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[Despatch Abstract.]

Passing orders on a memorial
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villages of the Tanjore Taluk, Tanjore Dt.,
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CURRENT No. 2926.

From

The Board of Revenue, Land
Revenue, Madras.

Order

B.No. 181 Ref.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government, with
remarks, a memorial from the karnams
of the upland portion of the Tanjore
Taluk, Tanjore District, requesting
that at the ensuing revision of vil-
lage establishments the transfer of
karnams from the upland to the delta
villages may be allowed.

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Office of the Board of Revenue,

Land Revenue,

Dated 1st May 1899.

Read letter from the Collector of Tanjore, D.Dis.No. 57/Rev. of 1899 dated 4th January 1899.

And the following Reference thereon B.No.40 dated 20th February 1899.

With reference to the proposals contained in para 5 of his letter disposed of in Board's Proceedings No.320 dated 2nd September 1895 and to para 7 of the Government Order thereon communicated with Board's Proceedings No. 2853 Misc., dated 23rd June 1896, the Collector of Tanjore is requested to report definitely whether he considers it necessary to allow an increase of pay to karnams in the unirrigated tracts in addition to what has recently been sanctioned by the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State.

Read also letter from the Collector of Tanjore, R.Dis. No.290/Rev. of 1899 dated 8th April 1899.

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Reference thereon B.No.181 dated 1st May 1899

The Board submits a memorial addressed to His Excellency the Governor in Council by the karnams of the upland portion of the Tanjore taluk, Tanjore District, requesting that at the ensuing revision of the village establishments the transfer from the upland to the delta villages may be allowed so that the karnams of karnams of upland villages may not be placed at a disadvantage by the application of a scale of pay based ~~that~~ chiefly on consideration of revenue.

2. A similar request made in 1891 was rejected by the Board in its Proceedings No.3701 Mis.dated 17th September 1891. Although village offices in Tanjore are not hereditary yet it has always been considered desirable to keep the same appointments in the same families when this can be done consistently with public interests. In Board's Proceedings No. 359 dated 11th February 1879 the transfer of village officers in Tinnevely was ~~published~~ prohibited on the ground that these officers would be most useful in the villages they knew.

If the upland karnams of Tanjore have a real grievance the proper remedy is to raise their pay and not to transfer them elsewhere. The Collector, however, points out that he has been asked in Board's Proceedings No. 55 dated 24th February 1899 to report in April 1901 on the practical working of the scheme of village establishments sanctioned in Government Order No. 125 dated 18th February 1899 and considers that in the meantime there is no pressing need for raising the karnams' pay. The Collector states that taking quality, kind and amount of work together into consideration as well as the fact that karnams are supposed to be selected from resident villagers, the scheme fixing their pay in proportion to revenue is fair enough for wet and dry villages alike. The Board concurs in this view and has accordingly no recommendation to make at present in behalf of the memorialists.

Lonel Davidson

Acting Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with the memorial and its enclosures and with spare copies of B.Pd. 756/17-2-71 & 569/11-2-79

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PETITION REGISTER No 2200 1898

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To

His Excellency The Governor In Council,

Through The Collector of Tanjore MADRAS.

The humble application of the undersigned Kurnams of Tanjore Taluk, Tanjore District.

May it please your Excellency,

In connection with the revision of Village Establishment in Tanjore District which is now before Government we respectfully beg to submit the following for Your Excellency's kind consideration and favourable orders.

2. In this District the appointment of Village officers have not been hereditary till now as will be seen from the enclosed endorsement of the Collector on B.P. No. 6701/17-9-91 and from the lists of transfers effected.

" To make them hereditary all on a sudden would entail great hardship on the present incumbents of the Kadarambam parts whose pay under the scheme in contemplation is likely to be much reduced on account of the proposal submitted with reference to the Beriz of the village.

Generally in kadarambam parts the Beriz is not as high as in Neerambam villages and in several cases the Beriz is not even a-fourths or even one-eighths. Still the other branches of work are very heavy (i.e.) a. The extent of the village which in many cases is double or treble of an average Neerarambam village. b. The extent of waste and Government Poramboke which considerably increases the work of a kurnam consequent upon the disposal of Darkast cases, sub-division and transfer applications &c. c. The number of ryots. d. The difficulty in recording cultivations which consists of variety of crops to small extent. e. The preparation of cultivation and the collection accounts. f. And the steps in connection with coercive processes such as attachment of lands &c. All these render the work of a Kada-

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- * 1. Ragavambal puram.
- 2. Vallam Vadakku Sethi.
- 3. Do. Therkku Sethi.
- 4. Do. Pudur Sethi.
- 5. Thirukavur patti.
- 6. Okkanad Keelayur.

Kadarambam Kurnam much more difficult than in the Neerarambam villages.

3. The present scale of pay of Kurnams in this District will show that the work in the Kadarambam parts is much heavier and that only the kurnams of those parts have been allowed increased pay. For example, in Tanjore Taluk; the first class vattams on Rs. 9 are pure kadarambam villages as detailed in the margin. Whereas by the proposed scheme the pay for these vattams will be much reduced and that for villages in the Neerarambam parts where at present there are Kurnams on Rs. 7 and 8 is much increased and even doubled in several instances. This arrangement will cause much hardship to the present incumbents of the Kadarambam villages and especially so, in case transfers are not allowed even at the revision which is shortly to come into force.

4. We therefore pray that in the arrangements to be made for the revision, transfers may be allowed in consideration of the services, qualifications, and the present and proposed pay of the several villages.

5. In conclusion we beg that though the declared policy of Government may be to make village offices hereditary, they may be pleased under circumstances represented above to order relaxation of the rule specially in case of Tanjore District where the offices have not been hereditary till now.

