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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

27th August 1878, No. 1,364.

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Rupees 1,409-12-8.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 308. Order thereon, 27th August 1878, No. 1,364.

Land Revenue, No. 18. Sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. C. Howarth.

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No. 2,214.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 9th August 1878.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 19th February 1877, No. 691.

Copy to the Collector of the Chingleput District.

Exd. A. Raitt.

Revenue Department
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Board of Revenue
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To

THE SECRETARY to GOVT.,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Dated August 9th.

Printed 14th.

Read

PROCEEDINGS, 9TH AUGUST 1878, No. 2,214.

Subject

AUGUST.

No. 2,214.

Lands—in Alinjivakam, village attached to Nadoovarambakam Muttah in Ponneri taluk, Chingleput District, taken up for a road branching from the Northern Trunk Road.—Requesting sanction of Government for an annual remission by Rupees 24-0-9 on account of—.

14 Ldr. Board 9 Aug 1878

Subject

Ponneri

Lands

Alinjivakam

Nadoovarambakam Muttah

Chingleput District

Northern Trunk Road

Remission

Rupees 24-0-9

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No. 691.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 19th February 1877.

Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 4th December 1876, No. 677 :—

IN forwarding the original correspondence noted in the margin (to be returned),

From Deputy Collector, No. 36, dated 28th September 1875.
From Collector to Deputy Collector, No. 1,634, dated 5th October 1875.
From Deputy Collector, No. 48, dated 11th October 1876.

I have the honor to request instructions as to how the claim of the Zemindar of Nadoovarambackam for reduction of peishcush should be dealt with.

2. The Zemindar claims a reduction at the rate of Rupees 8-6-11 per cawny, or a total annual reduction of Rs. 60 odd, for the whole extent (cawnies 7-2-0) taken up in his Zemindari. The land is entered in the accounts as dry, and according to accounts of produce furnished for the sub-division of the Nadoovarambackam Muttah, the average dry rate per cawny is Rupees 2-8-6 and wet Rupees 5-9-8, and his claim, as observed by the late Deputy Collector Vencatesiah, is therefore very exorbitant, more especially as the Mirassidars have been paid only Rupees 25 per cawny. This land was, however, taken up in Fasli 1278 (1868-69) by the Department of Public Works without reference to the Revenue Department, and the work has for the most part been completed; and we cannot, I believe, now have recourse to the provisions of the Land Acquisition

Vide paragraph 2 of his No. 48, dated 11th October 1876.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. VENCATESIAH, Deputy Collector, to R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Chingleput District, dated Poonamallee, 28th September 1875, No. 36.

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the settlement of compensation for certain lands taken up in Fasli 1278 in the village of Alinjivakam attached to Nadoovarambackam Muttah, in the Ponnery Taluq, for a cross road from the Northern Trunk Road to Percapolium and other western villages in the Trivellore Taluq, together with the correspondence bearing on the subject as per accompanying list.

2. It will appear that the claim for compensation for the above lands had its origin in the petitions of one Peroomal Naicken, renter, and Singaraveloo Moodely, purchaser of the Zemindari right of Alinjivakam, bearing the endorsement of Acting Collector Mr. Thornhill, dated 4th September and 7th November 1868, Nos. 390 and 558, respectively.

3. In his first arzi, dated 27th January 1869, No. 61, the former Tahsildar, Mir Ansurdin Sahib, reported that the area of land taken up was cawnies 6-4-0, but in the account received with his second arzi, dated 30th June 1870, No. 233, he stated that it was cawnies 3-7-6. The Zemindar, Singaraveloo Moodelly, who, after repeated notice, appeared at my office only in September 1874, objected to the correctness of the said account, and stated that the actual area taken up was cawnies 7-8-4, which he promised to prove by measurement on the ground. Under these circumstances, I ordered the present Tahsildar to have the land accurately measured in the presence of the Zemindar or his authorized agent, and submit a report thereon. His arzi of the 5th December 1874, No. 203, is the reply to my takid. In this arzi he states that the area of land actually appropriated for the *road* is cawnies 2-0-8, but, including the portion planted with avenue trees, it is cawnies 4-1-2; while, including the portions damaged by excavation of earth for raising the road, it is cawnies 7-2-0. The Tahsildar says that it is for the latter extent

that the owners and the Zemindar claim compensation. He considers that the excavated portions must still be retained by Government for eventual use as the road runs near the banks of the Cortilliar river, and is liable to be damaged during heavy rains as was the case last year, and I concur with him, and trust that this view will meet with your approval.

