not been actually delivered, its provisions have been in full force and effect all the time of its existence; and to re-place it now by any other, would give rise to much uncertainty, and would probably embarrass the succession to the estate.

5. Under Mr. Carmichael's explanation, the Board agree with him that the proper course is to hand over the original Sunnud to the present Proprietor. It is executed by the Members of Government, but the Seal has become detached from the paper apparently from the bad quality of the wax, or want of due care in the handling.

6. The same course should be adopted with regard to all other Sunnuds which have not been given to proprietors.

7. The Board learn from their present Acting 2nd Member that the circumstance of an Istimrar Sunnud remaining in deposit in the treasury of Ganjam has not been hitherto regarded as exposing the title and tenure of the estate to change of any kind, though in point of law the holder remained without legal title.

No. 591. ORDER THEREON, 25th June 1869, No. 1,823.

Miscellaneous.

UNDER the circumstances now brought forward by the Collector, the Government concur with the Board in their opinion that the issue of a fresh Sunnud might form an inconvenient pre-

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated June, 25th.

Read.

G. O., 25th June 1869, No. 1,823.

JUNE.

Nos. 590-591.

Issue of Sunnud to Beredy Zemindar.—Collector of Ganjam authorised to forward the original Sunnud to the Zemindar, and to adopt a similar course with reference to the other Zemindaris in the district.

Revenue Department.

No. 1823.

PROCEEDINGS** of the **MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 25th June 1869.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Subg. for orders Letter from Coll.r of Ganjam stating that issue of revised Summd. of Permanent Settlement to Beredy Zemindar, is likely to embarrass succession to estate, and recommending that original Summd be delivered to him, and that same course be adopted with regard to all other Summds which have not been given to Proprietors.

(M.E. 5th June 1869 No. 1008)

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A.J.

14 Feb 1867