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Revenue Department

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 25th May 1858.

No. 28. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th March 1858, No. 953.

In Con. 16th March 1858. Read letter from the Collector of Canara, dated 21st November 1857.

(Here enter No. 117.)

1. Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 11th February 1857, No. 160, R. D.

In Con. 13th March 1857.

Statement B.
,, *No.* 9.
,, *No.* 14.
,, *No.* 17.

2. The Collector points out that only a few of the revised forms of village accounts can be used either in whole or in part, but that they do not supersede the accounts previously kept, and therefore tend rather to increase than diminish business.

3. In fact Mr. Fisher observes that the new forms generally are not suited to the revenue system of the District; that their general adoption is impossible, and that they occasion inconvenience both to the people and to the Government Officers.

4. "This must be the case," the Collector states "as these accounts were prepared for villages each having its own Potail, Curnum and Shroff, and in which the cultivators of the soil are almost always resident; whereas in Canara one Curnum has several villages to attend to, and the parties are often not the actual cultivators, but the proprietors of the land who may or may not reside on their Estates."

5. The circumstances of the Canara District are altogether so peculiar that it cannot be expected that the same form of village accounts which are applicable to other Districts should be found suitable for it without considerable modifications. The Board would here remark in particular (with reference to para. 4, of the Collector's letter) that they consider it very undesirable that merely to secure uniformity the people should be compelled to pay their dues through the village servants when they are desirous of paying them as they have hitherto done into the Talook Treasuries, to which the money must now be sent at the expense and risk of Government.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, No. 662; dated 20th May 1858.

In para. 22 of their letter of 10th December 1856 the Board of Revenue brought to notice in reference to the orders of Government for the discontinuance of the Jummabundy Gomastahs that the Collector of Canara reports that the services of these servants cannot be dispensed with; and that the new forms of village accounts instead of diminishing have increased the work of his office. The Government expressed their surprise at this and called for explanation how under the simple revenue system in Canara the revised village accounts have increased business. With reference to this order the Board of Revenue now submit a letter from the Collector of Canara, explaining that only a few of the revised forms of village accounts can be used either in whole or in part, but that they do not supersede the accounts previously kept, and therefore tend rather to increase than diminish business.

Ex. Mins. Cons. 11th Feb. 1857, *No.* 160.

2. The Government observe that in para. 9 of his Memo. noticed in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 28th June 1855, No. 779, Mr. Bourdillon clearly stated that as regards Malabar and Canara the greater part of the forms relating to cultivation and settlement will not be found to be necessary or to be applicable, because of the difference of system there, and its much greater simplicity especially in Canara. He considered that all the forms connected with collection and remittance of money to the talooks will be found suitable there also; and suggested that the whole of the forms might be furnished to those Districts, and that the Collectors should be requested to consider them and to report which of them are altogether inapplicable and unnecessary, and which may be modified. The Collector of Canara does not appear to have taken any steps for revising the village accounts of his district.

3. Mr. Fisher will now be requested to prepare a complete set of forms suited to his district and a Manual of Instructions for the guidance of the Curnums in using those forms, and submit them for the approval of Government through the Board of Revenue. The forms should be so prepared that after they are filled up by Curnums the same may answer the purposes of Jummabundy settlement, without the necessity of their being copied again by Goomastahs from the dictation of Curnums as at present. The forms thus finally settled will then be general and uniform throughout the district, and the Curnums can be furnished with printed blank forms as in other Ryotwar Districts. In consequence of the very simple revenue system in Canara the Government believe that the forms of village accounts for that district may be rendered much less detailed than those of ordinary Ryotwar villages. The Government hope that Mr. Fisher will give his early attention to the subject, and submit the forms as soon as possible.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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2. The Collector points out that only a few of the revised forms of Village accounts can be used either in whole or in part, but that they do not supersede the accounts previously kept, and therefore tend rather to increase than diminish business.

3. In fact Mr. Fisher observes that the new forms generally are not suited to the revenue system of the district; that their general adoption is impossible, and that they occasion inconvenience both to the people and to the Government officers.

4. "This must be the case," the Collector states "as these accounts were prepared for Villages each having its own Potail, Curnum and Shroff, and in which the cultivators of the soil are almost always resident; whereas in Canara one Curnum has several Villages to attend to, and the parties are often not the actual cultivators, but the proprietors of the land who may or may not reside on their Estates."

5. The circumstances of the Canara District are altogether so peculiar that it cannot be expected that the same form of Village accounts which are applicable to other Districts should be found suitable for it without considerable modifications. The Board would here remark in particular (with reference to para. 4, of the Collector's letter) that they consider it very undesirable that merely to secure uniformity the people should be compelled to pay their dues through the Village servants when they are desirous of paying them as they have hitherto done into the Talook Treasuries, to which the money must now be sent at the expense and risk of Government.

(A true Extract.)

Sub Secretary.

To

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

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Revenue Dept

No. 662.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 20th May 1858.

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Districts. In consequence of the very simple Revenue system in Canara the Government believe that the forms of Village accounts for that District may be rendered very much less detailed ~~more complex~~ than those of ordinary Villages. The Government hope that Mr. Fisher will give his early attention to the subject, and submit the forms as soon as possible.-

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