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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 339. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th October 1870, No. 6,173:—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 17th September 1870, No. 2,488.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, dated 3rd June 1870, No. 808, referred to me for report on the 6th instant by endorsement No. 747, Miscellaneous.

2. The Zemindar of Calastry having requested Government to empower him to collect Moturpha under provisions similar to those of Act VIII. of 1865, the Government desire that an arrangement may be made for the commutation of such demand as he may be entitled to make by a reduction in the peishcush payable by him, and that the same course may be followed in the case of other Zemindars named.

3. The estates in this district, to which reference is made, are the Zemindar of Venkatagherry and a portion of the Calastry Zemindari which is situated partly in the sub-division and partly in the principal division.

4. The annual amount of the Moturpha collection in the Venkatagherry estate is Rupees 12,902-6-0. Rupees 51,609-8-0 have already been paid to the Rajah as compensation for discontinuing the collection of this impost from 1st July 1861 to 30th June 1865, *vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 28th May 1867, No. 3,286.

5. If a permanent deduction from the peishcush of the Venkatagherry Rajah is finally resolved upon, the average annual amount referred to may be taken as the basis.

6. In paragraph 25 of the Order of Government, dated 25th November 1865, No. 2,906, it was pointed out that the Zemindar of Calastry had not discontinued the collection of the Moturpha-tax, with reference to the Order of Government, prohibiting such collections. It was on this ground that no compensation was allowed to him, nor were any accounts called for or examined as in the case of Venkatagherry.

7. I have called upon the Calastry Zemindar to furnish me with villagewar details of collections of Moturpha for the last ten or more years, on receipt of which the local officer will be called upon to examine and check them as far as possible, and the result will be intimated to the Board. This examination must be a work of time and labour.

THE Collector should ascertain what arrangement the Zemindar of Vencatagherry is disposed to agree to.

2. The annual collection on account of Moturpha will, as the Collector says, be the basis of the calculation, but that amount will be subjected to material deductions on account of the difficulty of making collection, etc.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th October 1870.

No. 340. ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1870, No. 1,667.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government await the Board's further report.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated October, 28th.

Read. Encl.

G. O., 28th October 1870, No. 1,667.

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Moturpha-tax in Vencatagherry Zemindari.—Board's further report as to the arrangements to be made by the Zemindar for its commutation, awaited.