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No. 251. Read the following letter from R. H. HOLLINGBERY, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, (Accounts,) to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Fort William, 29th July 1874, No. 4,631 :—

In forwarding to you the accompanying extract, paragraph 6, from a despatch from the Secretary of State for India, No. 14, Revenue, dated the 16th April 1874, on the subject of the mode of payment for the maintenance of the Hindu pagodas in the Tinnevelly District, I am directed to request that you will be good enough to move His Excellency the Governor in Council to take steps for giving effect to the views of the Secretary of State expressed therein if the Government of Madras see no objection to so doing.

Enclosure No. 1.

Extract from a despatch from the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated 16th April 1874, No. 14, Revenue.

Paragraph 6. I now turn to the endowment of the pagodas in Tinnevelly. Your Excellency in Council deprecates the grant of non-convertible notes, and recommends a direct money-payment. I consider that the Government is pledged to abandon the system of money-payments, and I cannot sanction an indefinite continuance of it. I would commend to the careful consideration of Your Lordship in Council the following course :—The Madras Government has shown that it is extremely difficult, and, indeed, almost impossible, to restore the old lands of the temple; but it appears to me that the Trustees of the pagodas might be placed somewhat in the position of mortgagees. The revenues of certain villages, to be selected by the Madras Government, might be made payable to the pagodas instead of our treasuries, the whole management of the villages and the revenues remaining with the officers of Government. In this manner direct money-payments from the treasuries would be avoided, and all mismanagement and oppression of the ryots by the Trustees of the pagodas would be prevented.

Copy of the above and of the extract from the Secretary of State's despatch therein referred to forwarded to the Accountant-General, Madras, for information.

Copy of this letter also sent to Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce.

No. 252. Order thereon, 26th August 1874, No. 1,036.

Miscellaneous.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for report as early as possible upon the measure proposed for adoption.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd F. R. Bantleman.

No. 1631.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Accounts.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FORT WILLIAM, *the 29th July* 1874.

SIR,

In forwarding to you the accompanying extract, paragraph 6, from a despatch from the Secretary of State for India, No. $\frac{14}{\text{Revenue,}}$ dated the 16th April 1874, on the subject of the mode of payment for the maintenance of the Hindu Pagodas in the Tinnevelly District, I am directed to request that you will be good enough to move His Excellency the Governor in Council to take steps for giving effect to the views of the Secretary of State expressed therein, if the Government of Madras see no objection to so doing.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

Copy of the above, and of the extract from the Secretary of State's despatch therein referred to, forwarded to the Accountant General, Madras, for information.

Copy of this letter also sent to Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce.

O. S. G. P.—No. 295 C. F.—28-7-74.—40.

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From

The Govt. of India

Financial Dept.

Dated 29 July 1874

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Extract from a Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India,

No. 14 / Revenue, *dated* 16*th April* 1874.

PARA. 6.—I now turn to the endowment of the pagodas in Tinnevelly. Your Excellency in Council deprecates the grant of nonconvertible notes, and recommends a direct money payment. I consider that the Government is pledged to abandon the system of money payments, and I cannot sanction an indefinite continuance of it. I would commend to the careful consideration of Your Lordship in Council the following course. The Madras Government has shown that it is extremely difficult, and indeed almost impossible, to restore the old lands of the temple, but it appears to me that the trustees of the pagodas might be placed somewhat in the position of mortgagees. The revenues of certain villages, to be selected by the Madras Government, might be made payable to the pagodas instead of our treasuries, the whole management of the villages and the revenues remaining with the officers of Government. In this manner direct money payments from the treasuries would be avoided, and all mismanagement and oppression of the Ryots by the trustees of the pagodas would be prevented.

(True Extract)

H. Walling

Registrar Financial Dept.

O. S. G. P.—No. 206 C. P.—29-7-74.—20.

Forwards extract from a Despatch from the Secretary of State on the subject of the proposal for maintenance of the Pagodas in Tinnevelly [illegible] effect to the views [illegible] of the Govt. of Madras [illegible] objection [illegible] doing—

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Memo.

