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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 614 — Press Mis.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 14th March 1867.

Read the following papers:—

No. 224. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th December 1866, No. 9,166A.

Read again Board's Proceedings, Nos. 3,985 and 7,928.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 19th December 1866, No. 371.

1. In their Proceedings of the 2nd ultimo, the Board directed me to submit a special application for extra funds to be added to the Endowment Fund, as a special case, should circumstances render this course necessary; and the accounts laid before a Meeting of the Committee this morning, I regret to state, require that this application should be made immediately.

2. In 1865 we had a surplus, and fifty-seven persons were placed on the Fund against twenty-six vacancies by death and otherwise. This year, as the Board are aware, prices have risen on us, and, spending at the rate of 10 Rupees a day, our funds will be exhausted by the middle of next month.

3. We shall require, in round numbers, 1,100 Rupees to meet the cost of the establishment as it at present stands, unless prices fall considerably. And as a special case, I have the honor to request that the Board will be pleased to recommend to Government that the requisite assistance be given.

4. Great care has been taken in admitting those now receiving the charity, should they be summarily refused the support they have been receiving hitherto, great distress must ensue. And should the Government not consider it right that the State should be burdened with this extra expenditure, rather than reduce the dole, or run the risk of turning men off to starve, I would respectfully recommend that the sum applied for be treated as an advance, and recovered by refusing applications in future, till such time as the Fund recover itself by death vacancies, and the diminished expenditure in consequence.

5. I request the favor of early orders, and beg to express my regret that I have not been able to bring this matter before the Board at an earlier date.

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1. The Board resolve to submit the above papers to Government, with the request that a special grant-in-aid of Rupees 1,100 may be made to the Nellore Lungerkhana, to save the Committee from the painful necessity of closing the Alms-house, in the present season of distress, for the poorer classes.

2. The amount might be charged to the account of expenditure in relief of famine and distress. The Collector, however, must explain for what period the amount named by him will suffice to meet the requirement of the case, and must take immediate steps to bring the expenditure down to a level with the ordinary grant within that period, and take care that it is not allowed again to grow in excess of the grant, without special sanction.

No. 225. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th March 1867.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Podalapur, Rapur Taluk, 1st February 1867, No. 20.

1. I have the honor to state, in reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 27th December, that the amount named in my letter of the 19th idem will meet our requirements to the 30th April, and that every effort shall be made to bring our expenditure down to the ordinary grant within that period.

• Copy sent.

2. From a return• I have had made out, I find that the deaths average thirteen a year for the last five years, and it is probable that death vacancies will go far in a short time towards reducing the expenditure to the required extent.

Submitted to Government, in continuation of the Board's Proceedings, 27th December 1866, No. 9,166A. The Board request the early sanction of Government for the special grant-in-aid of Rupees 1,100 for the Nellore Lungerkhana.

No. 226. From the Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Nellore, 23rd February 1867, No. 6.

Extract Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th September 1854.
From Collector to Board, dated 12th September 1854, No. 121.
Extract Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th November 1854.
From Collector to Board, dated 20th December 1854, No. 174.

With reference to an Official Memorandum of the 5th instant, No. 14, I have the honor to forward copies of papers, as per margin, shewing the character of the charity of the Lungerkhana in this district.

No. 227. ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1867, No. 614.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government sanction a special grant of Rupees 1,100 to the Nellore Lungerkhana, to meet the extraordinary expenditure rendered necessary for the maintenance of the destitute and helpless poor in the late season of distress and excessive prices.

2. The charge will be included by the Accountant General among the other items of special expenditure incurred on account of the famine.

3. The expenditure in the coming year must be kept within the ordinary income.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Board.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 7th September 1854.

Read the following.

No. 930.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 8th August 1854.

Read the following letter from the Sub Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

(Here enter 20th July/54 No. 318)

Para 1. With the above letter the Board of Revenue submit reports on the management during 18 of the Lungerkhanas maintained at Tirmoor, Nellore, Negapatam, Combaconum, Coimbatore, Arcot and Vellore.

