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Read the following letters

No. 55

To, W. H. Bayley Esqr
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

34

B. No. 1997

From the Acting Collector of Cuddapah

Sir,

In compliance with the instructions contained in the Minutes of Consultation dated 19th February last appended to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 10th March 1853; I have the honor to submit a Statement in the prescribed form of the alterations made in the Mogezabitah of this District for the purpose of obtaining the sanction of the Government of India.

Cuddapah,
Collector's Office,
27th July 1853.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) M. Murray
Acting Collector

Fort St. George

22d August 1853

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Estimate	1850/51 2
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	1852/53 2
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Establishments.	Present Salary.	Decrease per Month.	Casual or Extraordinary Period.	Grounds of Proposition.	Local Governments recommendation.	Orders of the Government of India Home Department Remarks.	Financial Department Remarks.	Financial Department Orders.
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Collector

(Signed) M. Murray
Acting Collector

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Bd. 1st 1753
Resolution thereon
(36-35)

To Govt 24th January 1853
From Govt 19th Feby 1853
in Cons: 10th March

Resolved that the foregoing letter with the Tabular Statement which accompanies it be submitted to Government with reference to the correspondence noted in the Margin, in view to the sanction of the Government of India being obtained for the alterations made in the authorized Moyenzabitah of the District.

No. 57.

To, W. H. Bayley Esqr.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

(36)

Bd. No. 2062
From the Acting Collector of Cuddapah

Requesting to be informed whether the resumption of the allowances hitherto distributed for the celebration of the Hindu and Mahamedan Ceremonies is to commence from the 3d of September 1852 on the 24th June 1853 when the resumption was ordered.

With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 24th June 1853, which accompanied the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated the 4th July last, in Para 3 of which it is stated that the allowances hitherto destributed for the celebration of Hindu and Mahamedan Ceremonies as shewn in Column 7 of the Collectors Statement amounting to Rupees 231-10-0, shall be immediately discontinued under the orders of Government of the 3d of September 1852.

From the records of this Office it appears that on the receipt of the Circular under

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date the 23d September, forwarding Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated the 3d idem, that the Collector then issued orders that no further sums should be disbursed on account of Hindu and Mahamedan festivals, since which time the amount hitherto expended has been kept in deposit and is now in the treasury. I request you will have the goodness to inform me whether the resumption of the sum of Rupees 231-10-0 is to commence from the 3d of September 1852, or the 24th June 1853 when the immediate resumption was ordered.

There is nothing to shew that the recipients of the above amount were warned not to perform the Ceremony or undergo expense - the Ceremonies were performed as usual, tho' no disbursement was made from the public treasury. I would therefore beg to

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to propose that the resumption above stated may commence from the 1st July 1853 and that I may be allowed to disburse the sum now in deposit to the parties who usually received it.

Cuddapah, Collector's Office, 1st August, 1853. (Signed) M. Murray, Acting Collector.

No. 1782 Proceedings thereon (36-37)

Under the circumstances stated the Board are of opinion that the resumption of the allowances for the performance of the religious ceremonies prohibited by the order of Government noted in the Margin should take effect from the date of the receipt of the final orders on the subject by the Acting Collector.

3d September 1852
24th June 1853.

Dft.

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No. 60

To W. H. Bayley Esqre.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George:

(38)
B. No. 2217.

From the Acting Coll. of Cuddapah. 2 Paras.

Sir,

With reference to an extract from the proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 21st March last annexing Copy of an order of Government No. 1184, and of an extract from a General letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors dated the 1st July 1852 No. 9 requesting the Collectors to submit a numerical Statement of the female pensioners reported to be living at each age above that of fifty, I have the honor to forward the accompanying tabular Statement shewing the number of females pensioners and Yomadars who, from their Caste and Rank, refuse to appear before the Collector or even before the Tahsildars From No. 1 to 15 the Paligar pensioners who draw allowances in lieu of resumed lands and privileges are of such a class that I believe nothing but Starvation would induce them to appear before any of the authorities, and it is doubtful whether even this would Compel them to do so. Their husbands and forefathers being men of rank they will not submit to what they consider a disgrace to the family.

2. Of the twenty one females who draw allowances as Yomiahs or Charitable allowances three alone Viz. Nos. 14 – 15 and 16 are Mahomedan females of rank; one being the widow and the other two the daughters of the late Wakeel of Tippoo Sultan. With regard to the truth of their being alive there can be little doubt because her grand son or the son of the eldest daughter holds the situation of Persian Moonshee on the establishment of the Collector. With respect to all the others there appears no objection to their appearing before the Collector when called upon.

Cuddapah Collectors Office 16th August 1853. Signed J. M. Murray, Acting Collector.

Statement

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Statement Shewing the number of female pensioners at each age above that of fifty in the district of Cuddapah —

Whether parties receiving allowances in lieu of resumed lands, Zemindars	Names	Caste	Talook	Amount of Pension per mensem	Age	Female Pensioners having occasion to make their appearance before the Collector	Female Pensioners who usually appear before the Collector	Remarks	
1	Soobbummah widow of the late Poligar Damala Soobba Naidoo	Cumma	Doopaud	161 7 10	57	1	"	She declines to appear being the widow of a Poligar	
2	Chinna Soondaramah of Murryra mala Soobbanaidoo	D°	D°	20 13 3	56	1	"	D°	D°
3	Vengummah widow of the younger brother of the late Poligar Rakulcootah Appel Naidoo	Suttra	Budwail	5 7 5	50	1	"	D°	D°
4	Atchummah widow of the late Poligar Moottialapaud Rungusprah	D°	Roovoor	16 3 3	65	1	"	D°	D°
5	Chinnummah of Conapaud	Motaty Capa	D°	12 2 5	72	1	"	D°	D°
6	Venkatummah widow of the younger brother of Curnaty Soobarazoo	Chattria	Chitwail	2 " "	58	1	"	She declines to appear being the widow of the relation of Rajaha-	
7	Teröomalummah widow of the late Poligar Dewun Jungum Naidoo	Cumma	D°	6 " "	56	1	"	D° D° being the relation of the Rajas denam	
8	Sashummah sister of Gobboor Kitchamaraze	Chattria	Treasury	5 " "	62	1	"	D° D° being the relation of the Rajah	
9	Yellummah widow of Mundapully Moosul Naidoo	Patra	Sidout	2 12 8	60	1	"	D° D° being the widow of Poligar	
10	Mullummah widow of Degupoora Tinna Naidoo	Cumma	Goorum conda	4 6 "	52	1	"	D°	D°
11	Soobbummah widow of Buttoola Goorum Appa Naidoo	Yakelsa	Muddem pully	10 3 4	62	1	"	D°	D°
12	Mungummah widow of Soobba Naidoo	D°	D°	2 14 8	60	1	"	D°	D°
13	Sanjapully Mullummah Naikooraloo	D°	D°	16 " 8	60	1	"	D°	D°
14	Chinna Byemmah widow of the younger brother of Tettoo Soobba Naidoo	D°	D°	4 6 "	60	1	"	D°	D°
15	Mavdoompaud Mullummah	D°	Poyachoty	9 10 9	60	1	"	D°	D°

Poligar Pensioners

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Whether Pensioners receiving allowances on Account of Annual Bonds Peishcushes	Names	Caste	Talook	Amount of Pension per Annum	Age	Female Pensioners having objections to make their appearance before the Collector	Female Pensioners who usually appear before the Collector	Remark
1	Faizulmah	Toorooka	Chennoor	147	81		1	
2	Pollee widow of Venkatuppah	Kumma	Doopaud	1 12	60		1	
3	Paupee widow of Iyapooreddy	Pedguntee	D°	1 12	62		1	
4	Rowlla Munghee	Kumma	D°	1 12	60		1	
5	Kengalummah widow of Yema Paupiah	Kapia	D°	1 5	71		1	
6	Tuckeera Beebee	Toorka	Kummul-mudgoo	1 9 4	71		1	
7	Chuttee Bharatummah	Bramin	D°	17 3 4	68		1	
8	Audee Sashummah	D°	Doovoor	3 3 8	60		1	
9	Jumma Bayee	Rugbit	Coilcuntah	1 12	58		1	
10	Naugoo bayee	Bramin	Sidhout	8 7 4	70		1	
11	Anneabebee	Toorakа	Chennoor	3	80		1	
12	Kuckaloor Radhabayee	Bramin	D°	6 15 10	64		1	
13	Kanoomuckah widow of Moonacharry	D°	D°	3 7 11	74		1	
14	Kabanbebee	Toorakа	D°	52 8	65	1		deline to appear being widow and daughters of the late Vakeel of Tippoo Sultan
15	Her Daughter Hummabebee				45	1		
16	Sahele Bebee				40	1		
17	Jennaebebee widow of Mahummud Hoossain	D°	Canalapoor	2 8	70		1	
18	Hoossain Bebee	D°	D°	1 5 4	54		1	
19	Kuzzoobebee	D°	D°	1 5 4	50		1	
20	Nellore Sahili Bebee	D°	Poolevendalah	7 2 4	51		1	
21	Moolagherry Sashummah	Bramin	Chennoor	2	54		1	

Cuddapah,
Collectors Office,
August 1853

(Signed) M. Murray
Acting Collector

Order thereon. (38-39) Ordered to lie over

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No. 62

To

W. H. Bayley Esqre.

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

(40)

B. No. 2228.

From the Acting Collr. of Cuddapah stating that no delay appears to have been experienced in the recovery of the costs referred to in the Board's Circular letter of the 8th Novem= last =covery

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1 O.S. No. 392 of 1848 appeal Suit No. 25 of 1851
Plaintiff
Chandoorao
Versus
Defendant
N. Apparao late Police Ameen of the town of Cuddapah Cost Rs. 10-12-0
2 O.S. No. 56 of 1849 appeal Suit No. 66 of 1851
Plaintiff
Chinchoobutlu
Versus
Defendant
Shreenivasarao Tahsildar of Doovoor and others Cost Rs. 10-0-0

Sir,

I have the honor to acknow= =ledge the receipt of your Circular letter of the 8th November last, wherein the Board of Revenue directs me to state whether there are any= delays in the recovery of Costs on account of Civil suits brought against public servants, and in reply beg to state that no delay= appears to have been experienced in the re= =covery of the Costs above referred to

There are four suits as particu= =larized in the Margin the recovera= =ble Costs of which Amount in the aggregate to Rupees 41-12-0

The first of these suits has been decided in favor of the defendant both in the original and appeal suits, and the time for a special appeal expires on the 20th September next—

In the second suit a decree had been given in favor of the

3 O.S. No. 105 of 1849
Plaintiff
Lachmannah
Versus
Defendants
Evander Venkatrao Tahsildar of Komalapoor and others
Cost Rs. 5-0-0

4 O.S. No. 228 of 1851
Plaintiff.
Bibee Ibrahimkhan
Versus.
Defendants
Mr. A. Wedderburn the acting Sub Collector and others cost Rs. 16-0-0

the defendant, but the Plaintiff= preferred an appeal against this= decision which is still pending=

In the decision passed in the 3d suit the Tahsildar was= exempted from all liability in the Action, but as Copies of certain documents from his Cutcherry had been furnish= =ed on stampt paper, whereas he ought to have produced the originals for the inspection of the Civil tribunal he was made liable for the value of the Stamps thus used by him, and disallowed by the Court, which amounts to Rupees 5-0-0. The Tahsil= =dar has been directed to make good this sum but as this appears to have been an error on his part thro' ignorance, not neglect I would beg to recommend that this amount be borne by Government. The fourth was decided in favor of the defendant Mr Wedderburn the acting Sub Collector on the 25th July 1853, but the time allowed for preferring an appeal has not as yet expired—

The necessary measures will be adopted for the recovery of the Costs as soon as it is known in what manner the=

Civil

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Civil tribunals have decided the suits under appeal, and application will be made to the Court for the recovery of Costs in those suits, where no appeal is preferred, on the expiration of the time allowed for the appeal.

Cuddapah Collector's Office 17th August 1853

(Signed) M Murray
Acting Collector

40-41

Order thereon — Ordered to lie over —

Read again Return from the Agent at Kurnool dated 15th June and entered in Miscellaneous Consultation 8th August 1853 of Persons charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822, for the Month of May last

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B. No. 1757.

Proceedings thereon. As the appeal in the case of Streenevassa Row, late Tahsildar of Nundicootcoor, who is under going a sentence of imprisonment, appears to have been under Consideration for a long period the Board request the Agent will be good enough to adopt speedy measures with a view to the Case being finally disposed of —

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Read the following letter

To

Fort St. George 22d August 1853.

To W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

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B. No. 2075.

From the Head Assistant Collector in Charge of Chingleput

Sir,

Para. 1. Adverting to Para 5 of the Proceedings of the Board under date the 11th Instant I have the honor to state that the memorandum entered at Para 4 of Mr Cochrane's Report of the 18th December last exhibits the total amount of Salt available for sale at the Chegoor and Chinambut Pans during the greater part of Fusly 1261 and not as it would appear to be the impression of the Board, the quantity in hand at the commencement of the Fusly.

2. The actual quantity in hand at the commencement of the Fusly was garces 195-220: a further supply of Garces 260-155 was manufactured in the early part of the Fusly on account of the Dittum of the preceding year, making a total of garces 455-375 available for sale during the Fusly. These 260-155 Garces were entered in the accounts of the total quantity of Salt manufactured in Fusly 1261, and the

* Quantity manufactured from the 1st to 31st Jul. Fusly 1260 as per Enclosure to Mr Cochrane's 2d report dated 10th June 1853.

Dr on account of Fusly 1261 — 201-375 / 58-180 — 260-155

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the Board seem to have taken this Salt twice into their calculations, it being included both in the Amount as specified by Mr Cochrane's Memorandum as available for sale during the Fusly and in the total quantity manufactured in 1260 which taken together by the Board's calculation make a total of Garces 829-149 instead of Garces 568-394. Should the 260-155 Garces be now struck off the balance at the end of the Fusly under review will be found to be Garces 121-248 as stated in the enclosure 2 of Mr Cochrane's second communication dated the 10th June 1853.

N.B.
* A difference of 6 Maunds occurs between this granted and that obtained from Enclosure No 2 of Mr Cochrane's Report to B. of R. of the 10th June 1853 being the amount of confiscated Salt not included in the manufacture of F. 1260 in Statement I of the Extra Sources of Revenue.

Chinglepute District,
Collector's Cutcherry,
Guindy, 30th July 1853.

/Signed/ G. F. Fullerton
Head Assistant Collector.

B. No. 1775.

Proceedings thereon.

(43-44)

The Board observe that no Salt has been taken twice into their Calculations or any calculation made in this Office except on the figures given by the Collector. It is now seen that the Collector's Marginal entry in Para 4 of his Report on Extra Sources is incorrect, it is therein

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therein stated that the Salt in store at the commencement of the Fusly was 455-375; G. M. when by this letter it should have been 195-220. G. M.

Read the following letters.

To W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

(45)

B. No. 2113.

From the Collector of Chinglepute.

Sir,

In conformity with the instructions contained in the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 4th Ultimo and in reference to the Votes given before this Office by the Inhabitants of the four Villages attached to the Teroovoy-pauly Pagoda, I have the honor to recommend for the approval of the Board that Tanea-chella Moodelly may be nominated to the Trusteeship of the Pagoda in question.

Chinglepute District,
Collector's Cutcherry,
Pullecarney, 8th August, 1853.

/Signed/ J. H. Cochrane
Collector.

B. No. 1761.

Proceedings thereon.

(45-46)

On the recommendation of the Collector, the Board confirm the nomination of Taneachella Moodelly to the Trusteeship of the Teroovoy-pauly Pagoda.

To

9904. Fort St. George 22d. August 1853.

To

W. H. Bayley Esqre.

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue,

Fort St. George.

(47.)

B. No. 2191

From the Collector of Chingleput.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for publica-tion on the Board's Office an advertisement for the sale of certain Mottahs on account of arrears of Revenue due from

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from Fusly 1262, and request the sanction of the Board for the sale in question. It is expected that several of the Estates will be redeemed before the day of sale.

Chingleput District,
Collector's Cutcherry,
Pullecarney, - - - -
13th August, 1853. - - -

[Signed] J. H. Cochrane
Collector.

Notice

9906.

Fort St. George 22d. August 1833.

Advertisement

1. Notice is hereby given that unless the arrears of Revenue outstanding against the here under named Mootahs under sequestration in the Zillah of Chingleput shall

16	Woodoor																	
17	Vuneyanellore	3	790	6	6	189	6	6	7	2	-	21	11	2	218	3	8	
18	Vittapoorum	21	3825	13	4	669	13	4	27	10	9	24	9	7	722	1	8	
19	Coonnatoor	1	502	-	6	47	4	6	2	13	10	4	7	-	54	9	4	
20	Nareyore	1	127	12	6	15	5	6	-	8	1	1	3	4	17	-	11	
21	Tattumbut	2	271	12	6	82	12	6	3	-	4	2	6	9	88	3	7	
22	Colattoor	2	109	11	7	28	11	7	-	15	4	-	10	4	30	5	3	
23	Augarum	1	80	-	4	10	-	4	-	3	3	-	7	9	10	11	4	
24	Authoor	1	4240	12	-	2622	10	3	82	4	10	82	3	6	2787	2	7	
25	Boommaraja poorum	1	409	8	1	386	12	6	15	4	10	10	15	7	413	-	11	
26	Hathuncoopum	1	45	10	7	15	10	7	-	11	5	1	11	6	18	1	6	
27	Vaicoonnaputtoo	1	504	8	3	290	-	1	9	1	11	15	6	8	314	8	8	
28	Comaracoopum	1	245	8	1	245	8	1	20	12	10	6	13	8	273	2	7	
29	Sooradeemungalum	4	970	2	10	502	15	8	19	9	3	25	6	2	607	15	1	
30	Coonnavakum	1	274	11	-	171	11	-	6	8	7	6	12	1	184	13	8	
31	Todoocandoo	1	240	8	1	48	8	1	1	12	9	2	-	3	52	5	1	
32	Caremungayarey	2	358	14	4	60	14	4	1	5	4	2	13	2	65	-	10	

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42	Barnumbrough	2	311 3 4	111 3 4	4 2 9	10 " 8	125 6 9		
43	Gladdesmoor	4	1088 11 4	110 11 4	6 8 9	8 11 6	156 2 7		
44	Coalton	1	327 12 5	115 12 5	2 15 3	8 1 9	128 13 5		
45	Hardwindsdoe	2	52 2 3	33 2 3	1 " 4	2 5 1	36 7 8		
46	Jenningston	4	1285 9 "	106 7 "	16 11 2	27 12 11	510 15 1		
47	Cowper	2	2680 13 "	185 4 6	12 " 2	13 13 5	211 4 2		
48	Parkallow	1	965 3 7	276 2 7	11 5 2	11 13 7	305 3 4		
49	Hardmeadow	2	1037 4	65 7 4	2 2 4	2 4 7	69 11 3		
50	Westmoor	2	448 15 1	133 7 1	10 7 7	30 1 7	174 " 3		
51	Norwood	1	1830 8 3	1142 8 3	36 " 2	35 11 8	1211 7 1		

33	Barnumbrough	2	70 10 9	10 2 7	" 3 3	" 12 11	11 2 11		
34	Hardmoor	2	1085 5 1	94 13 1	3 10 4	8 6 2	106 13 7		
35	Tullamoor	1	118 6 2	18 6 2	" 9 3	" 13 5	19 12 10		
36	Parkmoor	1	455 12 6	37 12 6	2 2 8	4 9 10	44 9 "		
37	Fleurdelee	2	528 13 8	91 13 8	" 3 " 8	5 7 3	100 6 7		
38	Normoly	1	848 1 1	128 " "	5 2 "	7 8 9	138 12 9		
39	Newtoor	2	2325 11 10	1071 2 9	60 3 10	34 15 8	1166 6 3		
40	Hammondstown	2	643 6 7	628 6 7	26 7 9	16 15 11	671 11 3		
41	Argonum	2	563 13 5	257 15 5	20 12 1	11 10 10	293 6 2		

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52	Lutchmepooram	15	2,308 2 10	455 14 7	30 14 11	21 11 4	528 8 10
53	Geeredarapooram	2	423 2 1	52 2 1	" 12 7	1 13 8	54 12 4
54	Vespatoor	2	367 12 9	197 12 5	8 13 5	13 11 3	220 5 1
55	Keelamadalumbaidoo	1	1,535 " 2	1,036 2 5	36 13 8	34 12 2	1107 12 3
56	Nadoovarumbaukum	6	1,428 6 6	742 8 6	24 10 7	36 6 11	803 8 "
57	Coonnangalum	3	788 9 "	263 3 3	14 14 3	13 6 1	295 7 7
58	Mambalum	4	2,233 4 7	54 2 9	6 7 4	8 13 4	69 7 5
			46680 9 7	18455 14 1	770 11 6	782 4 4	20008 13 11

2- Parties desirous of becoming purchasers may attend in person or deputs duly constituted agents or Vakeels for that purpose and all purchases made by the latter description of individuals shall be held as valid in the same manner as those made by the former-

3- Authorized Vakeels shall be required to name at the time of their bidding the constituents on whose behalf they may propose to purchase the property-

4- The intention of the above conditions being to prevent fraudulent Collusion, notice is further given that in the event of any purchase being made under a fictitious name, the deposit money made on account of such purchase will be liable to be forfeited to the Government and the Estate resold.-

5 A Sunnud Inulkaat Estemrar or deed of Permanent rights has been lodged at the Collector's Cutcherry and at the Office of the Board of Revenue describing the obligations to be incurred and the rights to be obtained by purchase of land under this advertisement- All parties are therefore referred to that Instrument for any explanation they may require upon the Subject-

6- The purchasers of Estates will not put in their possession till the sale has been sanctioned by the Board of Revenue but in the meanwhile 15 per Cent of the purchase money will be required to be deposited forthwith and security given for the payment of the remainder on the receipt of the Board's sanction or within one month from the date of sale in default whereof the deposit money will be forfeited, and the Estates resold at the risk of the 1st purchaser-

7- In case of the sale not being sanctioned by the Board of Revenue, the deposit money will be returned and the person depositing it released from all responsibility in regard to the Estate or Estates-

8- For further particulars enquire at the Office of the Board of Revenue or at the Collector's Cutcherry between 10 A. M. and 5 O'Clock P. M. Sundays excepted-

Chingleput District, Collector's Cutcherry,
Pullecarney, 13th August, 1853.-

(Signed) J. H. Cochrane
Collector-

The

9909. Fort St. George 22nd August 1853.

Bd. No. 1774.

Proceedings thereon.

(47-48)

The Board of Revenue authorize the sale of the Mootah referred to in in the foregoing letter for arrears of Revenue, and direct the publication in their Office, of the advertisement forwarded by the Collector, the date of sale being altered to Wednesday the 28th September 1853. Mr. Cochrane will be pleased to make a corresponding correction in the advertisement published in his District.

(49)

B. No. 2117.

From the Acting Collector of North Arcot. - - -

Read Statement of Extra Tent allowance drawn by himself and his Subordinates during July 1262.

(49-50)

B. No. 1773.

Proceedings thereon.

The Board sanction the Extra Tent allowance drawn by each Officer for the number of days noted in the Margin.

2. They presume that the prostrated residence of Mr. D. F. C. Smyth at Cappum for 242 Days was consequent on that Officer's investigation of the Cungoondy Cranes but the cause of residence over a Month in any one place should invariably be stated.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Proceedings be transmitted to the Civil Auditor for his information.

Read.

Mr. H. A. Brett Acting Collector for 112 days
" R. B. N. Binning Sub Collector for 21 "
" A. H. Sullivan Asst. Collector for 35 "
" D. F. C. Smyth Asst. Collector for 283 "
" R. C. Lewin - - - - - - for 18 "

9910. Fort St. George 22d August 1853.

Rec'd the following letter.—

No. 93

To, W. H. Bayley Esqr.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

(47)

Bd. No. 1991

From the Collector of Salem.

Requesting authority for the annual payment of Pags. 2-1-4 to the Anadanapatty Mootadar on account of the extent of land occupied by the new Travellers Bungalow and its out offices at Salem.

Sir,

The site of the old Travellers' Bungalow at Salem having been declared to be unhealthy and otherwise objectionable, the Government on due representation of the matter, were pleased to authorize the construction of a new Building on a Salubrious, eligible, and open space of ground at a convenient junction of the main roads from Trichinopoly, Coimbatore, Cuddalore, and Bangalore through Salem.

2 The spot chosen for the new building which has since been completed, is situated in the Anadanapatty Mootah. It formed part of a field in the possession of a Ryot who was paid its value, Rupees five, agreeably to the correspondence Marginally noted, a copy of which, I beg to enclose for your Board's information.

To Bd. D. P. W. 5th May 1852
From D. to 2nd Do.

3. The extent of ground comprised

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comprised within the limits of the above mentioned Bungalow and it's Out Houses is acres 2.20-4, and the permanent Assessment annually leviable thereon is Rupees 2.1.4- my object, therefore, in now addressing the Board, is to request that authority may be obtained for an annual disbursement to the Moatadar of Arudanapatty, of Rupees 2-1-4 commencing from Fusly 1262.-

+ To B.d.D. P.W. 5th May 1852

4 In the + Enclosure, it will be observed, that a sum of Rupees 2-1-6. is adverted to, as the assessment eventually to be disbursed. The correct amount, I have since ascertained, is as above given, Rupees 2-1-4.

Salem Collector's Cutchery
Opsoor,
26th July, 1853 ------

(Signed) H. D. Phillips
Collector.

No. 1.

To, Captain I. H. Bell
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Department of Public Works
Fort St. George

Sir,

During the recent movement of the 44th Regiment of Native Infantry from Palamcottah to Bangalore I personally and carefully inspected the

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the localities and open country towards the North and South of the Town of Salem with the view of opening a temporary road for the use of that Corps, so as to prevent its passage through the Town. I deemed the arrangement necessary, not so much on account of the existence of any serious extent of disease at that time prevailing in the Regiment itself, but because Cholera had begun to appear in the Town and its suburbs.-

2. The local Knowledge which I thus acquired, proved to me that a better, a more convenient, and a more salubrious site than the one selected might be fixed upon for the new Travellers' Bungalow lately sanctioned-

To B.d 18th Septr 1851

From Dr. 4th March 1852

3. The temporary road above alluded to, owing in part to the liberal and kind Co-operation of Mr Fischer and Ramasaumy Moodelliar, Zemindar of Salem and Manager and Proprietor of Arundanapatty, has since been improved and rendered conveniently and permanently available for wheeled conveyances- It turns off a little below the 2d mile Stone on the

the Trichinopoly Road, and running in a Northerly direction behind the compound of the Local Commanding Officer's Bungalow, crosses and cuts short a circuitous portion of the Senkerrydroog road, passes outside of Seraspettah a Suburb of Salem, and joins the road to Bangalore and Madras beyond the 2d Mile stone towards Womaloor, which, as your Board may be aware, is the first stage out of Salem on route to Bangalore. By this cut, which is through dry land, the distance is shortened by about 3 miles, as well to Travellers from Bangalore and Madras, as to those from certain parts of Coimbatore and Senkerrydroog journeying towards Trichinopoly.-

4. It is at the point of intersection of the three roads in question, that I would build the new Bungalow. The quit rent payable to Mr. Fischer for the ground originally decided on as its site is four annas, that which will be payable to the Moatadar in whose estate I propose now to construct the Bungalow

will be Rupees 2-1-6 added to which it will be necessary to pay to the ryot holding the entire field the sum of Rupees five for the portion which he agrees to sell to me on behalf of Government, for Bungalow purposes. The ryot in question lately bought the field for Rupees twenty-

5. The sale price may, I submit, be paid from the amount of Estimate which will be somewhat diminished by the rate for bricks being less at the new, than at the former Site.-

6. If this mode of adjustment be thought objectionable; I have the honor to request your Board will obtain the sanction of Government for the small outlay.

7 Not anticipating any objection from your Board to a change which I feel satisfied is a material improvement on an arrangement once decided on and authorized, I beg to add that on my own responsibility I have directed the building

of

× Acres Gs as 2. 20. "

* acres Gs as 10—6—1

of the Bungalow at the newly selected site to be proceeded with..

Salem Collector's Cutcherry
Salem,
5th May 1852 — —

(Signed) H. D. Phillips
Collector

No. 328.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, in the Department of Public Works, under date the 27th May 1852.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem..

Here enter 5th May 1852.

The Board of Revenue approve of the proceeding reported in the foregoing letter, concluding that the new site of the Bungalow is sufficiently near to Shevapettah for the procuring of supplies without difficulty.

(A true Extract)
(Signed) J. H. Bell
Secretary Bd of Rev. D. P. W.

(True Copies)
(Signed) H. D. Phillips
Collector.

Resolved.

Bd's No. 1787.
Proceedings thereon - 1
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Resolved that the foregoing letter with it's enclosure be submitted for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.-

In Con. 4th March 1852.

2 In Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 28th February 1852, Public Works Department, No. 68, the Government authorized the construction of a new Choultry, at a cost of Rupees 2000 in lieu of the one at Salem in accordance with which order, a more healthy locality was selected in the Anadanapetty Mootah and a new building has since been completed on the spot chosen for this purpose-

3 As the Assessment leviable by the Mootahdar, on the Ground, measuring Gs. acres 2-20 is Rupees 2-1-4 per Annum, the Board beg to support the recommendation of the Collector for the yearly disbursement of the above named Amount commencing from Fusly 1262.-

No. 98.

To, W. H. Bayley Esquire
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

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Bd's No. 2127
From the Collector of Salem. Soliciting permission to remove from the Quarterly unanswered List of Letters received from the Board a Communication relative to the assessment.

In the order of your Board dated the 18th February 1847 the Collector of this District was required to submit a report on certain points connected with the Assessment of the two Crops Land of Tailoor Shetoor, Razeepoor and Salem, but-

assessment on the Crop Land in the Talooks of Athoor Rayeepoor and Salem.-

Board's Pro: 19th July 1852.-

but it could not be brought under preparation pending the receipt of instructions relative to the Ayacut under irrigation by the Edamba column Tank, which were transmitted to me on the marginal date.-

2. Since the requisition of your Board dated the 18th February 1847 affairs have undergone a change as by reference to the instructions of the Honorable Court of Directors and the Government, it will be necessary for the Collector to propose a reduction of assessment in all cases coming to notice where the fasul teerwa bears unduly on the Ryot and the land and creates a tax that the fair productive capability of the soil does not fully and fairly justify.-

3. Seeing that the standing order of the highest authorities is thus, and adverting also to the important report more

Board's Circular dated 8th November 1852.-

recently called for by the Government, in regard of the commutation rate and other points connected with the permanent assessment of the Collectorate,- I have the honor to submit for consideration, that in as much as the teerwah of the two Crop Laid in question will unavoidably come under review in the ordinary course of my duties there seems to

be no sufficient necessity at the present time for enforcing the requisition made by your Board in February 1847.-

4. Should no objection appear I beg therefore to request permission to remove that communication from the quarterly list of those on which replies are due to the Board.-

Salem Collectors Office, Ofsoor - - - - - - 6th August, 1853.

(Signed) W. D. Phillips Collector.

Bd No 1780.

Proceedings thereon.

(53-54)

For the reasons stated in the foregoing letter, the Board consent to the removal of their Proceedings of 18th February 1847 from the Quarterly List of letters remaining unanswered usually submitted by the Collector of Salem.-

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No 103

To, W. H. Bayley Esquire Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort St. George.

(55)

Bd No 2162 From the Collector of Salem. 10th August 1853. R. 29th July.

Sir,

I have the honor to annex a copy of a letter to my address and of its enclosure from the Subordinate Judge of Salem and request you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government.

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Government for my remitting to the Sub: Court the sum of Rupees Fifty three (53) being the Amount of Stamp duty ordered by the Sudr Udalut to be repaid to the Apliant in Appeal Suit No. 8 of 1853.-

Salem Collector's Office
Office, - - - -
12th. August, 1853. -

(Signed) H. D. Phillips
Collector.-

No. 1.

To,
H. D. Phillips Esquire
Collector of Salem.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter dated 29th. Ultimo to my address from the Acting Register to the Court of Sudr Udalut and request that Rupees (53) Fifty three, being a portion of the value of the accompanying Stampt paper may be transmitted to me, and the appeal Petition returned.-

* A. S. No. 8 of 1853.

Salem, - - - - -
Subordinate Court,
10th. August, 1853.

(Signed) C. M. Reade
Subordinate Judge.

To
C. M. Reade Esquire
Subordinate Judge of Salem.

Sir,

I am directed by the Judges of the Court

9920. Fort St. George 22d. August 1853.-

Court of Sudr Udalut to sanction the refund of Stamp duty applied for in your letter of the 20th. Instant Viz. Rupees (53) Fifty three to the appellant in appeal Suit No. 8 of 1853.-

Sudr Udalut,
Register's Office,
29th. July, 1853. -

(Signed) A. J. Arbuthnot
Actg. Register.

(True Copy)
(Signed) C. M. Read.
(True Copies)
(Signed) H. D. Phillips
Collector.-

(53-56)
Bd. No. 1778
Resolution thereon-

Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council with the Board's recommendation that Sanction be granted for the refund of Rupees (53) Fiftythree, being the amount of Stamp duty repayable to the Appellant in A. S. No. 8. 1853 under the orders of the Sudder Udalut.-

Read the following

Tabular report.-

Tabular

9921 (57)

Bd. No. 2015

Tabular Report on a lapsed

For

Yeomiah

Case.	Taloo & and Village. Extent and value of the Entire Enam.	When and by whom granted. name of the Original Grantee. Sunnads and other Documents in support of the Grant.	Nature of the Grant Charity or service. if service nature of the duty prescribed by the Grant.	Name of the last holder, date of his decease and the relation=ship in which he stood to the Grantee.	Share enjoyed by the deceased and that held by the other Members.	Family of deceased and age of the par. circumstance means of sub. profession.	Recommend=ation of the Board of Revenue.	Decision of Government.
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Voby Madavachary Mashrooty Yeomiah dar allowance of 1 is dead and one rupee a his brother dieu for dw= Voby Ven= =gatrama Chetty Brach= alias Ven= mind =catachary solicits a continu= =ance of the Yeomiah. The claimants age is 46 years.	Cusbah Bowangherry Taloo & an Rl. a. p. 354=0=0	Granted originally by Nabob Wallajah to Tholul Rama chary father of the deceased on the 20th Shaban Hejree 1209.	Granted for the service of education young Brah= mins.	Voby Madava= =chary the last holder died on the 26th March 1851. He was the son of the Original Grantee.	The deceased was in exclusive enjoyment of the allowance.	1 Voby Rama= eldest son by wife aged 30 2. Lutchmay= son by 2d wife 20 years. 3. Narahary d. by d. 4 Chuttrapa d. by d. and 2 daughs the widow deceased Family dep on the Year	al of ly Question No. 10 of above without xem reported d ant Court rred enquiry, agreeing s llowance nal ed to com. the would name uboys, riginally ndation ng the main.	

No. 14 in the list No. 3 sent to the Board on the 2d March 1838.

South Arcot Collector's Cutchary, Cuddalore, 27th

July

9922 Fort St. George 22d August 1853.-

Bd No. 1772.

Proceedings thereon.- As the service for which this

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Yeomiah was originally assigned is reported to have been most inefficiently performed during the lifetime of the late incumbent who was seldom present to conduct the prescribed educational duties and as the School is now in abeyance, the Board do not see the necessity of reviving the grant in the person of Venkatacharry- They would therefore recommend in consideration of the destitute circumstances of the family left by the deceased that a Monthly allowance of 15 Rupees being about a Moiety of the original Yeomiah be continued in the Name of the widow during her life for the Maintenance of herself and the family.-

See From Coll. 27th Febry 1838 in Con 8th March 1838.

Read

9923. Fort St. George 22d August 1853.

Read the following letter.

No 63.

To.

W. H. Bayley Esqre

Secretary to the,

Board of Revenue,

Fort St. George.

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Bd No. 2039.

