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23rd May 1874.*

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Chingleput	101	9,314	27.3	23	Coimbatore	277	6,334	124.8	2
Cuddapah	343	3,018	24.4	4	Nilgiris	6	8,266	26.1	48
Karnool	227	4,510	22.4	8	Malabar	250	9,809	144.5	13
Bellary	243	6,893	45.3	10	South Canara	27	34,632	30.1	13
North Arcot	156	18,384	47.6	35					
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5. Thus no sort of uniformity is observable. The districts of Kistna, Tinnevely, and South Arcot, are, on the whole, best supplied with pounds. The Board think it impossible to lay down any definite rule as to the proportions of pounds to area or population or number of villages. They would encourage the multiplication of pounds within reasonable limits, for, as cattle-trespases must occur, it is better that a legal and summary procedure should be provided. Pounds would be more required in tracts closely cultivated or highly irrigated and where pasture land is scarce than where there is abundance of open jungle and pasture land. Each district, and even each taluq, would seem to require different treatment. Thus in Vizagapatam, where pounds are very few, it was found that on increasing their number the receipts fell off, and the number had to be again reduced. The Board would have expected to find more pounds in the districts of Tanjore and Trichinopoly which, considering their character, seem inadequately supplied; but Mr. Morris states that in the former district the number is generally sufficient. The Board are of opinion that pounds should be maintained wherever they can be made self-supporting, that is, where the collections are sufficient to afford a reasonable remuneration for the persons in charge and to provide for up-keep, and they should be tried where applied for, if there is a probability of this condition being fulfilled.

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Godavery	11
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Total ...	70

* These are styled pound-keepers, but are, in reality, gumastahs.

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9. Under Section 18, Act I. of 1871, the salaries of pound-keepers are to be fixed under the orders of the local Government. There is now the widest diversity on this point, no remuneration

whatever being paid in some cases, in others fixed salaries, and sometimes per-

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Cuddapah	Special pound-keepers on varying salaries. Village-officers apparently get nothing.	Fifty per cent. to a maximum of Rs. 5.
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North Arcot	Pound-keepers—nil. Sweepers—Rupees 2, in fourteen large villages, Rupees 2-8-0.	Do. system.
South Arcot	Pound-keepers—nil. Servants—Rupees 2 per mensem.	Fixed salaries—maximum Rupees 4 and minimum Rupees 2.
Tanjore	Pound-keepers—from Rupees 4 to Rupees 10. Kavalgars—from Rs. 3 to Rs. 3½.	No change.
Trichinopoly	Pound-keepers—Fifteen per cent. on collection.	Do.
Madura	Kavalgars—Ten per cent. Three special pound-keepers—Rs. 3, Rupees 3½, Rupees 5. Village Munsifs—nil.	Fifty per cent. to a maximum of Rupees 5 provided the collections are increased fifty per cent.
Tinnevely	Pound-keepers—Seventy-five per cent. to a maximum of Rupees 5. No sweepers.	No change.
Salem	Pound-keepers—In Head Assistant's Division and Salem, twenty-five per cent. of fines; in Sub-division, from Rupee 1 to Rupees 3. Elsewhere—nil. Pound coolies at 2 Annas a-day are everywhere employed.	Fifty per cent., and keepers to pay their own watchers.

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Coimbatore	Twenty-two special pound-keepers—fixed salaries. Village heads—nil. In sixteen pounds toties are employed.	3 Annas in the Rupee to the village heads, 1 Anna to village toties.
Nilgiris	Ootacamund—Village Monigar, Rs. 6, toty Rupees 4. Five other pounds—special keepers, Rupees 6 to Rupees 10.	Collections won't suffice for a percentage system.
South Canara	In Mangalore—special keeper Rs. 3. Elsewhere, village potels—nil.	Fifty per cent. to a maximum of Rupees 4. Those who find pound room, twenty-five per cent. extra.
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10. Uniformity evidently cannot be attained, and it is a question whether it is desirable. The Board, however, are of opinion that no village-officer should be required to do work in connection with pounds without remuneration as proposed by the Collector of Kurnool. There is evidently a general opinion in favour of percentage rates, and the Board would allow the Collectors to carry out their several proposals. It might also be left to their discretion where to require the pound-keepers to provide inferior servants. The permanent and constant employment of such servants is at many pounds clearly unnecessary. Pound gumastahs should be employed at least in every taluq for the computation of the pound returns and scrutiny of pound-keepers' accounts.

11. The Board believe that, if the number of pounds is judiciously increased, which may be done in almost all districts, the rates proposed will not be found excessive, and the grant of remuneration in all cases will probably cause increased collections. Still the Surplus Pound Fund is such an important resource for the prosecution of the course of agricultural instruction and improvement which has been begun, and will, the Board hope, be much developed, that the working of the new system will need careful watching.

