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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 27th April 1858.

No. 19. From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to H. FORBES, Esq., Secretary to Government Revenue Department; dated Fort Saint George, 29th March 1858, No. 1117.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council an Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer dated 13th February 1858, with an enclosure from the Acting District Engineer of the Kistna division to his address forwarding a letter from Captain Pollard, Acting Executive Engineer.

In Consultation 29th March 1858.

2. The subject of Captain Pollard's letter was brought before Government on a former occasion by the Board in their Acting Secretary's letter dated 8th July 1857. The inconvenience to which Travellers were subjected by the levy of tolls at two detached villages within the boundaries of this Presidency, but belonging to the Nizam, were then pointed out, and in reply to a remonstrance made by this Government, the Nizam's Minister assured the Resident at Hyderabad that strict orders had been issued to forbid the exactions complained of.

Ex. M. C. 24th August in Cons. 9th Sep. 1857, No. 853 R. D.

3. Captain Pollard now reports that this unauthorized levy of toll still continues at the two villages before alluded to, and that the demand is repeated at Sooriapett the first village within the Nizam's border.

Purteyallah, Kotadeo.

4. As two of the villages complained of are detached from the Nizam's country it might be advisable, the Board think, to propose an exchange of territory in order to obtain possession of them; as regards the continued levy of transit fees (for such appears to be their real character) at the actual frontier of the Nizam's country, the Board can suggest no other course than a renewed remonstrance to the Nizam coupled with the suggestion, that parties continuing to levy this tribute should be brought to punishment.

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

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works under date the 13th February 1858, No. 7365.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant O. CHAMBERS, Acting District Engineer Kistna Division; to the Chief Engineer in the Department Public Works, Madras; dated Beezoarah 28th January 1858, No. 147.

Sir,

With reference to your resolution, as per margin, accompanying Extract from Minutes of Consultation dated 24th August 1857, No. 853, on the subject of the tolls levied by the village authorities of the Hyderabad Enclave, Purtyallah, on the bandies and Bullocks proceeding along the road between Masulipatam and the interior, I do myself the honor of enclosing a letter from Captain Pollard to my address by which it will appear that, in spite of the orders issued by His Highness the Nizam's Minister, the obnoxious practice still prevails.

No. 3739 dated 16th September 1857.

Resolved, to forward a copy of the foregoing letter No. 147, dated 28th January 1858, from the Acting District Engineer Kistnah Division, with its enclosure, to the Board of Revenue, with a request that it will, with reference to Ex. Min. Cons. No. 853 of the 24th August 1857, be pleased to move the Government to a renewal of negociations with the Nizam of the Deccan for the removal of the duties collected on goods and merchandise at Purteyallah on the road from Masulipatam to Hyderabad in the Masulipatam District.

(True Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Captain,
Actg. Supg. Engineer Northern Circle.

From Captain D. G. POLLARD, Acting Executive Engineer 4th class Kistna Division; to Lieutenant O. CHAMBERS, Acting District Engineer, in charge Kistna Division, dated Ibrampatam 26th January 1858, No. 5.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the system of levying a tax on all articles of traffic, and on cattle for sale, which pass through the village of Purteyallah belonging to His Highness the Nizam on the high road from Masulipatam to Hyderabad, noticed by Lieutenant W. Farewell, Executive Engineer Kistna Division, in his general observations for December 1856, is still continued and is felt so oppressive that carts frequently go around, which takes them clear of the boundary of the above named village, though entailing on themselves an addition of 10 miles to their journey thereby. The Tariff of taxes is the same as that quoted by my predecessor whose remarks are recapitulated in the margin, and in addition I am credibly informed that cattle on route to fair or market for sale, and even cattle purchased in villages under Government and being driven through Purteyallah by their owners proceeding to their homes, are detained until 2 annas per head is paid. An indirect impost is levied from Sepoys and their families travelling by the detention of their animals or carts under pretext of a search being made for smuggled goods, to avoid which a few annas are paid. I beg to name two instances explicitly, but every cooly man and cart driver passing up and down the road, will confirm the statement of the constant levy of the toll.

In preparing the traffic accounts of the high road to Hyderabad which passes through these Talooks I observed that portions of the road were much more frequented than others and on enquiry I find the cause of such to be in consequence of the heavy imposts levied upon all merchandize which passes through the village of Purteyallah on this road (a small isolated portion of the Nizam's Territories between Ibrampatam and Cunchecacherlah) where notwithstanding the proclamation of the Governor General to the contrary the Tariffs noted below continue to be imposed.

