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Read the following papers:—

No. 25. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th October 1875, No. 2,966.

Read the following letter from T. V. D. HARDINGE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector in charge, Nellore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th October 1875, No. 2,698:—

I HAVE the honor to enclose copies of the papers marginally noted relative to the loss caused by fire on the 22nd June last in Kammapalli, a hamlet of Vambalur, in the Venkatagiri Division.

2. Out of the 108 houses, of which that village consists, 80 were entirely destroyed. The total loss is estimated at Rupees 11,518.

3. It appears that the ryots applied to the Rajah of Venkatagiri and his Diwan for help to enable them to rebuild their houses, but their applications received no attention; and that the Rajah's subordinate officers even endeavored, and with partial success, to prevent the neighboring villagers from rendering that assistance which, from motives of pity and charity, they at first displayed a readiness to afford.

4. The reason why the ryots have been thus so unfairly neglected is not far to seek. As reported in Clauses V. and VI., paragraph 8, of letter, No. 2,363, dated 19th August 1875, on the revenue administration of the Venkatagiri Estate, certain of the agents of the renters of this village were criminally punished on the complaint of some of the village ryots for extortion. From the enclosed translations of two depositions given by the villagers in question, it appears that the Rajah's officials, &c., had endeavored to obtain an enhanced rent for the tank fishery in the village: this the ryots refused to give. These officials were, moreover, unfavorably disposed towards them, because they had been in the habit of complaining to the local magistrate instead of directly representing to them their grievances.

5. Turning in despair from the Rajah, the ryots applied for permission to supply themselves with building materials from the Government jungles to the Deputy Collector of Naidupett, who has submitted their application to that effect for favorable consideration.

6. On the 4th August 1875 Mr. VansAgnew wrote to the Rajah observing that it would become his duty to apply to Government to render the necessary aid if the Rajah should fail to grant to the ryots the building materials they stood so urgently in need of, and expressing a hope that he might soon hear the Rajah had afforded the aid required, which would obviate the necessity of such a reference to Government.

7. The Rajah's reply, of which translation is enclosed, is unsatisfactory. He seems to imply that the ryots made no application to him for any aid, and this notwithstanding a declaration by these ryots before the Sub-Magistrate that they did so apply and in view of the extreme improbability that under these circumstances no application should be made. He directly charges these villagers with disobedience to his order, &c.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd December 1875.*

8. On the 14th ultimo Mr. VansAgnew sent a copy of the Rajah's letter to the Deputy Collector of Naidupett requesting to report whether any assistance was rendered by the Rajah. On the 30th idem the Deputy Collector replied in the negative, observing that the ryots are still unable to rebuild their houses.

9. Under these circumstances, I request sanction to allow these houseless ryots to cut and carry off wood to enable them to rebuild their houses from the Government jungles free of seigniorage.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. SUDARSANA ROW, Acting Deputy Collector on General Duty, Nellore District, to G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, dated Atmakur, 28th July 1875, No. 222.

I BEG to lay the following circumstances before you for consideration and orders.

* In Venkatagiri Zemindari. 2. On the 22nd June 1875 Kammappallem, hamlet of Vambalur,* took fire, and 80 out of 108 houses therein were destroyed utterly. The ryots being poor, they are unable to rebuild their houses. They have applied both to the Rajah and Diwan for some relief, but no notice of it seems to have been taken either by the Chief or his Minister. The houseless ryots are reported to be suffering much from want of shelter. The Amil of Venkatagiri and the Vantudar of Vambalur seem to prevent people rendering any assistance to these ryots, by reason that they are often preferring complaints to the Sub-Magistrate of Venkatagiri against the renters and others, and that they caused to be recently convicted the gamastah of the renter of Vambalur of extortion.