12. As to the system of accounting required in connection with pounds, nothing is required beyond a form of monthly account and irusalnamah and books of consecutively numbered receipts—one set should have foil and double counterfoil, one to be given to the person delivering the cattle, one to be sent to the taluq cutcherry, and one to be retained by the pound-keeper; the other set should be in duplicate, to be signed by the person receiving the cattle from the pound-keeper, and one should be sent to the taluq. These two sets of receipts will enable the pound gumastah to check the collections completely. The scales of charge for feeding should be fixed under Section 5 by the Magistrate for each taluq or tract after careful inquiry, and, if possible, posted up at each pound.

13. The Board notice that the late Collector of South Arcot, Mr. Reade, was under the impression that the words *per diem* were inadvertently omitted from the section of the new Act specifying the amount of the fines. This is not so; they do not appear in the corresponding section of the old Act. The Board trust that in no case are daily fines levied.

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14. The following statement shows the average receipts and charges for establishment of each pound in the several districts in 1871-72 :—

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	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Ganjam	20.5	9.7	Tanjore	228.7	99.0
Vizagapatam	40.7	25.8	Trichinopoly	111.9	22.7
Godavery	73.4	11.9	Madura	35.6	1.8
Kistna	41.2	2.4	Tinnevely	38.1	25.7
Nellore	79.6	20.0	Salem	80.6	18.0
Cuddapah	21.9	6	Coimbatore	80.6	6.2
Bellary	55.5	1.2	Nilgiris	143.5	80.0
Karnool	45.3	1.1	South Canara	20.9	1.3
Chingleput	56.0	31.2	Malabar	8.8	4.7
North Arcot	39.4	14.2			
South Arcot	35.0	19.2		48.0	12.5

No. 226. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1874, No. 623.

Miscellaneous.

In the foregoing Proceedings the Board submit their observations on the management of cattle pounds, the

remuneration to be granted to pound-keepers, and other matters connected with the working of the Cattle Trespass Act.

2. As to the number of pounds to be maintained, it is, of course, impossible to lay down any rule. The principle to be observed should be to have one wherever the majority or any large number of the people desire one and wherever it is likely to be self-supporting.

3. In regard to the remuneration of the keeper, some sort of uniformity seems practicable and desirable. This may take the form of a percentage rate not exceeding fifty per cent., subject to a maximum of Rs. 5 per mensem.

4. Where there are special reasons for a divergence from this system, the Board will exercise their discretion.

5. The returns proposed in paragraph 12 are approved, with reference to Section 7, Act I. of 1871.

6. The Government do not think that either inferior servants or taluq pound gunastahs are required. The manure should pay and easily pay for keeping the pounds clean. The pound accounts can be managed by the ordinary taluq establishment.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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No. 1,932.

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O. O., 23rd May 1874, No. 628.

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No. 225-228.

Cattle Pounds.—Review Board's Proceedings regarding management of —; indicates the principle on which remuneration should be paid to the keepers; approves the proposed returns; and considers inferior returns of taking pound guards unnecessary, with remarks.



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Malabar	Elsewhere, village pots— <i>nil</i> . Eighteen pounds—special keepers, average pay Rupees 5. Elsewhere—Adhigaris— <i>nil</i> .	Fifty per cent. without a maximum, but Adhigaris to maintain the buildings used as pounds.

10. Uniformity evidently cannot be attained, and it is a question whether it is desirable. The Board, however, are of opinion that no village officer should be required to do work in connection with pounds without remuneration as proposed by the Collector of Kurnool. There is evidently a general opinion in favour of percentage rates, and the Board would allow the Collectors to carry out their several proposals. It might also be left to their discretion where to require the pound-keepers to provide inferior servants. The permanent and constant employment of such servants is at many pounds clearly unnecessary. Pound goomastahs should be employed at least in every taluq for the compilation of the pound returns and scrutiny of pound-keepers' accounts.

The Board believe that if the number of pounds is unduly increased, excessive and the grant of remuneration in all cases will probably cause increased collections. Still the Surplus Pound Fund is such an important resource for the prosecution of the course of agricultural instruction and improvement which has been begun and will, the Board hope, be much developed that the working of the new system will need careful watching.

12. As to the system of accounting required in connection with pounds, nothing is required beyond a form of monthly account and irusalnamah and books of consecutively numbered receipts—one set should have foil and double counterfoil, one to be given to the person delivering the cattle, one to be sent to the Taluq Cutcherry, and one to be retained by the pound-keeper; the other set should be in duplicate, to be signed by the person receiving the cattle from the pound-keeper, and one should be sent to the taluq. These two sets of receipts will enable the pound goomastah to check the collections completely. The scales of charge for feeding should be fixed under Section 5 by the Magistrate for each taluq or tract after careful inquiry and, if possible, posted up at each pound.

13. The Board notice that the late Collector of South Arcot, Mr. Reade, was under the impression that the words *per diem* were inadvertently omitted from the section of the new Act specifying the amount of the fines. This is not so; they do not appear in the corresponding section of the old Act. The Board trust that in no case are daily fines levied.