	Rs.	A.	P.
One cart load of rice...	0	4	0
Do. do. paddy	0	3	0
Do. do. clothes	0	4	0
Do. do. cholum..	0	3	0
Do. do. tobacco..	0	4	0
Do. do. gram..	0	4	0
Bullock load of rice..	0	0	8
Do. do. cholum or paddy..	0	0	6
A cavady cooly with rice...	0	0	4
Do. do. cholum..	0	0	2
Do. do. with merchandize..	0	0	10

This impost is repeated at the village of Kotadoo between the Paulair River and Comarabundah, and again at Sooriapett the first village in His Highness the Nizam's country beyond the Zamindary of Moonegaul. The village authorities are most keen in making this collection as they receive the enormous per centage of 6 annas in every Rupee thus collected. The baggage of Europeans supplies for them are permitted to pass free.

1st Yetcha Bungaroo Comaty of Cunchecacherlah states that he paid on the 23rd January 5 annas duty on 12 bullock loads of cholum which he was taking to Condapully for sale, and this day (the 25th January) he paid 4 annas for 9 bullock loads of paddy brought from Condapully to Cunchecacherlah through Purteyallah.

2nd. Doodagool Chetty Comaty of the same village, 6 bandies conveying salt from Buntoomilly, hired by him and partners, were taxed Rupees 1-8-0 on passing through Purteyallah on or about the 10th Instant.

I am not aware whether, as remarked by Lieutenant Farewell, the same proceeding is still repeated at the village of Kotadoo; having met none but some empty carts which had come through that place, and they stated they had not been asked for any thing.

I have thought it my duty to bring to notice the above circumstances, with the view to their being laid before Government, should you deem it advisable to do so, and am certain that a discontinuance of the exaction complained of would be hailed as a boon by the trading community of the District.

The traffic passing through Purteyallah is computed at 50 carts per day besides pack animals and coolies. Carts conveying Government stores or supplies for Europeans, or in company of Regiments and Detachments are not interfered with.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 20. From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George; to the Resident at Hyderabad, dated 23d April 1858, No. 518.

SIR,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you copy of a letter* from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue together with its enclosures, bringing to notice the continued levy of transit duty at certain Villages in the Nizam's territories between Masulipatam and Hyderabad, notwithstanding the orders recently issued by the Nizam's Government prohibiting the practice, and to request that you will again bring the subject to the notice of His Highness the Nizam, in view to some stringent measures being adopted for effectually forbidding the exactions complained of.

To the Resident at Hyderabad dated 30th July 1857, No. 768.
From do. do. 11th August 1857, No. 925.
**From Bd. of Rev. 29th March 1858, No. 1117.*

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From

No. 1117.

G. S. FORBES, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

To

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

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2. The subject of Captain Pollard's letter was brought before Government on a former occasion by the Board in their Military Secretary's letter dated 30th July 1857. The inconvenience to which Travellers were subjected by the levy of tolls at two dependent Villages within the boundaries of this Presidency, but belonging to the Nizam were then pointed out, and in reply to a remonstrance made by this Government the Nizam's Minister assured the Resident at Hyderabad that strict orders had been issued to forbid the exactions complained of.

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Purteyallah, Kotadoo.

4. As two of the Villages complained of are detached from the Nizam's country it might be advisable the Board think, to propose an exchange of territory in order to obtain possession of them; as regards the continued levy of transit fees (for such appears to be their real character) at the actual frontier of the Nizam's country, the Board can suggest no other course than a renewed remonstrance to the Nizam coupled with the suggestion, that parties continuing to levy this tribute should be brought to punishment.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort Saint George,
29th March 1858.

I have the honor to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient servant,

Secretary

No 3665

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works.

Under date the 13th February 1858.

(No 147) Read the following

From The Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works Madras

To

Sir,

With reference to your Resolution No 3739 of 15 Sept 57 as per margin, accompanying Extract from Minutes of Consultation dated 24th August 1857 No 853 on the subject of the tolls levied by the Village authorities of the Hydrabad Districts, Purtyallah on the River and Bullock's proceeding along the road between Masulipatam and the interior I do myself the honor of enclosing a letter from Captain Pollard to my address by which it will appear that, in spite of the orders issued by His Highness the Nizam's Minister, the obnoxious practice still prevails.

I have &c.

Camp Beyparah 28th January 1858

(Sd) [illegible] Members
Bd. Dr. Engr. West'n Dt.

Resolved to forward a Copy of the foregoing letter No 147 dated 28th January 1858 for information

Dr Cur. for August Pp. 13-14 " 25 Pp. " 3435

Dr. Chief Engineer Letter to Bd dated 28th January 1858

Revenue 1858 Department Pp. to Cur. 25 Pp. 3435

From

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

To The Secretary to Government Fort St George

Dated 19th March 1858 20 Pp. 2 Encls.

