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No. 51. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 1st April 1858, No. 1176.

Read the following letters and returns of Chuttrums from the several Collectors of the Presidency and the Officiating Agent at Kurnool, viz:—

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Ganjam dated 16th in Consultation 26th February 1858.
Vizagapatam dated 5th in Consultation 11th December 1857.
Rajahmundry dated 25th July in Consultation 2nd August 1856.
Masulipatam dated 23rd September in Consultation 1st October 1856.
Guntoor dated 23rd May in Consultation 1st July 1856.
Nellore dated 29th September in Consultation 8th October 1856.
Cuddapah dated 19th December 1857, in Consultation 26th March 1858.
Bellary dated 12th in Consultation 26th August 1856.
Kurnool dated 3rd July in Consultation 7th August 1856.
Chingleput dated 6th in Consultation 8th August 1856.
North Arcot dated 3rd November 1857, in Consultation 26th March 1858.
South Arcot dated 11th December 1856, in Consultation 29th June 1857.
Tanjore dated 8th August 1857, in Consultation 26th March 1858.
Trichinopoly dated 15th in Consultation 21st July 1856.
Madura dated 4th in Consultation 11th August 1856.
Tinnevelly dated 30th December 1856 in Consultation 7th January 1857.
Salem dated 19th June in Consultation 8th August 1856.
Canara dated 18th in Consultation 26th April 1856.
Do. dated 2nd in Consultation 25th July 1856.
Malabar dated 27th November 1857, in Consultation 6th January 1858.

1. Resolved that the foregoing letters and returns be forwarded for the information and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. The Board observe that these returns of Government and Private Chuttrums in the several districts of the Presidency have been prepared in the revised Form supplied with Extract Minutes Consultation R. D. No. 292 dated 13th March 1856.

In Cons. 5th April 1856.

District.	No. of Government Chuttrums.	Private Chuttrums.	Total.
Ganjam	0	1	1
Vizagapatam	0	1	1
Rajahmundry	2	21	23
Masulipatam	0	30	30
Guntoor	4	9	13
Nellore	5	91	96
Cuddapah	0	3	3
Bellary	20	15	35
Kurnool	1	7	8
Chingleput	0	140	140
North Arcot	1	49	50
South Arcot	4	59	63
Tanjore	23	68	91
Trichinopoly	4	60	64
Madura	5	14	19
Tinnevelly	23	76	99
Salem	1	13	14
Canara	6	0	6
Malabar	0	47	47
	99	704	803

3. From the abstract entered in the margin, it will be seen, that, exclusive of Coimbatore from which a revised return has been called for, there are in the aggregate, 99 Government and 704 Private Chuttrums, making a total of 803 Chuttrums. Most of these buildings are stated to be in good order; and the public endowments attached to some of them are duly appropriated, but as the Collectors have in a few instances reported unfavorable of their condition the Board will briefly notice the Chuttrums calling for remark in each return.

Rajahmundry *In Cons. 2nd August* 1856.

4. No. 3 of the Private Chuttrums in the Rajahmundry district was undergoing repairs at the date of the Collector's remarks, (25th July 1856). It does not appear to enjoy any endowment from Government or other source.

5. Nos. 6, 19, and 21 are also without any means of support; the first is in bad and the remaining two in good order. The Collector is silent on the absence of endowments to these and No. 3 Chuttrums.

Masulipatam.

6. Two of the Private Chuttrums (Nos. 2 and 3) possess Government grants, and thirteen (Nos. 1, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 30) of the remainder are provided with establishments by their proprietors. The others or for the most part in want of repairs and seem to be without means of any description. They are all in charge of their proprietors.

Guntoor.

In Cons. 31st March 1848.

7. With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation R. D. No. 1142 dated 10th November 1857, remarking that no returns for any district except Guntoor had been sent up to Government, and requesting that the remainder may be submitted without further loss of time, the Board have to observe, that the return for Guntoor was forwarded to Government singly, as it was at first intended to submit these statements separately in the order in which they reached the Board, but that subsequently it was thought best to treat them as a general subject, and other returns have consequently awaited this mode of disposal.

8. The Chuttrums in Guntoor call for no special notice from the Board.

Nellore.

9. Three of the Government Chuttrums (Nos. 1, 2 and 3), apparently have no establishments or sources from which they could be maintained.

10. Ten of the Private Chuttrums (Nos. 23, 24, 25, 27, 39, 45, 60, 76, 79, and 82) also seem to have no income. They are all stated to be in good order except No. 39, regarding which no remark is made in the return. The proprietor of No. 60 requests that his Chuttrum may be endowed by Government, but the Collector has made no remarks on this application. This omission he will be told to supply.

Bellary.

11. Of the 20 Government Chuttrums in this district sixteen (Nos. 1 to 8, and 12 to 18 and No. 20) are without endowments or establishments except Nos. 17 and 18 which are looked after by shepherds who are paid by remissions of Rupees 2-3-0 and 3-7-0 respectively from their annual tax. The other Chuttrums are in charge of their respective village authorities.

**Nos. 3, 4, 7, 9, 15 and 16.*

12. In para. 2 of the letter accompanying this return Mr. Pelly states that six* of the Government Chuttrums require repairs and the charge on account of the first five will amount to Rupees 186, the estimate for the sixth has not been yet received. It appears that these Chuttrums were built partly from the Pagoda Funds and partly at Government expense and Mr. Pelly requests that the repairs now required may be sanctioned from the Pagoda Surplus fund of which a sum of Rupees 459-10-0 is still in deposit. The Board observe that this surplus has been carried to the credit of the local fund of the district under sanction of Government (vide

In Cons. 4th October 1856.

para. 5 of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 869 R. D. dated 16th August 1856) and the Board recommend that the Collector may be authorised in this instance to defray the expenses of the repairs of the Chuttrum alluded to, from it.

†Nos. 13, 14, 15, 9 and 10.

13. All the Private Chuttrums in Bellary enjoy Government endowments. The Collector notices (para. 4) five† the grants attached to which have not been confirmed by the Board or Government. The first four grants were made by the Principal Collector Mr. Robertson in 1835, and 1836, and 1838 probably, as the Collector states, under the Chuttrum Rules of 11th August 1829 and without reference to the latter C. O. of the Board (page 127 dated 19th January 1832) which required that the Board's sanction should be obtained before any grant was made to a Choultry. The remaining grant consists of a Cuttoobady enam *valued* at Rupees 57-10-0 which the proprietor relinquished in favor of the Choultry about 14 years ago. The endowment is in the enjoyment of the widow of the Proprietor of the Choultry and a sweeper is maintained (vide remarks in column of return) from its produce on Rupees 15 annually. The other half of the enam value is paid to the Cuttoobady peon of the village who has charge of the Choultry in addition to his other duties. The above arrangements were permitted by Mr. Pelly when in charge of the

Vide Vol. 1 C. O. B. page 99, dated 20th August 1829.

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district and subsequently confirmed by the Collector Mr. Mellor. The Board recommend that the five grants alluded to in this para. may be confirmed by Government, it being understood that the Chuttrums benefitting by them must be kept in good order by their proprietors.

Kurnool.

14. The Chuttrum (No. 4) at Gauzoolpully Nundial Talook, in the Kurnool district, is stated to have been built by the late Commissioner Mr. Scott in 1848-49, and it has been in the possession of Government ever since; this Chuttrum is therefore entered in the abstract opposite para. 3 as a Government Institution. No. 5 was built by late Tahsildar in 1848-49, and appears to have no owner at present. None of the Chuttrums in the return possess any Endowments or establishments. The Officiating Agent is requested to state whether he would recommend grants for any of the Chuttrums.

Chingleput.

15. There are no Government Chuttrums in the Chingleput district, and very few of the private buildings are reported to be out of repair.

16. Among these, Chuttrum No. 3 in Triporoor Talook is reported unserviceable for travellers. It has a Government endowment of a maniem back-yard valued at Rupees 8-1-11, which has been in the enjoyment of one Ebarah Bebee for the past 8 years. The Choultry was built by a Lalla about 60 years ago, and no establishment is maintained for it. The Board are of opinion that the maniem ought to be resumed or the present proprietor made to pay the public tax if she is willing to keep possession. The Collector is requested to give the subject his consideration.

17. Number 4 in the Sydapet Talook is also unserviceable for travellers, it is endowed with a tope and lands valued* conjointly at Rupees 52-11-0. The Board wish to be informed why the Collector has not recommended this enam for resumption or assessment.

	Rs.	A.	P.
* *Tope*..	33	6	2
Nunjah..	19	4	10

18. No. 34 in the same Talook was built about 60 years ago, and is in a state of decay. The name of the owner (if there be any) is unknown; a tope, valued at Rupees 11-2-6 is attached to it as a Government endowment. The Collector is requested to state if there are any objections to the grant being resumed.

From Collector dated 2nd in Consultation 22nd April 1857.

19. No. 39 in the same Talook having fallen into decay, the Board authorized the resumption of the enam attached to it.

Board's Pros. 22nd April 1857

20. No. 5 Chuttrum in the Chingleput Talook is in a dilapidated condition and unserviceable. From the proceeds of the endowment attached to it, amounting to Rupees 22-1-6, a water Pandal is kept up.

North Arcot.

In Con. 7th Nov. 1858.

21. The only Government Chuttrum in North Arcot is very much in want of repair, an estimate was being prepared by the proper Authorities at the date (3rd November 1857) of the Collector's remarks.

22. No. 2 of the Private Choultries has been neglected for many years, is in a ruinous condition and would require a large sum for its repairs; the Collector has issued instructions to resume the Government maniem attached to it. Mr. Whittingham will be requested to state whether the owner had received warning of the intended resumption.

23. The Collector has addressed the proprietors of Nos. 3, 12, 13, 16, 19, 21, 32, 35, 41, 46, and 47 on the bad condition of their Choultries or other irregularities prevailing in them.

24. The maniems granted to Nos. 9, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 43 and 45 are under attachment in consequence of the neglect of the buildings by their owners. As the Chuttrums are still dilapidated the resumption of the endowment is still threatened.

25. Chuttrums No. 26 being a ruin, its maniem valued at Rupees 57-5-10 has been attached, but it appears that a large new building near the old one is made use of by Brahmins. The Board will enquire whether the establishment in the return shewn to cost Rupees 58 is still kept up in this building out of the proceeds of the endowment.

26. The maniem attached to No. 31 has been recommended for resumption in the Board's letter to Government dated 29th January 1858.

27. As all classes of people were not permitted the use of No. 49 by its proprietor, the maniem beloning to it was attached in 1843 by the Acting Collector Mr. Binning; but the Choultry having been built previous to the Board's C. O. of 25th May 1848, which makes it a condition that Choultries to be entitled to a public endowment must accommodate all classes without exception, the Collector intends to submit the question of the property of resuming the maniem for the consideration of the Board in a separate letter.

