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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

26th November 1878, No. 1,916.

Read the following paper:—

No. 350. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th September 1878, No. 2,669.

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No. 1,938, dated 13th July 1878 (in the matter of the revision of village establishments in Nellore).

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3. If Mr. Puckle's proposals be modified by increasing the pay of Curnams, Munsifs, and Monigars in those villages to the *minimum* rates suggested by the Board and by increasing generally the number of Vetties, the village service would be fully provided for, but there would cease to be a graduated scale of establishments for the district.

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The assets, taking the cess at one Anna in the Rupee, amount to Rupees 2,24,435 or Rupees 1,271 only in excess of the charges; after allowing for the modifications approved of in paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of 13th July 1878, No. 1,938, there would be a deficit of Rupees 1,833.

5. Mr. Puckle, in his revision of village establishments, has invariably adopted a graduated scale for a district, and his proposals for Nellore may be recast so as at once to meet the suggestions of the Board and retain a graduated scale. Mr. Puckle proposed Rupees 1,092 and Rupees 84 a-year as the limits of the scale for Nellore. By increasing the pay of the inferior servants to Rupees 2, by adding to their number 336, by raising the highest pay of a Curnam to Rupees 20, and by some modifications in the pay and number of certain Munsifs and Monigars, a graduated scale ranging from Rupees 1,224 to Rupees 156 a-year may be provided as shown below :—

Grade.	Cost of Establishment.	CURNAM.		MUNSIF.		MONIGAR.		TALIARY.		VETTIYAN.		NIRGANTI.		Number of Village Establishments in each Grade.
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	
	RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.	
I ..	1,224	1	20	1	12	3	8	4	4	6	4	2	3	17
II ..	1,104	1	18	1	12	2	8	4	4	6	4	2	3	4
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V ..	816	1	14	1	10	2	5	3	3¾	5	3¾	2	3	14
VI ..	732	1	13	1	9	2	5	3	3¾	5	3¾	2	3	8
VII ..	648	1	12	1	8	2	4	3	3	5	3	2	2½	19
VIII ..	564	1	11	1	6	1	4	3	3	5	3	2	2	23
IX ..	492	1	11	1	6	1	4	3	3	5	3	2	2	38
X ..	432	1	11	1	6	1	4	3	3	5	3	2	2	28
XI ..	384	1	10	1	5½	1	4	2	2½	3	2½	..	..	43
XII ..	336	1	9	1	5	..	..	2	2½	3	2½	..	..	39
XIII ..	288	1	9	1	5	..	..	2	2	3	2	..	..	57
XIV ..	240	1	7	1	5	..	..	2	2	2	2	..	..	55
XV ..	204	1	5	1	4	..	..	2	2	2	2	..	..	62
XVI ..	180	1	5	1	4	..	..	1	2	2	2	..	..	39
XVII ..	156	1	5	1	4	..	..	1	2	2	2	..	..	137

The cost of this would be Rupees 2,11,752 a-year, that is Rupees 9,312 in excess of that estimated by Mr. Puckle as appears from the following statement :—

This revised scale I recommend for adoption in Nellore.

6. As regards Salem, Chingleput, and the Kistna, I have to remark that the cost of bringing up the pay of Curnams, Munsifs, and Monigars only to the *minimum* rates suggested by the Board would in Salem amount to Rupees 40,320 a-year, while the available surplus on Mr. Puckle's estimates (taking the cess at one Anna in the Rupee) is only Rupees 8,813; in Chingleput the estimated surplus is Rupees 1,849; and even if this were supplemented by the addition of the contribution from the beriz which formed the subject of this office letter to the Board, No. 1,671-46, dated 1st July last, it would not cover the additional cost (Rupees 32,172 a-year) to be incurred on account of Curnams, Munsifs, and Monigars only.

In the Kistna the imposition of a one-Anna cess would give ample funds, and a revised scheme will be submitted shortly for that district.

