M.R.O. 14-5,450-28-10-25.

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 239 Press ~~Mis.~~

502.503

Dated 24-1-1867.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 24th January 1867.

No. 502. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th January 1867, No. 225.

Read the following letter from the Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on Circuit at Tindevanum, 21st December 1866, No. 262:—

1. I have the honor to state, for the information of the Board, that an application has been made to me by one Kisuna Pillay, Dharmakartta of Sishtigurunatha Sawmy Pagoda, at Tirtalore, in Cuddalore Talook, requesting, first, that the annual allowances made to his temple, amounting to Rupees 38-11-6, may be commuted into land of equivalent value; and, secondly, that the arrear of allowances due for the last ten years, from Fuslies 1266 to 1275, (both inclusive,) may be paid to him.

2. The facts of the case are these: The Government, in their Proceedings dated 15th August 1854, communicated to the Collector of South Arcot with the Board's Proceedings dated 14th September 1864, directed* that the annual allowances to religious institutions be commuted into rent-free lands of equivalent value; the allowance claimed by the petitioner is included in this order, and should accordingly be dealt with under it. After some correspondence between the Collector and the Presidency authorities, notice was issued to the Dharmakartta of the above temple, in 1856, acquainting him with the substance of the above order, and after a silence of ten years, he now comes forward applying for commutation, and alleging that the delay is attributable chiefly to the unwillingness of the holders of lands to acknowledge his right to the assessment. The discontent, it seems, still continues, and the petitioner with the view to avoid the consequences of long delay, has now put forth his claim for commutation; as far as the mere question of commutation is concerned, I can see no objection to comply with his request; but I wish to be favored with the Board's instructions as to whether, according to the spirit of the Board's Standing Circular Order, dated 9th July 1863, No. 83, the indulgence of ten per cent. on account of vicissitudes of season in fixing the valuation of the land to be made over to the petitioner may or may not be granted.

* 4th paragraph.

3. I would observe, that at the time of the Government Order of the 15th August above referred to, the allowances for variation of seasons, &c., was not contemplated, and lands therefore have been granted to other Devastanums without any such consideration.

4. With regard to the second request of the petitioner, seeking payment of the accumulated annual allowances, I may mention that these amount to Rupees 387-3-0 from Fuslies 1266 to 1276, at the annual rate of Rupees 38-11-6, and the sum has been credited to Government. For the delay, the petitioner is not wholly to blame, it would seem, as it was occasioned rather by an unwillingness on the part of the ryots to agree to the commutation. Instances have occurred where such allowances have been paid in arrears for the periods intervening between the notice announcing the Government Order of 1854, and the date of commutation of the allowances in consequence of that order, and therefore I am prepared to recommend that this request of the petitioner be complied with, and I await the Board's instructions in the matter.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 24th January 1867.

1. Payment of the arrears, amounting to Rupees 387-3-0, will be recommended for the sanction of Government. There were difficulties in the way of effecting the commutation which entitle the parties to special consideration.

2. The Board see no sufficient reason for refusing, to the parties in this case, the ten per cent. allowance in the commutation, to cover expenses of collection, risk of season, &c.

No. 503. ORDER THEREON, 24th January 1867, No. 239.

Miscellaneous. Payment sanctioned, Rupees 387-3-0.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant General.

Encl. S. T. Augustin.

No. 239. 2

Rupees 387-3-0

21st Jany 67.

Swamies were made the 10% ... were added ... Board ... Collector ... sanctioned ... Rupees ... 387-3-0