From the Collector of South Arcot.- Sir, Para 1. I have the honor to address you regarding some land which is held on easy terms for educational purposes in the Village of Gundaricottah in the Trewady Talook under circumstances which render it proper that the subject should be brought before the Board for their consideration and orders.-

Reporting on some lands held on easy tenure for educational purposes in the Village of Gundricottah on Trewady Talook and requesting sanction for continuing the Enam to the Eldest son of the late incumbent.

2. The land consists of 36 Cawnies 14½ annas and bears an assessment of Rupees 214-7-1 of which Rupees 56 only is brought to aim, while the remainder deducting Bramins Minah and the village Servants Wooleyam is remitted annually to the grantees family for the service of Reading the Poorana and teaching Sanskrit- The grant was made by the Collector Mr. Ravenshaw to

	Cawnies		Rs	a	p
Poonjah	1	8	7	6	2
Nunjah	35	6½	207	"	11
	36	14½	214	7	1

to one Kistnamacharry in fusly 1216 and has since been enjoyed by his family.—

3. Kistnamah Charry died in 1824 when the Sub Collector Mr. Cunliffe brought the subject to the notice of the Principal Collector Mr. Hyde, requesting instructions whether Mr. Ravenshaw's grant or Cowle was to be looked on as given for Kistnamah Charry's life only, or whether the indulgence was to be continued to his son Ramanja Charry and the Jummahbundy Puttah of the year to be prepared accordingly.— Mr. Hyde replied that the indulgence was to be continued and it has remained in force up to this time.—

Sub Collector to Principal Collector 17th April 1824 — Principal Collector to Sub Collector 17th September.

3. The records do not contain information of the particular circumstances which led to the grant nor the precise terms on which it was made by the Collector Mr. Ravenshaw, and it does not appear to have received the formal sanction of superior authority; I find however that it was included in the Statement of endowments for schools forwarded to the Board by the Principal Collector Mr. Ashton with his letter of 23d. October 1839, and as their reply dated 18th March 1841 appeared to sanction its continuance

it

it has been allowed to remain in force up to this time.—

4. But the incumbent Ramanja Charry is now dead and on an application being made to me by his eldest son Teroonalalatah Charry to continue the indulgence in his name I deemed it proper under the circumstances to do so provisionally only, pending the Board's orders— Gundaricottah is not situated near any populous town and little public utility appears gained by the grant, but as sudden annulment would cause distress— I hope that the present incumbents enjoyment may be left undisturbed— if the Board should see fit to discontinue the indulgence after his decease.—

South Arcot.— — — — —
Collector's Cutcherry — —
Cuddalore 30th July 1853.

[Signed] E. Maltby
Collector

No. 383.

Bd. No. 1786.
59-60

Proceedings thereon.

Submitting a letter from the Collr. of South Arcot and recommending that sanction be granted for the continuance of certain lands in the Village of Gundricottah held on easy terms for educational purposes to the elder son

Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.—

2. It appears that a piece of land containing 36 11/16 Cawnies was granted on

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grant during his life time, and it ceased only with his death which took place 24 years ago.—

4. The other Enams which the petitioner claims are stated to have been in the undisputed possession of Government for more than half a century. Under these circumstances, the Board do not see any grounds for recommending the case of the Petitioner for favorable consideration.—

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
22nd August 1853.

/Signed/ B. Cunliffe
Sub Secretary.

Read the following letter

No. 70

To,

W. A. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the,
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

(63)

Bd. No. 2093.
From the Acting Collector of Tanjore.

Sir,

The decree of the zillah Court of Combaconum awarding certain maintenance for Ayamoopen, the adopted son of Appowmoopen of Cabistellum which was forwarded

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forwarded to the Board with the Collector's letter of the 31st December 1846, being required in the district, I have the honor to request that it may be returned.—

Tanjore, }
Negapatam, } 5th August 1853.
Bd. No. 1764.
Resolution thereon.

/Signed/ A. Forbes
Acting Collector.

(63-64)

Resolved that the Decree of the Zillah Court of Combaconum, referred to in the foregoing letter, be returned to the Acting Collector of Tanjore in compliance with his request.—

Read the following letter

No. 82

To, W. A. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the,
Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George.

(65)

Bd. No. 2188.
From the Collector of Trichinopoly—

Sir, I beg respectfully to solicit your Board will be pleased to dispose of Petition No. 683 of 1853 on which I submitted my report by endorsement on the 30th April last. For until this Petitioner's case is decided, I

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*Nos. 918 — 1237 1467 - 956 - 1176 1225 and 1363 of 1853.

I shall continue to be subject to such scurrilous charges as are to be found in the several Petitions received from your Board noted in the Margin.*

3. The Petitions numbered 918 1237 and 1467 are set forth as from one Narraharry Roa the relative of Boozunga Rao one of the Tahsildars of this District. This Narraharry Rao has been dead these two years. —

Trichinopoly, — — — Collectors Office, — 15th August 1853. } [Signed] J. Bird Collector

Bd. No. 1781.

Proceedings thereon, (65-66) The Board observe that the Petition No. 683. of 1853. referred to in the foregoing letter, was disposed of by them under date 19th May 1853. by the following Endorsement having been passed thereon. —

"Under the explanation furnished by the Collector, the Board decline to interfere in behalf of the Petitioner." —

Read again List from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 30th June and entered in Consultation 11th August 1853, of letters received from the Board of Revenue and remaining unanswered upto 30th June last. —

The

9933 Fort St. George 22d. August 1853

Bd. No. 1738.

Proceedings thereon. (67) The Board observe that the undermentioned communications have been omitted in the above list and request that they may be inserted in future arrear Lists until replied to. —

Circular 15th November 1852 calling for a Statement shewing the price of certain grain. —

Circular 25th November 1852 calling for information respecting old garden lands. —

Circular 20th January 1853 Respecting the establishment of Salt Depots and the appointment of Covenanted Servants to superintend the Salt and Abkarry Revenue. —

Read again List from the Collector of Canara dated 30th July and entered in Consultation 8th August 1853. of letters received from the Board of Revenue — and remaining unanswered upto 30th June last. —

(68) Bd. No. 1759.

Proceedings thereon. The Board observe that their Proceedings of 21st April 1853. calling for certain information connected with the settlement Report for fusly 1261. has been omitted in the above List and request that they may be

Fort St. George 22d. August 1853.

No. 381.

To

The Chief Secretary to

Government.

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Bd. No. 1784.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying letter from the Collector of Canara dated 11th August 1853. requesting sanction for the purchase of 1250 Garces of Bombay Salt.—

In Cons. 22 August 1853

2 The present contracts were obtained at prices varying from Rupees 21-4-0 to Rupees 23-12-0 or an average of Rupees 21-9-1. per Garce, which is Rupees 3-6-2 below that of the past fusly, and Annas 10-11- below those of the five preceding years.—

3. The Board recommend that Sanction be granted for the purchase of the 1,250 Garces, at an outlay of Rupees 26,962-8-0 and for an advance of Rupees 8987-8-0 to the Contractors, being one third of the cost.—

4. They also recommend that the Collector be authorized, in accordance with his request to purchase 1000 Garces, in addition to the above Stock, in the event of prices falling during the season.—

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George.
22d August 1853.

/Signed/ B. Cunliffe
Sub Secretary

Read

W.

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Read the following letters

No. 72 A
1853

To W. H. Bayley Esqr.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

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Bd. No. 1832

From the Collr. of Malabar

Sir

Submitting explanation with reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 6th Inst. on the subject of the Gardens & Survey held in two Amshoms of the Calicut Talook.

Para 10

I regret to find from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 6th Instant, that I have disappointed the Board by not at once carrying out the instructions to have / partial / Garden Surveys in the divisions of the Sub Collector and Head Assistant, as well as my own.

2. I had been under the impression that the order to have any Survey at all was based on the possibility that some very serious unsoundness was to be found in my Garden accounts generally that there were a great number of trees which ought to have been brought to credit, but had not.

I thought that any one careful Survey which would tend to clear up this point would be sufficient and that I should best suit the interests and wishes of my Superiors by holding hard

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till further advised. I was the more inclined to this opinion that I had lately made two Surveys / independent of the Calicut Survey / the one in Coorumvad reported to the Board in my Summary Report of the 22d November 1852, and the other in Betutnad, to be alluded to subsequently, the results of which, so far as they went, did not support the suspicions that had apparently been entertained.

The Board will, I am sure, receive my assurance that I had no idea of shewing any disrespect to orders which shall now be carried out in full in the manner indicated by the Board in their last Proceedings.

3 To enable me to carry them out as efficiently as possible, I request to be allowed to expend such amount as I find really necessary. It will be chiefly required to employ temporary Servants on small pay to do the work of the better paid men whom I will detach for this peculiar service.

4 The duty of Surveying Gardens on any thing like a large scale is one of no little labour, and what is much more important of no little responsibility. Experience

Experience has shewn me that without a superior Staff and vigilant Superintendence, the Government interests are likely to suffer.

I had a Survey made in Betutnad, some Months ago of four Umshoms in consequence of repeated complaints of the deteriorated state of two of them. I included the two neighbouring Umshoms from which there had been no complaints, in order that the deficiencies of the one might be made up more or less by the prosperity of the others. But the Survey was so unsatisfactory and unfair to the Government that I had to quash it altogether.

5 In the Survey which I made in Calicut, I tried to guard against a similar failure by employing picked Servants with my Head Monckvee at the head. The inconvenience of a temporary deprivation of his services was counterbalanced by the advantage of having a confidence that the work would be fairly performed.

One of my Sheristedars is fully occupied with the very important business connected with the Betutnad Rajas escheat. The other has the multifarious engagements of the large District of Malabar.

6 I feel some doubt whether it is intended that these Surveys are or are not to be acted on. i.e. whether or no I am to make deductions in favor of all rich or poor whose gardens are found to be over assessed, and take an increased tax from those gardens are under assessed.

The use of the word "Experimental" by the Board would seem to point out that they were not but it is well to have a precise opinion on so important a question.

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The rule at present, as the Board are aware is not to listen to complaints of deterioration preferred by the rich man. We hold that loss in one part of his property may be made up by gain in another, and that no fair conclusion can be drawn unless all is looked to. Many substantial ryots have gardens (as well as lands) in various Parishes.

7 There is a very large land holder in one of the parishes surveyed in Calicut whose gardens are on the whole deteriorated, but I have resisted his importunity for remission on the grounds just adverted to. He will probably appeal to the Board.

8 In the 12th para of the Proceedings under reply, the Board, after quoting the number of Cocoanut Trees of different Classes, observe, "these numbers "are the same both in the Collector's report and in "that of the Examiners, but considerable discrepancy "is observed in the mode in which the change "from one Class to another is accounted for. The "examiners assume, that ½ of the former number "of Productive trees have ceased to bear, "and give it at 15668 making the present "number 18339 apparently from the former

"former number of unproductive still standing "The Collector considers that the whole 18839 un- "productive trees have become so in the course "of 13 years for which there seems no warrant "for this would imply that not one of the old "unproductive trees is still standing"

The Board further remark "a similar "difference is observed in the manner in which "the former number of young Trees (33270) is "accounted for. the Examiners assume one half "or 16635 to have attained maturity, by which the "Board understand become productive, but the "Collector gives a higher number, Viz. 19,558 and "observes that the remaining 13682 must have failed."

9 With respect to the first discrepancy noticed by the Board I would beg to observe, that the actual number of productive past bearing, and young trees found by the late experimental Survey are those given in the figured abstract inserted at the commencement of the Examiner's report.

This is an undisputed and all important fact.

The deductions drawn from this fact in

in the latter part of their report, are assumptions and as such liable to question.

I do not myself think it likely that any of the trees found unproductive in 1250 should have been found in existence after the lapse of 13 years. Considering the perishable nature of the Cocoanut tree after its productive powers are at an end, I think they would either have fallen down in a rotten state, after a few years, or been felled by the owners for sale or the repair of their houses, fences &c, and the more so that the removal of such cumberers of the ground is essential for the good of the Plant put down in their stead.

The 18,839 unproductive Trees are, as I have said, the actual number now counted in that state, no doubt many more have become unproductive during the last 13 years which are not now forthcoming. They will have been blown down, carried away by encroachment of the Sea or (Samberechary) river, or injured by lightning.—

No account or information was obtainable of the extent of

periodical losses of this description.

The comparative view I have taken of the number of "young" Trees of 1250, which have since become productive is, the Board will perceive, based upon arithmetical calculation.

As stated in para 2 of my letter dated 26th March 1853, we found, by the present Survey 18839 unproductive 46660 young and 47753 productive Trees Total 113,252.

In 1250 the number of productive trees

Deduct from this the number now found as unproductive, Viz 18,839, the residue was 28165 But as we found further 47753 productive trees, it seemed natural to assume that this latter number was composed of the residue above shewn (28,165) and 19,588 out of the young Trees of 1250 (33270) which have since became productive.

Of course in a matter of this nature, Calculations of this sort cannot be taken as evincing exact and precise results. There may have been sundry changes in the condition of gardens during the interval of the last 13 years of which we have no detailed account in as much as no scrutiny

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Scrutiny is made of Gardens the assessment of which is regularly paid.

11 As regards the question treated of by the Board of a general re-inspection of Gardens, I would respectfully observe that I entered into some little detail in my letter Para 20 & 23 of the 21st November 1844 to shew why I thought that a general revision was only desirable when it became necessary to counterbalance any extensive remission which bad season or private misfortunes might render indispensable.

If the Government have to lose largely on Gardens which have deteriorated, it is necessary they should gain on those that have improved.

Para: 15 It is necessary for instance that (as recommended in my letter of 22d November 1852) the whole of the Gardens in the Coorumbad Taluk should be re-inspected, because the Government have had to make large allowances for deterioration in its wood parts. But whether that reinspection should be extended to the neighbouring Taluks where no such call has been made on Government is a question the determination of which must be left to any Superiors.

I.R.

Secd

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See for illustration the account of the survey made under the superintendence of that most laborious and energetic Collector Mr Sheffield as detailed by Mr Clementson in his letter to the Board of the 15th October 1833.

I am averse to a general garden Survey on account of the vexation and intrigue which I apprehend is inseparable from an examination so peculiarly dependent on native honesty. I doubt not, as I said in my letter of the 26th March last, that a Survey of the Gardens of the whole District will shew an improvement on the last General Survey, but against this is to be weighed the harass (and expense) of many years. The last Survey took eight years. If a general reinspection be deemed absolutely needful, I would propose to have it at as distant dates as can be allowed 25 or at least 20 years in place of 12.

I beg to send the Statement called for by the Board in the 13th para.

I may be permitted to ask that this letter be submitted to the Government so soon as convenient. Its perusal may qualify the remarks which might otherwise be expected.

Calicut, 30th June 1853

(Signed) H. V. Conolly
Collector &c

Statement

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Comparison between Col: 11 and 19.		New Gardens found by the late Survey.																	
								Young											
Increase		Decrease		Number of Gardens	Total No. of Trees.	Un-productive	Fully old	Maum Vechatha.	Kolacadata-doo.	Net No. of Pro-ductive Trees.	Rate of Assess-ment per Tree	Amount of Assessment							
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7	9 8	"	" "	28	547	30	336	143	93	96	32	7	10 10						
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								365	119	66	16	2	10 3						
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To

W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

(72)

B. No. 2049.

From the Collector of Malabar.

Sir,

With reference to the 10th para of Esctract from the Board's Proceedings dated 6th ultimo, I have the honor to submit transcript of a letter written to my Sub and Head Assistant Collectors relative to the Surveys they should make in their respective divisions. —

Dated 25th Instant.

Collectors Office
Calicut
28th July 1853.

(Signed) H. V. Conolley
Collector.

No 1.

To

R. Chatfield Esqre
Sub Collector Palghaut

Sir,

Under instructions from Madras I have the honor to request that you will have a Survey made of the Gardens of four Umshams in your Division. Two of the Umshams

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Umshams should be such as will probably give the most unfavorable result two the most favorable. —

Importance is attached to the result of these Surveys and I beg therefore that they be made with the greatest carefulness and as far as possible, under your own immediate superintendence.

(Signed) H. V. Conolly
Collector

Calicut 25th July 1853.

The same to the Head Assistant Collector
Tellicherry.

(True Copy)
(Signed) H V. Conolly.
Collector

B. No. 1760.

Proceedings thereon.

(71-73)

As it appears from the foregoing letters that the Sub Collector and Head Assistant have been directed to make a Survey of four Umshams in each of their respective Divisions, the Board will await the receipt of their reports before proceeding further with the subject. They, however think that an average

Umsham

ons how or two should also be surveyed in addition to the profitable and unprofitable ones.—

2. The Collector is authorized to incur such charges as may be necessary in carrying out the Survey, and he will be good enough to submit a Statement of the actual charges in due course for the sanction of Government.—

3. With reference to the question contained in para 6, as to whether remission

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is to be given for Gardens belonging to wealthy ryots which are found to be at present over assessed, the Board are of opinion that the custom which is stated, in the same para, to be in force should be followed.

B. No. 2114.

From the Sub Collector and Joint Magistrate of Malabar } Read letter forwarding

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copy of a letter to Mr. Conolly on the subject of communications addressed to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Ff. Proceeding

B. No. 1783

Proceedings thereon.

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The Board of Revenue resolve to forward the above letter and its accompaniments to the Collector of Malabar, with a request that he will return them to Mr Chatfield and intimate to him that they cannot receive communications from a Subordinate Officer otherwise than through the Head of the Office.

Read the following Letters.

No. 124

To, W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

B. No. 2021

From the Acting Collector of Madras— } With reference to my letter of the 23d June last I have the honor to forward for the information of the Board the accompanying Copy of a letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam, from which it will be observed that the Reverend J. M. Tissot is a Native of Savoy and that the Burial Ground need not be registered in his name.—

Madras, 1st August, 1853. } (Signed) H. Stokes
Acting Collector.

To

No 1

No 165

To H. Stokes Esqre

Acting Collector of Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 5th Instant and to annex copy of a letter from the Reverend J. M. Fissat which I hope will afford all the information which you require on the subject of the ground for which he has applied..

Vizagapatam, — } / Signed / A. Robertson
Collector's Office, } Collector
13th July 1853.

To A Robertson Esqre

Collector of Vizagapatam.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 12th Instant I have the honor to state that I am from Savoy and by profession a Roman Catholic Priest and at present holding the official appointment of Roman Catholic Chaplain to the Troops at Vizagapatam under the Government.

My application for a piece of ground as

a place of sepulture for the Roman Catholics was in consequence of the present one being too small and being situated in the heart of the Town, which I found objectionable, and beg further to state that the ground applied for is for the general use of all Roman Catholics both European and Native without reference to the flock they belong to and that the grant sought for is not intended for myself but as a public Catholic burial ground of this station. In my application I mentioned that it was for me and my successors in Office - under all circumstances it will I presume be property of Government.-

Vizagapatam, } (Signed) J. M. Fissat
13th July 1853. } Roman Catholic Priest.

(True Copy)

(Signed) A. Robertson

Collector.

(True Copies)

(Signed) H. Stokes

Acting Collector.

Resolved

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No. 1785
Proceedings thereon

No. 382

Resolved that the foregoing letter with its enclosure be submitted to Government with reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 21st July 1853.

No. 128

To, W. H. Bayley Esqr
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

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Bd. No. 2089
From the Acting Collector of Madras — Reporting further on the case of the Reverend Mr. Gronning, and submitting a form of certificate to be issued in cases of persons not British subjects applying to hold land.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings of the 18th April last communicating the orders of Government on an application from the Reverend C. W. Gronning, a native of Germany, to hold certain land at Guntoor on behalf of the Society to which he belongs.

2 Mr. Purvis, having been called on for the information required, has replied that the land need not now be registered as the property of the Society to which the Missionaries belong.

3. Its extent is 15 Acres and the Annual Assessment R. 10 - A. 11 - P. 4. Mr. Purvis has not noticed the wish of Government that

that the conveyance of the land from Mr. Martz to Mr Gronning should be certified on the original document sent for registry in this Office. He will therefore be written to again on this subject. A copy of his letter is forwarded. Mean time, I enclose the form of a Permission Certificate for 99 years to be issued, if approved of by the Board to Mr Gronning. It is similar to the one given to Messrs Gunn & Martz after the correspondence noted in the Margin.

To Bd of Revenue 15th May 1851
From Do 25th June.

Having reason to suppose that there were Agents of Foreign Missions in the Districts noted in the Margin. I addressed the Collectors as required by the Board to ascertain whether any lands are held on account of their Societies. Copies of the replies received from the three first are now forwarded. It does not appear that the legal disqualification of Americans foreign Europeans to hold land has hitherto attracted the attention of Collectors. The replies of Mr Thomas and Mr Maltby are not altogether explicit but it would seem that the land they refer to is held in the name of the Missionaries and not as the property of the Societies.

Coimbatore
Canara
Malabar
Tanjore
Rajahmundry
Madura.

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4. I will however address them again on the subject - and forward their replies with those from the other Districts.

Madras, 6th August, 1853 } (Signed) H. Stokes
Acting Collector.

No. 1

To, H. Stokes Esqr.
Acting Collector of Madras and
Register of Government Grants.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo - giving enclosure to an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 18th of that Month and from the Minutes of Consultation of the 11th Idem, calling for further information regarding the land which formed the subject of a communication from this Office of the 30th December last.

2. The extent of the land in question is 15 Acres bearing an annual assessment of Rupees 10. 11. 4 which sum has since the purchase been paid by the occupant of the property. From a communication I have lately received from the Reverend F. Heyer, who has for the

the present succeeded, Mr. Gronning in the Mission at Guntoor, it appears that the Evangelical Lutheran Mission Society of the United States cannot hold lands in its own name even in America not being an incorporated body.

3. All that now seems to be wished for is that the land should continue to be held as it is at present on the regular payment of the assessment on the same, and in the name of either or both of the Missionaries at Guntoor. Under these circumstances I have not prepared any form for approval - If a permission Certificate is considered necessary even to admit of the land being held as proposed, one in a similar form that granted on account of some ground at Tentapolem in the District referred to in the correspondence noted in the margin should I presume be issued.

From the Regr of Govt Grants Dated 30th April 1851
To Do 10 May —
From Do 11th July —
To Do 19th Augt —
From Do 29th Do —

Guntoor District -
Collectors Office, Dindy,
19th May 1853 - - - } (Signed) A. Purvis
Acting Collector.

(True Copy)
(Signed) H. Stokes
Acting Collector
No. 2.

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Form

This is to certify that

not being a British subject has been permitted by the Governor in Council of Fort St. George to occupy that piece or parcel of ground measuring situated & lying

To have and to hold the said piece or parcel of ground for a period of 99 years renewable every 33 years together with all benefits and advantage arising or to arise therefrom, unto the said his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and assigns, on the said his heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, paying for the same yearly and every year, on demand to the Collector of the annual sum of as the Govern: ment Assessment on the said Ground

In witness whereof as the said Collector acting under due authority, delegated to him by the Governor in Council of Fort St. George hath hereunto set his hand and Official Seal in this

(Signed) H.L.

No 3

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No 3

To, H. Stokes Esqre

Acting Collector of Madras and Register of Government Grants.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 25th April last, I have the honor to inform you that an esctent of land Viz. C. 56. 20. 45 with building at Katty and C. 3. 23. 2399 at Koter: gherry on the Neilgherries is held by the German Missionaries on payment of Annual Quit Rent thereon, Rupees Cg. 3. 7 & 8. 11 — respectively, being property left to them by the late Mr. Casamajor.

2. At Dotacamund there are two Roman Catholic Churches, of which, one was built by an East Indian, who obtained a rent free Grant, for the land attached thereto, vide letter from your Office dated 24th April 1838. the other Church is a common property of Catholics and likewise held rent free.

† late Mr. Joachim

3. Some lands are appropriated for sites of Roman Catholic Churches at different places in this District, each occupying a quarter or half a Cawny of land as particularized in the accompanying list

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list none of the Churches possess any Grant from Government.

4 The only one on a large scale is the Roman Catholic one at Caromattumputty. In 1842 Reverend Mr Jarrige, Priest, applied for 4 Cawnies of land for a Tope for Shelter, which was granted free by Mr Wroughton and appropriated to the purpose.

Coimbatore, 2d July 1853.

(Signed) E. B. Thomas
Collector

Statement shewing the particulars of the Roman Catholic Churches in the Coimbatore District.

Names of Villages	No. of Churches: Tiled	Thatched	Total	Remarks
Coimbatore Taluk:				
Coimbatore	1	.	1	
Shenarypollium	1	.	1	
	2	.	2	
Dewattom Cottah				
Moodooderay	.	1	1	
Paria Coodoonary	1	.	1	
Chinna Do	1	.	1	
Arooncottah	.	1	1	
Ponenpollium	.	1	1	
Cullapully	.	1	1	
Coundenpollium	.	1	1	
Vanlepollium	.	1	1	
Popepollium	.	1	1	
Cattopullampollium	.	1	1	
Coodoraculpollium	.	1	1	
	2	8	10	

Kattamungalum

Caromattumputty

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Calayar:

Caromattumputty			
Brick in Chunam			
Tiled	2	3	1	4
Caneyamoondy	.	1	1
Mandapoor	1	.	1
	4	2	6
Peedumbullee	1	.	1
Cullapallium	1	.	1
Pullapallium and Purmasuarapallium	1	2	3
Poomalore	1	.	1
Echeeputty	2	.	2
Cunneempallium	2	.	2
Aggrahrapallam	1	.	1
Poocalpallium	1	.	1
	10	2	12

Pillakum:

Monroongatoor	.	2	2
Coopacheepallium	.	1	1
Archalore	.	1	1
	.	4	4

Coimbatore:

Errors

Errode	Errode	1	-	1
Anderson	Ammahpettah	1	-	1
	Boodapandy	1	-	1
	Shencarampolliem	1	-	1
	Chambully	1	-	1
	Conarypoorum	1	-	1
		5	-	5
Collegrl.	Ajjeepoorum	1	-	1
	Gungadharacuttay	1	-	1
	Managahully	1	-	1
	Doddadanarahully	-	1	1
		3	1	4
Dharapoorum	Dharapoorum	1	-	1
	Jottepolliem			
	Ds	1	-	1
		2	1	3

None in Palcahy

Ds in Chuckragherry

Caroor	Chickadmapoorum	-	1	1
	Arauacoorchy	-	1	1
	Ds in the Fort	-	1	1
	Poongnabandy	-	1	1
	Sendammungalem	-	1	1
	Caroor	-	1	1
	Esamuttam	-	1	1
	Neroor	-	1	1
		-	8	8
Grand Total		29	27	55

(Signed) E. B. Thomas
Collector

To

To, H Stokes Esqre
Acting Collector and Register of
Government Grants, Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 20th April and to forward a list of lands held by the German Evangelical Missions of Basle, and by their Native congregations.

It does not appear that the permission of Government has been obtained or considered necessary in any of these cases. The lands have been obtained by purchase or on Durmah Sic for in gift by the Missionaries and their converts in the same manner as they would have been obtained and held by any Natives of the Country.

(Signed) F. N. Maltby
Collector.

Mangalore,
4th July, 1853

A list of property belonging to the German Evangelical Missionary Society of Basle in the District of Canara.

1 A compound with Bungalow in the town of Mangalore Title Deeds - An original Grant C. Ellis Esqre a title deed to Rusuramunjee Honnebjee, and a Title deed to the Reverend J. Hebrick Lehner and Greiner bought

bought in 1837 for Rupees 4700. Assessment Rupees 17½.

2. A compound with Bungalow in Bell: mount near Mangalore Document - a transfer from H. M. Blair Esqre to one Mission - Assessment Rupees 33-1-11.

3. A Compound in the town of Mangalore with the English School - Bhundari Vicunda Vorga No: 16 bought in 1249 Fusly from Mantchee Son of Mullapoor Anandeya for Rupees 550 assessment Rupees 2 Rei 17½

4. Another compound adjaining to the above with a Bungalow Bappa Shell Ragha Vorga No: 14 bought in 1849 from Dodda Kriana Son of Mantchamasa for Rs 450 Assessment Rupees 2.

5. A Compound in the Town of Mangalore Rama Shinga Vorga No: 196 bought in 1843 at a Government sale for Rupees 408 assessment Rupees 2.

6. Another Garden adjoining to the above Basti Devaka Vorga No: 6 bought in 1849 at a Government sale for Rupees 320 assessment Rupees 6.

7. A small compound with a small Bungalow in Anadegrama Balisuara Magani Odeshy Talook No: 25 bought in 1851 from Krishna

Krishna a Brammin of the same Village for Rupees 200 assessment 1 Rupee.

8. A small garden in Bokaputna near Mangalore belonging to Coorappa of the same Village. This piece of ground is held by moolos Gem for 12 annas per year since 1840.

9. A garden in Vockella germala Magane Odeshy Talook belonging to Abdullah Cadry and Abdulla Baba Khan with a small Bungalow thereon. This is also held by moolos Gem for 12 Rupees a year

10. A compound with Bungalow within the old Fort of Moolky Mangalore Talook in 1845 it was granted by Government Assessment 2 Rupees.

11. A piece of ground near Moolky was granted by Government in 1850 for a burial ground Assessment 1 Rupee.

12 A part of a garden in Kadike near Moolky belonging to the Krishnapura Matta This is held by moolos Gemi for 2 Rupees a year.

13 A compound with Bungalow in Honore bought from Mr Sherkey for Rupees 600 Assessment Rupees.

14. A small garden in the town of Honore Krishna Cante Vorga bought in 1847 from Davaya Mista Son of Panda Mista for Rupees 40. Assessment

assessment Rs.

Lands belonging to our Society..

A land belonging to the Mangalore Church Fund

1. In Ballama Mangalore Talook Torpadi No. 13 bought in 1254 Fusly at a Govern:=ment sale for Rupees 170-5 assessment Rs 12-1-2.

2. Shetkali Vorga No. 12 bought in 1845 at a Government sale for Rupees 255 Assess:=ment Rupees 31—4—.

3. Kullapum No. 19 bought in 1845 at a Government sale for Rupees 555 assess:=ment Rs 54-4—.

4 Subba Vaga No. 32 bought in 1845 at a Government sale for Rs 605- Assessment Rs 19-15—.

5 Sumbodi No. 43 bought in 1846 at a Government sale for Rs 140 assessment 7-7-4.

6 Swamy Pala No. 22 bought in 1847 from Samshadeen for Rs 350 Assessment 29-11-2.

7 Tajilla and Konilla No. 5 bought in 1847 from Vyasa Rau of Mangalore for Rupees 1,504 assessment 48 Rupees..

8 Upper Perande No. 54 bought in 1847 at a Government sale for Rupees 38-10-9.

9. Karengala No. 17 bought in 1847 at a Government sale for Rupees 303. assessment 39-3..

10. Kamarai Vorga No. 52 is bought in 1849 from Kania Rau at Balma

Balma for. Rupees 462. Assessment Rs 62-.-9.

11 Tamanchura No. 15 bought in 1850 from Tarashadeen son of Samshadeen of Mangalore for Rupees 80. Assessment Rs 8.

12. Nadilla No. 51. 64 bought in 1850 from Tarashadeen and Shyakali of Mangalore for Rupees 1000 Assessment Rupees 104-7-7

13. Under Pirande No. 52 bought in 1851 at a Government sale for Rs 200 assessment 31-7-5

14. A Garden in Moradi No. 4 near Mangalore bought in 1845 from Samshoodeen of Mangalore for Rs 597 Assessment 13-11-3.

15 A land in Suratcall bought in 1847 from Vencapah Bhatta and Naranna Bhatta Sons of Krishna Bhatta for Rs 500 Assessment Rupees 20-8—.

16. A land in Urna near Mangalore in 1849 bought the right of Moolos Gene from Perna Sanna Anta and Permah of Urna for Rs 175 Rs 10 are to be given to the Proprietor a year B Lands belonging to the Poor Fund of the Mangalore congregation

A land in Padupodi Grama Pee:=: Savara Mogane No. 24 Timapah Vorga bought in 1849 from Duma and family for Rs 1005 Assessment Rs 88 6. Lands belonging to the congregation of Moodby. A

A land in Kanandsha Grama Curuel Boil near Mosiky about 22 Acres. A grant (Durkast) from Government in 1843. Assessment Rs. 38. 12 as. D Lands belonging to the congregation of Oochilla.

A land about 26 acres in Soorala near Cap Odapee Talook a Grant from Government in 1849 Assessment not yet fixed.

/True Copy/

/Signed/ F. N. Maltby
Collector

To,
Acting Collector & Register of Government Grants.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 20th April last I have the honor to inform you that the German Missionaries connected with the Basle Society have forty five Cawnies of land in Malabar taken up for the purpose of cultivation by their converts.

The ground (Waste) was granted to them on the same terms as it would have been to any other individuals and no special permission was thought necessary.

Calicut,
28th July 1853.

(Signed) H. V. Conolly
Collector.

(True Copies)
(Signed) H. Stokes
Acting Collector.

Proceedings

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Bt No 1765
Proceedings thereon.

As the Collector of Guntoor appears to have lost sight of the wish of Government respecting his certifying to the fact of the conveyance of the ground from the Reverend G. Martz to the Reverend C. W. Groning and as the Acting Collector of Madras has written to Mr. Purvis on the subject, the Board resolve to await the receipt of the further report, before making any

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any further report to Government.

2. They also trust that with the above, Mr Stokes will be able to forward the whole of the replies of the several Collectors he has addressed respecting lands held by Foreign Mission in their Districts.

Read

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B. No. 2203.

Minute of the Third Member of the Board of Revenue.

Extract Mins. Cons. 17th May 1853.

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Read the following minutes

In reference to the Board's remarks in the Proceedings on the Summaboory Settlement report of Chinglepet for Fusly 1261. Viz.t "that it is an essential condition of the boon thus conferred (by the Court of Directors) that the water shall not be drawn from sources supplied by Government." the Government remark that if any conditions not absolutely necessary or not specific and certain are annexed to this boon it will be lost, and the Ryot and country proportionately injured. the Ryot and country proportionately injured. Native Revenue Officers will assuredly turn such conditions into prohibitions if not carefully watched. The Governor in Council would wish the Board to consider and lay before Government some precise rules for regulating the distance from Public works at which private Wells may be constructed and they refer to the recent work of Captain Baird Smith on Italian Irrigation.

Para 8.

The General rule on this head as modified by Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation 2nd November 1852 is as follows. "That if cases should arise when

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when it is manifest that a Well dug at a ryots expense has drawn away water from a previously existing Government work, in such instance such Well land shall not be wholly exempted from assessment but a fair and equitable extra cess may be imposed." The Board in their

Para 3. letter to Government 30th September 1852 expressed their opinion that this rule should be held to apply to "all Tanks and watercourses as well as the surplus water from such works" but being desirous of proceeding with caution they added that they "were doubtful whether the prohibition should extend to Wells sunk in the immediate vicinity of large Streams, the more so, that there would be much difficulty in defining with precision where such prohibition should cease or take effect, but for the present, and until the result of the measure shall be ascertained it might they thought be prudent to consider all flowing water of every description as Circar water and Wells deriving an immediate and evident supply from such water as not entitled to exemption." No objection was offorded by Government to this view of the case and it was considered therefore to have been generally approved of and has been adopted as the rule in reply to references from some of the Collectors on the subject.

The question may now therefore be

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be considered as having reference not only to water derived from Public Works, i.e. works on which an outlay of Public Money has been made, but also to all water which according to the practice of the Country has been considered Circar water and as such at the disposal of Government.

That the laying down of "precise rules," as required by Government is a matter of very great difficulty is shown, not only by former experience of Tanks and Nullahs but from the work of Captain Baird Smith. He observes that "there are probably no two localities where the amount of water absorbed by, or draining through the land is precisely the same: every change in the constituents of the Soil, every variation in the proportions between these differences of slope in the water courses, and so on alter the conditions of the problem" and after quoting the different laws on the subject prevailing in different States of Italy, he observes "nothing could illustrate more clearly

clearly than these numbers the impractica-
-bility of establishing any general rule for
irrigated regions of large areas and varied
physical structure. The distances range
from 8 to 213 yards, the extremes being found
in the immediately adjoining provinces of
Verona and Mantua" and in consequence of
this difficulty of laying down precise rules
it appears to have been left by the legisla-
-tive body of the Kingdom of Italy in 1804 to
be determined in each case by the opinion of
professional men, and with reference to the
localities. This however is stated to be very
unsatisfactory to the agriculturists and that
they would prefer a Maximum and minimum
Romagnosi of protective distance, and it has been proposed
by a great authority in such cases, that 22 yards
should be the minimum distance in reference
to large rivers and about 9 yards to springs
and Canals. Captain Baird Smith remarks
that this is much in accordance with the
rules adopted in the Bengal Presidency
where 20 yards is fixed for main Canals
and 10 for principal water courses.

