

Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 4857

DATED 7th December 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording B.P.s ^{re:} ~~about~~ the grant of
advances ^{of money} to Gaiga cultivators on the Javadi
hills in the North Arcot district.

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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 8342

(SR)
 Read against B.P. No. 3727 of 18.10.98
 (c. no. 6546)
 O.M. No. 272 of 14.11.98.
 B.P. (S.R.) No. 4753 of
 2.12.98 (c. no. 8342).

From
 The Secretary to the Commissioner
 of Salt, Abhari and Separate Revenue,
 Madras.

Order mis No 4857 of 9th Dec 1898.

Recorded.

Mis. No. 4753.

Dated 2nd December 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Reporting to Government that cultivators
 of the hemp plant on the Javadi Hills do
 not require advances of money, and with-
 drawing the request in Board's Proceed-
 ings Mis. No. 3727, dated 13th September
 1898, in the matter.

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To the Board S.R. No. 13-12-98

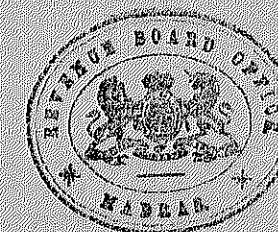
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue).

Dated 2nd December 1898.

Mis. No. 4753.

Read Official Memorandum from Government, Revenue Department, No. 372, dated 14th November 1898.

Resolution:-

With reference to the Official Memorandum from Government read above, the Board begs to report that from a communication since received from the Deputy Commissioner, Central Division, it is gathered that the cultivators of the hemp plant on the Javadi Hills do not now require any advances from Government, as the prospects of the season have improved. A sum of Rs. 100 which was drawn from the treasury by the Assistant Commissioner, Arcot Sub-Division, for disbursement as advances, in anticipation of the sanction of Government, has been refunded in consequence. The Board therefore begs to withdraw its request in its Proceedings Mis. No. 3727, dated 16th September 1898.

(True extract.)

Annamalai
Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Deputy Commissioner, Central Division.
Copy to the Assistant Commissioner, Arcot Sub-Division.

C. no 6546

27/12/98

No. 272.

14.11.98.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The cultivation of the hemp plant being a purpose connected with agriculture, the advances to the cultivators recommended by the Board of Revenue in its Prop. No. 3427 of 18.9.98 can not ^{apparently} be sanctioned except under the Agriculturists' Loans Act (XII of 1884) and the rules ~~published~~ ^{made there} ~~under~~ ^{thereof}. But under rule II application for the advances should be made to a Land Revenue officer, and under Rule XI (B) the security to be taken is "the lands belonging to the applicant." As the Govt. has no power to relax these rules, a reference to the Govt. of India appears to be necessary for a modification of the rules. The Board of Revenue is requested to be good enough to report whether it can suggest any

The Board is requested to state how they propose to bring the application under the existing rules ^{as were issued with the sanction of the Govt. of India} ~~as were issued with the sanction of the Govt. of India~~ the sanction of the Govt. of India.

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way to make the proposed
advances without a reference
to that Government.

To

The Board of Revenue
(Sep. Rev.) } ^{24/12}
15.11.98

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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 1524

Order

From

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



3727.

Dated 18th September 1898.

Received 23/11/98

Registered 23/11/98

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SUBJECT.

Requesting the sanction of Government
for granting advance of Rs.5 a head to
the cultivators of ^{the} hemp plant on the
Javadi Hills to enable them to carry on
the cultivation.

11/11/98

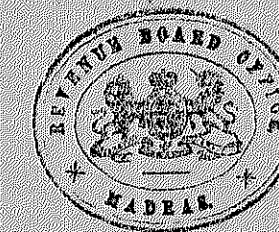
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue),

Dated 18th September 1898.

No. 3727.
Mis.

Read copy of the following letter from P.W.Ditmas Esquire,
Assistant Commissioner, Arcot Sub Division, No.C 119, dated 10th
September 1898 to the Deputy Commissioner, Central Division:-

" I have the honour to report that though a large number of
the cultivators on the Javadi Hills have prepared their land for
the cultivation of ganja, many of whom are reported to have al-
ready sown ^{the} seed, they are as a body averse to taking out licenses.

Various reasons are given for this, but the truth is that they are
as a body much discouraged at the non-receipt of anything for the
ganja manufactured by them in 1897-98 and are distrustful of
what is told them about the future.

