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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 16 3 — 1867.

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No. 272. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th March 1867, No. 1,327.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 6th February 1867, No. 23 :—

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated the 16th August last, No. 5,603, and of the Board of Revenue, dated the 24th idem, I have the honor to state that the fees of the Curnums on the Moturpha beriz and Tree tax, in the Town of Conjeveram and its suburbs, amounted to Rupees 521-2-9 in Fusly 1270, the year in which the Moturpha tax was abolished; the fees having been calculated at four per cent. on the gross collections, as directed in the Extract from Minutes of Consultation of the 3rd March 1856, No. 243.

1st February 1858, No. 137.

2. In my letter of the 18th April last, No. 98, I stated that the number of Curnums was reduced from six to one; but I now find that this is not the case. I was misled by the Tahsildar's Arzi, in which he spoke of the whole work in the Town of Conjeveram and the suburbs having been performed by Ramasawmy Pillay and his Gumastah, Nallana Pillay, on whose petition for a salary I then addressed the Board.

3. Although the Government, so far back as 1856, remarked in their Extract from Minutes of Consultation of the 3rd March, that six Curnums could hardly be necessary considering the nature and amount of the work required of them, no formal steps seem to have been taken by the district officers to reduce the number. On the contrary all the six Curnums were permitted to continue in office, and to draw fees on both the Moturpha and Tree tax, until the former was abolished in Fusly 1271, and since on the tree tax alone, as will be seen from the enclosed Statement.

4. It appears never to have been the practice to pay fees to the Curnums on the land revenue. The revenue also is quite of recent origin, and is even now derived from purely Porumboke lands newly taken up, or from unoccupied house-sites previously cultivated, but not paid for.

5. The duties of the Curnums at present are exactly the same as in any other Ryotwary village, and notwithstanding the large number of pettahs and suburbs attached to Conjeveram, I consider one Curnum on a salary of Rs. 7 as already recommended quite sufficient; as the whole revenue derived both from land and trees amount only to Rupees 753-2-1, as shewn in the margin.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Land Revenue ...	609	13	4
Tree tax	143	2	1
Total ...	753	2	1

Enclosure No. 1.

Abstract.—Statement shewing the emoluments, &c., of Curnums in the Town of Conjeveram and its suburbs, for Fuslies 1270 and 1275.

1. Submitted to Government, with reference to Proceedings of Government, dated 18th August 1866, No. 2,140.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th March 1867.

2. The Collector will be instructed, if Government approve of the arrangement proposed in the Board's Proceedings, dated 18th April last, to select the Curnum possessing the best claims and qualifications for the office, and dispense with the services of the remainder.

No. 273. ORDER THEREON, 16th March 1867, No. 637.

Miscellaneous.

The Government sanction the arrangement proposed by the Collector and advocated by the Board for the employment of one Curnum for Conjeveram town and suburbs on a monthly pay of Rupees 7.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant General.

Encl. 8/22, Assistant.

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Resolution on the arrangement proposed & the Bd. and advocated by the Bd. for the employment of one Curnum for Conjeveram town & suburbs on a monthly pay of Rs. 7.

16th March 1867.

N. Copies to the Bd. of Rev. Dated 18th April last.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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No. 1,327.

Submitting statement from Collector of Madras showing emoluments &c, of Curnums in Conjeveram and its suburbs for Fuslies 1270, and stating that Collector will be instructed if Government approve of Board's proposal to select Curnums possessing best claims and qualifications for office and dispense with services of remainder.