Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultation

20th July 1858

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செப்பனிடுபவர் பெயர்:

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கொள்ளப்பட்ட நாள்.

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 20th July 1858.

No. 3. Read the following letter from G. F. EDMONSTONE, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India with the Governor General; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Allahabad, 12th June 1858, No. 236.

SIR,

I am directed to transmit to you, for disposal by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying copy of a Petition from certain inhabitants of Conjeveram, in the Madras Presidency, praying for the removal of the Moturpha tax.

From P. YOOGA CHELLAPAH, Chetty and others; to the Right Honorable C. J. LORD VISCOUNT CANNING, Governor General of India; dated 25th March 1858.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS LORD VISCOUNT.

Pardon us the liberty we assume in laying our sentiments to your most gracious, charitable and equitable justice, that for the period of 18 long years, we are writing, addressing, petitioning, memorializing from one end of the world to the other, "*no redress*," Oh, Good God, what mystery is this, why are we punished by inches, what are our crimes, are we guilty of your displeasure, consume us at once by an earthquake, in one moment, ourselves and our children, our villages, lands and property no more, but vanished, vanished in a smoke; Oh, Good God pity, pity on us, have mercy on us; we invoke your Majesterial Throne with our bended knees to compassionate our eternal misery. Pour down your choicest Blessing on our Supreme Ruler of Calcutta that they may see with a christian heart and soul to remove, abolish, condemn the tyrannical rule practised hitherto, the "*Moturpha tax*," which has brought ruination to our village, and villages, in short to all the villages that produced a vast amount of green fields as far as our eyes could attract and in all four parts of villages, also connecting from one country to another, almost linking together, East to West, North to South, and so on; the Blessing of God crowned our lands and fields reaped a blessing to the "*Estate*." Since this infernal and ruinous system introduced, we are ruined and starved, our poor most unfortunate children famished and *died*; our fine little villages and houses from one end of the world to the other all dismantled, our green fields dried and became barren for want of proper *aid*; how our relations, friends and others deserted from their native land for want of food and raiment just as famine and pestilence sweeped away from country to country, village to village, and so on to the destruction of the estate, the cursed "Moturpha tax" introduced which brought on an unavoidable curse upon the land and upon ourselves; pity, pity on us and on our children, remove the cursed tax, the Lord of the Universe, our Saviour and Protector in whose infinite mercy we expect salvation both rich and poor, as well as great and humble, do good unto all men, and live the rest to Almighty God.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. F. EDMONSTONE,
Secretary to the Government of India,
with the Governor General.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 961; dated 14th July 1588.

To Honorable Court of Directors dated 21st June 1858, No. 31.

The Government have already addressed the Honorable Court of Directors on Memorials from the party subscribing to the Petition to the Government of India for the abolition of the Moturpha tax; the above letter therefore calls for no further orders.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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No. 230.

From G. F. Edmonstone Esquire
Secretary to the Govt. of India
with the Governor General

To F. Pycroft Esquire
Secretary to Government
Madras.

Home Depart.t Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying copy of a Petition from certain inhabitants of Conjeeram in the Madras Presidency, praying for the removal of the Motorpha Tax.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed.t Servant

Allahabad
The 12.th June
1858.

G. F. Edmonstone
Secy. to the Govt. of India
with the Govt. Genl.

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From the Secty to the
Govt of India -

Dated 12th June 1858
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Forwards for the
decision of the Govt a
letter from certain Mus-
sulmauns of Coimbatore
in the Presidency of Mad-
ras praying for the cancel-
ling of the Muzzoom of the Tax -

With an order =
№ 2961. 14th July 1858.

Copies to the Govt of India Dept 18th July

№ 2961

The Commissioners have already addressed the Honorable Court of Directors on memorials from the party subscribing to the Petition to the Government of India for the abolition of the Moturpha Tax, the accompanying letter therefore calls for no further orders

Fort Saint George
14th July 1858

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