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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 15th January 1867.

No. 368. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th December 1866, No. 8,909 :—

Read again letter from Collector of North Arcot, dated 23rd May 1866, No. 129, in Board's Proceedings, 1st August 1866, No. 5,279.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 11th October 1866, No. 303.

1. Adverting to the Proceedings of the Board, No. 5,279, dated 1st ultimo, I have the honor to state that on referring to the old Mahratta accounts deposited in my Record-room, I find that the amount received as "Bande," or Cattle fines, in the Kahlastry Zemindary, at the time of its permanent settlement, was Pagodas 98-8-$2\frac{3}{16}$ per annum. This item was, it appears, included in the sum of Pagodas 48,835-$2\frac{7}{15}$ entered in Column 14 of the General Statement of "Khain Beriz," or actual resources of the Kahlastry estate, submitted to the Board with Mr. Stratton's Report, dated 14th July 1801.

2. There are, besides the village Chittas, two other original Statements, one shewing the total beriz of each village, and the other the total beriz of each Samut or Firka. The better to assure myself that the item (Bande) is included in the assets entered in Column 14 of the General Statement, these several accounts have been compared in the Serishtadar's Department with each other, and with the figure given in Mr. Stratton's return, and are found to be in perfect correspondence.

3. I am thus quite satisfied, that the item of Cattle fines was actually included in Column 14 of the General Statement submitted by Mr. Stratton, and that it amounts, as already stated, to Pagodas 98-8-$2\frac{3}{16}$.

4. The only disagreement which has been observed between the Vernacular and English Statements above alluded to is, that in the former, the denomination of the coin is the Star * Pagoda, whereas in the latter, it is the Madras † Pagoda. The difference would, as shewn in the margin, be Rupees 49-4-2. The former is, I think, the more correct denomination.

*	Rupees	394	0 8
†	,,	344	12 6
Difference	,,	49	4 2

5. These Mahratta accounts do not, however, bear the signature or initials, &c., of any Officer of Government; but the Board are probably aware that this is very generally the case with papers of so old a date.

6. The Mahratta accounts, to which I refer, have every external appearance of age and authenticity, and have, so far as I can learn, been kept carefully deposited in the Record-room of my Office. The figures, which have been examined and compared for the purpose of the present reference, are quite clear, and may be safely accepted as genuine.

7. I have therefore no hesitation in recommending, that the compensation payable to the Zemindar of Kahlastry, on account of Cattle fines, may be computed at the annual rate of the asset, as shewn in these Mahratta Accounts, viz., Rupees 394-0-8.

8. The total am ount payable as compensation under this head would thus be Rupees 3,940-6-8.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th January 1867.

1. Ordered that the foregoing papers be submitted to Government, with reference to paragraph 2 of Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 8th July 1857, No. 687, Revenue Department, with the Board's recommendation that the Collector of North Arcot be authorized to disburse or credit by cross-entry to the Zemindar of Kahlastry Rupees 3,940-6-8 as arrears of compensation for the withdrawal of the privilege once enjoyed by the Zemindar of levying fines for cattle trespass, and that the peishcush payable on the estate be permanently reduced by Rupees 394-9-8.

2. Mr. Robinson will be requested to submit a Statement, shewing the present peishcush, the reduction now proposed, and the reduced amount to be in future payable, for the formal sanction of Government.

No. 369. ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1867, No. 171.

Land Revenue.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, the Government sanction payment of Rupees 3,940-6-8 to the Kahlastry Zemindar, and a permanent reduction in his Peishcush of Rupees 394-0-8 in compensation for the withdrawal of the privilege of levying fines for cattle trespassing within the limits of the estate.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 5,279.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 1st August 1866.

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Palmanair, 23rd May 1866, No. 129:—

1. With reference to the concluding part of the Board's Proceedings, dated 5th instant, No. 3,170, I have the honor to submit the brief report therein called for, respecting the compensation claimed by the Zemindars of Kalastri and Carvetinugger, on account of cattle fines in their estates.

2. In his Khats on the subject, dated 21st October last, and 5th ultimo, the Zemindar of Kalastri is pressing that a statement, showing the amount of cattle fines realized within his Zemindary since Act III. of 1857 came into operation, should be furnished to him. This, he writes, he is desirous of having, in order that he may base his claim on it for compensation under this item. The request is simply preposterous, and should be emphatically rejected. If he still obstinately declines to produce his own accounts, and, by withholding the only means whereby a fair compromise may be made, seeks to transfer the "onus probandi" to the side on which it does not lie, all further negotiation should, I think, cease.

3. Mr. Whittingham made a similar requisition without success, when the question arose out of the first operation of the Act. That requisition has not since been formally repeated, and I would now recommend that it should be renewed in the form of an ultimatum, allowing both Zemindars one month's time for the production of their original settlement accounts, or, if these are not forthcoming, of any fixed term of five consecutive years, which they may be able to show.

Vide letter to the Board, dated 9th March 1858, No. 42.

4. The question has been so fully discussed in the papers noted in the margin, that it would be a mere waste of time to go over the ground again. My proposition, I may observe in conclusion, harmonizes with the views expressed [illegible] 5th August 1858, and apparently endorsed by Government in paragraph 4 of the Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 14th September, of the same year.

Board's Circular, dated 30th July 1857, No. 2,587.
Do. Proceedings, dated 5th August 1858, ,, 2,953.
Do Circular, dated 20th September 1858, ,, 3,556.
Board's Miscellaneous Circular, 13th August 1862, No. 5,303.

1. The Board observe that Mr. Whittingham in para. 2 of his letter, dated 9th March 1858, refers to accounts which show the amount received as "Cattle fines" in the Kalastri Zemindary at the time of the permanent settlement. He says, "By going through these accounts it would be "possible to obtain very nearly the exact amount of fines that were included in the assets of "the Kalastri Zemindary." In the case of this Zemindary, therefore, the Board wish the Collector to consider whether it would not be possible to calculate the amount of compensation due, from the amount of cattle fine receipts included in the assets of the estate at the permanent settlement, as was done in the case of estates in Masulipatam and other Districts.—(*Vide* Extract from Minutes of Consultation, 14th September 1858.)

2. But similar information is not procurable with respect to the Carvetinugger Zemindary. The compensation due to that Zemindar must be computed on the average collections of the five years immediately preceding the introduction of Act III. of 1857; and if the Zemindar refuses to produce his accounts, he must suffer for his contumacy.

3. The Board, therefore, approve of the course which the Collector proposes to adopt with regard to the Carvetinugger Zemindary, and await his further report regarding Kalastri.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of North Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright.

Copies of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Government Order dated 15th January 1868 No. 8903-

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 1st *August* 1866.

No. 5,279.

Approving course proposed by Collector of North Arcot in compensating Zemindar of Cavetnugger on account of cattle fines, and awaiting further report in regard to Kalastti Zemindary.

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In accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Rev. the Govt sanction payment of Rs 13740-6-8 to the Kalastri Zemindar on the permanent settlement on his proclaimed deficiency in his peishcush of Rs 394-8-8 in compensation for the write off of the amount of the cattle fines levied from the ryots of the Zemindary during the years 1855-56 to 1864-65 inclusive.

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No. 8,909.

Submitting letters from Collector of North Arcot, and recommending disbursement to Zemindar of Kalastry of Rupees 3,940-6-8, as arrears of compensation for withdrawal of privilege once enjoyed by Zemindar of levying fines for cattle trespass, and reduction of peshcush payable on estate, by Rupees 394-9-8.

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