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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue - DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2985. Press ~~Mis.~~

186-187.

Dated 18th November 1869..

Not to be folded or roughly handled

No. 186. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th October 1869, No. 7,362:—

Read the following letter from R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 31st August 1869, No. 1,684.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 5,041, dated 14th July 1869, I have the honour to state that I deputed the Deputy Collector of Naidupett, C. Cundasamy Moodelliar, to proceed to Vencatagherry, to deliver to the Rajah of Vencatagherry, His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor's letter of congratulation on the birth of his sixth son, with the Khilaat received with the above Proceedings.

2. I now beg to forward the Rajah's reply (with translation) acknowledging the receipt of His Excellency's letter, and returning thanks for the Khilaat, and the honour done to him in its presentation.

1 Kummerbund.
1 Turbund.
2 Pieces of Karchobee.

3. The Rajah has presented to the Deputy Collector, the articles noted in the margin. As similar presents made on the previous occasion were allowed to be retained by the Deputy Collector, I request sanction to pursue the same course now.

4. The value of the Khilaat presented to the Rajah was stated to be Rupees 500. The Rajah has paid into the Treasury double the sum, namely, Rupees 1,000, as Nuzzer, although he was informed of the actual value.

Vide Board's Proceedings, No. 5,041.

5. In the Proceedings under acknowledgment, two pieces of Karchobee and two pieces of Kinkhob are entered as forwarded. But I observed that only one piece of each was forwarded, and it appears that in 1867, on the occasion of the birth of the Rajah's fifth son, only one piece was received, although two were entered in the Proceedings as sent.

6. The Rajah has not stated his reasons for paying 1,000 rupees instead of 500 rupees. I have, however, been given to understand that it has been done in the hope that on future occasions the Khilaat sent may be equal in amount of cloths to those sent previous to 1867.

Enclosure No. 1.

From Rajah VELUGOTI KUMARA YACHANA NAIDU, Bahadur, C.S.I., Puncha Huzoor Munsubdar, Rajah of Vencatagherry, to Lord FRANCIS BARON NAPIER, K.T., Governor of Fort Saint George in Council, dated 21st August 1869.

(All complimentary words omitted.)

I have received, through R. J. Melville, Esq., the Acting Collector of Nellore, your letter No. 1,891, of the 1st July 1869, together with Khilaat, presented with sincere good-will for the birth of my sixth son.

2. The present has afforded me the highest pleasure, and according to custom, I have sent, for transmission to your Government, Rupees 1,000, to the Acting Collector of Nellore, as a Nuzzer in lieu of your Khilaat.

3. I beg that your Lordship will be pleased to accept the Nuzzer.

(Complimentary words omitted.)

(True Translation.)

NELLORE,
1st *September* 1869.

(Signed) R. J. MELVILLE,
Acting Collector.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board observe that the two pieces of Karchobee and Kinkhob, forwarded to the Collector, contained the same quantity as those presented to the Vencatagherry Zemindar on previous similar occasions, as explained in the margin of their letters to Government, dated 19th October 1867, No. 6,813, and 3rd August 1869, No. 5,693.

No. 187. ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1869, No. 2,985.

Miscellaneous.

IT would appear that the Rajah of Venkatagherry is under a misconception as to the value of the Khilaat sent to him, which it was not the intention of Government to reduce. A suitable occasion may perhaps be found hereafter for reimbursing him for that portion of the Nuzzer which he has paid over and above the value of the Khilaat.

2. The Government permit the Deputy Collector to retain the articles presented to him by the Rajah, which are noted in paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Lxd. E. C. Shunker.

Memo: for Madras Collection 1869

Govt. of [1869] Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated

Read

From

G. O. No. 2167

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 166-167.

Vernacular Records Received in the Deputy Collectorate of Nidadavole Division.

Deputy Collectors to Board.

a Kummerbund a Turband and two pieces of Kanchobee. A similar present made on former occasions was allowed to be retained by the Collr who conducted the ceremony (not Cundasamie Mordellian) Mr Melville requests that in this case also the Collr may be allowed to retain them. "And first as to the Nuzzer of Rs 1,000 which the Rajah has presented to you. The question of accepting it is left unnoticed by the Board in their Proc. now before us. On the occasion of the birth of the Rajah's

Rajah's fifth son, a similar ceremony was gone through, and the only difference was that on that occasion the Rajah gave in return only Rs. 500 (the value of the Khilaat).

5. In the order dated 1st July 1869, No. 1890, in which the Government authorised the presentation of the last Khilaat, they directed the Collector to be guided by the instructions of the Government of India conveyed in their letter of the 30th March 1835. This letter prescribes that in these cases a Nuzzur "not less in value than the cost of the Khilaat is to be paid to Govt by the native chief who receives

receives the Khilaat. It is clear, that the Government of that day were not averse to receiving more than the value of the Khilaat, for in an Order dated 21st April 1835, in which they communicated the aforesaid letter to the Board of Revenue, they directed that in a case then under consideration, the Collector should require from the Zemindar of Calastry a Nuzzur of at least equal value to the cost of the Khilaat."

6. It is however submitted that on this occasion it would be consistent with the dignity of Govt to return Rs. 500 of the Nuzzur given by the Venkatagherry Rajah. The occasion was purely congratulatory. It was not as if a fresh Rajah by succeeding to a dependent territory had incurred fresh obligations at the hands of Govt, in which case a Nuzzur pure and simple might be justified. Besides (vide paras 6 of the Collector's letter printed in Board's Proceedings dated 4th October 1869) it appears that the Venkatagherry Rajah in paying the additional Rs. 500 was influenced by a hope which was based on a false assumption.

7. As to the acceptance by the Dy Collector of the cloths

clothes given to him
by the Rajah - this
has always been usual,
and no objection to the
course suggests itself.

The value of the Khilut
bestowed on the Raja
before 1867, seems not to have
been in excess of 500 Rupees.
Therefore, unless I am in-
formed, the acting Collector's
relief must be deemed
erroneous.-
I would not exclude 5000 Rs.
to the Raja - when his 74
Sons attain, & will be
time enough to consider
whether the Bd of Revenue
means they adopt for buying Khilats
& can have correct & safe data for
declaring what is the value of such dresses.
I suggest to them they may commit no
error - and a dispensation with the Raja as
well worth - if what he got from the Bd would
be an excessive dispensation.-
The retention of this Dy Collectorship that the
Raja's annuities may be sanctioned
reached.

I should be disposed to
return his Report.

The Rajah is a person
of great fortune and
distinction. I would not
speculate with
him concerning a sum
which is insignificant
on some future occasion
I would take care to
make the present
fully equivalent to
the sum he has now
paid in: M.

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No 2985 Rev. Dept.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt
Under date the 18th Nov. 1869

Read the following
Proc. of the Board of Revenue

Submg letter from Coll.
requesting sanction for retention
of Sunnud to given by Tuticatcherry
Rajah to by Coll. Caldwell as Ahomy
Mondelly of Sillore District when he
delivered the Khilaat, stating
that Rs. 1000 has been paid into
the Treasury by the Rajah as
Nuzzer.

R. 4th Oct. 1869. No 7362.

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I have &c

14 Fort St George Rec'd 19 Nov

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