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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th October 1867.

Read the following papers :—

No. 497. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th February 1867, No. 783.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 15th January 1867, No. 12.

1. I have the honor to forward the enclosed statement shewing the amount due to the Jaghiredar of Ammapolliem, in the Salem talook, on account of certain lands taken up in his Jaghire for the Railway, and to request the sanction of the Board for the payment of the amount to the Jaghiredar, viz., Rupees 1,156-14-10.

2. The amount is the assessment of the lands for ten Fuslies, from Fusly 1266 to 1275, and the rent for the same period on certain palmyra trees which were in the line, and were cut down. The extent taken up is acres 26-14-10, assessed at Rupees 105-11-1, and the rent on 141* palmyra trees was 10 Rupees a year. The Railway line was traced in 1266, when the cultivation of these lands was given up. In Fusly 1269 the lands were all measured by the Sub-Collector, Mr. Smith, who proceeded to settle the compensation, when the Jaghiredar expressed his wish to have other lands in the Government village equivalent to that taken up in his Jaghire. He was told to select other lands accordingly, as soon as the Inam Commissioner had settled the validity of the title to the Jaghire. The Inam inquiry finished three years ago, and a Title Deed was issued by the Commissioner, when the Tahsildar sent up a statement shewing the lands the Jaghiredar wished to have. These are situated in the village of Moongapady, (some four miles from the Jaghire,) and measure acres 86-1-11, assessed at Rupees 107-11-7. They are under occupation, and the Tahsildar reported that the Puttahdars were not willing to go under the Jaghiredar. I had several communications with the Jaghiredar, and advised him either to select lands elsewhere, or to receive a compensation at 100 Rupees an acre. He always refused to do either, and asked me at last to proceed personally to the village, and obtain the consent of the Moongapady ryots to go under him. I did so, and endeavoured to obtain their consent, but they flatly refused to give it, stating at the same time that the ryots in the Jaghire were not properly treated. I cannot do anything further, but told the Tahsildar to select other Government lands himself, nearer the Jaghire where the ryots may be willing to go under the Jaghiredar. As in the meanwhile the Jaghiredar has requested me to obtain the assessment due to him for the past Fuslies, I have thought it proper to submit the enclosed statement for sanction.

* 41 Productive trees.
100 Trees bearing leaves only.

Enclosure No. 1.

Abstract.—Statement shewing the assessment payable to the Jaghiredar of Ammapolliem on the lands taken up for the Railway in his Jaghire.

The Board are not disposed to trouble Government with the case until they can put it before them in a complete form. If the Jaghiredar makes any annual payment to Government, the preferable plan would be to deduct Rupees 105-11-1 from this amount, the trees being paid for by a lump sum, and not by a rent charge in perpetuity. If he holds the Jaghire rent free, the Collector must either

arrange to give him fresh lands, in which case a statement in the form prescribed in Standing Order No. $\frac{168}{1}$ (Circular No. XVII of 1866,) must be forwarded, or submit proposals for making him a single payment of say twenty-five times his annual loss. The Board are not prepared to compel ryots to hold under a middleman.

No. 498. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th October 1867, No. 6,400.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th August 1867, No. 233.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 8th February last, No. 783, I have the honor to report on the claims of the Jaghiredar of Ammapolliem, relative to the lands taken up in his Jaghire on account of the Madras Railway.

2. The extent taken up measures acres 26-14-10, assessed at Rupees 105-11-1, and 141 palmyra trees paying a rent of Rupees 10 a year. The cultivation of these lands was given up in 1856, when the line was traced. The lands were measured in 1859 by the Sub-Collector Mr. Smith, who was deputed to settle the compensation. Steps were not taken earlier to settle the compensation, because, till 1859, it was not finally decided what amount of land was required by the Railway Company. The Jaghiredar having wished other lands to be given to him in a Government village he was told to select the same, and, as soon as the investigation by the Inam Commissioner into the validity of the Jaghiredar's title was completed, (three years ago,) the Tahsildar sent up a statement shewing the lands which the Jaghiredar wished to be given him. These are situated in the village of Moongapady, four miles away from his village, and measure acres 86-1-11, assessed at Rupees 107-11-7, but the holders of these lands refuse to go under the Jaghiredar. Mr. Arbuthnott proceeded, at the request of the Jaghiredar, to the village, and endeavoured, in vain, to get the ryots to consent. Both Mr. Arbuthnott and myself have had several communications with the Jaghiredar, and made several attempts to have the matter settled; but he is so hard a master, and grasping towards his own ryots, that no one will voluntarily become his tenant.

3. The Jaghiredar, who hitherto refused altogether to receive a money compensation, has at last sent to me the enclosed petition, dated the 11th July last, stating that, if no land could be given, he was willing, firstly, to receive a money compensation, provided that it is 500 Rupees an acre, or secondly, to receive 200 Rupees an acre, provided that the assessment on land which he may purchase from ryots equivalent to that taken up for Railway is struck off, and he is allowed to enjoy it free of rent. Both these requests are so unreasonable that I pointed the same out to the Jaghiredar's Vakeel, and proposed a compensation equal to twenty-five times the assessment of the lands taken up. The Vakeel, after consultation with the Jaghiredar, informed me that he was willing to no other terms than those expressed in his petition (above referred to).

