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Government of Madras.

Revenue

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	187.	Press Mis.
Dated	27. 1	1871

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No. 387. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th November 1870, No. 6,624 :—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 18th September 1870, No. 4,227.

WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 15th March 1869, communicating the Orders of Government, dated 1st March 1869, No. 530, sanctioning the refund to the Zemindar of Davarakota Pargana of certain arrears of peishcush with interest at six per cent. per annum, I have the honour to submit the following report called for on the general question of reduction of peishcush on the above estate.

2. In paragraph 4 of their Proceedings, No. 4,510, dated 18th June 1863, the Board directed me to ask the Zemindar if he was willing to produce his original accounts, from which the figures in his statement, showing the average annual collections of the estate from Fasli 1256 up to Fasli 1275, were taken. The Zemindar was accordingly called upon to produce the original accounts upon which his calculations were based.

3. After repeated calls the Zemindar produced original Village Dowle accounts, bearing the signatures of the Village Curnums for some Faslies, and Ayurza accounts kept at his Huzur, showing the collections of each village on each date during the twelve months of the year for the remaining Faslies. He informed me at the same time that the Village Dowle accounts for the latter period were destroyed during the cyclone of November 1864.

4. The accounts in question have been carefully examined in my office. In his former account the Zemindar stated that the average annual collections from the estate for twenty years, from Fasli 1256 to 1275, for which period the said accounts have now been produced, were Rs. 1,15,667, which, after deducting the Government demand, left an average annual sum of Rs. 34,270 as the share of the

	RS.	A.	P.
Peishcush...	81,397	0	0
One-third of the Zemindar...	40,698	8	0
Total...	1,22,095	8	0

Zemindar; or Rs. 6,428 less than one-third calculated on the peishcush as it now stands. On examining the original accounts of the sixty-seven villages, it appeared that in his first statement, the

Zemindar omitted to take into calculation the collections in Faslies from 1256 to 1275, of arrears pertaining to Faslies anterior to Fasli 1256, as well as the

* Mungalapuram and Palankepad.

collections of the two villages noted in the margin from Fasli 1256 to 1275, as also the arrears collected on account of these villages. The explanation by the Zemindar's Vakeel, who produced these accounts, for omitting these two villages, was that they were given to the Zemindar's adoptive mother for her maintenance as a private arrangement. The full value of these two villages being included in the assets of the entire Zemindari with reference to which the peishcush was originally fixed, such private transfer without proper sub-division and registry in the Collector's office agreeably to the provisions of Regulation XXV. of 1802 does not exempt the Zemindar from the payment of any part of the public land-tax assessed on the entire Zemindari. I therefore sent for from the Zemindar the original accounts of these two villages from Fasli 1256 to 1275, and examined them also.

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5. I beg to forward, herewith, a detailed statement showing the collections from the entire estate on account of current and arrears from Fasli 1256 to 1275. The Board will observe from the above that the average annual collections for twenty years, from Fasli 1256 to 1275, was Rs. 1,18,717, which, after deducting the present peishcush, Rs. 81,397, leaves an average annual sum of Rs. 37,320 as the share of the Zemindar, or Rs. 3,378 less than the one-third, viz., Rs. 40,698-8-0, calculated on the peishcush as it now stands.

	RS.	A.	P.
Peishcush	81,397	0	0
Zemindar's one-third...	40,698	8	0
Total...	1,22,095	8	0

6. The marginal statement shows the amount of peishcush and water-rate paid by the Zemindar from Fasli 1256 to 1275, and also the sums remitted to him on account of certain items.

	Peishcush.	
	RS.	A. P.
Fasli 1256... ..	85,550	0 0
" 1257... ..	85,550	0 0
" 1258... ..	85,550	0 0
" 1259... ..	85,550	0 0
" 1260... ..	85,550	0 0
" 1261... ..	85,550	0 0
" 1262... ..	85,550	0 0
" 1263... ..	85,550	0 0
" 1264... ..	85,550	0 0
" 1265... ..	85,550	0 0
" 1266... ..	85,550	0 0
" 1267... ..	85,550	0 0
" 1268... ..	85,550	0 0
" 1269... ..	85,550	0 0
" 1270... ..	82,812	0 0
" 1271... ..	82,812	0 0
" 1272... ..	81,397	0 0
" 1273... ..	81,397	0 0
" 1274... ..	81,397	0 0
" 1275... ..	81,397	0 0
Total...	16,88,972	0 0
Add water-rate for Faslies 1272, 1273, 1274, and 1275	50,280	0 0
Grand Total...	17,39,252	0 0

DEDUCTIONS.
Amount refunded to the Zemindar on account of Shroff Russoom struck out as per sanction of Government, dated 8th October 1860, at Rs. 2,708.
In this account is included for fourteen years Rs. 37,912 0 0

REMISSIONS.
For Fasli 1274 ... 49,793 3 1
Do: 1275 ... 30,079 1 11
79,872 5 0

Remainder actually paid to Government ... 16,21,467 11 0
Average ... 81,073 6 2

* Note.—From villages not inundated by the sea.
deposit in Fasli 1273. A sum of Rs. 31,426-12-0 was collected in Fasli 1274* on

The average annual peishcush actually paid is Rs. 81,073-6-2; the difference between this sum and the peishcush, Rs. 81,397, is only Rs. 324, which arose from deductions made.

7. The figures for Faslies 1272, 1273, 1274, and 1275, in the statement now forwarded, differ materially from those embodied in the Collector's report, dated 9th March 1867, No. 65, recorded in the Board's Proceedings, dated 16th August 1867, No. 5,321, because the latter did not include some items as explained below.