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28. The maniem belonging to No. 42 is under attachment and will be released when the required repairs are executed and accommodation provided for all classes. The petition referred to by the Collector was forwarded to him for enquiry and disposal with the Board's Endorsement dated 12th February 1857.

29. From the Collector's letter accompanying the return, it will be seen that, with the exception of three, viz. Nos. 2, 42, and 48, the state of repair of all the Chuttrums in the district have been reported on by officers of the Public Works Department, Mr. Whittingham found it necessary to call for professional opinion in consequence of the discrepant reports of the Tahsildars. In order to obtain correct information for the future, the Collector has furnished the Sub and Head Assistant Collectors with lists of the Choultries in their respective talooks, and instructed them to inspect the buildings personally whenever circumstances permitted, and to ascertain the manner in which the Choultries were administered. As regards the Chuttrums in his own division Mr. Whittingham intends adopting the same plan.

South Arcot.

30. In South Arcot one of the Government Chuttrums (No. 4) was being repaired, and the remaining three required repairs, for which the Collector intended to submit estimates at the date (11th December 1856) of his remarks.

In Con. 29th June 1857.

31. The following Private Chuttrums maintain no establishments although enjoying public grants, viz. Nos. 9, 22, 25, 40, 48, and 50, to 55. All these buildings are reported to be in good order with the exception of No. 40, the Agent of which has promised to repair it shortly. The wants of the travellers halting at No. 9 are stated to be provided for, but by whom does not appear. The Board observe that the Chuttrums enjoying public grants (the smallest grant being Rupees 13½ and the largest Rupees 188), should support establishments. The Acting Collector will be requested to call upon the owners to supply this deficiency in proportion to the extend of their respective grants and the requirements of the institutions.

32. Nos. 10 and 21 having been much neglected, the parties in charge were required to repair them within three months.

33. The Collector remarks that No. 36 is well situated (on Trunk road No. 8) and much frequented by travellers, but is almost in ruins. The agent being unable to repair it, the Collector recommends that Government take charge of it with the consent of the agent and sanction the necessary repairs. The Acting Collector is requested to state whether the agent agrees to the proposed transfer, and what amount of the proceeds of the maniem (valued at Rupees 26-4-0) belonging to this Chuttrum and now in deposit, is at present available for repairs.

34. Exclusive of the Chuttrums above noticed, the Collector reports that 6 others not included in the return were found to be in ruins from long neglect, and he has consequently resumed the maniems attached to them, valued in the aggregate to Rupees 62-5-3.

* *P. 99 C. O. Vol.* 1.

35. The return from Tanjore is for 1857, and not for 1855; and other districts prepared their statements for latter year as directed by Government. Of the 91 Chuttrums in Tanjore:—

Tanjore.

9	were built and are managed by	Government
7	Do.	by the Rajah but were managed by Government.
7	Do.	by private parties but now in possession of Government.
17	Do.	by the Rajah and managed by him, but are now under the Collector.
2	Do.	by Chaitoo Bava Gosayee and now under Collector.
49	Do.	by Private Choultries.
Total ...91		

36. No. 14 of the Government Choultries requires some repair which the Acting Collector intended to see done. The endowment attached to No. 20 and valued at Rs. 1946-10-0 has been resumed under orders of the Board dated 23rd February 1856, owing to the misappropriation of the proceeds by the late Trustee.* The charities in No. 22 have been suspended until the Choultry which is in a dangerous state is repaired, the Acting Collector intended to commence the work on the completion of the Coleroon bridge. No. 23 is in a dilapidated state, the Acting Collector intends taking steps to restore it.

* *Note—A suit against the Collector arose out of this resumption and Government have authorised the defence at public cost.*
Vide Bd.'s Pro. dated 27th April 1857.
E. M. C. No. 438, *R. D. dated 9th in Con.* 11*th May* 1857.

37. Pending the re-construction of Nos. 5 and 34 of the Private Choultries, their grants have been attached, steps were being taken to apply former arrears of No. 5 towards its restoration. The arrangement alluded to in the Collector's remarks opposite to No. 8 was permitted by the Board to continue on the recommendation of the Collector Mr. Bishop.

Vide Collector's letter dated 6th in Con. 29th Nov. 1852.
Board's Pro. dated 29th Nov. 1852.

38. Nos. 12 and 17 were blown down in Fusly 1263 A. D. 1853-54 by a storm, and the party in charge of the latter having mortgaged the Enam belonging to it, the grant has been attached. As the agent of No. 12 is stated by the Collector to be too poor to rebuild it, the Board presume the proceeds of the Enam are in deposit. Nos. 20 and 21 are in ruins, and enjoying paltry endowments from the Government the proprietors promised to re-construct them in the hot weather. The charities in No. 26 are discontinued by the trustees, and No. 27 is in ruins—the Collector has warned the parties.

39. From the foot-note in the return it appears that the Serkele's Office has furnished the information from which the return of the Rajahs Mocassa Chuttrums has been prepared. The period of possession in most cases is not entered in column 3 as the Collector has not been able to ascertain it. No formal grants have been given by the late Rajah for many of the endowments, and the smaller Enams are generally held by prescription and appear in the Survey and other accounts as Anubhogum Maniem.

40. Mr. Phillips also states that there are some small Chuttrums which he has not included in the return as the grants, where they have been made, are of trifling extent. The Board observe that the Government wish this return to be as complete as possible, the Acting Collector is therefore requested to send a supplemental return of those Chuttrums not already noticed.

Trichinopoly.

41. One of the Government Chuttrums in the Trichinopoly District (No. 3) and which is stated to be in good order and useful to travellers, has no endowment or establishment. The Collector is requested to state whether he would recommend any grant for the benefit of this Institution.

42. The Poroopoo lands attached to No. 4, have been assessed at the full rate since Fusly 1265, as the income was not duly appropriated. The subject is reported to be under investigation.

Madura.

43. No. 5 of the Private Chuttrums is much out of order, and the Government endowment attached to it has been resigned by the proprietor, the Enam is held in deposit pending the construction of a superior Choultry on the same site by a Zemindar who has engaged to do it.

Tinnevelly.

44. Nos. 12 and 18 of the Government Chuttrums in this District are out of order. A portion of the incomes of Chuttrums Nos. 18, 22 and 23 are applied to the uses of No. 19, besides the proceeds of its own Enam, under the orders of the Collector. With reference to No. 14 for which the Collector states he has applied for an establishment on the 17th November 1856, the Board observe that in a subsequent letter‡ (in reply to the Board's call § for further information) Mr. Silver has expressed his intention of submitting another application to include two other Chuttrums which would be finished within a few months. The application alluded to in

In Con. 9th Feb. 1857.
‡*From Collr. 19th Feb. in Con. 5th March* 1857.
§*Board's Pro. to Collr. 9th Feb.* 1857.

the Collector's remarks has therefore been recorded. Mr. Mayne's attention is requested to the correspondence adverted to above, relative to Chuttrum No. 14.

45. Of the Private Chuttrums is this District No. 43 in out of order. It has no public endowments and the private funds appropriated to it are stated to be just sufficient to meet the Government tax on the palmirah tope attached to the Choultry, No. 45 was built by Government in 1843 and has been in possession of a private individual since 1855, but has no revenue. The Acting Collector is requested to state under what circumstances the transfer was made, and whether the party has agreed to endow the Chuttrum. Nos. 46, 49, 52 and 53 have no endowment nor establishment. No. 49 is out of order. The charities of No. 56 are suspended, as the estate from which they appear to have been maintained, is under attachment.

Coimbatore.
In Con. 25th Feb. 1856.

46. It has been found necessary to return the statement of Chuttrums received from the Collector of Coimbatore for revision in accordance with the views of Government expressed in Extract Minutes Consultation P. W. D. No. 915 dated 15th December 1855, the communication of which to Mr. Thomas was inadvertently overlooked but which has been now forwarded.

Salem.
In Con. 6th Sept. 1855.

47. The endowment sanctioned by Government on the 28th August 1855 No. 998 R. D. for Choultry No. 11, has not yet been granted, as the owner of the Chuttrum has not enlarged it to provide accommodation for all classes as required by Government. As regards the remark of the Collector against No. 13, the Board observe that an application was made to them in 1842 by the owner of the Choultry for an endowment in land of the value of Rupees 120 which they refused to recommend, as being double the highest rate allowed under the Rules of 1829. The Board expressed themselves willing to recommend a grant of the value of 60 Rupees but it appears from the Collector's remarks that no application has been subsequently received from the owner, who has been called upon to state his intentions on this point.

From Collr. 13th Feb. in Con. 2nd March 1843.
Board's Pro. 2nd March 1843.
From Collr. 6th in Con 18th Sept. 1843.
Board's letter 18*th Sept.* 1843.

Canara.

48. There are no private Chuttrums in Canara, and the four Government Chuttrums are without endowments or establishments. Two other Chuttrums were under construction at the date of the Collector's remarks, from the surplus pagoda funds, from which source the ones already existing were also built. The Collector will be requested to state whether he would recommend endowments for the benefit of any or all of these Chuttrums.

Cuddapah.
Vizagapatam.

49. The returns from Vizagapatam and Cuddapah call for no special notice.

Malabar.

50. There are no Chuttrums belonging to Government in the Malabar District, but 5 Choultries are stated to possess public grants the extent and value of which are not entered in the statement. Mr. Robinson apprehends that such entries would be giving official sanction to statements which he finds it impossible to test strictly in the absence of a Register of enam land in the District, and the unsatisfactory state of the revenue accounts. As however, the Board are of opinion that no harm could ensue from the Collector's mentioning the reported extent and value of these grants, he is requested to forward as early as practicable a statement furnishing this information.

51. The above as well as the other Chuttrums are of very limited utility, as only Brahmins and Byragees are accommodated and fed in them.

52. On receiving the information now called for, the Board will consider the propriety of making the continuance of these grants conditional on the extension of the benefits of the charity to all classes, or of otherwise applying them.

Ganjam.

53. There is only one Chuttrum in this District and it possesses no endowment of any kind. It is also in a dilapidated state the owner having discontinued to repair it since 1854.

(A true Extract.)

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

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 8th June 1858.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, No. 765; dated 7th June 1858.

1. In Extract Minutes Consultation dated 15th December 1855, No. 915, Public Works Department, the Board of Revenue were requested to submit two lists, one of the Government Chuttrums, and the other of the endowed Chuttrums for each District. The emoluments granted by Government whether in the form of land Inam or money payment were to be clearly shewn; and the Board were asked to prepare a form of Statement for approval, and to submit for inspection a few of the periodical Chuttrum returns understood to be sent to them. In Extract Minutes Consultation No. 292, Revenue Department, dated 13th March 1856, the Government revised a Statement submitted by the Board with their Proceedings dated 25th February 1856, and directions were given as to filling it up. On 1st July 1856 the Board forwarded a return for the year 1855 from Guntoor only; and the Government having waited some months for the returns from the rest of the Districts, called the attention of the Board to the delay on 10th November 1857, (E. M. C. No. 1142.)