IN reviewing the scheme submitted by Mr. Puckle for the revision of the village establishments in Nellore, the Board in their Proceedings, under date the 15th May 1878, No. 1,309, remarking on the inadequacy of the remuneration provided for some of the lower graded villages and the numerical insufficiency of the inferior class of village servants, called upon the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement to consider whether under other arrangements it would not be possible to remedy the defects noticed in the original scheme. In his letter read above Mr. Wilson submits fresh proposals which the Board consider will fairly meet all requirements. They agree with him as to the expediency of maintaining the graduated scale of village establishments adopted by Mr. Puckle, and will therefore confine their remarks to the proposals contained in paragraph 5.

2. The main points of difference between the original scheme and that now submitted are—

(1.) Raising the limits of the graduated scale from Rupees 1,092 and Rs. 84 to Rupees 1,224 and Rupees 156 per annum for the highest and lowest grades respectively, with a proportionate increase in the intermediate grades.

(2.) Increasing by 336 the number of Vettiyans.

(3.) Raising the cess rate from 10 to 11 Pies in the Rupee in all villages but three, in one* of which the rate of 10 Pies will be retained, and in the other two† the cess will be imposed at 6 Pies and 9 Pies respectively.

* Sarvapalli in Gudur	10 Pies.
†Nellore	9 „
Alur	6 „

The advantages offered by the proposed arrangement are—

(1.) The minimum rates of pay of a Curnam, Monigar, and Munsif are fixed at Rupees 5 and 4 respectively instead of at Rupees 3 and 2 as under the previous scheme; the minimum salary of the inferior servants has been raised from Rupee 1 to Rupees 2 and a considerable addition has been made to their number.

3. The amount yielded by the cess in no case exceeds the cost of the establishment. Mr. Puckle's scheme was estimated to cost Rupees 2,02,440. As recast by Mr. Wilson it will cost Rupees 2,11,752. To meet this charge there are—

	RS.
Village Service Cess at the rates above indicated	1,37,981
General Fund	72,551
Total ...	2,10,532

to which sum has to be added the proceeds of the enfranchisement of the shroff's maniam = Rupees 2,261 *plus* the amount of the Village Service cess on the taram assessment of the enfranchised Inams (Rupees 6,609—*vide* paragraph 5 of Mr. Puckle's letter in Board's Proceedings, dated 15th May,) which has not hitherto been taken into

account as an asset of the fund. There will clearly be no difficulty in meeting the charges proposed, and as the revised scheme provides a remedy for the defects noticed in the Board's Proceedings above recorded its adoption is recommended.

4. It appears impossible at present from want of funds to carry out similar improvments in the condition of village service in Salem, but as regards Chingleput the Board are not as yet in possession of full information with reference to the total assets available, and the consideration of the subject must therefore lie over for the present. They await the Acting Director's proposals for the revision of the village establishment in the Kistna District.

5. The Collectors of Kurnool, Trichinopoly, and Godavari will report whether the cess is levied on the taram assessment of the enfranchised Service Inams; this is a legitimate charge and should be imposed in future, if no credit has hitherto been taken. The Collectors of Kistna, Chingleput, and Tinnevelly will take care that the matter is not lost sight of when the enfranchisement of the Inams is carried out; in Salem there were no Service Inams.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 351. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1878, No. 1,916.

Miscellaneous.

THE scheme for the revision of village establishments in Nellore District was sanctioned in G.O., 21st October 1878, No. 1,699, and the paper read above supplies the information alluded to in paragraph 3 of that order.

2. The proposed amendments on the original scheme are summarized in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, and are, in the opinion of His Grace the Governor in Council, calculated to place the village establishments of the district on a fair footing. They are accordingly sanctioned.