It would I think have been
better to defer laying down any precise
rules

rules until some experience has been gained
of the operation of the new measures regarding
Wells, but as the Government is desirous that
rules should be immediately laid down,
I am not aware that the Board can adopt
any better minimum distances than those
just referred as far as regards Nullahs
and Channels, some further security is
perhaps required in the case of Tanks,
and I would double the maximum
distance in regard to Wells dug below
the bund, or rather it would perhaps be
better to deny total exemption from
additional assessment to all lands
within their influence and impose a
moderate additional assessment on all
Wells, whether above or below the supply
of whose water is evidently kept up from
the Tank. For otherwise we shall have
shallow Wells sunk all round the bed
of a Tank and drawing away its water
but paying no additional Teerwah
while the highly assessed wet lands
under it are left waste. The same will
perhaps occur to no inconsiderable extent
in irrigation channels to the serious loss
of

of Government.-

It is to be observed. that the rules referred to by Captain Baird Smith both in Italy and India seem to refer to the digging of new Channels near others as affecting the rights of neighbouring proprietors, and not to a total exemption from additional payment on account of the water.-

I cannot help thinking that we are proceeding a little too fast in this matter, and exceeding the permission given by the Court of Directors- Both they and the Government required. that the concession should be accompanied by such precautions as may be requisite to prevent abuse of the indulgence" and even with this limitation the Court's concession only went the length of "extending to the whole of the Madras Presidency the rule which prevails in the districts noted in the Margin" they continue- "AND to allow to the ryots the full benefit of their own improvements &ca" but this "and" seems to be intended as explanatory of what the rule referred to is, not as authorizing further concessions beyond what had been asked for. However that may be I think we should proceed cautiously,- and not attempt to Lay down "precise rules" which

which cannot be annulled or modified, and under which we may in the course of a few years find that the Ryots are extensively using Circar water without paying for it- In flat countries such as that near the new Godavery Canals I am under the impression that they will furnish an abundant supply of water- to the shallowest Well dug near them, and the ryots may come habitually to use these instead of carrying off the water by surface Channels for which they will have to pay.-

(Signed) J L Blane
June 12th, 1853.- 3rd Member

S.S.

Having reperused the whole of the Well correspondence I am doubtful whether the Board have not exceeded the intentions of Government in the replies they have given to the Collector of Bellary, Trichinopoly and Tinnevelly allowing exemption to Garas and other Wells which cost little or nothing- In Extract Minutes Consultation 21st October 1850- Government observe (Para 26) In recommending that works executed by ryots be

be left wholly untaxed the Government must of course be understood as alluding only to substantial and permanent improvements not to mere "temporary and partial ones" and in reply to the reference made by the Collector of Guntoor thro' the Commissioner Northern Circars (Extract Minutes Consultation 15th February 1853) they lay down the principle very clearly that "the object of the Honorable Courts order was to encourage the outlay of Capital. In the case under reference there would appear to be no such bonafide expenditure, nor consequently any ground for indulgence, or departure from the received usage of the district." We seem not to have had these orders in view in our replies, and the Board had perhaps better reconsider them. There will however always be a difficulty in fixing the minimum of expenditure which shall give a claim to exemption.

(Signed) T. L. Blane.

D.G.

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Bd No 2204

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On the subject of Well Cultivation.

Memorandum

Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 17th May, 1853.

The Government observe in Para 8 that "if any conditions not absolutely necessary or not specific and certain are annexed to this boon, it will be lost, and the Ryot and the country proportionately injured." This is a reiteration of former remarks regarding the impolicy of imposing restrictions on the operation of the rule regarding private Wells. The Board have stated that the only restriction they would impose is that the Well shall not be filled from sources supplied by Government but they have also declared that all running water shall be considered for the present Government water. This all Nullahs and Jungle Streams as well as Rivers, the water of which is not used by Government, fall within this category, and this definition of Government water though correct as such excludes the Ryot from the full advantages of the Rule. The Collector of Coimbatore has brought to notice that the Wells of the Ryots in that District are generally in the localities specified and that the boon will be inoperative in a great degree, if additional assessment is required in these cases. Similar remarks

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remarks apply to other Districts as regards the situation of the Wells.-

I think the diferation of Govt -ment water is correct and that it should be open to the Government at any time to use it for the general purposes of the irrigations: but I do not think that this right should be brought to bear on private Wells. It ap- -pears to me that the Ryots should be per- -mitted to dig Wells without extra cess in any lo-cality, except near Tanks and arti- -ficial Channels and the irrigated area- under them, with the understanding that their doing so is not to prejudice the right of Government to use the water of the several sources as defined above, whether on ac- -count of works to be executed by them- -selves or by individuals under their per- -mission- Thus a Ryot may construct a Well near a Hill stream. another Ryot may propose to build an anicut or con- -struct a Tank, or any other work, to be supplied from the same source. The last mentioned work will be contructed on the Dus-wundum Principle, after the approval of the local authorities has been obtained, and

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and be liable to an extra assessment- The Ryot who has a Well will have no grounds of complaint as his land is assessed as dry and he was aware of the right of Govern- -ment to the water- Practically however a case of hardship is not likely to occur as the Well will not lose any portion of its supply by the larger work- it will probably be better supplied by the lo- -cality being gathered together and - arrested.-

In Cantoor and the Palnaad, as well as in other Districts, water is raised from Rivers by means of Pecotahs and Bullocks- In some cases the expence is small, in all cases however a certain outlay is incurred- In fixing the assessment, if an extra cess is to be impos- -ed it will be necessary to make an al- -lowance for the outlay and to adjust - the rent accordingly- I am disposed to al- -low this description of work to be enjoyed free of additional assessment under the Well rate, certainly if a Well is constructed in the vi- -cinity of the River.-

The letter of the Board

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remarks the Well question would stand thus.

All Wells except such as are near Tanks and artificial channels or the land irrigated by those works to be free from additional taxation.-

Wells near Tanks artificial Channels or the land irrigated by them to be liable to additional assessment, if within the distance of ——— yards.-

Works as Pecotahs and other works on the banks of River to be exempt or otherwise as may be determined after reference to the Collector mentioned.-

Wells situated near Rivers Jungle Streams or in the vicinity of any running water not to prejudice the right of Government to such water for the purposes of the general irrigation whether by works to be constructed by themselves or by private individuals with their permission.-

June 20th, 1853.

(Signed) J. Goldingham

Second Member

Further

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Bd No 2205

Minute of the Third Member of the Board of Revenue.-

Further Memorandum.

Since reading the 2nd Member's Memorandum I have given the subject further consideration, and I still think the caution with which the Board at first wished to proceed in the matter of Dry well Cultivation ought to have been adhered to. The necessity for this has mainly arisen from the absolute pledges which the Government has insisted upon being given that the assessment of new Wells shall never under any circumstances be raised above the Dry land assessment. Such pledges are at all times impolitic, and in no Country can they be more so than in India where the land Revenue Settlement has been one series of blunders and mistakes. Having insisted upon this pledge Government now calls upon us to lay down "precise rules" before the measure is six months old, and before we have been able to gain any experience or even to form a guess as to what the ultimate effect of the measure may be. Had any latitude been left by which mistakes might hereafter be remedied. this would have been of less importance and we might have proceeded

somewhat

somewhat more boldly, but this irredeemable pledge sticks to us at every turning, and whatever mistakes we may make in our eagerness to extend the Courts measure will be without remedy.

As respects the permission which it is now proposed to grant for sinking wells near tanks and whether natural or artificial the objection is not that we have any motive for depriving the Ryots of the use of the water, but it is the danger that by offering too many facilities for cultivating irrigated produce on Dry lands assessment we are running the risk of throwing the present wet and garden lands out of cultivation to a large extent, and thus deranging the whole system of Land Revenue Settlement. For my part I have not the most distant idea of the extent of land which may thus be cultivated in the several districts near rivers &c. or of the lands of that description now under cultivation which as the Collector of Guntoor anticipate would be abandoned for the new favorably situated lands, and it is therefore that I advocate caution. However as Government insist upon our making precise rules. I do not as I before said, see that we can adopt any better rule than that followed in Bengal of allowing

To Commr 11th Decr 1852.

Wells

Wells to be sunks 20 yards from a Nullah or other water whether natural or artificial.

As regards the 2nd Members proposal to extend the indulgence to Pacottahs actually drawing water from the river itself it appears to me to be introducing another difficulty in the present stage of the discussion, and I think it ought under any circumstances to be deferred. The question appears also to have been already disposed of by Government in their Minutes Consultation 15th February 1853 in answer to the reference from Guntoor in which they distinctly negative Mr Stokes proposition to extend the indulgence to lands irrigated by the leather bucket and wheel on the banks of rivers.

This leads me to observe

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observe that this appears one of those im-
portant questions which the President
of the Board desired that an opportunity
should be given to him of expressing
his opinion and as whatever rules are to be
passed will be general and equally af-
fect the 5 Districts under Mr Commissioner
Elliot I certainly think that his opinion
should also be requested and I would
propose that the correspondence and
our present minutes be forwarded to him
at the same time I do not object to a
Circular letter to some of the Collectors
being sent, tho' it should be in a less
leading from than the draft proposed,
which seems to indicate the opinion which
the Board desire them to arrive at.-

July 20th 1853- (Signed) T.L. Blane

Memorandum

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B. No. 2206.

Minute of the Second Member of the Board of Revenue - - - On the subject of Well Cultivation -

Memorandum

I think we cannot do better than refer the question regarding Circar Water and the distance from Circar Water, at which Wells may be dug, for the opinion of the President of the Board.-

Hitherto we have considered all running Water as Circar Water- We have now to determine whether we shall relase this definition by giving up all water to the Ryot, except such as is supplied by Govern-ment outlay, requiring only, as laid down by Government, the fixed assessment of the land, or whether the facility of obtaining water, is to be considered as one of the ad-vantages which should regulate the amount of the assessment. The latter is per-haps no longer at our option, the orders are positive that the fixed assessment of the land shall not be exceeded and as regards the places where water is found we cannot well continue to enforce a principle of restriction, which appears unsound and impolitic. I object to the Ryot being shut out from the use of all running water for the following reasons.-

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1 It will be a serious check to the digging of Wells and the great object of encouraging this description of irrigation will be lost.-

2 It will place Wells with the additional assessment at a disadvantage with Wells not so taxed. In both cases there must be a certain outlay for construction and for working the Well, but in the former the additional impost will make the cost of bringing the product to market greater.-

3 It is opposed to the principle of allowing the occupants of land to avail themselves of all natural advantages within their reach.-

4 The loss of Government is likely indirectly to be great. I cannot say how much will be given up directly, but we have grounds for thinking that it will not be great compared with the importance of the boon; indirectly the injury will be great, as the exclusion is of a highly restrictive character and must affect the Ryots prejudicially, and with them the prosperity of the Revenues.-

I see no ground for fearing a

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a competition between Well irrigation in its extended form and that supplied by Government, the products of the two are distinct.- Garden Products and trees are suited to the limited supply of water furnished by Wells- not so Rice, which requires much water- Supposing however that Rice could be grown under all the Wells that will be dug the land thus occupied would be inconsiderable compared with the vast area under Rivers and Channels.- as irrigation is improved more water will be used by Government and in this way the chances of competition will be proportionately diminished.-

We know that the ultimate effects of private Wells in the restricted form will be- This measure is only an extension to all the Districts of what exists in a few. We know the results in these, the results in the other Districts will be the same-

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What then have we to wait for? To wait longer seems like inaction in a case in which important interests are involved. If it is clear that private wells in the extended form, will not affect other irrigation; we ought not as it appears to me to hesitate any longer in the matter

I shall be very glad to make an exception as regards Pucotahs and Wheels on the banks of Rivers until we have the opinion of Collectors on the description of irrigation and its bearing on the question before us.-

I look for much advantage from placing the question before our President and ultimately before Government should that course be resolved on.-

26th July 1853. (Signed) J Goldingham

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B. No 2207.

Minutes of the President of the Board of Revenue.

The Court of Directors in their Despatch No 7 of 1852 authorized Government to "extend to the whole of the Madras Presidency the rule which prevails in the Districts of Bellary, Cuddapah, South Arcot, Salem, and Tinnevelly, and to allow to the Ryots the full benefit of their own improvements." This concession was granted at the instance of the Government who in recommending it explained that they alluded only to substantial and permanent improvements not to mere temporary and partial ones, also that they meant that the concession should be guarded by "such precautions only as might be requisite to prevent abuse of the indulgence." The concession then is neither more nor less than what was originally allowed in Bellary &c. it is applicable only to substantial and permanent improvements and is to be regulated so as to prevent abuse of the indulgence.-

Minutes of Cons: 21st October 1851. para 26.

From Board to Government 30th September 1852. para 3.

As a precautionary measure for the last object the Board proposed that "no Well constructed at a Ryots' expense should be

be free from a additional assessment if it in any way interfered with or derived benefit from any existing work kept up at the expense of Government" meaning as they explained all "tanks and watercourses as well as the surplus "water from such works". The Board said they were doubtful whether the prohibition / or rather the provision for an extra Assessment / should extend to Wells sunk in the immediate vicinity of large rivers, or jungle streams the more so that there would be much difficulty in defining with precision where such prohibition should cease or take effect, but for the present and until the result of the measure should be ascertained they suggested "that all flowing water of every description should be considered as Circar water" and that "Wells desiring an immediate and evident supply from such water should be regarded as not entitled to exemption". The Government expressly approved of the principle of the first of these rules, and though they did not specially notice the

2d. November 1852 Para 8.

second I may say that they equally approved of the principle on which the Board grounded it.

In Minutes of Consultation of 17th. May 1853 the Government observed that any conditions restrictive of the privilege conceded by the Court of Directors not absolutely necessary or not specific and certain, would be likely if not carefully watched, to be turned by the Native revenue Officers into prohibitions and they requested the Board "to consider and lay before Government some precise rules for regulating the distance for public works at which private wells may be constructed" without subjecting the land irrigated by them to Extra Assessment. It was at the same time intimated that Government would apply to Bombay for any rules on this head which may be in force there.

It seems to me that the first thing for the Board to do in consequence of the instruction from Government is to ascertain the rule and practice in this respect in the Districts mentioned by the Court of Directors according

according to which the practice elsewhere, to be regulated - I would advise that this be done now.-

We know that the practice in Bellary, Tinnevelly, and I presume in the other Districts in which Well lands have been exempted for Exctra taxation has been to disallow this advantage to the shallow wells made without expense called "Garisi" in Bellary, and to similar wells in Tinnevelly. I am quite clear that neither the Court of Directors nor the Government intended to extend the exemption to lands irrigated by such means - The explanation of the Government which I have quoted above and which it is to be presumed the Court adopts is directly opposed to it - assuredly this boon was not meant to be given where no capital had been laid out - The work itself must be of a nature to evidence the expenditure of capital upon it - it must be of a substantial and permanent character - A work of masonry at least the very reverse of the Garisi Wells of Bellary and those described by the Collector of Tinnevelly - This principle is maintained in Extract

Minutes of Consultation of 15th. February 1853 relating to Guntoor in which the boon was disallowed to land irrigated from rivers by means of the leatherbucket and wheel erected on the bank - This order further decides the question as to the water of rivers being exclusively disputable by the Circar according to hitherto undoubted Manool of the Country - I concur on these points with Mr. Blane and I think the Board had better reconsider and modify instructions to the Collectors of Bellary and Tinnevelly dated respectively the 17th. January and 9th. June 1853 - I am strongly of opinion that the Commissioner for the Northern Circars should be consulted before general rules are laid down.-

The rule is the same in the Italian states of which Captain Baird Smith writes - The right of property in all running water whether of rivers streams or torrents appertains to the Government Volume II. P. 131.

Since writing the above my attention has been directed to the rule proposed by the Acting Collector of Cuddapah Mr. Arbuthnot that lands under Wells constructed within 10 Chains (330 feet) from tanks or channels should be charged with

From Acting Principal Collector 11th. October 1843 para 58.

See also from Collector of Cuddapah 31st. December 1838. para 35.

with Teerwajasty if the lands are on such a level that the water of the Tank or Chanel will flow to them, which was approved by the Board. The object them seems to have been, to guard against the land being surreptitiously irrigated by water conducted from the Tank superficially. The present object is to save the Ryots occupying lands watered ostensibly from the Tank and tasced accordingly for the competition of others drawing water from the same source by means of Wells supplied by percolation through the soil, and escaping from tasc simply because the process by which the water is obtained is not visible. I dont know that the distance is more than is necessary to put the Well beyond the reach of the Tank water. This is a point for inquiry. I understand that it is the rule where there are private Wells not to allow a new one to be constructed within such a distance from one previously existing as that the latter can be effected by it. The custom of the Country in

Board's Proceedings 12th. September 1844. P. 11.

in this respect as between private parties should be ascertained. The same rule might be applied equally where the Circar and where a private party is concerned.

Respecting the Garissi Wells in the Ceded Districts I find they were never made subject to Teerwajasty by one of Colonel Munro's original orders (I think the Tarum Summahbundy Hookoomnamah) The propriety of charging lands watered by such wells and other similar constructions formed at an inconsiderable expense was considered in the

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the Board's Proceedings 18th November 1824 Para 17 and 25th November 1825 paras 25 to 27 with reference to the Cuddapah District in which they appear to prevail more than in the Bellary, and the reasons for this measure were therein clearly laid down and approved by Government, and the question has since been considered & settled. I think the reasons are perfectly valid and are equally applicable to the present state of things.—

25th November 1825.

(Signed) D: Elliot.
President.

Ordered

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Ordered that the following letter be sent in consequence.—

To The Collector of Bellary.

Sir,

80-85

B. No. 1791.

To the Collector of Bellary. Same to:- 1.
Cuddapah
South Arcot
Salem
Tinnevelly &
Tanjore.

Para 167 & 295

I am directed to forward to you the accompanying + Copy of Extract of Minutes Consultation dated 17th May 1853 and of portions of Captain Baird Smith's Work on Station irrigation with the view to your affording the Board of Revenue any information with regard to the practice obtaining in your District, as the Board are not aware whether amongst the rules promulgated by the local Officers on the subject of Streams &ca has been taken into consideration - Should there be no specific rule or observance on the subject, you will be good enough to give the Board your opinion as to the extent to which restriction should be made, when it is proposed to excavate a new Well.—

The Board would also wish to be informed 2.- what the Custom of the Country is in regard to the distance at which a new Well may be dug from one previously existing - you are also requested to state what has hitherto been the rule in respect to Wells (dug at private expense) known in some Districts as Garsy Viz. such as are mere holes scraped in sand or loose soil to obtain surface water, and involving little or no outlay and not at all of a permanent nature. It is desirable to know in what localities as regards distance from running streams, or tanks such wells are dug.—

(Signed) B: Cunliffe.
Sub Secretary

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 22d August 1853.

Resolved

Resolved that the following letter be despatched.—

86
B/ No. 1766.

To the Collector of Rajahmundry.

Sir,

To the Collector of Rajahmundry—

With reference to your letter of 10th. March 1853, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will expedite the despatch of the Statement of Salt in store available for exportation to Calcutta on private trade for the month of July 1853.—

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 22d. August, 1853.

(Signed) B. Cunliffe
Sub Secretary.

The Board proceed to take into consideration the Statement noted below and to record their remarks thereon—

87
B/ No. 1952
From the Acting Collector of Cuddapah— Estimate of Extra Charges proposed to be incurred for Fasly 1263.—

87-88
Order thereon— Ordered that the necessary remarks of the Board be inserted in the proper Column of the abovementioned Statement and submitted for the sanction of Government.—

89
B/ No. 1973.
Read the undermentioned Statements.—

From the Collector of Vizagapatam— Statement of Contingent Charges incurred for the quarter ending 30th. June 1853.—

90
B/ No. 1974
From the Acting Collector of Guntoor— Statement of Contingent Charges incurred for the quarter ending 30th. June 1853.—

From

91
B/ No. 1965
From the Acting Collector of North Arcot— Statement of Contingent Charges incurred for the quarter ending 30th. June 1853.—

92
B/ No. 1968.
From the Collector of Trichinopoly— Statement of Contingent Charges incurred for the quarter ending 30th. June 1853.—

89-93
Order on the 4 abovementioned Statements— Resolved that the necessary orders be passed.—

Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous letters and Statements.—

94
Mx. No. 895
From the Collector of Nellore— Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance from 1st. to 11th. July last.—

95
Mx. No. 901
From the Collector of Salem— Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance from 1st. to 11th. July last.—

96
Mx. No. 902.
From the Collector of Trichinopoly— Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance from 12th. to 31st. July last.—

97
Mx. No. 896
From the Collector of Nellore— Statement shewing the average Bazar wholesale prices of Grain and Salt for the month of July last.—

98
Mx. No. 903
From the Collector of Trichinopoly— Statement shewing the average Bazar wholesale prices of Grain and Salt for the month of July last.—

99
Mx. No. 906
From the Collector of Coimbatore— Stating that the return of Persons Charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822, was not forwarded for the month of July last.—

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100
Mr. No. 900.

From the Collector of Salem - Return of Persons confined under Regulation IX of 1822 for the month of June last.-

101
Mr. No. 908.

From the Collector of Coimbatore - Return of Persons confined under Regulation IX of 1822 for the month of June last.-

102
Mr. No. 887.

From the Collector of Masulipatam - Forwarding Indents on the arsenal for Padlocks &ca.-

102-103
Order thereon - Ordered that the original Indents accompanying the abovementioned letter be passed and forwarded to the Secretary to the Military Board.-

104
Mr. No. 888

From the Collector of Masulipatam - Forwarding an Indent for certain printed forms.-

104-105
Order thereon - Ordered to be supplied accordingly.-

Comp. D. Pike.

" Goldingham

" J. Blane

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No Diary.

At a Meeting Present.

Thursday, 25th August 1853. } J. Goldingham Esqre. Senr. Member.
and.
J. L. Blane Esqre. Third Member.

Walter Elliot Esqre. Senior Member.
Absent on Duty as Commissioner.
Northern Circars.

Minutes of the last Meeting read and approved.-

1
Bd. No. 2132
From the Secy. to Government

Read the following Resolutions.-

No. 887.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultations under date the 2d. August 1853.
From Bd. 18 July.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council Sanctions the payment of the Arrears of Yeomiah due to the parties named below, amounting in each case from July 1851 to May 1853 to Rupees 34-8. Thirty four and Annas Eight

	Rs. a
Jankee	34-8
Sa Keenakeelee	34-8.

By Order
(Signed) J. Pycroft
Secretary to Govt.

Ordered

10008 Fort St. George 25th August 1853.

B. of R. No. 1-2 1800

Order thereon. Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Nellore with reference to his Statement dated 22nd June 1853.

B. of R. No. 3 2133.

No. 888.

From the Sec. to Govt. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 2nd August 1853.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council grants authority for the payment of the Arrears of Dehaut Enams due to the undermentioned Enamdars Amounting in the aggregate to Rupees (60-5-4) Sixty and Annas five, and for continuing to them their respective allowances.

	Amount of Annual Allowance.	Amount of arrears due.
Syed Mohadeen a Sharer in the Dehat Enam Village of Poonjee in the Cauveripauk Taloq. for Fusli 1259 61 part of 63. Mahomed Syed a Sharer in the above Dehat Enam for Fusly 1261 and part of 62	13 Thirteen	37-9-4
	13 Thirteen Rupees	22-12-0 60-5-4

By Order
(Signed) T. Pycroft.
Secretary to Government

Ordered-

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B. of R. No. 1795.

Order thereon. 34

Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Collector of North Arcot with reference to his Statement dated 21st June 1853.

B. of R. No. 5 2134

No. 901

From the Sec. to Govt. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 5th August 1853.

(From B. 18th July)

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council grants authority for the payment of the Arrears of Dehaut Enam due to Syed Buddeegoodeen from 12th July 1850 to 11th April 1853 Amounting to Rupees (119-10-4) One hundred and Nineteen and Annas Ten, and Also for continuing to him from the latter date his Annual allowance of Rupees (43-8-4) Forty three and Annas Eight.

By Order
(Signed) T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

B. of R. No. 5-6 1796

Order thereon Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Collector of North Arcot with reference to his Statement dated 7th July 1853.

B. of R. No. 7 2135.

No. 911

From the Sec. to Govt. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 9th August 1853.

(F. B. 21st July)

Resolved that the Collector of

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of South Arcot be authorized to disburse the portion of the Yeomiah undrawn by the late Laul Khan, Amounting to Rupees 2-2-4 Two and Annas two, to the Son and heir of the deceased.

By Order
(Signed) T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

B. of R. 7-8 1801
Order thereon.

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of South Arcot with reference to his Yeomiah Statement dated 23rd June 1853.

9
No. 2242.
From the Secretary to Government
Dated 5th August 1853.

Read Extract empowering the Acting Collector of Guntoor to adopt every Measure that may seem required for the relief and Assistance of the Sufferers by the inundation of the Kistna river without waiting for the formal Sanction of Government.

9-10
Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded.

Read the following Extract.

11
Bd. of R. No. 2119.
From the Sec. to Govt.
Reviewing the report on Condrigas or grants of Enam Lands given by former Collectors of the Nellore District.

No. 913.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 9th August 1853.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
(Here enter 16th June 1853 No. 264)

Para 1. In the foregoing Proceedings the Board

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Board of Revenue Submit the report of the Collector of Nellore on those of the Condrigas or grants of Enam Lands given by former Collectors, which were made to Religious institutions. These Comprize 42 Grants to Pagodas and one endowment to a Roman Catholic Chapel, in all 43 grants, the particulars of which as far as they can be ascertained are given at length in the Collector's Tabular Statement.

2. Of the above Number 37 are stated to have been given in lieu of resumed privileges, which in most instances consisted of Sums granted from the Grama Kurch with the Sanction of the Ruling Authorities. The Board observe that "the Commutation "of these items of expenditure into defined "and express grants of waste land was "therefore unobjectionable, and if reported "would probably have met with confirmation "by the Government."

3. The 5 remaining Enams having been assigned to Pagodas of recent construction at the date of grant are the Board observe more questionable, but as they have been in existence between 40 and 50 years it is for consideration whether they shall now be interfered with.

4. The late Collector of Nellore proposed

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Court of Queen's Bench being payable to the Crown.-

(True Extract)
(Signed) H. C. Montgomery
Chief Secretary

(True Copy)
(Signed) T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

Ordered that a Copy of para 35 of the Honorable Court's Dispatch in the Political Department dated 4th May 1853 No 2 be furnished to the Board of Revenue with reference to the correspondence noted in the Margin, with a request that in communicating the same to the Collector of Coimbatore for his guidance they will instruct him to make intimation accordingly to the parties who applied for information. Vizt. Lieutenant Bromley of the Bombay Army and Mr. A. R. W. Lacelles

Ext: Pro: Bd of Revn 30th May 1850 No 236.
Ext: Mins Cons: 6th August " " 733.
Ext: Pro: Bd of Revn 28th October " 445.
Ext: Mins. Cons: 20th March 1852 " 269.

(A True Extract)
(Signed) T. Pycroft.
Secretary to Government.

To The President & Members of the Board of Revenue.

Bd No 1793.

Order thereon-

(13-14)

Ordered that the foregoing papers be communicated to the Collector of Coimbatore

Fort St. George 25th August 1853.-

Coimbatore, with a request that he will as directed by Government, intimate the Contents to Lieutenant Bromley and Mr. Lacelles.

Read again list from the Agent at Kurnool dated 15th July and entered in Consultation 15th August 1853 of letters received from the Board of Revenue and remaining unanswered to 30th June last.-

(15)

Bd No 1792.

Proceedings thereon-

The Board observe that no explanation of the cause of delay in replying to their communications is given in the List recorded above; and they therefore resolve to return it to the Agent at Kurnool with a request that he will insert the necessary remarks in the last column.-

They also observe that the under 2. mentioned communications have been omitted.

Circular 11th March 1852.-

Respecting outstanding balances.

Circular 25th November 1852.

Respecting old Garden lands.

Proceedings 6th January 1853.-

calling for certain information connected with settlement Report for Fusly 1260.-

Read.-

Fort St. George 25th August 1853.

Read the following letters.

To.

W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

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B. of N. 2111
From the Collector of Chingleput -

Sir,

In reply to Sub Secretary Mr. Cunliff's letter of the 11th Ultimo, I have the honor to state that the alterations in the Salaries of the Head Royasum and Assistant Goomastah on the Police Jumeens' Establishment at Pulicat, were consequent on certain temporary arrangements effected by the Collector of North Arcot. On the transfer however of Pulicat to this District, and discontinuance of the Port to Port trade Returns the Salary of the Royasum was reduced from 14 Rs. to 12 Rs. while the sanctioned pay of the Assistant Goomastah Rupees 8 having been reverted to, no increased expenditure to which the C. O quoted applies, was incurred. The sanction of Government to the latter arrangement was communicated in Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 15th October 1852 in reference to a Communication from this previous 17th January.-

Chingleput District Collectors Cutcherry Pullecarney - 8th August 1853.

(Signed) J. H. Cochrane.
Collector.

Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded.-

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To

Fort St. George 25th August 1853.-

No. 145.

To,

W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.-

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B. of N. 2179.
From the Collector of Chingleput - 13 June 1853.
From B. 30 2d "
To B. 8th July - "

Vellore.
Voyalore.
Vichoor.
Poongolum.
Chunambog
Colum. -

Sir,

Referring to the correspondence marginally noted, I have the honor to annex a Memorandum exhibiting the quantity of Salt Manufactured in this District up to the 31st Ultimo. The Acting Collector of Madras has intimated that about 400 Garces will, for the present, be sufficient for the supply of his Depot from Covelong. After obtaining more decisive information from him on the subject, the Manufacture at the above place as also at the other pans with the exception of those Marginally noted, will shortly be closed.-

Chingleput District Collectors Cutcherry. Pullecarny 15th August 1853.-

(Signed) J. H. Cochrane.
Collector.-

Memorandum.

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Fort St. George 25th August 1853.

Memo.

Pans.	Manufactured Salt up to 31st July.	Garces.	Measls.
	Chunambut	634	350
	Cheyoor	1753	15
	Pyanoor	666	285
	Covelong	1112	235
	Vadasamunjary	503	70
	Chunamboocolum	22	165
	Poongolum	28	282
	Total	4721	202
	Vulloor &c	680	330
	Voyaloor	381	122
	Vichoor	33	200
	Total	1095	252
	Grand Total	5817	54

(Signed) J. H. Cochrane
Collector.

Bd No 1794.
(18-19)
Order thereon.

Ordered to be communicated for the information of the Acting Collector of Madras with reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 21st July 1853.

Read

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Read the following letter.—

№ 99.

To, W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

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B.R. № 2138.

From the Collector of Salem ——— Forwarding Original Draft of an answer proposed to be filed by the Sub collector in O.S. № 26 of 1853 instituted against him in the subordinate Court of Salem.

O.S. № 26 of 1853

Sir,

Para 1. I have the honor to submit the Draft of an answer which the sub Collector Mr. W. E. Cochrane, proposes to present in a suit instituted against him in the subordinate Court, and which he would wish defended at the cost of the State.—

2. " I am not aware whether it is my duty to modify a paper of this kind, if a necessity for so doing should occur to me and therefore submit it in original as it reached my Office.

3. I would, however, observe that in my opinion Mr. Cochrane's defence should be restricted to the support which his proceedings derive from the Hookum=nama and the practice of the District.—

4. Mr. Cochrane to my idea can know nothing of the merits or value of

of the mortgage on which the Plaintiff bases his alleged right and consequently should have avoided mooting the point of its worth or invalidity.—

Salem, Collectors Office,
Ofsoor, ——— }
9th August, 1853 ——— } Signed H. D. Phillips
Collector—

No 1

Draft of an Answer proposed to be filed in Original Suit No 26 of 1853 on the file of the Subordinate Court of Salem by W. E. Cochrane Esqre 4th Defendant.—

1 The Plaintiff sues for the recovery of 5 spots of land together with 2 Wells therein situated, which he states was forfeited to him according to the tenure of a foreclosed mortgage bond executed by the husband of the 1st Defendant and the 2d Defendant.—

2 In answer to this suit the 4th Defendant begs to state that the Plaintiff has no claim to the lands which are the property of Govern=ment, and as such were given to the 3d Defendant— Of the said 5 pieces of lands which were held by the 1st Defendants husband and the 2d Defend=ant, 4 pieces were left waste by them in fasly 1261, thro' inability whilst there was a full

full supply of water in the Tank for their Cultivation— Upon these grounds the lands were struck off the Jummabundy as banjar and the 4th Defendant ordered on the 18th March 1852 that the land might be given to the first person who applied for them to cultivate.—

3. The Plaintiff brought no claim to the said lands either at the time of the Jumma=bundy or when the 1st Defendant applied for them, or at the season of Dittum or when the lands were cultivated by the 3d Defendant But he presented a petition to the Tahsildar on the 19th October 1852 a period of Seven months after the 3d Defendant gave his Durkast and cultivated the land and stated that the land were under mortgage to him— Upon this the 4th Defendant passed an order at the time of the Summabundy of fasly 1262 that a puttah should be granted to the 3d Defendant who took up and Cultivated the lands and paid the Government demand and directed that the Plaintiff should seek redress in the Civil Court, if he had any money transaction with the 1st Defendants husband and the 2d Defen=dant who lost their claim to the said lands under the provision of Para 30 of the Hookumnamah

Hookummanah for having left the land waste and ceased to pay the teerwah for one year.—

4. If the said lands were actually mortgaged to the Plaintiff on the 5th. Pye of the year Keelayah /16th. January 1849/ the term of it expired on the 30th. Pye of the year Sadaranah /10th. Febuary 1851/ from which period to the end of March of the following year the Plaintiff had 13 Months time to bring his claim forward and get the lands re=gistered in his own name especially as the lands were left waste in that year In fusly 1259. when a sum of Rupees 19--4 was due by the 1st. Defendants husband their personal property was ordered to be attached and the Ryots of the village presented a mazur on the 8th. October 1850, to the effect that the said Defendants possessed no moveable property- Upon which the land No. 381 was attached on the 21st. of that month- if the mortgage of the lands was true the Plaintiff would certainly have mentioned the same at the time, nor did he say any thing about it even at the time the crop of the land was attached in fusly 1260 for the arrears of revenue-

If

5. If the said lands were under mortgage to the Plaintiff the Curnum of the village would have know or heard about it within the last 5 years- Neither the Curnum nor the 1st. Defendants husband mentioned any thing about the mortgage at the time the lands were included in waste- altho' the mortgage bond may be genuine yet the plaintiff himself is to blame for not bringing his claim forward in due time-

6 With regard to the assessment alleged by the Plaintiff to have been paid by the 1st. Defendants husband and the 2d. Defendant for the lands under dispute for fusly 1262 and to their having culti=vated them the 4th. Defendant begs the Court will refer to his answer to the plaint filed in O.S. No. 9 of 1853.

7 If the Plaintiffs claim to the lands by a foreclosed deed of mortgage be correct he would have reverted the same at the time the land was attached or when the crop of the same was gafted and would have taken upon himself to pay the Circar demand and get the lands entered in his name- It may be supposed that the Plaintiff was unwilling at that time to

to advance his claim to the lands, but it could not be imagined that he was so after the term of the bond was expired, it does not appear that he made any mention about the mortgage to the village Curnum or the Tahsildar for a year and some months after the expiration of the term of the bond or till the land was cultivated by the 3d Defendant after making a durkast and getting his name entered in the Dittum Chittah. —

8 The Court will clearly see that this suit is brought by the Plaintiff by the concurrence of the 1st and 2d Defendants and on the strength of a false document made out by their consent, with an intention of getting possession of the lands, given to the 3d Defendant, and therefore the 4th Defendant requests that the Court will take the above points into consideration and nonsuit the case with cost. —

[Signed] W. E. Cochrane
Sub Collector

No. 2.