3. The Deputy Tahsildar and 2nd-class Magistrate of Venkatagiri recommends that the ryots may be permitted to cut the undermentioned wood in Government jungles free from seigniorage:—

Beams	...	...	...	...	...	620	=	200	bandy-loads.
Posts	...	...	...	...	...	1,240	=	120	do.
Cross beams and upper beams, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	3,720	=	124	do.
Small posts	...	...	...	...	...	3,100	=	51	do.
Bamboo bundles of small size for rafter, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	2,478	=	248	do.

Total bandy-loads ... 743

He also recommends for 35 ryots, whom he considers to be very poor, money grant at Rupees 5 each.

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5. Under these circumstances, I would beg to recommend that the ryots may be permitted to cut free the above wood in the Rapur jungles.

6. The Deputy Tahsildar's reports, Nos. 87, 90, and 105, with their enclosures, are herewith submitted.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) T. V. D. HARDINGE,
Acting Sub-Collector in charge.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd December 1875.*

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Translations of Depositions.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Translation of letter from Venkatagiri Rajah.

SANCTIONED.

2. The Proceedings will be submitted for the information of Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 26. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th November 1875, No. 3,086.

Read the following letter from T. V. D. HARDINGE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector in charge of Nellore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nellore, 25th October 1875, No. 2,829:—

IN continuation of my letter, No. 2,698, dated 7th instant, I have the honor to report that in his letter, dated 14th instant, No. 287, the Deputy Collector of Naidupett states that the Rajah of Venkatagiri has, after all, granted some relief to the ryots of Kammappalli, whose houses were destroyed by fire, by permitting them to cut the wood-materials free of seigniorage.

THE Collector will accordingly suspend action under Board's Proceedings, dated 26th October 1875, No. 2,966.

2. This letter will be submitted to Government in continuation of the Proceedings just quoted.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1875, No. 1,731.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

2. The Government are glad to learn that the Rajah of Venkatagiri has, on reconsideration, granted some relief to these distressed villagers.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. Grubert.

No. 2,966.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 26th October 1875.

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I HAVE the honor to enclose copies of the papers marginally noted relative to the loss caused by fire on the 22nd June last Letter from Deputy Collector of Naidupett, in Karimappalli, a hamlet of Vambalur, dated 28th July 1875, No. 222. Translation of a deposition, dated 12th July 1875, in the Venkatagiri Division. Translation of a deposition, dated 13th July 1875. Out of the 108 houses, of which that village consists, 80 were entirely destroyed. The total loss is estimated at Rupees 11,518. Translation of a letter from Rajah, dated 7th August 1875, No. 11/1527.

3. It appears that the ryots applied to the Rajah of Venkatagiri and his Diwan for help to enable them to rebuild their houses, but their applications received no attention; and that the Rajah's subordinate officers even endeavored, and with partial success, to prevent the neighboring villagers from rendering that assistance which, from motives of pity and charity, they at first displayed a readiness to afford.

4. The reason why the ryots have been thus so unfairly neglected is not far to seek. As reported in Clauses V. and VI., paragraph 8, of letter, No. 2,363, dated 19th August 1875, on the revenue administration of the Venkatagiri Estate, certain of the agents of the renters of this village were criminally punished on the complaint of some of the village ryots for extortion. From the enclosed translations of two depositions given by the villagers in question, it appears that the Rajah's officials, &c., had endeavored to obtain an enhanced rent for the tank fishery in the village: this the ryots refused to give. These officials were, moreover, unfavorably disposed towards them, because they had been in the habit of complaining to the local magistrate instead of directly representing to them their grievances.

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Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated December, 1875.

Recd.

G. O., 2nd December 1875, No. 1,731.

DECEMBER.

No. 2,966.

Houses destroyed by fire in Karimappalli Village, Venkatagiri Division, Nellore District.—Proceedings, Board of Revenue, sanctioning grant of wood for reconstruction of — and intimating that the Government are glad to learn that the Rajah of Venkatagiri has granted relief to the distressed villagers.

