Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th May 1872.

No. 57. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th April 1872, No. 804 :—

Read the following letter from the Right Rev. Dr. S. FENNELLY, Bishop and Vicar Apostolic, Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 22nd March 1872.

At the request of the Right Rev. Dr. Depommier, Bishop and Vicar Apostolic of Coimbatore, I have the honour to forward, for the favourable consideration of the Board, three petitions signed by forty-six Christian Puttahdars, inhabitants of three hamlets belonging to the village of Shumbully in the Bhowany Taluq, Coimbatore Collectorate, together with a letter from the Collector of Coimbatore addressed to Dr. Depommier.

2. In giving effect to the orders of Government for the transfer of the direct revenue from lands to the Pagoda Committees in the Collectorate of Coimbatore, the Collector proposes to assign to the Committee of the Shumbully Temple the assessments of the lands of that village. On the lands proposed to be assigned there is a Christian population of 458 souls, including 46 Puttahdars. The Christian Puttahdars being unwilling to hold under Pagoda Trustees, petitioned the Collector against the proposed transfer of their lands without success. The Bishop subsequently petitioned on behalf of the Christians. The enclosed letter is the Collector's reply to the Bishop.

Against the decision of the Collector the Christians respectfully appeal to the Board, and pray, for the reasons stated in their petition, that their lands may not be assigned to the Shumbully Temple Committee. Dr. Depommier states (and he should know the real facts in this matter) that among the 135 Puttahdars in the village of Shumbully, there are 46 Christians, more than a third of the whole, and not eight as stated by the Collector.

3. In his correspondence with Dr. Depommier, the Collector seems to have lost sight of the orders of Government, which direct the Collector, in assigning the public revenue to the Trustees of Religious Institutions, *to select, whenever practicable, the lands of ryots who are willing to hold under the Trustees.* (*Vide* Standing Orders, Board of Revenue, Mr. Dalyell's Edition, page 177). The Christians are comparatively few in the Coimbatore District, and the Collector cannot experience much difficulty in finding, for transfer to the Temple Trustees, lands cultivated by heathen ryots, who cannot have any reasonable objection to hold their lands under such Trustees. The orders of Government are just and moderate. It is a matter of regret that the Collector did not attach to them the importance they deserve.

Submitted to Government in continuation of Proceedings No. 17, dated 4th January 1872.

(By Order.)

(Signed) J. B. PENNINGTON,
Sub-Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th May 1872.

No. 58. ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1872, No. 736.

Miscellaneous.

THEIR Proceedings quoted by the Board of Revenue in the above endorsement have reference to the question of commutation of Pagoda "Tasdiks" in the Tinnevelly District, and appear to have no bearing whatever, or only a most remote one, on the subject of this particular correspondence, which relates to the objections raised by Christian Ryots in Coimbatore to being newly required to pay their State-dues to the Dharmakartas of Hindoo Pagodas.

2. The objection appears to Government to be a natural one, and as they cannot believe that in the Coimbatore District the arrangement complained of is unavoidably necessary, they desire that the Collector will make assignments of revenue from the lands of Hindoo Ryots in lieu of those which are the subject of complaint. In all practicable cases temple-endowments should be made from the lands of co-religionists. Of course, where entire villages are transferred this cannot be done, but otherwise regard for the feelings of the ryots should be evinced.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Right Rev. Dr. S. Fennelly, Bishop and Vicar Apostolic, Madras.
,, the Board of Revenue.

N°804 of 1/72.

Submitted to Government in continuation of Proceedings N°1 dated 4th January 1872.

By Order,

[signature]
Secretary
Rev: Dept.

Madras,
12th April/72.

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From,
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Fennelly
Bp: & Vic: Ap: Madras.

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The Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

S.C. No. 736. 7 May 1872

Date 22 March
Rec'd ~~29th~~ 4th April } 1872.

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Forwards for the favorable consideration of the Board of Revenue an appeal from the Christians of the Village of Maillapaliam, Bowany Taluk, Coimbatore Zillah, soliciting their exemption from payment of assessment towards support of Hindoo Temples in that District and the non-transfer of their lands for that purpose.

No. 736 Revenue Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 7th April 1872.

Read the following letter from the Right Rev. Dr. J. Fennelly, Bishop and Vicar Apostolic of Madras, through the Board of Revenue.

Forwarding for the favorable consideration of the Board of Revenue an appeal from the Christians of the Village of Millapaliam, Bowany Taluk Coimbatore Zillah, soliciting their exemption from payment of assessment towards support of Hindoo Temples in that District, and the non-transfer of their lands for that purpose.

(No. 6. 22nd March 1872.)

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I would add

"~~to the extent stated~~ in the particular cases in which temple endowments should always be made from the lands of Co-Relig[ionists] of such a kind as the villages are transferred they cannot be disturbed but otherwise beyond for the feeling is the ryots should be Europeans"

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To

The Right Rev. Dr. S. Fennelly,

Bishop and Vicar Apostolic, Madras,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated 7th May.

Read.

G. O., 7th May 1874, No. 736.

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Nos. 57-58.

Land belonging to Christians in Coimbatore District paying assessment towards support of Hindu Temples—Collector of Coimbatore directed to make assignments of revenue from the lands of Hindu Ryots in lieu of those referred to in the communications from Dr. Fennelly.