3. It is observed that the revised establishment is to cost Rs. 2,11,752, while the cess collections including the General Fund are estimated at Rupees 2,10,532. The Board remark that the difference can be met from the proceeds of the enfranchisement of the Shroff's Inams and by imposing the service cess on the *taram* assessment of the enfranchised Service Inams. The Government notice that the former item alone is more than sufficient to meet the deficit, and the Board have already been called upon (paragraph 5 of the above-quoted Government Order) to reconsider and report on the latter item. The Government await this report.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Director of Revenue Settlement.

Exd. W. H. French.

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REVENUE.

To

The BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c. &c. &c.

Dated November 26th.

Printed December 3rd.

Read

Encl.

G.O., 29th November 1878, No. 1,916.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 350-351.

Village Establishments in Nellore.—Sanctioning the proposed amendments on the original scheme for the revision of —, and requiring the Board of Revenue to report on paragraph 5 of G.O., 21st October 1878, No. 1,609, on the proposed cess on the settlement assessment of enfranchised Service Inams.

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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 beriz 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 Dierctor 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 13th April 1874. The letter read above is in reply.

2. Mr. Wilson states that the former assessment of the Chingleput District included the Village Service Fees, while the revised settlement rates do not include [illegible]. 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 merah in the Chingleput District first included in the assessment, and then paid to the servants by Government. The total amount of merah charged in the district in Fasli 1285 was Rupees 1,12,075, 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 merahs 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. 4, 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 merahs 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 merahs been always collected separately by Government from the ryots *in addition to* the assessment, or have the merahs 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 merahs 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 merahs before the division between Government and the ryots?

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

(*e*) If the merahs 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 merahs 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.

5. 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.

To the Collector of Chingleput.
" " of North Arcot, with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd May 1878, No. 1,168.

Copy to the Director of Revenue Settlement.

Exd. C. Howarth.

1878.

Board of Revenue, MADRAS.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF CHINGLEPUT, &c., &c., &c.

Dated August 9th.

Printed 14th.

Read.

PROCEEDINGS, 9TH AUGUST 1878, No. 2,216.

AUGUST.
No. 2,216.

Village Servants.—in Chingleput District.—Passing orders on letter from Director of Revenue Settlement explaining why in the calculation of assets available for the remuneration of —— Mr. Puckle omitted to take into account the sum of Rupees 11,111 said to be the amount paid by the State, and requesting Collectors of Chingleput and North Arcot to report in connection therewith.

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The cost of this would be Rupees 2,11,752 a-year, that is Rupees 9,312 in excess of that estimated by Mr. Puckle as appears from the following statement :—

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Ningadies	317	4,832	193	193	5,901	— 129	+ 1,242	— 121	+ 1,052	— 6	— 180
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Available Assets ..	..	..	..	..	2,24,435	..	..	..	..	..	..
Saving ..	..	..	..	..	12,683	..	..	..	..	..	..

There would thus, taking the cess at one Anna in the Rupee, be a surplus of Rupees 12,683 a year; allowing for the modifications adverted to at paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of 13th July 1878, No. 1,938, the surplus would be reduced to Rupees 9,579.

This would allow of the reduction of the cess to 11 Pies except in the case of three villages* in which it may be reduced to 6, 9, and 10 Pies respectively.

The assets in this last case would amount to Rupees 1,220 less than the charges as appears below. The deficit can be met from the proceeds of the enfranchisement of shroff's maniams proposed in Mr. Puckle's letter, No. 389-8-B, dated 23rd February last:—

* The new scale necessarily involves a modification of the adjustment of assets and expenditure in the villages adverted to in paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 of this office No. 1,577-40, dated 21st June last.

