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Revenue (1898) Department.

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G.O., No. 1858

DATED 28th April.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving with remarks the Board's recommendation for the supply of warm clothing to the persons employed in the Javadi hills, vr. and St. Hill.

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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 2108.

From

The Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue Madras

his No. 859

Dated 6th March 1898

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Order etc.

The Board's recommendation to supply warm clothing to the peons employed on the Javadi hills is approved. The necessary statement in the form appended to G.O. 1036 Public, dated 4-8-97 should be submitted for transmission to the Superintendent of Stationery.

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30/3/98

× G.O. 4703 Rev (12-8-97)

To the Board of Rev (Sep. Rev).

SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government, with remarks, the report of the Deputy Commissioner Central Division on his inspection of the cultivation &c of the Ganja crops on the Javadi hills, North Arcot district.

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Copy of letter from the Deputy Commissioner Central Division No. 887 dated 19th February 1898 (Paras 6 to 31).

"Jawadie Hills

6. The establishment sanctioned in connection with the Ganja cultivation and storage at Kanjambady is 1 Assistant Inspector with 2 peons, 2nd grade and 6 Sub Inspectors for the 6 Ranges on the Hills each with an orderly of 6 Peons, all to be of the 2nd grade.

7. The Assistant Inspectors' services are sanctioned throughout the year whereas the 6 Sub-Inspectors and their 36 peons only for 6 months. The exact period during which these Sub-Inspectors and peons should be employed has not been fixed, nor is it advisable to fix any dates as much depends on the state of the season and whether the

the rains are early or late.

8 In future, therefore, it would seem best to employ one or two Sub Inspectors at most early in the season, Say in october, who should go round all the 6 Ranges and report the State of the crops in order that the full sanctioned Strength should not be sent into the Hills until they are actually needed. In this way it will, probably, be found that the full Strength is only necessary for 3 or 4 months at most At the same time, it will also, probably be found that it is advisable to keep on one or two Sub Inspectors beyond the Six months in order to ensure the whole of the Ganja crop being removed to Kaniyambady. Thus so long as the Sanctioned amount for Six months is not exceeded I would be inclined with the Board's approval to employ some of the men beyond the Six months' Subject to actual requirements.

9. There is a strong prejudice against these

these hills, but personally, I think it is unjustifiable; however, I may be wrong for I have scarcely been here long enough to disprove the general idea. My own belief is that it is not so much due to climate as to want of proper precaution on the part of the establishments who try and do long tiring marches through heavy jungle and up steep hills without making proper arrangements regarding their food.

10. Another trouble is that the water on the Hills though good enough, for I have been drinking it myself unfiltered, is in most cases, dirtied by Cattle and thus made unfit for human Consumption. If only water could be protected from Cattle by a few cheap ring wells being sunk in more important places and into which Cattle could not get, I feel sure, this difficulty would be got over. These wells should not cost more than Rs 15/ each and if four or five were

were dug in each Sub Inspector's Range at good halting Centres, we might have at least 30 places at which pure water Could be got at a total Cost of say Rs 450/ If this Sum were Sanctioned by the Board, I Can assure the Board that the Hills would at once lose their present unpopularity.

11 The next most important point for Consideration is that Rs 1030-0-0 Has now been Sanctioned for Sub Inspectors' and Peons' huts to be erected at fixed centres in each Range. Having been through four out of the Six Ranges in these Hills, I at once pronounce this idea to be a mistake. What we want for Sub Inspectors and men in the way of accommodation and protection is tents. I Calculate that very small light and easily Carried tents will not cost more than Rs 30/ to Rs 35/ each. Such tents would only require 2 men each to Carry them and if each Sub Inspector had one

one and the Peons attached to each Sub-Inspector had one, we would at once have adequate accommodation for the whole Party at a Cost of Rs 70/ or Rs 420/ for the Six Parties. The tents Could be moved from Village to Village for a few annas and the Sub Inspectors' patrols would be far more efficient and more than double the work would be done if the men were not called on to retrace their steps every day to fixed quarters. The tents would be far cheaper to keep up than the fixed huts, for the latter would require heavy annual repairs but not so the tents which would be put away in store until the following season if tents were used.

