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No. 199. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th August 1875, No. 2,206 :—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 23rd July 1875, No. 417 :—

WITH reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 20th January 1874, Miscellaneous No. 357, after prolonged correspondence with the taluq officials, I have the honor to state that the assertion made in my letter, No. 800, dated 20th December 1873, therein referred to, to the effect that certain wet lands (granted to the pagoda of the Stri Kasi Viswanada Swami in Chittoor, in lieu of ready-money allowance) were, subsequent to their selection, but previous to their assignment, transferred to the head of "Dry," and consequently a sum of Rupees 25-14-3 had to be paid to the trustees of the pagoda in question is wrong, having been based on erroneous information furnished by the late Tahsildar of the taluq, Ramanjulu Naidu. The circumstances of the case, as now brought to notice, are stated below, and the Board will observe that they are altogether different from former representations.

2. It appears that, previous to Fasli 1276, the marginally-noted lands, with their assessments, were selected to be granted to the pagoda in question in lieu of ready-money payments. The lands were, however, not actually made over to the trustees of the pagoda until Fasli 1280.

		ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.
1. In the village of Mangasamudram.	Wet...	9·83	79	12	9
	Dry...	2·69	5	14	6
	Total...	12·52	85	11	3
2. In the village of Pandramunipalli.	Wet...	9·55	39	5	4
	Dry...	78·46	79	10	10
	Total...	88·1	119	0	2
	Grand Total...	100·53	204	11	5

3. The subject-matter of the pre- t correspondence concerns only a rtion of the wet lands in the village of Pandramunipalli above referred to. C he wet extent of Acres 9·55 granted in the said village, Acres 4·49 were, accor ding to pymaish and other revenue accounts, *double* crop nunjah lands. In Fasli 1276, for some unexplained cause, the Curnam of the village, Nelakanta Pillai, n his own responsibility, entered the said lands, Acres 4·49, assessed at Rupees 2 3-11, as well as all the other *double* crop wet lands of the village, Acres 13·57, a essed at Rupees 77-6-6, as *single* crop wet lands, thereby reducing the assessment o n the pagoda lands to Rupees 17-0-6, and on Government lands to Rupees 51-6-9. It would thus seem that, in the first instance, the Curnam has caused an annual loss of Rupees 8-3-5 to the pagoda from Fasli 1280, and Rupees 34-3-2 from Fa li 1276 to Fasli 1279, and Rs. 25-15-9 from Fasli 1280 to 1284, to Government. The total loss thus calculated is Rupees 41-1-1 to the pagoda, and Rupees 7 3-11-5 to Government. But deducting the relinquishments made from year t year out of the Government lands above referred to, the Tahsildar makes ou he correct loss to Government to be Rupees 105-14-10. The loss to the pag , however, remains the same, as the extent of the grant remains unaltered.

4. It may be noted here that Fasaljasti or second-crop assessment, to the amount of Rupees 17-13-6, has been recovered during the past years on behalf of Government from the ryots who held the lands in question. This being deducted from Rupees 105-14-10 above referred to, the actual loss to Government on this account is Rupees 88-1-4.

5. Under the above circumstances, I am of opinion that the loss sustained by the pagoda on account of the illegal proceedings of the Curnam of the village should be made good by Government, and therefore I recommend that the sum of Rupees 41-1-1, above referred to, be paid to the trustees of the pagoda from Revenue Funds, and I accordingly solicit sanction for the payment thereof. From Fasli 1285, I shall order the reclassification of the pagoda lands in question as double crop nunjah.

6. The above course will be adopted with regard to the Government lands, that is, they will likewise be ordered to be retransferred from Fasli 1285, to double crop wet from single crop, as now erroneously entered in the accounts, but I do not see the feasibility of recovering the loss sustained by Government. It is too late to call upon the ryots to pay the amount. The Curnam, I do not think, is capable of paying the sum of Rupees 129-2-5 lost to Government on account of his misconduct. I therefore propose to dismiss the Curnam from the public service. He can give no satisfactory explanation of his extraordinary proceedings in the matter. He is reported to be old and deaf.

7. I solicit the early orders of the Board on this reference.

SUBMITTED to Government with the request that sanction may be accorded for payment to the trustees of the pagoda in question of a sum of Rupees 41-1-1, being the loss incurred by them owing to the erroneous transfer of a portion of the land assigned in lieu of ready-money payments from the head of double crop to single crop from Fasli 1280 to 1284.

