

Read the following papers:--

No. 132. From the Collector of Salem, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort George, dated Salem, 15th April 1872, No. 85.

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the favourable consideration of Government, the accompanying application from the planters on the Shervaroy Hills, requesting that a treasury may be established at Yerkaud.

2. When His Excellency Lord Napier visited these Hills in 1869 a similar request was made by them to him, and the question being referred to the Accountant-General, was disposed of by Government in their G. O. dated 5th October 1869, No. 463, in which they declined to sanction the request of the planters on account of the extra expenditure that would be incurred by its entertainment.

3. The planters at first declared that they were prepared to pay a premium of $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. on all orders cashed at the treasury, but as this would just cover about half the expense that Government would be put to, they subsequently agreed to raise it to $\frac{1}{2}$ th or 5 Annas per cent., and I have ascertained from them that the amount they will probably require every month will be from Rs. 10,000 to 12,000. The establishment, etc., that will have to be entertained for the treasury will cost Rs. 47* a month, and the probable income that will be received from the bill-transactions will amount to Rs. 37-8-0, so that the expense to Government will not amount to more than Rs. 10 a month.

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* 1 Shroff	15	0	0
3 Constables, at Rs. 9-8-0	28	8	0
Cost of carriage of money from Salem to Yerkaud	3	8	0
Total	47	0	0

4. The arrangement, I think, is well worth a trial, as besides the planters and other residents on the hills, the visitors during the season would also avail themselves of the treasury. The trouble and risk attending the cashing of orders in Salem is considerable, and planters and others are put to great inconvenience by it. By establishing a treasury at Yerkaud Government would be doing a great service to the public at a very small cost, and Government themselves would also benefit by it, as the following establishments--

Talook,	Forest,
Postal,	Department Public Works,
Police,	Local Funds,
	Ecclesiastical,

are all located on the Hills, and payment to them necessitates money being sent up the Hill each establishment making its own arrangement for its transit, and in some cases parties have to come down to Salem for payment.

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11th June 1872.*

5. I trust Government will consider the subject favourably, and if they are not prepared to sanction the establishment of a treasury at Yerkaud permanently, I hope they will allow the experiment to be tried for at least one year; after which they will be able to determine whether the treasury should be placed on a permanent footing, or whether it would be necessary to give it a further trial after raising the rate of percentage on bills.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Planters on the Shervaroy Hills, to the Collector and Magistrate of Salem, dated Yerkaud, 14th September 1871.

On the occasion of the visit of His Excellency Lord Napier to these Hills in August 1869, a deputation waited on him for the purpose of urging, among other things, the establishment of a treasury.

2. The matter met the approval of His Excellency, but on being referred to the Collector, the late C. N. Pochin, Esq., he disapproved of the scheme on the ground of expense.

3. The times more than ever justify us in making the present application.

4. Planting operations have extended, new agencies have been established, and trade generally has revived, and in consequence of the improved state of the Hills, visitors have resorted hither in larger numbers than before.

5. Cashing orders in Salem is very inconvenient, apart from the risk and delay incurred by doing so. A planter recently lost a considerable sum in transit between Salem and Yerkaud in consequence of his messenger being attacked by thieves.

6. A small percentage, say 1 per cent., will reimburse Government for the extra establishment required.

7. The favourable way in which our application for a Registry Office was received and granted by Government incline us to believe that the present application for a treasury will meet similar consideration.

REFERRED to the Board of Revenue for their remarks, to be submitted through the Accountant-General, who will state his own opinion on the proposal in forwarding them on.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

16th April 1872.

No. 133. From the Accountant-General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 27th May 1872, No. 109.

On receipt (on 27th ultimo) from the Board of the papers herewith submitted, I thought it advisable to obtain information on sundry details from the Collector of Salem, of whose reply I enclose a copy. His answer is satisfactory on all points, and the question of establishment of a treasury at Yerkaud may be decided on the statements in the Collector's first letter No. 85 of 15th ultimo.

2. The gross cost of the treasury will be about Rs. 47 per mensem; the planters will take some Rs. 12,000 per mensem, paying for the accommodation 5 Annas per cent.; and the remaining Rs. 10 the Collector would throw on Government in consideration of the convenience to Government Departments up in the

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Shervaroys. This convenience, however, has no corresponding saving for the establishments referred, arranged apparently for the conveyance of their pay by their ordinary servants, and incurred no extra charge on this account. Is there then sufficient reason for Government to entertain a special establishment for the convenience of the planters on the Shervaroys in expectation of recovering from them three-fourths of the charge? I have little hesitation in saying that the recovery will be nothing like so great, and consequently the charge to the State will be larger; for however small the business, the establishment charge will be the same. When the planters want a small sum, they will take advantage of the Government concession; when they want a large one, they will soon begin to make their own arrangements for carriage from Salem. At the same time, the planters' demand will surely be repeated at intervals, and I recommend the establishment of a treasury on the scale and the terms proposed by the Collector, to be closed on 28th February 1873, unless Government see reason to make it permanent on report from me, in January next, of the result of the experiment showing the gross charge incurred and the gross receipt. The gross charge will be taken against Grant 4, Land Revenue, and as it will only amount to Rs. 423, it will probably be met by savings on the general grant.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Collector of Salem, to the Officiating Accountant-General, Madras, dated Trichengode, 22nd May 1872, No. 17.

