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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

25th June 1877, No. 2,099.

Read the following papers:—

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Read the following letter from A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th February 1877, No. 110.

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2. The walls of the fort are kept in repair.

THE COLLECTOR requests the instructions of the Board in regard to the continuance of a ready-money Inam of Rupees 63-10-2 hitherto paid to the Kottai Vellalars of Strivaikuntam to enable them to keep the mud walls of their fort in repair, which allowance has been resumed at the resettlement of the Tenkarai Taluq.

2. The allowance in question and its origin formed the subject of the correspondence marginally noted, the purport of which is briefly as follows:—A petition having been received from certain persons styling themselves Kottai Vellalars to the effect that the Collector had intruded into their fort and had issued orders to the Tahsildar to discontinue payment of their allowance on the ground that stolen property was secreted within its walls, Mr. E. B. Thomas, the then Collector, reported that the petitioners were the occupiers of a mud fort in the centre of the Cusbah town of Strivaikuntam, for the repair of which an annual allowance of 30 pons (Rs. 63-10-2) had been paid by Government for many years, and that a claim to immunity from execution of all process within the walls was set up, no one, not even Government officials, being admitted. The Collector pointed out the abuses likely to result from the concession of such a privilege, and suggested that

Letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, 5th January 1844.

Board's Proceedings, 18th January 1844.
Extract Minutes of Consultation, 20th February 1844.

Board's Proceedings, 4th March 1844.
From the Collector of Tinnevely, 19th April 1844.

Board's Proceedings, 13th May 1844, No. 895.
Extract Minutes of Consultation, 11th July 1844.

Board's Proceedings, 8th August 1844.
Extract Minutes of Consultation, 10th September 1844.

Board's Proceedings, 19th September 1844, No. 1,954.
From the Collector of Tinnevely, 4th December 1844.

Board's Proceedings, 10th February 1845, No. 106.
Extract Minutes of Consultation, 31st March 1845, No. 415.

Board's Proceedings, 10th April 1845, No. 849.

the height of the walls be reduced to four feet, that the inhabitants should be compelled to admit Police and Revenue Officers whenever they might demand entrance, and that the allowance should be continued on condition that it should be applied to some purpose calculated to promote the general comfort and convenience of the inhabitants of the fort instead of being expended on the repair of the walls. The Board supported the Collector's proposals, whereupon the Government called for further information as to the privileges claimed and the origin of the grant, directing the Collector to abstain meanwhile from any interference with the fort Vellalars or their dues and customs pending the issue of final orders.

3. The information afforded not being considered sufficiently full or satisfactory, a further report was called for and furnished in the Collector's letter of the 4th December 1844, in which he stated that the fort was no doubt erected, like many others at that time in ruins, as a safeguard in troublous times, and that the authority for the yearly payment for its up-keep could not be traced. "It seems," he says, "to have begun under the Mahomedan Government, and to have been continued as *mamool*, being deducted from the yearly beriz of the village. No record or other account of the origin of the allowance is to be found in the district." The Government decided to "leave matters as they are for the present, the Collector continuing to defray as usual the annual allowance on account of the fort."

4. The Inam has been treated as a fixed remission and discontinued, but it seems to the Board that the special orders of Government are required in regard to this particular grant which does not come within the classes of fixed remissions with which the Settlement Officers were competent to deal. Before addressing Government on the subject, however, the Board desire to be informed whether the ancient claim of a right to refuse admittance to all is still asserted and maintained. The Collector merely states that the walls are kept in repair, but affords no information on the other point.

(Extract.)

(Signed)

C. A. GALTON,

Sub-Secretary.

No. 526-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st May 1877.

Read the following letter from A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tirukurungudi, 17th April 1877, No. 229.

With reference to paragraph 4 of the Proceedings of the Board, dated 24th March 1877, No. 1,328, I have the honor to state that the ancient claim of right to refuse admittance to all is up to date asserted and maintained by the Kottai Vellalars of Strivaikuntam in Tenkarai Taluq.

The orders of Government will be requested as to the continuance of the ready-money allowance hitherto paid to the Kottai Vellalars of Strivaikuntam.

2. The previous correspondence relating to the grant is summarized in the Proceedings read above, and the Collector reports that the ancient claim of right to refuse admittance to all is still asserted and maintained. The continuance of this privilege cannot, in the Board's opinion, be permitted, but they do not think that the allowance should have been resumed at settlement, and they recommend that it be continued on condition that the fort walls are removed or so far thrown down as to afford entrance to all public officers.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

C. A. GALTON,

Sub-Secretary.

No. 527.

ORDER THEREON, 25th June 1877, No. 2,099.

Miscellaneous.

THE G.O., dated 31st March 1845
No. 415, still holds good, and should be maintained.

2. The allowance should not have been discontinued without Government sanction, and should now be restored with effect from date of cessation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

C. G. MASTER,

Secretary to Government.

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

Ed A. F. Goodall.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

C. A. GALTON,

Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Tinnevely,

Ed. J. Tulloch.

No. 2,319.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 21st May 1877.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, 24th March 1877, No. 1,328.
Copy to the Acting Collector of Tinnevely.

Exd. A. Grubert.

1877.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 24TH MARCH 1877, No. 1,328.

Received

MARCH.
No. 1,328.

Ready money loan—paid to Kottai Vellalars of Strivaikuntam in Tinnevely District, to enable them to keep the mud walls of their fort in repair, and resumed at resettlement of Tenkarai Taluq.—Requesting further information with reference to Collector's letter, soliciting orders regarding continuance of —

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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Dated 21 May

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