Para. 17.

2. In their Proceedings recorded above, the Board of Revenue review the replies of all the Collectors (except the Collector of Coimbatore to whom the Statement of Chuttrums was returned for revision, the Board having inadvertently omitted to forward to Mr. Thomas, a transcript of Extract Minutes Consultation of 15th December 1855,) and the Agent at Kurnool.

Board, para. 46.

3. There are in the Presidency 803 Chuttrums of which 99 are Government Chuttrums, and 704 private. The Government deem it unnecessary to follow the Board through all their remarks, and the instructions which they have issued by virtue of the powers vested in them by Section III. Regulation VII. of 1817. The Governor in Council will only notice such parts of the Board's Proceedings as call for special observation.

Board, para. 3.

4. In the three Districts noted in the margin there are no less than sixty-six Government Chuttrums, but except in Tanjore the endowments are very small. The Board will be good enough to explain what system obtains at these institutions with regard to the distribution (gratuitously or at favorable rates) of food to travellers and others. The Government wish to be able to form an opinion on the usefulness of the Chuttrums, by obtaining information as to the following points; what is the system of distribution? who are the distributors and who the recipients? and what is the average number of persons relieved or entertained daily, monthly or yearly. The Government are aware that in some Districts great abuses prevail, in that the Brahmanical class alone, are allowed to participate in the benefits of institutions which are intended for the good of the whole community.

Bellary.
Tanjore.
Tinnevelly.

Board, paras. 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 14, 41, *&c.*

5. The Government will be prepared to entertain any application for endowments for Chuttrums now without them, and the utility of which is proved by the local authorities to the satisfaction of the Board.

6. Adverting to the list of Tanjore Chuttrums, the Establishments of some seem disproportionate to the funds with which they are endowed. For instance, the Vullum Chuttrum is endowed with land valued at Rupees 70-15 while 63 Rupees of this is given to the Monegar of the institution. Of the 336 Rupees per annum available for the Trivaloor Chuttrum 42 Rupees are set apart for a "*Poojah maker*" and 60 Rupees for two Cooks. The former officer should be discharged, and the Government doubt the policy of entertaining Cooks at any of the scantily endowed Chuttrums. They consider the preferable course to be to distribute undressed grain and vegetables to objects of charity. At the Koonnigoody Chuttrum 126 Rupees are expended out of 138 in paying 3 individuals; two of whom obtain 120 Rupees. A Superintendent, a Waterman and a Sweeper, form an ample establishment for any of these Chuttrums, as it is they are apt to become the private residences of Brahmans who are maintained in sloth on the proceeds.

7. In the list of the Madura Chuttrums the Government do not observe the one at Sholavandán founded by the Rani Mangammal. They wish to be informed of the state of this institution at present, and whether any measures have been taken to rescue the proceeds or any part of them from the Brahmans who had usurped them.

8. In South Arcot, there are said to be 3 Government Chuttrums one of these with an income of Rupees 162, supports the institution detailed in the margin; the Government do not perceive on what principle 25 per cent. of the income of this Chuttrum is allowed to be appropriated by "a Brahman" who can be of no possible use in maintaining its efficiency there being a Monigar on 42 Rupees: it is not, likewise, apparent what the "Saderwared" charge is for. The Government consider that a Monigar, Watchman and Sweeper would be quite sufficient for this Chuttrum, and the Board will be good enough to put a stop at once to the highly objectionable practice of allowing a fixed payment to one favoured individual out of Chuttrum Funds.

	Rs.
1 *Monigar*	42
1 *Brahman*	42
2 *Taliaries*	42
1 *Sweeper*	12
Saderwared	12
	150

9. The orders of Government are required on certain points alluded to by the Board.

Para. 11. It is here stated that two of the Bellary Chuttrums are looked after by Shepherds who are paid by small remissions from their annual tax. The propriety of a small endowment for these institutions should be taken into consideration by the Board, as the Moturpha may be abolished at any moment. The Government observe from Extract Minutes Consultation No. 400, dated 27th March 1858, para. 23, that the continuance of the Shepherds' tax has been ordered for the present, but it will be better to render the Chuttrums independent of such a source of revenue.

Para. 12. Sanction is granted for the disbursement of Rupees (186) one hundred and eighty-six, for the repair of five Government Chuttrums which are represented to have become dilapidated, from the surplus of the Pagoda Funds amounting to Rupees 459-10-0, which was carried to the credit of the local Fund of the District under sanction of Government dated 16th August 1856.

Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 869, R. D.

Para. 13. Here the Board recommend that the grants to five Chuttrums which have not been confirmed by the Government should receive their sanction. Four of these were made by a Principal Collector in 1835, 1836, and 1838, without reference to the C. O. of the Board of Revenue requiring that the Board's sanction should be obtained before any grant is made to a Choultry. These* are now confirmed, and will continue in force as long as they are appropriated to the purpose for which they were granted. The fifth grant for which sanction is requested is one of a Cuttoobady Enam which Mr. Pelly says was given by the Enamdar 14 years ago to the Choultry. The village Peon takes charge of the Choultry and receives Rupees 28-13-0, or half the proceeds of the Enam, the rest is devoted to keeping up the Choultry, and the Government confirm the present arrangements, on the condition stated by the Board.

* *Nos.* 13, 14, 15, 9.

To Board of Revenue, dated 12th August 1856, *No. 92 para. 5.*

Para. 26. The Board here notice that the resumption of a certain grant for non-fulfilment of the conditions attached to it was recommended in their letter to Government dated 29th January 1858. The Government observe that the recommendation alluded to was complied with, in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 15th February 1858, No. 196.

10. In para. 51 the Board express their intention of considering the propriety of making the continuance of Chuttrum grants conditional on the extension of the benefits of the charity to all classes, or of otherwise applying them. The Government trust that they will give their attention to the subject. An opinion has already been recorded that these charities are to a very considerable extent misapplied, and the Funds intended to benefit the whole community appropriated by one class; and any plan that may be suggested to remedy the evil will be at once taken into consideration.

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

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No. 51. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 1st April 1858, No. 1176.

Read the following letters and returns of Chuttrums from the several Collectors of the Presidency and the Officiating Agent at Kurnool, viz:—

Ganjam dated 16th in Consultation 26th February 1858.
Vizagapatam dated 5th in Consultation 11th December 1857.
Rajahmundry dated 25th July in Consultation 2nd August 1856.
Masulipatam dated 23rd September in Consultation 1st October 1856.
Guntoor dated 23rd May in Consultation 1st July 1856.
Nellore dated 29th September in Consultation 8th October 1856.
Cuddapah dated 19th December 1857, in Consultation 26th March 1858.
Bellary dated 12th in Consultation 26th August 1856.
Kurnool dated 3rd July in Consultation 7th August 1856.
Chingleput dated 6th in Consultation 8th August 1856.
North Arcot dated 3rd November 1857, in Consultation 26th March 1858.
South Arcot dated 11th December 1856, in Consultation 29th June 1857.
Tanjore dated 8th August 1857, in Consultation 26th March 1858.
Trichinopoly dated 15th in Consultation 21st July 1856.
Madura dated 4th in Consultation 11th August 1856.
Tinnevelly dated 30th December 1856 in Consultation 7th January 1857.
Salem dated 19th June in Consultation 8th August 1856.
Canara dated 18th in Consultation 26th April 1856.
Do. dated 2nd in Consultation 25th July 1856.
Malabar dated 27th November 1857, in Consultation 6th January 1858.

1. Resolved that the foregoing letters and returns be forwarded for the information and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. The Board observe that these returns of Government and Private Chuttrums in the several districts of the Presidency have been prepared in the revised Form supplied with Extract Minutes Consultation R. D. No. 292 dated 13th March 1856.

In Cons. 5th April 1856.

District.	No. of Government Chuttrums.	Private Chuttrums.	Total.
Ganjam	0	1	1
Vizagapatam	0	1	1
Rajahmundry	2	21	23
Masulipatam	0	30	30
Guntoor	4	9	13
Nellore	5	91	96
Cuddapah	0	3	3
Bellary	20	15	35
Kurnool	1	7	8
Chingleput	0	140	140
North Arcot	1	49	50
South Arcot	4	59	63
Tanjore	23	68	91
Trichinopoly	4	60	64
Madura	5	14	19
Tinnevelly	23	76	99
Salem	1	13	14
Canara	6	0	6
Malabar	0	47	47
	99	704	803

3. From the abstract entered in the margin, it will be seen, that, exclusive of Coimbatore from which a revised return has been called for, there are in the aggregate, 99 Government and 704 Private Chuttrums, making a total of 803 Chuttrums. Most of these buildings are stated to be in good order; and the public endowments attached to some of them are duly appropriated, but as the Collectors have in a few instances reported unfavorable of their condition the Board will briefly notice the Chuttrums calling for remark in each return.

4. No. 3 of the Private Chuttrums in the Rajahmundry district was undergoing repairs at the date of the Collector's remarks, (25th July 1856). It does not appear to enjoy any endowment from Government or other source.

Rajahmundry

In Cons. 2nd August 1856.

5. Nos. 6, 19, and 21 are also without any means of support; the first is in bad and the remaining two in good order. The Collector is silent on the absence of endowments to these and No. 3 Chuttrums.

Masulipatam.

6. Two of the Private Chuttrums (Nos. 2 and 3) possess Government grants, and thirteen (Nos. 1, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 30) of the remainder are provided with establishments by their proprietors. The others or for the most part in want of repairs and seem to be without means of any description. They are all in charge of their proprietors.

Guntoor.

In Cons. 31st March 1848.

7. With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation R. D. No. 1142 dated 10th November 1857, remarking that no returns for any district except Guntoor had been sent up to Government, and requesting that the remainder may be submitted without further loss of time, the Board have to observe, that the return for Guntoor was forwarded to Government singly, as it was at first intended to submit these statements separately in the order in which they reached the Board, but that subsequently it was thought best to treat them as a general subject, and other returns have consequently awaited this mode of disposal.

8. The Chuttrums in Guntoor call for no special notice from the Board.

Nellore.

9. Three of the Government Chuttrums (Nos. 1, 2 and 3), apparently have no establishments or sources from which they could be maintained.

10. Ten of the Private Chuttrums (Nos. 23, 24, 25, 27, 39, 45, 60, 76, 79, and 82) also seem to have no income. They are all stated to be in good order except No. 39, regarding which no remark is made in the return. The proprietor of No. 60 requests that his Chuttrum may be endowed by Government, but the Collector has made no remarks on this application. This omission he will be told to supply.

Bellary.

11. Of the 20 Government Chuttrums in this district sixteen (Nos. 1 to 8, and 12 to 18 and No. 20) are without endowments or establishments except Nos. 17 and 18 which are looked after by shepherds who are paid by remissions of Rupees 2-3-0 and 3-7-0 respectively from their annual tax. The other Chuttrums are in charge of their respective village authorities.

