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Revenue (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 3066

DATED: 16th June 97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Passing orders on the Board
report re the management of
certain charities, founded by
one Coliah Sengamiah Chellu
in the dt of Madras, & assist
and charge put

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From

The Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, Madras.

Order

No. 1671 Misc.

Dated 7th May 1897.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government the information called for regarding the charities conducted in Kollah Singamiah Chetty's choultries in the districts of Madras, Chingleput & North Arcot.

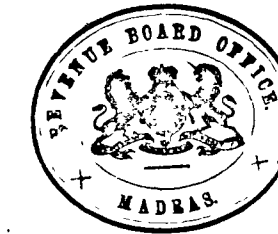
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue)

No.1671 Misc., dated 7th May 1897.

Read the following :-

1. Again Board's Proceedings No.5269 Misc., dated 25th November 1896, commg. to the Collectors of Madras, Chingleput & North Arcot, G.O. calling for an early report with regard to the management of Colla Singanna Chetty's choultries founded in this Presidency.

2. Endorsement of the Collector of Madras, Ref. No. 80, dated 16th January 1897.

3. Letter from the Collector of North Arcot, Dis. Ver. No. 542 of 1897, dated 29th January 1897.

And the following Reference thereon dated 5th February 1897

The Collector of Chingleput is requested to submit at an early date the report called for in Board's Proceedings No.5269 Misc., dated 25th November 1896, and Board's Proceedings No.78 R, dated 8th January 1897.

4. Also letter from the Collector of Chingleput, Ref. on No.2907/Genl. of 1897, dated 17th April 1897.

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Resolution

The papers read above, which relate to Kollah Singanna Chetty's choultries in this Presidency, will be submitted to Government with reference to para 3 of Government Order No.581, dated 30th October 1896.

2. From the reports received, it will be seen that local agents have been appointed by Rao Bahadur Kollah Venkata Gummiah Chetty Garu, the representative of the founder, for all the three choultries in the Districts of Madras, Chingleput & North Arcot. The charities are being conducted,

however, only in two districts, viz., in Chingleput & North Arcot and the allowances in these two places are reported to be regularly disbursed to the Agents concerned. As regards the Choultry in Madras, the Agent is reported to have drawn on the 7th May 1896 the allowances, which had been in arrears from June 1894 to April 1896 and it was then represented to the Collector that the choultry, being in great need of repair, was to be put into good order out of the accumulated amount. It has since been ascertained from the agent that the charity in this choultry, which has been long held in abeyance, is not likely to be resumed until the cost of repairs which are to be commenced shortly, is fully liquidated. The Collector of North Arcot states that the choultry in his District is in want of some immediate repairs and that he has instructed the Divisional officer to address Rao Bahadur N.V. Gummiah Chetty Garu in view to the choultry being at once repaired and placed on the footing intended by the founder.

3. With reference to a letter from the Secretary to the Government of North West Provinces enquiring about the condition of, and the nature of the charities conducted in the Choultries in the Madras Presidency, (Vide E.H.C. No. 865, dated 3rd September 1852) the Board requested the Collectors of the three districts named above to furnish the required information. The replies received from the Collectors were submitted to Government with the letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue read in E.H.C. No. 458, dated 19th April 1853. From these papers, it will be seen that the Collector of North Arcot only was furnished in 1825 with a copy of the instructions issued at the time by Kollah Bagava Chetty and that details of the expenditure incurred in the other two choultries were also obtained and reported on by the Collectors concerned. Government having thereupon desired that certain modifications should be effected in the mode of conducting the charities, the Board made a further report on the subject. (Vide letter disposed of in Government Order No. 166, dated 7th February 1854). The subsequent correspondence that took place on this matter is contained in Government Order No. 919 Financial, dated 14th May 1879.

4. Collectors do not appear to have hitherto exercised any sort of control in the matter of the utilization of the allowances for the purposes intended by the donor. But it is now reported that instructions have been given for exercising efficient control in future.

5. In this connection the letter addressed to the Board by the Receiver in G.S. No. 115 of 1889 will be submitted for the orders of Government.

(True Copy & Extract)

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Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with 4 letters & one Enclosure ~~2-1-11~~ to be returned.

Md. P. H.

L. C.

Read G. No. 3002 of 1897.

Memorandum.

