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Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations

13th April 1858.

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Order no 4642/10th April 1858.

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5. Mr. Purvis now reports that Soobba Reddy has recently forfeited all claims to consideration by his rebellious conduct under circumstances with which Government have been made acquainted.

6. The receipts realized by Soobba Reddy in Fusly 1261, A. D. 1851-2, are said to have been Rs. 2,354, but Captain Haig in his letter to Government (para. 5) mentions that he rated them at Rs. 1,000 per annum.

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(A true Extract.)

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

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 464; dated 10th April 1858.

1. With reference to para. 1 of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 10th December last, No. 2299, the Board submit a letter from Mr. Purvis, the Collector of Rajahmundry, reporting on the claim of C. Soobba Reddy to compensation, on account of the loss alleged to have been sustained by him, consequent on the abolition of the duties which he had formerly collected on goods passing up and down the Godavery. The Board state that the claim of Soobba Reddy to levy these dues rests on prescription, that the privilege was partly recognized by a former Collector of Rajahmundry, but was expressly disallowed by the Sub-Collector in 1852, and that the decision of the latter officer was virtually upheld by the then Collector, who however permitted C. Soobba Reddy to receive such fees as might be voluntarily given to him. The Board add, that Mr. Purvis reports that Soobba Reddy has forfeited all claim to consideration, on account of the outrages recently committed by him on the frontier of the Rajahmundry District.

2. The Government see reason to regret that the authorities in Rajahmundry should have summarily dispossessed Soobba Reddy of rights, which, however opposed to just principle, had been exercised for a length of time, and the suppression of which called for compensation.

3. The lowest estimate formed of the amount of Soobba Reddy's collections is Rupees 1,000 per annum, and this was probably a considerable part of his whole income.

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4. The Government cannot under present circumstances, sanction any compensation to Soobba Reddy; but they are of opinion that the Board of Revenue should immediately direct the Collector of Rajahmundry to enquire into and report on any claim that C. Linga Reddy may have to compensation for any loss he may have suffered by the abolition of the roosooms which were formerly collected on the Godavery.

5. The Board will also warn the Collectors of all those districts, in which there may be petty hill chiefs, not to interfere with prescriptive rights and privileges, without special orders from Government.

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

P. 464. R.D. 2
Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date the 10th April 1858.

Read the following
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That one accustomed to a
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notions of right and wrong,
unaccustomed to authority and
control, ignorant and reckless,
should under such circumstances
have sought to increase the
income of his family, by the
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 be petty hill chiefs, not to
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 orders from Government.

R. L.
 J. L. [Signature]
 with [Signature]
 [Signature]
 [Signature]

27th March 1858

Revenue 1858 Dept. B.
 Govt. No. 13 of 1858

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Extract of the Govt. Order

D. 10 of April 1858

Enacted from B. L. 27 of 1858
 R. 13 of 1858

Declining to sanction
 any compensation to Seelba
 Reddy, or petty hill chiefs of
 Rajamundry, and requesting
 the Board to ensure the Collec-
 tors of all these Districts
 in which they may be petty
 chiefs, not to interfere with
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 leges, without special
 orders from the Government.

No. 11042.

No

Extract from the Proceedings of the Commissioner
of the Northern Circars dated Vizagapatam 14 September 1855

Read the following Petition No 2173
of 1855 from C. Soolha Reddy and Suga Reddy
inhabitants of the frontier villages in the
District of Rajahmundry.
(Home Dept. No 2173)

1. Certain influential persons in the
frontier villages of Rajahmundry claim the
right to levy fees or duties from Merchants
on account of articles transported on the
Godavary to or from the Vizagapatam Country.

2. From the copy of the Collector's in-
dorsement forwarded by Petitioner it appears
that while the Collector does allow the right
to collect these duties, he at the same time
gives them the liberty of buying them,
if the merchants voluntarily acquiesce in
their payment.

3. The Commissioner observes that these
imposts on the traffic on the Godavary
appear to be altogether illegal and of
a nature so objectionable and vexatious

that

that they should be promptly prohibited.
The permission of the Collector for their
voluntary payment is objectionable, as
it cannot be doubted that this sanction
will be extensively used, as a means of
extortion and oppression to the detriment
also of the river traffic.

4. The worst nature of these duties
is not very clearly seen, but it
is evident that they are virtually a
tax on the transit of goods passing
by the Godavery across the Nizam's
frontier, and the Collector is aware
that the Government have given
their attention to the removal
of these vexatious imposts
on the river traffic not only
in their own territories but
in the Nizam's country also.

5. The Commissioner desires
to receive a further report on
the subject of the petition enclosing
also the alleged transfer of
villages of the Hootallamoota, and
in carrying out the prohibition of
these

these duties in future, it will be the
duty of the Collector in his capacity
of Magistrate to provide for the pro-
tection of the traders against any
oppression and vexatious acts of the
Petitioners and their adherents in case
of resistance being offered to the course
now prescribed.

(True Extract)

Signed J. Goldingham,

Commissioner

To

A. Purvis Esq

Collector of Rajahmundry

(True Copy)

J. S. S.

Sub-Collector

1855 Dec 1

Enclosure

In an Extract from the
Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue, to the Secretary
to Government H. D. dated
23 Feb 1858 No 688

P 267/58

Copy

After reading of the Commission
of Enquiry into the affairs of
dated 11 September 1855
reporting on the claims of
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I. S. S. S.

To

H. FORBES, Esq.,

Acting Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Sub Secretary

17-6-17

Circular 1858 of
Dated 13th April.
No 267

Extract from the Proceed-
ings of the Board of
Revenue.

Date 8th February 1858
Recd 25

3 Encls. Returned 2 Encls. 23rd 5th
No 488

S.P. No 464 - 10 April

Submitting with the
Board's remarks, correspond-
ence from the Collectors of
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of the claim of (Toda)
Reddy to levy transit duties
on goods passing down
the Godavari.

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Command By the 17th April