6. For this act of charity and kindness, we shall, as in duty bound, ever pray for ^{your} His Excellency's long life and prosperity.

23rd November 1898

சென்னை, 23^{வது} நவம்பர் 1898
 உறுத்தலுக்கு உரியது
 கீழ்க்கண்டவர்கள்

We most humbly beg to remain

Your Excellency's most humble servants

Rajopalakrishna Kurnam of Panja-
 mattukattai Village Tanjore Taluk

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Kurnam of Thirukavur village in Tanjore Taluk
Vallampudur village in Tanjore Taluk

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 கீழ்க்கண்டவர்கள்

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Cur No. 2926

From The Board of Rev. (AR)

Ref B. No 181 Dated 1st May 1899.

FOR ORDERS.

The Karnams of the upland villages in the Tanjore Taluk, Tanjore Dist. submit, through the Board of Rev. a memorial to Govt. in which they state that the work in the upland villages (Kadarambam) is much heavier than in the delta tracts, and that under the existing scale of pay for the village establishments this fact is recognised inasmuch as the Karnams of those parts are allowed a higher pay. They represent that in the scheme that was approved in G.O. 125 18.2.99 and which is shortly to be brought into force, the pay

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pay of Karmams is calculated on the basis of the village, and that this principle of calculation will operate to their disadvantage as the basis of their (Kadaramban) village is not generally very high when compared to that of the delta villages, the Karmams of which are to get high salaries under the new scale. The memorialists request, therefore, that they ^{transfer} ~~may be~~ of Karmams from the upland to the delta villages may be allowed after the new scheme is introduced.

2. That the memorialists have, to some extent, a real grievance is clear from the fact that Mr. Thomson when submitting his scheme for the revision of village establishments in two Taluks of Tanjore, proposed to allow to the Karmams in the upland villages

vide para 5 of C.M.'s letter of 3.5.95. K
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villages a higher rate of pay than they were ~~entitled~~ entitled to on account of the basis of their villages. The Board of Rev. approved of Mr. Collis's proposal, but the Govt. disallowed it on the ground of its being a deviation from the ~~scale~~ scale uniformly applied at all the revisions of village establishments, and the Collr. was directed to submit a revised scheme conforming to the principles laid down. ^{The adoption of the} ~~scale of pay for Karmams accepted in~~ ~~the new scheme adopted in~~ ~~GO No 474 of 18 June 1899 (based on basis of pay)~~ ~~that~~ was recently approved by Govt. in GO 125 of 18.2.99.

3. The Board of Rev. in submitting the memorial says that when, in 1891, a similar request for transfer of Karmams was made to that authority by certain Karmams of Tanjore, it rejected the petition saying that 'it is the policy of Govt. to

to make village officers
 hereditary so as to ^{increase} ~~make~~ their
 efficiency and influence.
 It continues:—
 "Although village officers
 in Tanjore are not hereditary,
 yet it has always been con-
 sidered desirable to keep
 the appointments in the same
 families when this can be
 done consistently with pub-
 lic interests. In B. P. No 369,
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 the transfer of village officers
 in Tanjore was prohibited
 on the ground that these
 officers would be most use-
 ful in the villages they knew".
 The Board adds:— "Of the up-
 land Karmans of Tanjore
 have a real grievance, the
 proper remedy is to raise
 their pay, not to transfer
 them elsewhere". Submitted
 that this is right. However,
 as desired by Govt in para
 1 of its order No 125 of 18.2.99, M
 the Collr has been directed
 by the Board to report ^{in April 1901} on
 the practical working of
 the scheme sanctioned by
 Govt.

Govt. It would appear
 that the Collr. considers that
 in the meantime there is
 no pressing need for rais-
 ing the pay of Karmans,
 and that taking quality,
 kind and amount of work
 together into consideration,
 as well as the fact that
 Karmans are supposed to be
 selected from resident vil-
 lagers, the scheme fixing the
 pay in proportion to reve-
 nue is fair enough for
 wet and dry villages alike.
 The Board concurs in this
 view and has no recom-
 mendation to make at pre-
 sent in behalf of the memo-
 rialists.

4. It is submitted that
 pending the Collr's report on
 the working of the scheme
 referred to above, there is no
 necessity for immediate
 action, and that the
 memorialists may be in-
 formed that their requests
 cannot be considered
 until

until some experience
is gained of the working
of the new scheme.

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The Collector may also
be asked to give this point
attention & to report on
it particularly when
reporting on the general
working of the scheme
recently sanctioned.

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Yes -
I have no doubt that Mr. Thomson's
proposal to raise the scale of
pay of the Karmans in the
Kadarambham villages &
Tanjore Taluk ought to have been
sanctioned -
In some of the villages no Brahmins
(where are no non-Brahmins)
qualified to be Karmans) will
reside: in others the Karmans are
the sole Brahmins & the
Kallars give him a bad time
of it - In many of the villages not
a drop of decent drinking water
can be had for half the value
& no luxuries of any sort are
procureable - The tract is
distinctly a penal settlement
for the village accountant

M.D.

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To
Under Secretary
Please see draft order below.

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Revenue Dept

Read Board's Reference to No
181 of 1.5.99 (no 2926 of 99)

G.O. (rev) 1966 of 2nd June '99.

The memorialists should be
informed that their request cannot
be considered until some experience
is gained of the working of the ^{revised}
~~scheme~~ ^{grillage} ~~scheme~~ recently sanctioned.
The Collector of Tanjore should
be instructed direct his attention to the
effect of the scheme in the upland parts
of the district & to report on this
point specially after the experience
of a year or two has been gained.

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To
The Board of Rev (L.A.)
with enclosures to the memorialists
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