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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th July 1872.*

No. 227A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th July 1872, No. 1,304:—

Read again Board's Proceedings, 20th February 1872, Miscellaneous No. 1,500.

Read also the following letters:—

From G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 8th May 1872, No. 1,398.

WITH reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 28th February 1872, No. 1,500, I have the honour to forward, herewith, a Statement, showing the amaracum and collections of the Village of Swerna from Faslies 1276 to 1280. The causes of the increase and decrease are detailed in the Remark column of the Statement.

2. It will be seen from the above, that the average yearly demand for the past five years is Rupees 9,568, while the actual average collection is Rs. 9,046.

3. It appears that the wet lands of this village have yearly been settled on the sharing system.

4. The lands of this village came under the influence of Kistna anicut channels from Fasli 1277. A Statement of the land irrigated from Faslies 1277 to 1280 is forwarded, for the information of the Board. The Curnams say that a portion of this land is usual wet.

5. In reply to paragraph 5 of the Proceedings, I beg to inform that the Tahsildar of Bapatla Taluq has been directed to compare the figures in the memorandum with the Village Accounts, and test their accuracy. As soon as his reply is received, the result will be communicated to the Board.

6. The Dewan of the Rajah of Venkatagiri has sent to me a Statement, showing the demand and collections of the village from Faslies 1276 to 1280. It differs the least in the world with the Statement of the Curnams.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements.

From G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th June 1872, No. 1,442.

At the request of the Rajah of Venkatagiri, I have the honour to enclose a Telugu letter* addressed by him to the Board of Revenue, with English translation, regarding the village of Swerna,

* 12th June 1872, No. 1.

Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, No. 2,026,
dated 16th March 1872.

in the Kistna District, which forms the subject of the correspondence marginally noted.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Letter from Rajah of Venkatagiri with its translation.

IN July 1871 a proposal was made for the transfer of the village of Swerna by the Venkatagiri Zemindar to Government in consideration of the assessment

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being deducted from his pesheush. The Board highly approved the proposal, and directed the Collector of Kistna at once to estimate the value of the village. Board's Proceedings, No. 3,185, 31st July 1871.

2. The Acting Collector of Kistna (Mr. Hannington) replied on the 18th January 1872, giving the return of the village for a single year, Fasli 1280, showing the demand for that year to be Rupees 9,819. The Board, in reply, called for further information stating that one year's return was altogether insufficient as data to form a calculation on, and showing that the collections from Fasli 1267 to Fasli 1276, as given by the Collector of Nellore, averaged only Rupees 5,364. The Collector of Nellore called attention to the matter in March, and was furnished with a copy of the Board's Proceedings above quoted, with a view to elicit any remark the Zemindar might have to make as to the amount of his collections.

3. The Collector of Kistna, in May, replied to the Board's Proceedings of February 28th, giving the collections of the village, as desired, from Fasli 1276 to 1280, as rendered by the Curnams, showing an average collection of Rs. 9,046, and stating that the return furnished by the Dewan of the Zemindar differed but very slightly from those figures. He stated that the Tahsildar had been directed to verify the figures from the Village Accounts, and the matter was allowed to rest, pending the receipt of this report; and now the Zemindar writes again pressing for early settlement, but saying nothing about the sum he is willing to accept as abatement of pesheush as compensation for the village.

4. There can be no doubt that the Zemindar's offer to transfer the village ought to be accepted. As an isolated tract in the Kistna District it has always been a source of difficulty. It lies under the Kommamur channel, and can be supplied from the anicut, and will probably largely increase in value under Government management.

5. The Board see no object in waiting for further report.

6. The Zemindar's average annual Collections for the past five years amount to Rupees 9,046, and in this is included Rupees 766, ready money items, of which a part cannot be considered as belonging to the Zemindar. In Fasli 1280, for instance, Rupees 208 of the amount is made up of road cess collections. The average for ten years preceding the five years here given is very much lower, being only about Rupees 4,580. No doubt the anicut irrigation has affected the lands, although the demand for water-rate has been resisted.

7. The Board resolve to use Government to effect a diminution of pesheush, amounting to Rupees 8,000, allowing for expenses of collection, etc. The Government may enter in possession from the beginning of the current Fasli.

8. There are disputes about water-rate, claims to compensation for land taken up, etc., and all of which will be settled by the transfer of the village.

9. The Board are informed by their Acting First Member that many troublesome questions will be shelved by the transfer. He is very confident that the

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Transfer will be greatly to the gain both of Government and of the ryots. The village being remote from Venkatagiri is never visited by the Zemindar, and has been handed over to renters who resist all attempts at improvement.

No. 227B. ORDER THEREON, 26th July 1872, No. 1,123A.

Land Revenue.

THE Governor in Council authorizes the Board of Revenue to offer the Rajah of Vencatagiri an abatement of Rs. 8,000 from his annual pesheush in consideration of his relinquishment to Government of the isolated village of Swarna in the Kistna District belonging to his estate, of which he desires to be relieved as an encumbrance from its position and circumstances.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Ac. No. 1.

Dated July 20th.

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G. O. 26th July 1872, No. 1, 123A

JULY.

NOS. 227A-227B.

Village of Saurin in Kishna Dist.
Board of Revenue authorized to offer the Raja
of Venkatagiri an abatement of Rs. 8,000 from
his annual peshcush in consideration of his
relinquishment to Government of the village's
question belonging to his estate, of which he
desires to be relieved as an encumbrance from
its position and circumstances.

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JULY.
No. 1,304.

Village of Swerna in Kistna District—
 belonging to Rajah of Venkatagiri, in Nellore
 District.—Papers on subject of Rajah's offer to
 make over to Government—in consideration of
 the assessment being deducted from his Peish-
 cush, submitted to Government, with recom-
 mendation that offer be accepted and a diminu-
 tion of Peishcush, amounting to Rupees 8,000,
 authorized.

With order

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