From, The Govt. of India F.D.
Forwards extract from a Despatch from the Secy. of State on the subject of the mode of payment for maintenance of Hindoo Pagodas in Tinnevelly District &c.

H.C. 29th July 1874 No. 4631.

From the papers put up the position of this question appears to be as follows.

2. The commutation, into assignments of land revenue, of ready money allowances paid to religious institutions and to individuals for religious service, was some years ago ordered to be universally

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universally carried out.
vide Board's Standing
Order 188.

3. In many places
it has been so carried
out. In many others
difficulties have arisen
and in all much objec-
tion has been expressed
as was natural.

4. In Tinnevelly the
Ready Money allowances
paid to Pagodas from
the Public Treasury
Amount to Rs 181492.
Certain proposals were
made in 1872 for carrying
out the measure but the
Govt did not see their
way to accepting them
and ordered that the
actual commutation

Must

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must be held in abeyance
until the new settlement
rates have been ~~settled~~ fixed
and introduced (G.O.
8th May 1872 No 742)

5. Later on in con-
sequence of a petition
from the Trustees of the
Srirangum Pagoda in
Trichinopoly protesting
against the proposed
compulsory commutation
of money payments into
assignments of Land
Revenue and requesting
that the present system
may be continued the
Govt addressed the
Govt of India (10th June
1872 No 905) forwarding
also the G.O. alluded to

in

in the preceding para-
-graph and suggested
that the object in view
might be fairly attained
by making over to the
Temple Trustees non-
transferable treasury
notes bearing interest equal
in amount to the payment
now made from the Govt.
Treasury.

6. The Governor-
General in Council re-
plied that he was un-
willing to sanction such
a fictitious creation of
debt but at the same
time would on no account
assign land to Trustees
in whose capacity for the
management of land
no confidence could be

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placed. He ruled
therefore that no further
attempts should be
made to alter the pro-
cedure regarding these
payments which should
continue to be made
as due under engage-
ments which cannot
be cancelled. (Gov. 27th Sept.
1872 No. 1361).

7. In Tanjore where
995 pagoda and gomiah
allowances had been
commuted at a yearly
charge to the Revenue
of Rs 1,72,874 difficulties
arose which induced
the Board to recom-
mend the resumption
of assignments already

made

made and return to the former system of cash payments and this course was accordingly proposed to the Govt. of India (11th Augt 1873 No. 830.)

8. No answer has been received to this last suggestion but the Govt of India now forward extract from a Despatch from the Secretary of State relating apparently to the correspondence noticed in paragraphs 4–6 of this Memo. It is the opinion of Lord Salisbury that the Govt is pledged to abandon the

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the system of money payments and he cannot, he says, sanction an indefinite continuance of it. He suggests the adoption of the following course. The revenues of certain villages to be selected by the Madras Govt might be made payable to the pagodas instead of our treasuries, the whole management of the villages and the revenues remaining with the Officers of Govt. In this manner direct money payments from the treasuries would be

"be avoided and all
mismanagement and
oppression of the Ryots
by the trustees of the
Pagoda would be pre-
vented"

9. The Govt of India
request that steps may
be taken for giving effect
to these views if this
Govt see no objection
to be doing.

10. The only thing to
be done apparently is
to ask the Board of
Revenue to report on the
suggestion.

Yes. I do not see any
objection to

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 25th August 1874.

Read the following Letter from the Govt of India

Forwards extract from a Despatch from the Secy: of State on the subject of the mode of payment for maintenance of Hindoo Pagodas in Tinnevelly Dist^t^ requests that steps may be taken for giving effect to the views of the Secy: of State if the Govt of Madras see no objection to so doing.

H.C. 29th July 1874 No 4631.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for early report upon the measure proposed for adoption.

J. D.L.

To Bd of Revenue 7th September 1874

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