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# Fort St. George 15th May 1857

## Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Friday the 15th May 1857.

Read again Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 3d and entered in Consultation 15th April 1857.

No. 59

To I. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

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From the Ag Collr of Masulipatam

Sir,

With reference to para 3 Extract Minutes of Consultation under date 3d April 1857 No. 319 communicated with Boards' Proceedings of the 15th Idem No. 1123 I have the honor to inform the Board that immediately after it was known that the Lumbadies were detained by the Channels Mr. Fraser wrote to the Civil Engineer to lesson the water in the channels and otherwise to facilitate the the transit of the lumbadies a number of temporary palmyra bridges were thrown across the stream and all difficulty in crossing

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Masulipatam
Collector's Circuit
Cutcherry 2d May 1857

(Signed) T. J. Knox
Acting Collector

Order thereon

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(650-51)
Bd No 1582
To the Ag Revenue Secretary to Govt

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Dated 2d In Cons: 15th May 1857

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Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
15th May 1857

(Signed) J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

Bd No 1556
From the Ag Secy to Government

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 29th April 1857

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3d No 1592
Proceedings thereon
(652-53)

Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Collector of Madura.

2 Mr Sullivan will carry into effect the suspension authorized in para 5 in the present Jusly.

3 He will also attend in future to the direction given in para 7.

Read again letter from the District Engineer of Masulipatam dated 17th November and entered in Consultation 16th December 1856.-

No 180

To J. D. Sim Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

(654)

Bd No: 137
From the Actg Collr of Masulipatam

Sir

In reply to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board dated 1st instant No 4249 calling for certain information regarding the proposed travellers Bungalow at Aukeed in this District I have the honor to state that no return has been kept of the number of travellers passing



No direct water communication between Aukeed and the Town of Masulipatam has yet been formed. An Estimate has been prepared by Captain Orr for a navigation canal from hence to Pendoorroo on the Poppootair and in this way Rajahmundry may be, with difficulty reached by water all the way from Bunder; This project if approved, will probably be included in the Budget of 1857/58 Mr Lushington I observe from the past correspondence in the Office has repeatedly urged the prolongation of the Canal from Aukeed to Masulipatam, and was probably sanguine of this being done within a much shorter time than has actually elapsed but as the project has been in abeyance ever since I submitted my opinion to the Chief Engineer that the proposed accommodation of the Bungalow at Aukeed seemed to me somewhat premature

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premature, and might be safely postponed for some time yet To this opinion I still adhere. From information gathered since the receipt of the Board's Proceedings now under reply, it would appear that in the current year about a dozen travellers have travelled by the Aukeed canal route exclusive of officers of D. O. W. those who wish to avail themselves of this route arrange their stages thus when coming down from Dowlaiswarum or Rajahmundry reliefs of coolies for working the paddle boats are posted at each lock on their arrival at Aukeed they run into Bunder with no bearers - when going up from Bunder the bearers take them to Aukeed in one night and there they embark at once on paddle boats. As yet the paddle boats do not ply regularly on

In 1855 there is notice of only two



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on the canal for the sole purpose of passenger traffic arrangements to get them are made privately by the travellers themselves. The distance of Aukeed from Bunder is about 36 miles and is travelled in about 10 hours. That from Aukeed to Vizzia-swarum by canal is about 50 miles and is accomplished in about 12 hours. The paddle boats being covered in travellers go in them during the day even in the hot weather.

Masulipatam Collectors Cutchery
30th December 1856

(Signed) J. Fraser
Acting Collector

Ordered

Proceedings thereon
1854-55

Ordered that the plan and Estimate to which the first letter gives cover be transferred to the Chief Engineer.

2 The 2d letter submitted in reply to the Board's Proceedings of 16th December 1856, calling upon him to report the number of travellers who had passed during any previous quarter and to furnish such further information as would enable the Board to judge of the necessity of incurring the proposed outlay, the Collector reports that the present accommodation of a Bungalow at the place selected would be in his opinion premature, and that the project may be safely postponed for some time yet.

3 Looking to the circumstances stated by the Collector the Board are disposed to concur in their opinion and are unable therefore to support the proposition of the District Engineer.

