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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th January 1877

No 447 Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd December 1876 —

Read the following letter from F R H SHARP, Esq, Acting Collector of Nellore, to H E STOKES, Esq, Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nellore, 15th December 1876, No 3,802

I HAVE the honor to submit extracts from three letters* from the Diwan of
Extra No 1 dated 20th November 1876 Venkata Sri asking for permission to
2 21st defer payment of the Zemindar paiseush
No 4 dated 12th December 1876 due as per margin† with the following
† On 10th December 1876 Rs 1 25 700 15 5 remarks

2 Ungracious as it may appear *prima facie* taking into consideration the Rajah's recent statement of his intentions to spend two lakhs of Rupees on relief works in his Zemindari, which are to be chiefly in the form of irrigational works, I consider it my duty not to recommend such a concession to the Rajah. I have given the opportunity of offering any special explanation showing his inability to pay, and I have received no further explanation than that offered in the accompanying letter (No 42). I have no reason to believe that the Rajah is so impoverished in connection with the present season of scarcity that he cannot meet his obligations without inconvenience. And to extend this concession to him would be to create a most awkward precedent, for I do not see how then I could equitably ask his revenue from any landholder in the district. And in connection with this subject, I would observe that the present season is an unusually good one for large landholders who are generally large holders of grain, as they have been able to command at least double the prices they might have expected for their stocks in ordinary years.

3 Should the Board see fit to grant the concession asked for, I suggest that it should be on a distinct understanding that the Rajah's ryots and the poorer renters under him (such as Village Munsifs) should not be pressed in any way for payment of their rents.

4 With the above remarks I submit the matter to the Board for disposal

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Enclosure No 1

From R VENKATAKRISHNA ROW PUNTUIU BA Diwan of Venkatagiri to F R H SHARI Esq Acting Collector of Nellore dated 20th November 1876 Extra No 1

8 According to the accounts of collections received up to the end of last week there is a balance of Rupees 31 0 2 11 in the taluq and in the...

Southern Taluq	Poor	1 7 49	1 3
	Sagatur	11 81	6 11
	Venkatagiri	9 18	1 0
	Manubole	5 1	10 4
Total		20 14	6
Northern Taluq	Pellur	1 131	2 9
	Darsi	1 170	7 4
	Polihle	101	3 7
	Marella	1 7 2	7 7
Total		5 463	1 8
Grand Total		31 0 2	11 2

9 On the 10th instant the balance in the Rajah's current treasury is only Rupees 89 0 0 11

(True Copy)

F R H SHARI
Acting Collector

Enclosure No 2

From R VENKATAKRISHNA ROW PUNTUIU BA Diwan of Venkatagiri to F R H SHARI Esq Acting Collector of Nellore dated 21st November 1876 Extra No

5 Under the circumstances stated in my letter quoted it will be seen that there is very little balance in the taluq and Huzoor treasuries there has been no collection at all on account of the current fasli. As it would be impossible for the Rajah to meet the large expenditure on account of the relief works and pay his large cash at the same time I beg you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of the Board and Government for the postponement of the current fasli cash.

(True Extract)

(Signed) F R H SHARI
Acting Collector

From R VENKATAKRISHNA ROW PUNTUIU BA Diwan of Venkatagiri to F R H SHARI Esq Acting Collector of Nellore dated 12th December 1876 No 4

As regard the difficulty of paying the peishush this year I submitted the question to the Rajah who directed me to submit the following for your kind and favorable consideration. The balance available in all the taluq treasuries was only 30 000 Rupees while that in the Rajah's current treasury was only 800 Rupees. Nearly 20 000 Rupees are required for ordinary expenditure every month. The Rajah has remitted to me in two instalments a sum of Rupees 40 000 and ordered me to appropriate the same to her with the balance of the relief work and promised to remit a further sum to supplement the two lakhs promised to be paid out on such works. Works have already been commenced as will be seen from the progress reports I am about to submit.

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We have no more funds in the taluqs or in the Rajah's current treasuries and there is very little chance of collections being made this year. The Rajah has recently invested a large sum in the Madras and some other Banks which cannot be drawn for a year. In former years the Rajah was always very regular in paying the three instalments so much so that in many years the whole of the second and a portion of the third instalment was paid in advance with the first instalment. In consequence of the peculiarly adverse character of the season the Rajah would be unable to get on with the relief works and meet his ordinary demands of the treasury if he is obliged to pay the peishush. Under these circumstances the Rajah earnestly begs that you will be pleased to obtain sanction for the postponement of the payment of the peishush. The Rajah requests that he may be permitted to pay the same with the instalments of two years and that he may be exempted from interest.

I beg that the Rajah's request may be taken into your favorable consideration.

(True Extract)

(Signed) F R H SHARI
Acting Collector

The Board are unable to comply with the Rajah's application. It is stated that he has recently placed in the Madras Bank pre-arranged on deposit, large sums. The Board would recommend the postponement if it were really impossible for the Rajah to pay, but that is not the case.