8. On the 14th ultimo Mr. VansAgnew sent a copy of the Rajah's letter to the Deputy Collector of Naidupett requesting to report whether any assistance was rendered by the Rajah. On the 30th idem the Deputy Collector replied in the negative, observing that the ryots are still unable to rebuild their houses.

9. Under these circumstances, I request sanction to allow these houseless ryots to cut and carry off wood to enable them to rebuild their houses from the Government jungles free of seigniorage.

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3. The Deputy Tahsildar and 2nd-class Magistrate of Venkatagiri recommends that the ryots may be permitted to cut the undermentioned wood in Government jungles free from seigniorage:—

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(True Copy.)

(Signed)

T. V. D. HARDINGE,
Acting Sub-Collector in charge.

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ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Translation of letter from Venkatagiri Rajah.

SANCTIONED.

2. The Proceedings will be submitted for the information of Government.
(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Nellore.

„ the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with three enclosures to be returned.

Exd. A. Grubert.

The Board's Proceedings are approved.

I do not certainly add
The Govt report to determine
that the Raja of Venkatasagiri has
shown no consideration for the
misfortune which has befallen on
these villages

No 4322
Madras 1875. Oct 26
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 26TH OCTOBER 1875, No. 2,966.
Dated 20 Oct 75

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OCTOBER.
No. 2,966.

Houses — destroyed by fire in Kammappalli
village in Venkatasagiri Division, Nellore District.
—Sanctioning grant of wood from Government
jungles free of seigniorage for reconstruction
of, and submitting these Proceedings for
information of Government.

Recd. 5. Nov 75
Sd/- 1701-23 December 1875

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,
dated 10th November 1875 No 3086.

Read the following

No 2829

From

J. D. B. Hardinge Esqre,
As Sub Collector in charge
Nellore

To, H. E. Stokes Esqre,
As Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir, In continuation of my letter No 2698,
dated 7th Instant, I have the honor
to report that in his letter dated 14th
Instant No 287, the Deputy Collector
of Naidupett states that the Rajah
of Venkatasagiri has after all granted
some relief to the ryots of Kammappalli,
whose houses were destroyed
by fire, by permitting them to cut
the wood materials free of
seigniorage

Seigniorage.

Nellore
Collector's Office,
25 October 1875. } I have ~~seen~~
(Signed) F. W. D. Hardinge
As Sub Collector in charge.

The Collector will accordingly
suspend action under Board's Proceed-
ings 26th October 1875 No 2966.

2. This letter will be submitted to
Government in continuation of the
Proceedings just quoted.

(True Copy & Extract)

Hearn
As Secretary

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

B. A. Hearn
Sd/-

c 22/10/75 p 24/10/75

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Submitting to Govt.
with certain remarks
letter from Mr Sub Col
in charge of the
reporting Rajah
of Venkataswamy has after
all granted some relief
to the houseless ryots
of Kammapalli, by
submitting them to cut
wood material free
of seigniorage.

Recd 1731 - 28 November 1875

Dated 10th November
1875

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Revenue 1875 & 1876
No 4393

27/10/75



No 1731
Proc. of the Madras Govt.
Under date the 2nd Dec 1875

Read the following
Proc. of the B^d of Rev

Submitting for the
information of Govt. Proc.
sanctioning grant of wood
from Govt. pingle free of
seigniorage for re-conser-
vation of houses destroyed by
fire in Kammapalli m-
lap in Venkataswami Division,
Kallur Dist.

H.E. 26 Oct/75
No 2966.

Submitting with cer-
tain remarks letter from Mr
Sub Col in charge of Kallur
Dist. reporting that the Ra-
jah of Venkataswami has
after all granted some relief
to the houseless ryots
of Kammapalli, by permitting
them to cut wood material
free of seigniorage.

H.E. 10th Nov/75

Note
The Rajah of Venkataswami
having been determined to
assist his ryots a revised
draft is submitted.

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Relief afforded by
Rajah of Venentapur
to the Rammopalli and
Lajin who have been
distressed by fire.

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