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(A true Extract.)

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

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, No. 632; dated 15th May 1858.

These Proceedings, and the correspondence to which they give cover, relate to the Cutbady Enams in the District of North Arcot.

2. In paras. 66 and 67 of his report§ on the revision of the assessment in North Arcot, Mr. Bourdillon, the late Collector of that District, alluded to the Cutbady Enams in the Penmurry (now Chendragherry) Talook; and adverting to the belief generally entertained that, instead of aiding the Police, not a few of the Cutbadies live by plunder themselves, while the services rendered by the rest are slender and inefficient, he recommended that they should be relieved from Police duty, and that their lands should be assessed at rates not exceeding the jody now paid, and should be continued to their holders as ordinary Puttah lands. The Collector's recommendation having received the concurrence of the Board,‖ was approved by Government in para. 14 of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 23d April 1855, No 460.

§ *Dated 23d October* 1854.

‖ *Pro. 11th Jan.* 1855, *No.* 106 *para.* 20.

3. The papers now before Government have reference to the Cutbady Enams in not only the talook above referred to, but in all the talooks of the North Arcot District; and the present Collector, in submitting reports on the subject from Mr. Banbury, the late Acting Additional Sub-Collector, advocating a different mode of dealing with the Enams from that recommended by Mr. Bourdillon, expresses his entire concurrence in Mr. Banbury's views.

4. Mr. Banbury's objections to Mr. Bourdillon's plan of assessing the lands at the present rates of jody, are mainly based on the ground that it would place the Cutbadies on a more advantageous footing than the mass of their fellow cultivators, inasmuch as it would relieve them from all service, and permit them, at the same time, to retain their lands on a favorable tenure. He therefore considers that it would be sufficient to allow them to hold their lands, with exemption from service, on the same reduced rates of assessment as have been granted to the other cultivators; and he states that the Cutbadies would gladly accede to the arrangement, if relieved from all Police duties. In a subsequent letter,* he further points out that, if the present jody is continued, it would involve the continuance of different rates of assessment, which it was one object of the late revision to get rid of, and that, in many instances, it would be actually higher than the reduced turrum teerwah, as shown in Statement 19 of that letter.

* *To Collr. of North Arcot 16th Dec. 1857, para. 3.*

5. The total extent of the Cutbady Enams in North Arcot is 12,865 Cawnies. These are divided by Mr. Banbury into two classes; viz., those granted for the performance of Police duties, and those granted either for occasional duties, not strictly of a Police nature, or without any condition at all. Of the former class are lands to the extent of 12,000 Cawnies, bearing an assessment, after deduction of the usual remission of 12½ per cent., of Rupees 54,009, and subject to the payment of a jody of Rupees 25,596, supposing the whole extent to be cultivated. The revised and reduced teerwah proposed by Mr. Banbury on these lands amounts to Rupees 34,887, being Rupees 8,791 in excess of the present jody; and, reserving 20 per cent. or Rupees 1,790, to supply deficiencies arising from land left uncultivated, he estimates that the actual excess above the jody will be Rupees 7,000. This sum Mr. Banbury recommends should be expended in entertaining an extra Police Force; but the Board point out (para. 13) that it should be carried to the credit of the Ayen account, and that the necessary reforms in the Police should be left to be arranged under the general scheme now before Government.

6. The Cutbady lands granted either for occasional duties, or without any condition of service, are 864 Cawnies in extent, of which 590 Cawnies are free, and 274 Cawnies are subject to a jody of 662 Rupees. The revised assessment on these lands will be Rupees 3,274, as shown by the Board in para. 8.

7. With regard to these 864 Cawnies, Mr. Banbury recommends that 452 Cawnies, held by the Enamdars of Palmanair and Sholinghur, who satisfactorily perform the miscellaneous duties required of them, should be continued as service enams. These lands are held entirely free, and their extent and teerwah are given by the Board in para. 14.

8. As regards enams to which no condition of service is attached, Mr. Banbury recommends† that these should be continued as enams free from service. The turrum assessment on these lands is Rupees 2,711.

† *To Collector 16th December 1857, para. 9.*

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10. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has carefully considered the subject now before him, and is unable to concur in the mode in which the Board propose to deal with these enams. The total extent of the Cutbady lands in North Arcot is 12,865 Cawnies, the jody on which is Rs. 26,259; while the assessment, according to the reduced rates, would be Rs. 37,662, or an increase of about 43 per cent. on the jody now paid. To this enhanced demand from all the Cutbadies indiscriminately, on pain of a summary resumption of their lands, the Government cannot consent. At the same time they admit that those who perform no service have no just claim to State remuneration, and they therefore resolve to authorize the Board to give a general notice that all Cutbady enams in North Arcot are henceforth to be considered as life grants only, to be resumed at the death of their present holders, all demand for service being at once discontinued.

