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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 246. Read the following Proceedin[gs] of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th October 1870, N[o.] 6,021 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting [Collector] of Tinnevelly, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue [dated] 27th July 1870, No. 368.

With reference to Board's Proceeding[s], No. 1,163, dated 19th February 1870, I have the honour to forward, herewith, [copy] of a letter from the Acting Sub-Collector Mr. Stuart, showing the duties pe[rformed] by the servants attached to the Tirukurungudy Chuttrum, and, under the c[ircumstances] now set forth, to withdraw my recommendation for the increase to [the] Monigar's salary, contained in my letter, No. 9, dated 17th January 1870.

2. It appears the Sub-Collector has f[ound] it necessary to remove the whole Chuttrum establishment on account of sys[tematic] and continued spoliation of the Chuttrum property, and has given the fee[ding] of travellers on contract for six months on trial. I quite approve of this ar[rangement] as tending to prevent further misappropriation of the trust property. I request the Board will be pleased to allow the present arrangement a trial.

3. There is no order of Government o[r] Board sanctioning any establishment for the Chuttrum on record; but it appears [that] servants have from time to time been appointed by different officers.

Enclosure No. 1.

From A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Nanguneri, 21st July 1870, No. 238.

In reply to your official memorandum, No. 954, dated 29th June 1870, I have the honour to state that the duties of the various officers of the Trukurungudi Chuttrum were as follow :—

(1.) Monigar, general supervision both of Chuttrum charities and estate.

(2.) Clerk, to keep accounts of expenditure of paddy, rice, ghee, etc., etc., in daily consumption, and to furnish accounts and returns required by the Government.

(3.) The Curnum to help the above Clerk with the accounts of the charity.

(4.) Another Curnum to keep the accounts of the estate lands, etc.

(5.) Store-keeper, in charge of the vessels in use and the grain stored in the Chuttrum. Up to the present time the Chuttrum tenants have paid their dues in grain; it is proposed shortly to convert this into money-payment.

(6.) The Cooks are supposed to prepare food for 20 to 50 or 100 travellers per diem.

(7.) The extra Cooks are employed on particular occasions for short times when the press of travellers is great.

(8.) The Peon helps in the management of the Chuttrum, keeps order among the hungry travellers, and carries messages over the estate.

(9.) Sweepers I need not describe.

(10.) The Measurer is to see that the paddy received and expended is correctly entered in the accounts.

(11.) The Gardeners attached to a nandavanam or flower garden, which has been kept up as a part of the institution to provide flowers for the Chuttrum Kovil, one of the old buildings, to which also the Poojaree and the Reader of the Vedas are attached. These last are the last relics of bye-gone religious feelings.

(12.) The term "Greens" is not, as might be supposed, a personal sobriquet, but means a regular expenditure on vegetables for dainty travellers

2. None of these servants are supposed to
of them help themselves, it being impossible to
by the entry of a few more travellers in the d
claim to a hereditary right. There were sever
year, but none of them were substantiated in
been for a great many years under Governme
should so remain.

3. When it is explained that the reven
old, and that the expenditure for the charity al
amounts to some Rupees 7,672 per annum, on
any sort of satisfactory check, it will, I think,
per mensem to take charge of a concern such
to the temptations by which he is surrounded, a
holding this post together with all the chief o
to various terms of imprisonment for embezz
extensive manner. Three Gumastahs of the N
city in these embezzlements.