2. The Board approve the Collector's proposals as regards the reclassification of the land and the dismissal of the Curnam, from whom there appears to be no prospect of recovering any portion of the loss sustained.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 200. ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1875, No. 1,256.

Land Revenue, No. 6.

THE Board will report more fully the circumstances under which the fraud committed by the Curnam escaped notice for so many years, what the original amount of the ready-money allowance to the pagoda was, and how the pagoda trustees came to acquiesce at first in an assignment which, if made in the manner reported, must have entailed loss on them. There must have been serious irregularities in the system of keeping accounts in the district, and of checking them, to permit of the occurrence of errors of the kind now brought to

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th August 1875.

notice. It is requested that the Board will thoroughly investigate the matter and submit a full report on the subject.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Revenue Department

Miscellaneous No 3570 3/175

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 20th January 1875

Read the following

No: 800.

From W. S. Whiteside Esqr.
Collector of North Arcot

To J. Groce Esqr.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir

I have the honor to state that in Chittoor, certain dry and wet lands measuring Acres 100.53 assessed at Rupees 284-11-5, were granted as endowment in lieu of the ready money allowance granted for the support of the Sri Kasi Viswanada Swami pagoda at the said place, but before the lands

This area deducted from 204-11-0

So

Cobt. of 1875 Mar.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated August, 20th.

Read

G.O., 20th August 1875, No. 1,256.

AUGUST.

Nos. 139 200

Sri Kasi Viswanada Swami Pagoda in the North Arcot District.—With reference to the letter from the Board of Revenue, dated 20th August 1875, No. 1,256.

Sri Kasi Viswanada Swami Pagoda in the North Arcot District.

So assigned were made over to the Pagoda, the wet lands as per margin A were transferred to dry in the year 1866. on the ground that there was no means of water supply.

2. The officers of the Revenue Settlement have since discovered that the land really has sufficient irrigation and have, therefore recommended its re-transfer to wet which was ordered at the Jamabundi made by the Sub-Collector. There is, therefore, no need to give lands in exchange for the portion so transferred.

3. Of the remaining extent Acres 1-5, assessed at Rupees 1-9-11 was taken up for the local road leading from

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from Chittoor to Irak in Fasli 1278.

4. In lieu of the lands as taken up a fresh assignment of acres--16 assessed at annas 10 was sanctioned by the Board of Revenue, in their Proceedings dated 12th December 1873 Miscellaneous No: 8573.

5. As it appears that the Inamdars have lost an assessment of Rupees 25-14-3. for 3 Fasles from Fasli 1280, to 1282 at 8-10-1. per annum owing to the transfer of the land to dry. I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of the Board for paying to the Inamdars of the pagoda, the above sum

Sum of Rupees 25-14-3.

6. I have issued orders to the Tahsildar to allow the Trustee to collect minja assessment for Fasli 1283. in accordance with the transfer made by the Settlement Department.

North Arcot Collector's office Chittur 20th December 1873

I have &c
(Sd) H. S. Whiteside
Collector

The Collector is requested to state whether it can be ascertained whether the land was irrigated or not during the Faslies for which the claim was made, also to report, how the amount claimed

claimed is made out.

(True copy intended)
(Sd) H. E. Stokes
Asst Secretary

To
The Collector of
North Arcot
(True copy)

Asst Secretary

Mr. Frewell

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 6th August 1875, No. 2206:-

Read the following

No. 417

From

W. S. Whiteside Esquire
Collector of North Arcot

To

H. C. Stokes Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,

With reference to Board's Proceedings
dated 20th January 1874, Miscellaneous No. 85,
after prolonged correspondence with the
Palaiy officials, I have the honor to state
that the assertion made in my letter
No. 800, dated 26th December 1873, therein
referred to, to the effect that certain pot
lands granted to the Pagoda of the Sri
Kasi Viswanada Swami in Chittoor

in

Enclosure in
Board's Proceedings
dated 6th August 1875
No. 2206
To the Secretary to Govt.
Board, Revenue Department

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Copy of Board's
Proceedings dated 20th
January 1875 Rec.
3rd Feb.

in lieu of ready money allowances) were, subsequent to their selection, but previous to their assignment, transferred to the head of "Dry" and consequently a sum of Rs 25-14-3 had to be paid to the Trustees of the Pagoda in question is wrong, having been based on erroneous information furnished by the late Tahsildar of the Taluq Ramanjiam Nadu. The circumstances of the case, as now brought to notice, are stated below, and the Board will observe that they are altogether different from former representations.

