Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 4489

DATED 18th November 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Comts to the Agent to the Governor in Ganjam, Proc^s of the Board of Rev regarding the introduction of certain new measures & weights in the Special Asst Agent's Division, Ganjam &c.

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Order Mis. No. 4489 dated 18th Nov. 1898. Communicated to the Agent to the Governor in Ganjam. ~~praying for sanction of proposals in the Board's letter~~

No. 5587 Misc

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To the Agent to the Governor in Ganjam A&O
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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government, Revenue Department the Board's remarks as to the introduction of a seer measure of 80 tolas and a seer weight of 24 tolas as standards in the Ganjam Collector's Special Assistants Agency Division.

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From

F A Coleridge Esquire
Special Assistant Agent
Ganjam

To

The Collector of
Ganjam

Dated Camp Rudayagiri 6th June 1898

Sir

With reference to your Re No. 645 Acc of 98 dated 21st May last, I have the honor to report that the measures used in the Division are the following and their Contents in fluid ounces are entered against each.

Juno ——— 134 oz.
Adda ——— 35.1 oz
Boda or Jawa. 17.
Sola ——— 8.2

Odha or 1/2 Sola.

Also the Seer of 98 tolas

The adda varies from 50 to 70 tolas each.

2. I do not advocate these but the measures used in the plains namely 80 tolas to the Seer. These are well known to the Khonds from attending low country markets.

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The measures to be stamped should be

80 Tolas —— = 1 Seer

40 Tolas —— = 1/2 Seer

20 Tolas —— = 1/4 Seer.

I would also advocate the measures all being of a uniform cylindrical shape and that all measures be "struck" measures - As at present by means of a wide mouthed vessel for buying and a narrow mouthed vessel for selling, the merchants make a large profit as the measures are heaped and the former of course heaps well and the latter badly.

The weights should be

24 Tolas —— = a Seer

12 Tolas —— = 1/2 Seer

6 Tolas —— = 1/4 Seer

1 Tola —— = 1/24 Seer.

3 There will be no difficulty about a clerk on Rs 12 and a smith on Rs 8 as I have applicants for both posts already who are suitable

4. Udayagiri should be the place for stamping

5. This reform will be of the most beneficial Kind to the hill people and will keep the exactions and cheatings of the trading community here in some check. At present they defraud in the most brazen way with impunity It will also prevent many quarrels over bargains.

The importance of the advantages to the Khonds cannot be overstated and its cost will be but trifling in proportion namely Rs 20 a month

I have &c.

(Sd.) F A Colenso

Special Asstt Agent

(True copy)

H Maidlow

For Agent

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From

E B Elwin Esquire
Ag: Agent to the Governor in
Ganjam.

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government
Judicial Department
Fort Saint George.

Dated Chatrapur 1st July 1898.

Sir

In submitting herewith a copy of the Special Assistant Agent's letter R c No. 876/98 dated 6th ultimo, in which he advocates the introduction into the Maliahs of the marginally noted measures and weights, I have the honor to state that for the reasons stated by him it is advisable to introduce the measures and weights in question instead of the local ones which differ in different parts of the hills.

Measures.

80 Tolas = 1 seer
40 Tolas = 1/2 seer
20 Tolas = 1/4 Seer.

Weights

24 Tolas = a seer
12 Tolas = 1/2 Seer
6 Tolas = 1/4 Seer
1 Tola = 1/24 Seer.

2. In the Land Revenue Budget, provision has been made for the Current year for two stamping establishments, but only one is now at work. I propose to work the other establishment in the maliahs as a tentative measure with a view to seeing how far stamping operations will prove successful there

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ture. The Special Assistant Agent reports that he can secure the services of competent men to serve on the establishment.

3 I request that the Government will approve of my proposal and sanction the introduction of the weights and measures recommended.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Svt.

W Blanchard
For Agent.

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Case No. 6567

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),
Dated 16th September 98
No. 5-5-87 misc.

READ endorsement from the Government, Revenue Department No: 3240 Mis dated 5th August 1898.

Resolution.