2 The Right Honorable the Governor in Council considers the conditions of these Lungerkhanas to be generally satisfactory

and sanctions the charges incurred on their account during 1853 amounting to Rupees (10,313-6-10) ten thousand three hundred and thirteen, annas six and Pice ten as shown below.

Kurnool ——— Rs 351 — . — .

Nellore ——— . 2,812 — 10 — 8

Tanjore ——— . 1,328 — 13 — 3

Coimbatore ——— 452 — 12 — 6

North Arcot ——— 5368 — 2 — 5

Rupees 10,313 — 6 — 10

3 The Collector of Nellore having been requested in Extract Minutes of Consultation 15th November last to reconsider the plan of substituting cooked food for money payments to the persons resorting to the Langer Khana at that Station, states that he still continued

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averse to the change. His objections as raised in his report are not admitted by the Board to be valid. It was the plan "they state" of "gradually ameliorating a certain number of evil disorderly practices by granting a money allowance, which led to the flagrant abuses "by the Collectors of North Arcot and Coimbatore "and the Board are strongly of opinion that the "irregularities are inherent in the system, and "cannot be prevented by any vigilance on the "part of the Collector. In these views the Governor in Council entirely concurs, and he therefore desires that the system of money payments at Nellore be immediately discontinued in the case of all parties residing in the Town or its vicinity and cooked food be issued instead. In respect to the few Langerdars who may be

living at a distance from the Kovgyn, it will be sufficient to give a notice of 3 months within which the parties may remove to Nellore to be fed there, and after which their allowances in cash will positively cease - except in the case of those who must be very few, who from infirmity and decrepitude are utterly unable to leave their villages and whose money payments may therefore be continued for their lives.

4 The Board will instruct the Collector to see that the food distributed is in all practicable cases eaten on the spot, and that the benefits of the Institution are strictly confined to the destitute poor, who by age, disease or accident may be physically incapacitated from earning a livelihood.

5 From the Statement enclosed in the Report from Kurnool, Col: S. it would seem that money allowances, though to a moderate scale, are also given at that place; if so, they should be stopped and food be issued in lieu.

6 With regard to the suggestion of the Board in para: 16. that a small Dispensary be opened in connection with the Langerkhana at Nellore from the Surplus funds that may accrue in consequence of the change above sanctioned, it is observed that there is already a Dispensary at that Station

/True Extract/
/Signed/ T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

Ordered to be communicated to the Collectors of the Districts noted in the margin for their information and guidance

Kurnool
Nellore
Cuddapah
Coimbatore
North Arcot

/A True Extract & Copy/
/Signed/ B Ratcliffe
Asst Secretary in charge

To
B Ratcliffe Esquire
&c Collector of Nellore

Sanction 15th Dec. 1858 Page 251

No. 14

Cutcherry Collectorate
Bellary 12th September 1854

From

J. Radclyffe Esquire
Acting Collector of Bellary

To

B. Sunkiah Esquire
Sub Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in charge

Sir,

In acknowledging receipt of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date 8th Ultimo No. 930 upon the subject of Sangerkhanahs and with reference to Mr. Elton's letter to which allusion is therein made I have the honor, to enable me, to carry out the orders of Government, and being unaware as to how the matter is conducted in Districts where this mode of distribution already obtains, to solicit information, upon the following points

1st As to whether it is proposed that a building or Khana of some sort should be constructed for Bellary as a general and fixed in the Cog- nizance of the Sangar, in this Taluk

shape of cooked food - and if so its nature and the extent of outlay that would be sanctioned upon it - Some such now existing

2nd As to what arrangements are in force and approved of elsewhere, as to Cooking, both with respect of caste and number of Cooks - as well as to what quantity of food is served out to each individual Sangerdar daily.

