

*Act of the Board
for the under-lease
of land in Madras
Paddy for 1869-70*

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th April 1871.*

No. 260. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th February 1871, No. 867:—

Read the following letters:—

From the Acting Collector of Chingleput, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 9th December 1870, No. 530.

WITH reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honour to forward an original letter addressed to me by Tavasamuttu Nadan, son of Vellia Nadan, the late Abkarry Contractor of this district, together with its enclosure.

2. The enclosure above referred to is a copy of the petition which Tavasamuttu Nadan presented to the Board in June 1867, and which the Board desired me to obtain from Tavasamuttu Nadan and forward to them.

3. The petition in question does not, however, contain any information as to the grounds on which the lease was extended to the late renter.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Letter from Tavasamuttu Nadan,

From the Acting Collector of Chingleput, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 13th January 1871, No. 17.

As requested in the Board's Official Memorandum, No. 14, of the 7th instant, I have the honour to return the three Nos. 3,614 of 1868, 2,472 and 2,733 of 1869. petitions noted in the margin, presented by V. Tavasamuttu Nadan, and forwarded with Board's Proceedings of the 28th February 1870.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 3.—Petitions.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to Government Order, dated 11th February 1870, No. 191.

2. In their Proceedings of the 10th September 1869, No. 6,793, the Board submitted to Government petitions from Tavasamuttu Nadan, the son of a late Abkarry Renter of the Chingleput District, and recommended that Rs. 20,000 should be granted to him on account of the Takanam Savadi Shop which was entered by mistake in the Chingleput (Madras) list when his father took the Abkarry contract for five years beginning in July 1862.

3. Government remarked that Tavasamuttu Nadan had applied for a year's extension of the lease in 1867, that it was granted to him, and that the concession was probably intended to be in full satisfaction for all the renter's alleged losses. To verify the facts they called for the petition in answer to which the extension of the lease was allowed.

4. This petition has now been produced. It is dated June 1867. In the previous year Rs. 20,000 had been offered to the renter as compensation for the

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loss of the Takanam Savadi shop, and he had refused to accept it, claiming more. In the petition the subject is alluded to as one about which no equitable orders had been passed (paragraph 4). The extension of the lease was specially asked for "in consideration of the past adverse seasons and the consequent heavy losses." Hence it cannot be said that the renter distinctly offered to give up his Takanam Savadi claim if the lease were extended. On the contrary, he says: "even now if myself and the renter of North Arcot are confronted this claim for compensation can be easily settled."

5. On the other hand, it is clear on examining what passed in the Board's Office at the time that the Board, as then constituted, regarded the prayer for an extension of the lease on the existing rent as an admission that the rent was not too high, and did not contemplate a revival of the Takanam Savadi claim, liberal compensation for which had been previously offered and "definitively refused."

6. Nevertheless, the mistake of entering the village of Takanam Savadi in the Chingleput (Madras) list was one which lays the Government open to a Suit for damages, and the Board still think it undesirable to refuse to give it consideration.

No. 261. ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1871, No. 731.

Separate Revenue, No. 13.

Abkarry.

UNDER the circumstances now brought to light by the production of the petition from Tavasamuttu Nadan, dated June 1867, and his letter to the

Collector of Madras, dated the 7th June 1867, the Government resolve to authorize the disbursement to Tavasamuttu Nadan of the Rs. 20,000 applied for by him in paragraph 2 of his petition to the Board No. 2,733 of 1869, on condition that he accepts this sum in full satisfaction of all claims connected with his late Abkarry rental. Should the above, or any larger amount, be now due by him to Government, the sanctioned payment will be adjusted by cross entries in the accounts, if he executes the required release.

2. It is to be regretted that the Board in extending the petitioner's lease in 1867 for an additional year, did not make a formal acknowledgment of the nature just described a necessary condition of the concession.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department.

W-731.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

24th April 1871

Read the following letter

The Board of Revenue

Submitting letters from Collr:
of Chingleput forwarding
Petⁿ addressed to Board
in 1867 by Tavasamuttu
Nadan, son of late Abkarry
Renter applying for extension
of Abkarry lease, of Madras
Rs. for one year.

27 Feb. 1871, No. 1067

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14. To Mr. D. of Que. with the Envelope dated 25-
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Read the following papers :—

No. 262. From Lieutenant-Colonel A. C. PEARSON, Postmaster-General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 20th January 1871, No. 5,586-1,495 :—

With reference to Government Order, dated 10th instant, No. 60, paragraph 2 (enclosure returned), I have the honour to state that all bearing letters (whether service or private), addressed to a Branch Post Office, are sent first to the Head Office to which the Branch Office is subordinate.

2. This is in accordance with rule, and is quite unavoidable as Branch Offices keep no accounts.

3. Only the smallest offices are made Branch Offices. There are 126 in the whole Presidency, and as bearing covers only are liable to be thus sent, the inconvenience resulting from it is very inconsiderable.

No. 263. From Major R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Anamallay, 20th March 1871, No. 2,680.

With reference to the Government Order, No. 60, of the 10th of January last, I have the honour to submit the following statement showing the amount of postage incurred monthly, the number of covers addressed to, and received from, non-privileged officers in most of our ranges. I have received no returns from South Canara, Cuddapah, or Goomsur, but will not detain the statement any longer :—

	Amount of postage incurred monthly.	Number of covers addressed to non-privileged officers annually.	Number of covers received from non-privileged officers annually.
	RS. A. P.		
Mudumallay ...	4 0 0	359	363
Wynaad ...	1 4 0	91	65
South Arcot ...	Not known.	441	520
Anamallay ...	6 9 0	552	420
Salem ...	1 3 0	Not known.	47
North Arcot ...	Not known.	904	656
Madura and Tinnevely ...	36 0 0	992	1,052
Kurnool ...	Not known.	135	179

2. I only request that our officers may be privileged within their districts, and that the Post Office may be allowed to keep an account with each Forest Office for all letters received and despatched within the range; this will obviate the necessity of supplying Overseers, Gumastas, and lower subordinates, with letter-weights, stamps, etc., etc., and save very much time and trouble in our accounts, etc.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April 24th.

Recd.

End.

G. O., 24th April 1871, No. 731.

APRIL.
Nos. 260-261.

Madras Akkary Lease.—Application of the
renter for its extension for one year, and claiming
compensation for alleged losses, with orders thereon.