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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th June 1874.*

No. 79. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th May 1874, Miscellaneous No. 3,551:—

Read statement from the Collector of Nellore, dated 30th April 1874, No. 900, showing the amount of arrears of Salt Russums due in the district.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. At Vilagapudi on the great northern road there is a public chuttrum endowed with a shrotriem village and a money-grant of Rs. 147-6-0 per annum. The annual income is about Rs. 1,000. The endowment was confirmed by the Inam Commissioner for the support of the chuttrum for which it was granted.

3. Since 1854 complaints have been repeatedly made in regard to the shrotriendar G. Ramanjulu Naidu's mismanagement of this charitable institution.

4. As it appeared from a report recently received from the Collector that Ramanjulu Naidu had misappropriated the funds, used the chuttrum as his private dwelling, kept it in a filthy state, and neglected to make the necessary repairs; and as past experience proved that he cannot be entrusted with the management of the institution; the Board in their Proceedings, dated 24th March 1874, No. 663, directed the Collector to attach the shrotriem and to manage the chuttrum on behalf of Government.

5. The money-grant of Rs. 147-6-0 per annum, the continuance of which was sanctioned in G. O. dated 15th November 1850, No. 1,060 has not been paid since June 1864, apparently because Ramanjulu Naidu did not apply for payment. The arrears which have accumulated up to 31st March 1874 amount to Rs. 1,449-3-0. The Board recommend that payment of this sum be sanctioned and that the Collector be authorized to spend it in cleansing and repairing the chuttrum.

No. 80. ORDER THEREON, 9th June 1874, No. 707.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTIONED.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 663.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 24th March 1874.

Read the following letters:—

From G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th March 1873, No. 616:—

I HAVE the honour to enclose copy of letter, No. 64, dated 5th instant, from the Acting Sub-Collector, and to request that, under the circumstances therein stated, the Board will transfer their jurisdiction over the Velagapudy choultry to the Local Fund Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From S. T. MCCARTHY, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, dated Ongole, 5th March 1873, No. 64.

I HAVE the honour to report on G. Ramanjulu Naidu's choultry referred to in the memorandum of the Treasury Deputy-Collector, forwarded with your docket, No. 639, of 3rd April 1871.

The choultry in question is two miles to the east of Tangutur in the Ongole Taluq, and is situated on the old road between Benares and Ramesweram. At this choultry "sadavarti" or daily distribution of food and maintenance is given to Brahmins and Byragé travellers, and to meet this expenditure the village of Velagapudy, where the choultry is situated, was granted as a shrotriern, with a jodi of Rupees 80-13-6, by former rulers of the country, in addition to the salt russums which the shrotrierndar receives for the purpose.

2. The income of the shrotriern in 1859 was calculated to be Rupees 700, from which a sum of Rupees 80-13-6 had to be deducted on account of jodi on the shrotriern. This balance, together with Rupees 147-6-0 russums received from the Salt Department, was available for charity, viz., distribution of food and maintenance daily at the choultry. The income of the shrotriern has since increased, and in fasli 1281 it was Rupees 1,141-13-5. It is to be remarked here that about Rupees 689 remained uncollected at the close of March 1872.

3. A complaint having been made in 1853-54, that G. Ramanjulu Naidu, on whom devolved the charge of the shrotriern and charity, did not regularly perform the charity, but misappropriated the income set apart for the purpose, the shrotriern was attached in that year, and the charity was conducted on behalf of Government till 1855-56, and in the latter year the shrotriern was restored to the Naidu by Mr. Elton, as the Naidu had given security for the due performance of charity and repair of the choultry.

4. Subsequently, in October 1860, a complaint was made before the Officiating Sub-Collector that the shrotrierndar misappropriated to his own use the greater part of the choultry and Inam lands connected with the charity, and also misappropriated the income of the shrotriern without giving the "sadavarti." The Officiating Sub-Collector, after inquiry, sentenced the shrotrierndar, under Clause 1, Section 5, Regulation IX. of 1822, and Section 16, Regulation VII. of 1817, to pay a fine of Rupees 500, and in default to be kept in imprisonment until the fine is paid. The Sub-Collector further ordered the attachment of the shrotriern. This sentence of the Sub-Collector was confirmed on appeal by the Collector, but G. Ramanjulu Naidu appealing to the Board against the sentence the same was reversed by the Board, who remitted the fine and reinstated the shrotrierndar, giving him a further trial under such checks as the Collector could devise to prevent further embezzlement.