2. It appears that, previous to Fasli 1276, the marginally noted lands, with their assessments were selected to be granted to the Pagoda in question in lieu of ready money payments. The lands were, however, not actually made over to the Trustees of the Pagoda until Fasli 1280.

1.	In the Village of Mangasamudram			
	Wet Acres 9-83	Rupees	79 – 12 – 9	
	Dry 2.69	Do	5 – 14 – 6	
	Total 12.52	Do	85 – 11 – 3	
2.	In the Village of Pandramanipalli			
	Wet Acres 9-55	Rupees	39 – 5 – 4	
	Dry 78.46	Do	79 – 10 – 10	
	Total 88.1	Do	119 – 0 – 2	
	Grand Total 100-53	Do	204 – 11 – 5	

3. The subject matter of the present correspondence concerns only a portion of the wet lands in the village of Pandramanipalli, above referred to. Of the wet extent of Acres 9-55 granted in the said village, Acres 4-49 were, according to Pymaish and other Revenue accounts,

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and on Government lands to Rs 51-6-9.
It would thus seem that, in the first
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from Fasli 1280 and Rs 34-3-2 from
Fasli 1276 to Fasli 1279, and Rs 25-15-9
from

25-15-
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34-3-

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however, remains the same, as the
extent of the grant remains unaltered.

5 x 8-3-5 = 41-1-1

4 x 34-3-2 = 136-12-8
5 x 25-15-9 = 129-4-9
266-11-5

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that the sum of Rs 41-1-1 above referred
to, be paid to the Trustees of the Pagoda
from Revenue funds, and I accordingly
solicit sanction for the payment thereof.

From Fasli 1285, I shall order the re-

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Curnam from the public service. He can give no satisfactory explanation of his extraordinary proceedings in the matter. He is reported to be old and deaf.

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North Arcot Collectors office Chittoor 23rd July 1875. } I have &c /Signed/ W. S. Whiteside Collector.

Submitted to Government with the request that sanction may be accorded for payment to the Trustees of the Pagoda in question of a sum of Rupees 41-1-1 being the loss incurred by them owing to the erroneous transfer of a portion of the land assigned in lieu of ready money payments from the head of double crop to single crop from Fasly 1280 to 1284.

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/True Copy & Extract/

C. D. Galletti
Ag Sub Secretary

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department with copy of Board's Proceedings dated 20th January 1875. Mis: No: 3570.

C. S. Mayhew
Copdt.

No. 1256 Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 25th August 1875

Read the following

Proc: of the Board of Revenue

Requesting sanction for payment to Trustees of Sri Kasi Viswanadasami Pagoda, of Rs 41-1-1½ being the loss sustained by them owing to erroneous transfer of a portion of land assigned for its support from double to single crop from Fasli 1280 to 1284. } (G. E. 6: August 1875

The Board will report more fully the circumstances under which the fraud committed by the Curnam became possible and escaped notice for so many years, what the original amount of the Ready money allowance to the Pagoda was, and how the

Note

Adangal & Azmash are entrusted to check the village accounts. From the annual at the time of the settlement the assessment on each holding is scrutinized & examined noticed & compared & right. If all this had been done it would not have been possible to make such an erroneous entry as the

the Pagoda Trustees come to acquiesce at first in an assignment which if made in the manner reported ex must have entailed loss on them. There must have been serious irregularities in the system of keeping accounts in the District & of checking them: to permit of the occurrence of errors of the kind now brought to notice. It is requested that the Board will thoroughly investigate the matter and submit a full report on the subject.

AHL

14 To the Board of Revenue, 2nd Dept

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4R 10.8.25

Regarding loss sustained by the Trustees of Strikasi Vissvanadaswami Pagoda N. Arcot D. owing to erroneous transfer of a portion of land applied for the support from double to single assessment from Fl 1260 to 1284