12. The question of providing the men with blankets has been settled in a Separate reference and all that remains is to urge the necessity for warm clothing. The temperature at Ammardi this morning

morning 19th Instant – was 63° Fah: and this is at the foot of the Hills. The cold during the nights on the upper Plateaus nearly 3000 feet Can, therefore be imagined.

13- The present establishment of Sub. Inspectors and Peons has so far worked, in my estimation, very unsatisfactorily. Four out of the total Six Sub Inspectors have left the Hills altogether with fever and that within a few weeks of having been sent here and fourteen out of thirty-six Peons have in like manner had to leave; or at any rate made to believe that they were knocked up. My own idea is, from what I have seen, that probably many of these made themselves out to be far worse than they really were.

14- Another point in connection with this requires to be mentioned. Owing to there being no quarters on the Hills only 2 out of the 6 Sub Inspectors have as actually been up in the higher Plateaus all the time. The other four have for the most part been living at the foot of the Hills, three at Ammardi and one on the western side of the Hills going from there to their ranges daily or for a couple of days at a time. It is well known that the foot of the Hills is far more feverish than the Plateaus and it must, therefore, be supposed that these arrangements are to a great extent the Cause of all this trouble this season.

15 I have been struck by the fine physique of some of the Hillmen "Malayalis" and have therefore, told the Inspector to enlist as many of them as he can, up to a limit of two-third the strength of each Party so that, if possible, we may have four out of every six men, local inhabitants. This would tend to make our work in the Hills less unpopular and I think Rs 6/ per mensem for local men would be ample

ample, i.e., all to be 3rd grades. Such men would be of the greatest use in showing the way about and Carrying records &c and above all they would not want to get away from the Hills.

16 The Inspector proposes and I fully concur with him that we should at least for a year or two give village Heads and village Talliaries an Honorarium of Rs 3/ to the former and Re 1/ each to the latter. There are 8 so-called monigars or village munsiffs in all the 6 Ranges and 2 Talliaries to each village munsiff, which would mean Rs 40/ per mensem, for Say three months at most, which would Cover the whole harvesting Leason. These village munsiffs and Talliaries would be of the greatest use to us in looking round and Seeing that all the produce had been taken down the Hills. It is Something absurd to See the unfortunate Inspector now have to remove his boots before he is allowed to approach any of the houses (Vide page 212 para 2 of the North Arcot District Manual) Personally I would most strongly object to having to remove my own boots, for, the filth surrounding the houses is extraordinary and beats anything I have seen anywhere, even in the dirtiest chuckleris Hamlet in the plains.

17. I now come to the work of the Establishment and will at once Say that I cannot imagine anything more difficult than the task we have undertaken. We have a total of 150 Villages of 5 to 15 and 20 huts each, Scattered over a length of about 45 miles long by about 15 miles wide of the densest heavy jungle and in 119 of these villages ganja is grown and harvested.

18- For Comparison, we may take one maund of Salt at Rs 2/8 per maund

maund and Consider the Security and Safe guards we employ with that against a Similar weight of ganja which is worth Rs 160/ per maund or 6400 per Cent more valuable. If it Can be realized, I would beg it might be Considered what our Sentiments would be, if we allowed 119 out of 150 villages in the densest jungle each to manufacture Salt, Scrape it and put it away in the local huts trusting to the manufacturers' honesty to bring it all, Some 30 miles on the average to a Central Storehouse, and when we Consider that we are practically doing this with an article, 64 times as valuable as Salt, and which the people have hitherto been accustomed to Sell to traders at their own doors or at furthest at the foot of the Hills to which there are innumerable pathways and many of which

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we know nothing, it Seems to me that we will be fortunate if we do not lose at least 25 per cent of the Crop.

