No. 86. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th November 1873, No. 2,321:—

Read the following paper from W. C. H. SHARKEY, Esq., Additional Deputy Collector, for Collector of Cuddapah, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kannalamudgoo, 26th August 1873:—

Tabular Report on a lapsed Poligar Pension in the District of Cuddapah.

Number.	Taluq and Village, extent and value of the entire Inam.	Whereand by whom granted, name of the original grantee, Sanads or other documents in support of the grant.	Nature of the grant, charity or service; if service, nature of the duty prescribed by the grant.	Name of the last holder, date of his decease, and the relationship in which he stood to the grantee.	Share enjoyed by the deceased, and that held by the other members.	Family left by the deceased, and name and age of the parties, their circumstances, and the means of subsistence possessed by them.	Remarks.
1	Ghatta, in Mudapelly Taluq (or Jyaloor) residing in Kottapeta, of Cuddapah Taluq. An annual allowance of Rs. 156-13-2 granted in G. O. No. 15 of Mr. Ross' Register, Fasli 1232. Out of the total grant of Rupees 1332-5-4 per annum.	Granted by the British Government to the original grantee, Rapoonaikula Naidoo, under date the 19th September 1818, and a portion of which was renewed last in the name of the deceased, Chinna Kristammah, under orders of Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation, under date the 27th December 1839, No. 1,669. No Sanads, etc., are forthcoming.	Compensation in lieu of resumed lands, chowls, and privileges, etc.	Chinna Kristammah (daughter of Venkatappa Naidoo), the last holder of the allowance, died on the 3rd December 1873. She was granddaughter of the original grantee, Rapoonaikula Naidoo.	The whole allowance was enjoyed by the deceased.	Kristammah, stepmother of the deceased, aged 40 years. She holds a separate allowance of Rs. 30½ per annum.	Rapoonaikula Naidoo was the original recipient of the pension. On his death, his son, Venkatappa Naidoo, succeeded him to the extent of one-fourth of the pension. I will not allude to the members of the family, who took the remaining three-fourths, as they have nothing to do with the case under reference. 2. Mr. Cochrane, when reporting* the death of Venkatappa Naidoo to the Board in 1839 suggested that his pension should be divided among his three widows, his daughter, his mother, and his sister-in-law. He further recommended that at the death of these individuals their shares should be divided among the other branches of the family, whom I have mentioned as taking three-fourths of the original grantee's pension. The Board approved of the division among the widows, etc., but said that the disposal of their shares on their death might be settled when the necessity for doing so arose. The Government confirmed all this. 3. The mother and two widows died at different times, and, as each case was reported, the share of the deceased was resumed by order of Government in the case of the two widows.† In the case of the mother it is presumed that there was a Government order on the subject but the order itself cannot be found. She died first, and her share was resumed. 4. In 1871 the sister-in-law died. Supposing that the same principle on which the other shares had been resumed was to be applied to this case, I refused to continue the share of the deceased to the survivors, the third widow and daughter. The daughter is now dead, and the question is whether the sole surviving member of the family should succeed to the share or not, the daughter having died childless. 5. I would have no doubt about the matter and would resume the share but for the orders of the Board and of Government in a similar case. In their Proceedings, No. 1,231, dated 6th July 1871, the Board object to my proposal that the share of a deceased widow should lapse, and say that it should be given to the survivors of the family. The Board then say that these grants "are regarded as permanent and hereditary, and are continued in full to lineal descendants of the original grantee." It is quite clear that the practice with regard to the succession to these grants, as declared by the Board in 1870, is not recognized by the Board or by Government from 1839 to 1854. I may be wrong, but I have failed to discover in this Rapoonaikula Naidoo's case any circumstances differing from those in Bomme Naidoo's cases. In this case it was clearly the wish of the then Government that the pension should be distributed in shares as much as possible, and then on the death, widow, children, of any of the sharers that the share should lapse. I recommend that the same course be now pursued, and that Chinna Kristammah, the daughter of Venkatappa Naidoo, having died without children, her share, amounting to Rupees 186-1-9, should be resumed. If the Board are of opinion that the share should be continued in the name of Kristammah, the step-mother of Venkatappa Naidoo, then I presume it will be necessary to cancel my order, passed in July 1870, regarding Tahsildar's the step-mother of Venkatappa Naidoo. She died in August 1871, and her share of Rupees 186-1-9 I directed should be resumed, treating the case as it had hitherto been treated by the Board and Government from 1839 to 1854. If my order is cancelled this share also with arrears should be paid to the surviving widow Kristammah.

* Vide letter to the Board, dated 13th September 1839, No. 59.

† Extract Minutes of Consultation, under date the 27th December 1839, No. 1,669, communicating paragraph 1 of a letter from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, dated 2nd December 1839.

‡ As regards Venkatammah (vide G. O., No. 79, dated 14th January 1854, communicated in Board's Proceedings, dated 6th February 1854).

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SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. A pension of Rupees 5,833 per annum was granted in 1813 to the Poligar of Ghatti as compensation in lieu of resumed lands, offices, and privileges.

3. He had issue by four wives, and, on his death in 1830, his pension was distributed into four equal shares, one of which was assigned to the eldest son of each wife for the support of the branches of the family to which they respectively belonged.

4. On the death of Venkatappa Naidoo, the head of the third branch, his share was distributed as follows:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Three widows, Rupees 300 each...	900	0	0
Daughter	180	1	0
Mother	180	1	0
Brother's widow	180	1	9

5. In proposing this distribution the Collector suggested that, on the death of each incumbent, her share should revert to the other three branches of the family. In regard to this the Board observed that the matter would be considered on the death of each incumbent. Of the six shares four have already lapsed on the death of the incumbents, viz., two widows, mother, and sister-in-law. It is now reported that the daughter has died without issue. The Collector recommends that her share be resumed. The Board support this recommendation, there being no evidence of the grant having been originally made otherwise than as a grant out of the general rule to which the Collector adverts. The only surviving member of this branch of the family is one of the three widows, who draws a pension of Rupees 300 per annum.

No. 87. ORDER THEREON, 8th December 1873, No. 1,368.

Miscellaneous.

CONFIRMED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

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

Rec. E. R. Bartleman.

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Poligar Pension—amounting to Rs. 186-1-9 per annum, enjoyed by deceased Chinna Krishnammah, of Cuddapah District—Resumption of—, recommended.

Pension of Rupees 300 per annum.
(A true Copy and Extract.)
H. Maclean
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Cuddapah.
Ent. A. S. Rodgers.