8. The collections in Fasli 1272 on account of arrears of former Faslies were not included in full in the sum of Rs. 1,44,276 entered for Fasli 1272. A great portion of the collections of rent amount for Fasli 1273, namely, Rs. 1,39,790, was brought to account by the Zemindar in Fasli 1274, as it was kept in

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account of the demand of that Fasli. The collections in Fasli 1275 on account of the arrears of former Faslies were not included in the estimated collections of Fasli 1275, namely, Rs. 1,20,791.

9. The permanent settlement of this estate was made in the year 1802 with the Zemindar Kodanda Ram. From that period down to the management of the present Zemindar it does not appear that the Zemindars have ever had the full amount of their one-third share of the assets estimated by the Circuit Committee. The results of each period of management both by the Zemindar and by the officers of Government, while under attachment for arrears of peishcush, and on account of the minority of the present Zemindar, are fully detailed in paragraph 4 of Mr. Wilson's report, dated 30th November 1867, No. 432. The Board will observe therefrom that in all periods there was some deficiency in the collections of the estate; such a state of things threw the late proprietors into difficulties. They had to borrow money for the discharge of the Government peishcush and for their maintenance.

10. Mungamury Ananta Lutchmo Narasu Puntulu rented this estate from Fasli 1273 for Rs. 1,53,030 a-year, with a view to increase the area of wet cultivation by excavating branch irrigation channels. The result of this lease, however, was disputes between him and the Zemindar which led them both to the Civil Court.

11. In reply to the concluding part of paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings under reply, I beg to report that the Zemindar was called upon to send a statement showing the extent of cultivable waste in his estate; but he has not sent the same. There are no accounts in this office from which this information can be gathered. I have again called upon the Zemindar for the same, and will communicate the result to the Board when his reply is received, but do not wish longer to delay this report.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the collections of current and arrears of the Devarakota Zemindari from Fasli 1256 to 1275.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to Government Order, 10th June 1869, No. 1,641.

2. In 1859 the Zemindar of Devarakotta applied for compensation on account of an item called Shroff Russooms, the collection of which in the estate was discontinued by the Court of Wards in 1820-21, and requested that the amount of the item might be deducted from his peishcush in future.

3. The then Collector Mr. Knox proposed to allow the Zemindar to resume the collection of Shroff Russooms, but said he saw no occasion whatever to reduce the peishcush as the estate was in a very flourishing condition.

4. Eventually Government considered it was only just to compensate the Zemindar for the loss of the Shroff Russooms, the peishcush was reduced by the amount of the item minus ten per cent., and a ready-money payment was made.

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5. At the permanent settlement the peishcush was fixed at two-thirds of the assets, Rs. 1,54,036. The amount was therefore Rs. 1,02,690, and the Zemindar's income was estimated at Rs. 51,345.

6. The peishcush was reduced on account of resumed "Durbar expenses" in 1846 and on account of "Shroff Russooms" as has been mentioned above in 1860. It now amounts to Rs. 81,397. Calculated on the terms of the permanent settlement, the Zemindar's income should be Rs. 40,698, and the total assets Rs. 1,22,096; but as the intention in making the reductions of 1846 and 1860 was to leave the *net* income the same as at the permanent settlement, it should really be about Rs. 49,000, and the assets ought therefore to be Rs. 1,30,397.

7. In the account submitted by Mr. Boswell, which is based on information given by the Zemindar, and carefully corrected, the average annual receipts for the last twenty years are given as Rs. 1,18,717, but it must be remembered that these years include one of extraordinary disaster on account of which Government remitted Rs. 90,000 of peishcush.

8. In Fasli 1270 the collections amounted to Rs. 2,22,037. Even in the year after the cyclone they amounted to Rs. 1,49,289, and making all due allowance for the water-rate paid to Government, this is more than the calculations of the permanent settlement would allow.

9. It cannot be contested that the peishcush was fixed too high at first, and that from this cause as well as the resumption of Durbar expenses and Shroff Russooms without immediate compensation, the estate suffered severely for many years, but the case is different now. All claims to compensation have been met in a liberal spirit, and the estate which is eminently improveable has made great advances of late years.

10. The Board are of opinion that the Zemindar has failed to make out his case, and they consider the present peishcush moderate. It is less than the amount which Mr. Knox saw no reason to reduce in 1860.

No. 388.

ORDER THEREON, 27th January 1871, No. 187.

Land Revenue.

THE Government concur with the Board in considering that sufficient concession has already been made to the claims of the Devarakota Zemindar for reduction of peishcush and remission of arrears.

2. The Board will inform the Zemindar of the decision of Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Revenue Department

1877-1878.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 27th Aug/71.

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue. —

Submitting Kistna Collector's
report relative to reduction of Pishanah
perpetual by Zamindar of Damarakota
Pargana with remarks against reduction. (H. & 12th Nov/70 N. 6, 624)

If the prop receipts of the
estate now amount to Rs. 2.22.000.
the effects of the cyclone must
be quite ~~material~~ + I don't
see the necessity of making further
concession.

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The Government's course
with the Board in considering
sufficient concession has already
been ~~made~~ ^{made} to the claims of the
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of pishanah and remission
arrears. The Government's decision
to ~~reduction~~ ^{reduction} of pishanah
is ~~final~~ ^{final}.

2. The Board will inform
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of Government.

In follow up of the report with an Encl.
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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated January, 27th.

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Kistna District.—Proceedings Board of Revenue
relating to its reduction, with orders thereon.

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