4. An entirely new establishment was p
I regret to be obliged to report that I had yes
frauds of the same kind, though to a smaller
temptations and the ease with which embezzle
Tirukurangudi have got into of looking on it a
taluq, the source of corruption which it seem
impossible to control or prevent under the pres

5. I have therefore taken the present
I hope, will meet your approval. I have made
Munsif of a village close by, to contract for the
are undoubtedly liberal terms, viz., the monthl
to be paid in paddy and money monthly, and
thus get as profit all that the officials have hitl
profit. He is a respectable Brahmin, and will g
the present engagement to six months, to be te
to me, after one month's notice to him. He w
an end for ever to a standing scandal and sourc

6. The estate is being demarcated and
ments in place of the present system of grain-
of illicit gains, viz., the division of the crop b
will besides be a great boon to the tenants, as
more permanent as well as less arbitrary syste

7. As regards the first question asked by
Chuttrum was ever reported to the Board or G
tioned any particular scale of establishment.
lishment is the result of gradual additions ma
copies of all the district orders I can procure
system I have started for managing the charity

be fed at the Chuttrum; but, without doubt, most
prevent this kind of fraud, so easily accounted for
ily account. None of them pretend to have any
l claims put forward to the Chuttrum estate last
a satisfactory manner; and, as the Chuttrum has
t management, it is, in every respect, best that it

e of this estate in Fasli 1278 was Rupees 13,825
ne, *i.e.*, the feeding of travellers, chiefly Brahmins,
which expenditure it is simply impossible to devise
e clear why any person who can be got for Rs. 10
as this will, in nine cases out of ten, give way
d double and treble his income. The man hitherto
ficials of the Chuttrum were sentenced last year
ing the Chuttrum property in a systematic and
nguneri Taluq have also been dismissed for compli-

t in after the catastrophe above referred to; but
erday to pass sentence of dismissal upon them for
extent. The fact is, this Chuttrum, with all its
ient can go on as well as the habit the villagers of
their lawful prey, has become a plague spot in the
no severity is sufficient to stop, and which it is
nt system.

opportunity to give a trial to a new system which,
arrangements with a respectable man, the Village
eeding of the travellers. I have allowed him what
average of the expenditure of the last six months,
five per cent. in excess for his trouble. He will
erto embezzled, and will, I doubt not, make a good
ve the requisite security. I have arranged to limit
minated at any time, if serious complaints are made
ill enter on his duties at once, and will I trust put
e of general corruption in this taluq.

lassified preparatory to introducing money-assess-
ayment. This will remove the only other source
tween the renters and the Chuttrum officials, and
the assessments will be revised and placed upon a

the Board, I do not think the taking over of the
overnment at all, or that they have directly sanc-
This was an act of the Collector's, and the estab-
e at different times by different officers. I enclose
n the subject, and I strongly recommend that the
on the contract system have a fair trial.

THE Board concur with the Acting Collector in thinking that the system proposed by Mr. Stuart is deserving of a fair trial. He will be good enough to report on it at the expiration of the six months, and will also submit a copy of the agreement entered into by the contractor.

2. The Board are of opinion that the expenditure on the feeding of travellers might probably be curtailed without injustice to those fairly dependent on the Chuttrum, and request the Collector to consider this point and to submit proposals for utilizing the large balance at its credit every year. After providing fully for repairs there would probably be a balance sufficient to pay for a school and a small dispensary as sanctioned in Tanjore. The Collector should be guided by the views of Government as expressed in their Orders (Nos. 2,632 of 14th October 1868, 2,086 of 19th July 1869, and 2,859 of 27th October 1869) reviewing the scheme submitted by the Collector of Tanjore for the better management of the Chuttrums in that district. A copy of these Proceedings will be submitted for the information of Government.

No. 247. ORDER THEREON, 24th October 1870, No. 1,622.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Dept
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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 7TH OCTOBER, 1870, No. 6021.

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OCTOBER 24th

No. 6,021.

Tirukurungudi Chuttrum—in Tinnevelly District,—System proposed of giving on contract feeding of travellers arriving at, approved.—Collector requested to submit proposals for curtailing expenditure on feedings, and for better utilizing the large balance found to remain a credit of Chuttrum every year.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated October, 24th.

Read. *Encl.*

G. O., 24th October 1870, *No.* 1,622.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 246-247.

Tirukurungudi Chuttrum in Tinnevelly District.—Proceedings Board of Revenue on the subject of curtailing expenditure and utilizing the large balance every year, recorded.