Return



Read again Return from the Acting Collector of Guntoor dated 21st November and entered in Miscellaneous Consultation 12th December 1856 of Persons charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822 for October 1856.

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Bd. No 1598
Procedings thereon

The Board presume that in case No 2 the amount entered in Column 7, is the fine adjudged in addition to the refund of the Extra Collections as otherwise no punishment beyond suspension would appear to have been awarded.

2 It is also observed that a definite term of suspension should have been

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been given.

Read again letter from the Collector of South Arcot dated 24th February and entered in Consultation 13th March 1857.

No. 46.

To J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

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Bd. No. 858

From the Collector of South Arcot

Sir,

Adverting to Para 18 of my letter of observations on the subject the survey operations under Captain Priestley dated 24th Ultimo I have the honor to forward the accompanying sketch Plans of the boundary Pillars and stones which have been adopted.

South Arcot
Collector's Cutcherry
Cuddalore 2d March 1857

(Signed) Arthur Hall
Collector

J.G.B.

For

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No. 51.

To J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George.

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Bd. No. 983.

From the Collector of South Arcot

Sir

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Forwards copy of a letter dated 9th Instant from Captain Priestley superintendent Revenue survey on the subject of the survey operations during last year.

× dated 9th Instant

I have the honor to submit the accompanying copy of a letter addressed to me by Captain Priestley the superintendent of the Revenue Survey on the subject of some of the points referred to in my observations upon his Report of the Survey operations during last year which I forwarded to the Board on the 24th Ultimo.

2. In reference to Para 9 I have to explain that it is not at all my wish to recommend the erection of boundary marks such as those I saw in the Darwar country in preference to the Pillars which have been introduced into this District I merely referred to the description of the Darwar mounds to show how much easier it must have been for the Villagers to put them up than it is for our ryots to build masonry ones at their own expense. The pillars are certainly far better

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5. I wrote those letters chiefly with reference to the proposition that the Surveying Officers should be allowed to take a minimum area of 2 Cawnies in Poonjah and 1 Cawny in Punjah leaving the component fields to be filled in from the Village accounts.

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6. Believing, as I do, that this would lead to much confusion and give a great deal of trouble to the assessing Officer where the component fields belong to different parties. I was probably led to express myself strongly in favor of an accurate mensuration of each holding without any reservation when they happen to be undefined portions of enclosed fields, which I certainly ought to have added.

7. I have given Captain Priestleys remarks and suggestions my best consideration, but do not see grounds to change the opinion I have expressed in regard to taking the numbers entered in the Curnums accounts as the representatives of what should be called fields leaving the component holdings in each to be adjusted by the Curnums without requiring the Surveying Officers to measure them separately.

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does altho', of course, where land has been lying waste for a great many years, the people can not in a moment point out the limits of the former field whether it is Punjah or Poonjah

9. Where the land has not been formerly surveyed, fields can be formed as convenient, but where already under cultivation but not numbered in fields as each occupied spot might be taken as a field.-

10. Many of the original large fields both Punjah and Poonjah have throughout the District been broken up and converted into a number of well defined smaller ones, but still only one number for each batch of new fields formed out of one old one has been preserved in the Curnums accounts.-

11. Such divisions might now be regarded as fields, as they are to all intents and purposes such, but then it would



would be necessary to number them a fresh The greater majority of fields, however, will be found, I think as they were when last surveyed.-

12. Captain Priestley has I think given a rather exaggerated hypothesis in Para 23, in order to support his views, and I must confess that I see but little analogy between the two cases.-

13 If it was not for the great expense and trouble to the Surveying Officers as represented by Captain Priestley the best way of settling the question would be to measure each holding, but as this is inexpedient. I can devise no better plan than that I have already recommended; at the same time I do not think there would be found any necessity for the Revenue authorities, as Captain Priestley suggests, to take steps to have the old survey fields marked out preparatory to their being measured.

South Arcot,
Collectors' Circuit Cutcherry
Camp Purdoor
13th March 1857.