2 In Mr. Elton's letter of April 7th to which these Minutes have part reference he does not I observe, allude in any way to the Sub Division of this District, to the circumstance of 1/8 of the total sum sanctioned for Sangers being allotted for distribution there, or to the report I furnished to, upon requisition from him, as to the mode and features thereof and copy of which is hereto annexed

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3 In apparent consequence of the above omission, Nellore is alone reported to, in the Minutes of Council on the subject. I presume, however that Head Government were cognizant of the actual state of the matter & no similar order would have been passed. Ongole, as the chief Mudiah Town, being the place for general distribution or sale of the Lan-
-gerkhana

4. I would in conclusion and with reference to the observation upon the Subject, in para 3 of the Minutes, beg to submit a Memorandum of the actual residences (as to Talooks) of the present recipients of Langer in both Divisions of the District

Shall &c
(Signed) Ratcliffe
Sd Collector

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

dated 13th September 1854

Read letter from the Acting Collector

of Nellore dated 12th September 1854 requesting instruc-
-tions as to the manner of carrying out the Orders of Govern-
-ment, Extract Minutes of Consultation 8th August re-
-garding the Langurkhana in his District

(Hon'ble Mr Ward)

The Board observe with reference to the remarks of the Acting Collector in Para 3 that there are 96 Langerdars at Nellore, and 24 at Ongole and that the Langurkhana should be established at the former place. They have after further consideration decided that Rice shall be daily distributed, and for this purpose any locality may be fixed upon as the places of distribution

2 In some Districts the Langer Khana is also an Hospital and the food is given cooked

In North Arcot rawrice is given uncooked in the proportions.

	Raw rice weight
Adults	60
Children above 12	60
Do under 12	20

together with 2 Pice per head for seasoning & condiments.

3 Destitute persons and those incapable of earning their livelihood are alone the fit objects of this charity, and the commencement of a new System of management, and the assembling the recipients to one Station should be made the occasion for a rigorous inspection of the condition of each one, and the expulsion of all not strictly coming within the above description.

4 In the Districts of Coimbatore, North Arcot and Tanjore, the Langar Funds maintain Dispensaries and Hospitals, the expenditure in the distribution of food, and salaries of household servants is not great, some 500 Rupees yearly.

5 The Nellore Langar Funds are about 3000 Rupees annually. This will be expended if necessary, in the manner above pointed out, and the surplus, if any, carried to the credit of Government. A Local Committee composed of the Collector, Judge, and one or two respectable Natives might be constituted, each member in rotation marking it his duty to see that the funds were properly applied, and at the end of 1855 a report should be made upon the working of the plan now directed.

6 As the new arrangements will set aside the old System of monthly payments

Arrangements which has formed productive of
so much abuse. They will be doubtless
unpalatable to former recipients and
to influential parties in the Town.
but the Board look to the Collector
or to the Committee if appointed for
firmly carrying out the orders of
Government as expressed in Extract
Minutes of Consultation of the 8th
August 1854. and for economically
working the Sungar Funds

/ A true Extract /

/ Signed / B Sinclair

Sub Secretary in charge

To

J Sutliffe Esquire

Acting Collector of

Nellore

No. 174

Nellore Collectorate
20th December 1854

From,

J. Sutliffe Esquire
Acting Collector of Nellore

To

The Acting Secretary
to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

With reference to the Board's Proceedings
of 13th Ultimo I have the honor to forward
herewith for their information copy of a
Memorandum from which will be seen the
measures I have adopted to carry out the views
of the Board as regards the management of the