Original Suit No. 26 of 1853. —

Translation of a plaint preferred in the Subordinate Court of Salem against Cottyammal widow of Cooppa Moodelly of Cauly patty, Tamasevoya Moodelly brother of the said Cooppa Moodelly, Cooppyen of Malysamoodram and the W. E. Cochrane Esqre Sub Collector of Salem by Arnachella Chetty son of Vellyen Chetty of Cauly patty in Trichengode Talook. —

By the virtue of a foreclosed deed of Mortgage executed on plain Cadjan I brought this suit for getting possession of the mulgoosary Nunjah lands situated within the boundaries hereunder specified giving an annual profit of Rupees 50-- and paying a yearly teervah to the Circar of Rupees 50-14-3 together with two wells constructed with stones valued at Rupees 100-- and to get a decision passed authorizing the grant of a puttah in my name for the said lands, and nullifying that passed in the names of the 1st 2nd and 3d Defendants. The lands which belong to the 1st Defendants husband Cooppamoodelly and the 2nd Defendant and in whose names puttahs were granted by the Circar are situated in the Amany Village of Malysamoodram in the Trichengode Taloo within the undermentioned boundaries. Bounded on the west by the Nunjah lands of Cooppa moodelly on the east by the Nunjah lands of Mottyalo Naick,

on

on the North by the Nunjah lands of Chinnaveeruppa Naick, and on the South by the Nunjah lands of Parasoo the particulars of which are as follows No. 381. Chinnary Hoolvoy Nunjah acres 2-15-13, Assessment Rupees 19-4-4 giving a produce of Rupees 19-4-4. No. 380 Hoolvoy Curpancutty Nunjah acres 1-21-4 assessment Rupees 3-4-2. giving a produce of 3. No. 83 Hoolvoy Nunjah acre 1-7-15 assessment Rupees 1-7-8 giving a produce of Rupee 1. No. 379. Hoolvoy Curpencutty Nunjah acres 1-3-3. assessment 11-9-6 giving a produce of Rupees 11-4-4 No. 380 Chinnary Hoolvoy Curpuncutty Nunjah acre 1-23-15. assessment 13-8-7. giving a produce of Rupees 13-4-4 the said lands in aggregate may give an annual produce of Rupees 50-4-4 My dispute for getting possession of the said lands together with two wells therein situated Viz.t one value at Rupees 70-4-4 and the other constructed with Stones valued at Rupees 30 making a total value of Rupees 100 is as follows- That on the 5th Iye of the year Keelaga the husband of the 1st Defendant and the 2d Defendant Mortgaged to me their lands for which puttahs were granted in their names by the Circar, and received Rupees 75 in ready cash, binding themselves to the condition of giving me a profit of 2 Podies of Paddy per Annum, and to pay me the principal

principal within the 30th of Iye of the year Eadairanah and redeem the bond in default of which to allow me to take possession of the lands and wells as forfeited, and to present a Razeenamah and get my name registered for the same- to the above effect they executed a foreclosed deed of Mortgage on a plain Cadjan on the said 5th day of Iye of the year Keelaga but as they did not act up to it the said lands and wells are forfeited to me- The Nunjah lands are cultivated by the irrigation from the Tank and wells and it is the custom of the Circar to remit the assessment of such lands which are not brought under cultivation in the year in which the Tank does not receive a supply of water- In conformity with which custom the teervahs of the said lands were remitted in fuslies 1252 and 1254. on account of their having been left waste- In like manner in fasly 1261 the said lands were left waste except the 5th piece from want of water in the Tank, the 3d Defendant the owner of the adjoining lands with an intention to appropriate the same to himself presented a Darkast to the Tahsildar for the lands in March 1852. when this came to the notice of the 1st Defendants husband and the 2d Defendant the husband of the 1st Defendant deposed before the Tahsildar in the Month of November of that year- that puttah should.

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should not be granted to the Defendant and th
if demanded he would even pay the assessmen
of the lands for fusly 1261 in which year they we
left waste — Besides this they enjoyed the la
for fusly 1262 — I also petitioned in the Mont
of October 1852. Showing my claim to the land
by the virtue of the foreclosed deed of mortga
While this is the case the 4th Defendant whe
came for the Summabundy of fusly 1262, witho
considering the said circumstances and regard
the justice annulled the puttah granted by the
Circar in the Names of the 1st Defendants husban
the 2nd Defendant and issued one in the name
of the 3rd Defendant for the said 4 pieces of
land excepting the 5th one — This is unjust becaus
while the husband of the 1st Defendant agreed to
pay the teervah of the lands for fusly 1261, and
paid the teervah of fusly 1262, and while I petitioned
showing that the lands were forfeited to me the
4th Defendant passed a puttah in the name of
the 3rd Defendant unjustly — The said Coopa
=Moodelly having died now a Month ago, this plaint
is brought against the 1st and 2nd Defendants
who are his wife and brother and request that a
decision may be passed as stated above —

(True Translation)
(Signed) W. E. Cochrane.
Sub Collector

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No. 386

B. No. 1790.
Proceedings thereon
20.4

Resolved that the foregoing letter together with its accompaniments be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council —

2. This suit has been instituted by Arnachella Chetty of Caulpatty in Trichengode Talook for the recovery of 5 spots of land together with two wells which he states were forfeited to him according to the tenor of a foreclosed Mortgage bond executed by the husband of the 1st Defendant and the 2d Defendant —

3. In the draft answer prepared by the Sub Collector, who is the 4th Defendant in the suit, he observes that 4 out of the 5 pieces of land claimed, were left waste by the 1st Defendants husband and the 2d Defendant in Fusly 1261, that there was a full supply of water in the Tank for their cultivation — That upon this ground, the lands were struck off the Summabundy as Bunjer, and an order was issued on the 18th March 1859, that they might be given to the first person who applied for them to cultivate — This course is

is in strict conformity with para 30 of the Hookoommamah—

4. The Sub Collector further states that the plaintiff brought no claim to the said lands either at the time of the Jummabundy, or when the 1st Defendant applied for them, or at the Season of Dittum, or when the lands were cultivated by the 3d Defendant, but that he presented a petition to the Tahsildar seven Months after the 3d Defendant gave his Durkast and cultivated the lands; when Mr. Cochrane ordered (at the time of the Jummabundy of Fusly 1262) that a puttah should be given to the 3d Defendant and that the plaintiff if aggrieved should seek redress in the Civil Court—

5. The Sub Collector has introduced inatter relative to the Merits or value of the Mortgage on which the plaintiff bases his alleged right, but the Board would propose a modification of the draft answer in this respect, which in their judgment, and as observed by Mr. Phillips, should be restricted to the support

support which the Sub Collectors proceedings may derive from the Hookoommamah and the practice of the District—

6. In reply to para 7 of his letter, the Collector will be informed that he is Competent to modify any paper of the kind now submitted if a necessity for so doing should occur to him—

7. As the Board consider the draft answer as now modified, to constitute a sufficient defence, they beg to recommend that the Sub Collector may be authorized to file it in the Subordinate Court and to defend the suit at the public Cost—

8. The date when the period for filing the answer will expire is not reported—

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B. No. 2011.
From the Collector of Salem— Read letter reporting the non-transmission of the Extract from the Register of Petitions for the Month of July last—

22-23
Order thereon— Ordered to be recorded—

Read the following letter.
No. 53.

To W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue—
Fort St. George—

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B. No. 1475.
From the Collr. of Trichinopoly } Sir, Para 1. I have had the honor to receive

receive Extract from the Proceedings of your Board dated 19th Ultimo on the Settlement report submitted by me for Fusly 1261 / 1851/52 and in perusing para 5 of the Proceedings, I am led to infer that your Board are impressed with the belief that, the demand with reference to the Products grown, is fixed on the dry lands only, and that too merely in the upland Talooks.

2. If my surmise be correct I am anxious to correct this impression. The system of charging the occupant of the soil according to the description of Crop grown, obtains throughout the whole Province, and is equally applicable to Wet land, and Dry land, situated within the river irrigated talooks, as within the Upland or Dry talooks. And as proof of my assertion I beg to submit the assessment particulars of two Villages taken from the Conaud Talook as an Examples—

Trichinopoly
Collectors Office
5th June 1853.

(Signed) J. Bird
Collector

Conaud

No. 1

Conaud Talook Village of Moolee Curren Coo-

Ayacut

	Goolies
Nunjay Car 131 —	51 2/16
Punjay Car 127 —	6 7/16

Cultivation in Fusly 1261

	Goolies
Nunjay Car 345 —	38 1/2
Punjay Car 32	5 9/16
Garden Car 26	12 15/16 Combined

Revenue Rs. 3,302-6-3

The means of irrigation Consist of a branch Channel off the Noya Condam Canal, and Several small tanks—

The assessment is levied on the Classification of the Soil under four descriptions, and with entire reference to the Crop grown—

Thus the Nunjay is divided into four Turems or Classes—

1st Kursel.
2nd Padoogay
3d Manel
4th Kullen.

1st Class description of land If two Crops of Soar Paddy is grown the assessment is Rupees 17—11—5 per Cawnie—

If

If the first Crop be Valam Paddy and the second Crop Pasharum, the assessment is Rupees 17—2—0—

If Vanpiur is raised on any Tarem the assessment is Rupees 14—7—on one Crop land only— But if it is grown on double Crop land then the assessment is Rupees 17—2—0. Should only one Crop of Pasharum be raised then the assessment is Rupees 12—2—0. should only one Crop of Car be grown the assessment is Rupees 10—14—6—

2d. Class.

If two Crops of Car be Cultivated the assessment is Rupees 12—10—8—

If two Crops of Valam, the charge is Rupees 9—9—per Cawnee—

If Pasharum first, and afterwards Poovashey be Cultivated the assessment is Rupees 9—6—5—

3d. Class.

If two Crops of Car be raised the tax per Cawnee is Rupees 7—7—6.—

If Pasharum and Valam, it is Rupees 8—14—8—

If only Poovashey, it is Pr. 3—1—10 per Cawnee.

4th.

4th. Class.

If two Crops of any Paddy it is Rupees 5—9—8—

If only One Crop then the tax is Rupees 4—8—10

Gardens and Poonjay lands at the nominal rate of Annas 4—6 per Cawnie— This was an Extraordinary indulgence on the part of the Carnatic Government and these gardens and Poonjay lands are held with the Nunjay as Put kut. Back yards assessed at Annas 3 each—

(Signed) J. Bird

Collector—

No. 2

Conaud Talook

Dry Villages of Coapoo

Ayacut	Goolies
Nunjay Car 80	80 1/2
Punjay Car 552	81 11/16

Cultivation in Fusly 1261.

	Goolies
Nunjay 44	6 13/16
Punjay 77	43 15/16
Garden 130	11 13/16

Means of irrigation has a small supply

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supply of water from the Veya-
=condam Canal, and several
small tanks— The assessment is
here levied on the description
of Product grown, and not by
any distinction of classification
of the soil—

Flues on Punjay lands for
Maree Car Rs. 4—12 6 per Cawnie
Shendee Car " 4—3—" —"
Onions —— " 2—7—" —"
Poovashey —— " —— " 15—" —"
If two Crops and one
be Onions —— 4—4—" —"
Valam raised
for seed —— 1—14 " —"

Gardens a General rate of Rupees 4—9 9
Punjay

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Punjay at a general average
rate of Annas 13—
Plantains and other vanjeer at
Rupees 2—7— Grass lands at
Annas 1—4 price per Cawnie—

(Signed) J. Bird
Collector

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Order thereon— Ordered to be recorded.

Read the following—

Statement—

Salt

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B.d No. 2255. Dr. Sall Account current in the Districts of Madura and Dindigul from 1st April to 11th July 1853 of Fusly 1262.

25th August 1853.

			In Mds. S.	C.	In Mds. S.	C.
1852						
July 12th	To Balance of Quantity remaining in Store at the end of last Fusly				16468	20
	To Quantity Manufactured and received into Store.					
1853						
March 31st	To the end of last Quarter	28919				
July 11th	In this Quarter	53052				
			81971			
	To Quantity gained by Measurement in the Sales of 10 June Measure.					
March 31st	To the end of last Quarter	327				
July 11th	In this Quarter	60				
			387			
	To Quantity of Confiscated Salt.					
March 31st	To the end of last Quarter					
July 11th	In this Quarter					
	To Quantity of Munter Salt					
March 31	To the end of last Quarter					
July 11th	In this Quarter					
					335358	
	Total Indian Maunds				504826	20

			In Mds. S.	C.	In Mds. S.	C.
	By Sale of In land Consumption.					
1853						
March 31st	To the end of last Quarter	63873				
July 11th	In this Quarter	50115				
					113988	
	By Home Consumption.					
March 31st	To the end of last Quarter	179580				
July 11th	In this Quarter	89436				
					269016	
	By Exportation.					
	To Calcutta on private Trade.					
March 31st	To the end of last Quarter					
July 11th	In this Quarter					
	To Chittagang.					
March 31st	To the end of last Quarter					
July 11th	In this Quarter					
	By wastage occasioned in Fusly 1261 written off under the sanction of Government as communicated in the letter of the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated. —					
					38300	
	Balance in Store				101292	
	N.B. By wastage occasioned in Fusly 1261 & 1262. —					
	To the end of last Quarter	17131				
	In this Quarter	3409	20			
					20536	20
					171822	20
	Total Indian Maunds				504826	20

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Dr. Money Account Current of Salt from 1st April 25th August 1853.

to 11th July 1853 of Fusly 1262. Cr.

			In Mds.	S	Rs	In Mds.	S	Rs
1853		To sales for Inland Consumption.						
March 31st		To the end of last Quarter	63573	"	"			
July 11th		In this Quarter	50115	"	"			
						113688		
		To Home Consumption.						
March 31st		To the end of last Quarter	179586	"	"			
July 11th		In this Quarter	89316	"	"			
						268896		
		Total at 1 Rupee per Maund	374604	"	"			
		at 15 Annas 2 Pice and 40 Cents per Dr.	7980	"	"			
						382584	"	"
		To Exportation.						
		To Calcutta on Private Trade.						
March 31st		To the end of last Quarter	"	"	"			
July 11th		In this Quarter	"	"	"			
		To Chittagang.						
March 31st		To the end of last Quarter	"	"	"			
July 11th		In this Quarter	"	"	"			
		To Fractions gained by retail Sales.						
March 31st		To the end of last Quarter	"	"	"			
July 11th		In this Quarter	"	"	"			
		To Fines &c.						
March 31st		To the end of last Quarter	164	6	"			
July 11th		In this Quarter	60	2	6			
						224	7	6
		To Refunds of Extra Charges.						
March 31st		To the end of last Quarter	"	4	3			
July 11th		In this Quarter	"	10	"			
						"	14	3
		To Recoveries of advances made for Salt Manufacturers.						
March 31st		To the end of last Quarter	7103	6	10			
July 11th		In this Quarter	8	3	5			
						7111	10	3
		To Refund of Salt Manufacturer's Share.						
		To the end of last Quarter	"	"	"			
		In this Quarter	"	"	"			
						"	"	"
		Total Company's Rupees				389921	"	"

N.B. Balance of Rowanahs as per last Quarter 1452
Received in this Quarter 12000
13452
Issued in this Quarter 4646
Balance on the 11th July 1853 8806

			In Mds.	S	Rs	In Mds.	S	Rs
1853		By Servants Wages.						
March 31st		To the end of last Quarter	8897	15	1			
July 11th		In this Quarter	4397	14	7			
						13295	15	8
		By Saderward including Extra Charges.						
March 31st		To the end of last Quarter	959	15	8			
July 11th		In this Quarter	133	3	"			
						1093	2	5
		By Roozooms						
March 31st		To the end of last Quarter	"	"	"			
July 11th		In this Quarter	"	"	"			
						"	"	"
		By Salt Manufacturers share						
March 31st		To the end of last Quarter	21667	14	7			
July 11th		In this Quarter	"	"	"			
						21667	14	7
		By Advances for Salt Manufacture.						
March 31st		To the end of last Quarter	"	"	"			
July 11th		In this Quarter	"	"	"			
						"	"	"
		Total				39056	14	6
		Net Revenue				350864	1	6
		Total Company's Rupees				389921	"	"

Madura 11th July 1853. E. E. Jr. / Signed / T. Clarke
Acting Collector
Order

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(26-27)

Order thereon — Ordered to be recorded —

Read the following letter —
No. 82.

To

W. H. Bayley Esqre.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue —
Fort St. George. —

(28)

B. No. 2235.

Sir,

From the Acting Collr. of Madura — of the 1st. Instant, I have the honor to inform you that the list — therein referred to was despatched under date the 5th. Inst. — I regret there has been any delay in furnishing the list but being on circuit many difficulties and delay occurred in preparing it which I hope may be avoided in future —

Madura, 13th. August 1853. } (Signed) T. Clarke
Acting Collector

(28-29)

Order thereon — Ordered to be recorded —

T.R.

Read

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Fort St. George 25th. August 1853.

Read the following letter —
No. 86.

To,

W. H. Bayley Esqre.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue —

(30)

Bd. No. 2003

Sir,

From the Collector of Coimbatore —

With reference to your letter of the 24th. November 1851, I have the honor to refer you to my letters dated 24th. April and 16th. June last to the Board on the Department of Public Works on the New Ootacamund Coimbatore, Collector's Office, 25th. July 1853 — } (Signed) E. B. Thomas
Collector.

(30-31)

Order thereon — The subject of Mr. Norton's Watercourse having been disposed of by the Department of Public Works on the Correspondence noted in the Margin, no further notice of it is required in this Department. the Board therefore resolve to record the above letter.

To Govt. P.D.W. 20th. May 1853. No. 1664
Extract Minutes Consultation 19th. July 1853. No. 272

Read

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Read the following letters

No. 69.

To,

W. H. Bayley Esqre

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue,

Fort St. George.

(32)

B. No. 2116

Sir,

From the Collector of Canara - - -

With reference to the Remarks of the Board of Revenue on the Statement of actual charges incurred under Estimate in the Revenue Department for July 1861, I have the honor to inform you that the sum of Rupees 147-7-8 shewn under the item of "Treasure chests &c." for July 1861, received Government sanction with the other expenditure of that Year on the 11th May 1852.

The Charge was incurred on the purchase of Scales for the treasuries as shown in the Margin and as it formed an Item connected with the Treasuries, the amount was

Item No. 11 in Statement A. for 1860-80-4-
Statement E. No. — 67-3-8
147-7-8

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was blended in the charge of "Treasure chests &c." in abstracting the charges of July 1860 for the sake of comparison with those of July 1861.—

Collector's Cutcherry,
Mangalore,
4th August, 1853.

Signed F. N. Maltby
Collector.

Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded.

(32-33)

No. 78

To,

W. H. Bayley Esqre

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

(34)

B. No. 2230

Sir,

From the Collector of Canara - - -

I have the honor to submit to the Board of Revenue a plaint which I consider it necessary to file on behalf of Government and submit for their consideration

2. There seems to be no summary process by which the rules of public actions can be enforced, and I therefore think it very desirable that the party in this

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case should be sued for the fulfilment of his engagement.

3. A Deposit of 25 per Cent ought to have been made by him and he left the man promising the Taksildar to make it thro' a respectable party whom he named. Had he fulfilled this promise I should have been inclined to treat his case in the indulgence but he behaved in a fraudulent way to the Taksildar, and his Conduct has been such as to render him undeserving of Consideration and much inconvenience must arise if people are led to believe that their engagements towards the Government will not be enforced.-

Collector's Cutcherry,
Mangalore, ——————
13th August, 1853 ——————

/Signed/ F. N. Maltby
Collector.

No. 1.

To, The Civil Court of Honore
Plaint preferred by
F. N. Maltby Esqre Collector of Canara
on the 9th July 1853.-
My Complaint against Bubba
Shanbogue

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Shanbaguies Son Govinda Shanbague Residing at Heggadary Compla Magamay in Honore Taluk, is to the following effect.-

On the abolition of the Tobacco Monopoly agreeably to orders received from the English authorities, a Circular Order was issued to the Talooks, for disposing of all the Tobacco in Store by Public Auction

2. In Conformity to the said order when the Aukola Taksildar put up at auction the Tobacco left at Tuddery, for transmission to Soopak Taluk, it was knocked down to the Defts, and the defts presented a Petition on the 3rd January of Fasly 1262 stating distinctly his bid to purchase 95 Candies at the rate of Rupees 10-1-6 per bale, out of the 105 bales weighing Candies 15 and stating that if the terms were accepted, he would pay the Money to the Sirkar and take the Tobacco, and engaged to make the usual deposit of 25 per Cent on the purchase price.-

3. The Taksildar then forwarded a report to the Hoozoor, requesting the acceptance of the Offer.-

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4. The Tahsildar having submitted his report on the 4th. January, an order was issued accepting the offer.

5. Agreeably to the said order the Tahsildar having informed the Deft. on the 17th. January, that he might have the Tobacco on paying the price thereof, the Deft. refused to take it, saying that some time had elapsed since he had made the offer, and that Tobacco could then be had at a lower price, altho' no unnecessary delay had occurred and he had voluntarily undertaken the risk of profit or loss from his purchase.

6. The Deft. was fully aware of the terms of the sale mentioned in Para 3, Viz^z., that the bid was to be referred for Confirmation, but he avoided making the deposit which he was bound to make and had promised the Tahsildar to make and by refusing to fulfil his Contract has caused loss to the Government. An order was therefore passed, to the effect that he should take the Tobacco agreeably

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to his Offer and that in the event of his not doing so, it would again be put up at auction, and he be made to stand the loss should there be any. The Deft. having refused to take it, it was put up to auction in his presence.

7. As the auction did not realize the amount offered by the Deft. there being a decrease of Rupees 301-6-6 as he is the Cause of it as aboormentioned and as he thought responsible for the loss he was to make it good, I therefore beg to institute this suit to recover from him the above sum with interest and other loss sustained as shown hereunder.-

Due from the Defendant:-

8.

Rupees 301-6-6 decrease in the Darkast. amount and interest accruing thereon from 3d. January Fasly 1262 upto the present date

1-3-1-2 Amount of rent for the building

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building in which the Tobacco was deposited until it was put up at auction a second time, and the expenses attending it - and the interest up to the date of payment.-

Total Rs. 304-7-8

I therefore pray that the Defr. may be sent for and the above amount collected from him.-

(34 35)

Bd. No. 1799

[Signed] F. X. Maltby
Collector.

Proceedings thereon. The Collector is requested to state, whether the terms of sale observed at public auctions of the Tobacco included a condition that the first purchaser was responsible for any loss that may arise from a re-sale, under circumstances similar to those reported in the foregoing letter and whether those terms were duly advertised for the information of the public.-

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Read

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No. 96. 1853.

Read the following letter.-

To W. H. Bayley Esqr.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

(36)

Bd. No. 2122.

From the Collector of Malabar

Forwards a letter from Mr. Chatfield addressed to the Secretary to the Board direct, exculpatory of his conduct and adverted to in the Board's orders dated the 7th ultimo-

21st June 1853.

Sir,

Para 1. I forwarded the Board's orders of the 7th and 18th Ultimo, to my Sub Collector without a word of comment and was willing that the matter in dispute between Mr. Chatfield and myself should drop.-

But Mr. Chatfield is not equally willing

2. and has forwarded a letter exculpatory of his conduct addressed to the Secretary to the Board direct.- To save needless writing, I have made a few hand notes and leave now only respectfully to request that the case be submitted with such observations as the Board think called for to the judgment of Government.-

I will impute no personal motives to

3. Mr. Chatfield in the cause he has taken.- I will assume that he is guided solely by a desire for the public good, but I submit that no Officer has a right to bring forward such serious imputations as he has without full prior enquiry and that Mr. Chatfield has failed signally in this point.-

The date on which Mr. Chatfield

4. has assumed the necessity of a passport system, and the peril of person and property in Malabar, are as I have shewn altogether insufficient to meet the

In my letter to the Board dated 18th June 1853.

incontestable

incontestable facts which prove the incorrectness of his general theory.—

5. These facts were as available to Mr. Chatfield as to myself.—

See para 16 of my letter to Board dated 18th June 1853 for details of these facts.

The constant travelling of the better orders for devotion business or amusement.—

The unprotected and fearless manner in which women and children move about.

Nearly 33,000 Rs. The large sums paid annually for the rent of ferry crossing.—

The considerable and increasing traffic on the Paulghat and Perambaddy trunk roads.—

The large sums of money carried from the Coast thro Paulghat itself by private Merchants with little or no guard.—

All these facts, which a common knowledge of the district would have made Mr. Chatfield master of might have shewn him conclusively that no particular want of security was felt by the public in general.—

6. And Mr. Chatfield would of course had he wished it had access to my Criminal returns and reports from which he would have seen amongst other proofs destructive of his theory of the total inefficiency of the Malabar police, that so far from my being obnoxious to his peculiar charge of "objecting to my interference with the personal liberty of suspicious characters," I have erred, if error it be, on the other side.—

In his letter to me of the 10th June 1853.

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The Sessions Judge I believe is of opinion that my committals for security extend to the verge of what is allowable, but being anxious to give all the aid in his power to the Magistracy, has not interfered except in cases which he thought extreme. 327 persons, as I mentioned in my letter to the Board of the 18th June last, have been held to security (to say nothing of the numbers that have been examined and released for want of proof) by Mr. Collett and myself in the last 3 years.—

7. A charge somewhat similar to that now advanced by Mr. Chatfield was brought against my police and myself by Mr. Morris in 1849. The Foujdaree Udalut after a careful consideration of the whole matter were convinced, and the Government agreed with them that the charge was by no means made good.—

The results of my Police management for 1852. were better than those of 1849.

A Police which can shew such results as are given in the Margin cannot be held to be inefficient. as shewn in note 2 to Mr. Chatfield's letter it presents no unfavorable contrast in one important item of crime to the sister province of Canara, the police of which was declared by the Foujdaree Udalut in their Criminal Review for 1851 to be in a high state of efficiency.—

Of 22 Murders in 1852 ... 21 were detected
Of 4 Homicides — 4 —"—
Of 91 Assault with wounding 90 —"—
64 Gang Robberies — 38 —"—
116 Thefts — 90 —"—
101 Cattle Stealing — 100 —"—
Of House breaking.

Calicut, 6th August 1853.

(Signed) H. V. Conolly.
Collector.

To

No. 168
1853.

To,

B. Cunliffe Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Exctract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 7th Instant, in which a letter of mine to Mr. Conolly referring to the present state of the Malabar Police is considered to be "disrespectful" and apparently, "not justified by the facts" - I beg to express my regret that the "style" of my correspondence should be open to exception and hope to be excused if I attempt a brief vindication by shewing that there are "facts" which I think sustain my opinion, if they will not justify my manner of expressing it -

2 - The Government and Foujdaree Udalut on a review of the last Criminal Reports consider the state of the Police of this Province to be highly unsatisfactory and very correctly bracket Malabar with the disorganized District of Masulipatam - As Mr. Conolly I presume was aware of this decision I acknowledge some surprise at his objecting to my echoing it and pointing out where the Police is peculiarly defective and open to improvement without even resorting to those

1. The Government considered the "returns from Rajahmundry, Masulipatam and Malabar (for 1851) to be still far from satisfactory." -

I think it probable that the explanation sent in with my Criminal Report for 1852, as well as the facts given in that Report itself, will tend to shew that the Malabar police was not so bad, as was supposed in 1851 while my returns for 1852 will prove that it was by no means in the inefficient state assumed by Mr. Chatfield for that year. -

those stringent measures which will be inevitable if matters continue in their present condition I venture to assert that in no Country with which I am acquainted, either by personal experience or study, is the Police so totally useless as a detective or preventive force as in South Malabar, and that not merely in the disaffected or Mopla Talooks, but in the Hindoo and generally quiet Talooks now under my management. The remote causes which have unhappily led to this result I shall not attempt to canvass, but merely premise that the disorganization and proximity of the Mopla Talooks have, of course had a powerful and immediate effect in producing them - The Village Officials have entirely lost, or at least, never exercise their authority. I do not believe half the crimes committed are reported, and the upshot of the reported cases cannot I think be

2. Mr. Chatfield acted as Sessions Judge at Mangalore for the greater part of 1852. During that year as I learn from Mr. Maltby there were 367 burglaries in Canara (the population is 10½ lacs) 223 of which, or 60¾ per Cent were undetected -

In Malabar (where the population is 15 lacs) there were 433 (80 in North Malabar) of which only 180 or 41⅗ per cent remained undetected -

Malabar then does not present an unfavorable contrast in this particular with a district where the police is stated by the Foujdaree Udalut in their Review of 1851 "to be in a high state of efficiency" -

Of 22 Murders in Malabar in 1852, 21. were traced (the murderer in the 22nd was known but managed to fly the Country on the instant)
Of 4 homicides all
Of 91 Assaults with wounding 90.
Of 64. Gang Robberies - 38
Of 116 Thefts - 98.
Of 101 Cattle stealing 100.

3. This disorganization is a mere figment of Mr. Chatfield's who knows nothing of the Mopla Talooks personally. The Talooks are in a satisfactory state as regards their police under Mr. Collet's good Management, as I have lately shewn to the Government.

4. Ernaad and Shernaad where Mr. Chatfield tells Mr. Thomas in his letter of the 16th June last "the most daring depredators" proceed from are from 60 to 70 Miles from Palghaut -

5 Why then have they not been punished by Mr. Chatfield and made to do their duty -

If the Police of the Palghaut Division has deteriorated since the days of his energetic Predecessor, Mr. Robinson, on whom does the immediate fault lie -

be easily paralled in this or any other Country - The annexed

6- Where Mr. Chatfield got his information I know not I have not the rough accounts as to Tremalaveram, but the abstract which was prepared from them by the Officer in charge of the Palghaut Division ere Mr. Chatfield joined shews a much more favorable state of matters.-

As to Nedinganaad the original accounts of which for 1852 are in my Office Mr. Chatfield is contraveniently wrong-

In place of 100 there were only 32 cases of burglary of which 17 were undetected, and 15 detected.-

The number of persons concerned in petty offences was 356 in place of 890. 17 were punished 154 released in consequence of Razeas and the remainder dismissed for want of proof-

In Temulpooram, out of 41 cases of Burglary only 3 were committed to the Sessions Court, and out of 1246 persons charged with petty offences only 41 were punished:-

In Nedinganaad out of 100 cases of Burglary, only 8 ever reached the Court, and out of 590 persons charged with petty offences only 16 were punished:-

In the 2 Talooks out of a total of 262 cases of aggravated offences only 39 were brought to Court:-

Statement shews the result of criminal proceedings for 1852 in two of the Talooks under my control. Matters are no better I believe in the other two, but not having the returns at hand I am satisfied with producing what appears enough to prove my most sweeping assertions.-

3- In connection with the above Statements I may be allowed to observe that if Mr. Marshman is correct in testing the inefficiency of the Bengal Police by the fact of every man possessing 20 Rupees being sure to be robbed, the state of Malabar, tested by the same principle would shew I fancy that any man supposed to possess 10 Rupees is almost certain to become a subject for robbery and whether the attempt is successful or not, redress if applied for is so invariably futile as to render escape the rule and detection the exception.—

See Note 2.

7- Out of the 15,00,000 people in Malabar, there are at least 7,00,000 who may be "supposed" to have as much as 10 Rupees.

The thefts of all sorts in 1852 were 665.-

European

4- European Officers in India have generally been pretty free from the manipulations of thieves, but in Malabar they are plundered in public Bungalows. My own servants were attempted to be robbed on their way from Calicut. A Portuguese on my Establishment was coolly warned by a Native Functionary to look to his life and property as he traversed such a dangerous country. An English Merchant here applied to me for a guard to protect his Agent who having escaped one bold attempt to rob him was unwilling to push a journey between this and Ponany with a small sum of money, and a wealthy Native gentleman assured me that the rogues had obtained such an ascendancy in his Town, that the people were afraid to complain, as it was not only useless but sure to excite the indignation of the thieves- As if to confirm my Estimate

8. During the 13 years I have been in Malabar I recollect but one case of an Officer having been "plundered" in a public Bungalow- Mr. Chatfield I have no doubt has in his mind this case in which Major Pope of the Bombay army had some Valuables secretly abstracted while sleeping in the Vamencolum Bungalow in May last-

Mr. Chatfield who examined the case thought at the time and I believe rightly that the theft had been the act of the Bungalow Mussalchee.

9- I have heard nothing of this before, but can easily imagine that the individual in question would not object to a Government escort for his money if he had not to pay for it- The Merchant alluded to (there is but one, Mr. Tomlinson, formerly a Sub Conductor) has been at Palghat 6 years-

I never knew of his expressing any fears to Mr. Robinson-

In contrast to the Statement made on his behalf I beg to give a Statement made by a Merchant Mr. Wells who has to send probably 1000 Rupees for every one that Mr. Tomlinson has to remit Mr. Wells it will be seen has had five lacs of Rupees transmitted to his Estates in Wynaad and Shernaad from Calicut since 1843. almost all by the hands of unarmed Coolies- His letter is attached.-

10. Mr. Sandeman lost a watch and some trinkets left incautiously on an exposed table.—

His newly taken house which had for some days been full of strange work: men was entered into one night thro' an unfastened venetian, and 2. small boxes were quietly abstracted.—

Mr. Sandeman knew nothing of the theft till he awoke.—

Estimate of Police inefficiency

The Assistant Collector, Mr. Sandeman, has just been made a serious sufferer by the dexterity of Malabar plunderers. And the extraordinary defectiveness of the Police, even in the Huzzoor station of Calicut, has been made I perceive the subject of severe criticism in a Provincial journal.— One naturally asks if such is the state of things at Head Quarters and amongst influential people what must be expected in outlying Villages and houses and amongst an unprotected population?

5. On coming to Palghaut my attention was immediately directed to some very considerable Gang robberies in Coimbatore supposed to have been concocted and executed by Malabar people, and on enquiry I found the adjoining territory of Cochin was too often liable to similar treatment.—

In some degree to check this nuisance, I proposed a system of Pass-ports which, however objectionable in itself is hardly comparable to the evils it might partially alleviate by bringing suspected characters under something like surveillance, and at the same time facilitating the detection of offenders by showing when and why they were absent from their houses.—

The mere dread of suspicion and its consequences would have some effect in diminishing that incentive to crime which it is the inevitable result of impunity to nourish and that every suspected character should be under surveillance of the Village Officers, and have his movements watched and chronicled for the information and guidance of the controlling authorities does not seem to me a very objectionable measure, or a greater interference with personal liberty than the peculiar circumstances of the case require. The happiness and well being of a District depend more I believe on the efficiency of it's Police than any thing else, for as soon as it's vigilance fails, all the petty officials

officials resort to every description of wrong and oppression, and in referring to the numerous charges preferred against the Adigharies and their Peons. I see no reason to doubt the correctness of the principle as it bears upon the present position of things in Malabar.

6. I have stated that "armed or unarmed, singly or in gangs" thieves may traverse the Country unquestioned, and this I believe is a fact as well known as that of the extensive and unchecked manufacture, sale and use of arms amongst the most turbulent portions of the people. I have further stated that "no respectable woman dare travel this part of the Country without a protecting guard," and the shocking but extensively circulated story† of robbery and outrage on some unprotected females of superior Caste if exaggerated or even false, still points to the Current of native feeling

11. This is altogether incorrect so far as my Division and that of Mr. Collett's is concerned. It is not many days since I held to security 7 Moplas apprehended on a charge of moving about with one or two indifferent Weapons without sufficient

† What this story may be I know not I never heard of it before. Though special reports of every remarkable crime are sent to me by every Tahsildar in the District. It seems doubtful of Mr. Chatfield himself believes it.

Many

feeling which not only credits the relation but believes that the worst part of the crime was perpetrated to insure concealment; as the disgrace of discovery would be a greater evil than the offence itself.

7. On a consideration of the above and other facts I imbibed my sentiments and expressed them perhaps with undue freedom to my superior, and as I believe them to be founded on a correct appreciation of a well authenticated data. I cannot suppose they present any features of novelty to the Officer who of all others may be supposed best acquainted with them.

