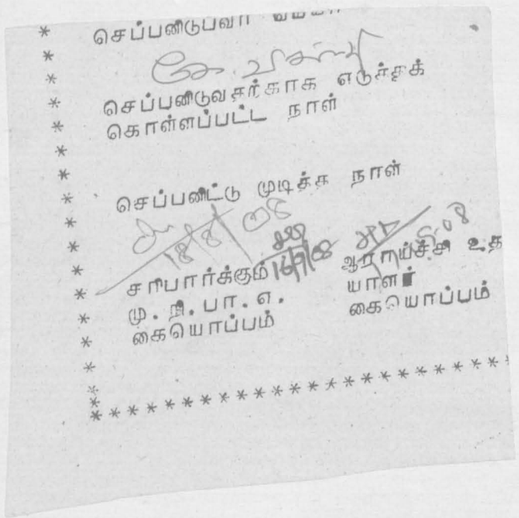
Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations.

20th April 1858.

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 20th April 1858.

No. 1. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 20th March 1858, No. 992.

In Cons. 28th January 1858. Read again letter from the Collector of Coimbatore dated 4th January 1858 submitting a letter from Captain Morgan and suggesting the abandonment of the grass-rent levied on lands at the foot of the Segoor pass.

Read also Board's Proceedings 28th January 1858 calling on the Collector of Coimbatore for further information regarding this tax.

In Consultation 20th March 1858. Read also letter from the Collector of Coimbatore dated 24th February 1858 replying to the Board's Proceedings above recorded.

(Here enter No. 31.)

In reply to their enquiries regarding the origin of the grass-rent levied on the Forest pasture lands at the foot of the Segoor Ghaut, the Board learn that the practice of renting the right of pasturage commenced only in 1849 and was intended partly to restrain the Mysore herdsmen from the gratuitous use of these pastures for their cattle, and partly to prevent the Village authorities from making their resort to the neighbourhood the occasion of illegal exactions. From the Statement of collections made by Captain Morgan and from Mr. Thomas' own account of the persons who now contribute to the collections, it would seem that herds of cattle from Mysore no longer frequent the spot and that the greater part of the tax is paid by the contractors who provide carriage and cattle for Government purposes, the rest being collected from persons carrying supplies to the Hill Markets. If this is a correct Statement of the case little is gained by retaining the tax, as it must be concluded that the contractors take this call upon their profits into account, when making their engagements with Captain Morgan. It is also undesirable to throw obstacles in the way of persons ascending the Ghaut with supplies. As the tax is of trifling amount the Board are of opinion that the objections to its continuance outweigh its advantages as a source of Revenue and resolve to request the sanction of Government for its abolition.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES, *Secretary.*

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 479; dated 14th April 1858.

Para. 1. With these proceedings the Board of Revenue submit a correspondence between themselves and the Collector of Coimbatore, on the subject of the grass rent levied on the forest pasture lands at the foot of the Seegoor Ghaut.

2. The practice of renting the right of pasturage in this locality was introduced in 1849, partly to restrain the Mysore herdsmen from the gratuitous use of these pastures for their cattle, and partly to prevent the village authorities from making their resort to the neighbourhood the occasion of illegal exactions. The Mysore cattle now no longer frequent the spot; the sum realized is small, and is, for the most part, obtained from the Contractors who provide carriage and cattle for Government purposes, the rest being collected from persons carrying supplies to the hill markets; on the whole, the Board consider the objections to the continuance of the tax to outweigh its advantages as a source of revenue, and recommend its abolition.

3. Adverting to the fact that the tax is a recent impost, and that in its operation it is vexatious, the Governor in Council is pleased to accede to the Board's recommendation, and he desires that the Collector of Coimbatore may be instructed to make known by proclamation the abolition of the tax, in order that the public may be protected against exaction.

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

No. 992.

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In reply to their enquiries regarding the origin of the grass rent levied on the Forest pasture lands at the foot of the Segoor Ghaut, the Board learn that the practice of renting the right of pasturage commenced only in 1849 and was intended partly to restrain the Mysore herdsmen from the gratuitous use of these pastures for their cattle, and partly to prevent the Village authorities from making their resort to the neighbourhood the occasion of illegal exactions. From the Statement of collections made by Captain Morgan and from Mr. Thomas' own account of the persons who now contribute to the collections, it would seem that herds of cattle from Mysore no longer frequent the spot and that the greater part of the tax is paid by the contractors who provide carriage and cattle for Government purposes, the rest being collected from persons carrying supplies to the Hill Markets. If this is a correct Statement of the case little is gained by retaining the tax, as it must be concluded that the contractors take this call upon their profits into account, when making their engagements with Captain Morgan. It is also undesirable to throw obstacles in the way of persons ascending the Ghaut with supplies. As the tax is of trifling amount the Board are of opinion that the objections to its continuance outweigh its advantages as a source of Revenue and resolve to request the sanction of Government for its abolition.

(A true Extract.)

Secretary.

To

H. FORBES, Esq.;

Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 14th April 1858.

Read the following

Extract from the Proceedings of

the Board of Revenue.

(Hereunto 20th March 1858 № 492)

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themselves and the Collector of
Coimbatore, on the subject of the
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pasture lands at the foot of
the Seegoor Ghaut.

2. The practice of re-
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in this locality was introduced
in 1849, partly to restrain the
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gratuitous

gratuitous use of these pastures
for their cattle, and partly
to prevent the Villagers outsiders
riders from making their
resort to the neighbourhood
the occasion of illegal exac-
tions. The Mysore cattle now
no longer frequent the spot;
the sum realized is small,
and is, for the most part,
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recommendation, and
he desires that the Se-
Collector of Coimbatore
may be instructed to
make known by Proc-
-mation the abolition of
the tax, in order that
the public may be
protected against exaction.

J. M.

Sec'y to Bd of Rev
with 4 Encls

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Revenue 1828 Dr. for Sundries
By do Cash 20th April 1828

No 4949
Copy Extract Minutes of Court
Dated 17th April 1828

Directing the abolition
of the Toy Duties on the
Importation of Goods
the Property of Officers
of the Customs Dismissed
by the Board
Ordered that the Public
Notice be Printed agreeable
to Petition.

No 1142

21st April 28th