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Secretary.

To

H. FORBES, Esq., *Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.*

Item No 1 Report Etc

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to report my actions in this
matter - pending the re-organ-
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District shall be at once removed,
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duly sanctioned for the Open Lands
of the District, no Police service
being in future demanded.

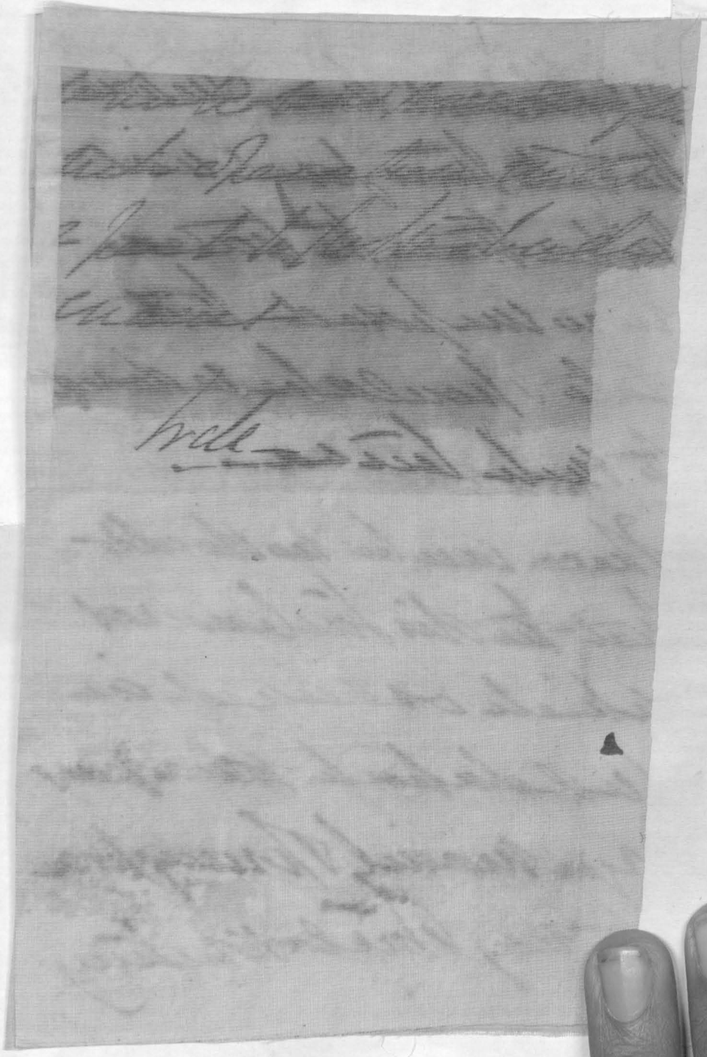
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In 1854, Mr. Boswell, Collector of North Arcot reported
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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 15th ~~April~~ May 1858.

Read the following

Extract from the Proceedings of the

Board of Revenue.

/ Here enter 8th April 1858. N 1205 /

These Proceedings,

and the correspondence to which

they give cover, relate to the

Cuttaby Exams in the District

of North Arcot.

In paras 66 and 67

of his report on the revision

of the assessment in North

Arcot, Mr Bourdillon, the late

Collector of that District,

alluded to the Cuttaby Exams

in the Pennaur (now Chendra-

giry) Taluck, and adverting

to

+ Dated 23d October 1854.

to the belief generally entertained that, instead of aiding the Police, not a few of the Cuttadies live by plunder themselves, while the services rendered by the rest are slender and insufficient, be recommended that they should be relieved from Police duty, and that their lands should be assessed at rates not exceeding the Jody now paid, and should be continued to their holders as ordinary Puttah lands.

The Collectors recommendation having received the commence of the Board† was approved by Government in para 14 of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 23d April 1855 N 460

† Proceedings 11th January 1855 N° 106 Para 7

The papers now before Government have reference to the Cuttady Enams in not only the Talook above referred to, but in all the Talookes of the North Arcot

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Arcot District, and the present Collector, in submitting reports on the subject from Mr Bambury, the late acting additional Sub Collector, advocating a different mode of dealing with the Enams from that recommended by Mr Bourdillon, expresses his entire concurrence in Mr Bambury's views.