Many idle stories are I doubt not retailed to him by persons who see the bent of his mind.

Since this was written I have received a reply from Mr. Chatfield to a call for the "date and place" of the assumed outrage. I give it without Comment.

"I must beg to decline further allusion to the matter. I would not be justified in officially naming the parties to whom discovery would be the last disgrace and almost social annihilation. I have heard it in more places than one and must be excused, if I leave it in its present obscurity. I do not vouch for its truth but allude to it merely as an illustration of public opinion."

Sub Collector's Office,
Paulghat, - - - - -
27th July, 1853 - - - - -

/Signed/ R. Chatfield
Sub Collector

(True Copy)
/Signed/ H. V. Conolly
Collector

No. 2.

My dear Sir,

In reply to your note of

Fort St. George. 25th August 1853.

of this date I have the pleasure of
handing you the following information.

I have examined my books
and find that at the latter end of 1843
I first commenced sending money by
Coolies into the Shernaad district, and
have with the exception of one year
/1846-47/ sent large sums on the whole
not less than 5 Lacks of Rupees.

I send it by Coolies in
charge of my Shroff or a confidential
native in sums varying from (Rupees
500) Rupees five hundreds to (Rupees 8000)
eight thousand at a time, sometimes
it is carried by Coolies each Cooly carry-
-ing Rupees (1500) One thousand five
hundred in Silver, or one hundred (100)
Rupees in Copper at other times I send
it in charge of my Shroff by boat the
people are quite unarmed and as before
stated there is only the Shroff in
charge of it and the people who carry
it and pull the boat. When I go into the
district I usually take a few thousand
Rupees in the boat with me. I take one
confidential person with me as I always
go at night and he takes charge of
the

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the money after I leave the boat at
Tiruvangady and bring it after me
to Cheroor. I have never lost a Rupee
and was never under apprehension ex-
-cept during the Mopla disturbances in
1851-1852.

I send to the Lachadie
Estate in Wynaad in charge of my
Gardener from /100/ one hundred to
four hundred (400) Rupees at a time
he carries the money himself and
accompanies a Cooly who takes a load of
sundries required on the Estate. I had
my box broken open in May 1848 at
the Tamberacherry bungalow and Rupees
(115) One hundred and fifteen stolen
from it by the Coolies and a Peon of
my own who was in charge of it. One
of the parties confessed to the Robbery
before Mr. Collett who committed the
case but the then Sub: Judge dismissed
it for want of sufficient evidence. I
have sent upwards of Rupees 25000 since
1848 to the Estate. if I am going up I
take a few hundred Rupees in front
of my saddle and have never met
with

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with any incivility when travelling in Malabar.

Calicut, 30th July, 1853.

/Signed/ John Wells
(True Copy)
/Signed/ H. V. Conolly
Collector.

No. 3.
No. 168.

To,
B. Cunliffe Esqr.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 7th Instant in which a letter of mine to Mr. Conolly referring to the present state of the Malabar Police is considered to be "disrespectful" and, apparently, "not justified by the facts". I beg to express my regret that the "style" of my correspondence should be open to exception and hope to be excused if I attempt a brief vindication by shewing that there are "facts" which I think sustain my opinion, if they will not justify my manner of expressing it.

The

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The Government and Foujdaree on review of the last Criminal Reports consider the state of the Police of this Province to be highly unsatisfactory and very correctly bracket Malabar with the disorganized District of Masulipatam. As Mr. Conolly was I presume aware of this decision I acknowledge some surprise at his objecting to my echoing it, and pointing out where the Police is peculiarly defective and open to improvement without even resorting to those stringent measures which will be inevitable if matters continue in their present condition. I venture to assert that in no country with which I am acquainted either by personal experience or study is the Police so totally useless as a detective or preventive force as in South Malabar, and that not merely in the disaffected, or Moplia Talooks, but in the Hindoo and generally quiet Talooks now under my management. The remote causes which have unhappily led to this result I shall not attempt to canvass, but merely premise that the disorganization and proximity of the Moplia Talooks have,

of

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of course had a powerful and immediate effect in producing them. The Village Officials have entirely lost or as at least never exercise their authority. I do not believe half the crimes committed are reported, and the upshot of the reported cases cannot I think be easily paralleled in this or any other Country. The annexed Statement shows the results of Criminal proceedings for 1852 in two of the Talooks under my control. Matters are no better I believe in the other two, but not having the returns at hand I am satisfied with producing what appears enough to prove my most sweeping assertions.

3. In connection with the above statements I may be allowed to observe that if Mr. Marshman is correct in testing the inefficiency of the Bengal Police by the fact of every man possessing 20 Rupees being sure to be robbed, the state of Malabar tested by the same principle would show. I fancy that any man

In Tirunelveram out of 41 Cases of Burglary only 3 were committed to the Sessions Court and out of 1216 persons charged with petty offences only 41 were punished.

In Neddoongaroad out of 100 Cases of Burglary only 8 ever reached this Court; and out of 890 persons charged with petty offences only 16 were punished.

In the 2 Talooks out of a total of 282 Cases of aggravated offences only 39 were brought to Court.

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man not possessed of 10 Rupees is almost certain to become a subject for robbery, and whether the attempt is successful or not, redress if applied for is so invariably feeble as to render escape the rule and detection the exception.

4. European Officers in India have generally been pretty free from the manifestations of thieves, but in Malabar they are plundered in public Bungalows. My own servants were attempted to be robbed on their way from Calicut. a Portuguese on my establishment was coolly warned by a Native Functionary to look to his life and property as he traversed such a dangerous Country. An English Merchant here applied to me for a guard to protect his agent who having escaped one bold attempt to rob him was unwilling to risk a journey between this and Ponany with a small sum of money and a wealthy native Gentleman assured me that the rogues had obtained such an ascendency in his Province that the people were afraid to complain, as it was not only useless but sure to excite the indignation of the thieves

thieves as if to confirm my estimate of Police inefficiency, the Assistant Collector Mr. Sandeman has just been made a serious sufferer by the dexterity of Malabar plunderers and the extraordinary defectiveness of the Police, even in the Huzzoor station of Calicut has been made I perceive the subject of severe criticism in a Provincial journal. One naturally asks if such is the state of things at Head Quarters and amongst influential people what must be expected in outlying Villages and houses and amongst an unprotected population.

On coming to Palghat my attention was immediately directed to some very considerable Gang robberies in Coimbatore supposed to have been concocted and executed by Malabar people and on enquiry I found the adjoining territary of Cochin was too often liable to similar treatment. In some degree to check this nuisance I proposed a system of Passports which however objectionable, in itself is hardly comparable to the evils it might partially alleviate by bringing suspected characters under something like surveillance and

and at the same time facilitating the detection of offenders by showing where and why they were absent from their houses. The mere dread of suspicion and its consequences would have some effect in diminishing that incentive to crime which it is the inevitable result of impunity to nourish. And that every suspected character should be under surveillance of the Village officers, and have his movements watched and chronicled for the information and guidance of the controlling authorities does not seem to me a very objectionable measure, or a greater interference with personal liberty than the peculiar circumstances of the Case require. The happiness and well being of a District depend more I believe on the efficiency of its Police than any thing else, for as soon as its vigilance fails all the petty Officials resort to every description of wrong and oppression and on referring to the numerous charges preferred against the Adigaries and their Peons I see no reason to doubt the correctness of the principle as it bears upon the present position of things in Malabar.

6. I have stated that "armed or unarmed, singly or in gangs" thieves may traverse

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traverse the Country unquestioned, and this I believe is a fact as well known as that of the extensive and unchecked manufacture, sale, and use of arms amongst the most turbulent portion of the people. I have further stated that "no respectable woman dare travel this part of the Country without a protecting guard," and the shocking but extensively circulated story of robbery and outrage on some unprotected females of superior caste, if exaggerated or even false, still points to the Current of native feeling which not only credits the relation but believes that the worst part of the crime was perpetrated to insure concealment, as the disgrace would be a greater evil than even the offence itself.

7. On a consideration of the above and other facts I imbibed my sentiments and expressed them perhaps with undue freedom to my superior, and as I believe them to be founded on a correct appreciation of well authenticated data, I cannot suppose they present any features of novelty to the Officer who of all others may be supposed best acquainted with them.

Palghat, 27th July, 1853.

/Signed/ R. Chatfield
Sub Collector.

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No. 99.
1853.

To,
W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward at the request of my Sub Collector Mr. Chatfield, a communication from him to your address submitting explanation with reference to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 18th Ultimo. For convenience of reference I have made a Copy of that letter, and attached a few hand Notes to it.

(37)
B. No. 2147.
From the Collector of Malabar
dated 29th July 1853
No. 173

Calicut,
8th August 1853.

(Signed) H. V. Conolly.
Collector.

No. 1.

No. 173
1853.

To,
W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

After despatching my letter of the 7th Instant, in which I attempt an explanation of what Mr. Conolly and the Board deemed "disrespectful" in my correspondence, I received a further Extract from

from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 18th. Instant, and beg to be allowed to attempt a concise vindication of myself from the more serious charge of "insubordinate conduct."—

2- Since taking charge of my present division I have had to find fault with the Maramut and Police Departments. My strictures on the former have been confirmed by the Civil Engineer as well as by the intelligent European Overseer since appointed to the Trunk Road No. 5. My letter to your address alludes sufficiently to the Police, and, at the present moment, I am engaged in preparing a Summabundy Report in which I shall have to bring prominently to the notice of the Board sundry revenue faults of omission and commission which can hardly fail to disappoint and surprise the Members, who have been accustomed probably to contemplate the whole of Malabar under the most flattering aspects of wealth and prosperity - With so extensive a field for observation and judicious criticism it was quite unnecessary to depart from the customary routine of Official correspondence. Such departure was I allow, objectionable and foolish, as it could only weaken the force of my representations by

by arousing opposition and antipathy where it was desirable to secure that support and friendly cooperation which, as I was seeking the public good and had no private ends to subserve I might under ordinary circumstances reasonably anticipate. Whilst then apologizing for what is considered an objectionable tone of writing I must say I am at some loss to account for it except by attributing it to the momentary resentment of such trivial interference and unwarranted surmises as, perhaps too hastily, I believed both uncommon and uncourteous.—

3- As I am much in the dark regarding the exact grounds of Mr. Conolly's objections and remonstrances I must trust to conjecture or derive my opinion solely from the expressions used by the Board, who seem to confine my "insubordination" to the facts of my omitting to cancel an order disapproved of by the Magistrate, and more especially in having entered into a correspondence with the Collector of Coimbatore with a view "to carry out a measure previously disallowed by my Superiors."—

4- After sending my proclamation of 21st. March to Mr. Conolly with a request that he would, if agreeable, adopt the proposed plan

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the measure for certain reasons in which "it was cs
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an imperative or immediate reversal, or one in
which delay would be objectionable; as it embraced
a line of argumentation open to discussion on
the acquisition of further information. And cs
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to incur the epithet of insubordination; Mr.
Conolly very well knows that the measure as
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was entirely imperative and harmless, and, cs
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until I had made enquiries during my Sum:
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private note from Mr. Conolly's Moonshee was cs
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robberies, and awaited an answer from Mr. cs
Thomas before taking any final steps. On however
receiving an English letter from Mr. Conolly on
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refute some of the objections raised to my proposi:
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remonstrance, and not for active and much less for passive opposition -

6. Mr. Conolly may have pointed at other objections to my proceedings but as I am unacquainted with them it is useless to attempt their refutation on mere conjecture - I have probably rendered myself disagreeable by parading in too strong language some undoubted abuses but, whilst regretting any want of Official courtesy, I may be excused in saying that it is no easy task, when opinions are diametrically opposed, to discuss grievances or presume to expose abuses, without occasionally appearing to transgress the limits of Official etiquette, or trespass on the sometimes extreme sensitiveness of Official Superiority -

Palghat,
29th July, 1853.

(Signed) R. Chatfield.
Subcollector.

No. 173.

To,
W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue -
Fort St. George.

Sir,

After dispatching my letter of the 27th Instant, in which I attempt an explanation of what Mr. Conolly and the Board deem "disrespectful"

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"disrespectful" in my correspondence, I received a further Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 18th Instant, and beg to be allowed to attempt a concise vindication of myself from the more serious charge of "insubordinate conduct".

2- Since taking charge of my present division, I have had to find fault with the Maramut and Police Departments. My strictures on the former have been confirmed by the Civil Engineer as well as by the intelligent European Overseer since appointed to the Trunk Road No 5. My letter to your address alludes sufficiently to Police, and at the present moment, I am engaged in preparing a Summabundy Report in which I shall have to bring prominently to the notice of the Board sundry revenue faults of omission and commission which can hardly fail to disappoint and surprise the Members, who have been accustomed probably to contemplate the whole of Malabar under the most flattering aspects of wealth and prosperity - With so extensive a field for observation and judicious criticism, it was quite unnecessary to depart

1. On the point on which I hold Mr. Chatfield to be very wrong and to have made unfounded reflections on his Predecessor Mr. W. Robinson it is now needful for me to submit a separate letter which I do by this days post-

2- The Board will probably pause before crediting any thing very ill of Mr. Robinson's administration without full proof-

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depart from the customary routine of Official correspondence. Such departure was, I allow, objectionable and foolish, as it could only weaken the force of my representations by rousing opposition and antipathy where it was desirable to secure that support and friendly co-operation which as I was seeking the public good and had no private ends to subserve, I might, under ordinary circumstances, reasonably anticipate.- Whilst then apologizing for what is considered an objectionable tone of writing I must say, I am at some loss to account for it except by attributing it to the momentary resentment of such trivial interference and unwarranted surmises as perhaps too hastily, I believed both uncommon and uncourteous;-

3- As I am much in the dark regarding the exact grounds of Mr. Conolly's objections and remonstrance I must trust to conjecture or derive my opinion solely from the expressions used by the Board, who seem to confine my "insubordination"

3- This refers to what is treated of in the Maramut letter alluded to in Note to para 1-

It has been my study not to interfere with an Officer of Mr. Chatfield's standing except when I thought it imperatively necessary-

Both the affairs now under reference to the Board have originated with Mr. Chatfield-

"insubordination" to the fact of my omitting to cancel an order disapproved of by the Magistrate, and more especially in having entered into a correspondence with the Collector of Coimbatore with a view "to carry out a measure previously disallowed by my Superior".—

4. After sending my proclamation of 21st of March to Mr. Conolly with a request that he would, if agreeable, adopt the proposed plan in other Talooks, I received a Malyalum yadast in reply on the 14th April declining to adopt the measure for certain reasons in which it was concerned I should consider. I did not consider this an imperative or immediate reversal, or one in which delay would be objectionable, as it embraced a line of argumentation open to discussion on the acquisition of further information.—

4. My yadast expressly said that, for reasons given "I considered it desirable the proclamation should be cancelled". Adding that "all I thought requisite was for all local Officers to keep a vigilant eye upon people of notorious bad characters". I ended, for the sake of courtesy, with the expression of a hope "that the Joint Magistrate would concur with my views".—

Mr. Chatfield when he did after the lapse of 56 days, and two reminders, cancel his proclamation, informed me he had cancelled it agreeably to my yadast No. 100 dated 14th April.

See to his admission lower down note 9:

And now, on a perusal of the yadast. I hardly think my then impression was so erroneous as to incur the epethet of insubordination.— Mr. Conolly

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very well knows that the measure as regarded my Talooks, which are Hindoo ones, was entirely inoperative and harmless, and, accordingly, I delayed its formal cancelment until I had made enquiries during my Summahbundy trip, which might probably throw more light upon the subject and lead to its further discussion. I did not obtain authentic information of such importance as made it desirable to open the subject a fresh and merely wrote to Mr. Thomas on the 23rd May for his opinion of my proposition, and asking in what manner I could aid in suppressing the numerous gang robberies effected by Malabar Moplas. A yadast came from Mr. Conolly on the 17th May asking what I had done regarding the original proclamation, and as I had done nothing and not finished my investigations I delayed answering it. About the same time a private note from Mr. Conolly's Moonshee was addressed to mine on the subject, but as I had sufficient reasons to object to such an informal style of proceeding, I merely reprimanded my own Moonshee for allowing the correspondence and continued to make occasional enquiries

5. There are 5079 Moplas in Mr. Chatfield's four Talooks— I may add that the proclamation made no exception in favor of Hindoos—

6. I beg the letter or rather the two letters to Mr. Thomas may be referred to—

7. Of this I knew nothing. My Moonshee says he sent a simple Note of enquiry private only in its forms to Mr. Chatfields' Moonshee in consequence of having heard me ask if any cancelment of the proclamation had come.

enquiries into the border robberies, and awaited an answer from Mr. Thomas before taking any final steps. On however receiving an English letter from Mr. Conolly on the 10th June, as I at one finally cancelled my proclamation which as previously stated had remained perfectly inoperative. At the same time in alluding to the inefficiency of the Police, and endeavouring to refute some of the objections to my preposition, I unfortunately used the terms and language complained of by Mr. Conolly.

8. Not however in consequence but in despite of Mr. Chatfield's orders.

It was one that could not be carried out. It was well that the good sense of the Heads of Police prevented them from trying to do so.

5. As the preceding is an unvarnished Statement of facts. I hope the Board will consider it reduces my "insubordination" to the less culpable proceeding of negligence or omission. In fact I can hardly comprehend the idea of opposition where I had not the power of resistence, or how the silent delay to cancel an inoperative order can be construed into active opposition or insubordination. I think I could discover many instances in the District of Magisterial delay in executing the order of a Court until a satisfactory enquiry had been made into questionable points. And I am sure this is far from the first occasion although it is the first

9. Mr. Chatfield allows then there was instructions to "cancel" his order.

10. Mr. Chatfield gives no dates.

I am not in the habit of disobeying orders or of allowing my own to be disobeyed.

first objected to, of my having hesitated to act on the immediate representation of my superior. I have often remonstrated and that successfully without being declared insubordinate. I wrote to Mr. Thomas as I think my letter clearly shews, not with a view of enforcing or imposing upon Mr. Conolly a distasteful proposition, but with a view of accumulating facts for future enquiry and it might be discussion. My advocating any measure would be perfectly useless, without the approbation of the Magistrate, and being fully aware of this I could only desire extraneous information with a view to reasonable remonstrance, and not for active and much less for passive opposition.

6. Mr. Conolly may have pointed at other objections to my proceedings but as I am unacquainted with them it is useless to attempt their refutation on mere conjecture. I have probably

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to expose abuses without occasionally co-
=appearing to transgress the co-
=limits of Official etiquette or trespass
on the some times extreme sensitiveness of
Official superiority.-

11. The rule to be pursued is co- clearly laid down in the Boards' Circular order dated 23d Dect. 1822. /Signed/ H.V. Conolly. Collector.

Palghaut, 29th July, 1853.

(Signed) R. Chatfield.
Sub Collector.

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No. 97.

To
W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George,-

(38)
B. No. 2148
From the Collector of Malabar.

Sir,

The remark contained in the 2d Para of the letter to the Board from my Sub Collector of the 29th Ultimo necessitates my forwarding the accompanying Memorandum.-

I had thought of sending it some time ago but refrained, from an unwillingness to trouble the Board with what unfortunately had a tincture of personal disagreement.-

Calicut, 8th August, 1853.

/Signed/ H.V. Conolly
Collector.

Memorandum

On the 10th May last Mr. Chatfield sent me a paper /marked A in the appendix/ on the state of the Trunk road from Palaghaut to Ponany.

We had found parts of the road in a "scandalous" state. We thought there

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there had been misapplication of funds and great mismanagement in former times and as Read who was responsible.

To enable me to reply fully to Remarks which it will be seen involved the Reputation of my late Head Assistant Mr. W. Robinson in particular / that of Major Cotton the late Superintending Engineer and my own being of Course further Concerned

14th May 1853 I wrote to Mr. Chatfield the letter marked B in which I begged him to let me see all orders he had issued regarding the management of the road since he had obtained charge in January last and inform me how often he had personally visited it in view to see to its wants and defects subsequent to that period. I had heard that Mr. Chatfield had not done so for some four Months and that this want of supervision had led to Considerable neglect but I was desirous ere assuming as a fact what only rested on rumor, to learn from Mr. Chatfield himself whether or no it were a fact.

To this letter Mr. Chatfield

20th May 1853. sent me the reply marked C in which he denounces

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denounces my enquiry as unjustifiable and refuses to give me the information required.

Mr. Chatfield in the same letter refuses any longer to look after the 16 Miles of road in the Coolnaud Taluk from Tirtalla to Ponany / which for the last six years have been superintended by the Gentleman who superintended the rest of the road and of which Mr. Chatfield had taken charge in January last without any exception on the ground that it was out of the limits of his jurisdiction and that he saw no reason why.

55 Miles of this road run thro' the two Taluks of Palghaut and Nedingaud and belonging to the Sub Collector the remaining 16 in the Coolnaud Taluk are in the Collector's Division, but it is more easy for the Officer who has to come to the western border of Nedingaud on inspections of a line on which 7,100 Rupees is spent annually to undertake this distance than for the Collector to go a journey of more than 30 Miles with three troublesome Ferries simply to view this isolated patch.

A further and more important consideration is that it is desirable the whole line be under the view and control of one party in order that the annual allowance may be duly appropriated for the most pressing wants of each several portion. It may be well in one season to take from Coolnaud for the wants of Nedingaud or Palghaut and vice Versa.

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why he should voluntarily perform the duties of another person unless there are specific instructions on the subject from higher authority

The Style of this letter seemed to me so objectionable that I wrote Mr.

25th. May 1853. Chatfield the letter Marked D in which I suggested to him to withdraw or modify it. To this I received the unsatisfactory

30th. May 1853 answer marked E.—

On the 30th. May 1853 having had full time for enquiry and consideration I replied to Mr Chatfield's Memorandum of the 10th. May / my reply is marked F. but part will be found as parallel notes to his statement appendix A. / I expressed my opinion that Mr. Chatfield had not made out his case against his Predecessor and that the deteriorated state of the road must have arisen from a want of supervision on Mr. Chatfields part, which I hope would not occur for the future.-

Mr. Chatfield sent in a

4th June 1853.- Rejoinder G. on which I merely put a Min.

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or two and kept seeing no benefit from any further discussion with Mr. Chatfield.-

I think that on a perusal of all these papers the Board will see that the right is not with Mr. Chatfield as he so confidently assumes.-

To believe that the Trunk road was neglected by Mr. Chatfields Predecessor and that it was not in good order generally at the time he, Mr. Chatfield, took charge is to disbelieve Major Cotton and Lieutenant Roberts on the first point and not only Mr. Sandeman and myself but Mr. Chatfield himself on the second Mr. Chatfield in a letter of the 4th. February last tells me "I partially inspected the Trunk road on my journey from Calicut to Palghaut It is generally good."-

See Diaries extracts from which are appended for convenience of reference

How Mr. Chatfield can reconcile this Statement with the one he made three months subsequently I do not know.-

I am only waiting for Captain Ludlow now to determine what

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are the fittest steps to be taken to secure the Government interests as regards this valuable road. In the meantime there is an intelligent overseer at work on it.-

Calicut,- - - -
8th August, 1853.- } /Signed/ H. V. Conally
Collector.

Enclosure A

To, H. V. Conally Esqre.

Collector of Malabar.-

Sir,

I send you the accompanying remarks on the Trunk road No. 5 as merely with the view of relieving myself from all unnecessary responsibility as regarding expenditure and progress prior to my assuming charge of the works.-

I am glad to hear that a European Overseer has been sent from Madras who will, I dare say, soon rectify what is amiss and see the future works are efficiently and economically conducted.-

Sub Collector's Office.-
on Circuit, Chetwai,
10th May, 1853 ——— } /Signed/ R. Chatfield
Sub Collector.

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Sub Collector's Remarks

The Barley Bridge nearly finished and the other works progressing satisfactorily.-

The old Bungalow at Luckady ought, I think, to be repaired and have the usual attendants as the distance from Paly kaut to Wanium Kollom 22 Miles by the new cut is too great for Travellers.-

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From Luckady cottah to Wanium Kollom are numerous places, which from omission to repair them at the proper time, have worn themselves into extensive holes. Much of this portion of the road is bad and bears the

Collector's Remarks.

A The road was in excellent order in December last, as I can state from a careful examination which I made myself walking or riding slowly the whole way with the Tahsildar Melal &c. Mr. Sandeman who went over it on journey just

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the appearance of extreme negligence and indifferent workmanship.-

B From Waniam-
-Kollom to Puttamby the road is generally indifferent and between the 25th. and 30th. Mile stones scandalously bad. No metal-ling with proper materials has been overwatched and ruts holes and stones impede ones progress every moment- a great portion of this five miles offers slight difficulties from small hills and vail, the latter

just before Mr. Chatfield took charge, assured me it was in good order then. The subsequent deterioration necessarily then fall on Mr. Chatfield's administration.-

B Mr. Sandeman informs me that this part of the road was in a very fair state when he went over it carefully in January last. The deterioration arise I presume in a great measure from want of due care to repair small accidents- A torrent of rain such as that of March last may do great damage to a road in a very short time in some the side chan-
-nels have not been

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For the most part consisting of tenacious clay which during wet weather is as slippery as ice- In the neighbourhood however there is good material, but none has been used and the remaining years estimate can hardly prove sufficient: I should think for a proper repair if we may judge from the assumed expenditure of the past.-

kept properly clear and this without vigorous supervision is a very common negligence.- The road may appear worse to an unpractised eye from the fact of much of the later work having consisted in raising it with field soil which is always more or less muddy and sticky till it is fairly drained and fixed. The using such field soil in place of more stony material is inevitable with reference to the Comparative cost and to put any such stony material over the field soil till it had fairly settled would be a mistake and waste. The good and

and creditable" five miles of road near Ponany adverted to in a lower paragraph was all made on this principle.-

C What has been expended on this line since the sanction of 100 Rupees per Mile.

C It will be seen from the accounts in Mr. Chatfield's Office.-

D There are two rough attempts at turning two small Hills when finished they will be improvements at present they are merely rude cuts requiring much labor before they can be rendered good roads. What has been expended on them and when.?

D The work should no doubt be completed with as little delay as possible. The amount expended will be found in Mr. Chatfield accounts.-

A pass some 3 Miles from Pattambey is an embankment over a

a paddy flat which at present consists of nothing but field soil

E See remark B on this point..

F A small and ill Constructed wooden Bridge figures at its extremity which by being built at the immediate angle of the stream will be constantly endangered by the force of the currents a contingency apparently anticipated by the builder as a rough stone parapet has been raised to repel what need not have been provided against if the Bridge had been built a few yards further South What is the expenditure here.?

F The Bridge is a line is an old one Mr. Robinson I rather think merely repaired it, not having an idea of altering the whole line at this point..

G A Melal and Peon at a Monthly cost

G The Melal and Peon if negligent should

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cost of 17 Rupees have been entertained for the trunk road in Nedoon. ganaid. The state of the road shows that the expenditure on these people has been utterly useless and in fact their services have been such as they are often used for other works away from the Trunk road.—

should be punished That their services were not useless in Mr Robinson time may be presumed from the facts mentioned in remark A Mr Robinson now and then took away a Meistry for temporary public work but he took care from his own economy, vigilance that the roads should not suffer in consequence. It is somewhat remarkable that after commencing on Mr Robinson's resignation this particular Mr Chatfield should have allowed the Peruvanad Meistry to be detached from his post so far from where he was last. But as Mr Chatfield knows the state of the road on which

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that Mr Chatfield therefore is not much severely in the power by the first of his having been detached.—

Mr Chatfield has been warned.—

H The Maramut Maistry has I think shown want of skill and attention in the building of the Buttresses for the new Bridge near Wanium Kollom, and his not noticing and reporting the state of the road which he so often traversed his excuse may be that he travels in a Mauncheel shews him to be incapable or grossly negligent.—

The Sub Collector's Maramut

H The Maistry was an excellent servant, and it is to be regretted he should have grown slack I have already informed Mr Chatfield that Canda. Sawmy Maistry cannot be spared from the Muttanoor road, but that Vedan Mootoo the Head Maistry is at his service the moment the Veatil Dam is finished.—

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Maramut Maistry ought to relieve him before the Commencement of the Monsoon in order to attend to this important road and effect something during the next season.-

I remember two. I traversing this road 15 and 12 years ago and find what was had then is bad now. Where no difficulty offers there something has been done, but Considering the expenditure allowed, there must have been I fear great misapplication or misappropriation of the Fund. Dr. Buchanan in his report of March last, I may I think with advantage read the detailed Reports of Captain Best, Major Cotton and other Engineers on the Listing of this road. We will find that far more has been done than he imagines and that it has been done in a way to Call for the approval of the most Capable and unexceptionable judges. A better workman than Mr. Robinson and a better

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From Pattomby to the River is good, and from the River to Tirtalla is bad and sandy. From Tirtalla to Panamy many places.

places said to have been lately metalled shew the work was very superficially performed with a plaister of Jelly and must be again and more thoroughly Repaired. The last five miles, with here and there a few exceptions are good and creditable, and may before the end of the year be made perfectly satisfactory.

J The Metal has to be brought from a great distance and cannot therefore be laid down so thick as could be wished. The passage of from 10 to 20,000 Bandies over it every year of Course tends to wear it out.-

K I have not tested the accounts of the preceding years and I think they ought at once to be placed in the Engineer's hand with a request that a Minute investigation may be made into the work and Expenditure.

See Remark I

L On asking the Ned-dounganad Tahsildar whether the full sums sanctioned were expended he says no, but that portions were transferred for works in other Talooks. The Colonad Tahsildar says the same and as there ought to be a Considerable balance but I cannot find there is any.-

L In some instances a portion of the road money has been taken from Coolind and Nedingnad to answer pressing emergencies in Palghaut where the difficulty of the road and the amount of traffic is greater than it is now to the Southward. The way in which these transfers have

have been expended with the full approval of the Engineer will be found in the accounts which it is to be regretted Mr Chatfield should not have examined prior to hazarding this remark I.-

If as I anticipate there has been great expenditure for comparatively little work who is responsible? The Tahsildars cannot be constantly looking after the road, and they must rely on a Gomastah or ignorant Melals - If the present system of performing the work through the revenue Department continues I should advocate small Contracts in each Unshom under the direction of a clever Maistry, but I hope some more fit person may be appointed and a system adopted which will relieve the Tahsildars from all immediate control and responsibility - If such is not done I am convinced at the expiration of the sanction the whole will be a failure with indifferent and unsuitable expenditure.-

M The system of small contracts under Mr Robinson's administration - There were occasional exceptions for good reasons) as instructed. The Shasildars I think should be made responsible for the due care of their roads as for every other part of their duty. It will fall very light on them if duly superintended by good Melals.

Melals whose duty it is to bring to their immediate notice any small repairs found needful on their constant perambulations. Such small repairs should be done at once by Coolies - The more heavy ones as above remarked by Contracts duly looked after by the Melals and other superintending authorities. -

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My dissatisfaction with this "Trunk road" has been increased by late inspection of the Sumpajy and Peram: = baddy Roads which, with infinitely greater difficulties to contend against, are in every respect incomparably superior to this. -

Sub Collectors Office - on Circuit - - - } Signed R. Chatfield
Ponany 6 May 1853 - } Sub Collector

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Several of the small Bridges are without parapets and as they have been cleverly built much narrower than the road and have deep channels on each side form very convenient places for people or cattle breaking their necks or legs. -

(Signed R. C.

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The comparisons as will be seen by reference to Major Cotton and Capt. Betts Reports does not hold good - The Ghaut roads were new and very costly work. The old (Trunk) road has only been mended and improved as Money would allow. -

The fact I believe is that the road has been considerably widened since these bridges were built - The Bridges ought be have been lengthened during the dry season The omission should be repaired so soon as possible.

(Signed H. V. Conolly
Collector

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B

No. 880

To. R. Chatfield Esquire
Sub Collector
Chowghaut.

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will furnish me with copies (or the originals will do as they will be returned) of every order which you have issued to any native Officials on the subject of the Trunk road between Walliar and Ponany subsequent to the date on which you assumed charge of it.

Further I shall be obliged by your informing me how often you have inspected the road between Palaghaut and Walliar and between Palghaut and Ponany within the same interval. -

(Signed) H. V. Conolly
Collector. -

Quilandy. - - - }
14th May 1853. - }

C.

No. 108

To. H. V. Conolly Esquire
Collector of Malabar. -

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 14th I have the honor to state that as I do not keep an Official Diary of my perigrinations I am unable to afford the information you require at the same time I think I may with justice observe that such inquisitorial questions if indulged in would reduce the Sub Collector to the position of an ordinary Assistant or principal Sheristadar Maramut Master. -

If you consider my picture of the road

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road overdrawn or incorrect a personal inspection would probably remove or confirm your doubts, but such a laborious operation is hardly necessary as I shall refer the matter for consideration of the Civil Engineer who is daily expected here.-

I did not consider my report to you a matter of duty or necessity but merely made it for my own particular satisfaction as I wished the State in which I assumed charge of the road to be on record. It is not my intention to submit similar or any personal observations until called for by the Civil Engineer who I conceive is the only competent person to test their correctness.-

You are welcome to all the orders passed by me on the subject of this road altho' it is difficult to comprehend how the orders extending over merely 3 months can throw light on omissions, if omissions exist, extending over a period of 3 years.-

I beg to decline any future responsibility for the portion of the road beyond the limits of my Revenue jurisdiction. The latter part in fact is distinctly separate, and lies in the Talook of Coolnad and is as near Calicut as Palghaut, and I can see no reason why I should voluntarily perform the duties of another person unless there are any specific instructions on the subject from higher authority

Sub Collector's Office, Palghaut 20th May 1853

(Signed) R. Chatfield
Sub Collector.-

To

Fort St. George 25th August 1853.-

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To R. W. Chatfield Esquire
Sub Collector of Malabar.-

Sir. I beg to know whether I am to understand by the last paragraph of your letter of the 20th Instant, No. 108, that you refuse to comply with my instructions to supervise the 16 Miles of the Trunk road to be formed in the Coolnad Talook.-

It would seem so, but your letter, the tone of which is I think open to exception generally may have been written in a hurry, and I should be unwilling to make a reference on the subject to superior authority without giving you the opportunity of withdrawing or amending it.-

Collector's Office — Cochin 25th May 1853

(Signed) H. V. Conolly
Collector.

E.
No. 115.

To H. V. Conolly Esquire
Collector of Malabar.-

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date the 25th Instant and in reply to state that there has been no disobedience of your "instructions" as I conceive those instructions could alone apply to the portion of the Trunk Road within the limits of my Division. As the last 16 Miles are entirely separate and without the bounds of my jurisdiction, I consider my

Supervision.

supervision merely voluntary and understood in that light, have no objection to continue it If you possess authority to impose Maramut duties upon the Sub Collector out of his Division, I presume you possess similar authority with reference to Revenue and Police duties, and I might accordingly at any time be instructed to perform Official duties any where or every where in Salem if I am not under my general supervision.

I am sorry you take "exception" to my previous letter, but as I think there was reason for my dissatisfaction, the "exception" may possibly be attributed to exceptional proceedings.-

Sub Collector's Office
Palghaut 30th May 1853. } (Signed) R. Chatfield
F
No. 943. Sub Collector.

To,
R. Chatfield Esquire
Sub Collector of Malabar
Palghaut.