19- As it is, I understand we are only to expect 1000 bags this Season into our Store at Kaniyambady and at the Same time I am told that the usual outturn from the Hills is from 3000 to 4000 bags. The explanation for the heavy decrease is a bad season Coupled with the introduction of a new System. This may be So, and probably is So to a great extent but I Cannot be Sure that these excuses may not also to Some extent be made use of in order to remove Some portion of the Crop illicitly. In a word my own impression is that we Should be 64 times as Careful with Ganja as we are with Salt and towards that desirable State I would Concentrate the growing of the plant to one Central locality, or, to begin with,

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to perhaps half a dozen such localities.

20. The plant grows well enough on the plains and its growth in the Hills should therefore, I think, be prohibited; the people themselves would scarcely feel such prohibition for at present only about 10 percent of the whole population grow the plant and all they get for doing so, is its market value at cost of labour, in other words, they get no more on this crop than they do on any other and if its growth was prohibited they would grow some other crop on the land thus made available.

21. If, however, such measures as these are to be considered too drastic then I certainly think a few sites should be selected in the Hills themselves and the crop only be grown and harvested under direct and constant supervision, the people who wish to grow it living temporarily within easy distance for the season. Or, one other alternative suggests itself and that is to make illegal the harvesting and preparation except at selected centres. This latter the Inspector has already proposed in his notes of 28th January 1898 handed to the Secretary in person at Madras.

22- The existing state of things is decidedly unsatisfactory, partly owing to so many of our men going sick and others having to be brought from other Ranges, who in their turn have to leave the work they have to do and make their own arrangements for undertaking distasteful journeys to them plus the loss of time before the sick men have reported their work so long as to enforce their relief added to a new system and the unpopularity of the new rules, added to which certain local spirits have been urging the people into direct disobedience of orders and added to this our desire not to enforce too strictly the rules at first, we find that in many cases, as per margin, the crop is not being brought to the storehouse.

+ Particulars will follow

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23— The Inspector has the rest of his circle to look after with 11 Sub-Inspectors' Ranges and two Parties and this together with Abkari Sales recently held &c takes his time off the work in hand on the Hills. As a Special Case therefore, I think he should for at least one month from now or perhaps six weeks at most be relieved entirely of the duties of his circle outside the Javadie Hills in order that the whole of his time and attention may be given to the Hills alone. In anticipation of the Board's approval therefore I am directing him not to leave the Hills until he has personally satisfied himself that every tola of ganja is in the Store House at Kaniyambady.

24— In the meantime I beg the Board will approve of my placing the Senior Assistant Inspector of the Ennore Circle where work is now light temporarily in charge of the Arni Circle exclusive of the Javadie Hills and Kaniyambady Store Shed, until at least the 31st Proximo.

25— In this connection I would add that it is most desirable that the local revenue authorities should be directed to afford every possible assistance to this Department in getting the crop removed from the Hills to the Storehouse, and I would therefore beg to urge that the Board see fit to request the Collector to direct the local Deputy Collector and his establishment to render all assistance in their power.

26. The Inspector and the Assistant Inspector Kaniyambady warehouse are being directed to give me through the Assistant Commissioner a weekly report going fully into all matters in a similar manner to that adopted in the weekly I. I. Diary.

27— The following points also require attention and the Inspector has been given full instructions on each verbally.

(1) The Sub Inspectors must keep up P31

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and Inspector must prescribe from time to time additional heads of information to be collected thereinby Circulars, to all Sub-Inspectors so as to ensure uniformity.

(ii) Patrol Registers must also be kept showing in one Column the intervals within which each village should be inspected so that the Sub-Inspectors may be made to patrol each adequately.

(iii) It should also be ascertained as far as possible what the previous years outturn really was as Compared to the present years. This can be done to a great extent by local enquiry in each village by Sub-Inspectors to be checked by Inspector.

(iv) How far the local revenue officials have been persuading the people to disobey existing rules and orders should be ascertained and reported to Land Revenue Authorities.

