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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th May 1869.*

No. 115. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th April 1869, No. 2,533 :—

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2. The Board will observe that the Choultry is not kept up in a proper state.

3. There is a doubt, it would appear, that the present applicant, Damerla Subba Row, is a descendant of the original founder of the Choultry; but in the absence of any positive evidence to disprove the allegation of relationship, and of any claims set up by other parties, I am not inclined to act on Mr. Plunkett's views in this matter.

4. As regards the suggestion made in Mr. Plunkett's letter, to remove the Choultry to the banks of the new East Coast Canal, I do not consider it fair to insist upon this condition; but it is clear that the Choultry must be put into a proper condition before the continuance of the allowance, or the payment of arrears can be recommended.

5. I request, therefore, the Board's instructions to hold the Inams granted for the support of the Choultry under attachment till the Choultry shall be repaired, for which purpose one year may be allowed, and the Inam liable to resumption at the end should no repairs be executed; whilst, as regards the granting of arrears of the allowance to which no valid claim can be laid in the present ruined state of the Choultry, it might be made a condition that the Choultry should be moved as proposed by the Deputy Collector, and so made more generally useful.

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From C. E. PLUNKETT, Esq., Deputy Collector in charge of Salt Department, Nellore, to the Collector of Nellore, dated Iskapalli, 17th December 1868, No. 397.

I HAVE the honor to furnish the information called for in your docket, No. 4,131, dated 19th November 1868, in regard to the Srinivassa Row Chuttrum of Kottapatnam in the Gudur Talook. For the sake of perspicuity I will notice *seriatim* the points on which I have been required to report, and append my replies thereto.

2. In paragraph 1 you remark that "Venkatchamma is stated to have died in November 1868, which is evidently a mistake". I beg to state that 1868 is a clerical error for 1858.

3. In paragraph 3 it is asked "who the petitioner Damerla Subba Row is, and how he is related to the deceased Venkatchamma, giving the names of her heirs if any". From the report of the Acting Salt Superintendent of Kristnapatam, No. 190, dated 10th December 1868, it appears that the deceased Venkatchamma has a nephew, one Dupudi Subbaya, who is now living in the Chuttrum, but denies being her heir, and disclaims any relationship soever with deceased; that petitioner, Damerla Subba Row, is not in any way connected with deceased, nor with

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4. By paragraph 4 I am required to report "the state and utility of the institution, what service was rendered from the demise of Venkatchamma, and the circumstances of the family maintained by the grant". The Choultry comprises three apartments like huts of Ankanam, each in size, the Brahmin Dupudi Subbaya named in the foregoing paragraph lives in one, his brass utensils, etc., are kept in the second, and the third room, which is set apart for the accommodation of travellers, is in a dilapidated state and about to fall down. Dupudi Subbaya enjoys the proceeds of the maniem, and is maintained thereby with the consent, he states, of the petitioner, Damerla Subba Row, in whose name, as I have already said, the maniem was registered by the Inam inquiry. No service has apparently been performed since the demise of Venkatchamma besides the reservation of one room of the Choultry for the accommodation of travellers, who do not resort to the Choultry from its neglected state, and it is stated to be useless by the Acting Salt Superintendent of Kristnapatnam, who suggests that it would be advantageous to remove the institution near the village of Kottapatnam to the banks of the new East Coast Canal.

5. Leaving the propriety of the suggestion to remove the Choultry to a more convenient spot for your decision, in my opinion, from the circumstances now brought to light, the continuance of the allowance, or the payment of the arrears to the petitioner, Damerla Subba Row, would be improper.

6. Arzi, No. 190, dated 10th December 1868, from the Acting Salt Superintendent of Kristnapatnam, with three Kaifeyets, are sent herewith for reference if required, and I beg the return of the papers when done with.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Statement.

THE statement will be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. It relates to an allowance of Rupees 17-12-0 per annum, which, with acres 21-34 of land, forms the endowment of a so-called Choultry near Kottapatnam. The building, it is reported, consists of three huts, two of which are occupied by a Brahmin, whilst the third is in a ruined state, and not used by travellers.

3. Both the land and the money are granted on condition that the Chuttrum is kept in a state of efficiency. As this has not been done they should be resumed.

4. The Board suggest that Government should offer to restore the endowment with arrears if a new Chuttrum is erected near Kottapatnam.

No. 116.

ORDER THEREON, 5th May 1869, No. 1,244.

Land Revenue.

UNDER all the circumstances of the case the Government concur with the Board of Revenue in the propriety of resuming both the money allowance and the grant of land for the ruined Choultry near Kottapatnam.

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2. Any new Choultry that may be erected should be treated under the Chuttrum Rules.

3. The attention of the Inam Commissioner will be drawn to paragraph 3 of the Deputy Collector's letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Inam Commissioner.

Exd F. R. Bantleman.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

J. W. B. Dykes
Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with Statement.

Copy to the Collector of Nellore.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Money allowance—granted to deceased Venkat-chamma of Nellore District for support of Srinivasa Row Choultry at Kottapatnam in Gudur Taluk.—Letter from Collector forwarded Government, with suggestion that offer should be made to restore allowance and land which form endowment of choultry, if a new building is erected.

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