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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th March 1861.

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3. This reserved fund has aggregated Rupees 7,055-7-10 from its first institution to Fasli 1269, and out of it has at different times been disbursed Rupees 1,407-3-9 for the purposes for which it was formed, leaving a balance of Rupees 5,648-4-1, now due to the Temple.

4. The Trustee of the Temple seeks payment of this balance, but as no payment from the fund had been made since Fasli 1236 (A. D. 1826-27), the Collector declined to comply with the request.

5. In reporting, however, on the Trustee's appeal to the Board, the Collector states that the case is parallel to that disposed of in Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 10th March 1859, No. 293, Revenue Department, and that there is no objection to the payment of the balance claimed, and of the full allowance in future, but that the amount is not in deposit, it having merely been stopped from the Tusdik payable to the Temple, and that the sanction of Government is, therefore, needed for its disbursement. He also states that the Temple did not receive any allowance from the general Tripany Fund of the District.

In Cons. 12th March 1859, No. 1,025.

6. Under the circumstances of the case, as above stated, the Board recommend that payment of Rupees 5,648-4-1 to the Temple Trustee be sanctioned, on his executing such a full discharge

as shall clear Government from any future demands on this account or in case of mis-appropriation, and that the full allowance be permitted to be disbursed, pending its commutation for land of equal value.

7. The Collector will please to report what steps he has taken towards carrying out this commutation in his District generally, and specially in the case under consideration.

8. He will also please to explain his remark in paragraph 2 of his second letter recorded in these Proceedings, to the effect that no disbursement was made to this Temple from the District Tripany Fund, *because* no Tripany collections on its account were credited to that fund. The Board were led to understand that no distinction of the kind was drawn in disbursing this fund, but that, whether a Temple contributed much, or little, or nothing to it, still provision was made for its repairs at the discretion of the authorities of the District or Táluq.

9. The Board take this opportunity of requesting the attention of Government to their Proceedings, dated 4th June 1860, No. 2,653, on the question of the allowances to the Madura Devastanums, and specially to the concluding part, in which they ask instructions on certain points of detail, one being whether *land in occupation, or only waste land* may be assigned in commutation of money payments to Native Temples.

10. Both courses have been adopted in different instances, and both have received the occasional sanction of Government, but the Board are not certain that the bearing of the former measure has been considered in all its relations, and deliberately approved or authorized.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 160.

ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1861, No. 546.

1. The Government approve and sanction the course proposed by the Board of Revenue in paragraph 6 of these Proceedings; but they do not see the necessity for more than a simple receipt to be given by the Trustee. Under Section III of Regulation VII of 1817, which is still in force, it will be the duty of the Board of Revenue to take the necessary steps to secure the due appropriation of the sum in question to its proper objects.

2. In accordance with the Board's recommendation, His Excellency in Council directs that, hereafter the full allowance of Rupees 573-13-1 shall be paid over every year to the Trustee.

3. In acquainting the Trustee with these orders, the Collector will give him distinctly to understand that the Government will not admit any application for further disbursements on any account whatever.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

No. 141.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 10th January 1861.

Read the following letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated 22d December 1860, No. 515 :—

1. With reference to the Board's Endorsement on Petition No. 3,078 of 1860, herewith returned, I have the honor to submit the following report.

2. The Petitioner is the Trustee of the Tiroocavetteswaraswamy Pagoda situated in the village of Nanulcaudoo in the Vidoogramom Division of the Tinnevelly Taluk. He states that up to Fasli 1217 the Government had granted a certain allowance for performing daily, monthly, and yearly ceremonies in the above Pagoda, and subsequently stopped a portion of it to meet Tripany works; that the amount thus reserved came to Rupees 7,975-12-4; and that deducting therefrom the money spent for the execution of certain repairs, there stands a balance of Rupees 5,668-3-8 up to Fasli 1268. He prays for the disbursement of this sum for the purpose of repairing the Pagoda, and begs that in future the allowance may be paid to him quarterly without any reserve.

3. The records show that the Government have sanctioned* an allowance of Rupees 573-13-1 per annum on account of certain ceremonies to be performed in the Pagoda referred to, and that since Fasli 1224 the sum of Rupees 153-6-1 was every year reserved for repairing the Temple as it has no separate Tripany fund, and the remainder, or Rupees 420-7, paid to the Pagoda every year.

* *Vide* Ex. Mins. Cons., 21st February 1846.

Faslis.	RS.	A.	P.
1224	154	14	11
1226	212	1	11
1231	625	4	7
1236	414	14	4
	1,407	3	9

4. The money thus reserved amounts to Rupees 7,055-7-10, from Faslis 1224 to 1269, and deducting therefrom Rupees 1,407-3-9 spent at different times for repairing the Temple as per margin, there is a balance in hand of Rupees 5,648-4-1.

5. The Petitioner applied for the same to the Board of Revenue in Petition No. 2,601 of 1859, and the Board having referred him to the Collector, he petitioned me on the subject, but seeing that a lengthened period had elapsed between the date of last payment and the date of application for the money in hand, I declined payment without special authority, and passed an endorsement to that effect on the 6th October last.

6. As the Petitioner claims what was granted to the Pagoda by Government there seems to be no objection to giving him the arrears in hand, as well as to the payment, in future, of the whole amount sanctioned by Government annually.

7. A similar demand was made by the Trustees of the Pagoda in the village of Agarum in the Vidoogramom Division, and the money in hand was ordered to be disbursed to them by Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 10th March 1859.

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1. The Collector will please to report by whose orders and on what authority the deduction from the allowance was made, and whether the sum is in deposit, or was paid to the credit of the District Tripany Fund.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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Acting Secretary.

To J. Silver, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Sub-Secretary.

To J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to J. Silver, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly.

Exd. J. Wright.

out to the Rev B- Read under date 4th
May VII of 17- it is time duly to take back
letter as will secure to him a share
proportion of the sum in question to the
Tripetty shares —
This Rep- has not been received
I enter it is - the duty enjoined to
enabled by the Board

In reference to the
Rents of Para 6- which refer
to miscellaneous priorities
it must be
pointed

Revenue Dept

No. 546.

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Under date the 9th March 1861.

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Received 15th February 1861 No. 858

Tirukkaruvilnavaneeswaramie kaval kodam Pagoda

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Sanctioning the course proposed by the Bd of Revenue with respect to the payment of the allowance granted to the Srirakavetiswaraswami Pagoda in Tinnevelly.

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