Rec'd 22nd ditto

Submitting with the Boards concurrence a letter from Captain Pollard Executive Engineer Kistna District reporting the continuance of the levy of Tolls on the Roads in the Purtyallah Division in defiance of the orders issued by the Government and requesting that the Nizam's Minister may be addressed on the subject.

By order &c.

(Sd) [illegible]
Secy to the Board

Ex. ditto 112 P.

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True Extract & Copy

Captain

Chief Sec. to Govt

To the Board of Revenue &c.

Enclosure 1 Letter
* to be obligingly returned.

No 5

From Captain D.G. Pollard
Acting Executive Engineer & Class

To Lieutenant C Chambers
Acting District Engineer in charge
Kistna Division

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Sir

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the system of levying a tax on all Articles of traffic, and on cattle for sale, which pass through the Village of Puttyallah belonging to His Highness the Nizam on the High road from Masulipatam to Hyderabad, noticed by Lieutenant W. Farewell Executive Engineer & D. in his General Observations for December 1856, is still continued and is felt to oppressive that carts frequently go around which takes them clear of the boundary of the above named Village, though entailing on themselves an addition of 16 Miles to their journey thereby. The tariff of taxes is the same as that quoted by my Predecessor whose remarks are recapitulated in the Margin, and in addition I am credibly informed that Cattle en route to fair or Market for sale, and even Cattle purchased in Villages under Government and being driven through Puttyallah by their owners proceeding to their homes, are detained until 2 Annas per head are paid. An indirect impost is levied from Sepoys and their

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Recd Cons 29 March 1858.

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Copy sent to Acting Collector of Kistna with Board's Proceedings of 13th Feby 1858 for information and guidance in the matter of the Transit Duties levied at Puttyallah.

Sec. to Govt

Acct. & Rev. Dept 29 March 1858.

to the contrary the Tariffs noted below, continue to be imposed

One Cart load of rice ——— Rs 0. 4. 0
——— Do ——— Do Paddy ——— 0. 3. 0
——— Do ——— Do Cholum ——— 0. 4. 0
——— Do ——— Do Tobacco ——— 0. 4. 0
——— Do ——— Do Grain ——— 0. 4. 0
——— Bullock load of rice 0. 0. 8
——— Do ——— Do Cholum or Paddy 0. 0. 6
——— Do Carried by Coly with rice 0. 0. 4
——— Do ——— Do Cholum ——— 0. 0. 2
——— Do ——— Do with Merchandize 0. 0. 10

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt Servant

Camp Ibrampatam
6th January 1858

G. H. Falconer Captain
Acting Executive Engineer 5th Div
Rd

Bl. Chambers
Ag District Surgeon Bde

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Revr Dept.
Fort St George
24th March

To Lewis Pelly Esqr
Secy to the Govt of Fort St George

The Resident at
Hyderabad

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To the Resident at Hyderabad
No 30 dated 5th July 1857 Rec'd 16th
do do 11 Aug 1857 " 768.
do do 58 dated 15th Mch " 925.

Rec'd 5th Oct 1858

To Chief Secy to Govt
Fort St George
No 1000 29th March

Capt Henry D'Arcy Todd
Offg Resident at Hyderabad
Cantonment

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward herewith a letter from the Collector of Kistna dated 15th Instant No 220 with its enclosures, bringing to notice the continued levy of transit duty at certain Villages in the Nizam's territories between Masulipatam and Hyderabad notwithstanding the orders recently issued by the Nizam's Government prohibiting the practice, and to request that you

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Highness the Nizam, with view
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=tually forbidding the ex-
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I have &c.

Fort St. Geo: 23rd April 1858.

Rec. Com. 25th Augt 57.
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Pol. Cons. Letter to C.S.
of 29th Oct. 57. No 80

Resident Hyderabad
Dispatch from Govt. 1st April 1858

Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Govt. of Fort St. George, regarding Mahratta Cases of Extortion daily committed in the Villages in the Nizam's Territory and Measures for the Suppression of the same.

Fort St. George 23rd April 1858.

To the Chief Secretary
to Government.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council to transmit to you, for the information of the Government of India, the accompanying Copy of a Letter from the Resident at Hyderabad, dated 20th March 1858, with its Enclosure, on the subject of the Mahratta Peshcush levied in the Villages in the Nizam's Territory, and to request that you will again bring the subject to the notice of His Highness the Nizam, with a view to some stringent measures being adopted for effectually forbidding the exactions complained of.

I have &c.

(Signed) H. Morris
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