Revenue Department

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No. 43. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th August 1858, No. 3274.

In Cons. 27th August 1858. Read letter from the Collector of Rajahmundry, dated 12th August 1858.

(Here enter No. 101.)

Resolved that the above letter be submitted for the orders of Government, with reference to para. 7 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd February last, No. 688, and para. 4 Extract Minutes Consultation 10th April last, Revenue Department, No. 464.

In Cons. 26th April 1858.

2. The Collector in this communication reports the amount of compensation equitably claimable by C. Linga Reddy for the loss sustained by him in consequence of the abolition of the fees collected on the Godavery by him and C. Soobba Reddy, who has forfeited all title to consideration under the circumstances already stated in the Board's former proceedings.

3. Mr. Purvis states that in 1838, the average annual receipts from this source of each of the two parties then enjoying the privilege of collecting the fees was calculated at Rupees 1,000, while from enquiries instituted in 1851-52 the gross proceeds appeared to be Rupees 2,354, a moiety of which would amount to Rupees 1,177.

4. From these circumstances and from his own enquiries Mr. Purvis thinks the average receipts of each sharer may be set down at about 1,000 Rupees per annum. This calculation however excludes the expense of collecting the fees as well as of maintaining the peace of that part of the country, which devolved on the parties as a condition of their privilege. Making allowance for these the Collector considers that a monthly allowance of Rupees 50, or Rupees 600 per annum, would be a fair and equitable equivalent for the loss C. Linga Reddy—of whom he gives a favourable account—has sustained, and in this view the Board concur.

5. The Board are of opinion that a monthly payment is preferable in this case to any other arrangement, and they therefore recommend that a monthly allowance of Rupees 50 be conferred on C. Linga Reddy for life, on the conditions proposed by Mr. Purvis, viz. good conduct and assistance to the Officers of Government when passing up and down the river as well as on all other occasions.

6. The Board also recommend that the allowance be granted retrospectively from the date on which the levy of the fees was abolished.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, No. 1240; dated 11th September 1858.

1. On the 12th November 1857, the Chief Engineer submitted a letter from Lieutenant Haig, District Engineer Upper Godavery, recommending that compensation should be granted to one Soobba Reddy of Sirrivâka, for losses sustained by him in consequence of the abolition of the fees which he had formerly collected on goods passing up and down the Godavery. The case was referred through the Board of Revenue to the Collector of Rajahmundry, and Mr. Purvis' report was submitted by the Board with their Proceedings of the 23d February 1858. It was stated that the claim of Soobba Reddy to levy the fees rested on prescription, that the privilege had been partly recognized by a former Collector, but expressly disallowed by the Sub-Collector in 1852, and that the decision of the latter officer had been virtually upheld by the then Collector, who nevertheless had permitted Soobba Reddy to receive such fees as might be voluntarily given to him. It was reported however that Soobba Reddy had forfeited all claim to consideration, on account of the outrages that he had committed on the frontier of the Rajahmundry District; but that there was another person, C. Linga Reddy, who had applied for compensation jointly with Soobba Reddy. The Government* regretted that Soobba Reddy had been summarily dispossessed of rights, which, however opposed to just principle, had been exercised for a length of time, and the suppression

* *Ext. Mins. Cons. 10th April* 1858, *No.* 464.

of which called for compensation. They observed however that they could not, under the circumstances reported, sanction any compensation to Soobba Reddy; but they desired that the Collector might be called upon to report on the claim of Linga Reddy. That report the Board now submit with their Proceedings above recorded.

2. It appears that prior to the suppression of the privilege, the fees were collected by Soobba Reddy, and that a moiety was paid by him to Rama Reddy, and afterwards to his son Linga Reddy; that, in 1838, the average annual income of each of the two persons then enjoying the fees was Rupees 1,000, and that in 1851, it amounted to Rupees 1,177. From these facts, and from the best information he has been able to obtain, the Collector thinks that the average income may fairly be set down at Rupees 1,000; and deducting the expense of collecting the fees, and of maintaining the peace of that part of the country, a duty which devolved on the parties as a condition of their privilege, he recommends that an allowance of Rupees 50 per mensem, or Rupees 600 per annum, may be granted to Linga Reddy for his life, on conditon of his good behaviour and of his affording assistance to the officers of Government when passing up and down the river, as well as on all other occasions. In this recommendation the Board concur, and suggest that the allowance should be granted retrospectively from the date of the abolition of the fees.

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4. Under the circumstances represented, and agreeably to the recommendation of the Collector supported by the Board of Revenue, the Government are pleased to confer on Linga Reddy an allowance for life of Rupees (50) fifty per mensem, as a compensation for the loss which he has sustained in consequence of the abolition of the fees levied on goods passing up and down the Godavery, subject to the conditions proposed by the Collector. They are also pleased to direct in accordance with the recommendation of the Board, that the allowance be disbursed to Linga Reddy, in arrear from the date on which the fees were abolished. The arrears will be paid at once and a statement of them submitted for sanction afterwards.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Under date the 11th Septr 1858

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