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Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 12th March 1858.

No. 25. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 14th December 1857, No. 4510.

In Cons. 14th December 1857. Read letter from the Collector of North Arcot dated 7th October 1857 affording further information called for by the Board relative to certain arrears due by a class of tod- dy drawers in the villages of Somasamoodrum and Culput, and which he recommended to be remitted and the tax under which they accrued to be abolished, in his letter dated 11th December 1856.†

(Here enter No. 246.)

†From Collector North Arcot dated 11th December 1856. Resolved that the foregoing letter to- gether with the previous correspondence† on the subject be submitted for the consider- ation and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. From this correspondence it appears that under the former Native Government the tod- dy drawers of the villages of Somasamoodrum and Culput in the Sholinghur talook, were taxed as a class, and paid the tax in the shape of a russoom or fee to the Cavilgars of Police. Soon after the assumption of the Carnatic, in Fusly 1213 (1803-4) the Russoom was made payable to Government instead of to the Cavilgars and there were then 16 individuals, who contributed to the tax which amounted annually to Rupees 10-13-3, but a puttah was granted in the names of only three of the principal householders (ancestors of the present puttahdars) and they were held responsible for the satisfaction of the demand.

3. The tax has been paid since then up to Fusly 1262 and credited in the accounts as Cavil Masavaree under the head of Moturpha. The number of payers is now reduced from 16 to 5 (inclusive of the three Puttahdars) by deaths and emigration, and these parties are so poor as to be unable to meet the demand which has remained uncollected since Fusly 1263.

4. The arrears up to Fusly 1265 or for 3 years amounted to Rupees 32-7-9 and the Board infer that the tax for the subsequent and current Fuslies must also be irrecoverable.

5. The abolition of this tax was originally recommended by the Collector under the mis- taken impression that it was levied for a privilege not really enjoyed by the payers.

6. It now appears that its abolition was recommended by Mr. Lowell in 1845 with that of various other similar payments but Government considered its retention unobjec- tionable.

7. The tax though levied as an item of Moturpha is evidently for the maintenance of the village Police and it is desirable that such contributions should not be abandoned without good reason. The poverty of the payers in the present instance however renders the collection of the arrears impracticable.

8. As some smaller items of a similar charactor are retained under the orders of Govern- ment already quoted, the Board propose that the demand should in this case be reduced to a no- minal amount merely to retain the principle of receiving contributions from the people towards police purposes.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, No. 292; dated 5th March 1858.

The Board submit for the orders of Government copy of a correspondence with the Collec- tor of North Arcot, relative to a tax paid by certain Toddy drawers in the villages of Soma- samoodrum and Culput, in the Sholinghur Talook of that District.

2. The tax in question, amounting to Rupees 10-13-3 per annum, was originally imposed by the Native Government, as a roosoom or fee for the maintenance of the Cavilgars of Police. On

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the assumption of the Carnatic in Fusly 1213, the tax was made payable to Government instead of to the Cavilgars, and was credited to the Moturpha under the designation of Cavil masavaree. It was then paid by 16 persons, three of whom received Puttahs and were held responsible for the satisfaction of the demand. The number of payers is now reduced to 5, inclusive of the three puttahdars; and owing to this circumstance, and to the poverty of the men, the demand has remained uncollected since Fusly 1263. The Collector recommends the abolition of the impost, and the remission of the arrears; but the Board observe that the tax, though levied as an item of Moturpha, is realized for the maintenance of the Village Police, and that it is desirable that such contributions should not be relinquished without good reason. They therefore propose that, as smaller items of a similar character are retained, the demand should in the present case be reduced to a nominal amount, with a view to the retention of the principle of receiving contributions from the people towards purposes of Police. In this proposal the Government concur, and accordingly authorize its being carried into effect.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th December 1857. N. 4570

Read letter from the Collector of North Arcot dated 7th October 1857 affording further information called for by the Board relative to certain arrears due by a class of toddy drawers in the Villages of Somasamudrum and Culpit, and which he recommended to be remitted and the tax under which they accrued to be abolished, in his letter dated

Subs. 7th March 1857. 11th December 1856.

(See entry N. 240)

Resolved that the foregoing letter together with the previous correspondence dated 14th December 1856 on the subject be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. From this correspondence it appears that under the former Native Government the toddy drawers of the Villages of Somasamudrum and Culpit in the Sholinghur Talook, were taxed as a class, and

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From Father's prob. L.^r
in June 2^d December 1845.
Boards' Proceedings of P. Parish 1847.
Extract from the Committee,
Nov. 22^d February 1848. P. S.

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for police purposes.

(Attest Extract)

[Signature]

Secretary.

To

H. Forbes Esq.

Secretary to Government

Revenue Department.