Sungar Khana

I have &c
/ Signed / J Sutliffe
Collector

No. 393

Nellore Collectorate Office
Chalumoor
8th December 1854

Memorandum

The Acting Collector in enclosing
copy of Extract from the Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue dated 13th November 1854
regarding the Sungar allowance of this District

has the honor to state, that he proposes accordingly
Soliciting the Civil Judge, the Zillah Surgeon
the Principal Sudr Ameen, the Head Accountant
Mr. Thomas Ward and J. Venkatachellam
Pantulu Sheristadar of the Civil Court to form
with himself, (or in his absence one of his Assistants)
Local Committee, of which he would further
propose the Civil Judge should be President.
Such of the present recipients of this Charity
as may desire its continuance in this new form,
have all had notice to present themselves in
Nellore before the 31st Instant for examination
and if the President of the Committee with
with that body fix a time for all such
recipients who may have arrived in Nellore
to present themselves before them in
order

to decide upon the propriety of individual
continuance of the Charity; and communicate to
when and where to the Bailie Ameen and Nellore
Tahsildar, those Officers have been instructed to give
due attendance. The Acting Collector suggests
that a descriptive list should then be prepared,
of all such as are permanently admitted as fitting
objects, subsequently adding thereto from time to
time to such extent as the funds will admit of
such others as may apply, & after proper inquiry
similarly deemed so by the Committee - Any information
as to the family resources of applicants, who,
though themselves apparently helpless, may yet
and in many cases have friends fully able
and bound to assist them, will be obtained
and supplied by the Nellore Collector when called for

as a suitable place for the daily distribution of rice &c.
the Acting Collector suggests the open tiled building
situated to the west of the Cutcherry Gate facing the
open square, whilst the rice &c might be secured
in another tiled building in the old Salary Godown
both being available for the purpose. Some
trustworthy Servant or Servants would appear
to be necessary for the daily keeping the accounts
Receipts & actual distribution. But this is a
point for the Committee's consideration

/Signed/ J. Ratcliffe
Ag Collr

/True Copy/

/Signed/ J. Ratcliffe
Ag Collr

/True Copies/

H. V. A. Dacres
Collector

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue :—

Submitting the usual report on Langarkhánas in certain Districts for the official year 1859-60. } (Here enter 4th March 1861, No. 1,228.)

ORDER THEREON, 10th April 1861, No. 802.

1. In this report the Board of Revenue have gone fully into the various details relating to the expenditure during 1859-60 on the Langarkhánas which exist in seven Districts under the Madras Presidency.

2. From the Statement appended to the report it appears that in five of the seven Districts concerned, there was, at the commencement of the year under review, a surplus remaining over from the previous year's funds, amounting in all to Rupees 3,286-5-4, while the remaining two (Tanjore and North Arcot) had exceeded the previous annual sanctions by a sum of more than 1,300 Rupees, of which by far the greater portion (viz., Rupees 1,192) was in North Arcot.

3. The incomes of the Langarkhánas in Coimbatore and South Arcot are drawn from land endowments; and in the year under notice the receipts fell off materially in both Districts as shown in the margin.* In Coimbatore, the expenditure was kept within the receipts; but in South Arcot, it was allowed to exceed the income by nearly two-thirds, and swallowed up half the available surplus. In the previous year, a similar extravagance, though in a less degree was permitted. The Collector will be cautioned against such proceedings for the future. It is observed also that while the receipts were only 348-10-7 in the year under review, the Establishment alone cost Rupees 204-2-4; a sum large in comparison with most of the other Districts and greatly out of proportion to the entire expenditure. The attention of the Board of Revenue will be directed to this.

	1858-59.	1859-60.	*Decrease.*
Coimbatore.....	1,193-14-5	1,022- 4-6	171- 9-11
South Arcot.....	554- 8-6	348-10-7	205-13-11

4. In the remaining five† Districts the Langarkhánas have each a fixed money allowance. In two only of these Districts (North Arcot and Bellary) the sanctions were exceeded in the year under notice by a sum of sixty Rupees odd in the former, and 285½ in the latter. The first goes to increase the deficit already existing in the North Arcot funds, while the latter is met out of the surplus standing to the credit of the Bellary Langarkhána.