Sir

1. I enclose herewith remarks on your Memorandum of the 6th Instant.- See appendix A

2. You will observe that I am of opinion
1st That a part of what you have stated to the intended prejudice of the former Management of the Trunk Road between Palghaut and Ponany

Ponany arises from a want of information (which was attainable from our records).-

2nd That there is no reason to suspect with you that there has been misuse of Funds and

3d. That the present bad condition of the road in some places as animadverted on by you arises from the fact of that minute and constant supervision which existed in Messrs. Robinson and Sandeman's time having ceased since the work came under your charge.-

3. and with reference to this point I am compelled to request with the Civil Engineer that a more careful supervision be kept up for the future.-

In his Diary for 22d and 24th February 1853.-

4. Mr. Robinson was in the habit of visiting the Trunk road East and West of Palghaut constantly. He knew every portion of it, and had every improvement or repair which he or the Engineer deemed from time to time most needful carried on under his own eye.-

I have no wish to impose on you a task which to any one who does not take the interest in it which Mr. Robinson did would be irksome, but I may fairly ask if I think on the part of the Government that you devote so much of your time and attention as to secure the whole extent of the road being visited six times to the East and six times to the west in the year in view to seeing that the Government allowance is judiciously and fairly laid out. Six of these visits only necessitate a ride

or

or drive of 16 Miles out.-

5. Without an expectancy that they will be overlooked the best servants will become slack. The Mastery you complain of as so inattentive, was certainly not so formerly I found him myself in December last quite the reverse.-

Mr. Robinson made him most useful as did Mr. Sandeman for the short time he had charge of your Department.-

6. It is clear to me that the limitted Supervision I have proposed will be desirable under any circumstances. The expected appointment of a European Overseer cannot altogether free you from responsibility. He cannot be allowed to spend 7,100 Rupees a year simply on his own judgement, and without reference to the Sub Collector, who unlike the Civil Engineer is always within reach.-

7. The control of the Money expenditure ought as it seems to me to continue with your Department under all circumstances.-

The giving over this to a Man who however respectable, cannot in the nature of things have that Knowledge of and weight with the people that is possessed by a Civil authority of your rank, would be very unwise

8. My experience shews me that it is only in rare instances that expenditure is so well conducted even by an Engineer Gentleman as by a Civil one.-

Yours.

9. You will find if you refer to your records that the expense incurred in making the Trunk road under Lieut.t Hill in 1845-46 was far in excess of what it has been since I put it under the charge of the Civil Department. The fixed Tahsildars who, as it seems to me, should take an interest in useful roads similar to what they take in any other part of their duty are far less likely to cheat or allow the Government to be cheated than the temporary unsubstantial Servants who are alone within reach of the Engineer Department.-

Tirtalla, 30th May, 1853. (Signed) H. V. Conolly Collector

To-

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G.

No. 120 of 1853.

To, H. V. Conolly Esqre
Collector of Malabar.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date the 31st Ultimo with Sundry Criticisms on my remarks regarding the Trunk Road. I shall not attempt a particular investigation of your Statements.

DG.

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Statements as a close inspection is now being made which will decide all points of difference I shall confine myself to an examination of such observations as attribute everything to my carelessness. Those parts of the road which struck me as naturally bad and unimproved were of course such long before Mr. Cs charge of this Division otherwise a geological miracle has occurred which would astonish the most unscientific observer. Of boulders and, and argillacious soil can so rapidly accumulate in three Months, Viz. between the 28th of January when I joined and the 4th of May when I inspected the road, we must invent a new theory to explain such unexpected phenomena in opposition to the received opinion of progressive deposits. —

That there are parts of the old road which have not been improved is a matter of no question.

There never were funds to improve the whole road as will be especially seen by a reference to Captain Cotton's letter of the 23d December 1847 to Captain Best. Improvements have been made for the last few years from any surplus of repair funds. Repairs of course had to be attended to first, and they were generally heavy. —

Notes by the Collector.

Captain Ludlow in his Diary for February last describes the Wanieencolom Bungalow as "clean and in good order as to walls and roof". The only thing I know of as at all discreditable is the "abstraction of locks and fastenings" referred to by him. When this took place I cannot say. I did not remark it when I saw the Bungalow in December last. —

Note

(The mud flooring also animadverted on by Captain Ludlow i.e. the flooring of most houses in Malabar was ordered by myself to be on principle and after seeing the way in which the chunam floor was broken up. (It is a matter of question.)

The disgraceful state of the Wanieam collom Bungalow might with equal justice be attributed to my neglect. —

+ In the last week in February as Mr. Chatfield might have seen from the dates attached to the Diary.-

Not so.

From no part of Captain Ludlow's Diary would it appear that he thought the road in the "scandalously bad" state in which Mr. Chatfield states he found it.

Captain Ludlow pointed out various defects and blemishes which shewed want of care and attention.

Note

Captain Ludlow thought that in one or two places red mud had been deposited in place of gravel but on inspection of the accounts would have shown him this was not so. The somewhat gravelly soil was put down because gravel could not be afforded at the time with reference to other expenditure.-

Broken Tunnels, choked catch and side drains, Roots of trees rising above the surface of roads, Masses of stone or rock in one or two places.-

Many of these were of a nature which required and could have been remedied by immediate notice that notwithstanding Captain Ludlows. and my remarks to Mr. Chatfield founded on Captain Ludlow's Diary, they should still have existed when Mr. Chatfield went down the road more than two Months afterwards argues clearly great negligence.-

The road was inspected by Captain Ludlow early in February and his opinion was as unfavorable as mine.-

I never heard of this before. I presume Mr. Martin who is I believe in the Engineer's Department did not find the road in so scandalous a state as Mr. Chatfield or he would of course have reported it.-

It was partially inspected by Mr. Martin in March a portion by me in April

To what amount this "portion" refers I cannot say as Mr. Chatfield has declined giving a distinct answer on the subject of his actual inspections. Whether greater or less it led to no depretiatory remarks such as have been now made. I may mention here that the only depretiatory Malayalam order on the subject of the road given after Mr. Chatfield passed over it in January was one animadverting on the bad habit of travellers leaving cooking stones on the road. Why if he saw things much worse he took no notice of them then is more than I can explain.-

In a letter of the 4th February Mr. Chatfield remarked "I partially inspected the Tank Road on my journey to this place it is generally good."

= pect to an entire change of management Surely this is sufficient and a more than ordinary amount of inspection. The working

Mr. Chatfield came at the end of January. The months of February, March, April and May are the best Months for all masonry works and the only Months in which the earth works decried by Mr. Chatfield can be carried on. The low grounds have too much water in them at other times. A temporary road is always made on one side while a road is being raised or repair=ed.

This with reference to the expense can only be done when the Country is thoroughly dry.-

April and the entire line in May and at the present moment it is under going a minute scrutiny which will lead Iex=

season was nearly over when I came and to heap up soil during the heat and height of traffic was to expend our labor

labor and Money in vain.-

2. Without presuming to compare myself with such efficient Officers as Messrs. Robinson and Sandeman, I merely claim the ordinary capacity of Knowing a good road when I see it. It is indeed too true that my eye is what you term, e unpractised in the observation of good roads for I have not met with them in my travels, and like other people, was not aware of their existence in Malabar. A sandy track or rude cut over hills and thro' jungles are however so familiar to me in this portion of India that I might by this time have learnt the difference between good and bad roads and be able to appreciate them accordingly.-

Mr. Chatfield merely shews his ignorance and want of inspection by writing in this way. There are many good roads in Malabar and some in his own Division.-

3. As I stated before my object in making a Report on the Trunk Road by Extracts from private journal was not to blame previous management, but to exempt myself from

Mr. Chalfield's Communication was signed and sent as Sub Collector. There was not a hint it was of a private nature.-

from the probable accusation of negligence. I think your remarks prove that I was correct in my anticipations, and not premature in expressing my sentiments.-

4. Without questioning your superior information and more minute observation I am still sorry to differ in opinion as to the management of this road. That the work is more cheaply performed by Civil Functionaries is certainly no sign of it's being better performed, but accordingly to my practical experience, exactly the reverse, for I have always thought cheap Engineering synonymous with bad Engineering. I object to Tahsildars running here and every where to look after a road to the manifest detriment of their other duties when their Cutcherries are crowded with applicants for enquiries into Revenue and Police Matters. This Division exemplifies my case by showing extraordinary delays and arrears in their departments. The excuse is that heavy Maramut duties interfere with the immediate performance of

The question is not one of "Engineering" but of the expense of work.- Under Lieutenant Hill the cost of work and material was much in excess of what it has been since it was under the Civil Department.-

of the more important Revenue and Police duties. The excuse has been popular but will soon I hope be no longer available.-

5. I do not exactly comprehend how the 16 Miles ride west or East alluded to in your 4th para

6 visits to the east of 16 Miles out each. 6. to the west of 55 Miles out.-

comprises an inspection of a road 71 Miles long. I have often attempted to drive in both directions to the manifest injury

The road was very driveable in Mr. Robinson's time. I have driven on both sides myself at a fast pace.-

of Horse and Bandy.-

6. Thanking you for the advice contained in para 4 of your present letter I have merely to observe that having for twenty years conscientiously performed my duties, I have no intention whatever of relaxing in the performance during my twenty first, but shall continue to act as heretofore in the manner I think best for the public and proper for myself.

(Signed) R. Chatfield
Sub Collector.
(Signed) H. V. Conolly
Collector.

Extract.

Extract of a letter from Captain (Major) Cotton Civil Engineer 7th Div. to Captain S. Best Superintendent of Roads dated 23d December, 1847.-

1. I have the honor to forward an Estimate for the repair and further improvement of the Great Ponany and Coimbatore Road, Eastward of Paulghat.-

2. This Estimate has been prepared under the eye of Mr. Robinson who has been constantly upon the line during the last Monsoon and seen it in all weathers, indeed so determined was he to do all in his power for the improvement of the road and help those who are beginning now to take up land in the jungle on either side, that he has built a bungalow for his shelter in a part of the forest which from fever is only habitable for a few months of the year and in forming the Estimate he has had the advantage of seeing what materials are really to be trusted and what are not, from the trial that has been given them during the last two years.

Mr. Robinson who saw nothing of this road before the repairs were executed the

the year before last, and is not probably aware of the fact, that the full expectation from the expenditure was a tolerable road practicable for bandies in the dry season and for Cattle and foot passengers during the Monsoon. writes rather as if some trifle had been done where much was wanted but the fact of the case is that much more has been effected than I expected and the time I spoke of in forwarding the Estimate when the traffic was likely to be so much increased that the road ought to be perfected has already arrived. The traffic on the line throughout the dry weather was immensely above what was ever known before and instead of the communication being cut off during the raing season as was always the case formerly there has been a heavy bandy traffic upon it all through the rains.-

Extract from the Diaries of Captain (Major) F. C. Cotton, Civil Engineer 7th Division-

Wallair Road Vs

Entered the Malabar District at Wallair and met Mr. Robinson the Head Assistant Collector with a view to our examining together the whole line of road between that point and Paulghat-

No sanction has yet been received for the sum estimated for it's repair, though the application was made in December last.-

I need not enter here the details of my conversation with Mr. Robinson regarding the treatment of each portion of the road. It is sufficient to say that that Gentleman knows every part of the line and will (as he does with all he undertakes) see the work carried out with the very greatest care.-

19th August 1848.

The "Ponany Road"

I dont exactly know what position I am in with regard to this road, Captain Best is the advising Engineer and I am not, executive. There is one thing certain though that it could not possibly be in better hands than Mr. Robinson's, who as usual accompanied me along the part that requires his particular attention this year.-

It is very gratifying to me to see it in such constant use- x x x x x x x x x x x x x x

Mr. Robinson by perseverance has found Metal near at hand in even the most hopeless parts of this road and I feel sure that we do not in general examine the ground sufficiently below the surface for this purpose.-

Mr.

Mr. Robinson has also found that he can build his Drains even cheaper by the use of granite than by brick in Chunam, and nothing could be more satisfactory than those he has constructed.-

21st November 1848.

"Walliaur Road."

The Walliaur Road has stood the monsoon perfectly, and is now undergoing further improvement under instructions from the Road Department.-

Captain Best has lately examined the line and left verbal instructions with those engaged in the work.- x x x

x x x x x x x x

Mr. Robinson, as is his wont is doing his utmost to carry out Captain Best's wishes as far as he understands them.

7th July 1849.

Entered the Malabar District and inspected the Trunk Road from Walliaur to Paulghat in company with the Mr. Robinson the Head Assistant Collector, who as usual, is superintending with the greatest interest every portion of the line.-

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Between

Between Vuttapara and Cholay

muddy the road is a good deal worn, the fair effect of a heavy and continuous traffic with very trifling repair since it was laid down in 1846. The traffic on this line having rapidly increased, and become constant during the whole Monsoon when each cart does tenfold injury, I have recommended that the present annual allowance should be raised to meet the increased mischief, and that cannot be kept in order for the 30 Rupees a Mile now allowed.-

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x x x x +

West

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West of the river (Narugumpully)

390 yards had been laid down

with a Sub Soil preparatory to metalling

when it has settled down. Being

laid flat the first handies passing over

it rendered it concave, and

in the first rain it failed

entirely. It must now be

restored and the expense

altogether will be considerable,

DG.

metal.

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metal being distant. This is in progress.

and as I considered the original material,

which is now nothing but mud, suitable

for Sub Soil I directed it to be dried and

levelled, and a coating of Metal laid

over it. Passed over other parts of the road

where lesser works had been completed

or were in progress.

From my examination of

this line it is evident that thirty Rupees

a Mile annually is altogether insufficient

for Keeping it in repair, since the traffic

has increased and become constant

throughout the year. Of this fact however

the Superintendent is aware and I under-

stand that it is his intention to

recommend an additional sum. Capt.

Stain Best is also as well aware, as I am,

that under Mr Robinson's management

the allowance whatever it may be, will

be turned to the very best account.

18th November 1849.

The Road from Wallaur to Poulghaut

is here and there under repair, but it

is in very good order generally although the

Monsoon has been far more severe than

usual

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usual, and the traffic incessant.—

What the trade on this road was in 1842 I can't say; but no bandy ever attempted to travel it in the rains &: it was out of use more than half the year.— In 1847 the trade became so considerable that we had an account kept of it and found the average of bandies throughout the year 80 a day. Since which, in two years, it has increased to 150, and this, though the portion from Walliaur to Coimbatore is barely practicable for wheels.—

2d & 3d December 1850.

Trunk Road from Paulghaut to Ponany.

From Paulghaut to Luckdycottah.

This road in general is in excellent order, and the annual allowance will restore the parts injured by the Monsoon.

From Luckdycottah to Wanieambaud

The same may be said of this portion also. + + + + +

Extract from Lieut Roberts / Assistant Civil Engineer / Diaries.—

28th February 1852

Road from Paulghaut to Tirtallah.—

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In excellent order for its whole length.

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3d March 1852.

"Trunk Road from Tirtallah to Ponany".

This portion of the Trunk road is this year to undergo extensive repairs and improvements, the first portion near Tirtallah, and the latter near Pona-ny had embankments thrown up last year. Several places in the remainder that are to be improved will be commenced with, as soon as the Monsoon sets in, under the orders of Mr Robinson.

5th March 1852.

"Trunk Road from Ponany to Eddapala".

Accompanied Mr Robinson along the line, as far as Eddapala, and examined the work done by the contractors which extends as far as this. On returning made a Memorandum which I forwarded to Mr Robinson of all the small drains required, lengthening &c. now that the width of the road-way has been increased to that of a Trunk Road.

Extract.

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Extract from Captain Ludlow's Diary

15th June 1852

"Pairlah River Bridge, and alteration in course of Trunk Road No 5 between Palghaut and Mangara.

An Estimate for the alteration of the course of the Trunk Road No 5 by which the communication will be completed by the Bridging of one instead of two large rivers, and a troublesome, and expensive part of the line be avoided has now been some time before Government, but delayed for want of the attestation of the Civil Engineer. I therefore proceeded in Company with the Head Assistant Collector Mr Robinson to examine the new line with reference to the Estimate made for it by him.—

The new line appears to me to have been selected with much judgment, and the Estimate which has evidently been drawn up with great care and after a careful consideration both as to the nature of the soil, and the amount of Drainage to be provided for

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I consider to be sufficient to carry out the work in a satisfactory manner. I have therefore forwarded it to the proper authorities and trust that it will receive the early sanction of Government as before this piece of road is completed, the Pairlah Bridge cannot come into general use.

17th Pairlah Bridge.

This Bridge is completed with the exception of the Parapets and plastering. It appears to me to have been well built and with the exception of the small cracks &c the branches so generally observable in almost all Bridges I can detect no flaw in it. Indeed the work appears to have been executed in a manner highly creditable to the skill and zeal of Mr Robinson who had the principal if not sole charge of it.—

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Lieut Roberts' Diary for November 1852.

8th High Road from Walair to Paulghaut.

Is in capital order for its whole length.

/True Extracts/

/Signed/ H.V. Conolly

Collector

St

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It may be well to append here a letter furnished by Mr Sandeman as it brings up the history of the road.—

To H. V. Conolly Esqre
Collector of Malabar.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 10th Instant with its enclosure, I have the honor to offer these remarks.—

I took charge from Mr Robinson in July, and when I reached Paulghaut the Melahs had through the Tahsildars sent in their estimates for the improvements and repairs on the Trunk Road for the current year. I thought it well to accompany Mr Robinson to Ponany while he remodelled the above Estimates according to his custom. We went slowly along the line and each item in succession was sanctioned, struck out, or altered, or new ones inserted as the case might be each portion of the new Estimate being invariably remeasured.—

The great mass of work from Paulghaut to Tirtallah was earth work. This was in pursuance of the principles which Mr Robinson had primarily in view

† 1852

from May 1852 to May 1853.

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when in road making in Malabar viz that a road should in the first place be strongly and roundly formed of earth out of the trench of the heavy floodwater of the district and protected with sufficient outer and smaller channels, and after this and then only that it was advantageous to apply a crust or jelly, a more expensive material.

This was done largely last year as I have said, at least to such an extent as our sanction admitted of; the road had been in such parts brought to the required width in previous years.—

With regard to the prices paid per cubic yard I found it the general feeling from communication with my Cutcherry people, the Maistries &c. that under Mr Robinson's thorough direction and from the extent of road work he had executed for a series of years competition among the workers had been so much increased, and their prices so beat down thereby, that their profits were not by any means considerable. This of course they were ready enough

enough to say themselves.

The remodelled Estimate & Plan of above was at once sent to the Sahibdars with orders to get the work in the hands of Contractors as soon as possible.—

The practice is not to pay the last instalments to the Contractors till the last moment, they are thus obliged to keep up the perfect state of the crests along the line even after the work may be said to be fairly done. When I left the district the earth as laid on was as yet in a very perfect state. I do not remember exceptions.— But Mr. Robinson always expected that the first years earth would become heavy under bandy traffic in the rains and I believe it to be the usual experience in the Country that it is so, and that afterwards the road becomes settled and attains firm consistence, occasional repairs in such cases I suppose are unavoidable.

A great deal of this applies as well

+ Bandies are turned into the side parambas during actual road work.

well to the portion from Tirtallah to Ponany (16 Miles) Here however the work was often widening and straightening the road in which there was a good deal of cutting of rough banks as well as laterite, and rock and was well performed by the Maistry Amara Puttee.—

The work in contract was done not by contract, but by Government bullies as there are no Wodders so far This portion differs as well in having been operated on under two distinct sanctions— a good part of the jellying at Tirtallah and Ponany having been done this year out of the remains of a separate sanction— all this jelly had to be brought from a great distance.— he brought from a great distance.—

Calicut,
21st May
1853

(Signed) A. S. Sandeman
Assistant Collector.

(True Copy)
(Signed) H. V. Conolly
Collector.

T. R.

Ordered

Fort St. George 25th August 1853.

Ordered that the foregoing letters and the previous Correspondence on the subject be submitted with the following address.—

No 385

To The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I am directed in compliance with the request of the Collector of Malabar, to forward for the consideration and orders of the Government the accompanying Correspondence between that Officer and his Sub Collector Mr Chatfield, and in so doing to offer the following brief explanations.—

2. On receipt of Mr Connolly's letter dated the 18th June the Board considering that the subject referred to had reference to the Police Department over which they do not exercise supervision; and respecting the management of which they are but imperfectly informed deemed it sufficient to express their disapprobation of the tone of Mr Chatfield's letter to his Superior Officer, and their general concurrence in the views of Mr Connolly respecting the proclamation issued by Mr Chatfield requiring all persons except those of notable respectability to take out passports before quitting their parishes.—

3. In the meantime however and before the receipt of the Board's opinion Mr Connolly had made a further communication referring to the same subject and which the Board were inclined to view in a much more serious light. It appeared from this that Mr Chatfield had not only delayed compliance with the orders of his Superior officer to cancel the Proclamation issued by him, for the long period of 56 days but had even after the receipt of those orders entered into a Correspondence with the Collector and Magistrate of Coimbatore with a view of inducing him to adopt the very same arrangements which had been disapproved and directed to be cancelled by his own immediate superior. The Board could not view this proceeding

(36-39)

B. No. 1789

To the Chief Secy to Government

Submitting with the Board's observations the Correspondence which has taken place between the Collector of Malabar and his Sub Collr Mr Chatfield on the subject of a proclamation issued by the latter officer whose proceedings in this matter were extremely insubordinate and disrespectfull Mr Connolly.—

In Cons: 7th July 1853.

From Collr 18th June in Cons: 7th July 1853
Proceedings Collr 7th July 1853
From Collr 5th in Cons: 18th " "
Pro: Collr 18th July — " "
From Sub Collr 5th in Cons: 22d August — " "
Pro: Collr 22 — " — "
From Collr 6th in Cons: 25th " "
From 21337 Collr 8th in Cons: 25th " "
From 2147 Collr 8th in Cons: 2148. 25th augt — " — "

T.R.

Bd's Pro: 7th July 1853.

From Collector 5th July 1853. in Cons: 18th Do.

From Collector 18th June 1853. Para. 10.

proceeding as otherwise than extremely insubordinate and couplied with the disrespectful manner in which Mr. Chatfield had addressed the Collector they were doubtful whether in justice to Mr. Conolly and in vindication of his authority it was not their duty to bring the conduct of the Sub Collector under the notice of Government. They were reluctant however to adopt this course at once and without the special request of the Collector to that effect and they accordingly passed the orders which will be found in their Proceedings dated 18th July. This they hoped would have the effect of bringing Mr. Chatfield to a sense of what was due to his superior officer and thus prevent the necessity for further correspondence.

4. It will be seen however from Mr. Conolly's letter dated 6th August and the enclosed letter which Mr. Chatfield has transmitted through him to the Board, that that Gentleman does not seem sensible of any error on his part, but has continued the correspondence in vindication of his own opinions. The Board are therefore not surprised that under these circumstances Mr.

In Cons: 25th Aug: 1853

Mr. Conolly should be desirous that the whole correspondence should be laid before Government and they have accordingly resolved to comply with his request. In doing so the Board are only desirous of pointing out that Mr. Chatfield's subsequent communications have for their object only a defence of the strong opinion he has recorded regarding the Police of Malabar, but the Board have already informed him that this is a subject on which they are not called upon to offer an opinion. Their strictures were entirely confined to what they considered as his insubordinate conduct and disrespectful tone of writing in addressing his superior Officer and for these he has offered no adequate excuse or apology.

5. Mr. Chatfield has subsequently addressed a further letter respecting the Police direct to the Board of Revenue, but as it was not transmitted through the Collector the Board have thought it necessary to return it to him pointing out the proper channel of communication.

dated 5th August in Cons: 22d Dec. 1853.

(Pro: Coll. 22d Aug. 1853)

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 25th August 1853.

(Signed) B: Cunliffe
Sub Secretary.

P. S. Since the foregoing letter was drafted the Board have received a further communications from Mr. Conolly inclosing another letter* from Mr. Chatfield addressed to the Board direct of a previous date to that referred to above in which he has attempted some explanation of, but in the opinion of the Board has offered no

* 8th August 1853 No. 99. in Cons 25th August 1853. 2147

29th July

Para 5.

no adquate excuse for his delay in complying with the orders of Mr. Conolly to cancel his proclamation, at the same time the Board have to express their regret at Mr. Conolly's inattention to the orders of Government prohibiting communications on subjects of importance by means of Yaddashts written in the Native languages - In transmitting this letter Mr. Conolly has also forwarded Copy of a previous Correspondence with Mr. Chatfield on the subject of the Ponany Trunk road which shews that the spirit and tone of Mr. Chatfield's addresses to his superior officer, of which the Board have expressed their disapproval, have not been confined to the instance above referred to - They are still more conspicuous in the correspondence now brought to their notice, and having become, as it would appear habitual, call in their opinion for more severe reprehension -

Extract Minutes Cons: 28th November 1848 C. O. Page 482.

From Coll: 8th aug: No. 97 of 1853 in Cons: 25th Do. 2148-

Resolved that the following letters be despatched

(40)

B. No. 1798.
To the Collector of Rajahmundry -

To, The Collector of Rajahmundry -

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will be so good as to expedite the despatch of your reply to their Circular of 24th March 1853 respecting Land Measures -

Same to Bellary, Kurnool, Madura, Tinnevelly, Canara and Agent at Kurnool.

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George 25th August, 1853 -

(Signed) B. Cunliffe
Sub Secretary.

To

To, The Collector of Nellore -

Sir,

(41)

B. No. 1805.
To the Collector of Nellore -

Alluding to your Endorsement on Petition No. 281 of 1853 the Board request that you will suspend the Collection of the arrears in question and include them as you suggest, in the report on old balances -

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 25th August, 1853 -

(Signed) B. Cunliffe
Sub Secretary -

To, The Collector of Salem -

Sir,

(42)

B. No. 1806
To the Collector of Salem -

I am directed by the Board to request your reconsideration of the case, the disposal of which is detailed in Endorsement on Board's Petition No. 1345 of 1853 - They quite approve of the enquiries stated to have been instituted by you regarding the fulfilment of the conditions of Dusvundum tenures, but as in the case under review, the proceeds collected of Fusly 1236 and 1237 have not been spent in repairs

repairs of the Tank and as the parties had been permitted to retain their Enam for 12 years, the Board think that there are circumstances in their case which might lead you to permit them to remain in possession. It is not clear from the Endorsement whether Petitioners as declared by them, have not made repairs to a certain esctent and if so and they are willing to complete them the Board would wish to know if any objection occurs to you why the Enam should not be restored to them.—

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
25th. August, 1853.

(Signed) B: Cunliffe
Sub Secretary.

43

B. No. 1807.

To the Collector of
Trichinopoly.

P. No. 1850/53.

To,
The Collector of
Trichinopoly.

Sir,

With reference to your Endorsement of the 25th. December 1852 on the Petition of Shunkaralinga Pellay requesting some waste land on Paracoody teerwah the Board wish to know why in the absence of any such favorable teerwah in the Village the land should not be made over to the Petitioner upon such

such terms as may seem proper. Especially if as stated by him some portion of the land has been already given to others on a decreased rent.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
25th. August, 1853.

(Signed) B: Cunliffe
Sub Secretary.

44

A. after B. No. 2200.

From the Acting Collector of Madras.

Read Comparative Statement shewing the quantity of Salt sold for Home and Inland consumption for the years ending 30th. April 1851, 1852 and 1853.—

Ordered to lie over.—

44-45

Order thereon.—

Read the undermentioned Abstracts.

46

B. No. 2236.

From the Acting Collector of Madura.

Abstract Statement shewing the number of Persons charged, convicted and acquitted &c. for the half year ending 30th. June 1853.—

47

B. No. 2268

From the Collector of Canara.

Abstract Statement shewing the number of Persons charged convicted and acquitted &c. for the half year ending 30th. June 1853.—

46-48

Order on the 2 abovementioned Abstracts.

Ordered to lie over until the receipt of the returns from other

other Districts, when an abstract of the whole will be prepared and submitted for the orders of Government.-

Read the undermentioned Registers.

49
B. No. 2226.
From the Acting Collector of Cuddapah- Register of Endorsements passed by him on Petitions referred by the Board for the month of May 1853.-

50
B. No. 2247.
From the Agent at Kurnool- Register of Endorsements passed by him on Petitions referred by the Board for the month of July 1853.-

51
B. No. 2248.
From the Acting Collector of North Arcot- Register of Endorsements passed by him on Petitions referred by the Board for the month of July last.-

52
B. No. 2214.
From the Collector of South Arcot- Register of Endorsements passed by him on Petitions referred by the Board for the month of July last.-

53
B. No. 2224
From the Acting Collector of Madura- Register of Endorsements passed by him on Petitions referred by the Board for the month of July last.-

54
B. No. 2232.
From the Collector of Coimbatore- Register of Endorsements passed

passed by him on Petitions referred by the Board for the month of July last.-

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Order on the abovementioned Registers in Office.- Ordered to be lodged in the Records.

56
M. No. 916.
From the Acting Collector of Cuddapah- Miscellaneous letters and Statements.- Return of fines imposed and stoppages made from the pay of the Public servants for the quarter ending 30th. June 1853.-

57
M. No. 917.
From the Acting Collector of Cuddapah- Reporting that certain returns were not forwarded for the quarter ending 30th. June last.-

58
M. No. 925
From the Collector of Ganjam- Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance from 12th. to 31st. July 1853.

59
M. No. 912
From the Acting Collector of Madura- Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance from 1st. to 11th. July 1853.-

60
M. No. 913
From the Acting Collector of Madura- Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance from 12th. to 31st. July 1853.-

From

61
Mz. No. 918.
From the Collector of Tinnevelly - Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance from 1st to 11th July 1853.-

62
Mz. No. 926.
From the Collector of Ganjam - Statement shewing the average Bazar wholesale Prices of Grain and Salt for the month of July 1853.-

63
Mz. No. 911.
From the Acting Collector of Madura - Statement shewing the average Bazar wholesale Prices of Grain and Salt for the month of July 1853.-

64
Mz. No. 909.
From the Agent at Purnool - Return of Persons charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822 for the month of July last.-

65
Mz. No. 923.
From the Collector of Canara - Return of Persons charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822 for the month of June last.-

66
Mz. No. 905.
From the Collector of Bellary - Reporting that there were no Persons convicted or confined under Regulation IX of 1822 for the month of May last.-

From

67
Mz. No. 910.
From the Agent at Purnool - Reporting that the return of Persons convicted and confined under Regulation IX of 1822 and return of Village servants suspended and dismissed under Regulation VI of 1831 were not forwarded for the month of July last.-

68
Mz. No. 924
From the Collector of Canara - Stating that no Persons have been confined under Regulation IX of 1822. for the month of June last.-

69
Mz. No. 897.
From the Acting Collector of North Arcot. - Return of Village Officers suspended and dismissed from Employment under Regulation VI of 1831 for the month of July last.-

70
Mz. No. 914.
From the Acting Collector of Tanjore - Return of Village Officers suspended and dismissed from Employment under Regulation VI of 1831 for the month of July last.-

71
Mz. No. 907.
From the Collector of Coimbatore - Return of Village Officers suspended and dismissed from Employment

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(72)
Mr. No. 921.
From the Collector of Nellore — Employment under Regulation VI of 1831 for the month of July last. — Statement shewing the quantity of Salt in store and ready for Exportation on account of the Chittagong Indent for 1851/52 at his Ports up to 15th August 1853.

(73)
Mr. No. 915.
From the Acting Collector of Madras — Acknowledging the receipt of 1000 Salt Rowannahs. —

" Golding[illegible]

Comp. D. Hills

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No Diary

At a Meeting Present.

J. Goldingham Esqre Second Member.

and

T. L. Blane Esqre Third Member.

Monday, 29th August 1853.

Walter Elliot Esqre Senior Member

Absent on duty as Commissioner Northern Circars

Minutes of the last Meeting read and approved. —

Read the following Extracts.

(1)
Bd No. 2171.
From the Secretary to Government Revenue Department — Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 11th August 1853. —

No. 919.

Read the following Extracts from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue. —

/Here enter 11th July and 9th May 1853. No. 913 and 2011/

Para 1. The season of Fusly 1261 in the District of North Arcot was with some trifling exceptions peculiarly favorable both for the wet and dry crops. It was healthy for

added to the Principal Division after Mr. Grames time and their accession raised the average commutation rate of the whole Principal Division to Rupees 84-5-2- per garee, but on what principle the commutation was made in these three Talooks does not appear- The four Talooks which compose the Sub Division were transferred from South Arcot. The commutation rate for each of these is 87-8-11 per garee, but how it was determined cannot be ascertained.

3. The mode in which the settlement was formed and the fluctuations as compared with Fusly 1260, allowance being made in that year for the 44 Villages since transferred to Chinglepet, are shown in the subjoined abstract.—

	Fusly 1269	Increase or decrease compared with Fusly 1260
Gross Settlement or Settlement after deducting Dittum Bungar	1944,815	+125,976
Deduct remission on cultivated land	207810	— 12,675
Net Settlement	1737,005	+ 138,651
Revenue from Hill Villages and ready money Collections	88,659	+ 929
Total Amanme	1825,664	+ 139,680
Rented Villages	11,143	— 209
Total Amanme and rent	1836,808	+ 139,371
Deduct Polygar Pensions, Official allowances &c	86,883	+ 7,174
Remainder	1749,924	+ 132,196
Add.		
Salaries of Moturpha Mangars	897	+ 9
Peishcush	144,186	"
Grand Total	2195,007	+ 132,205

The

Note.
But not in every Talooks. In five Talooks there was a decrease in Nunjah and in two a decrease in Poonjah which does not seem to be accounted for.

The revenue is stated to have been higher than in any year since 1249. Its increase above that of Fusly 1260 is the result of the excellence of the season and has occurred in every description of cultivation Nunjah, Poonjah and Garden. There has also been a considerable increase in the cultivation both of Indigo and Sugar Cane.—

The Collections within the Fusly were

4 Rupees 1926824 and subsequently up to the 30th November 261498 leaving a balance then outstanding all under the head of Ayen of Rupees 7054. The Board should have stated how much of this balance had been recovered according to the last Demand Collection and Balance Statements received from the District prior to the date of their own Proceedings.—

5 Under the circumstances explained by the Acting Collector, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the remission of the irrecoverable balances of land revenue as per margin, Amounting in the aggregate to Rupees (7,910—4—1) Seven thousand Nine hundred and ten, Annas four and pie one—as regards the last item or that of interest on arrears of Zemundary Peishcush it is however to be understood that the remission

Land Revenue Fusly 1260	189	7 — 3
Do — Do — 1238	16	10 — 3
Do — Sewaye Juma	247	7 — 9
Interest on Zemindars Peishcush	7456	10 — 10
	7910	4 — 1

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remission has been allowed only under the Spe-
cial considerations adverted to by the Acting
Collector in Paras 39 to 44 of his Report and is
not to be regarded as establishing a precedent
for such indulgence in future.—

6 The demand on account of land
revenue settled and unsettled and on account
of that derived from the extra sources as compar-
ed with the demand under those heads for the
year preceding gives the following result.—

	Fusly 1261.	Increase or Decrease.
Land revenue unsettled	17,50,821	+ 13,2,205
Peshcush	44,186	"
Total	21,95,007	+ 132,205
Extra Sources	199,452	— 5,160
	2394,460	+ 127,045

Shewing a Net increase on all branches of Rupees 127045.

To
The President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue.

/ A true Extract /
/ Signed / T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

Bd. No 2246.
1-2
Resolution thereon.

Resolved that Copy of the foregoing
Extract Minutes of Consultation be forwarded to the Acting
Collector of North Arcot, with reference to the Board's
Proceedings dated 14th July 1853.

2. The Board resolve also to forward to
the Acting Collector of North Arcot a Copy of their Proceed-
-ings dated 9th May 1853, adverted to by Government per Para 2

From

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No 930.

3
Bd. No 2202
From the Secretary to Government.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, Revenue Department, under date the 13th August 1853.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.—

/ Here Enter 25th July 1853. No 3143. /

The Right Honorable the Gover-
-nor in Council sanctions the actual charges
incurred in Fusly 1261 on account of additional
Establishments employed for the management
of Estates in Masulipatam purchased on
account of Government, amounting to
Rupees / 22190 - 14 - " / twenty two thousand
one hundred ninety, and Annas fourteen
also the estimated disbursements on the
same account for Fusly 1262, amounting
to Rupees / 27827 - 2 - 5 / twenty seven
thousand eight hundred and twenty seven,
annas two and Pice five.—

2. The Governor in Council desires
that the preparation of a Complete Moyen-
-zabitah of this District be not deferred
indefinitely; but that it be proceeded
with and submitted by the end of Fusly
1262 now commencing, if no further measures
are

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are taken on behalf of the Appellant Lutch-
meputty Naidoo within that time.—

/ Signed/ T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

3-4
Bd. No. 1814.