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Talaks.	Available Assets.								Annual Cost.	Saving or Loss.
	Services at									
	11 Pies.		16 Pies.		9 Pies.		Total.		General Fund.	Total Assets.		
	Number of Villages.	Cost.	Number of Villages.	Cost.	Number of Villages.	Cost.	Number of Villages.	Cost.				
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Nellore	102	33,403	.. 1	1,182	1	1,035	104	35,682	12,743	48,425	47,640	+ 785
2. Gudur	80	17,780	..	..	..	..	81	18,902	11,498	30,400	30,540	+ 140
3. Bayur	62	6,712	..	..	..	..	62	6,712	3,860	10,572	11,568	+ 996
4. Ahmakur	74	15,123	..	..	..	..	74	15,123	7,605	22,728	22,860	+ 132
5. Kavali	37	10,326	..	..	..	..	37	10,326	3,676	13,902	14,112	+ 210
6. Udayagiri	34	2,483	..	..	..	..	34	2,483	2,077	5,560	6,732	+ 1,172
7. Ongole	96	25,090	..	..	..	..	96	25,090	17,377	42,467	41,676	+ 791
8. Kandukur	85	19,246	..	..	..	..	85	19,246	6,836	26,083	25,593	+ 490
9. Kunyagiri	34	3,457	..	..	..	..	34	3,457	6,939	10,396	10,032	+ 364
Total ..	599	1,34,580	1	1,182	1	1,035	599	1,37,081	72,561	2,10,532	2,11,762	— 1,230

This revised scale I recommend for adoption in Nellore.

6. As regards Salem, Chingleput, and the Kistna, I have to remark that the cost of bringing up the pay of Curnams, Munsifs, and Monigars only to the *minimum* rates suggested by the Board would in Salem amount to Rupees 40,320 a-year, while the available surplus on Mr. Puckle's estimates (taking the cess at one Anna in the Rupee) is only Rupees 8,813; in Chingleput the estimated surplus is Rupees 1,849; and even if this were supplemented by the addition of the contribution from the beriz which formed the subject of this office letter to the Board, No. 1,671-46, dated 1st July last, it would not cover the additional cost (Rupees 32,172 a-year) to be incurred on account of Curnams, Munsifs, and Monigars only.

In the Kistna the imposition of a one-Anna cess would give ample funds, and a revised scheme will be submitted shortly for that district.

In reviewing the scheme submitted by Mr. Puckle for the revision of the village establishments in Nellore, the Board in their Proceedings, under date the 15th May 1878, No. 1,309, remarking on the inadequacy of the remuneration provided for some of the lower graded villages and the numerical insufficiency of the inferior class of village servants, called upon the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement to consider whether under other arrangements it would not be possible to remedy the defects noticed in the original scheme. In his letter read above Mr. Wilson submits fresh proposals which the Board consider will fairly meet all requirements. They agree with him as to the expediency of maintaining the graduated scale of village establishments adopted by Mr. Puckle, and will therefore confine their remarks to the proposals contained in paragraph 5.

2. The main points of difference between the original scheme and that now submitted are—

(1.) Raising the limits of the graduated scale from Rupees 1,092 and Rs. 84 to Rupees 1,224 and Rupees 156 per annum for the highest and lowest grades respectively, with a proportionate increase in the intermediate grades.

(2.) Increasing by 336 the number of Vettiyans.

(3.) Raising the cess rate from 10 to 11 Pies in the Rupee in all villages but three, in one* of which the rate of 10 Pies will be retained, and in the other two† the cess will be imposed at 6 Pies and 9 Pies respectively.

* Sarvapalli in Gudur	10 Pies.
†Nellore	9 „
Alur	6 „

The advantages offered by the proposed arrangement are—

(1.) The minimum rates of pay of a Curnam, Monigar, and Munsif are fixed at Rupees 5 and 4 respectively instead of at Rupees 3 and 2 as under the previous scheme; the minimum salary of the inferior servants has been raised from Rupee 1 to Rupees 2 and a considerable addition has been made to their number.