2. As good rains have recently fallen on the Hills, and as no
licenses had been applied for, the Inspector, Vellore Circle, in
communication with the Tahsildar of Polur, convened a meeting of
the cultivators at Polur on the 8th instant to discuss the matter.
Very few of the cultivators attended the meeting but those who
did

Does this mean
that they have not
sown their seed?

did so pointed out that they were so poor that even to procure

the small sum of money necessary to take out licenses, noted in

the margin, they must raise the money by borrowing. Each I.D. 1--0--1 As. Ps.
Court Fee Stamp 1--0
Stamp duty on

Of the cultivators present only four I.D. 2-----8--0
Total As. 9--1.

were able to obtain credit at the time for this small sum, and

put in applications for ~~these~~ licenses; these applications have

been sent to the Hills for verification of boundaries and on

their return licenses will be issued.

5. With few exceptions the cultivators are very poor, and the want of ready cash for preliminary expenses is almost certain to result in driving ^{them} into the hands of the money lenders, or in preventing them from bringing their lands under cultivation; these evils it is essential to avoid if possible.

I would therefore suggest for the consideration of the Board the necessity of making taccavi advances to these cultivators; the amount required is very small, and after consultation with the Inspector I am of opinion that five (5) Rupees for each cultivator would be sufficient to enable them to pay the preliminary fees and to meet the other ordinary expenses. This would not only be an inducement to them to cultivate the same area as in 1897-98, but might possibly lead to larger areas being taken up; it would also possibly induce more persons to come forward for ganja cultivation.

In 1897-98 there were 353 cultivators; the Inspector thinks that from 50 to 100 more individuals might come forward if taccavi advances, as above proposed are sanctioned. The Inspector informs me that the Tahsildar of Polur is of opinion that there will be no

difficulty in recovering these taccavi advances if they are made.
4. I would venture to request very early orders on the matter as the season is late, though now favourable, and it is of great importance that no delay should occur if advances are to be made to the cultivators".

RESOLUTION :-

In the letter read above the Assistant Commissioner, Arcot Sub Division, brings to the notice of the Board that with a few exceptions the ganja cultivators on the Javadi Hills are very poor and are unable to carry on the cultivation of the hemp plant without the aid of the money lender, the more especially as they have not realized on their last season's crop. He recommends that an advance of Rs.5 may be made to each of the cultivators to enable them to carry on and give them encouragement, considering that this would serve as an inducement for them to bring larger areas under cultivation than were brought in the past season, a step the necessity of which has been impressed on him by the Board for reasons explained in Board's Proceedings No.

Order No. 2570 No. 2042, dated 18th May 1898.

17-6-98

2. In view of the limited stock of hemp drugs available for consumption when a proper demand shall have had time to assert itself the Board agrees with the Assistant Commissioner and requests the sanction of Government for granting an advance of Rs.5 to such of the cultivators as apply for it. In the past season 353 cultivators took out licenses and it is reported that if the concession now recommended is granted from 50 to 100 more

individuals

individuals would cultivate in this year. The total amount re-

quired would thus be less than Rs.2500. The advances would be re-
covered at the time of the sale of their ganja through the store-
house.

3. As the cultivation season is fast advancing the Deputy Com-
missioner will, in anticipation of the sanction of Government, be
requested to grant on application a loan of Rs.5 to each cultivator
that has stocks in the Kaniyambadi store-house of that value. He
will immediately obtain lists of ^{applicants} ~~applicants~~ for licenses to cul-
tivate who have no such stocks and such information regarding their
means, land holdings and general conduct- certified by the village
officers- as will admit of orders being passed on their applications.
The Board requests that Government will grant the Deputy Commissioner
discretion to deal with these taking as security for advances he may
make the written pledge of the crop to be raised. The character of
the Malayalies and the presence among them of officers of this Depart-
ment should prevent any considerable abuse of the privilege. The Col-
lector will be requested to issue necessary orders to the village Mun-
siffs.

4. The Deputy Commissioner will be requested to issue strict instruc-
tions to the establishment on the Javadi Hills to look carefully after
the cultivators that receive the loans and see that they go to work pro-
perly.

(True copy and extract)

G. S. S. S.
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

To the Collector of North Arcot.

To the Deputy Commissioner, Central Division.

To the Assistant Commissioner, Arcot Sub Division.

Rev. Dept.

From the Board of Rev.
(S.R.), No. 3727 of 18.9.98 (C.no.
6546).

To Secy

The Board proposes
to make an advance of Rs 5
per head to ^{each} ~~each~~ of the
cultivators of the ganja plant
on the Javadi hills, ^{as applicable} ~~on the~~
ground that they have not
realised the value of the last
season's crop, and are therefore
unable to carry on cultivation
without assistance.