Order thereon. Ordered to be communicated for the information and guidance of the Collector of Masulipatam, with reference to his letter dated 24th May 1853.—

Jud. Cons. 25th July 1853.

5
Bd. No. 2259.

From the Secretary to Government
Dated 16th August 1853 } Read Extract authoriz-
ing the Collector of Masulipatam to adopt any measures which may seem called for, for the relief of the people who have suffered by the inundations of the Kistna river, and noticing with approbation the conduct of Mr. M. D. Coinicad ameen of the Pundraca Salt Pans.—

5-6
Order thereon Ordered to be recorded.—

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Read the following Extracts.

No. 953.—

Bd. No. 2259.
From the Secy to Government } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 19th August 1853.—

Read the following letter.—

No. 270.

To T. Pycroft Esqre
Secretary to the Government of
Fort St. George.—

Mis. Revenue
Salt

Sir,

/No. 546/

Para 1. I am directed by the Most Noble the Governor of Bengal to acknowledge the receipt of your letter /No. 220/ dated the 22d February last, transmitting an Extract from the Honorable Court's Dispatch dated the 10th November 1852 and requesting information as to the System under which the manufacture of Salt is carried on in the manufacturing Districts of the Bengal Presidency

For the information of the

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Right Honorable the Governor in Council, I have to forward the accompanying Copy of a letter from the Officiating Junior Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated the 23d ultimo, and of the Extracts therein referred to reporting

reporting on the subject.—

Dated Fort William the 4th July 1853.

(Signed) W. Gordon Young
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt.
of Bengal.—

No. 1.
No. 516.

To The Secretary to the Government of
Bengal.—

Salt
E. Currie Esqre

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Officiating Under Secretary Young's letter No. 88 dated the 14th March last and its enclosure, calling for certain information required by the Government of Fort St. George, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to observe that a general account of the administration of the Salt Department in this Presidency will be found in my letter of this date in reply to a requisition from your office No. 78 dated the 4th March last—

2nd. The more particular information relative to the Bengal System, required by the Madras Government, cannot, the Board conceive, be more conveniently or fully given than it is in the accompanying Extracts, (paras. 4, 7 to 10, and 15 to 29) from a description of the manufacture of Salt in Tumlook, recently submitted by the agent, Mr.

Mr. Hamilton—

3d. Mr. Hamilton's paper contains also a minute description of the several processes followed by the Tumlook Molunghees in preparing the Salt lands, and making and boiling the brine, as well as of the transport of the Salt from the place of Manufacture and its storage in the Government Depôts. These portions of the paper would be inapplicable to the state of things existing in the interior Districts of the Madras Presidency, but the parts extracted contain full details of the Bengal System, as regards the dealings of Government with the Molunghees, the point on which apparently information is desired—

4th. The Board desire me to take this opportunity of forwarding in Original Mr. Hamilton's "Notes" which, they observe, contain much interesting information and are creditable to the industry of the Compiler—

(Signed) A. R. Young
Offg. Junior Secretary

Extracts from Mr. Hamilton's Notes on the Manufacture of Salt in the Tumlook Agency—

Boundaries & Extent of the Agency—

1st. The Station of Tumlook where the Head Quarters of the Agency are fixed is situated on the West bank of the River Roop Narayn and is distant up that River about 10 or 12 Miles from its junction with the

the rivers Roop Narayn and Hoogly; by land it is 45 Miles South West from Calcutta and from Midnapore about 40 Miles. The Agency as at present constituted, is comprized of five Aurungs or Manufacturing Districts, it is bounded on the East by the Rivers Roop Narayn and Hooghly it extends for a few Miles North of Tumlook to the Talsuttly Khaul† within 4 Miles of Kedgeree to the South it is bordered by the Northern-most Pergunnahs of the Hidgellee agency, and to the West and South West it is bounded by the Chabookya River, a continuation of the Tengreekhaly and Huldee Rivers, which divides Tumlook proper, from the three Southern Aurungs, Goonghur, Aurranganggur and Jellamootah.—

Note † A Khaul is either a Natural Creek or an artificial canal.

2d. The five Aurungs are noted on the Margin†, the three latter have since 1818/19 been transferred to this, from the Hidgellee Agency and the two former, since the Agency was established, have been its principal manufacturing districts.—

† Aurung Tumlook
" Mysadul
" Jellamootah
" Aurungaunggur
" Goonghur

3d. The Salt Manufacture is carried on the West bank of the River Hooghly above Kedgeree, as well as on either side of the rivers Huldee, Tengreekhallee and Roykully the Khallaries or Manufactories, are situated on both sides of these large rivers, as also on the banks of the

the numerous Canals and Creeks which are fed by them, and intersect the whole country comprized within this Agency.—

Capability of Agency

4th These five Aurungs, in favorable seasons, are capable of yielding, during one season from 9 to 10 Lacs of Maunds of Salt, the largest quantity ever manufactured was in 1851 corresponding with 1258 F.S. when it reached Maunds 9,21,835.—

† Note One Maund equals 80 pounds avoirdupois

The price of the Salt

7th For some years the price which has been paid to the Molunghees for the Salt manufactured by them, has been fixed at 7 annas per Maund, for the ensuing season it has been reduced to 6½ annas the Maund of 80 Sa. Weight, in Aurungs Tumlook & Mysadul and to 6 Annas in the three other Aurungs which are situated on the South bank of the Rivers Huldee and Tengreekhally. The reason for this difference in the price will be obvious, when it is considered, that the Molunghees of Aurungs Mysadul and Tumlook generally experience greater difficulty in clearing & preparing their Chutter or Salt lands, as well as in procuring fuel, than their brethern in the other Aurungs; their Khalaries too are, for the most part, situated on Khauls, running inland, and at a greater distance from the large Rivers.

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This is particularly applicable to Tumlook but not to so great an extent perhaps, to Mysadul, where a further alteration in the price will, in all probability be recommended on a future date—

8th It has been stated above, that the Government give 6 and 6½ Annas per Maund, as the case may be, for every Maund of Salt which is delivered to our Officers in the Aurungs, but besides this Cash payment, the several Molunghees receive gratuitously from the Department, certain grants of land in proportion to the extent of their Khalaries not only to enable them to establish their Khalaries and Chattur or Salt lands, but also that they may supply themselves with fuel from the jungle grass, and low brush wood, which grow spontaneously upon it, in some places close to their Khalaries, in others at a Mile or so distant from them—

9th From the early records it appears that when the privilege of manufacturing Salt was taken out of the hands of the Zemindars of the District and monopolized by Government, the Government received from the Zemindars of Pergunnah Mysadul and

*Manufacturers

†Subdivision of a Tillah or District

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and Tumlook large tracts of jungle and waste land for their manufacturing purposes, allowing them in lieu, remissions in the rent of their permanent settlement, as also a monthly allowance usually termed "Moshyara" the former, as a consideration for the land actually appropriated by Government, and the latter, as compensation for the withdrawal of the Manufacture of Salt from within their respective Zemindaries—

10th The above lands are now known in this District as "Julpye" or fuel lands, and under that term are included such portions as have from time to time, been either cleared for the Khalaries and Chatturs or, where they were found not to be required for the Salt Manufacture, let out on conditional leases in small parcels or "Chucks".

15th It has been remarked above that this Agency is divided into five Manufacturing Districts or Aurungs, and these Aurungs, I should state, are sub divided into numerous "Hoodahs" or independent jurisdictions which are placed under the immediate charge of Mohurers aided by

†Note These are the various subordinate Officers see para 20

by "Zilladars" "Chuppiawsees" and "Adulders" some of whom are employed temporarily, and others permanently, to superintend the manufacture, and preserve the Julpye within their respective Divisions. The whole of these Establishments are subjected to the control of a "Pooktaun" or manufacturing Darogah, who is responsible for the efficient and general management of the Auring under his charge and to enable him to be constantly moving about, each Darogah is allowed a Palkee or Bearers allowance for 10 Months of the year, at the rate of Rupees 15 per Mensem.

Est. Chimnds

16. To superviese so large a manufacture as from 5 to 9 Lacs of Maund of Salt the Establishments are necessarily expensive, though they have been during the past few years reduced, as far as is compatible with the efficient working of the agency. On the Margin are given the fixed establishments of each Auring and with reference to the Arye Pakies it may be right

Pergunnahs	Darogahs	Kurkoon & Moturers	Chuppiawsees & Sirdars	Arye Pykes
Tumlook	1	4	3	1
Mysadul	1	4	3	1
Pellanoottah	1	4	6	1
Aurunganugger	1	4	5	1
Goonghur	1	4	8	1

right to observe that they are commonly known as "Shikaries," their duty being to destroy wild buffaloes and wild pigs, which are most destructive to the "Julpye" and abound throughout the Aurungs.

Hospital Bungalows

17th There are also in different parts of the Agency, small Bungalows for the accommodation of the Agent and his Assistant during their periodical and occasional tours, though no establishment beyond a Sweeper, who is required also for the purposes of each Cutcherry, is entertained for them.

A. Lees

18 The Salaries of the Pooktaun or Manufacturing Darogahs are 80 and 50 Rupees each and those of the Moturers 5. 10 and 12 each, per Mensem according to the nature of their appointments

Schedule of Establishments

19: There are 37 Hoodahs comprized within

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Designation of Officers	Perg.h Tumlook		Perg.h Mysadul		Perg.h Sellamoottah		Perg.h Aurunganugger		Perg.h Goonghur		Grand Total	
	Number employed	Total Salary for Period employed	Number employed	Total Salary for Period employed	Number employed	Total Salary for Period employed	Number employed	Total Salary for Period employed	Number employed	Total Salary for Period employed	Number employed	Total Salary
		Rs. a P		Rs. a P		Rs. a P		Rs. a P		Rs. a P		Rs. a P
Sulpyer Mohurer	1	60 " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	1	60 " "
Aaye Pyke or Mailcaree	1	36 " "	1	36 " "	1	36 " "	1	36 " "	1	36 " "	5	180 " "
Dawk Chuprassies	1	30 " "	1	30 " "	1	30 " "	1	30 " "	1	30 " "	5	150 " "
Ditto Ditto	1	22 8 "	2	45 " "	1	22 8 "	1	22 8 "	1	22 8 "	6	135 " "
Mohurer	1	72 " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	1	72 " "
Hilladar	10	400 " "	9	360 " "	9	360 " "	9	360 " "	8	320 " "	45	1800 " "
Chuprassies	4	90 " "	4	90 " "	1	30 " "	4	60 " "	"	" " "	13	270 " "
Ditto	6	105 " "	3	52 8 "	"	" " "	2	25 " "	"	" " "	11	182 8 "
Pyke	14	196 " "	13	182 " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	27	378 " "
Sirdar	7	122 8 "	7	122 8 "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	14	245 " "
Aduldar	32	640 " "	32	640 " "	27	540 " "	27	540 " "	24	480 " "	142	2840 " "
Bhanga Mohurer	8	240 " "	9	270 " "	4	120 " "	5	150 " "	4	120 " "	30	900 " "
Kyals	8	160 " "	9	180 " "	4	80 " "	5	100 " "	4	80 " "	30	600 " "
Chapadars	48	500 " "	45	450 " "	20	250 " "	25	312 8 "	20	250 " "	150	1762 8 "
Barbudary Mohurer	1	60 " "	1	60 " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	2	120 " "
Nail Dº	1	30 " "	1	30 " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	2	60 " "
Churrundars	9	112 8 "	12	150 " "	9	112 8 "	8	100 " "	10	125 " "	48	600 " "
Roojoonooceah	3	135 " "	3	135 " "	2	90 " "	2	90 " "	2	90 " "	12	540 " "
Golepurhurry	2	25 " "	2	25 " "	2	25 " "	2	25 " "	"	" " "	8	100 " "
Paunsaway or Boats	"	19 8 "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	70 " "	"	" " "	"	89 8 "
Chuprassies	1	12 8 "	"	" " "	1	15 " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	2	27 8 "
Onjungyhaut	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" 8 "	"	" " "	"	8 " "
Auxiliary Chowkey Officers to watch Suspicies places	4	84 " "	"	" " "	4	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	4	84 " "
Head Chuppadar	"	4 " "	9	112 8 "	"	" " "	"	" " "	"	" " "	9	112 8 "
Total	163	" " "	163	" " "	82	" " "	92	" " "	75	" " "	575	11310 8 "

Errors excepted

within the five Aurungs Viz. 1 in Aurung Tunlook: 7 in Myaadal. 9 in Sellamortah, 8 in Goonghur, and 9 in Aurungaung gur, Temporarily during the Manufacturing season the establishments enumerated on the Margin are entertained and these are distributed and located in divisions in different parts of the Aurungs under the charge of "Mootyen" or independent Mohurers. Those Officers who are connected with the Manufacture, are paid for nine; and those who are concerned in the weighment and transport operations for from five to nine Months according to circumstances; a certain number however of the Zemindars, Chaprassies and Pykes are required and supposed to do duty throughout the year without any extra pay.—

Duties of Salt Agent in the Salt Offices.

20 A Zilladar is required to visit daily every Khalary in his beat, to take an account of the Salt actually manufactured by each Molunghee, and after entering it in his Register forward it weekly to his immediate Superior, the Mootyan Mohurer, who passes it on to the Darogahs. These

These Mohurers are next in rank to Darogahs and are obliged to keep daily Registers or diaries of their proceedings, as also of occurrences and are required to be constantly on the move within their Division. The Chuppraseer remains among the Kholaries under his charge, sees that the Molunghees Coollies and others are present, and reports errors of omission and commission on their part to the Mohurers. The Pykes and Chowkyars are variously employed.

Their Diaries

The Diaries sent in by these Mohurers are regularly checked in the Office, and it is the Peishkars duty to examine and report any thing which may appear irregular, or requiring special notice. The Darogahs forward their accounts periodically to the Agent; they are carefully examined by the Head Accountant at the Sudder Office and with him rests the responsibility of their being correct in figures and totals, as by them the advances are regulated and the manufacture is carried on or stopped as may appear advisable.—

21. The Salt accounts are kept from

from October to September, and funds are remitted, on the application of the Agent, who is guided by the state of the season, either from the General Treasury or from the Collector of Midnapore, and are usually supplied during the months of November, January, March and May. The Agent with his Head Quarters, leaves Tumlook as soon as the Salt is all stored at Ghaut Narayngpore either for Calcutta or Midnapore, and as soon as the season will allow, he returns to the Station, the Senate not admitting for his remaining there during the rains.—

22 The operations of the season commence usually with the issue of the first advance of Cash to the Molunghees, the Manufacture follows in December, weather permitting and ends with the setting in of the rains or as soon as the Taidad is completed. The Molunghees in conjunction with the Mofussil Amlah fix upon some lucky day for commencing their Manufacture or in other words "lighting their Chooluhs" or fires, but the Agent

Agents "puts them out" or closes the Manufacture whenever he pleases.

23 The advances are calculated either upon the number of men each Molunghee engages to assist him in carrying on his manufacture, or on the quantity of Salt he contracts for. In Aurungs Tumlooks and Mysadul the Molunghees received their advances at the rate of Rupees 3 for each Coolie one Rupee per Chooluh In aurungs, Goomghur, Jellaimoottah and Aurungaunggur, the other system prevails, the advances being calculated at the rate of 7 Rupees per 100 Maunds contracted for by each Molunghee.—

24 The first advance takes place during that last week in November, or early in December in the presence of the Agent or his assistant. The second is called the "Ghas" or fuel Baduna, and is made in January or February, when care is taken that the advance shall be in proportion to the means of the Manufacture with reference to his fuel Store, the Coolies he has engaged, the productive qualities of his Khalarie and his other preparations, a rough calculation of the Salt actually manufactured

† Note See Para 27

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by him, being at the same time taken
The third advance is usually applied
for in april, and is in fact, an unad-
justed cash payment on account of salt
delivered to the Agency Officers; the season
being then so far advanced that the
weighments are going on and each
manufacturers stock in hand is tolerably
well known The last or Fuſsil dadum is
a settlement of the accounts of each
Manufacturer.—

25 As soon as orders are issued
to close the operations of the season,
all Choolahs and boiling pots are
broken up and an account current accord-
ing to a "Hatt Chittah" in the posession of
each Molunghee or Manufacturer, is made
out—Agreeably to this account he receives
any balance of cash which may be
found to be due to him for salt delivered—
This settlement occurs either in May
or June, and is a busy time, as the Agent
is obliged to be careful that no balances are
left outstanding on his books, a thing
unknown for the last 12 years
and that each manufacturer re-
ceives his proper dues.—

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† See Paras 26 to 28

26 Great care is taken in
paying out the advances; the Darogah
and Sudder Officers fill up for each
manufacturer according to his "Lowda
putter or agreement, a printed ticket or
"Hath Chittah" supplied from the Office
in which are entered his name, number
Hoodah Amung, quantity of Salt he
contracts to Manufacture &c These
"Hath Chittahs" are all sealed and
signed by the Agent or his Assistant.
and English Registers are kept
in the Office containing the names and
particulars of every Molunghee, the
number of Coolies he engages to
employ &c.

27 When an advance is to be
made the "Pooktaum Darogahs" with
a portion of their Establishments
come into the Sudder Office, in
Divisions, together with the Molun-
ghees of their respective Amungs; these
are collected for the purpose
in a large Varandah where
each Molunghee delivers up
his "Hath Chittah" which is
passed on to the Head Mohurer
setting

sitting near the Treasurer, who ex-
examines and enters it in his accounts
the "Hath Chittah" is then made over
to the Treasurer who notes it down and
gives it to the "Potdar" to be cashed.
The Sirestadar or Peekkar, in turn, is
seated in the middle of three Of-
ficers and before him each Malunghee
is called up, receives and examines
his money; and is not allowed to move
until he has satisfied himself that
it is all right, when he admits this
to the Sherestadar, he retires to an
adjoining room where he waits until
one "Voodah" or a sufficient number of
Malunghees are collected whereupon
the "Hath Chittahs" are taken from
the Malunghees, arranged consecutively
and on each Malunghee being
called by name, he passes before
the Agent or his Assistant delivering
each other, and is required to shew
his cash and state the amount received
by him. This done, the Agent, or his
Assistant, as it may be signs the
Hath Chittahs, enters the Amount
paid in an English Register which
is

is kept for the purpose and returns the
"Hath Chittah" to the Malunghee who
takes it away home with him.—

The same process goes on at
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each advance payment, and the Agent
thereby has an opportunity of hearing any
complaints which parties interested in
the manufacture may wish to make
known to him contrary to common
belief Malunghees are any thing
but a poor weakly race; they live it is
true in a low country surrounded by
Malaria: but they have very few grievan-
ces no doubt they are thankful to receive
the Government money but their profits
are not sufficient to support them and their
families, consequently they are and all
cultivate rice either for themselves or their
Zemindars besides manufacturing Salt
for Government There is no difficulty
experienced in keeping their accounts
and all payments as well as all
weighments of Salt received from
a Malunghee are regularly
entered in his Hath Chittah which
he retains in his own possession
as a check against the Agent, no
other account or payment being
valid

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valid or binding upon him or Government.—

29 The Manufacturer is common called the Molunghee but the terms "Ekinandar" "Chooleah" and "Muzzooi" or Coolie are also applied to the Manufactu these may be distinguished as the Contract his Superintendent and his common hired labourer, and they all work in the Khalaries more or less.—

(True Extract)
(Signed) A. R. Young.
Offg. Junior Secretary

(True Copies)
(Signed) W. G. Young
Offg. Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to Para 3 of Extract from the Minutes of Consult tation dated 22d February 1853 No 219.

(A true Extract)
(Signed) T. Pycroft.
Secretary to Government

To The President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Order thereon

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Ordered to be sent again in Circulation.—

T.R.

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Revenue Department.

No. 969.

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Bd. No. 2278.

From the Secretary to Government.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 26th August, 1853.—

Read the following letter from the Tamil Translator to Government.—

(Here enter 6th August 1853.)

Mr. Campbell, Superintendent of the Madras Salt Revenue having passed a satisfactory examination in Tamil, and being pronounced quite qualified to carry on his duties in that language the Governor in Council is pleased to permit him to draw the full salary of Rupees (300) three hundred per Mensem attached to the Office of Salt Superintendent with arrears from the date of his appointment.—

(A true Extract)
(Signed) T. Pycroft.
Secretary to Government.

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Bd. No. 1809.

Order thereon.—

Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Collector of Madras for his information and guidance.—

Read the following Statements.

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29th August 1853.

B. No. 2326.

Statement exhibiting the actual charges incurred on account of Additional Establishments employed in the District of Ganjam for Fusly 1262.-

Description of servants.	Estimated for Fusly 1262. Number of servants.	Rate of Pay.	Amount of Pay.	Period of Employment.	Estimated Charges.	Actual Charges for Fusly 1262.	Comparison of Columns 6 and 7. Increase.	Decrease.	Date of previous correspondence in which the employment of similar Establishments has been authorized.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Cz Rs	Cz Rs		Cz Rs. As	Rs As	Rs As	Rs As		
Salt Revenue.										
Peons and Measures &ca.	33	2½	82½	From 1st April to 31st July 1853.	330 " "					The Increase above the Estimated Charges of Fusly 1262. being trifling requires no remark.
Do. and Do.	8	2½	20	Do. 1st Nov. 1852 to 30th June Do.	160 " "					
Peon	1	2½	2½	For January and February 1853	5 " "					
Ditto	1	2½	2½	Do. April and May Do.	5 " "					
Total	43	"	107½	"	500 " "	310 4 9	10 4 9	" "		

Ganjam 23d August 1853.

E. E. Jr. / Signed / A. P. Onslow.
Collector.

Estimate

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B. No. 2327. Estimate of Charges proposed to be incurred Ganjam for Fusly 1263.-

29th August 1853.

on account of additional Establishments in the District of

Description of Servants.-	Estimated for Fusly 1263.-					Actual of Charges in the preceding Fusly 1262.	Comparison of Columns 6 and 7.-		Dates of previous correspondence in which the employment of similar Establishments has been authorized.	Remarks.-
	Number of Servants.	Rates of Pay.	Amount of Pay.	Proposed period of Employment.	Estimated Charges.		Increase.-	Decrease.-		
1	2.	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs	Rs		Rs As					
Salt Revenue.-										
Peons and Tom Tom Men—	34	2½	85	From 1st April to 31st July 1854	340 "					The entertainment of the Establishment now estimated for is indispensably necessary to prevent in the several Salt Pans during the period of Manufacture the smuggling of Salt and the Excess above the actual Expenditure of the past Fusly is owing to the Estimate for Fusly 1263 having been assumed with advertence to the inconveniences experienced in the Revenue Talooks by the deputation of Peons to meet the inefficiency of those at the Pans during the season of Manufacture, hence the present increase for preventing a recurrence of the same.—
Peons	8	2½	20	Do. 1st Augt. 1853 to 30th June 1854.	160 "					
Measurers	12	2½	30	Do. 1st May to 31st July 1854.	90 "					
Ditto	2	2½	5.	Do. Do. to 30th June Do.	10 "					
Total	56	"	140	"	600 "	510 4 9	89 11 3	"	"	

Ganjam 23d August 1853.

E. E. Fr. (Signed) A. P. Onslow. Collector.

Order on the 2 foregoing Statements.-

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Ordered to lie over.-

Read the following Statements.-

Statement

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Fort St. George

29th August 1853

B. No. 2212. Statement exhibiting the actual charges on Fusly 1262 in the Nellore District.

incurred on account of additional Establishments employed in

Description of Servants.	Estimated for Fusly 1262. Number of Servants.	Rate of Pay.	Amount of Pay.	Period of employment.	Estimated Charges.	Actual Charges for Fusly 1262.	Comparison between Columns 6 and 7. Increase.	Decrease.	Date of previous correspondence in which the employment of a similar Establishment has been authorized.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Rs.		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		
Goomastah	6	15 Rupees each per Month.	90	Four months	360 a. p.	108 6 2	a. a.	251 9 10	Estimate submitted on the 11th August 1852. and sanctioned by Government on 23d November 1852. as stated in Board's letter dated 6th December 1852.	This Establishment was employed in preparing the Jummabundy Accounts of Fusly 1262. Rupees 7-6-8 of the amount sanctioned for Fusly 1263 having been charged in Fusly 1262 is included in the actual charges in Column 7 and Rupees 60 of the amount sanctioned for Fusly 1262 has been charged in the account of Fusly 1263 making the actual disbursement on account of the sum sanctioned for Fusly 1262 Rupees 160-16-6- the remainder Rupees 199-a-6 was not required to be disbursed and causes the decrease.
Sweepers at the Salt Cottaurs	1	2-a-a-2-a-a-		Twelve months.	24 a. p.	24 a. p.				These sweepers were employed to keep the different Salt Cutcheries at the Cotaurs clean.
Do. Do.	6	1-a-a-6-a-a-		Do.	72 a. p.	72 a. p.				
Do. Do.	6	a-8-a-3-a-a-		Do.	36 a. p.	36 a. p.				
					132 a. p.	132 a. p.				
					492 a. p.	240 6 2	a. a.	251 9 10		

Nellore Collectors Office 16th August 1853.

E. E. Jr. /Signed/ F. B. Elton.
Collector.

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10,175. Fort St. George 29th August 1853.

Read the following letters.

No. 44.

To

W. H. Bayley Esq[re]
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

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B[o]. N[o]. 2141.
From the Collector of Bellary ———

Sir,

In reference to my letter of 4th June 1853 and the Board's order in Reply under date the 7th Ultimo I have the honor to request the permission of the Board of Revenue for extending the Revenue charge of the Head Assistant Collector from two to three Talooks. The charge I propose to extend to that officer is the charge of the 3 most Western Talooks of the Districts Viz[t]. Hoovenhudgaly Hurponhully and Hoodle-ghee, which will form a compact and convenient District.

Bellary, Collector's Office, 4th August 1853 ——— (Signed) C. Pelly
Collector.

B[o]. N[o]. 1813.

Proceedings thereon. — At the request of the Collector the Board of Revenue authorize him to extend the charge of his Head Assistant from two to three Talooks. He will be so good as to notice this charge in his Summabundy Report for the current Fusly quoting the correspondence.

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To.

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to be incurred on account of additional Establishments in Fusly 1263 in the

Fusly 1263.			Actual Charges in the preceding Fusly 1262.	Comparison between Columns 6 and 7.		Date of previous correspondence in which the employment of a similar Establishment has been authorized.	Remarks.
Amount of Fusly employment.	Proposed period of employment.	Estimated Charges.		Increase.	Decrease.		
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		132 " "	132 " "				
		492 " "	240 62	251 90	" "		

These sweepers are required to keep the Cutcherries of the different Salt Cottaurs clean.—

16th August 1853. E. E. Fx. (Signed) F. B. Elton. Collector.

Statements.

Ordered to lie over. (14-16)

Read

10,175. Fort St. George 29th August 1853.

Read the following letters.

No. 44.

To

W. H. Bayley Esqre.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

(17)
B. No. 2141.
From the Collector of Bellary

In reference to my letter of 11th June 1853 and the Board's order in Reply under date the 7th Ultimo I have the honor to request the permission of the Board of Revenue for extending the Revenue Charge of the Head Assistant Collector from two to three Talooks. The charge I propose to extend to that officer is the charge of the 3 most Western Talooks of the Districts Viz. Hoovenhudgaly Hurponhully and Hoodle-ghee, which will form a compact and Convenient District.

Bellary, Collector's Office, 4th August 1853.
B. No. 1813.

(Signed) C. Pelly
Collector.

Proceedings thereon.— (17-18)

At the request of the Collector the Board of Revenue authorize him to extend the charge of his Head Assistant from two to three Talooks. He will be so good as to notice this Charge in his Summabundy Report for the Current Fusly quoting the correspondence.

To.

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No. 45.

To,

W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

(19)

Bre No. 2145.
From the collector
of Bellary ——

Sir,

In the Board's Circular dated 28th January last it is directed that the Demand Collection and Balance for 11th July in each year together with a Memorandum explanatory of the circumstances which have produced the fluctuations of Revenue should be despatched to the Board so as to reach there by the 1st August in each year - But as these Statements are not yet ready I must beg the indulgence of the Board for a few days owing to the following circumstances which have prevented me transmitting the Documents for fusly 1262 or for 11th July 1852 with their accompaniments within the prescribed period of 1st August -

1st Accurate accounts shewing the Demand for last fusly of Sewoy Jummah or Extra Revenue have not yet been received Complete from certain Talooks. —

And 2d I have been obliged to refer to the Accountant General for instructions for transferring part of the amount of River Toll Collections which had been carried to the credit of Extra Revenue to the Head of Farms and Licenses as

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as already ordered by the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings of 24th January last - and a similar reference has been found necessary with respect to the Revenue derived from Government Topes -

As soon as the Accountant General's final instructions are received, I will despatch the Statements. —

(Signed) W. Pelly
Collector.

Bellary Collectors Office,
6th August 1853. ——

Order thereon;

Ordered to be Recorded.

(19-20)

Read the following letter.

No. 147.

To,

W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

(21)

Bre No. 2234.
From the Collector
of Chingleput.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the accompanying Statement Shewing the Balance of Peshcush inclusive of Interest and Subbendy Charges due on certain Shrotriem Villages in this District for Fusslies 1261 and 1262 and request the sanction of the Board for issuing the usual notice to the several Proprietors in arrears, intimating that unless their Balances are liquidated within one month from the date of Notification their Shrotriem lands will be resumed. —

Chingleput District
Collectors Cutcherry
Pullecarney 17th August 1853.

(Signed) J. H. Cochrane
Collector

Statement

Charles Pearce 29th August 1853

Statement showing the Salaries of the establishment employed in the Meteorological Observatory for Greenwich Park for the Month ending 31st October 1853

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	Rx a p	Rx a p	Rx a p	Rx a p	Rx a p	Rx a p	Rx a p
Sydapet							
Mogelyvaukum	424 7 2	158 3 1	266 4 2	" " "	8 1 4	12 10 10	287 " 4
Caurapullum	17 3 "	" " "	17 3 "	" " "	" 8 "	3 2 "	20 13 "
Colutttoor	649 7 2	297 4 3	381 15 11	" " "	7 5 9	22 9 "	411 15 7
Madeevaukum	62 " 6	" " "	62 " 6	" " "	1 3 8	" " "	63 4 2
Coleevaukum	27 14 3	19 3 4	8 10 11	" " "	" 15 5	" " "	9 10 4
Mupsaidoo	17 3 4 8	21 3 "	15 2 1 8	" " "	4 1 "	5 15 8	16 2 2 4
	1384 4 9	496 " 7	888 4 2	" " "	22 3 2	44 6 5	954 13 9
Ellapoorum	148 12 9	" " "	148 12 9	5 5 8	4 6 5	9 1 2	167 9 7
Attevaukum & Pooreevaukum	994 7 2	" " "	994 7 2	" " "	29 12 4	13 14 5	1,038 1 11
Pooloohotlum							
Suttum	325 11 7	" " "	325 11 7	5 3 3	9 11 7	11 3 5	351 3 10
Atteputtoo	320 1 "	108 5 5	211 11 7	11 7 5	9 9 "	11 3 4	243 15 4
Caudavelloor	245 3 7	" " "	245 3 7	2 11 2	7 5 4	9 " 5	264 7 6
Pooleyoor	550 2 1	136 4 1	413 14 "	" " "	5 15 6	11 13 4	431 10 10
Seroocodul	192 11 7	16 4 9	176 6 10	" " "	4 12 8	3 3 7	184 7 1
Paruttoor	259 14 3	58 4 6	201 9 9	" " "	4 5 10	12 3 8	218 3 3
Veeraragavapoorum	116 11 8	43 5 "	73 6 8	" " "	1 2 6	5 1 1	79 10 3
Paukum	1050 " "	1028 5 3	21 10 9	" " "	" " 4	7 3 2	28 14 3
Malecondayoor	687 4 7	329 11 11	357 8 8	" " "	" 1 11	17 9 9	375 4 4
Aunnoodoor	19 6 8	" " "	19 6 8	" " "	" 9 3	2 8 5	22 8 4
Sundalum and Stree-davee coopoorum	129 8 "	76 6 3	53 1 9	" " "	" 14 8	" 2	61 3 3
	5039 14 11	1796 15 2	3242 15 9	24 4 1	77 14 "	122 1 11	3467 13 9

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	Cds.	as	Cds.	as	Cds.	as	Cds.	as
Nellore	39	4	"	"	1	8	1	10
Cuddapah	39	4	"	"	1	8	1	10
Kurnool	38	8½	"	"	3	"	3	5
Veramallaud	142	5	5	"	"	"	2	14
Vizagapatam	25	5	5	"	"	"	1	13
Ganjam	22	1	11	"	"	"	11	"
Vizagapatam	46	5	10	"	"	"	5	14
Rajahmundry	105	3	10	"	"	"	9	3
Masulipatam	586	3	"	"	"	"	40	13
Total	1,068	5	5	"	"	"	24	14

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Nellore	42	6						
Cuddapah	42	6						
Kurnool	44	14	6					
Veramallaud	191	10	5					
Vizagapatam	36	8	2					
Ganjam	253	3	5					
Vizagapatam	93	"	2					
Rajahmundry	123	3	1					
Masulipatam	486	15	3					
Total	1,033	15	4					

Examined. Fort St. George (Signed) J. R. Cochrane
29th August 1853 Collector

Asst

Chingleput District ... } Errors.
Collectors Cutcherry
Fullecarimy 14th August 1853

Statement

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B. No. 1811.

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Proceedings thereon;

The Board of Revenue authorize the Collector to issue a notification to the several Shrotriemdars in his District in arrears for Fusslies 1261 and 1262 as specified in the Statement which accompanies the foregoing letter, to the effect that their Shratriems will be resumed if the Balances are not discharged within one Month after the publication of such notice.—

2 Mr. Cochrane will be pleased to report the result, in order that such further measures may be taken towards any of the defaulters as may appear advisable.—

Read the following Statement.—

Statement

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Fort St. George

Bd. No. 2012.

29th August 1853

Statement Shewing the Amount of arrears due to the undermentioned Cavelgars in the District of North arcot.

Number	Names	Amount of Pension per annum	Date of Government authority	Nature of the Grant	Period for which arrears are due.	Total amount of arrears	Explanation of the Cause of Suspension of payment	Remarks of the Board of Revenue	Orders of Government
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8.	9	10
						Rupees a P			
"	Sawmy Naik of Vencatapoor in Vellore Talook	21 " "	23rd April 1819.	In lieu of Cavelly Enam.	For Fusly 1261 } For Fusly 1262 }	21 " "	This person failed to appear from indisposition - He has now presented himself and claimed the arrears - The acting Collector Recommends that the Sanction of Government may be obtained to pay the arrears — and to continue the allowance -		
	Total Rupees					42 " "			

North Arcot, Collector's Cutcherry,

Palmanair, 29th July 1853.

(Signed) H. A. Brett
Collector

Remarks.

10183. For Fort St. George 29th August 1853

Bd No. 1803.

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Remarks thereon. The cause assigned for not drawing the pension at the proper periods being considered satisfactory, and there being no reason to doubt the identity of the applicant, the Board concur in the recommendation of the Acting Collector, whose attention they would direct to G. O. 22d December 1851 which has not been attended to in this case.

Read

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Read the following Letter.

No. 63.

To, W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

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Bd No. 2239

From the Acting Collector of North Arcot — Forwarding for the Board's sanction a Memorandum of the Establishment required for preparing the Nunmahkundy accounts of the Cuttumgar Zemindary preparatory to the sale of certain Villages in that Zemindary in Obtt Nos 11 of 1830. 7 of 1835 and 30 of 1839.

Ors. No 11 of 1830
Ors. No 7 of 1835
Ors. No 30 of 1839.

Sir

With reference to my Letter of the 23d Ultimo No 56, in which I informed the Board that the Civil Court had sent in three Receipts dated 15th July 1853 requiring me to attach and sell certain Villages belonging to the Cuttumgar Zemindary for the purpose of Collecting the aggregate sum of Rupees 46,575-11- in execution of the Razeenamah filed in the Suits noted in the Margin, and to paras 5 of the Board's Proceedings dated 25th Ultimo requesting me to submit the List of Villages proposed to be sold in consequence, with all the details required by Section XX Regulation II of 1803, I have the honor to forward Copies of the Court's Proceedings in these Cases, and to submit for the Board's sanction under

Section

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Section X Regulation XXVI of 1802, a Moyrunzabitah of the necessary Establishment for preparing the required accounts.