**Nos. 3, 4, 7, 9, 15 and 16.*

In Cons. 4th October 1856.

12. In para. 2 of the letter accompanying this return Mr. Pelly states that six* of the Government Chuttrums require repairs and the charge on account of the first five will amount to Rupees 186, the estimate for the sixth has not been yet received. It appears that these Chuttrums were built partly from the Pagoda Funds and partly at Government expense and Mr. Pelly requests that the repairs now required may be sanctioned from the Pagoda Surplus fund of which a sum of Rupees 459-10-0 is still in deposit. The Board observe that this surplus has been carried to the credit of the local fund of the district under sanction of Government (vide para. 5 of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 869 R. D. dated 16th August 1856) and the Board recommend that the Collector may be authorised in this instance to defray the expenses of the repairs of the Chuttrum alluded to, from it.

†Nos. 13, 14, 15, 9 and 10.

Vide Vol. 1 C. O. B. page 99, dated 20th August 1829.

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13. All the Private Chuttrums in Bellary enjoy Government endowments. The Collector notices (para. 4) five† the grants attached to which have not been confirmed by the Board or Government. The first four grants were made by the Principal Collector Mr. Robertson in 1835, and 1836, and 1838 probably, as the Collector states, under the Chuttrum Rules of 11th August 1829 and without reference to the latter C. O. of the Board (page 127 dated 19th January 1832) which required that the Board's sanction should be obtained before any grant was made to a Choultry. The remaining grant consists of a Cuttoobady enam *valued* at Rupees 57-10-0 which the proprietor relinquished in favor of the Choultry about 14 years ago. The endowment is in the enjoyment of the widow of the Proprietor of the Choultry and a sweeper is maintained (vide remarks in column of return) from its produce on Rupees 15 annually. The other half of the enam value is paid to the Cuttoobady peon of the village who has charge of the Choultry in addition to his other duties. The above arrangements were permitted by Mr. Pelly when in charge of the

district and subsequently confirmed by the Collector Mr. Mellor. The Board recommend that the five grants alluded to in this para. may be confirmed by Government, it being understood that the Chuttrums benefitting by them must be kept in good order by their proprietors.

Kurnool.

14. The Chuttrum (No. 4) at Gauzoolpully Nundial Talook, in the Kurnool district, is stated to have been built by the late Commissioner Mr. Scott in 1848-49, and it has been in the possession of Government ever since; this Chuttrum is therefore entered in the abstract opposite para. 3 as a Government Institution. No. 5 was built by late Tahsildar in 1848-49, and appears to have no owner at present. None of the Chuttrums in the return possess any Endowments or establishments. The Officiating Agent is requested to state whether he would recommend grants for any of the Chuttrums.

Chingleput.

15. There are no Government Chuttrums in the Chingleput district, and very few of the private buildings are reported to be out of repair.

16. Among these, Chuttrum No. 3 in Triporoor Talook is reported unserviceable for travellers. It has a Government endowment of a maniem back-yard valued at Rupees 8-1-11, which has been in the enjoyment of one Ebarah Bebee for the past 8 years. The Choultry was built by a Lalla about 60 years ago, and no establishment is maintained for it. The Board are of opinion that the maniem ought to be resumed or the present proprietor made to pay the public tax if she is willing to keep possession. The Collector is requested to give the subject his consideration.

17. Number 4 in the Sydapet Talook is also unserviceable for travellers, it is endowed with a tope and lands valued* conjointly at Rupees 52-11-0. The Board wish to be informed why the Collector has not recommended this enam for resumption or assessment.

	Rs.	A.	P.
* *Tope.. ... ..*	33	6	2
Nunjah..	19	4	10

18. No. 34 in the same Talook was built about 60 years ago, and is in a state of decay. The name of the owner (if there be any) is unknown; a tope, valued at Rupees 11-2-6 is attached to it as a Government endowment. The Collector is requested to state if there are any objections to the grant being resumed.

From Collector dated 2nd in Consultation 22nd April 1857.

Board's Pros. 22nd April 1857

19. No. 39 in the same Talook having fallen into decay, the Board authorized the resumption of the enam attached to it.

20. No. 5 Chuttrum in the Chingleput Talook is in a dilapidated condition and unserviceable. From the proceeds of the endowment attached to it, amounting to Rupees 22-1-6, a water Pandal is kept up.

North Arcot.
In Con. 7th Nov. 1858.

21. The only Government Chuttrum in North Arcot is very much in want of repair, an estimate was being prepared by the proper Authorities at the date (3rd November 1857) of the Collector's remarks.

22. No. 2 of the Private Choultries has been neglected for many years, is in a ruinous condition and would require a large sum for its repairs; the Collector has issued instructions to resume the Government maniem attached to it. Mr. Whittingham will be requested to state whether the owner had received warning of the intended resumption.

23. The Collector has addressed the proprietors of Nos. 3, 12, 13, 16, 19, 21, 32, 35, 41, 46, and 47 on the bad condition of their Choultries or other irregularities prevailing in them.

24. The maniems granted to Nos. 9, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 43 and 45 are under attachment in consequence of the neglect of the buildings by their owners. As the Chuttrums are still dilapidated the resumption of the endowment is still threatened.

25. Chuttrums No. 26 being a ruin, its maniem valued at Rupees 57-5-10 has been attached, but it appears that a large new building near the old one is made use of by Brahmins. The Board will enquire whether the establishment in the return shewn to cost Rupees 58 is still kept up in this building out of the proceeds of the endowment.

26. The maniem attached to No. 31 has been recommended for resumption in the Board's letter to Government dated 29th January 1858.

27. As all classes of people were not permitted the use of No. 49 by its proprietor, the maniem beloning to it was attached in 1843 by the Acting Collector Mr. Binning; but the Choultry having been built previous to the Board's C. O. of 25th May 1848, which makes it a condition that Choultries to be entitled to a public endowment must accommodate all classes without exception, the Collector intends to submit the question of the property of resuming the maniem for the consideration of the Board in a separate letter.

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28. The maniem belonging to No. 42 is under attachment and will be released when the required repairs are executed and accommodation provided for all classes. The petition referred to by the Collector was forwarded to him for enquiry and disposal with the Board's Endorsement dated 12th February 1857.

29. From the Collector's letter accompanying the return, it will be seen that, with the exception of three, viz. Nos. 2, 42, and 48, the state of repair of all the Chuttrums in the district have been reported on by officers of the Public Works Department, Mr. Whittingham found it necessary to call for professional opinion in consequence of the discrepant reports of the Tahsildars. In order to obtain correct information for the future, the Collector has furnished the Sub and Head Assistant Collectors with lists of the Choultries in their respective talooks, and instructed them to inspect the buildings personally whenever circumstances permitted, and to ascertain the manner in which the Choultries were administered. As regards the Chuttrums in his own division Mr. Whittingham intends adopting the same plan.

South Arcot.

30. In South Arcot one of the Government Chuttrums (No. 4) was being repaired, and the remaining three required repairs, for which the Collector intended to submit estimates at the date (11th December 1856) of his remarks.

In Con. 29th June 1857.

31. The following Private Chuttrums maintain no establishments although enjoying public grants, viz. Nos. 9, 22, 25, 40, 48, and 50, to 55. All these buildings are reported to be in good order with the exception of No. 40, the Agent of which has promised to repair it shortly. The wants of the travellers halting at No. 9 are stated to be provided for, but by whom does not appear. The Board observe that the Chuttrums enjoying public grants (the smallest grant being Rupees 13½ and the largest Rupees 188), should support establishments. The Acting Collector will be requested to call upon the owners to supply this deficiency in proportion to the extend of their respective grants and the requirements of the institutions.

32. Nos. 10 and 21 having been much neglected, the parties in charge were required to repair them within three months.

33. The Collector remarks that No. 36 is well situated (on Trunk road No. 8) and much frequented by travellers, but is almost in ruins. The agent being unable to repair it, the Collector recommends that Government take charge of it with the consent of the agent and sanction the necessary repairs. The Acting Collector is requested to state whether the agent agrees to the proposed transfer, and what amount of the proceeds of the maniem (valued at Rupees 26-4-0) belonging to this Chuttrum and now in deposit, is at present available for repairs.

34. Exclusive of the Chuttrums above noticed, the Collector reports that 6 others not included in the return were found to be in ruins from long neglect, and he has consequently resumed the maniems attached to them, valued in the aggregate to Rupees 62-5-3.

* *P. 99 C. O. Vol. 1.* (under Section 5 of the Chuttrum rules of 20th August 1829*)

Tanjore.

35. The return from Tanjore is for 1857, and not for 1855; and other districts prepared their statements for latter year as directed by Government. Of the 91 Chuttrums in Tanjore:—

9	were built and are managed by	Government
7	Do.	by the Rajah but were managed by Government.
7	Do.	by private parties but now in possession of Government.
17	Do.	by the Rajah and managed by him, but are now under the Collector.
2	Do.	by Chaitoo Bava Gosayee and now under Collector.
49	Do.	by Private Choultries.
Total ...91		

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 8th June 1858.

36. No. 14 of the Government Choultries requires some repair which the Acting Collector intended to see done. The endowment attached to No. 20 and valued at Rs. 1946-10-0 has been resumed under orders of the Board dated 23rd February 1856, owing to the misappropriation of the proceeds by the late Trustee.* The charities in No. 22 have been suspended until the Choultry which is in a dangerous state is repaired, the Acting Collector intended to commence the work on the completion of the Coleroon bridge. No. 23 is in a dilapidated state, the Acting Collector intends taking steps to restore it.

* *Note—A suit against the Collector arose out of this resumption and Government have authorised the defence at public cost.*
Vide Bd.'s Pro. dated 27th April 1857.
E. M. C. No. 438, R. D. dated 9th in Con. 11th May 1857.

37. Pending the re-construction of Nos. 5 and 34 of the Private Choultries, their grants have been attached, steps were being taken to apply former arrears of No. 5 towards its restoration. The arrangement alluded to in the Collector's remarks opposite to No. 8 was permitted by the Board to continue on the recommendation of the Collector Mr. Bishop.

Vide Collector's letter dated 6th in Con. 29th Nov. 1852.
Board's Pro. dated 29th Nov. 1852.

38. Nos. 12 and 17 were blown down in Fusly 1263 A. D. 1853-54 by a storm, and the party in charge of the latter having mortgaged the Enam belonging to it, the grant has been attached. As the agent of No. 12 is stated by the Collector to be too poor to rebuild it, the Board presume the proceeds of the Enam are in deposit. Nos. 20 and 21 are in ruins, and enjoying paltry endowments from the Government the proprietors promised to re-construct them in the hot weather. The charities in No. 26 are discontinued by the trustees, and No. 27 is in ruins—the Collector has warned the parties.