4. I consider twenty-five times the assessment to be a most fair compensation, and I cannot recommend more than this. He should, however, be paid interest upon the amount at six per cent. from the date the lands were taken up to the date of payment of the compensation.

5. The assessment both upon the lands and the trees being Rupees 115-11-1, the amount at twenty-five times will be Rupees 2,892-5-1, as shewn in the enclosed statement. A sum of 425 Rupees is also due to the Jaghiredar on account of a tank and a bamboo bush, which have been rendered useless by the construction of the Railway. This amount is also shewn in the statement, and requires sanction.

6. I take this opportunity to return Petition No. 1,518 of 1867, addressed to Government by the Jaghiredar, and sent to me by the Board for report in endorsement, dated the 12th ultimo, No. 85. From the above, the Board will see that the long delay in the settlement of this case is attributable to the Jaghiredar himself, who would come to no reasonable terms. He would neither endeavour to obtain the consent of the Moongapady ryots or any other, nor, further, would he consent to any other terms proposed to him by my predecessor as well as myself. It was only on the 11th of last month that he consented at all to receive a money compensation.

7. In his petition to Government the Jaghiredar asks for lands in the South Arcot District. His Vakeel informed me that he wishes to have them either in the Chedumbarum or Cullacurchy talooks. It is for the Collector of South Arcot to say whether any are available there.

8. The Jaghire is rent-free, and was granted for a Dhurgah known as "Peer Jutha Athavullu Shah Dhurgah." My reason for proposing twenty-five times the assessment, *plus* the interest at six per cent., is because Government accept this same amount when granting freeholds to ryots in the low country. This is also the scale that the Inam Rules allow when Inamdars wish to redeem the land from further quit-rent.

P. S.—To shew how exorbitant and altogether unreasonable the Jaghiredar's demands are, I append a statement of lands sold on account of arrears of revenue, during the last three years, in the villages neighbouring Ammapolliem :—

Village.	Average per acre.
Punjah.	
Iyemperumaputty	15 4 3
Teroomalagherry	6 1 7
Mullamoopemputty	4 1 6
Kurpoor	4 3 0
Sawmynaickenputty	8 9 1
Nunjah.	
Vadakuthamputty	10 10 4

(Signed) C. N. POCHIN,
Collector.

Enclosure No. 1.

Abstract.—Statement shewing the amount of compensation claimed by the Jaghiredar of Ammapolliem.

Enclosures Nos. 2 and 3.—Petitions.

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1. From this report it appears that acres 26-14-10, assessed at Rupees 105-11-1, belonging to the Jaghiredar of Ammapolliem in the Salem District,

were taken possession of, on account of the Railway, in 1856. At the same time the Jaghiredar was deprived of the enjoyment of 141 palmyra trees paying a rent of Rupees 10 a year, of a tank valued at Rupees 400, and a bamboo bush valued at Rupees 25.

2. Thus the items for which the Jaghiredar claims compensation are free-hold land and trees yielding a rental of Rupees 115-11-1, and a lump sum of Rupees 425.

3. The arrangement of the compensation seems to have been delayed in great measure by the Jaghiredar himself; but the Collector of the district ought not to have allowed the matter to remain unsettled so long.

4. The Board were first addressed on the subject in January 1867, when the Honorable D. Arbuthnott reported that the Jaghiredar desired to have occupied land in the village of Moongapady made over to him, but that the ryots would not consent on the ground that the Jaghiredar's tenants were not properly treated. Pending further attempts to obtain available land, Mr. Arbuthnott recommended that the assessment due to the Jaghiredar from the time the lands were taken up in 1856 should be paid at once.

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5. The Board desired to have fuller information before submitting the case to Government, and the report now before them is the result.

6. It seems that the Jaghire is held rent-free, so that the compensation cannot be arranged by deductions from any peishcush or quit-rent paid by the Jaghiredar to Government. The Jaghiredar proposes that if cultivated land cannot be made over to him, he should either be paid Rupees 500 an acre for the land taken up, or that Rupees 200 an acre should be paid, and that he should be allowed to hold free of assessment an equivalent amount of land wherever he may be able to purchase it. From a petition transferred by Government to the Board for inquiry on the 27th June 1867, it appears that the Jaghiredar is willing to take lands in South Arcot.

7. The Board are of opinion that the compensation should be settled at once, and as it seems to be difficult if not impossible to give the Jaghiredar land, he must be paid in money. The proposals which he has made with regard to money payments are too extravagant to be seriously entertained, and the Board agree with the Collector that a lump sum of twenty-five times the amount of the assessment on the land and trees is as much as can be fairly given.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Assessment on lands	105	11	1
Rent on trees...	10	0	0
	115	11	1
			25
	2,892	5	1
Tank and Bamboo bush...	425	0	0
	3,317	5	1

8. These Proceedings will accordingly be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that they will sanction payment to the Jaghiredar of Rupees 3,317-5-1 with interest at six per cent., from the time the lands were taken up till the date of payment.

No. 499. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1867, No. 2,513.

Miscellaneous.

Payment of Rupees 3,317-5-1, with interest at six per cent. per annum from the date on which the lands were taken up for the Railway, to that of payment, is sanctioned accordingly.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.
,, the Department Public Works.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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