(True Copies and Extract)

(Signed) H E STOKES,
Acting Secretary

No 118

ORDERED BY 17th January 1877 No 192

Land Revenue

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(True Extract)

(Signed) J H GARSTIN,
Acting Secretary to Government

To the Board of Revenue
the Financial Department

Edw A F Goodall

be chiefly in the form of irrigational works
I consider it my duty not to recommend
such a concession to the Rajah. I have
given the opportunity of offering any special
explanation showing his inability to pay,
and as I have received no further explanation
than that offered in the accompanying
letter (No 42) I have no reason to believe
that the Rajah is so impoverished in
connection with the present season of
scarcity that he cannot meet his obli-
gations without inconvenience. And to extend
this concession to him would be to create
a most awkward precedent for I do not
see how then I could equitably act his
revenue from any land holder in the District.
And in connection with this subject, I
would observe that the present season
is an unusually good one for large land
holders who are generally large holders of
grain.

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grain, as they have been able to command
at least double the price they might
have expected for their stocks in ordinary
years.

3. Should the Board see fit to grant
the concession asked for, I suggest that
it should be on a distinct understanding
that the Rajah's ryots and the poorer renters
under him (such as Village munnaffs) -
should not be pressed in any way for
payment of their rents.

4. With the above remarks, I submit
the matter to the Board for disposal.

Mellore
Collector's Office } I have seen
15 Decr 1876 } (Sd/ H. Sharp
Sd/ Collector

Enclosures

Extra No 1

From R Venkatakishna Pura Pantulu B A
Dewan of Venkatagere

To

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Nellore
Collector's Office
15 Decr 1876

I have &c
(sd) H. Sharp
Sd/- Collector

Enclosures

Extra No 1

From R Venkatakrishna Row Pantulu B.A.
Dewan of Venkatagiri

To

To J R H Sharp Esquire
Acting Collector of Bellare

Sir
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8 According to the accounts of collections
up to the end of last week, there
is a balance of Rs 31072-11-2 in the Taluqs
as detailed below

Southern Taluqs	Polor	12,249-1-3
	Sagatur	11,812-6-11
	Venkatazure	998-12--
	Mannabole	542-10-4
	<u>Total</u>	<u>25,602-14-6</u>

Northern Taluqs	Pellur	1131-2-9
	Darsu	1170-7-4
	Podde	104-3-7
	Murella	1772-7-7
	Hotu	1261-7-5
	<u>Total</u>	<u>5,469-12-8</u>
	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>31,072-11-2</u>

9 On the 15th instant the balance
in the Rasas current Treasury

is only 895-0-11

I have &c

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20 Nov 1876
Venkataswami
Dewan Office

(sd) R Venkatarudra Row Red
Dewan of Venkataswami

True copy

(sd) H Sharp
As Collector.

Extra No 2

From
R Venkatarudra Row Pantulu B.S.

Dewan of Venkataswami

To J R H Sharp Esquire
As Collector of Bellare

Sir

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5 Under the circumstances stated in
my letter quoted it will be seen that there
is very little balance in the Taluq & Hanger
Treasures, there has been no collection at
all on account of the current Fash. As
it would be impossible for the Rasas
to

to meet the large expenditure on account of
the relief works and pay his large Peshekush
at the same time, I beg you will be pleased
to obtain the sanction of the Board and
Government for the postponement of the
current Justice Peshekush

Venkatagiri Dharma
Office, 21 Nov 1876
Yacary
I remain, Sir
Yr Obedt Servant
Dewan of Venkatagiri
True Extract

Edw H Sharp
As Collector

N^o 42

From The Dewan of Venkatagiri
To The Acting Collector of Bellary

Sr

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the Peshekush this year I submitted the
question to the Rajah who directed me
to submit the following for your kind
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and favorable consideration. ^{5/98} //

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Treasures was only 30,000 Rs while that in
the Rajah's Current Treasury was only 8000
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expenditure every month. The Rajah has
remitted to me in two instalments a
sum of Rs 49,000 and ordered me to
appropriate the same together with the
balance referred to for relief works, and
promised to remit a further sum to supple-
-ment the two lacs proposed to be laid
out on such works. Works have already been
commenced as will be seen from the Progress
Reports, I am about to submit.

We have no more funds in the Taluqs
or in the Rajah's Current Treasures and there
is very little chance of collections being
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5 I beg that the Rajah's request may be taken into your favourable consideration.

Venkatagire Swami
Offen dated
Mellore 12th Decr 1876

I have seen

(sd/ R Venkata Krishna Rao
Dewan

(True Extract)

(sd/ H Sharp
A^g Collector

The Board are unable to comply with the Rajah's application. It is stated that he has recently placed in the Madras Bank, presumably on deposit large sums. The Board would recommend the postponement if it were really impossible for the Rajah to pay, but that is not the case.

(True Copy Extract)
(sd/ H E Stokes
A^g Secretary

To the Collector of Mellore

(True copy/
H Stokes
A^g Secretary

To the Secretary to Government R D

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 Board of Revenue

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Declaring to comply with
 the application of the Board of
 Revenue for possession
 of the land of the
 Government

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