28- The Asst Deputy Collector has promised

promised to move the Collector towards postponing the Collection of Revenue kists in Consideration of the fact that the Malayalies are, this year, being kept out of the value of the crop until later than usual. This seems most desirable and reasonable; at the same time Capital should as far as possible be made out of this by reporting at once those who notwithstanding are delaying in the removal of Ganja to the Warehouse; and in decidedly bad Cases it would be as well to let the law take its course and here and there, Convict a few persons for breach of the Conditions of their License. otherwise the present procedure may be mistaken for weakness.

29- Until the close of the season all the Sub-Inspectors' diaries are to be sent on to the Deputy Commissioner through the Assistant Commissioner the Inspector making a Separate Copy

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of such remarks as he may have to make in Memorandum form and sending these direct to Sub Inspectors to save delay.

30. The Kaniyambady shed is laid out ready for erection but, unfortunately, the services of a skilled fitter have not been obtainable locally, until today the 19th instant. one is now employed and the shed will, doubtless, be up in a short time. In the meantime the temporary building will hold all the Ganja which is likely to come down from the Hills before the iron shed is up.

31— The Board having definitely ordered that tola weights must be taken into account in Ganja transactions, it seems to me that the Avery's Platform Machine supplied already is useless, for, nothing under 10 tolas makes any appreciable impression on these scales. With the Board's approval, however, the Avery's might be used for

for taking the Ganja into store and also as a check on sending it into Consumption, subject, however to every atom that goes into Consumption being passed through a set of Scales similar to those supplied to Deputy and Assistant Commissioners for checking Factory weights and in which a tola will make due impression, the duty being calculated on the results from these Scales and not on the results of the Avery's machine. In somewhat similar manner Salt is stored with the Grainger's Pan Scales and sold through the more sensitive cup Scale."

(True extract)

A Ramachandra Iyer
Ag. Assistant Secretary

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE
MADRAS

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue),

Dated 6th March 1898.

His No. 859

Read letter from the Deputy Commissioner Central Division No. 887 dated 19th February 1898 submitting to the Board report on the inspection of the Javadi Hills.

Copy attached

Resolution

The report read above, so far as it concerns the harvesting of the ganja crop on the Javadi Hills will be submitted for the information of Government with the following remarks:—

2. Paras 6 & 8 — The Deputy Commissioner's proposal to retain some of the Sub Inspectors for more than the prescribed period is approved on the understanding that pay is made available for them from savings in the pay of the rest. It is observed that in detailing the establishment employed he

he gives particulars of the men actually deputed to the hills not of the additions to the permanent establishment sanctioned by Government.

3- Para 10. The Deputy Commissioner may submit estimates for the wells required. If any of them will be so situated as to benefit the hillpeople generally the District Board should be asked to contribute towards the cost.

4 Para 11. The Deputy Commissioner's proposal to substitute light tents for the quarters already sanctioned is approved and the tents will be sent as soon as possible.

5 Para 12 The proposal to supply warm clothing to the peons is also sanctioned subject to the approval of Government. Its attention is invited in this Connection to Board's Proceedings Mis No. 432 dated 5th February 1898 in which Comblies were ordered to be supplied in anticipation of its approval.

6 Para 14. The Board fully Concurs in the Deputy Commissioner's remarks regarding the folly of letting the men live at the foot of

of the hills. The Assistant Commissioner should have put a stop to this at once. The Board trusts that he has now done so.

7 Para 15 Considering that the work to be done by the establishment is not according to the mind and will of the hill people the Deputy Commissioner's proposals regarding their employment are in excess of what is prudent. The Board fears that he will find even three in six a dangerous proportion.

8. Para 16. The Deputy Commissioner's proposal to give the village officers honoraria in order to secure their Cooperation Cannot the Board fears, be approved. They should however be rewarded liberally for any assistance they may give in preventing or detecting Smuggling.

9. Para 17 to 19. The Deputy Commissioner's attention has already been drawn in Board's Proceedings No. 453 dated 7th February, 1898 to the fact that the Intoxicating Drugs Rules Contemplate the removal of the crop to and its Conversion into intoxicating drugs in "Such places only as may be approved in writing by the officer in

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charge of the Government Storehouse" and he has been requested to enforce this provision. The Board is not prepared to recommend the imposition of any further restrictions for the first year the rules have come into operation but will consider any suggestions the Deputy Commissioner may have to make in the matter after he has had a season's experience.