5. In February 1870, a complaint was again made that, notwithstanding the heavy fine imposed in 1860, the shrotrierndar occupied himself a greater part of the choultry, allowed the building to fall out of repair, and misappropriated a greater part of the income granted for charity, (viz., distribution of food and maintenance daily to travellers at the choultry). This

Velagapudy Choultry in Nellore District.—
Enactions payment of arrears of money-grant due
on account of the — and authorize Collector to
pend the amount in cleansing and repairing it.

JUNE.
Nos. 79-80.

G. O., 9th June 1874, No. 707.

Dated June 9th.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.
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complaint-petition was referred to the Ongole Tahsildar for report, and the Taluq Sheristadar in charge of the taluq submitted his report in May 1870. In that, the Taluq Sheristadar stated that the shrotriendard lived with his family at Velagapudy in the choultry; that he misappropriated a portion of the income of the shrotriendard for the maintenance of his family; that from the accounts in the possession of the shrotriendard, it appeared that a sum of Rupees 1,135-15-7 remained unexpended out of the income of the charity from fasli 1273 to fasli 1279; that the shrotriendard admitted having appropriated to his own use Rupees 292-15-5 of the amount, but that the remainder, Rupees 835-0-2, had been embezzled by his Gumastah; that this latter statement of the shrotriendard was unworthy of credit, as the Gumastah produced some letters written by the shrotriendard to pay certain amounts on his account. The Taluq Sheristadar added that, as complaints had been repeatedly made against the shrotriendard, and as, from inquiry also, his conduct was found not to be good, it would be well if the village were attached, and the charity conducted on behalf of Government.

6. Upon this, the late Sub-Collector Mr. Hughesdon repaired to the village, inspected the choultry, and issued a takid, dated 21st November 1871, No. 1,732. In this takid it is stated that there appeared to be two parties in the village, one friendly and the other hostile to the shrotriendard; that the accounts with the shrotriendard not being properly kept it was very difficult to find out the exact amount expended in each month on account of charity; and that consequently no final order could be passed on the report of the Taluq Sheristadar. Mr. Hughesdon, at the same time, gave orders that the revenue of the village for fasli 1281, as also the expenditure on account of charity should be accurately ascertained and reported; that for the future the accounts of expenditure should be countersigned by the village-officers and that all payments by ryots on account of shrotriendard also should bear their signature; that accounts of the monthly expenditure of the charity should be submitted, and that orders would be issued if deemed necessary.

7. In May 1872, the Tahsildar of Ongole, in obedience to the above takid, submitted the accounts of fasli 1281 up to March 1872. From these accounts it appears that the income of the village was Rupees 1,141-13-5; that the collections up to the end of March was Rupees 456-4-8; that this sum, together with Rupees 69-4-0, amount borrowed by the shrotriendard, was spent on account of the charity as particularised in the accompanying statement. Monthly accounts of expenditure from April to December 1872 have since been received, which show an expenditure of Rupees 652-2-7 as particularised in the statement herewith forwarded.

8. Mr. Hughesdon, on the 29th November 1871, wrote to you requesting to have the title-deed of the shrotriendard obtained from the Civil Court and sent to him, as he wanted to learn what the terms of the deed were. This title-deed has not yet been received.

9. I have just inspected the choultry, and have found it much in need of repair. The compound wall has nearly all disappeared. All about the building the chunam is worn away to a considerable extent, and the brick-work exposed; this, too, is gradually wearing away in the lower parts of the walls. The chunam is all removed from the verandah brick-work. The choultry is in a filthy state, the walls within being blackened from smoke. The shrotriendard whom I met there admitted that he lived in the building. He keeps his horse and buffaloes close to it, and the manure and rubbish which have accumulated thereby render the place very unsightly. I have issued orders to him, through the Tahsildar, to quit the building at once.

10. I saw on the morning of my visit some nine or ten travellers who were halting there. The shrotriendard informed me that generally twenty or thirty people halt there every day. When I asked him why he did not keep it in repair, he stated that he could not do so unless he received the arrears of salt-russums due for the last nine years.

11. In a deposition given before me by the shrotriendard, he said that the village was granted to his ancestors for the erection of a chuttrum and the support of travellers halting therein, and that subsequently the salt-russums now applied for were allowed for the repair of the chuttrum. There are not now with him, he states, any documents on the subject of these russums, the title-deed having been produced before the Inam Deputy-Collector, and never returned. He

states that the payment of the russums ceased nine years ago, not through any order of the authorities, but because he had thus to go to Madras where he remained absent for several years, and that though there was during that time a Gumastah in charge of the chuttrum, yet he did not authorize him to receive the russums, because he feared the Gumastah would not carry out the repairs properly, and, moreover, it was necessary to go to the trouble of executing a proper power of attorney. He said that the reason he now resided at the chuttrum was that he had never built a house of his own at the village, as he only came there now and then. He states, however, that he has now resided at the chuttrum for the last eighteen months.