In reply to the above reference the Board begs to remark that the Agent's proposal assumes that it is in accordance with the policy of Government to introduce an improved system or table, of weights and measures where the weights and measures in use are considered to be bad.

bad. This assumption is erroneous. As regards weights and measures, the policy of Government has hitherto been one of non-interference, and the duty of the Revenue Department has been restricted to ascertaining (1) what weights and measures are regarded as standards in each locality and (2) that the local weights and measures in actual use correspond with the said local standards. No attempt has been made to secure uniformity throughout even a District or Taluk: the practice of 'heaping' measures, which is the great source of error, has not been forbidden; and an infinite variety of weights and measures has been permitted to Continue.

2. Under the above circumstances, it would appear doubtful whether a proposal to select a part of the agency tracts as the place to begin a reform of the weights and measures is admissible. If reform is desirable in the Agency Tracts, it is far more so throughout the rest of the Presidency.

3. The Collector speaks as if there were no practical difficulty in introducing a Seer of 80 tolas by mere order; but he does not state whether the capacity of the measure should be 80 tolas of water, or of grain, or what.

If the Capacity is to be tested by second sorting struck, the hill people would certainly find great difficulty in making or obtaining the new measures, and as a Sine qua non to the introduction thereof, provision should be made for their obtaining a supply of stamped weights and measures at a reasonable Cost.

Unless this be done, a mere order directing the use of new standards would be

be of no benefit to the hill people, but probably quite the reverse.

(True Extract.)

C Jones.

Dy Director L. R & Agri.

To,

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
with 2 original enclosures returned

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 6567

From the Board of Rev (Rev. Sett)

No 5587 Dated 16 September 1898.

FOR ORDERS.

The Special Assistant Agent, Ganjam, reported that the use of the heaped measures in his division, viz:-

Tum = 134 fluid oz.

Add. = 35.1 oz

Boda or Tawa = 17 oz

Sela = 8.2 oz

Odha = ½ Sela

Seer = 98 Tolas.

was open to objection as the trading community were practising fraud by employing a wide mouthed vessel for buying and a narrow mouthed vessel for selling. He therefore proposed that the measures which are in use in the plains, viz

80 tolas = 1 Seer

40 tolas = ½ Seer

20 tolas = ¼ Seer

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might be introduced in his division the measures being "struck" and of cylindrical shape. He also advocated the introduction of the following weights:—

24 tolas = 1 seer
12 tolas = ½ seer
6 tolas = ¼ seer
1 tola = 1/24 seer

He added that these reforms if introduced would be most beneficial to the hill people and prevent many quarrels over bargains. The cost of stamping the measures is estimated at Rs 20 per mensem.

2. The Agent to the Governor in Ganjam supported the above proposals and requested the orders of Govt. The question was referred by Govt for the remarks of the Board of Rev, and the Current Read above is its reply.

3. The Board observes that the policy of Govt in these matters has been one of non-

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1 Smith on Rs 8
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non-interference, & that the Revenue Dept. has hitherto been doing, being merely to ascertain what weights & measures were regarded as standards in each locality, and to see that the local weights and measures in actual use corresponded with the said local standards. With regard to the heaping complained of by the Special Asst Agent, the Board observes that the practice has never been hitherto forbidden. In these circumstances the Board doubts the expediency of introducing the reform advocated by the Agent.

4. In case the Agent's proposal is to be accepted, the Board points out that a mere order authorizing the introduction of the new standards would be useless, unless provision be made for the people obtaining a supply of stamped weights and measures at a reasonable cost.

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The Board fruitless argue that if the reforms is desirable in the Agency tracts, it is far more so in the rest of the Presidency. Apparently the Govt will not undertake to introduce a general reforms throughout the Presidency. Submitted that Govt may kindly write the Board of Rev in considering that it is inexpedient to introduce the reforms advocated by the Agent.

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Govt has hitherto shied at introducing legislation for compulsory weights & measures. & in the absence of such legislation the Board's views are correct. The Bd's Ltr may be communicated to the Agent.

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