4. The rate of compensation originally demanded by the Mirassidars was 120 Rupees per cawny; that recommended by former Tahsildar was 60 Rupees. On careful inquiry in the neighbourhood of the village while I was there in July 1872, I found that 25 Rupees was a fair and reasonable remuneration with reference to the market value of similar lands, and accordingly obtained the consent of the owners to this price. The total amount of compensation due with reference to this rate for the cawnies 7-2-0 is Rupees 178-2-0, to which a sum of Rs. 10-4-0* is added, being the estimated value of the ryots' share of the crops on cawnies 1-0-12 of land destroyed in the formation of the road, making in all Rupees 188-6-0 as particularized in the enclosed statement and bill, Nos. 1 and 2. If this proposal is approved, I would suggest the payment of the amount from Local Funds to the parties named in the statement.

* *Vide* enclosure No. 11 to Tahsildar's urzi, No. 233, of 1870.

5. In regard to the claim advanced by the Zemindar in his petition of the 28th October 1868, I beg to state that the land in question is shown in the Tahsildar's account as punjah. It will appear from enclosure No. 5 to the Tahsildar's arzi No. 233 of 1870 that the average annual income to the Zemindar from the lands taken up by Government was Rupees 9-2-8 per cawny, and that the average receipt of all the lands adjoining them was Rupees 7-8-3 per cawny. The correct principle of fixing the assessment as has hitherto been usual in this district is to take the average of the income of all punjah lands in the village, and this average comes to Rupees 2-9-11 as shown in the same statement. At this rate the total annual assessment on the cawnies 7-2-0 to be remitted from the peishcush commencing from Fasli 1278, the year in which the land was taken up, will be Rupees 18-10-8. If this is approved, I shall, on receipt of

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Enclosure No. 2.

From R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Chingleput District, to C. VENCATESIAH, Special Deputy Collector, dated Sydapet, 5th October 1876, No. 1,634.

Referring to your No. 36, dated 28th ultimo, I have the honor to state that I approve of your settlement as to the amount of compensation payable to the owners of the lands therein referred to.

2. I also approve of the principle on which you propose to calculate the rate of reduction to be made from the peishcush of the muttah, and request that you will treat with the Muttahdar on the subject and report the result in due course.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
Collector.

Enclosure No. 3.

From C. VENCATESIAH, Deputy Collector, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, dated Sydapet, 11th October 1876, No. 48.

Adverting to paragraph 2 of Mr. Melville's letter of the 5th October 1875, No. 1,634, I have the honor to forward an arzi, with its enclosures, from the Tahsildar of Ponnery, dated 26th June 1876, No. 97, reporting on the subject of reduction to be made from the peishcush of the Alinjivakam Muttah on account of the land taken up for the road leading from the Northern Trunk Road to Perecapolicm.

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2. Enclosure No. 1 to the Tahsildar's arzi is a statement filed by the Muttahdar showing the value of his Melvaram income from the land taken up by Government during a series of years, viz., from Faslis 1269 to 1278. The average annual income as therein shown is Rs. 60. This sum being apportioned on the area of land taken up, viz., cawnies 7-2-0, gives an average of Rupees 8-6-10 per cawny, and the reason assigned by the Muttahdar for this extraordinary rate of income is that the land was usually cultivated with Thotakal produce, such as vegetables, roots, cumboo, cholum, raggy, &c. He however requests that the reduction may be made at the rate of Rupees 7-8-3 per cawny as originally demanded by his Gumasta Narasier. Whatever may have been the profits derived by the Muttahdar, I consider that the rate of Rupees 7-8-3 per cawny is too high for an ordinary punjah land. The Tahsildar forwards an extract (enclosure No. 14) from an account prepared by the Village Curnum for the purpose of making a sub-division of the Nedoovarambackam Muttah, of which Alinjivakam is a component part, from which it appears that the average assessment is Rupees 2-8-6 per cawny of punjah land, while for nunjah it is Rupees 5-9-8. My own opinion is that the assessment on punjah land should in no case exceed the average nunjah rate, but as the demand made by the Muttahdar is much more than even the nunjah rate, and as he does not seem inclined to come to a reasonable settlement, I submit the papers for such orders as you may deem proper.

The Board are of opinion that the Zemindar's claim for reduction of rent at Rupees 7-8-3 per cawny of dry land is exorbitant. He is only entitled to a reduction at the rates obtaining in the sub-division of the Nedoovarambackam Muttah, of which Alinjivakam is a component part, viz., Rupees 2-8-6 per cawny (dry). The Collector will however offer the Zemindar Rupees 3-6-0 per cawny, and, if he does not consent, he may have recourse to legal proceedings.

(True Copies and Extract.) (Signed) R. S. [illegible],
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of the Chingleput District,
with three original enclosures returned.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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Board of Revenue

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PROCEEDINGS, 19TH FEBRUARY 1877, No.

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FEBRUARY.

No. 691.

Lands — taken up for public purpose in Nadoovarambackam Zemindari in Chingleput District. — Stating that Zemindar's claim for reduction of rent at Rupees 7-8-3 per cawny of dry land on account of — is exorbitant and issuing instructions to Collector regarding rate to be offered for the same.

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