12. I think his explanation is not by any means satisfactory, and I am of opinion that, whether the arrears of russums which the shrotriendard claims be decided to be due to him or not, the chuttrum should be at once attached, and that out of the funds of the shrotriendard all necessary repairs be executed and the charity performed on behalf of Government. Considering the repeated warnings which the shrotriendard has had, I think he has forfeited all claim to indulgence by his conduct in letting the chuttrum go so much out of repair as it now is, and residing in it and keeping it in such a filthy state. I do not see the use of leaving the chuttrum to the shrotriendard to repair. Instead of doing so, he will probably let it get worse from day to day. When the choultry is repaired thoroughly by Government the question of removing the attachment and giving it back into the shrotriendard's hands might be considered. In such a case, however, he should be compelled to give good security for the due performance of the charity and the maintenance of the building in good order.

13. The information given herein above is all that can be gathered from the records in this office.

14. I regret having allowed your docket to remain unanswered so long. I was waiting to obtain a reply to the letter written by Mr. Hughesdon in November 1871, thinking that to be necessary for a clear determination of the case, but, as I do not think it is of any particular importance, I have determined to wait no longer.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. VANSAGNEW,
Collector.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Statements.

From G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st January 1874, No. 123.

WITH reference to the Board's official memorandum, No. 489, dated 9th April 1873, I have the honour to report that I will waive the point about transferring the choultry at Velagapudy to the Local Fund Board at present.

2. Many of the choultries are insufficiently endowed to admit of the buildings being kept in proper repair in addition to the charity being kept up, and if the Local Fund Board had the supervision of them, they might give grants-in-aid, and I, therefore, think it advisable to transfer all such choultries to Local Fund Boards.

3. With regard to the shrotriendard's complaint that certain salt russums are due to him, the Acting Sub-Collector states in his letter, No. 222, dated 24th June 1873, that in 1864 the Treasury Deputy-Collector directed payment of the russum (Rupees 12-4-6 per mensem) to be thenceforth made by the Salt Superintendent of Padarti; that there had been a break in the series of payments; and that the arrear, which continued to accrue from June 1864 up to the end of January 1871,

amounted to Rupees 982-8 0. The shrotriendard deposed that he himself had been absent in Madras for seven years, and that his representative at the choultry had made no demand; that he had not chosen to trust his Gumastah; and that he did not want the trouble of executing a power of attorney. His wife's death and an illness of his own, the Sub-Collector states, he gave as the reasons of his absence. The Sub-Collector thinks that the shrotriendard has forfeited all moral claim to the arrear; that the service has been always grossly neglected; and the building allowed to go to ruin and never really used, except occasionally as the shrotriendard's private dwelling house.

4. As regards the shrotriendard's title-deed, the Officiating Sub-Collector stated in his letter, No. 200, dated 29th November 1871, that it was filed by the shrotriendard in Original Suit No. 806 of 1869 in the Court of the District Munsif of Ongole, a copy of which was obtained from the District Court. The shrotriendard's statement that it was produced before the Inam Deputy-Collector is, therefore, false.

The papers before the Board show that the endowment of the chuttrum, known as G. Ramanjulu Naidu's chuttrum, has been misappropriated by the shrotriendard, G. Ramanjulu Naidu, and experience proves that he cannot be trusted to administer it. The chuttrum is used by the shrotriendard as a dwelling place and is filthy and out of repair, and he spends on himself money which ought to be devoted to the accommodation of travellers.

2. The Collector is accordingly authorized to attach the endowment and manage the chuttrum on behalf of Government. He should recover the salt russums said to be in arrears, and cleanse and repair the building.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Nellore.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Chuttrum—known as G. Ramanjulu Naidu's chuttrum in Nellore District, of which shrotriendard is Velagapudi in which it is situated for its endowment.—Collector authorized to attach endowment and manage chuttrum on behalf of Government. Arrears of salt russums due to shrotriendard to be recovered and building cleansed and repaired.

MARCH.
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PROCEEDINGS, 24TH MARCH 1874, No. 663.

BOARD of REVENUE,
MADRAS.

1874.

Revenue Department

Miscellaneous No. 3551.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 28th May 1874

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/True Extract/

J. Grose
Secretary

To
The Secretary to
Government Revenue
Department
with original statement.

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