Mr Bambury's objections to Mr Bourdillon's plan of assessing the lands at the present rates of Jody, are mainly based on the ground that it would place the Cuttadies on a more advantageous footing than the mass of their fellow cultivators, in as much as it would relieve them from all Service, and permit them, at the same time to retain their lands on a favorable tenure. He therefor

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therefor considers that it would be suffiient to allow them to hold their lands, with exemption from Service, on the same reduced rates of assessment ~~(25 or 30 per cent)~~ as have been granted to the other cultivators, and he states that the Cultivators would gladly accede to the arrangement, if relieved from all Police duties. In a subsequent letter, he further points out that, if the present jody is continued, it would involve the continuance of different rates of assessment, which it was one objat of the late revision to get rid of, and that, in many instances, it would be actually higher than the reduced tunnum teerwah, as shewn in Statement 19 of that letter.

The total extent of

+ To Coll.r of North Arcot 16th December 1857, para 3.

The total extent of the Cultivated lands in North Arcot is 12,865 Cawnies. These are divided by Mr. Bambury into two classes, viz, those granted for the performance of Police duties, and those granted either for occasional duties, not strictly of a Police nature, or without any condition at all. Of the former class are lands to the extent of 1,000 Cawnies, bearing an assessment, after deduction of the usual remission of 12½ per cent, of Rupees 54,009, and subject to the payment of a jody of Rupees 23,596, supposing the whole extent to be cultivated. The revised and reduced tunnah proposed by Mr. Bambury on these lands amounts to Rupees 34,387, being Rupees 879 in excess of the present jody; and, reserving 20 per cent, or

Rupees

Rupees 1790, to supply deficiencies arising from land left unattributed, he estimates that the actual excess above the jody will be Rupees 7000. This sum Mr. Bambury recommends should be expended in entertaining an extra Police Force; but the Board ~~properly~~ point out (para 13) that it should be carried to the credit of the Ayen account, and that the necessary reforms in the Police should be left to be arranged under the general scheme now before Government.

The Cutbedy lands granted either for occasional duties, or without any condition of service, are 864 Cawnies in extent, of which 590 Cawnies are rent free, and 274 Cawnies are subject to a jody of 662 Rs. The revised assessment on these lands will be Rupees 3274, as shown

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shown by the Board in para 3.

With regard to these 864 Cawnies, Mr. Bambury recommends that 452 Cawnies held by the Enamdars of Palmanair and Sholinghur, who satisfactorily perform the miscellaneous duties required of them, should be continued as Service Enams. These lands are held entirely free, and their extent and tenure are given by the Board in para 14.

As regards Enams to which no condition of service is attached, Mr. Bambury recommends that these should be continued as Enams free from service. The total assessment on these lands is Rupees 2711.

From what has been above detailed, it appears that

+ To Coll.r 16th December 1857 para 9.

that Mr Bunbury's proposal is that the 12,000 Cawnies of land granted for Police duties should be continued as ordinary puttah lands, free from the obligation of service, but on the reduced assessment lately sanctioned for the Ayan lands; and that, as regards the remainder, the enams for which miscellaneous Service is performed, as well as those which have no condition attached to them, should be respectively registered and continued, on the terms on which they are now held, as service enams and enams free from service, subject to investigation and report on lapse. On the other hand the Board, for the reasons which they assign in paras 12, 15, 16 and 18, recommend

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the resumption of all the Cuttaby enams in North Arcot, "both those which "are held under condition "of Police service, as well as "those held on miscellaneous "or no service, or no service at "all;" and they propose that the lands should be offered to the present inamdars on the reduced rates, and if declined, be given to those who will cultivate them.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has carefully considered the subject now before him, and is unable to concur in the mode in which the Board propose to deal with these Enams. The total extent of the Cuttaby lands in North Arcot is 12,865 Cawnies, the jody on which is Rs 26,259; while the assessment, according to the reduced rates, would be Rs 37,662, or an increase of about 43 per cent on the jody

jedy now paid. To this unlimited demand from all the Cultivators indiscriminately, or pain of summary resumption of their lands, the Govt. cannot consent. At the same time they admit that those who perform no service have no just claim to State remuneration, and they therefore resolve to authorize the Board to give a general notice that all cutcherry Canongoes are hereafter to be considered as life grants only, to be resumed at the death of those present holders, all demand for service being at once discontinued.

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Authorizing the Board of Revenue to give a general notice that all cutcherry Canongoes in Bengal are hereafter to be considered as life grants only; to be resumed at the death of those present holders, all demand for service being at once discontinued.

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27 April 58 Mr Money