2. The difficulty in
effecting sales is apparently
due to the imposition of duty
with effect from 1.4.98. For
this reason, and having regard
to the low state of existing
stocks, it is thought that the
Board's proposal may be
approved.

3. The cultivation
of ^{the} ~~ganja~~ ^{plant} being a purpose
connected with agriculture,
advances may be made under
the Agriculturists Loans Act

(XII of 1884), but rule 3 of the rules under section 4 of the Act requires that the application of shall be made to the Collector, District Officer, Tahsildar or Deputy Tahsildar. A relaxation of this rule will be necessary to enable the Dy. Commissioner to make the advances. The security which the Board proposes to take is

(a) in the case of cultivators who have intoxicating drugs at the store house - such drugs; and

(b) in the case of others - the crop to be raised. Considering the small amount involved, the proposal may, it is thought, be

approved. Under rule XI (a) the security to be taken is "the lands belonging to the applicant". This rule also will have to be relaxed.

It is a question for consideration whether the elaborate rules and forms laid down in G.O. No. 884 dated 22-10-97 should be adopted in full in the case of the petty advances under consideration.

23/1/98. Can the rules be relaxed without the sanction of the Govt of India. 8/2/1898

Printed on pages 19
191-3 of the Appendix
to B.S.O.
G.O. no 884 dated 22-10-97

on page 12 ibid

To Secy.

The papers marginally noted have been examined. It does not appear that the Local Govt. can relax the two rules specified. To give it such power a modification of the rules seems to be necessary and this under Sec. 4 (1) of Act XII of 1884 requires the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council.

2. A statement of Salt and Excise advances being submitted annually by the Board, this file was detained and the authority on which the advances are made has been examined. This does not, however, give any help. Reference is solicited to the statement of advances under G.O. No. 3368 of 13-8-98. Under Salt advances there are two classes. The first is storage advances consisting of money advanced for the storage of excise salt left unstored by the licensees. This advance is made under the authority of Sec. 29 of the Salt

- (i) Act XII of 1884.
- (ii) Rules under the Act - on pages 10-13 of G.O. 884 dated 22-10-97.
- (iii) Subsidiary instructions on pages 30 & 31 of G.O. 301 dated 25-5-96.

Rev. f. n. 6526

NOTE FOR THE C. A.

I have consulted the Secty Genl's Office and it is of opinion that there are no rules under which the proposed advances can be made without going up to the Govt. of India. It can suggest no other way out of the difficulty and I have not been able to find a solution to it. As other similar cases may arise it ~~will~~ perhaps be well to refer the matter to the Govt. of India.

13/10/98

CS

There does not appear to be any way out of the difficulty and a reference to India appears to be desirable.

Ans.

18/10/98

Yrs.

19/10/98

To Rev. us

Act, which authorises its recovery from the licensee concerned, and the Dept. has his salt ^{from which} to fall back upon. The second class consists of demarcation advances i.e. the cost of stones for the demarcation of salt pans, which is incurred in the first instance by Govt and subsequently recovered from the licensees.

The remaining advances shown in the statement consisted of advances which ^{are} were made to Govt officers for certain purposes and which ^{are} were to be accounted for by them. May differ entirely from the loans under consideration, which are to be made to cultivators.

KD
1/10/98

With Fmt. Dept. kindly say whether the proposed advances can be made in any way ~~except under the~~ ~~Exemption~~ which will not entail a reference to the Govt of India for the modification of the rules under the Bonus Act.
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B.C
17/10/98

Consult all officers concerned

Has not the Board
made further proposals & do
they modify these

S.P. 22/10/98

To Secy

The only further proposals made
by the Board of Rev are to grow the hemp plant departmentally
on a small scale
as an experimental measure. The Director
have gone in circulation. They do not modify
the proposals made in the current below.

KD
22/10/98

Put up these papers
on return from O.

S.P. 22/10/98

To Secretary

The papers
referred to ^{will be found under below under} are
Nos 4240 and 4241
d. 1-11-98, and are
submitted below.

S.P.
2/11/98

KD
11/11/98

Inform the Board of
the difficulty with what they
propose to do

S.P. 4/11/98

To Secretary

Please see
draft below.

S.P.
6/11/98

Issue as altered

S.P. 11/11/98

From the Board of
Revenue (S.R.), M.S. No. 4753 of
2-12-98 (C. no. 8342).

To Secy

The above is the reply
to O. U. No. 242 of 14-11-98. The
Board now states that the cultiva-
tors of the hemp plant on the
Jaradi Hills do not require
advances of money, as the season
has improved; and ^{it} withdraws
the original proposals.

2. Please see draft

below.

S.P.
8.12.98

KD
8/12/98

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