The Board are aware that

2. Division accounts have been recently prepared in my Office for Fuslies from 1258 to 1260 preparatory to the execution of Certain other Decrees against the same Defendant. As the present Precepts were issued 4 days after the expiration of Fusly 1262, I am afraid, with reference to the provisions of Section VII Regulation XXVI of 1802 that the accounts of only one out of the three above mentioned Can be made available for the present Cases; but on this point I have applied to the Sudr Udalut, to determine whether the several dates on which application was made to the Civil Court for execution may be taken as the proper periods from which to reckon "the Current year" referred to in Section VII instead of the date on which the Civil Court issued its instructions. The result will show whether 2 years or only one years additional accounts will be requisite on this occasion

J Lewis

10th January in 2 Cases 10th March in the remaining case

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3. I have reckoned that 3 Months will be sufficient to prepare my accounts, but this will not be the case unless the Zemindar, shall make the Settlement himself for each year, before the work in my Office is commenced. I have been in Communication with him on this point, and have been informed that he has not made the Settlement as yet either for Fusly 1261 or 1262 owing as he states, to the Cummums having been in attendance at my Office to prepare the Division Accounts in the other Cases.

4. As the Zemindar will require from 4 to 6 Months to make the Settlement for the 2 years, I propose to Commence the preparation of my accounts at the end of that period.

5. I do not propose to attach any Villages till I learn the result of the reference which the Civil Court has been requested, under the instructions Conveyed in para 20 of the Board's Proceedings of the 25th Ultimo, to submit to the Court of Sudr Udalut. It is found in each of the present Cases, as it was in the previous ones, that the Mortgage Villages are not of sufficient value to cover the entire Amount of the decree.

North Arcot,
Collector's Cutcherry,
Settoor, 20th August, 1853.

/Signed/ H. A. Brett
Acting Collector.
Moyunzabitah

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No. 1 Moyenzabitah of the Establishment required for preparing the Sub. Division accounts of the Carvetnuggur Zemindary according to Section VI and X of Regulation XXVI of 1802.-

No.	Employment.	For what period required	Pay for each individual per Month.	Total per month.	Total for the whole period.
		Months	Rs. as P.	Rs. a P.	Rs. a P.
1	Head Goomastah	3	30 " "	30 " "	90 " "
1	Goomastah	3	15 " "	15 " "	45 " "
18	Goomastahs	3	10 " "	180 " "	540 " "
1	English Writer	3	15 " "	15 " "	30 " "
5	Peons	3	3 8 "	17 8 "	52 8 "
1	Duffer-bund	3	5 " "	5 " "	15 " "
1	Masalgee	3	3 8 "	3 8 "	10 8 "
	Saderwar	"	" " "	" " "	75 " "
				Rupees	858 " "

North Arcot,
Collector's Cutcherry,
Chittoor 20th August 1853.

E E pr. (Signed) H. A. Brett
Acting Collector.

Extract

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No. 2.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Civil Court of Chittoor under date the 15th July 1853.-

Read again Mis. P. No. 17 of 1853 presented on the 18th March 1853 by Gurt Vakeel Cadeyalum Pagavacharry in behalf of Edward Desilva Plaintiff in Original Suit No. 11 of 1830 on the file of the late Provincial Court for the Centre Division praying the Court to Collect Rupees 53 11 Annas 12, being the balance due under the Razeenamah filed by Plaintiff and the late Defendant on the 13th July 1836 by the attachment and sale of the Village mortgaged in the said Razeenamah and such other portion of the Zemmindary of the said Defendant as may be requisite to satisfy the above demand.-

The Court having caused the purport of the Petition to be Compared with the Razeenamah contained in the Original Record of the Suit, resolves to send a Copy of the Razeenamah above alluded to to the Acting Collector of North Arcot and to direct him by a Precept returnable in 30 days to Collect the Sum of Rupees 53 11 annas 12 from the Heirs of the above Defendant by the attachment and sale

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sale of the Villages mortgaged in the said Razeenamah, and to remit the amount to this Court for payment to the Plaintiff.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) A. J. Mathison

Civil Judge.

(True Copy)

(Signed) H. A. Brett

Acting Collector.

No. 3.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Civil Court of Chittoor, under date the 15th July, 1853.

Read again M. P. No. 29 of 1853 presented on the 10th January 1853 by Court Vakeel Cadealum Rajavee harry in behalf of Punnuchary Valoo Moadely and others executors to the transfer Plaintiff in original Suit No. 7 of 1835 on the file of the late Provincial Court for the Centre Division, praying the Court to Collect Rupees 26,000 being the balance due under the Razeenamah filed by Plaintiff and the late Defendant on the 13th July 1826 by the attachment and sale of 18 Villages mortgaged on the said Razeenamah.

The Court having caused the purport of the Petition to be Compared with the

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the Razeenamah contained in the Original Record of the Suit resolves to send a Copy of the Razeenamah above alluded to to the Acting Collector of North Arcot, and to direct him by a Precept returnable in 30 days to collect the Sum of Rupees 26,000 from the heirs of the above Defendant by the attachment and sale of the 18 Villages mortgaged on the said Razeenamah, and to remit the amount to this Court for payment to the executors of the transfer Plaintiff.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) A. J. Mathison

Civil Judge.

(True Copy)

(Signed) H. A. Brett

Acting Collector.

No. 4.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Civil Court of Chittoor under date the 15th July 1853.

Read again Miss. P. No. 30 of 1853 presented on the 10th January 1853 by Court Vakeel Cadealum Rajava Charry on behalf of Puttumala Venkatasawmy Naidoo and another heirs of the transfer Plaintiff in Original Suit No. 39 of 1839 on the

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the file of the late Provincial Court for the Centre Division praying the Court to Collect Rupees 1572 63-15- being the balance due under the Razeenamah filed by Plaintiff and the late Defendant on the 13th July 1846 by the attachment and sale of the 5 Villages mortgaged in the said Razeenamah and such other portions of the Zemindary of the said Defendant as may be requisite to satisfy the above demand.—

The Court having caused the purport of the Petition to be Compared with the Razeenamah contained in the original Record of the suit, resolves to send a Copy of the Razeenamah above alluded to the acting Collector of North Arcot, and to direct him by a Precept returnable in 30 days to Collect the sum of Rs 1572 63-15 from the Heirs of the above Defendant by the attachment and sale of the 5 Villages mortgaged in the said Razeenamah, and to remit the amount to this Court for payment to the Heirs of transferee Plaintiff.—

/ A true Extract /

/ Signed / A. S. Mathison
Civil Judge

(25-26)
13th No. 1815

/ True Copy /

/ Signed / H. A Brett
Acting Collector

Proceedings thereon The Board approve of the acting Collector's proceedings. On the result of the reference to the Sudr Udalut on the subject alluded to in Para 2 being communicated to them, they will sanction the requisite Establishment for the preparation of accounts either for one or two years as may be deemed necessary.—

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No. 2273

Statement shewing the actual charges incurred on account of additional Establishment

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Description of Servants:	Estimate for Fasly 1262.					Actual Charges for Fasly 1262.
	Monthly Wages	Total for 4 Months	Amount for 8 Months	Amount for 4 Months	Estimated Charges	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Temporary Goomastahs for preparing the Jumma-bundy accounts.	24	10 Rs	240 Rs	For 4 Months from the 1st January to 30th May 1853		For 22 Goomastahs employed in the Collr Office from March to June 1853 484-0-0 8 Goomastahs employed on the Collectors Office from 25th March to 15th July 1853 255-15-4 959-15-4

North Arcot.
Collector's Cutcherry.
Chittoor 24th Augt 1853.

/ Signed / H.

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In Cons 3d March 1853. No. 395.

Read again letter from the Coll.r of Salem dated 24th December 1852 reporting on the Settlement of that District for Fasly 1261 / 1851-52.

B.d No. 1850 30 Proceedings 1.

Relative to the Settlement report of the Salem District for Fasly 1261 A.D. 1851/52.

The Settlement was made by the Collector and the European Officers under him according to the distribution shown in Para 2 of the Report, viz 8 Taloks by the Collector, 4 by the Sub Collector and 2 by the Head Assistant Collector. The Summabundy of each Talook was conducted within its limits.

Paras 4. & 5. 2. The number of Mootahs in the District is reduced to 111 from 113 in last year by the transfer of Katoospootoor to Trichenopoly and by the purchase of Penagarums on account of Government, including the resumed Jagheer Villages of Damalairy Mootoor, the number of Government Villages now stand at 5042, consisting of 2696 Villages and 2346 Hamlets. The transfer of Kantoospootoor consisting of 13 Villages and Hamlets, to another jurisdiction, reduced the total number of Villages and Hamlets in the District to 6996 from 7009.

Government Villages
Fasly 1261 — 5042.
" 1260 — 4998.
Increase — 44

Para 6. 3 In the Cattle there is an increase of 4506 Bullocks and Cows and of 7680 Sheep, with a decrease of 1115 in Buffaloes, this is diminution arising mainly from the transfer of the Kantoospootoor Mootah.

Para 7. 4 In the Statistical Return of the Sources of irrigation it is seen that there is

a gross increase of 93 Wells, constructed by private individuals by means of their own Capital.- Of these, 21 are not entitled to exemption in consequence of their vicinity to Government reservoirs, 62 enjoy exemption, and of the remaining 10 4- in the Collector's Division are taxed with additional assessment for one year, and 6 in the Sub-Division for 3 years, in both cases the additional impost is levied as a penalty on the omission of the parties to obtain previous permission to dig the Wells. The penalty should have been imposed on an uniform principle in both Divisions, the Collector however will observe that by the Orders of Government, noted in the margin, the previous permission of the local authority is not required, the former rule involving a restriction on the free action of the Ryot, which Government considered inexpedient to retain. It is only necessary that "such Wells as may be sunk in the course of the year should be entered by the Curnum in his Village accounts, and reported annually to the Hoozoor for registry there." The penalties above noticed appear to have been imposed before the Orders of Government were passed, but the Board are of opinion that they should be

Cyt. Mints. of Cons. 2d Nov. 1852. Pg.

be remitted altogether.-

Paras 8 & 16

5. The Season commenced well, and though about August apprehensions of a deficiency of rain were experienced, all fears were dispelled by ample falls afterwards. In some Tanks, especially in the Ossoor and Denkencottah Talooks, the supply of water was but little, and the extent of Wet cultivation was reduced in consequence. The Out-turn of the Wet Crops, except where the advantages of River irrigation are enjoyed, does not appear to have been very favorable. The Second Crops under the Magamor Channel are stated by the Sub-Collector in Para 4 of his report to have been deficient in consequence of the impaired state of its Head. As a new Head was sanctioned for this Channel as far back as 1846, the Board are surprized to find that complaints of want of water should be now made. Copy of the Sub Collectors remarks will be transferred to the Department of Public Works for enquiry.

From Govt. 1st Sept. 1846 No. 593 (2. Pol.)

Para 17

6. The Prices of Fusly

	Fusly 1258		Fusly 1259		Fusly 1260		Fusly 1261		1260. 1850/51
	Rs.	as.	Rs.	as	Rs.	as	Rs.	as	
Paddy 1st Sort per Garce	79.	8.	86	11	77	4.	67	7.	
Do 2d Sort	71	7	79	9	69	5	61	2.	
Raggy	74	13	79	1	66	6	58	11.	
Cumboo	71	12.	78	5	66	.	61	3.	
Cholum	81	13	87	1	73	8	62	4.	

were noticed in the Boards review of the Settlement of that year as shewing a falling off below the preceding

preceding Fusly, a still further diminution is apparent in that under consideration. In Para 5 of his Report the Sub Collector has exhibited the rates of the two principal grains of the Sub Division at the time of the Survey. It is desirable that similar information should be afforded for the whole District in conformity with the Circular Orders of this Board on the subject. It is seen from Para 57 of the Report that this point is engaging the Collector's attention.

Sub Coll.r Para 5. Rates at the Survey.
No. a p
Cumbu-87-10
Cholum-112-11-9.

29th April 1852.
8th November.

7. The land actually occupied during the year under report, was 7,22,562 acres, assessed at Rupees 13,66,705, or 20,131 acres, with an assessment of Rupees 20,481 above the preceding year. Deducting Rupees 22,188, on account of land not cultivated, which exceeds the similar item of Fusly 1260 / 1850/51 by Rupees 4,833, the Gross Settlement amounts to Rupees 13,44,517 which is above that of the preceding year in the sum of Rupees 15,648.

Paras 19 & 32.

8. The several items of increase and decrease are enumerated in these Paras and are for the most part usual. It is seen that there is an increase of Rupees 58-11-6, tax imposed on certain "Well lands" watered by

by Running streams. The Running water was either substituted for the irrigation from the Wells or used as an anailleary, and the land in this way became liable to additional assessment according to local usage. In like manner there is a decrease of Rupees 3 under the same head on account of land irrigated by Sectahs, arising from the Ryot confining himself to the water from his Well.

9. There appears to be a want of uniformity in the practice of the two Divisions on the subject of Occoanut Trees scattered over a Ryots Patent. All other descriptions of trees thus situated are exempt from any specific tax, and the Board directed that the same rule should be applied to scattered Occoanut Trees, in conformity with the ancient custom of the District. These orders have been carried out in the Collectors Division, but from the wording adopted for this item in Para 17 of the Report of the Sub Collector the Board are led to infer that it is only when the Tree tax is below 1/5th of the assessment of the land that these orders are considered to apply. It is the wish of the Board to limit the Demand of

From Coll.r 22d July in Cons.s 17th March 1851 & Proceedings 17th March 1851.

Government

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Government to the fixed assessment of the land, and the Collector will be pleased to see that this Rule so important to the Ryot, especially as checking interference on the part of the Revenue Servants, may be strictly enforced in every part of the District.-

Para 33 10. In the Settlement of the Cowl lands there is a net increase of Rs. 1195-2-9 arising from the favorable assessment allowed under this head in the newly acquired Mootah of Innagaram before it became the property of Government. The arrangements of the late Proprietor were not disturbed during the Study under report. In Mr. Cockburns Cowles which fixed the demand at 3/4 of the assessment there is a decrease of Rupees 342-3 on an extent of 245 Acres.-

Para 36 11 The assessment of the land not Cultivated but included in the Settlement was Rupees 8488 last year and Rs. 8330 in this. It is drawn almost entirely from parties who neglected to give up Land at the proper season according to the Rule of the District. The small sum of Rupees 43 is for Pot cut land left waste by

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by parties who have proved to be not liable to additional assessment. The explanation regarding this item is not sufficiently full to enable the Board to form a judgment as to its real character, but if exemptions from additional assessment is disallowed in the proportion that the ordinary Holding is not Cultivated, they are of opinion that this restriction should be removed. In Bellary exemption was not given if the Holding of the Ryot fell below a certain extent, but this Rule has been abrogated and the Ryot enjoys full liberty in this respect.-

Para 34. 12 The Board are disposed to question the accuracy of the Returns shewing the number of Ryots and Ploughs. The increase of Ryots is 6276 which is unusually large, and allowing for the increase in the new Villages it is hardly accounted for by the ordinary cause viz new occupants. It is observed that there is an increase in every Taluk except Nameul where there is a decrease of 115 persons. The Ploughs are in the proportion of 1 to 5 Ryots which cannot be correct. The Board would call the attention of the Collector to this subject.

No of Ploughs 36,966
" of Ryots 176237

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13 The usual deductions from the Gross Settlement amount to Rupees 1,44,401-7-2 including the payments of Village Officers and Agraharam and Dushundum shares aggregating Rupees 10,897-6-7 and do not call for remarks; with the additions of Hill Revenue and other similar items and Inoculation Fees the Settlement of Fusly 1261 / 1851-52 amounts to Rupees 17,63,984-15-3 falling short of that of the preceding year by Rs. 11,369-10-7 the particulars of which are shewn in the following Tabular Abstract-

Fusly

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Fusly 1261

Heads	Gross Land Assessment	Deceases Gross Land Assessment	Gross Revenue
Land Assessment & Gross Revenue	17,33,520-0-0		17,30,103
Do. Do. Inams	19,941-1-1		19,941-1-1
Moturpha	11,563-3-8		22,866-11-10
Grand Total	17,63,984-15-3		11,369-10-7

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11 Of the foregoing Demand Rupees 1698979-15-10 were Collected within the Fusly and Rupees 57637-2-10 subsequently to the end of June 1853, reducing the Balance at that date to Rupees 7367-12-7 which is due by Ryotwar Villages -

Paras 44 & 48. 15 The old Balances to the Close of Fusly $\frac{1261}{1851\text{-}52}$ amounted to Rupees 7313-10-3 Inootahs and Rupees 17780-7-2 Ryotwars. The former was entirely due by the Inoolahs of Sarvodrum which has been sold for arrears - The present Balance against the late Proprietors is Rs 31.26 8-11 which should be speedily adjusted -

From Govt. 17th Jan. 1853 From 15th Feb. in Cons. 3d March 1853.

From Govt. 4th inst Cons 18th Octr 1852. 16 Of the Ryotwar arrears the Sanction of Government has been given for writing off Rupees 131.81-6-10, being the irrecoverable amount due up to Fusly $\frac{1259}{1849\text{-}50}$ - Of the Balance of Fusly $\frac{1260}{1850\text{-}51}$ the sum of Rupees 3633-11-11 is stated to be irrecoverable as

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Paras 30 & 32 on account Rupees 32,473-6-1 arrears of Jodey Summah, total recoverable Rupees 36,107-2-1 which under the explanation afforded by the Collector the Board beg to recommend may be written off.

The entire Revenue of the 17. year from all sources amounted to Rupees Rs. As P. Fusly 1260 19,70,801-6-2 — 1260 19,66,934-13-7 19,70,801-6-2 being Rupees 3866-13-7 above that of Fusly $\frac{1260}{1860\text{-}61}$. The particulars are shewn in the following Abstract Statement —

Demand

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	Balance of Tusly 1860	Collections Within Tusly	Collections Subsequent to 30th June 1852	Collections Total	Balances	Collections Balances of Tusly 1860	Collections Demand of Tusly 1861	Collections Within the Tusly	Collections Subsequent to 30th June 1853	Collections Total	Balances
	Rs a p										
Land Revenue	1,77,335 4 9	10	1,71,693	15 2	5,259	5 11	7	1,76,952	10 9	5,822	15 1
Abkarry	86,500 " "		86,500 " "		" " "		86,500 " "			96,010 " "	
Sundry Small Farms &c.	8709 8 1		7,187 3 "		1488 8 5		8676 11 5			33 12 8	
Motursha	1,34,861 4 8		1,29,777 6 6		367 3 5		1,33,289 9 11			128 4 9	
Stamps	22,913 8 "		22,913 8 "		" " "		22,913 8 "			" " "	
Total	1,96,934 8 7		1,90,651 4 "		8,544 3 6		1,96,049 8 1			5,985 " 6	

	9,82	10 9	7,577	1 4	2,250 9 5	9,827	10 9	" " "
Motursha	1,61,71	12 2	1,50,89	10 6	923 8 1	1,60,132	138 9	
Stamps	24,807 " "		24,807 " "		" " "	" " "	24,807 " "	" " "
Total	19,70,801	6 2	18,99,725	11 8	63,549 4 4	19,63,275 " "		7,526 6 2

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Para 54.

18. The Charges of the present and preceding years amount respectively to Rupees 2,85,990 – 7 – 5 and Rupees 2,85,300 – 2 – 7, shewing a slight increase of Rupees 690 – 4 – 10 in the former. The apportionment of the Charges of the present year on the Revenue under the several distinct heads is as follows.–

	Amount of Charges. Rs	a	P.	Amount of Revenue. Rs	a	P	Per Centage Rs	a	P.
Charges for collecting and administering the Land & extra Sources of Revenue	188050	10	5	19,69,820	2	8	9	8	8
Repairs of Tanks & Watercourses	23,457	5	8	3,77,415	4	5	6	3	8
Pagoda & Mosque allowances in lieu of resumed Offices &c.	57,895	6	"	17,65,583	13	1	3	4	5
Other Miscellaneous Charges.									
Refunds of Land Revenue &c.	16,587	1	4	19,69,820	2	8	"	13	5
Total	2,85,990	7	5	19,69,820	2	8	14	8	3½

Para 58 & 61.

19. These Paras have reference to certain Remissions on account of perished Crops in the Village of Cooraundoor in the Sub Division.– Copy of the correspondence which passed between the Collector and Sub Collector on the subject also accompanies the Report;

on

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on the Settlement. Mr. Phillips at first questioned the propriety of giving these remissions but afterwards, in his letter to Mr. Cochrane dated 4th November 1852, he seems to have withdrawn his objection, pointing out that the remission was not to be given indiscriminately but with reference to the condition of the parties interested.– These instructions appear to have been judicious, and the Board infer, as there is no expression to the contrary, that the Collector is satisfied as to the mode in which effect has been given to them.– Mr. Phillips objects to the introduction of the subject by Mr. Cochrane into his report. The Board do not see the force of this objection, but would observe that it was unnecessary on the part of the Collector to forward Copy of the Correspondence, thus adding to the number of documents already very voluminous.–

Para 68.

20. The report on the reverted Mootah of Vadagayatoor has been received and will be disposed of in due course.–

21. In the preparation of the Statements which accompany the Report on the Settlement the Board would wish the two Divisions to be separately exhibited, with a grand total for the whole.–

Ordered.

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Ordered that a Copy of the fore-going Extract be submitted to Government and a transcript of the same be furnished to the Collector of Salem.

Read the following letter.

No. 106.

To, W. H. Bayley Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

(31)

Bd No. 2224.
From the Collr of Salem.....
Monthly Return of Persons charged with Offences under Regulation IX of 1822 for June 1853.

Sir,

An error having inadvertently occurred in the Return noted marginally, by the insertion in the heading of its 8th Column of Clause I "instead of Clause "IV," it has been corrected in my Office Copy, and I have now the honor to request your Board will be pleased to cause a similar alteration to be made in the Statement submitted to their Office on the 9th instant.

Salem Collector's Office
Ossoor, 17th August
1853.

(Signed) H. D. Phillips
Collector.

(31-32)

Order thereon. Ordered to be recorded, the alterations having been made in the Returns.

Read

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Read the

following Statement

Statement

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10210.

Bd. No. 2013.

Fort St. George
No. 62

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Statement shewing the amount of arrears of Pensions due to the undermentioned Geomaheers in the District of South Arcot submitted for Sanction of Government.

Number of Certificate.	Name.	Amount due per annum.	Date of Government Authority	Nature of the Grant.	Period for which arrear is due.	Total amount of arrear.	Explanation of the cause of suspension of payment.	Remarks of the Board of Revenue.	Orders of Government.
1	2	3	4	5	6				
14	Vobery Mathava Charry.	354 " "	8th March 1838. See also the Sanction of Government dated 17th October 1840 referred to in Board's Proceedings of 24th August 1846.	For educating the Examin	From 12th October 1830 to 26th March 1851.	162 4 "	Sanction is requested for paying to the heirs of Mathava Charry the arrears of this allowance due up to the date of his death the 26th March 1851. Family disputes which caused the delay in making this application. The question of Continuing this allowance to the heirs of the deceased incumbent will form the subject of a separate Report.		
2.	Do.	45 15 1	6th August 1840.	For Charity.	From Do to Do	21 " 10	This charitable Geomiah ceased with the life of the late incumbent. The		
						183 4 10	arrears shewn in this Statement were due at the time of his death and as they have remained unpaid in Consequence of the family disputes above referred to, Sanction is requested for paying them to the heirs of deceased.		

South Arcot Collector's Cutcherry
Cuddalore, 28th July, 1853.

(Signed) E. Maltby
Collector.

Bd. No. 1804

Remarks

(33:34)

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thereon.- The Causes assigned for not drawing these Gomials at the proper periods being Considered satisfactory, the Board recommend that the arrears which have accumulated to the date of the death of the late incumbent amounting in all to Rupees 83-4-10 may be ordered to be paid to his representatives.-

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Read the following Letter

No. 174.

To, B. Cunliffe Esqre
Sub Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

(35)

Bd. No. 2282

From the Collector of Tinnevelly ----

Stating that as far as his District is Concerned no advantage would be secured by withdrawing the Salt and Abkarry Departments from the Management of the Collector and recommending that a Salt

Sir,

With reference to Para 12 of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 6th November 1852 which accompanied the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 20th January 1853, I have the honor to state my opinion that as far as this District is Concerned no advantage would be secured by withdrawing

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withdrawing the Salt and Abkarry Departments from the Management of the Collector.-

Salt Depot may be Established at Shevacausey

2. The Salt Department is not a favorite one among the Natives and is Commonly complained of as unhealthy- The Servants on the Establishment generally strive to get moved to the Talooks, and the best among them usually succeed- This Supply would be lost were the Department separated from the management of the Collector, and I therefore think that whatever might be gained by uniformity of attention on the part of the European Superintendent would be lost in the deterioration of the Native Servants.-

3. The Abkarry revenue is formed without difficulty in Tinnevelly and I am not aware that any great abuses now prevail in the Department which would be Correct by more efficient managment.-

4. With respect to the Establishment of Salt Depots in important places

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places at a distance from the Pans I Consider the project to be a very valuable one, for even in this Coast District seizures have occasionally been made of grossly adulterated Salt. I beg therefore to recommend that a Depôt may be established at Shevacausey in the Government building which was the Gun House. Shevacausey is a large trading Town itself and is surrounded by large Towns such as Virdoopuddy, Virecelly, Poodoor, Shevagherry and Shentoor. The new Cotton road also now being completed will connect it with the Salt Pans at Tuticorin.

Tinnevelly, Tencausey, 23d August 1853. } (Signed) C. J. Bird Collector.

35-36

Order thereon Ordered to be seen.

Read the following Letter No. 7/2.

To W. H. Bayley Esqre Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort St. George.

37

Bd No. 2185

From the Collector of Canara } Sir, By the advertisement of India

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India Government dated 11th October 1848. published in the Official Gazette under date the 3d November of the same year, the duty leviable on the imports of Tobacco is fixed at 5 per Cent; whereas in the Madras Price Current supplied to this Office it is entered at 10 per Cent under the heads of import and Export duties. This has led to an error in the levy of duty on an Importation at the Port of Mangalore. I have therefore the honor to bring the subject to the notice of the Board with the view of measures being taken for the rectification of the error which appears to have been continued in the Madras Price Current, one of which is herewith forwarded for the information of the Board.

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Collectors Cutchery Mangalore, 10th August, 1853. } (Signed) F. N. Maltby Collector.

Bd No. 1808

37-38

Proceedings Hereon. The Board of Revenue will cause the following Official Memorandum to be forwarded to the Publisher of the Madras.

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Madras Price Current.

Official Memorandum.

The Sub Secretary to the Board of Revenue begs to draw the attention of the Publisher of the Madras Price Current to the Notification published at Page 1067 of the Official Gazette for 1848 reducing the duty on Tobacco imported to 5 per Cent. The Price Current however Continues to be quoted in the Price Current under the Head of "Import and Export duties at 10 per Cent and has led to an error in the levy of duty in one of the Provinces. It is requested that the necessary Correction may be made in future issues of the Publication.

Read.

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Read the following letter

No 132

To W. H. Bayley Esqr
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

39

Bc. No 2208.

From the Acting Collector of Madras.

Sir

I continuation of my letter of the 8th of June, on the manufacture of Salt in the present season, I have the honor to forward the accompanying Statement No 1 shewing the quantity received from our own and Chinglepat Pans at the Madras peat form up to the 13th Instant, the quantity sold, and the stock on hand out of a total manufacture of the Garces m 4302-90 the stock on hand on the above date was Garces m 2534-22. The quantity Estimated to be made up to the end of August at our own pans and those of Chinglepat which supply our Stores is Garces m 1234-300.

Reporting the further arrangement made for the Supply of Salt for the use of this District and forwarding certain Statements as to the quantity in store and that exported from Nellore and Chinglepat.

	Garces	m
Stock on 23rd March	117	46
Since stored	4171	380
Gain by measurement	13	44
Gain by confiscation	"	20
	4302	90

	Garces
Stock actual	2534
Estimated	1234
	3768
Average sale to 1st April	2096
	1672

I also send a Statement No 2 shewing the monthly sales for Home and Inland consumption from August to March inclusive for each of the last 3 years. This Statement gives an average sale of Garces 2096 for these eight months so that we are secured humanly speaking

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No 3.
No 273

To, H. Stokes Esqr
Acting Collector of
Madras

Sir,

Adverting to the concluding Para of your letter of the 31st May last, I have the honor to forward herewith a Memorandum exhibiting the quantity of Salt manufactured at the several Pans of this District upto the 11th Instant as also the quantity expected to be manufactured during the Current year, should the season prove favorable.-

I take this opportunity of intimating to you that out of the 732-325 Gds of Salt manufactured at Covelong Garces 310 have already been measured and stored, which together with 258-277 Gds of old salt, are considered sufficient in that part of the District for inland consumption during the present Fusly- The remaining quantity viz. Garces 422-325 are therefore available for your Cotaurs. and I request you will inform me of the means you propose to remove the same to your Depot, as it is desirable that it should be stored in a secure

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secure place before the approaching Monsoon.-

Guindy,
16th July 1853.

(Signed) George Fullerton
Head Assistant Collector
in Charge

Name of the Pans	Salt manufactured up to the 11th July 1853.	Salt anticipated to be manufactured by the end of August.
	Garces M. M	
Chunambut	411 330 "	200 " "
Cheyoor	1144 75 "	400 " "
Pyennoor	443 300 "	250 " "
Covelong	732 325 "	600 " "
Vadasemmenjary	329 200 "	300 " "
Valloor	581 213 "	300 " "
Virapperoot	330 320 "	250 " "
Vetchoicot	22 247 "	20 " "
Poongalum	9 232 "	200 " "
Sonnamboocolum	6 120 "	150 " "
	4012 362 "	2670 " "

(Signed) George Fullerton
Head Assistant Collector
in Charge

To-

Fort S^t George 29^th August 1853

N^o 299

To,
G. F. Fullerton Esq^re
Head Assistant Collector
in charge of Chinglepute

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 16^th Instant I have the honor to state that it is proposed to bring from Covelong the salt required for Madras by sea, and that a tender is under consideration for shipping it at an early period.

2 With reference to the quantity of salt manufactured up to the last returns in the pans of Chinglepute and this Collectorate it does not appear necessary to make more at Covelong for the Madras stores.

Madras. 23^rd July 1853. } (Signed) H. Stokes
Acting Collector

N^o 287

To. H. Stokes Esq^re
Acting Collector of
Madras.

Sir

Your letter of the 23^rd Instant desiring the discontinuance of the further manufacture

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manufacture of salt at Covelong, appearing to me to have been written under some misapprehension as regards the supply you expect from the Pans under my control (the entire manufacture of the District as entered in the returns from this office, having apparently been assumed for the above quantity) I have the honor to explain that only Garces of salt as exhibited in the Margin have been manufactured in this District up to the 22^nd Instant on account of your Department, although a sufficiency has been raised for the sales of this Department. The manufacture is still in progress at the four pans entered in the Margin above and I have not deemed it advisable to issue instructions for its discontinuance at Covelong until I receive an intimation from you after this explanation as to whether no more than the 422 Garces mentioned in my former communication will be required to

Valloor inclusive of what has been already supplied to Madras	Garces m 618-37
Do	337-249
Vichoor Do	26-120
Covelong Do	598-250
	1580-256

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to be supplied from that place.-

Guindy. - - -
29th July 1853.

(Signed) George Fullerton
Head Assistant Collector
in Charge.

To. G. F. Fullerton Esqre
Head Assistant Collector
in Charge of Chingleput

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I have the honor to state that my letter of the 23rd was not written under any misapprehension as to the quantity of Salt manufactured up to the 11th July in the several Pans of your district. The quantity you mentioned as being ready at Covelong is as much as will be required before the Monsoon for Madras in addition to what is available from other sources of supply. I shall be glad however to have as much as possible made within the season at the Vallore, Vegalore and Vitchoor Pans.-

2. If the salt at Covelong can be safely stored so as to stand the

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the Monsoon; it may be as well to continue the manufacture, while the weather permits.-

3. In reference to my letter of the 27th ultimo, I shall be obliged to you to expedite as much as possible the shipment of the Salt by the Dhonies provided by the Contractor Vencat reddy, one of which he says is already waiting.-

(Signed) H. Stokes
Acting Collector

Madras. - - -
1st August 1853.

No. 300

To. H. Stokes Esqre
Acting Collector of
Madras.

Sir,

Referring to the 2nd Para of your letter of the 1st Instant, I have the honor to state that it is desirable you should specify the quantity of

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of Salt which you will hereafter require from Covelong in view to my issuing definite orders as regards the extent to which the manufacture should be continued:-

2. I take this opportunity of forwarding a receipts of Venkat reddy for the 28 Garces of Salt supplied to him at Covelong on the 3-4-5 and 6th Instant:-

Pullecarny. 11th August 1853. } (Signed) J.H. Cochrane Collector

(True Copies)

(Signed) H Stokes Acting Collector

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B/ No 1817.

Proceedings thereon:-

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The Board observe that under date the 20th December 1852, they authorized the manufacture of 9300 Garces of Salt for the Madras sales 3,300 of which were to be made in the Chingleput pans and the remaining 6000 in those under the Collector of Madras-

From the foregoing letter it appears

2. that 4,302-90 Q. M. of Salt were stored up to 13th August 1853, that the estimated quantity at the Madras pans on that date was 352-300 Q. M. and that the probable manufacture to the end of this month both at Madras and Chingleput would be 882 Garces, making 5536-390 Q. M. as the manufacture of the year- To this should be added 1422-325 Q. M. to be imported on contract by Venkatareddy, although it is doubtful whether that individual will be able to complete his contract before the Monsoon- The gross receipts of the year may thus be estimated at about 6960 Garces, or 2340 Garces less than the quantity ordered to be manufactured-

3- Taking the average sales of the three preceding years and comparing them with the present stock in store, Mr. Stokes thinks that we are secured against a deficiency until the next year's Salt can be available- It is however seen

seen that in Fusly. 1261, the Salt land sales were suspended for several months and for which no allowance has not been made.—

4- All things considered, the Board resolve to instruct Mr. Stokes to have as much Salt as possible manufactured in the Pans of his district, within the present season, and to make a similar request to the Collector of Chingleput, as regards Vellore, Vayaloor, and Vichoor - As regards Coveloug the Board think that the Collector should be requested to continue his manufacture there until the middle of September or as long as weather permits leaving time for the storing of the Salt before the commencement of the monsoon, to be transmitted to Madras at its termination.—

B. No. 2229.
41
From the Agent at Kurnool - Read Detailed List of the Revenue and Magisterial Establishments as they stood on the 30th April 1853.—

41-42
Order thereon - Ordered to be recorded -

Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous letters and Statements.—

43
Mr. No. 937.
From the Collector of Salem - Stating that the Returns of Revenue defaulters and of persons released were

were not forwarded for the quarter ending 30th June last.—

44
Mr. No. 938.
From the Collector of Salem - Return of fines imposed and stoppages made from the pay of Public servants for the quarter ending 30th June last.—

45
Mr. No. 939.
From the Collector of Salem - Return of alterations that have occurred in the List of fines and stoppages for the quarter ending 30th June last.—

46
Mr. No. 940.
From the Collector of Salem - Return of Public servants suspended and dismissed for the quarter ending 30th June last.—

47
Mr. No. 927.
From the Acting Collector of Tanjore — Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance for the month of June last.—

48
Mr. No. 928
From the Acting Collector of Tanjore — Statement shewing the average Bazar wholesale prices of Grain and Salt for the month of June last.—

From

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letter be passed and forwarded to the Secretary to the Military Board:-

57
Mr. No. 904.
From the Sub Treasurer - Indent on the Commissary General for Carpenters required for the General Treasury.-

57-58
Order thereon - Ordered that the original Indent be passed and returned.-

" Goldingham

Comp. D. Pitt

" H. Blane