Revenue Department.

G. C. No 1078 of 18. 9. 1858

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Diary. 21. 9. 1858

No. 47. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2d September 1858, No. 3351.

In Cons. 2d September 1858. Read letter from the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, dated 31st July 1858.

(Here enter No. 259.)

Resolved that the above letter be submitted for the information and orders of Government, with reference to para. 8 Extract Minutes Consultation 16th April *In Cons. 23th April* 1858. last, R. D., No. 487.

2. The Acting Collector submits a Statement shewing the various items collected under the head of Warree, Muttum, &c. with an explanation of the character and origin of each.

6....	*Rs.*	29	3	4
10.	,,	3	11	5
11....	,,	80	9	8
12.	,,	41	12	7
13....	,,	9	12	10
		165	1	10

3. A few of these are virtually Cavil fees, but their amount is so small, that they are scarcely worth retaining. The total amount of these cesses in Fusly 1266, A. D. 1856-57, was Rupees 5,318-3-5. Regarding one item, No. 15, * *To Collr. 2d Septr.* 1858. (Rupees 6-2-5) the Board* have called for further information.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, No. 1278; dated 18th September 1858.

1. In Extract Minutes Consultation 24th April 1857, No. 374, the Government ordered the discontinuance of certain objectionable items of Revenue in the Tinnevelly District amounting to Rupees 26,726. Before however sanctioning the abolition of certain extra cesses collected in some villages on Palmyra trees, under the designation of *Wari* and *Wattam*, further information respecting those imposts was called for from the local authorities and the Board. That furnished with the Board's Proceedings of 13th March 1858, No. 909 was insufficient to enable the Government to pass final orders, and in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 16th April 1858, No. 487 the Board were requested to supply the deficiency; In their Proceedings recorded above, they accordingly submit a letter from the present Acting Collector, in which is contained a statement explanatory of the origin, nature, and amount of each of the cesses in question.

2. On examination of this statement the Government are decidedly of opinion that the whole of the items described therein (with the exception of No. 15, which is of a different nature from the rest, and respecting which the Board have called for further information) should be discontinued. They are almost the last remnants at the present day, of the vicious native system of miscellaneous extra exactions, and their levy seems wholly indefensible on any ground.

3. The Board should have expressed a decided opinion for or against the abolition of the cesses in question. Sanction is granted for the discontinuance from the commencement of the present Fusly of the items of Revenue particularized below, amounting in Fusly 1266 to Rs. (5,312-1-0) five thousand, three hundred and twelve, anna one.

		Rs.	A.	P.
1	*Wari* or *Wattam* levied on every 10 *Pons* of tax paid.....	2,043	6	1
2	*Kánikai* do. do. do.	143	10	7
3	*Dittam* or fixed *Kánikai*.....	21	14	5
4	*Nazar*, similar to No. 1	2,897	10	3
5	*Tahri* on every 15 *Pons* of tax paid.....	0	5	1
6	*Deshakával* on every 10 do. do.	29	3	4
7, 8, 9	Petty cesses similar to No. 6.....	12	14	9
10	*Deshakával* Fees.....	3	11	5
11	*Do.*	84	5	1
12	*Kaváil* Fees &c.....	41	12	7
13		9	12	10
14	*Karapat* at Trichendur.....	5	4	10
16	*Vari* on *Déshakával* fees.....	0	9	10
17	*Olai páttam*; fee for cutting cadjan leaves.....	21	3	4
	Total.....	5,312	1	0

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 21st September 1858.

4. The Government have consented to the discontinuance of such of the above items as appertain to the Deshakával &c. fees, on the supposition that they are all *extra* cesses, and *additional* to the ordinary and normal Deshakával and Kával fees of the District which the Government have declined to abolish in para. 13 Extract Minutes Consultation 11th June 1857. No. 576.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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No 1278.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 18th September 1858.

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the Proceedings of the Bd of Revenue

(Received 2 Sept 1858 No 3351.)

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Miscellaneous Extra Exactions.

and their levy seems wholly indefensible on any ground.

3. The Board should have expressed a decided opinion for or against the abolition of the cesses in question. Sanction is granted for the discontinuance from the commencement of the present Fy. of the items of revenue particularized below, amounting to Rs 7266 Rs (5312. 1. 0) five thousand three hundred and twelve, annas as

		R.	a.	p.
1.	Vari or Vattam levied on every 10 Pons of tax paid	2043.	6.	1.
2	Kánikai ~~do~~ do do do.	143.	10.	7.
3	Dittam or Fixed Kánikai	21.	14.	5.
4	Nayan, similar to No 1	2897.	10.	3
5	Takrin on every 15 Pons of tax paid	0.	5.	1.
6	Deshakával on every 10 do do	29.	3.	4.
7 8 9	Petty cesses similar to No 6.	12.	14.	9.
10	Deshakával Fees.	3.	11.	5.
11	do —	84.	5.	1
12 13	Kával Fees &c	41. 12. 9.	12.	7 10
14	Karapat at Trichendur	5.	4.	10
16	Vari on Deshakaval Fees	0.	9.	10
17	Olai pattam; fee in cutting cadjan leaves	21.	3.	4
	Total	5312.	1.	0

4. The Govt have consented to the discontinuance of such of the above items as appertain to the Deshakával & fees, on the supposition that they are all <u>extra</u> cesses, and <u>additional to</u> the ordinary and normal Deshakával and Kával fees of the District which ~~they~~ Govt. have declined to abolish in P. 12 Ltr. 11 June 1857 No 576.

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Dd 18th Sept. 58.

Extract from the Pro: of the Bd of R:
6th October 1858 No 15778
To Cons: 29 71-72.

Sanctioning the
discontinuance from
the commencement of
the present Financial
year of certain taxes in
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