14. The following statement shows the average receipts and charges for establishment of each pound in the several districts in 1871-72:—

Districts.	Receipts.	Charges.	Districts.	Receipts.	Charges.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Ganjam	20.5	9.7	Tanjore	228.7	99.0
Vizagapatam	40.7	25.8	Trichinopoly	111.9	22.7
Godavery	73.4	11.9	Madura	35.6	1.8
Kistna	41.2	2.4	Tinnevely	38.1	25.7
Nellore	79.6	20.0	Salem	80.6	18.0
Cuddapah	21.9	.6	Coimbatore	30.6	6.2
Bellary	55.5	1.2	Nilgiris	143.5	80.0
Karnool	45.3	1.1	South Canara	20.9	1.3
Chingleput	56.0	31.2	Malabar	8.8	4.7
North Arcot	39.4	14.2			
South Arcot	35.0	19.2		48.0	12.5

(A true Extract.)

M. Stokes
Acting Secretary.

To all Collectors.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Ed. A. S. Rodgers.

Cattle Pounds.—Orders passed on letters from Collectors reporting on management of— and submitting proposals in regard to remuneration to be granted to pound-keepers, etc.

SEPTEMBER.
No. 1, 932.

Received 9 Oct 1873

Proc. No. 70 Oct 1873.
Encl.

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

1873.

Dec 1873

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Memorandum for Orders

The Board have had under consideration reports from all Collectors regarding the system of management of cattle-pounds & remuneration of pound-keepers obtaining in their Districts.

It is of course impossible to lay down any rule as to the number of pounds - the principle should be to have one where ever the majority or any large number of the people desire one. and it is likely to be self-supporting.

As to the remuneration of the pound-keepers, uniformity

2. They find no sort of uniformity in the remuneration of pound-keepers.

3. As to the number of pounds to be maintained they remark that they consider that there should be "wherever pounds can be made self-supporting".

4. They are of opinion that the village officers

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enumerated
 ink in
 million with
 pounds but as
 uniformity is unattainable
 and its expediency
 doubtful they would
 leave collectors to
 carry out their various
 proposals which
 mostly incline to
 payment by a
 percentage of the
 price received

seems to be
 a delicate
 I should say
 a percentage - but
 exceeding 50 - with
 a maximum.

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5. They then proceed
 to direct the keeping
 of a form of monthly account
 and of animals

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12th of a book of numbered
 receipts with foil &
 double counterfoil,
 one to be given to the
 person delivering the
 cattle, the other to the
 value

& the third to be retained
 by the pound keeper

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 628 and 3rd.
 of a book of
 duplicate receipts to
 be signed by the person
 receiving cattle from
 the pound keeper &
 one to be sent to the
 value.

7. A.I.D.

6. These apparently
 require the approval
 which it is presumed
 may be accorded
 generally to the
 Board's views &
 directions.

See.

Memo for Orders.
Relative to the management
of Cattle pounds.

Order No 628

No 3189

No. 628

Revenue Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 23rd May 1874.

READ the following

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue.

Submitting proposals in regard
to remuneration to be granted
to pound keepers. &c.

H. E. 25th September 1873 N. 1932.

In the foregoing Pro-
ceedings the Board submit
their observations on the manage-
ment of Cattle pounds, the
remuneration to be granted to
pound keepers and other matters
connected with the working of
the Cattle Trespass Act.

2. As to the number of
pounds to be maintained, it
is of course impossible to lay
down any rule. The principle
to be observed should be to
have

Submitted
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have one wherever the majority
or any large number of the people
desire one and wherever it is
likely to be self-supporting.

3. In regard to the
remuneration of the keeper,
some sort of uniformity seems
practicable and desirable. This
may take the form of a per
centage rate not exceeding 50 per
cent subject to a maximum of
Rs 5 per mensem.

X. The Board's remarks as
to the employment of inferior
servants and pound gamastahs
are approved. Where the former
are actually necessary, they may
be paid at the ordinary rates
of cooly hire prevailing in the
district. The monthly salary
of the gamastahs may be fixed
at Rs 10 or 12.

X.4 Where there are special
reasons for a divergence from
this system, the Board will
exercise their discretion.

X.5. The returns proposed
in

Has not think that these
servants are any way required
The manure do pay & only
pay for keeping the Pound clean
Salary gamastahs are not re-
quired for Pound acct- keeps
them a mere pretext for
easy Estbl. & subsidized
to the utmost vigilance
is required to suppress this practice
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W.H.
Paper
JH

21/6/88
in paragraph 12 are approved
with reference to Section 7 Act I
of 1871.

G.M.
6. The Government
do not think that
either inferior ser-
vants or ^{taluk} pound
gamastahs in the
Taluk Cutcherries
are required. The
manure should
pay and easily
pay for keeping
the pounds clean.
The pound accounts
~~are~~ can be managed
by the ordinary
Taluk Establish-
ment G.M.

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order

21/3 B of P. & C. 2 of 4 June 74
1. Audit G. & C. 2 of 4 June 74

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