39. From the foot-note in the return it appears that the Serkele's Office has furnished the information from which the return of the Rajahs Mocassa Chuttrums has been prepared. The period of possession in most cases is not entered in column 3 as the Collector has not been able to ascertain it. No formal grants have been given by the late Rajah for many of the endowments, and the smaller Enams are generally held by prescription and appear in the Survey and other accounts as Anubhogum Maniem.

40. Mr. Phillips also states that there are some small Chuttrums which he has not included in the return as the grants, where they have been made, are of trifling extent. The Board observe that the Government wish this return to be as complete as possible, the Acting Collector is therefore requested to send a supplemental return of those Chuttrums not already noticed.

Trichinopoly.

41. One of the Government Chuttrums in the Trichinopoly District (No. 3) and which is stated to be in good order and useful to travellers, has no endowment or establishment. The Collector is requested to state whether he would recommend any grant for the benefit of this Institution.

42. The Poroopoo lands attached to No. 4, have been assessed at the full rate since Fusly 1265, as the income was not duly appropriated. The subject is reported to be under investigation.

Madura.

43. No. 5 of the Private Chuttrums is much out of order, and the Government endowment attached to it has been resigned by the proprietor, the Enam is held in deposit pending the construction of a superior Choultry on the same site by a Zemindar who has engaged to do it.

Tinnevelly.

44. Nos. 12 and 18 of the Government Chuttrums in this District are out of order. A portion of the incomes of Chuttrums Nos. 18, 22 and 23 are applied to the uses of No. 19, besides the proceeds of its own Enam, under the orders of the Collector. With reference to No. 14 for which the Collector states he has applied for an establishment on the 17th November 1856, the Board observe that in a subsequent letter‡ (in reply to the Board's call § for further information) Mr. Silver has expressed his intention of submitting another application to include two other Chuttrums which would be finished within a few months. The application alluded to in

In Con. 9th Feb. 1857.
‡*From Collr. 19th Feb. in Con. 5th March 1857.*
§*Board's Pro. to Collr. 9th Feb. 1857.*

the Collector's remarks has therefore been recorded. Mr. Mayne's attention is requested to the correspondence adverted to above, relative to Chuttrum No. 14.

45. Of the Private Chuttrums is this District No. 43 in out of order. It has no public endowments and the private funds appropriated to it are stated to be just sufficient to meet the Government tax on the palmirah tope attached to the Choultry, No. 45 was built by Government in 1843 and has been in possession of a private individual since 1855, but has no revenue. The Acting Collector is requested to state under what circumstances the transfer was made, and whether the party has agreed to endow the Chuttrum. Nos. 46, 49, 52 and 53 have no endowment nor establishment. No. 49 is out of order. The charities of No. 56 are suspended, as the estate from which they appear to have been maintained, is under attachment.

Coimbatore.
In Con. 25th Feb. 1856.

46. It has been found necessary to return the statement of Chuttrums received from the Collector of Coimbatore for revision in accordance with the views of Government expressed in Extract Minutes Consultation P. W. D. No. 915 dated 15th December 1855, the communication of which to Mr. Thomas was inadvertently overlooked but which has been now forwarded.

Salem.
In Con. 6th Sept. 1855.

47. The endowment sanctioned by Government on the 28th August 1855 No. 998 R. D. for Choultry No. 11, has not yet been granted, as the owner of the Chuttrum has not enlarged it to provide accommodation for all classes as required by Government. As regards the remark of the Collector against No. 13, the Board observe that an application was made to them in 1842 by the owner of the Choultry for an endowment in land of the value of Rupees 120 which they refused to recommend, as being double the highest rate allowed under the Rules of 1829. The Board expressed themselves willing to recommend a grant of the value of 60 Rupees but it appears from the Collector's remarks that no application has been subsequently received from the owner, who has been called upon to state his intentions on this point.

From Collr. 13th Feb. in Con. 2nd March 1843.
Board's Pro. 2nd March 1843.
From Collr. 6th in Con 18th Sept. 1843.
Board's letter 18th Sept. 1843.

Canara.

48. There are no private Chuttrums in Canara, and the four Government Chuttrums are without endowments or establishments. Two other Chuttrums were under construction at the date of the Collector's remarks, from the surplus pagoda funds, from which source the ones already existing were also built. The Collector will be requested to state whether he would recommend endowments for the benefit of any or all of these Chuttrums.

Cuddapah.
Vizagapatam.

49. The returns from Vizagapatam and Cuddapah call for no special notice.

Malabar.

50. There are no Chuttrums belonging to Government in the Malabar District, but 5 Choultries are stated to possess public grants the extent and value of which are not entered in the statement. Mr. Robinson apprehends that such entries would be giving official sanction to statements which he finds it impossible to test strictly in the absence of a Register of enam land in the District, and the unsatisfactory state of the revenue accounts. As however, the Board are of opinion that no harm could ensue from the Collector's mentioning the reported extent and value of these grants, he is requested to forward as early as practicable a statement furnishing this information.

51. The above as well as the other Chuttrums are of very limited utility, as only Brahmins and Byragees are accommodated and fed in them.

52. On receiving the information now called for, the Board will consider the propriety of making the continuance of these grants conditional on the extension of the benefits of the charity to all classes, or of otherwise applying them.

Ganjam.

53. There is only one Chuttrum in this District and it possesses no endowment of any kind. It is also in a dilapidated state the owner having discontinued to repair it since 1854.

(A true Extract.)

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

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No. 52. ORDER THEREON, No. 765; dated 7th June 1858.

Para. 17.

1. In Extract Minutes Consultation dated 15th December 1855, No. 915, Public Works Department, the Board of Revenue were requested to submit two lists, one of the Government Chuttrums, and the other of the endowed Chuttrums for each District. The emoluments granted by Government whether in the form of land Inam or money payment were to be clearly shewn; and the Board were asked to prepare a form of Statement for approval, and to submit for inspection a few of the periodical Chuttrum returns understood to be sent to them. In Extract Minutes Consultation No. 292, Revenue Department, dated 13th March 1856, the Government revised a Statement submitted by the Board with their Proceedings dated 25th February 1856, and directions were given as to filling it up. On 1st July 1856 the Board forwarded a return for the year 1855 from Guntoor only; and the Government having waited some months for the returns from the rest of the Districts, called the attention of the Board to the delay on 10th November 1857, (E. M. C. No. 1142.)

Board, para. 46.

2. In their Proceedings recorded above, the Board of Revenue review the replies of all the Collectors (except the Collector of Coimbatore to whom the Statement of Chuttrums was returned for revision, the Board having inadvertently omitted to forward to Mr. Thomas, a transcript of Extract Minutes Consultation of 15th December 1855,) and the Agent at Kurnool.

Board, para. 3.

3. There are in the Presidency 803 Chuttrums of which 99 are Government Chuttrums, and 704 private. The Government deem it unnecessary to follow the Board through all their remarks, and the instructions which they have issued by virtue of the powers vested in them by Section III. Regulation VII. of 1817. The Governor in Council will only notice such parts of the Board's Proceedings as call for special observation.

Bellary.
Tanjore.
Tinnevelly.

4. In the three Districts noted in the margin there are no less than sixty-six Government Chuttrums, but except in Tanjore the endowments are very small. The Board will be good enough to explain what system obtains at these institutions with regard to the distribution (gratuitously or at favorable rates) of food to travellers and others. The Government wish to be able to form an opinion on the usefulness of the Chuttrums, by obtaining information as to the following points; what is the system of distribution? who are the distributors and who the recipients? and what is the average number of persons relieved or entertained daily, monthly or yearly. The Government are aware that in some Districts great abuses prevail, in that the Brahmanical class alone, are allowed to participate in the benefits of institutions which are intended for the good of the whole community.

Board, paras. 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 14, 41, *&c.*

5. The Government will be prepared to entertain any application for endowments for Chuttrums now without them, and the utility of which is proved by the local authorities to the satisfaction of the Board.

6. Adverting to the list of Tanjore Chuttrums, the Establishments of some seem disproportionate to the funds with which they are endowed. For instance, the Vullum Chuttrum is endowed with land valued at Rupees 70-15 while 63 Rupees of this is given to the Monegar of the institution. Of the 336 Rupees per annum available for the Trivaloor Chuttrum 42 Rupees are set apart for a "*Poojah maker*" and 60 Rupees for two Cooks. The former officer should be discharged, and the Government doubt the policy of entertaining Cooks at any of the scantily endowed Chuttrums. They consider the preferable course to be to distribute undressed grain and vegetables to objects of charity. At the Koonnigoody Chuttrum 126 Rupees are expended out of 138 in paying 3 individuals; two of whom obtain 120 Rupees. A Superintendent, a Waterman and a Sweeper, form an ample establishment for any of these Chuttrums, as it is they are apt to become the private residences of Brahmans who are maintained in sloth on the proceeds.

7. In the list of the Madura Chuttrums the Government do not observe the one at Sholavandán founded by the Rani Mangammal. They wish to be informed of the state of this institution at present, and whether any measures have been taken to rescue the proceeds or any part of them from the Brahmans who had usurped them.

8. In South Arcot, there are said to be 3 Government Chuttrums one of these with an income of Rupees 162, supports the institution detailed in the margin; the Government do not perceive on what principle 25 per cent. of the income of this Chuttrum is allowed to be appropriated by "a Brahman" who can be of no possible use in maintaining its efficiency there being a Monigar on 42 Rupees: it is not, likewise, apparent what the "Saderwared" charge is for. The Government consider that a Monigar, Watchman and Sweeper would be quite sufficient for this Chuttrum, and the Board will be good enough to put a stop at once to the highly objectionable practice of allowing a fixed payment to one favoured individual out of Chuttrum Funds.

	Rs.
1 *Monigar*	42
1 *Brahman*	42
2 *Taliaries*	42
1 *Sweeper*	12
Saderwared	12
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9. The orders of Government are required on certain points alluded to by the Board.

Para. 11. It is here stated that two of the Bellary Chuttrums are looked after by Shepherds who are paid by small remissions from their annual tax. The propriety of a small endowment for these institutions should be taken into consideration by the Board, as the Moturpha may be abolished at any moment. The Government observe from Extract Minutes Consultation No. 400, dated 27th March 1858, para. 23, that the continuance of the Shepherds' tax has been ordered for the present, but it will be better to render the Chuttrums independent of such a source of revenue.

Para. 12. Sanction is granted for the disbursement of Rupees (186) one hundred and eighty-six, for the repair of five Government Chuttrums which are represented to have become dilapidated, from the surplus of the Pagoda Funds amounting to Rupees 459-10-0, which was carried to the credit of the local Fund of the District under sanction of Government dated 16th August 1856.

Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 869, R. D.

