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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd August 1870.*

No. 351. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th May 1870, No. 3,360 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Venkatagerry, 25th April 1870, No. 147.

ADVERTING to the Board's endorsement on the accompanying Petition No. 93 of 1869 (Government No. 2,061), presented by certain Toties and Taliaries of the Calastry Zemindary, I have the honour to transmit copy of a letter from my Head Assistant, dated the 18th February 1870, No. 71, which supplies the information sought by Government.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Head Assistant Collector, to the Collector of North Arcot, dated Ranipett, 18th February 1870, No. 71.

With reference to the Order of Government No. 2,061 of 1869 on a petition presented by the Toties and Taliaries of the Calastry Zemindary, forwarded with your endorsement dated 20th October last, I have the honour to submit the following report.

2. The complaints of the Toties and Taliaries are as follow :—

1st.—That they are now charged water-cess at the rate of 8 Annas per guntah on their Service Maniems, in lieu of the small quantity of grain which they formerly paid, and that their merah has been converted into a fixed payment per village.

2nd.—That they are called on to pay chetty punue at the rate of 3 or 4 Annas per house for the support of their priest, whereas there is now no such individual.

3rd.—That they have to pay house-tax at the rate of 2 Annas per house.

4th.—That they are called on to pay Davood Khan Katnam at the rate of Rupees 6 per annum.

5th.—That the Circar Peons and Monigars take fowls from them without payment.

6th.—That they have to pay per annum Dasiri punue at the rate of 2 Annas or 2 Madras measures of paddy for every family to support beggars.

7th.—That they have to pay 6 Pies per house to the bear-keeper.

8th.—That they have to pay 1 Madras measure of paddy per house to a beggar styled Gilkar Fakcer.

9th.—That certain Inamdars fail to pay them merah.

3. All these items of complaint were inquired into by Mr. Brett, when Collector of the district, and disposed of by Mr. Benning, the Acting Collector, who passed final orders on the subject in 1853. His Order and Khat to the Zemindar are enclosed.

4. With reference to the first complaint, it appears that in 1825 the Toties and Taliaries requested the Zemindar to commute the water-cess which was then paid in kind into a fixed money-rent. Their request was complied with, and Muchilikas were taken from them in 1826 and 1827. It also appears that about 1836 or 1837 the Toties and Taliaries requested the Zemindar to commute their merah, which was then fixed at $\frac{1}{10}$ of the gross outturn of the crop, and which they had great difficulty in collecting into a mukta or fixed payment, to be given them in all seasons, prosperous as well as adverse. Their request was complied with, and a mukta fixed for each village in the Zemindary, and Muchilikas taken from them.

5. With reference to their second complaint it appears that no such impost as chetty punue is collected.

A tax called "malacootha" is levied, and as this was formerly collected by the head of the Pariah caste or a Chetty, the petitioners appear to have named it chetty punue. This is a tax of 3 or 4 Annas paid for every Pariah house. This tax is mentioned in Mr. Stratton's report, under the head

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of Moturpha, in paragraph 19, column 3, but does not appear in his abstract Statement of the resources of the Calastry Zemindar in page 15, unless it be considered to come under the head of taxes on caste.

6. With reference to their third complaint, it appears that this house-tax is paid for the land on which the house stands. It is paid by all other castes, and petitioners now state that they have no objection to it.

7. With reference to their fourth complaint, it appears that this Katnam has been paid from time immemorial, but in the Chembedu Firka or Division only. As the item is nowhere included in Stratton's report, its legality is open to doubt, although the Zemindar's Vakcel states that it has been collected for the last eighty years.

8. For their fifth complaint, petitioners have their remedy in a criminal charge of theft against the Peons or Monigars. The Zemindar states that such exactions are not countenanced or known of by him.

9. As it has now been explained to the petitioners that the payment of the items mentioned in the sixth, seventh, and eighth heads of their complaint is entirely voluntary, they say they have no further complaint to make on the subject.

10. The answer to the tenth head of their complaint has been given above. As the Toties, etc., receive a mukta or fixed grain-rent for every village, they cannot now demand merah or special grain-fees from the holders of land on favourable quit-rent.

11. The great complaint of the Toties is, that they are under-paid, but so they are every where, and until some better method of remunerating the services of this hard-worked class throughout the whole of South India is introduced, petitioners' claims are not worthy of more favourable notice than those of their brethren in the Government talooks.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Petition.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to their endorsement, No. 2,061 of 1869, dated 16th September.

2. It will be observed that petitioners' first and second complaints are groundless, and that they withdraw their third, sixth, seventh, and eighth; the ninth (not *tenth*, as written by the Head Assistant) is comprised in the first, and the fifth is not so much a complaint against the Zemindar as against his Peons, for which they have a remedy provided by law.

3. As to the fourth head of complaint, it appears that the charge has been paid from time immemorial, though its legality is doubtful.

4. No doubt as observed by the Head Assistant, the real ground of complaint is the insufficiency of their income.

5. The Collector should not have sent on his Head Assistant's letter, without some explanation of the numerous Vernacular expressions used in it.

No. 352.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1870, No. 1,309.

Miscellaneous.

THE following endorsement will be passed on petition No. 2,061 of 1869:—

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23rd August 1870.*

"The Government are unable to aid petitioners whose means of obtaining redress appears to lie in the Civil Courts."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Petition Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter Papers

Petition from Mr. Pappade
& S. Rajade & several others
the Rates & Salaries of the
several villages in Katakudy
Taluk, North Arcot. (Here enter 20 August 1869 No 2061)

Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue (24 May 1870 "3,360")

Order thereon.

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great trouble & hindrance
as far as the interference
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The Board are re-
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lection of "Dawood Khan
Kotnam" by the Zamindars
from his tenants, the
legality of which they admit
to be doubtful.

2. The Board will also
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
in relation to the petition of Mr. Pappade
& S. Rajade & several others
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Taluk, North Arcot.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 23^d August 1870:

Read the following. *Papers.*

Petition from M. Pichpade and
S. Nagade & several others, the
Jotus & Saliaries of the several
villages in Kalahasti Taluq.
North Arcot.

N.E. 25. Aug. 1869. No. 2061.

Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue

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will be passed on petition No. 2561
of 1869:-

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"aid petitioners whose means
"of obtaining redress appears
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