† *Nellore.* *Kurnool.* *Tanjore.* *North Arcot.* *Bellary.*

5. The excess of expenditure in North Arcot is owing to the Dispensaries maintained out of the Langarkhána funds both at Arcot and Vellore; the charges of the Langarkhánas themselves were much within the sanctioned amount in both cases, the aggregate saving on both being not less than 4,719 Rupees.‡ In their Proceedings of September 28th 1859, No. 1,322, the Government directed the abolition of these Langarkhánas, as being institutions of doubtful benefit, and in order to furnish funds for continuing the Dispensaries. But this order was disapproved by the Secretary of State, who in his Despatch of May 8th 1860, directed that both the Langarkhánas and the Dispensaries should be continued. This Despatch, which appears to have been lost sight of by the Board of Revenue makes it unnecessary to require that the total outlay should be kept within the sum granted for the Langarkhánas, as now ordered by the Board. The Secretary of State directs that those Establishments shall be maintained on the scale of expenditure sanctioned by this Government in 1854-55.

‡ *Collector's letter, August 2nd* 1860.

6. In the Order of June 28th 1860, No. 1,069, it was directed that these Dispensaries should for the future be included in the list of Government Dispensaries and reported on in common with them. They ought to have been excluded from the Board's report on Langarkhánas.

7. It is noted that as directed in paragraph 7 of the Order of 28th September 1859, the Wallajahpett Dispensary has been retransferred to Ránipet, where it is located in a desirable position.

8. On 30th April 1860, on the close of the year under review, Tanjore and North Arcot were still laboring under a deficiency; that in the former, amounting to 66 Rupees odd, will, the Board expect, be made good in the present year; but in regard to the latter, they recommend that special sanction be granted for passing the amount, viz., Rupees 1,252-11-5. Under the circumstances above set forth, the Governor in Council is pleased to accede to this recommendation; and the Civil Auditor will be directed to pass the extra charge amounting to Rupees 1,252-11-5.

* 1858-59...	2,58,498	9. As respects the operations of the Langarkhánas,
1859-60	2,38,486	the number of persons relieved in 1859-60 was on the
	———	whole smaller than in the previous year by 20,012; * while
	20,012	the decrease in cost amounted to Rupees 2,337-2-8. The
	———	operations of the Dispensaries ought to have been shown

in the Board's Statement distinct from those of the Langarkhánas; but as they will be for the future entirely distinct under the Order referred to above in paragraph 6, it is not necessary now to make the correction.

10. The Government request that a Statement similar to the one accompanying the report under review may be sent with all future annual reports on Langarkhánas.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" Public Department.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Auditor.
" Inspector General, Medical Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 614. Revenue Depart.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 14th March 1867.

Read the following
Papers:

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue —
Recommending to Government that a special
grant-in-aid of Rs. 1100 a
may be made to Vellore
Lunger Khana to prevent
its being closed. —

(Here enter 27th Dec 1866
No. 9166)

Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue —
Submitting letter
from Collr. of Nellore, and
requesting sanction
for special grant-in-aid of
Rs. 1100 applied for, for
Vellore Lunger Khana —

(Here enter 5th March 1867
No. —)

From the Collector of
Vellore —
Forwarding copies of
Papers shewing the character
of the charity of the Lunger
Khanas in that District —

(Here enter 28th July 1866
No. 6)

The Government

Sanction as Special grant
of Rupees 1,100 to the
Nellore Langer khana
to meet the extraordinary
Expenditure rendered
necessary for the mainte-
nance of the destitute
and helpless poor
in the late season
of distress and excessive
prices -

The charge will
be included by the Ac-
countant General among
the other items of Special
expenditure incurred
on account of the Famine -

Collectors Remit
12-3-5 Lacs

Expenditure in
the coming year
must be kept
within the Grant
2 Lacs

2/o
1/1 Revenue Board Sept 15
6 Acct General 17

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Pro of the Madras Govt
dated 7th March 1867.

Special grant of Rs.
1100 Sanctioned &c
&c More Temporary
for the maintenance &
the destitute & helpless
poor.

No 224 @ 227.