3. The amount yielded by the cess in no case exceeds the cost of the establishment. Mr. Puckle's scheme was estimated to cost Rupees 2,02,410. As recast by Mr. Wilson it will cost Rupees 2,11,752. To meet this charge there are—

	Rs.
Village Service Cess at the rates above indicated	1,37,981
General Fund	72,551
Total ...	2,10,532

to which sum has to be added the proceeds of the enfranchisement of the shroff's maniam = Rupees 2,261 *plus* the amount of the Village Service cess on the taram assessment of the enfranchised Inams (Rupees 6,609—*vide* paragraph 5 of Mr. Puckle's letter in Board's Proceedings, dated 15th May,) which has not hitherto been taken into

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account as an asset of the fund. There will clearly be no difficulty in meeting the charges proposed, and as the revised scheme provides a remedy for the defects noticed in the Board's Proceedings above recorded its adoption is recommended.

4. It appears impossible at present from want of funds to carry out similar improvments in the condition of village service in Salem, but as regards Chingleput the Board are not as yet in possession of full information with reference to the total assets available, and the consideration of the subject must therefore lie over for the present. They await the Acting Director's proposals for the revision of the village establishment in the Kistna District.

5. The Collectors of Kurnool, Trichinopoly, and Godavari will report whether the cess is levied on the taram assessment of the enfranchised Service Inams; this is a legitimate charge and should be imposed in future, if no credit has hitherto been taken. The Collectors of Kistna, Chingleput, and Tinnevelly will take care that the matter is not lost sight of when the enfranchisement of the Inams is carried out; in Salem there were no Service Inams.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, 9th August 1878, No. 2,216.
„ Director of Revenue Settlement.
„ Collector of the Godavari District.
„ „ of Kurnool.
„ „ of Trichinopoly.
„ „ of Kistna.
„ „ of Chingleput.
„ „ of Tinnevelly.
„ „ of Nellore.
„ „ of Salem.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

G.O. 21 Oct. 1878 No. 1625-7
Revenue Department
No. 1592.
11 Nov. 1878.
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Board of Revenue, MADRAS.

To

THE SECY. to GOVT.,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September 30th.

Printed 14th.

Read. [illegible]

PROCEEDINGS, 30TH SEPTEMBER 1878, No. 2,669.

Subject
SEPTEMBER.
No. 2,669.

Revision of Village Establishments in Nellore District.—Stating Board's views on proposals of Director of Revenue Settlement in connection with the—; awaiting final officer's proposals for revision of village establishment in Kistna District; and requesting Collectors of Kurnool, Trichinopoly, and Godavari to report whether the cess is levied on the taram assessment of enfranchised service lands.

Revenue Department

No 1916

Proceedings of the Madras Government

under date the 26 Nov 1878

Read the following proceedings

of the Board of Revenue dated

30th September 1878 No. 2669.

The Scheme for the revision of Village Establishments in Nellore District was sanctioned in G.O. 21st October 1878 No. 1699, and the papers read above supplies the information alluded to in paragraph 3 of that order.

2. The proposed amendments on the original scheme are summarized in paragraph 2 of the Board's proceedings, and

are in the opinion of His
Grace the Governor in Council
~~fairly~~ calculated to ~~improve~~ place
~~the position of~~ the Village Esta-
-blishments generally of the
unfranchised
District. They are accordingly
sanctioned.

3. It is observed that the revised
establishment is to cost
Rs 2,11,752 while the Cess
Collections including the general
fund are estimated at Rupees
2,10,532. The Board remark
that the difference can be met from
by the proceeds of the enfranchise-
ment of the Shroffs' Inams and
by imposing the Service Cess
on the Varam assessment of
the unfranchised Service Inams.
The Government notice that the
former item alone is more
than sufficient to meet
the deficit and the Board
have already been called
upon by (paragraph 5 of the
above quoted G. O.) to reconsider
and report on the latter item.
~~The G.O. quoted from refers~~
~~The Board's order in paragraph 5~~
~~therefore is premature~~

14 To the Board of Revenue Dr. 4 Desp
1 the Accountant General
2 the Dr of Rec Settlement

To

G.O.

Sanctioning with remarks
the revised scheme of village
Establishments in Nellore.

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