Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 12th December 1873.

No. 154. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd November 1873, No. 2,397 :—

Read the following letter from J. R. DANIEL, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th November 1873, F. :—

THE Special Assistant Collector has written to me in regard to the collection of land-cess in the portion of the Pachipenta Zemindari which lies in the taluq of Koraput, Jeypore Division ; but, before taking coercive measures, he wishes to know whether the imposition of the land-cess on this portion is legal, and I have the honour to request the opinion of the Board on the point.

2. The greater portion of the Pachipenta Estate lies in the Salur Taluq and the remainder in the Koraput Taluq.

3. When the road-cess under Act III. of 1866 was imposed, the Government, in their Order, No. 2,736, dated 10th October 1866, extended the Act to the Vizagapatam District, Jeypore excepted, so that by this the whole of the Pachipenta Estate was assessed and the road-cess was paid on the whole.

4. On the introduction of the Local Funds' Act (*vide* Proceedings of Government, No. 619, of 9th May 1871), the Board, in their letter to Government, No. 1,826, dated 1st May 1871, paragraph 16, propose that Jeypore, Rayagadda, and Gumpur be excepted : under that the whole of Pachipenta would be assessed ; but in paragraph 17 they say, "Of course, the Act should not be put in force in the Agency tracts," and according to that definition the portion of Pachipenta in the Koraput Taluq would be exempted.

5. In the Government Notification the names of the taluqs are specified by name, and, amongst them, Salur, so that in this the portion of Pachipenta in Koraput is exempted.

6. The land-cess has hitherto been collected in the whole of the Pachipenta Estate as the road-cess was collected before ; but the Special Assistant now questions the legality of collecting the cess upon the portion of Pachipenta which lies in the Koraput Taluq. I agree with him that it is illegal because the Local Funds' Act was not extended to it under the Notification of Government.

7. I do not, however, feel sure whether it was the intention of Government to exempt this portion of the Pachipenta Estate as it has never been exempted before. In the same way a portion of the Zemindaris of Madgole, Kurupam, and Maringhi are in the Agency tracts, but the land-cess has been, and is, paid upon the whole Zemindari. I think that the same reasons which exist for exempting the other villages in the Hill tracts exist in the case of these villages, and that the land-cess should not be exacted from any villages situated in the Agency tracts though the greater part of the Zemindari to which they belong is situated in the ordinary tracts.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board agree with the Collector and think it was not the intention of Government to apply the Act to any of the Agency tracts.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th December 1873.

No. 155. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1873, No. 1,405.

Land Revenue, No. 6.

THE Acting Collector has not given the Agency tracts fully and exactly.

They are, *vide* page 236 of the District Manual, Vizagapatam—

(1.) The whole of JEYPORE Zemindari.

(2.) Those portions of the Zemindaris of MADGOLE, PANCHIPENTA, KURUPAM, and MERANGI, which lie within the hills.

(3.) The Hill Muttas of PALCONDAH, portion of the taluq leased to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.

(4.) Those of GOLGONDA.

(5.) The little Hill Zemindari of KASIPUR belonging to the Maharajah of Vizianagram.

2. The Governor in Council resolves to exempt from the Road Cess the following only, viz., the whole of the Jeypore Zemindari, Hill Madgole, Hill Panchipenta, and the Hill Muttas of Golgonda.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. [illegible]

Govt exempt the tracts proposed by Mr Carmichael & these only. [illegible]

Memo of orders. Prop. Bd Rev 22/11-73 No 2,397.

1. The Acting Collr has not given the agency tracts fully & exactly.

They are — vide P. 236 of the Dt Manual, Vizagapatam —

(1) The whole of Jeypore Zemindari

(2) Those portions of the Zemindaries of Madgole, Panchipenta, Kurupam and Merangi which lie within the hills.

(3) The Hill Muttas of Palcondah, portion of the taluk leased to Messrs Arbuthnot & Co.

(4) Those of Golgonda.

(5) The little Hill Zemindari of Kasipur, belonging to the Maharajah of Vizianagram.

2. From my own long experience of the Dt, I should recommend an exemption from the Cess for Jeypore, Hill Madgole, Hill Panchipenta & Golgonda muttas only.

The Kurupam & Merangi tracts are much more civilized. Palconda is under lease to Arbuthnot & Co. Kasipur belongs to the Maharajah of Vizianagram. These are all right.

D. F. [illegible]

Jeypore was exempted because it pays no [illegible] — and is a feudatory estate — but a zemindary. Those are [illegible] estates [illegible]

[illegible]

Jeypore pays 16000 Rs [illegible] — Govt exempt only the tracts named by Mr Carmichael & [illegible] now under reference [illegible]

1112 [illegible]

Revenue Department.

No. 1405

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 12th Dec. 1873.

Read the following Proc. of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting for orders of Govt. question received by Collr. whether imposition of land cess on portions of Pacheipenta Zamindary in Vizagapatam Dt. situated within Agency tracts is legal &c.

(M.E. 22d November 1873 No. 2397)

The Acting Collector has not given the Agency tracts fully and exactly. They are — Vide P. 236 of the District Manual, Vizagapatam.

(1) The whole of Jeypore Zamindari

(2) Those portions of the Zamindaries of Nowrangapur, Pacheipenta, Kurupam and Marrapur which lie within the Agency tracts.

(3) The Hill Portions of Parlacimedi Jeypore and the Taluq leased to Messrs. Underwood & Co.

(4) Those of Golgonda.

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181 The Little Hill Zemindari of Kasipur belonging to the Maharajah of Vizianagram.

2. The Governor in Council resolved to exempt from the Road Cess the following only - viz, the whole of the Kasipur Zemindari, Hill Madgole, Hill Conchipanta, and the Hill Mettas of Salgonda.

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By Board of Revenue
Ex. 13 Dec.