With reference to Hon. le Member's alteration of para 2 of the draft on G. No. 3002/97, attention is respectfully solicited to paras 3 and 5 of the Madras Deputy Collector's letter flagged E. It will be seen from these that the allowance due for the period - June 1896 to September 1896 - was rightly paid to the Agent by the Collector and that it was the Agent that paid to Curriah chetty the surplus after deducting the establishment and lighting charges. The Collector having apparently had nothing to do with the transfer of money from the Agent to Curriah chetty, can look only to the Agent for a refund (to the Collector of course) of the money paid to the Agent. Again if the charity had been kept up, the monthly allowance would have been expended and no refund could be claimed. It is only because the Agent himself has admitted that the charity has not been kept up, that a refund could be and is claimed, unless the money is required for repairs. It

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*Income account
11/10/97*

*By mistake I did not alter
the Agent into Curriah
chetty. I have now done
so
Jy*

*Why? He can ask
the man who has got
the money for it.
Jy*

*C2015
RC 3/6/97*

is submitted, therefore, that the words 'the prescribed charities having admittedly been discontinued 10¹/₂ ago' may be entered.

2. In the second sentence of para 3 of the draft, the Hon'ble member has struck out the words 'the Agent' and inserted 'he' in their place. If the object of the alteration is merely to avoid repetition, the words struck out occurring also in the first sentence of the same para, the words 'or the Agent' inserted by Hon'ble member in the last sentence of the para would seem to be unnecessary. But if by the alteration -- Hon'ble member intended to refer to Cunniah chetty the present representative of the Collah family, it would be desirable to insert the name itself, as it does not occur in the first (i.e. the previous) sentence. It is, however, submitted that as the money is payable only to the Agent and as it is the Agent that has to disburse the money under the cowle and the machilka, it is ^{to} him (i.e. the Agent) that the Collector should look for carrying out any repairs &c. The Collector has no power over Singanna chetty's heirs.

They are needless
by

The 'he' refers to Cunniah chetty
by
4/5/97

I submit the Govt can not tell
on the Agent to refund the money.
He may disburse the money or refuse
to pay him the money but he
(the Govt) can not interfere in the
administration of this charity.

3/4/97.

the machilka is the first
paper in G.O. No. 581-582-

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read: C. No. 3492 of 97

The Hon. Mr. G. R. C. R.
H. E. the Governor

25/5/97
but see below
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15.6.97

What about the instructions
for the administration of the cowle?
We have them, they are
sent to the collector.
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It appears from the collector's reports
that written instructions have been
furnished in the case of the Vabamul-
pet choultry only. A copy of the instructions
should now be communicated to the
collector & the local officers, as well
as the agent. In the case of the other
two choultries, though no written instructions
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Revenue Department
The reports from the
Collector of Madras, Chingleput,
and N. Arcot, submitted with
the Proceedings read above clearly
show that the collectors have
not been exercising any super-
vision over the administration
of the charities in question, al-
though in the cowle executed by
Govt it is expressly provided
that the Collectors by whom the
monthly payments are made,
shall use their best endeavours
to prevent abuse on the part of
the local agents and to cause the
money to be appropriated to the
purposes intended. A copy of
the cowle together with the machil-
ka executed by Collo Singanna
Chetty should now be, already
furnished to each
Collector with instructions to
undertake the work of supervision
therein assigned to them.

xxx have been furnished,
the objects on which the
monthly allowance is to be
expended are clearly indi-
cated in the correspondence
of 1852 + 1853 referred to in
para 3 of the B.P. reads above.
These objects should now be made
known to the collectors and
through them to the local officers
and the local agents concerned.
If any

Note It is ~~shated~~ reported that the agent handed over the money to ~~sunni~~ chetty; but the Govt. has nothing to do with ~~this~~ it.

Whether the charities were
discontinued or not, he has
no right to take the money. He
must refund some thing, not
to the agent. Hence my ob-
jections of the Dodge

shade ~~them~~ ^{or the agents and the institution} ~~and~~ ^{the} the ultimate
chill with as the law is composed
to be

clearing portion of Mr. Firth's
 letter No. 2. dated 4th January
 1897 it is observed that as
 under the terms of the will
 and the Muchilka above
 referred to, the monthly allow-
 -ance is payable only to the
 local agents and as Golla
 Singamma Chetty's heirs
 have nothing to do with
 such allowance, there is no
 reason why its payments
 should be held in abeyance
 so long as there are duly
 appointed agents ^{to receive the money} and ^{and} conduct-
 ing the charities. In any
 case no action can be taken
 by Government until an
 order of injunction issued
 by the High Court is pro-
 duced. and Mr. Firth should
 be informed accordingly.

4. The Board of Revenue
 is also requested to obtain
 and submit to Govern-
 ment at an ~~very~~ early date
 a full report of the litigation
 in respect of Rao Baha-
 dur Ganniah Chetty's
 Estate

Estate and of its results in so far as they have a bearing upon the monthly allowance payable by Government for the maintenance of the Chaultrie's founded by Singamma Chetti at Madras, Cojce-
 veram, Chittoor and Benares. or any savings that may have accrued from that allowance

25/5/11

The Board of Rev. Laws Rev.
 with Mr. Firth's letter.

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22 May 97

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