

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,

7th March 1871.

Read the following :—

No. 113. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th January 1871, No. 92.

Read the following letter from the Collector of South Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Punrootty, 14th December 1870, No. 329.

I HAVE the honour to report the following case for the orders of the Board.

2. When assigning lands to the Devastanum in Tindivanam certain lands belonging to the Jain Caste were made over, and their owners, in Fasli 1277, objected on the ground that they were not willing to pay the assessment to a temple with which they had no connection or interest.

3. The lands in question, assessed at Rs. 223-10-1, were resumed to Iyen in the same year, and the Dhurmakurtahs were directed to select other lands in lieu as well as for Rs. 14-2-4 additional to cover the deficiency caused by the imposition of Road Cess on Inam lands under Act III. of 1866.

4. The Dhurmakurtahs accordingly selected other lands, but very late in Fasli 1278, and on the 25th January 1869 orders were given by me for the assignment of these lands to the temple in question. But before this order Rs. 219-15-10 had been collected and credited to Government for Fasli 1278, and Rs. 223-10-1 for Fasli 1277. These two sums, added to Rs. 14-2-4, the loss as above sustained by the Dhurmakurtahs in Fasli 1277 on account of Road Cess, make a total of Rs. 457-12-3 which the Dhurmakurtahs now request may be refunded to them; and I have the honour to recommend their application for the sanction of the Board, as the amount strictly belongs to the temples, of which they are the representatives and managers.

THE Board do not understand how the Road Cess Act created a deficiency which it is incumbent on Government to make up. If it did so in the case of this Devastanum, it must have done so in the case of every landed proprietor. The Collector is requested to give some further explanation of his meaning.

No. 114. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th February 1871, No. 758.

Read again Board's Proceedings, 9th January 1871, No. 92.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of South Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Merkanum, 23rd January 1871, No. 17.

IN reference to the Board's Proceedings No. 92, under date the 9th instant, I have the honour to submit the explanation asked for.

2. When lands were assigned to Devastanums in lieu of money-payments, the Road Cess was 1 Anna per acre, and was included with the land assessment without being distinguished, and lands were assigned to Dhurmakurtahs on the gross assessment including Road Cess, and which they were allowed to collect for Devastanums. But when Act III. of 1866 was brought into force the rate of the Road Cess was raised to $\frac{1}{2}$ Anna on each Rupee, and the old Road Cess, which had been

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joined with the land assessment, was taken off from the assessment of the land, and became a separate tax payable only to Government on all lands whether Inam or Devastanum. This process created a loss or deficiency to the Dhurmakurtahs at Rs. 6-4-0 per hundred cawnies. They asked that new lands might be assigned to them to make up the above loss or deficiency in the several Devastanums, and their request was complied with as it appeared to me only equitable. The Dhurmakurtahs of Tindevanum did not at once select lands to make up the deficiency. In Fasli 1278 only lands equal to the loss were assigned, but they claim a refund of the loss they incurred in Fasli 1277, which amounts to Rs. 14-2-4, and for which, in my previous letter, I have applied for the sanction of the Board.

3. I trust the foregoing will be sufficiently explicit.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. In assigning lands in lieu of money-endowment to the Tindevanum Devastanum it was not taken into account that 1 Anna an acre of the land assessment belonged to the Road Fund. The total amount was Rs. 14-2-4, and it was collected from the Dhurmakurtahs in Fasli 1277. The lands, assessed at Rs. 223-10-1, which were originally assigned, belong to Jains who objected to the assignment, and their objection being allowed, the lands were taken from the Dhurmakurtahs in Fasli 1277, and land in lieu of them was not given till January 1869, when Rs. 223-10-1 had been collected by Government for Fasli 1277, and Rs. 219-15-10 for Fasli 1278.

3. The Board accordingly request Government to accord their sanction to a refund of Rs. 457-12-3.

No. 115.

ORDER THEREON, 7th March 1871, No. 413.

Land Revenue.

REFUND sanctioned, Rs. 457-12-3.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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PROCEEDINGS, 17TH FEBRUARY 1871, No. 758.

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FEBRUARY.
No. 758.

Refund of assessment,—amounting to Rupees 457-12-3, collected from Dhurmakurtahs of Tindevanum Devastanum in South Arcot for Faslies 1277 and 1278, on account of certain lands assigned to that Devastanum and subsequently resumed.—Sanction of Government requested for,

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14. To the Board of Revenue, 1871, and to the Accountant-General, 1871.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Ac., Ac., Ac.

Dated March 7th.

Recd.

Sect.

G. O., 7th March 1871, No. 413.

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Nos. 112—115.

Assessment collected from certain Dharmakartaks in South Arcot.—Refund of the amount recommended by the Board of Revenue, sanctioned.