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Extract from the
Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 14th December 1854

3. English
2. Returned 16 1854

S.D. No. 272. 5th March 1858

Submitting with the
Board's observations certain
correspondence relative to
a tax paid by a class of
toddy drawers in the village
of Komuravindram and
Culput in the Sholinghur
Talook North Arcot and
recommending that the
demand be reduced to a
nominal amount in lieu
of its being abolished
altogether as proposed by
the Collector.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue, dated 7th March 1857.

In C. 7th March 1857. Read letter from the Col-
lector of North Arcot, dated 11th Decem-
ber 1856.

(Here enter No. 298.)

In the foregoing letter
the Collector represents that 2 Moturpha
Puttaks are annually granted to 4 ryots
of Sholinghur and Culpit, for the pri-
vilege of drawing Joddy from the date
trees within the limits of the Villages of
Somasamoodrum and Culpit. The
amount levied is Rupees 10-13-3 per An-
num, and it is credited in the Accounts
under the head of Moturpha as Cavil Ma-
savara. Previous to Fusly 1213, the tax was
paid to the Village Officers, by 16 householders
as main Cavil Russoom. In that year all
the russooms were resumed, and Puttaks
were granted for the privilege alluded
to above, in the names of 3 of the prin-
cipal Inhabitants, ancestors of the present
Puttahdars

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Puttahdars, and from that time to Fusly 1262 inclusive, the tax was regularly collected and carried to Account.

2. Since Fusly 1262, the amount has not been realized. Of the 16 original householders but 5 remain, and they are reduced to poverty and unable to meet the demand.

3. The Collector recommends the remission of the tax with arrears, explaining that the Puttahdars do not really enjoy the privilege for which they have paid, as the date trees are let to other parties by the Enamdar of Sornasamoodrum, which village is a Behat Enam granted for the support of a Bay-naghee Mutt at Sholinghur.

4. The Board have no doubt that under the circumstances Government will at once accede to the Collector's recommendation and they authorize him pending the receipt of final orders to abstain from demanding the arrears.

5. The Government will however expect information as to the Enam-dars

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Enamdar's right to rent to other parties the trees for which the Puttahdars have paid a tax to Government. The Collector will therefore briefly explain on what title the village is held, and whether the Enamdar possess the right he has exercised in regard to the date trees within its limits. Moreover as the Puttahdars have evidently been paying for a merely nominal privilege it is desirable to know when the trees were first let to others, and how much the Puttahdars have paid since they were thus deprived of the privilege.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) J. D. Sim

Ag. Secretary

To,

C. Whittingham Esq.
Collector of North Arcot.

(A true Copy)

J. D. Sim

Ag. Secretary

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 5th March 1858.

Read the following extract
from the Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue.

(Here enter 1st December 1857 N. 1510.)

The Board submit
for the orders of Government
copy of a correspondence with
the collector of North Arcot,
relative to a tax paid by
certain Lachy drawers in the
villages of Somasamudram
and Lulput, in the Tholingur
Talook of that District.

The tax in question,
amounting to Rupees 10-13-3 per
annum, was originally
imposed by the Native Government

Guidance in an Extract
from the Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue to the
Collector of North Arcot
dated 1st December 1857
No. 1510

Copy
15/12/57

Order of Government dated 1st
March 1858. The Collector
is to be instructed to
collect the tax in the
villages of Somasamudram
and Lulput, in the Tholingur
Talook of that District.

as a roof-~~room~~ or fee for
the maintenance of the
cavaliers of Police. On the
assumption of the Burmese
in Early 1213, the tax was
made payable to Government,
instead of to the Cavaliers,
and was credited to the
Maturpha under the designa-
tion of Caval Masawaree. It
was then paid by 16 persons,
three of whom received puttahs
and were held responsible
for the satisfaction of the
demand. The number of
payors is now reduced to 5,
inclusive of the three puttah-
dars; and owing to this
circumstance, and to the
poverty of the men, the
demand has remained
uncollected since Early 1263.
The collector recommends
the abolition of the impost,
and

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arrears; but the Board observe
that the tax, though levied
as an item of Maturpha, is
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of the Village Police; and that
it is desirable that such
contributions should not be
relinquished without good
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similar character are retained,
the demand should in the
present case be reduced to a
nominal amount, with a view to
the retention of the principle of
receiving contributions from
the people towards purposes of
Police. In this proposal the Govt.
concur, and accordingly
authorize its being carried into
effect.

Copies to the P. O. Secy
with 2 more. D. P. 6.

Received 1858 Deposit
By to Am 12th March

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Exhibit of some of the
Dated 12th March 1858

Relative to a Day
found by certain Books in
showing, in the Village of
Somersetshire and
Bulfrut, in the 18th of
February, 1858, at the

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General

Book