Para. 13. Here the Board recommend that the grants to five Chuttrums which have not been confirmed by the Government should receive their sanction. Four of these were made by a Principal Collector in 1835, 1836, and 1838, without reference to the C. O. of the Board of Revenue requiring that the Board's sanction should be obtained before any grant is made to a Choultry. These* are now confirmed, and will continue in force as long as they are appropriated to the purpose for which they were granted. The fifth grant for which sanction is requested is one of a Cuttoobady Enam which Mr. Pelly says was given by the Enamdar 14 years ago to the Choultry. The village Peon takes charge of the Choultry and receives Rupees 28-13-0, or half the proceeds of the Enam, the rest is devoted to keeping up the Choultry, and the Government confirm the present arrangements, on the condition stated by the Board.

* *Nos.* 13, 14, 15, 9.

To Board of Revenue, dated 12th August 1856, No. 92 para. 5.

Para. 26. The Board here notice that the resumption of a certain grant for non-fulfilment of the conditions attached to it was recommended in their letter to Government dated 29th January 1858. The Government observe that the recommendation alluded to was complied with, in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 15th February 1858, No. 196.

10. In para. 51 the Board express their intention of considering the propriety of making the continuance of Chuttrum grants conditional on the extension of the benefits of the charity to all classes, or of otherwise applying them. The Government trust that they will give their attention to the subject. An opinion has already been recorded that these charities are to a very considerable extent misapplied, and the Funds intended to benefit the whole community appropriated by one class; and any plan that may be suggested to remedy the evil will be at once taken into consideration.

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

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No. 1176.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st April 1858.

Read the following letters and returns of Chuttrums from the several Collectors of the Presidency and the Officiating Agent at Kurnool, viz:—

Ganjam dated 16th in Consultation 26th February 1858.
Vizagapatam dated 5th in Consultation 11th December 1857.
Rajahmundry dated 25th July in Consultation 2d August 1856.
Masulipatam dated 23d September in Consulation 1st October 1856.
Guntoor dated 23d May in Consultation 1st July 1856.
Nellore dated 29th September in Consultation 8th October 1856.
Cuddapah dated 19th December 1857, in Consultation 26th March 1858.
Bellary dated 12th in Consultation 26th August 1856.
Kurnool dated 3d July in Consultation 7th August 1856.
Chingleput dated 6th in Consultatation 8th August 1856.
North Arcot dated 3d November 1857, in Consultation 26th March 1858.
South Arcot dated 11th December 1856, in Consultation 29th June 1857.
Tanjore dated 8th August 1857 in Consultation 26th March 1858.
Trichinopoly dated 15th in Consultation 21st July 1856.
Madura dated 4th in Consultation 11th August 1856.
Tinnevelly dated 30th December 1856 in Consultation 7th January 1857.
Salem dated 19th June in Consultation 8th August 1856.
Canara dated 18th in Consultation 26th April 1856.
Do. dated 2d in Consultation 25th July 1856.
Malabar dated 27th November 1857, in Consultation 6th January 1858.

1. Resolved that the foregoing letters and returns be forwarded for the information and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. The Board observe that these returns of Government and Private Chuttrums in the several districts of the Presidency have been prepared in the revised Form supplied with Extract Minutes Consultation R. D. No. 292 dated 13th March 1856.

In Con. 5th April 1856.

District.	No. of Government Chuttrums.	Private Chuttrums.	Total.
Ganjam	0	1	1
Vizagapatam	0	1	1
Rajahmundry	2	21	23
Masulipatam	0	30	30
Guntoor	4	9	13
Nellore	5	31	36
Cuddapah	0	3	3
Bellary	20	15	35
Kurnool	1	7	8
Chingleput	0	140	140
North Arcot	1	49	50
South Arcot	4	59	63
Tanjore	23	68	31
Trichinopoly	4	60	64
Madura	5	14	19
Tinnevelly	23	76	99
Salem	1	13	14
Canara	6	0	6
Malabar	0	47	47
	99	704	803

3. From the abstract entered in the margin, it will be seen, that, exclusive of Coimbatore from which a revised return has been called for, there are in the aggregate, 99 Government and 704 Private Chuttrums, making a total of 803 Chuttrums. Most of these buildings are stated to be in good order; and the public endowments attached to some of them are duly appropriated, but as the Collectors have in a few instances reported unfavorably of their condition the Board will briefly notice the Chuttrums calling for remark in each return.

Rajahmundry.

4. No. 3 of the Private Chuttrums in the Rajahmundry district was undergoing repairs at the date of the Collector's remarks, (25th July 1856). It does not appear to enjoy any endowment from Government or other source.

In Con. 2d Aug. 1856.

5. Nos. 6, 19, and 21 are also without any means of support; the first is in bad and the remaining two in good order. The Collector is silent on the absence of endowments to these and No. 3 Chuttrums.

6. Two of the Private Chuttrums (Nos. 2 and 3) possess Government grants, and thirteen (Nos. 1, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 30) of the remainder are provided with establishments by their proprietors. The others are for the most part in want of repairs, and seem to be without means of any description. They are all in charge of their proprietors.

Masulipatam.

7. With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation R. D. No. 1142 dated 10th November 1857, remarking that no returns for any district except Guntoor had been sent up to Government, and requesting that the remainder may be submitted without further loss of time, the Board have to observe, that the return for Guntoor was forwarded to Government singly, as it was at first intended to submit these statements separately in the order in which they reached the Board, but that subsequently it was thought best to treat them as a general subject, and other returns have consequently awaited this mode of disposal.

Guntoor.

In Con. 31st March 1848.

8. The Chuttrums in Guntoor call for no special notice from the Board.

9. Three of the Government Chuttrums (Nos. 1, 2 and 3), apparently have no establishments or sources from which they could be maintained.

Nellore.

10. Ten of the Private Chuttrums (Nos. 23, 24, 25, 27, 39, 45, 60, 76, 79, and 82) also seem to have no income. They are all stated to be in good order except No. 39, regarding which no remark is made in the return. The proprietor of No. 60 requests that his Chuttrum may be endowed by Government, but the Collector has made no remarks on this application. This omission he will be told to supply.

11. Of the 20 Government Chuttrums in this district sixteen (Nos. 1 to 8, and 12 to 18 and No. 20) are without endowments or establishments except Nos. 17 and 18 which are looked after by shepherds who are paid by remissions of Rupees 2-3-0 and 3-7-0 respectively from their annual tax. The other Chuttrums are in charge of their respective village authorities.

Bellary.

Nos. 3, 4, 7, 9, 15 and 16.

12. In para. 2 of the letter accompanying this return Mr. Pelly states that six* of the Government Chuttrums require repairs and the charge on account of the first five will amount to Rupees 186, the estimate for the sixth has not been yet received. It appears that these Chuttrums were built partly from the Pagoda Funds and partly at Government expense and Mr. Pelly requests that the repairs now required may be sanctioned from the Pagoda Surplus fund of which a sum of Rupees 459-10-0 is still in deposit. The Board observe that this surplus has been carried to the credit of the local fund of the district under sanction of Government (vide para. 5 of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 869 R. D. dated 16th August 1856) and the Board recommend that the Collector may be authorised in this instance to defray the expenses of the repairs of the Chuttrum alluded to, from it.

In Con. 4th Oct. 1856.

13. All the Private Chuttrums in Bellary enjoy Government endowments. The Collector notices (para. 4) five* the grants attached to which have not been confirmed by the Board or Government. The first four grants were made by the Principal Collector Mr. Robertson in 1835, 1836, and 1838 probably, as the Collector states, under the Chuttrum Rules of 11th August 1829 and without reference to the latter C. O. of the Board (page 127 dated 19th January 1832) which required that the Board's sanction should be obtained before any grant was made to a Choultry. The remaining grant consists of a Cutcobady enam *valued* at Rupees 57-10-0 which the proprietor relinquished in favor of the Choultry about 14 years ago. The endowment is in the enjoyment of the widow of the Proprietor of the Choultry and a sweeper is maintained (vide remarks in column of return) from its produce on Rupees 15 annually. The other half of the enam value is paid to the Cuttoobady peon of the village who has charge of the Choultry in addition to his other duties. The above arrangements were permitted by Mr. Pelly when in charge of the district and subsequently confirmed by the Collector Mr. Mellor. The Board recommend that the five grants alluded to in this para. may be confirmed by Government, it being understood that the Chuttrums benefitting by them must be kept in good order by their proprietors.

* Nos. 12, 14, 15, 9 and 10.

† Vide Vol 1 C. O. B. page 29, dated 20th Augt. 1829.

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14. The Chuttrum (No. 4) at Gauzoolpully Nundial Taluk, in the Kurnool district, is stated to have been built by the late Commissioner Mr. Scott in 1848-49, and it has been in the possession of Government ever since; this Chuttrum is therefore entered in the abstract opposite para. 3 as a Government Institution. No. 5 was built by a late Tahsildar in 1848-49, and appears to have no owner at present. None of the Chuttrums in the return possess any Endowments or establishments. The Officiating Agent is requested to state whether he would recommend grants for any of the Chuttrums.

Kurnool.

15. There are no Government Chuttrums in the Chingleput district, and very few of the private buildings are reported to be out of repair.

Chingleput

16. Among these, Chuttrum No. 3 in Tirporoor Talook is reported unserviceable for travellers. It has a Government endowment of a maniem back-yard valued at Rupees 8-1-11, which has been in the enjoyment of one Ebarah Bebee for the past 8 years. The Choultry was built by a Lalla about 60 years ago, and no establishment is maintained for it. The Board are of opinion that the maniem ought to be resumed or the present proprietor made to pay the public tax if she is willing to keep possession. The Collector is requested to give the subject his consideration.

17. Number 4 in the Sydapet Talook is also unserviceable for travellers, it is endowed with a tope and lands valued† conjointly at Rupees 52-11-0. The Board wish to be informed why the Collector has not recommended this enam for resumption or assessment.

	Rs.	A.	P.
† Tope	33	6	2
Nunjah	19	4	10

18. No. 34 in the same Talook was built about 60 years ago, and is in a state of decay. The name of the owner (if there be any) is unknown; a tope, valued at Rupees 11-2-6 is attached to it as a Government endowment. The Collector is requested to state if there are any objections to the grant being resumed.

19. No. 39 in the same Talook having fallen into decay, the Board authorised the resumption of the enam attached to it.

From Collector dated 2d in Con. 23d April 1857.
Board's Pros. 22d April 1857

20. No. 5 Chuttrum in the Chingleput Talook is in a dilapidated condition and unserviceable. From the proceeds of the endowment attached to it, amounting to Rupees 22-1-6, a water Pandal is kept up.

North Arcot.

In Con. 7th Nov. 1858.

21. The only Government Chuttrum in North Arcot is very much in want of repair, an estimate was being prepared by the proper Authorities at the date (3d November 1857) of the Collector's remarks.