10 Paras 20 and 21 - The Board observes that the chief ground of the selection of the Javadi Hills as one of the two places to which the cultivation of Ganja should be restricted was the fact that that locality produced more Ganja than any other with the exception of the Bapatla Taluq. Perhaps sufficient allowances were not made for the fact that Ganja can be grown in any quantity in the plains and for the extreme difficulties of efficiently supervising its harvesting in the Javadi Hills. At the same time, if the cultivation and sale of Ganja is one of the chief sources of occupation and income of the Malayalis, it would be unfair to

to prohibit it. The Board was of opinion that it was a large industry among them but it observes that no mention is made of it in the description of the Caste in the District Manual and that they are described as having to exert themselves little to earn a livelihood. The cultivation is referred to in page 274. The Collector will be requested to report on the point.

11. Para 22 The Deputy Commissioner will be requested to expedite the statement of cases in which ganja harvested has not been brought into the storehouse - referred to at the close of this para.

12 Paras 23 and 24. Arrangements have been made for the relief of the Inspector by deputing the Assistant Inspector of the Chittoor circle to assist him and Government is being asked as a special case to grant him powers temporarily to enquire into cases.

13 Para 25 The Collector's special attention will be called to this para and he will be requested to take prompt measures for complying with the Deputy Commissioner's request.

14 Para 27. The Deputy Commissioner's proposals in

in this para are approved with the remark that where definite proof exists of opposition of local revenue officials to the introduction of the new rules their Conduct should be promptly brought to the notice of their official superiors.

15 Para 28 The Deputy Commissioner must be very careful in ordering prosecutions lest the hill people should be set against the rules. For the present no Case should be sent into Court without his own prior Sanction.

16 Para 31. The Deputy Commissioner's proposals in this para are approved.

(True Extract)

A Krishnamma Myl Cy
Aq. Assistant Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
The Collector of North Arcot
The Deputy Commissioner, Central Division.
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The Assistant Commissioner, Arcot Sub Division
The Inspector, Arni circle

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To Secretary.

The only proposals requiring notice are—

(i) to dig ring wells at Rs 15 each, the total cost being Rs 450 for 30 wells;

(ii) to supply small and light tents at a cost of Rs 35 each — one to each Sub Inspector and one to his peons, the total cost being for six Sub Inspectors Rs 420, in lieu of building huts for them to live in, &

(iii) to supply warm clothing to the peons.

2. The Board has called for estimates under the first head and promises to send the tents. It is not stated from whence it proposes to obtain them. The sanction of Govt is requested to (iii).

3. The articles to be supplied

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supplied as warm clothing not being specified, the information was obtained by the telephone

4. Please see the draft order on the docket sheet.

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30/3/98

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Warm clothing may be sanctioned.

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Yes. As regards extra pay to the Village Sweepers if they have extra work in connection with this fair, being performed by men paid from the Village Service Fund, the Land Revenue portion of the cost should be borne by this.

KD
14/4/98

To Secy

Board's letter and Mr Wood's draft order below.

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23/4/98

To the Hon'ble Mr Fisher with reference to para 2 of the draft.

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25/4/98

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28/4/98

Hon'ble Mr Fisher

27/4/98

under G.O. 4903
17-9-97

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B.R. No 859 Misc dt 6.3.98 (C. No 2106)

G.O. Mis No: 1858 dt 28th April 1898.

The Board's recommendation to supply warm clothing to the persons employed in the Jawadi hills is approved. The necessary statement in the form appended to G.O. No 1036 Public dt 4.8.97 should be submitted for transmission to the Secretary of State.

2. With reference to para 8 of the B.P. the Govt consider that if extra work in connection with the harvesting of panja crops is thrown upon the village establishments, their pay should be raised from the Village Service Fund. The question is one for consideration in the Land Revenue department of the Board.

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23/4/98

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27/4/98

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