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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 2d July 1858.

No. 51. Read the following letter from W. KNOX, Esq., Late Acting Agent in Ganjam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Masulipatam 16th June 1858.

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Rs.	
16,02,331	
14,38,308	
1,64,023	

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COLLECTIONS IN GANJAM.

Fuslies	Permament settlement.	Land Revenue under Amany.	Salt.	Sea Custom.	Abkary.	Motur pha.	Stamps.	Interest amount.	Extra Revenue.	Grand total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1261...	5,10,692	4,82,400	3,98,467	14,931	60,963	9,879	13,090	4,948	4,016	14,99,386
1262...	4,41,222	5,11,390	3,68,418	34,426	65,239	10,502	16,143	7,935	3,760	14,59,035
1263..	4,15,711	4,87,032	3,35,744	25,240	62,360	10,201	15,251	2,306	2,658	13,56,503
Total.	13,67,625	14,80,822	11,02,629	74,597	1,88,562	30,582	44,484	15,189	10,434	43,14,924
Average.	4,55,875	4,93,607	3,67,543	24,866	62,854	10,194	14,828	5,063	3,478	14,38,308
1264...	4,36,139	5,11,261	5,27,190	15,060	62,281	9,645	13,889	2,104	1,565	15,79,384
1265...	4,65,623	5,34,112	5,14,194	49,012	69,730	9,882	18,534	1,916	4,008	16,06,961
1266...	4,27,062	5,56,130	4,62,365	36,483	69,156	9,658	17,181	217	2,396	15,60,648
Total.	13,29,124	15,81,503	15,03,749	1,00,555	2,01,117	29,133	49,604	4,237	7,969	48,06,993
Average.	4,43,041	5,27,168	5,01,250	33,518	67,039	9,712	16,535	1,412	2,656	16,02,331

Year.	Cases.	Parties.				
		Prosecutors.	Prisoners.	Witnesses. For Prosecutors.	Witnesses. For Prisoners.	Total.
1854	69	67	157	348	66	638
1855	65	36	195	457	25	713
1856	50	22	271	279	35	607
1857	66	31	195	416	101	743
Total.	250	156	818	1,500	227	2,701

3. I beg leave in the next place to call attention to the number of cases disposed of by me as Agent in four years as shown in the margin. I may I hope be excused for noticing that a reference to the published annual reports will show that the criminal work was heavier in my Court than in more than ⅓ of the regular Sessions Courts. Of the cases tried in 1855-56, 21 cases in which were 166 prisoners, and 266 witnesses were men connected with the Chokra Bissoyee's gang, and the old disturbances in Goomsur. All of these heavy cases were certainly out of the ordinary course of work, and entailed much extra labour. I am happy to say the Court of Foujdary Udalut were pleased to express their satisfaction at the way in which they were conducted. It must not be forgotten too that in addition to the heavy Criminal work devolving on me, I was obliged to give up a large share of my time to the civil duties of my office, I had to review the proceedings of my Assistants in their capacity of Sub Judges, many of these were very long, and intricate. I may mention one case in which the Calicole Rajah was concerned, Mr. Davidson's summary of evidence, and decision covered 24 sheets of Foolscap. The Revenue work of the District was daily increasing the number of arzees received daily either by tappal, or in person was very large, and the inquiry into the enams of Moherry was a work which added very much the labor I had to go through, and can hardly be looked on as an ordinary duty. I may, I hope, also be allowed to allude with some pride to the freedom, during the two last years, of Goomsur from all gang robbery, and from all the attacks from the khonds of our own or the Boad Hills, although, from the proximity of Boad to the Sumbulpore country such might well have been looked for during the late outbreak.

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Vide Extract attached.

5. I have been led to bring this matter forward again by the perusal of a letter from the Honorable Court to the Governor General No. 33 of 1854, as published in the Almanac in which at para. 4 the Court distinctly state that they "have no wish that the State should derive financial gain in consequence of the absence of 'their servants." I beg leave now to submit a rough calculation of the difference of cost to the State when the Agent is present, and doing the duties of his office, and the sums paid for the same work done by me as Acting Agent, and by the officer acting for me, and I respectfully beg that as there is a clear surplus of Rupees 1099 per mensem after defraying all charges, that an allowance of 450 (I have already drawn 50) be made me for the 25 months (viz. from 7th November 1854, to 9th December 1858,) during which I was acting for Mr. Prendergast, this will still leave Government a profit on Mr. Prendergast's absence on sick Certificate, of Rupees 16,235. I may add that in 1854, I acted for 2 months without receiving any deputation allowance, one month for Mr. Onslow, and one for Mr. Prendergast, and this I have not taken into my calculations, nor have I included the two months that Mr. Fraser acted for me, and drew nothing all so much clear gain to Government; looking at the length of my service in the country during which I have have had but 8 months leave, 4 of which were on account of ill health, I trust I shall be excused for bringing forward this claim.

	Rs.	Rs.
Agent's pay per mensem.		2850
Deduct Mr. Prendergast's allowances on sick Certificate.....	833	
Deputation allowance to Principal Assistant Collector as Acting Agent.....	485	
Do. to Acting Principal Assistant Collector.....	233	
Do. to Assistant acting for Mr. Foord.....	200	
		1751
Balance of surplus.....		1099
Deduct balance of personal allowance.....		450
Profit to Government.....		649

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do my duty in the various offices with which I have been entrusted. I think I have shown that I have had more than the usual routine of work to do and I feel satisfied I shall be treated with their accustomed liberality by my Honorable Masters.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Extract from a letter from the Honorable Court to the Governor General No. 33 of 1854, as published in the Almanac.

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LONDON, 17*th May* 1854.

(Signed) J. OLIPHANT,
(„) E. MACNAGHTEN,
AND 9 OTHERS.

(A true Extract from Almanac.)

(Signed) W. KNOX,
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No. 55. ORDER THEREON, No. 893; dated 30th June 1858.

Ordered that the above letter and the previous correspondence on the subject be referred to the Financial Department for disposal.

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

Masulipatam
16th June 1858.

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1602331	
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London
17th May 1854

(True Extract from Almanac)

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Late acting Agent

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WHB

Fort St. Geo.
30th June 1858.

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No. 978

From W. Nicol Esq CS

To J Peycroft Esq

Dated 15th & 21st June 1858

Rec'd 21.

Requests Govt will
be pleased to support his
proposition that the 3rd
500 Rs allowed to the Asst
to Ganjam should be
looked on as a personal
grant to the incumbent

From the Addl Collr of Ganjam
No. 130 Dated 7th Augt 1858

No. 57455.

Rec'd 1st Sept

No 893. 30th June 1858.