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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

16th October 1878, No. 1,675.

Read the following paper:—

No. 170. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th September 1878, No. 2,642.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 17th August 1878, No. 1,319, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—*Revision of Village Establishments in the Chingleput District.*—Reviewing Proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitting scheme proposed by Director of Revenue Settlement for the —.

Communicated to the Collector of Chingleput for his information and guidance.

2. The Collector will report the reduction that will be necessary in the rate of cess to be charged in the village of Utramallur.

3. The sum of Rupees 11,111 mentioned in paragraph 5 of the Government Order appears to refer to the villages transferred from North Arcot to the principal division of Chingleput, and the Collector has been since called upon in Board's Proceedings, dated 9th August 1878, No. 2,216, to furnish full information in regard to that sum. He is now requested to report whether a similar sum is due to the fund in the sub-division. From paragraph 17, page 617, of the correspondence on the revision of village establishments, it appears that the maraks hitherto paid to the village servants were formerly in some cases deducted from the cess used to defray the charges of Government and cycle guard, which again, and in others from the Government share. Mr. Price should ascertain the rate of contribution in the case of such villages and the amount that will have to be paid by Government to the Village Service Fund with reference to the share borne by them before the introduction of the new settlement.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 171. Order thereon, 16th October 1878, No. 1,675.

Land Revenue, No. 7.

The Board's further report on the subject will be awaited.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Encl. A. P. Co. dall.

No. 2,216.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th August 1878.

Read the following letter from W. WILSON, Esq., Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 1st July 1878, No. 1,671-46 :—

With reference to paragraph 3 of Board's Proceedings, No. 1,166, dated 2nd May last, I have the honor to inform you that the former basis of Chingleput included the Village Service Fees. This fact does not appear to have been known to or brought to the notice of Mr. Puckle when he submitted his scheme for the revision of the village establishments. The revised settlement does not include these fees, and no fund other than that taken credit for by Mr. Puckle is available for the improvement of the salaries provided in the lowest group of villages unless Government think proper to make a contribution from the revised assessment, as they did from the old. This would make from Rupees 12,000 to 13,000 available, and in that case the whole scheme would have to be revised.

In paragraph 3 of their Proceedings, dated 2nd May 1878, No. 1,166, the Board called upon the Director of Revenue Settlement to explain why in the calculation of assets available for the remuneration of village servants in the district of Chingleput Mr. Puckle omitted to take into account the sum of Rupees 11,111 said to be the amount paid by the State and therefore included by the late Director Mr. Banbury as an asset in paragraph 137 of his settlement scheme for the principal division of Chingleput, dated 15th April 1874. The letter read above is in reply.

2. It appears that the former assessment of the Chingleput District included the village service fees, while the present assessment does not include them. In his opinion, therefore, the sum referred to in paragraph 1 *supra* is not available for improving the Village Service.

3. The Board observe that the sum of Rupees 11,111 referred to by Mr. Banbury does not appear to be the ordinary meruh in the Chingleput District first included in the assessment, and then paid to the servants by Government. The total amount of meruh charged in the district in Fasli 1283 was Rupees 1,12,675, whereas the amount now claimed for the Village Service Fund is only Rupees 11,111. The cause of the separate exhibition of the former sum should be explained. It occurs to the Board that the latter sum may be the amount of the fees paid by the villages recently transferred to Chingleput from North Arcot, and the Collector of Chingleput is requested to state whether this is the case or not. If the Board's surmise is correct the matter should be settled with reference to the origin of the fees in the North Arcot District, not with reference to the conditions relating to such fees in Chingleput. If this sum does not appertain to the North Arcot villages Mr. Price will state what it represents, and how it differs from the rest of the meruhs levied in his district.

	Rs.
Amount included in the assessment ...	12,036
Amount separately charged	1,00,039
Total ...	1,12,075

Vide Collector's letter, dated 20th May 1864, No. 3, to the Honorable Mr. C. Pelly, pages 567 to 569.—Mr. Pelly's correspondence on the revision of village establishments.