22. No. 2 of the Private Choultries has been neglected for many years, is in a ruinous condition and would require a large sum for its repairs; the Collector has issued instructions to resume the Government maniem attached to it. Mr. Whittingham will be requested to state whether the owner had received warning of the intended resumption.

23. The Collector has addressed the proprietors of Nos. 3, 12 13, 16, 19, 21, 32, 35, 41, 46, and 47 on the bad condition of their Choultries or other irregularities prevailing in them.

24. The maniems granted to Nos. 9, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 43 and 45 are under attachment in consequence of the neglect of the buildings by their owners. As the Chuttrums are still dilapidated the resumption of the endowment is still threatened.

25. Chuttrums No. 26 being a Ruin, its maniem valued at Rupees 57-5-10 has been attached, but it appears that a large new building near the old one is made use of by Brahmins. The Board will enquire whether the establishment in the return shewn to cost Rupees 58 is still kept up in this building out of the proceeds of the endowment.

26. The maniem attached to No. 31 has been recommended for resumption in the Board's letter to Government dated 29th January 1858.

27. As all classes of people were not permitted the use of No. 49 by its proprietor, the maniem belonging to it was attached in 1843 by the Acting Collector Mr. Binning; but the Choultry having been built previous to the Board's C. O. of 25th May 1848, which makes it a condition that Choultries to be entitled to a public endowment must accommodate all classes without exception, the Collector intends to submit the question of the propriety of resuming the maniem for the consideration of the Board in a separate letter.

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28. The maniem belonging to No. 42 is under attachment and will be released when the required repairs are executed and accommodation provided for all classes. The petition referred to by the Collector was forwarded to him for enquiry and disposal with the Board's Endorsement dated 12th February 1857.

29. From the Collector's letter accompanying the return, it will be seen that, with the exception of three, viz., Nos. 2, 42, and 48, the state of repair of all the Chuttrums in the district have been reported on by officers of the Public Works Department, Mr. Whittingham found it necessary to call for professional opinion in consequence of the discrepant reports of the Tahsildars. In order to obtain correct information for the future, the Collector has furnished the Sub and Head Assistant Collectors with lists of the Choultries in their respective talooks, and instructed them to inspect the buildings personally whenever circumstances permitted, and to ascertain the manner in which the Choultries were administered. As regards the Chuttrums in his own division Mr. Whittingham intends adopting the same plan.

South Arcot.

30. In South Arcot one of the Government Chuttrums (No. 4) was being repaired, and the remaining three required repairs, for which the Collector intended to submit estimates at the date (11th December 1856) of his remarks.

In Con. 20th June 1857.

31. The following Private Chuttrums maintain no establishments although enjoying public grants, viz. Nos. 9, 22, 25, 40, 48, and 50, to 55. All these buildings are reported to be in good order with the exception of No. 40, the agent of which has promised to repair it shortly. The wants of the travellers halting at No. 9 are stated to be provided for, but by whom does not appear. The Board observe that the Chuttrums enjoying public grants (the smallest grant being Rupees 13½ and the largest Rupees 188), should support establishments. The Acting Collector will be requested to call upon the owners to supply this deficiency in proportion to the extent of their respective grants and the requirements of the institutions.

32. Nos. 10 and 21 having been much neglected, the parties in charge were required to repair them within three months.

33. The Collector remarks that No. 36 is well situated (on Trunk road No. 8) and much frequented by travellers, but is almost in ruins. The agent being unable to repair it, the Collector recommends that Government take charge of it with the consent of the agent and sanction the necessary repairs. The Acting Collector is requested to state whether the agent agrees to the proposed transfer, and what amount of the proceeds of the maniem (valued at Rupees 26-4-0) belonging to this Chuttrum and now in deposit, is at present available for repairs.

34. Exclusive of the Chuttrums above noticed, the Collector reports that 6 others not included in the return were found to be in ruins from long neglect, and that he has consequently, (under Section 5 of the Chuttrum rules of 20th August 1829*) resumed the maniems attached to them, valued in the aggregate to Rupees 62-5-3.

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Tanjore.

35. The return from Tanjore is for 1857, and not for 1855; and other districts prepared their statements for the latter year as directed by Government.

Of the 91 Chuttrums in Tanjore :—

9	were built and are managed by Government.	
7	Do.	by the Rajah but were managed by Government.
7	Do.	by private parties but now in possession of Government.
17	Do..	by the Rajah and managed by him, but are now under the Collector.
2	Do.	by Chaitoo Bava Gosayee and now under Collector.
49	Private Choultries.	
Total 91		

36. No. 14 of the Government Choultries requires some repair which the Acting Collector intended to see done. The endowment attached to No. 20 and valued at Rupees 1946-10-0 has been resumed under orders of the Board dated 23d February 1856, owing to the misappropriation of the proceeds by the late Trustee.* The charities in No. 22 have been suspended until the Choultry which is in a dangerous state is repaired, the Acting Collector intended to commence the work on the completion of the Coleroon bridge. No. 23 is in a dilapidated state, the Acting Collector intends taking steps to restore it.

37. Pending the re-construction of Nos. 5 & 34 Private Choultries, their grants have been attached, steps were being taken to apply former arrears of No. 5 towards its restoration. The arrangement alluded to in

* Note—A suit against the Collector arose out of this resumption and Government have authorised the defence at public cost.

Vide Bd's Pro. dated 27th April 1857. E. M. C. No. 438, R. D. dated 9th in Con. 11th May 1857.

Vide Collector's letter dated 6th in Con. 29th Nov. 1852.

Bd.'s Pro. dated 20th November 1852.

the Collector's remarks opposite to No. 8 was permitted by the Board to continue on the recommendation of the Collector Mr. Bishop.

38. Nos. 12 and 17 were blown down in Fusly 1263 A. D. 1853-54 by a storm, and the party in charge of the latter having mortgaged the enam belonging to it, the grant has been attached. As the agent of No. 12 is stated by the Collector to be too poor to rebuild it, the Board presume the proceeds of the Enam are in deposit. Nos. 20 and 21 are in ruins, and enjoying paltry endowments from Government the proprietors promised to re-construct them in the hot weather. The charities in No. 26 are discontinued by the trustees, and No. 27 is in ruins—the Collector has warned the parties.

39. From the foot-note in the return it appears that the Serkele's Office has furnished the information from which the return of the Rajahs Mocassa Chuttrums has been prepared. The period of possession in most cases is not entered in column 3 as the Collector has not been able to ascertain it. No formal grants have been given by the late Rajah for many of the endowments, and the smaller enams are generally held by prescription and appear in the Survey and other accounts as Anubhogum Maniem.

40. Mr. Phillips also states that there are some small Chuttrums which he has not included in the return as the grants, where they have been made, are of trifling extent. The Board observe that the Government wish this return to be as complete as possible, the Acting Collector is therefore requested to send a supplemental return of those Chuttrums not already noticed.

Trichinopoly.

41. One of the Government Chuttrums in the Trichinopoly district (No. 3) and which is stated to be in good order and useful to travellers, has no endowment or establishment. The Collector is requested to state whether he would recommend any grant for the benefit of this Institution.

42. The Poroopoo lands attached to No. 4 have been assessed at the full rate since fusly 1265, as the income was not duly appropriated. The subject is reported to be under investigation.

Madura.

43. No. 5 of the Private Chuttrums is much out of order, and the Government endowment attached to it has been resigned by the proprietor, the enam is held in deposit pending the construction of a superior Choultry on the same site by a Zemindar who has engaged to do it.

Tinnevelly.

44. Nos. 12 and 18 of the Government Chuttrums in this district are out of order. A portion of the incomes of Chuttrums Nos. 18, 22, and 23 are applied to the uses of No. 19, besides the proceeds of its own enam, under the orders of the Collector. With reference to No. 14 for which the Collector states he has applied for an establishment on the 17th November 1856, the Board observe that in a subsequent letter ‡ (in reply to the Board's call † for further information) Mr. Silver has expressed his intention of submitting another application to include two other Chuttrums which would be finished within a few months. The application alluded to in the Collector's remarks has therefore been recorded. Mr. Mayne's attention is requested to the correspondence adverted to above, relative to Chuttrum No. 14.

†In Con. 9th February 1857.
†From Collr. 19th Feb. In Con. 5th March 1857.
‡Board's Pro. to Collr. 9th Feb. 1857.

45. Of the Private Chuttrums in this district No. 43 in out of order. It has no public endowments and the private funds appropriated to it are stated to be just sufficient to meet the Government tax on the Palmirah tope attached to the Choultry, No. 45 was built by Government in 1843 and has been in possession of a private individual since 1855, but has no revenue. The Acting Collector is requested to state under what circumstances the transfer was made, and whether the party has agreed to endow the Chuttrum. Nos. 46, 49, 52 and 53 have no endowment nor establishment. No. 49 is out of order. The charities of No. 56 are suspended, as the estate from which they appear to have been maintained, is under attachment.

Coimbatore.

In Con. 25th Feb. 1856.

46. It has been found necessary to return the statement of Chuttrums received from the Collector of Coimbatore for revision in accordance with the views of Government expressed in Extract Minutes Consultation P. W. D. No. 915 dated 15th December 1855, the communication of which to Mr. Thomas was inadvertently overlooked but which has been now forwarded.

Salem.

In Con. 6th Sept. 1855.

47. The endowment sanctioned by Government on the 28th August 1855 No. 908 R. D. for Choultry No. 11, has not yet been granted, as the owner or the Chuttrum has not enlarged it to provide accommodation for all classes as required by Government. As regards the remarks of the Collector against No. 13, the Board observe that an application was made to them in 1842 by the owner of the Choultry for an endowment in land of the value of Rupees 120 which they refused to recommend, as being double the highest rate allowed under the rules of 1829. The Board expressed themselves willing to recommend a grant of the value of 60 Rupees but it appears from the Collector's remarks that no application has been subsequently received from the owner, who has been called upon to state his intentions on this point.

From Collector 13th Feb in con 24 March 1843.
Board's Pro. 2d March 1843.
From Collector 6th in con 18th Sept. 1843.
Board's letter 18th Sept. 1843.

Canara.

48. There are no Private Chuttrums in Canara, and the four Government Chuttrums are without endowments or establishments. Two other Chuttrums were under construction at the date of the Collector's remarks, from the Surplus Pagoda funds, from which source the ones already existing were also built. The Collector will be requested to state whether he would recommend endowments for the benefit of any or all of these Chuttrums.

Cuddapah.
Vizagapatam.

49. The Returns from Vizagapatam and Cuddapah call for no special notice.

Malabar.

50. There are no Chuttrums belonging to Government in the Malabar district, but 5 Choultries are stated to possess public grants the extent and value of which are not entered in the statement. Mr. Robinson apprehends that such entries would be giving official sanction to statements which he finds it impossible to test strictly in the absence of a Register of enam land in the district, and the unsatisfactory state of the revenue accounts. As however, the Board are of opinion that no harm could ensue from the Collector's mentioning the reported extent and value of these grants, he is requested to forward as early as practicable a statement furnishing this information.