I HAVE the honour to reply to your letter No. 812, dated 30th April last.

2. The treasury, it is proposed to establish at Yerkaud, will be in the same building with the Deputy-Tahsildar, and the Shroff will be under his orders. There is ample room in the building to accommodate the Treasury Department. The police guard, or rather the guard on duty, will, during business-hours, remain at the entrance to the treasury-room, and at night will occupy the room itself, as is done in several Taluq Cutcheries. The police lines being in the same compound, and quite close to the Cutcherry, there need be no separate guard-room for the treasury. In consideration of the responsibility of the Deputy-Tahsildar and the Shroff, the balance in the treasury will be kept as low as possible, and will be replenished from time to time, and not at any fixed periods, according to circumstances on the Deputy-Tahsildar's intimation of more money being required.

3. The cost of remittance I have calculated at 4 annas for every Rs. 1,000, but the police guard will cost nothing, as no batta or other charge is made by the police when escorting treasure on foot within the district. The distance to Yerkaud from Salem is only twelve miles, so that the guard will be able to go up and come down again the same day. The whole charge of remittance will have to be borne by Government as there is no Municipal or corporate body on the Shervaroy Hills.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th April 1872, Miscellaneous No. 3,137.

Read endorsement of Government dated 16th April 1872 on letter from the Collector of Salem to Government, dated 15th April 1872, No. 85.

THE Board are of opinion that a treasury should be established at Yerkaud experimentally for one year under the terms offered by the planters.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th June 1872.*

No. 134.

ORDER THEREON, 11th June 1872, No. 924.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government sanction the
experimental establishment of a treasury
at Yerkaud on the conditions advocated
by the Acting Accountant-General.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

Revenue Department
Miscellaneous, 1872/3/37.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 26th April 1872.

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dated 16th April 1872 on letter from
the Collector of Salem to Government
dated 16th April 1872. to 85.

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(True Extract)

J. G. G. G.
Secretary

The off. Chief Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Through the Accountant General
with Copy of Collector's letter with
endorsement & its enclosure.

Accountant General's Office
Recd 27 } 4 1872
Ans'd — }

[Signature]
Copy of letter to the Secretary

25-4-72

Govt. of 1872

REVENUE.

THE COLLECTOR OF SALEM.

to the

Dated June 11th.

Recd.

O. G. 11th June 1872, No. 925.

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No. 132-134

Presented to the Secretary to Government
on the 11th June 1872, by the
Accountant General, Salem.

Salem Collector's office
Salem 15 April 1892.

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From C. J. Longley Esquire
Collector of Salem.

To W. H. Hudson Esquire
Off. Chief Secretary to Governor
Revenue Department
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Expressing opinion
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- Revenue Dept. for one
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Collection

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16 April 1872

(S) W. D. Collection
Off. Chief Secretary

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Enclosure in form of
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to South. R. S. M. M. M.
to the Board of Revenue
dated 26th February 1869

To,

C. J. Longley Esqre

Collector and Magistrate of Salem

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Ypsand
14th September 1871

We have
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" Robert Biscardi
" W. Clarke
" P. Brown
" A. J. Stephens
" C. Ratten
" E. Grant
" J. Markham
" F. B. D. Santos
" Henry Oliver
" E. A. Quarm
" Charles Grant
" Edward Short
" G. Rogers
" R. Lechler
" Solomon David
" J. Dally
" C. McArthur
" C. Lakin
(Truceop) (Sd) C. J. Longley
Collector

W. J. Lechler

Salem Collectors Circuit Office
Camp Chenchengode 22nd May 1872

Room

C. J. Longley Esquire,
Collector of Salem.

To

R. Taylor Esquire
Offg. Assistant General
Madras

I have the honor to reply to your
letter No. 112 dated 30th April last.

2. The Treasury, it is proposed to
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same building with the Deputy Tahsildar
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There is ample room in the building to
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The Police guard or rather the guard on
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at the entrance to the Treasury room, and
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is done in several Taluk Pancheries. The
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and quite close to the Panchery, there need
be no separate guard room for the Treasury.
In consideration of the responsibility of the
Deputy

No. 1326/72

In relation from the Collectors
of Salem 15th April 1872
No. 91285-

In Reply No. 112/72

Copy of an application from
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I have &c
(Signed) C. J. Longley
Collector

/ True Copy /
Respectfully
Obedient to the order of the Govt

Comd

Revenue 1872. Off
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DEPARTMENT
FROM THE ACCTT. GENERAL
TO THE GOVT. OF MADRAS.

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Dept.

Dated 27 May 1872
Received 28 May

No.
Enclosure

Regarding the payment of
interest on the loan of
Rs. 100,000

Agreed 11 June 1872

W. H. O. S.

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The Govt. has been informed that the
Commissioner of the District of
Madras has been directed to
make a report on the progress of
the work of the District
Commissioner of the District of
Madras for the year 1871-72.
The report is to be submitted
to the Government of Madras
by the 1st of July 1872.