4. The Collector of North Arcot will also be requested to report on the following points :—

(a) The resumption of old meruhs in the North Arcot District appears to have taken place in 1803 to 1805, and the assessment now paid on Ayen lands to have been fixed at a subsequent date. Is this the case, and, if so, have the meruhs been always collected separately by Government from the ryots *in addition* to the assessment, or have the meruhs been paid by Government from the assessment ?

Vide Mr. Nisbet's report, dated 26th March 1827, No. 678.

(*b*) If the resumption took place subsequent to the fixing of the assessment, was the amount of the resumed meraha added to the assessment, and are the two *combined items still collected*?

(*c*) In fixing the existing assessment on Ayen lands, was any deduction made from the gross produce on account of the meraha before the division between Government and the ryots?

(*d*) Before the resumption of the meraha by whom were they paid to the village servants? By Government or by the ryots?

(*e*) If the meraha were paid by the ryots, was any allowance made to them in fixing the assessment, or was the charge borne by them entirely from their share of the gross produce?

(*f*) If the meraha were paid by Government were they paid *entirely from their* share of the produce, or did the ryots make any payment to Government on this account?

(*g*) The Collector should quote the authority for his statements in reply to the above queries, and,

(*h*) If different systems obtained in different parts of the district he should be careful to explain which of the systems was in force in the villages transferred to Chingleput.

3. The Collector of Chingleput will also furnish as much of the information above called for as he can procure in regard to the villages concerned.

(A true Copy and Extract,)

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

Copy to the Director of Revenue Settlement. dated 2nd May 1878, No. 1,168.

Ed. C. Howrath.

From

The COLLECTOR of CHINGLEPUT,

To

The BOARD of REVENUE, Madras.

Received 13th May 1878.

Proceedings No. 2318

Read

Forwarded,

Dated August 1878.

No. 2318.

ANSWER.

Fifth Query.—In Chingleput District Patching exists on the Ayen lands. Before the Revenue Settlement, the Meraha was deducted from the gross produce, and the remainder was divided between Government and the Ryots. The Meraha was paid by the Ryots, and was borne entirely by them. The Meraha was paid by Government, and the Ryots made no payment to Government on this account. The Meraha was paid to the Village Servants by the Ryots. The Meraha was not resumed subsequent to the fixing of the assessment. In fixing the existing assessment on Ayen lands, no deduction was made from the gross produce on account of the Meraha before the division between Government and the Ryots.

No. 2,642.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 27th September 1878.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 17th August 1878, No. 1,310, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—*Revision of Village Establishments in the Chingleput District.*—Reviewing Proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitting scheme proposed by Director of Revenue Settlement for the —.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of Chingleput for his information and guidance.

2. The Collector will report the reduction that will be necessary in the rate of cess to be charged in the village of Utramalur.

3. The sum of Rupees 11,111 mentioned in paragraph 3 of the Government Order appears to refer to the villages transferred from North Arcot to the principal division of Chingleput, and the Collector has been since called upon in Board's Proceedings, dated 9th August 1878, No. 2,216, to furnish full information in regard to that sum. He is now requested to report whether a similar sum is due to the fund in the sub-division. From paragraph 17, page 537, of the correspondence on the revision of village establishments, it appears that the meraha hitherto paid to the village servants were formerly in some cases deducted from the gross produce before the division of the Government and ryots' share was made, and in others from the Government share alone. Mr. Price should ascertain the rate of contribution in the case of each village, and the amount that will have to be paid by Government to the Village Service Fund with reference to the share borne by them before the introduction of the new settlement.

(A true Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Chingleput, with Government Order.
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 9th August 1878, No. 2,216.
" " Director of Revenue Settlement.

Ed. A. Graham.

1878.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

To

THE COLLECTOR of CHINGLEPUT.

Dated September 1878.

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PROCEEDINGS, 27TH SEPTEMBER 1878, No. 2,642.

SEPTEMBER.
No. 2,642.

Reduction of Village Establishments in Chingleput District.—Communicating to Collector Government Order accepting the scheme for —, and requesting that officer to report on certain points in connection with the subject.