51. The above as well as the other Chuttrums are of very limited utility, as only Brahmins and Bayageers are accommodated and fed in them.

52. On receiving the information now called for, the Board will consider the propriety of making the continuance of these grants conditional on the extension of the benefits of the charity to all classes, or of otherwise applying them.

Ganjam.

53. There is only one Chuttrum in this district and it possesses no endowment of any kind. It is also in a dilapidated state the owner having discontinued to repair it since 1854.

(A true Extract.)

To

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

To all Collectors except Madras and Sea Customs.

Secretary.

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Revenue Department.

£. 2300.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 29th November 1852.

Read letter from the Collector of Tanjore dated 5th November 1852

(Here enter No. 79)

It does not appear why the portion of Nallis 5-10 on the Cowle stated to have been granted to the Queen Regent adverted to should be blended with the endowment of Nallis 4-10 formerly of the Cowle for a Charity at Ramaswaram and if there should be no objection the former portion should be struck out of the List of Choultry Endowments.

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No objection on the part of the Circar having been taken to the transfer of the last portion to the "Charity" (by which is understood Choultry) at Papanasam and the holding have been acquired by the present incumbent in bona fide purchase and the proceeds having been appropriated for the Subsistence of the Choultry

in question for a number of years- The Board are unwilling to disturb the present arrangement but direct that the Exam of Valies 4-10 now enhanced to Valies 5-8 be registered in the name of the Institution of which it is now the professed endowment, and be subject to the Rules* respecting Grants to Public Choultries-

(A true Extract)

(Signed) W. L. Bayley

Secretary

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 2d March 1843.

Read letter from the Acting Principal Collector of Salem forwarding the additional information called for by the Board in their Proceedings of 17th December 1840.

(Received 13th February 1843 No 19)

On a review of the correspondence bearing upon this subject the Board perceive that in Mr Greig's letter of November 20th 1840 mention is made of two Chettrums at Ossoor

* Circular 28 Aug 1823 S.O. Book pages 99 and 102

Ossoor and Sanction requested for a grant of land at a yearly assessment of Rupees 120 being double the highest rate allowed to a single edifice under the Rules of July 9th 1829- The Acting Principal Collector in his letter of the 13th Octobr also speaks of Choultries in the original Petition of Subbiah Moodelly one including only of that description is specified- It is necessary that this discrepancy be explained before application can be made to Government on the subject- If the Petitioner has erected a Choultry besides that at Ossoor its situation, distance from other buildings of the kind, and all particulars necessary to enable the Board to recommend it to the favorable notice of Government should be stated in detail- If on the other hand there be but one Chettrum, or tho' two both have been constructed at the same place the maximum Teerwah on the land to which

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the Petitioner is entitled will not award Rupees and the application on his behalf should be confined within that limit.

(A true Extract)
Signed C. C. Lovell
Acting Secretary.

From
C. C. Lovell Esq.
Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue
To
The Ag Com. Collector of
Salem

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th Instant and to inform you that under the explanation therein contained, they are precluded from recommending for sanction a greater grant of Maureem in endowment of the Choultries built at Osur than such extent of waste land as shall bear a terrah not exceeding Rupees 80. You will therefore be pleased

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pleased to direct the party interested to submit a fresh application in which the manner solicited shall fall within the above limit.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
18th September 1813

I have &c
Signed C. C. Lovell
Ag Secretary.

(True Copies)

E. D. Thomas
Secretary.

1858 Dupl.

Enc: in an Extract from
the Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue to the
Ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department dated
1st April 1858 No. [redacted]

R 512/58.

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B.to Pro: to Sanjore dated
1st December 1852
& 2d March 1853.
Regarding the Choultry.

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Revenue Dept

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 7th June 1858.

Read Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 11th April 1858.

Reviewing the Reports of the Collectors on the Inst and Private Chattrums in the several districts of the Presy.

Here taken No 1176.

I. L. & M. C dated 15 Dec 1855. No 915

Para 17

P. W. D the Board of Revenue were requested to submit two lists, one of the Govt Chattrums, and the other of the endowed Chattrums for each district. The Emoluments granted by Govt whether in the form of Land Inam or Money Payment were to be clearly shewn; and the Board were asked to prepare a form of statement for approval & to submit for inspection a few of the periodical Chattrum returns understood to be sent to them. In L. & M. C No 292 R. D dated 13 March 1856 the Govt received a statement submitted by the Board in the preceding of 25 February 1856, and directions were given as to filling it up. On 1st July 1856 the Board forwarded a return for the year

1855 from Guntoor only; and
the Govt having waited some months
for the returns from the rest of the
Districts, called the attention of
the Board to the delay on 10 Nov.
1857. /No 1162. Ed C./

2. In their proceedings recorded about
the Board of Revenue review the
replies of all the Collectors / except
the Collector of Coimbatore / whom
the statement of Chattrums was
returned for revision, the Bd having
inadvertently omitted to forward
to Mr. Thomas, a transcript of
Ed C of 15 Dec 1855 / and the
Agent at Kurnool.

3. There are in the Presidency
803 Chattrums of which 99 are
Government Chattrums, & 704
private. The Govt deem it neces-
sary to know the Board through
all their remarks, and the
instructions which they have
issued by virtue of the powers vested
in them by 3 & III Reg VII of 1817.
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parts of the Boards proceedings as
call for special observation

Bellary
Tanjore
Tinnevelly

4. In the three districts noted in
the margin there are no less
than sixty six Government Chattrums,
but except in Tanjore the endowments are very small.
The Board will be good enough to
explain what system obtains
at these institutions with re-
gard to the distribution gratui-
tously or at favourable rates
of food to travellers and
others. The Govt wish to be
able to form an opinion on
the usefulness of the Chattrums,
by obtaining information as
to the following points, what
is the system of distribution?
who are the distributors & -
who the recipients? and
what is the average number
of persons relieved, ascertained daily,
monthly & yearly. We do not
aware that in ~~Tanjore~~ Tinne-
velly, the Gopes & Dindigul, a great
Poorally, the Gopes & abuse
prevails, in that the Brah-
manical class alone, are

allowed to participate in the benefits of institutions which are intended for the good of the whole community.

5. The Govt will be prepared to entertain any application for Endowments for Chattrums now without them, and the ability of which is proved by the local authorities to the satisfaction of the Board. Rd. p 4.5.6 14. 41. &c.

6. Adverting to the list of Tanjore Chattrums, the establishment of some seem disproportionate to the funds with which they endowed. For instance the Vellum Chattrum is endowed with land valued at Rs 70. 15 while 63 Rupees of this is given to the Kovepar of the institution: of the 336 Rupees per annum available for the Tiruvalur Ch.m 42 Rs are set apart for a "Poojah maker" and 60 Rs for two Cooks. The former Office should be ~~further~~

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discharged, and the Govt drop the policy of entertaining Cooks at any of these scantily endowed Chattrums. They consider the preferable course to be to distribute undressed grain & vegetables to objects of charity. At the Koonnisoody Ch.m 126 Rupees are expended out of 138 in paying 3 individuals, two of whom obtain 120 Rs. A superintendent, a watchman and a sweeper, form an ample establishment for any of these Chattrums as it is they are apt to ordinarily become the private residence of Brahmans who are maintained in Kotte on the proceeds.

7. In the list of the Madura Chattrums the Govt do not discover the one at Shandan founded by the

Rama Rangammal - They
wish to be informed of the
state of this institution at
present, and whether any
measures have been taken
to rescue the proceeds or
any part of them from the
Brahmans who had usurped
them.

8. In both acts, there are
said to be 3 Government Chatrums
out of these with an income of Rs
162, supports the institutions
detailed in the margin. The Brahmin 42
2 Pahanies 42
1 Sweeper 12
Saderwaid 12
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for one
do not perceive
on what principle 25
per cent of the income of this
Chatrum is allowed to the
appropriated by a Brahman
who can perform no possible use in maintaining
there being a Serinjar on 62
Papers. It is not, likewise,
apparent what the Saderwaid

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charge is for - The Govt considers
that a Serinjar, watchman
& Sweeper would be quite sufficient
for this Chatrum and the
Board will be good enough
to put a stop at once to
the highly objectionable practice
of allowing a fixed
payment to one favoured
individual out of Chatrum
Funds.

9 The orders of Govt are required
on certain points alluded to
by the Board
: Para: 11.; It is here stated
that two of the Bellary Chat-
rums are looked after by
Shepherds who are paid by
small remittions from their
annual tax. The propriety
of small endowment for these
institutions should be taken
into consideration by the

Board, as the Institution may be abolished at any moment.

The Govt Resolve from Ft St G No 600 dated 27 March 1838 para 23 that the continuance of the Shepherds tax has been ordered for the present, but it will be better & under the Chuttrums independent of such a source of revenue.

Para 12. Sanction is granted to the disbursement of Rs 186 on account of five Govt Chuttrums which are represented to have become dilapidated, from the surplus of the Pagoda Funds amounting to Rs 659.10, which was carried to the credit of the local Fund of the District under Sanction of Government dated 16 Ap 1836.

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Para 13. Here the Board recommend that the grants to five Chuttrums which have not been confirmed by the Govt, should receive their sanction. Four of these were made by a Principal Collector in 1835. 1836, and 1838. without reference to the Comr of the Board of Revenue requiring that the Boards sanction should be obtained before any grant is made to a Choultry. These are now confirmed, & will continue in force as long as they are appropriated to the purpose for which they were granted. The fifth grant for which sanction is required is on account of a Cattorbady Enam which Mr Petty says was given by the Swamidar Mygan go to the Choultry - the Village Boy-takes charge of the Choultry and receives R. 28.13 a half the proceeds of the Enam the rest is devoted to keeping up the Choultry, and the Govt enjoins the present arrangements, on the condition stated by the Board

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To Bd. R. dated 12 August 1836. 2092. para 5

Para 26. The Board re
strict that the assumption of
a certain sum for compul-
sory by the conditions attached
& it was recommended in their
letter & post dated 29 January
1858. It will observe that
the recommendation alluded to
was complied with in Sec C.
dated 15 Feb 1858 W 96.:
In Para 51 the Board express
their intention of considering
the propriety of making Chairmen
salaries conditional on the Gov-
ernors attendance of
half days, & otherwise
applying them. The Govr trust
that they will give their atten-
tion to the subject at an early
date. An opinion has already
been vended that these Charities
are of a very considerable
extent misapplied and

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funds intended to benefit
the whole community appro-
priated by one class; And
any plan that may be
adopted to remedy the evil
at once [illegible]
will be taken into
consideration.

April 29.

Copies to the Bds of Works & Treasy
" Accountt Genl
" Genl Auditor

W H B

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Requesting the refer
of the Collectors on the
Government and Privat
Claims mentioned in this Res
dency.

No 51 & 52.

31 May/1831