Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations

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

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3. The Government were pleased to confirm the proposed arrangements and orders were accordingly issued for carrying them into effect.

Dated 2d in Consultation 14th May 1857, No. 408, R. D.

4. The village of Pedda Purmee is one of the ten which received no relief, and the Petitioners who belong to it, set forth that the assessment bears hardly upon them and request that the same indulgence may be extended to them as has been shown to the other villages of the talook.

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6. The Acting Collector proposes to reduce the average rate of the village from Rs. 1-15-3 to Rs. 1-12 per acre and it seems that this arrangement had received the approval of the late Acting Collector.

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8. The Acting Collector wishes to make the proposed reduction conditional on the Ryots taking up additional land to make good the amoun of Revenue to be given up. The Board disapprove of this intention. The reduction is necessary because the present assessment is burdensome and on its being carried out an increase of cultivation will follow as has already been the case throughout the talook where the former rates have been revised.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 90. ORDER THEREON, No. 324; dated 12th March 1858.

Ex. Mins. Cons. dated 2d May 1857.

1. When the assessment of the Mungalagherry talook in Guntoor district was revised, 10 villages (including one Taudicondah, reserved for future survey) were left unchanged.

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2. The inhabitants of one of these villages, Pedda Purmee, have recently petitioned the Board of Revenue for revision of the rates on their lands, and the Board having called on the Acting Collector for a report, submit the question with their recommendation for the orders of Government.

3. The Ayacut of the village includes 4401 acres, bearing an assessment of Rupees 8,596, at an "uniform rate of Rupees 1-15-3 per acre" as stated by the Collector.

4. Of the above extent 54 per cent. is now waste and only 2043 acres under cultivation.

5. The collections in Fusly 1266 were Rupees 3,855.

6. The average of the 4 years preceding the great famine was Rupees 4,977, and that of the series of years from Fusly 1256 to Fusly 1265 was Rupees 3,534.

7. The fluctuations in the Revenue during this last series of years, as shown in the marginal statement submitted by the Collector, are very remarkable.

The rate per acre in Pedda Purmee is higher than the average in 3 out of 4 of the neighbouring villages, including that of Taudicondah reserved by Mr. Newill for future enquiry as above stated, and the Acting Collector proposed to reduce it to Rupees 1-12 per acre uniformly, which reduction appears to have been also contemplated by Mr. Newill.

8. The Board of Revenue recommend this reduced rate for adoption, very properly objecting to the proposal of the late Acting Collector, that it shall be contingent on such stipulated increase in the breadth of cultivation, as shall compensate for the loss of revenue on the present collections and cultivation.

9. The financial effect of this measure will be to reduce the beriz on the Ayacut from Rupees 8,596 to Rupees 7,701-12, but the Government trust that this abandonment of a nominal revenue which has never been realised apparently, may through the relief it will afford to the cultivators, result in increased extent of cultivation without any accompanying falling off in the collections, even should there not be any increase in them which in all probability there will be.

10. The Board of Revenue are authorised to direct the introduction of the reduced rates from the commencement of the current fusly, should the revised rates in the other villages of this talook have been so introduced.

11. The reduction will be considered permanent, pending the introduction of the general survey and assessment rates.

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

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No. 665.

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(A True Extract)

Sub Secretary.

H. FORBES, Esq.
Acting Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Copy to Collector of Guntoor.

Revenue 1858 Report
Encl. 12th March

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 25th Feby & 23rd Feby 1858.

2 Encls. Returned

No 668

Rec'd 27th March 1858.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Jessore reporting on the petition No 290 of 1856, and suggesting the propriety of extending to the Village of Jaudeconda in the Mungalhaut Taluk, the reduction of Assessment recently sanctioned for Sundry other Villages of that Taluk.

Clerk.

No 324.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 12th March 1858

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Here enter 20 February 1858 No 668.

Encl. dd 2 May 185?

Have the assessment of the Mungalhaut Taluk in Jessore District was recent. 10 villages including one. Jaudeconda removed for petitioning / two left unchanged.

2nd The inhabitants of three villages Pedda Purmanundpore Lowe recently petitioned. The Bd of Rev for division of the waste and their lands, and the Bd being settled in the Jessore Collector [illegible] to submit the question with their recommendation for the orders of Government.

Will

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The Legacy of the Village
includes 440 ac. Lands. Leasing
an Assessment Sp. P. 8596
at an "uniform rate of
₹1-15.3. per acre" as stated
by the Collector
of the above Extent
The Cultivation
54. has comprised 2043 acres under
and only
cultivation.
The Collections in Zamindary
for 1355. were Rs. 3855.
The average of the 4-
years preceding the present
famine was Rs. 4997.
and that of the Series
of years previous to 250. to
the 1205 was Rs. 3534.
The Cultivation in
the Estate during this
last series of years as shown
in the Register maintained
in the Office of the Collector
is certainly unreliable.
Among the Ryots the Assessment

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in Kottapuram is higher
than in 3. other of the
neighbouring villages
including Kottapuram
which is the basis for
fixing the assessment as above
stated and the Ryots
of Kottapuram have not
a uniform
cultivation as appears
from the Register maintained
by the Karnam
The Ryots of Kottapuram
have represented
that owing to the failure of
the Crops for the last
two years they are unable
to pay the Assessment
for the present Collections
and solicit
relief in
The Financial effect
of this relief will be
to reduce the Demand in the
Account from Rs. 8596
to Rs. 7701-12. which

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Commutation Bill Department
Case: 12th March

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Copy Petition of Rev
Dated 12th March 58

Authorizing the Board of Revenue to direct the introduction of the reduced rate from the Commencement of the current year, should the revised rate with the other villages of the Mangalagherry Taluk be introduced

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with 2 Encl.
Disp'd 12th

Sec'd

27 July 58 Answd

Commutation of the Land Revenue of Villages in the Taluk of Mangalagherry.

From the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Government, dated 26th February 1858.

Received 8th April 1858.

Answered 27th July 1858.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government a petition from the Ryots of the Villages of Mangalagherry Taluk praying that the Commutation rates may be reduced.

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I have &c.
(Signed) J. Thomas
Secretary.

Madras 26th February 1858.