I Arthur Hall
Collector

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Encr 1

Sir No 97

By your having the goodness so good as to furnish me with a copy of your remarks upon my last years and final report on the Experimental Survey, I have an opportunity of which I gladly avail myself to afford you some additional explanation and information and to myself the honor to address you on one or two subjects with regard to which I think there may be misconception I am the more induced to do so from this being the last opportunity likely to be afforded me before the Survey question is finally decided.

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always shewn the true cause of no work having been performed on any particular day; I am not inclined to claim for the men under me any greater share of truthfulness than for any other class of Natives employed under Government. For that very reason was the Sheristadar Coopoo Row so useful all reports of the non attendance of Village officers whilst the measurement of their Villages was in progress were made direct to him. He immediately enquired into the truth or falsehood of the complaint, punishing the Villagers if they were to blame, but if the ameens were in fault reporting the circumstance to the European Officer in charge who never allowed them to escape with impunity — some men have been reduced and others severely fined in consequence of such reports

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or Collector and orders had been issued by him for the investigation of the matter ten or twelve days would in many cases have been wasted, instead of the absenting party being compelled to return to his duty immediately on his absence being reported.

5. I further wish to point out that it is not the interest of the ameens to be idle, as a man loses from 4 to 8 annas for each day that he is not employed in measuring.

Para 6. 6. I am fully aware of the numerous calls on the time of the Curnums by the Taluk authorities and the frequent summonses they receive to attend at the Taluk Cutcherries for the purpose of giving accounts and statements I venture to suggest that the Curnams might be saved many of these journies by, allowing them to send a Goomastah

7. Whilst the measurement is going on the Curnams Goomastah would



would be of no use whatever in the village, for in many instances the Curnum is the only person of the Village community who is able to point out the extent of holdings and give the other information required.

Para 8. 8. With regard to the Boundary marks erected by the Villagers at their own cost in the Bombay Presidency. I beg to explain that the Theodalite was not used to make Boundary in that Presidency, the Survey being, as it were, made field by field. it therefore mattered little where a boundary mark was set up. In traverse surveying however the apparently trifling difference of 1 foot on either side may cause considerable error in the angular work of a circuit adjoining Villages formerly Surveyed, the Theodilite stations of which have been thus incorrectly marked.

9 If I can secure the correct demarcation of the trijunctions of villages and the next station to them on each side,

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"the Palliemcottah Jaghire Villages I
"think each field which bears a
"number in the Curnums accounts
"should be shewn in the Maps I am
"very glad you think you will be able
"to manage to do this; There does not
"seem much if any advantage in
"marking on the Maps the portions
"of fields which may form separate
"holdings, again on the 8th May 1856.
"It is of the utmost importance
"in a revenue point of view that
"the smallest holdings should be
"shewn and be accurately measured,
"otherwise there will be great in-
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"or fixing the assessment. If the
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"be also separately shewn with
"dimensions" It appeared to me
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favor of measuring each holding
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not attended to it.

13 In your remarks on my report you mention that you think it essential that all fields having a number the Village account should be measured and a fresh number substituted for the old one, and object to the arbitrary mode of forming fields adopted in Bombay.—

14 I fear that you are under the impression that there is no difficulty to be met with in ascertaining the limits of the prices of land bearing numbers in the Village accounts. The Curnums will many of them say so and also the Talook Tahsildars.—

15. I have no doubt, but that if there were a dispute about any old field the Curnums on the Collector's coming to settle it would with confidence say that such and such were its boundaries but he would have doubtless taken care

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to ascertain its limits accurately by attending the Officer who was to decide the matter—

16 But any one who goes to a Village and at random asks the Curnum in what number a certain plot of Ground is situated, and what the limits of that number are, will find that he has some time to wait for any answer. The chances are that the Curnums would contradict himself and be contradicted by the by standers two or three times before he gave a final decision—

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19. If again it be said that as many of such Puttah holdings as in the aggregate make up 2 acres in Poorjah and 1 acre in Punjah be called a field it cannot be misunderstood, but the results satisfies neither the Ryots nor the Revenue Officers, the former wish their individual holdings to be measured separately and the latter do not obtain from the Survey records the extent of land held from Government by each puttahdar but merely the extent of the sum of two or more holdings—

20. If it be ordered that the old Pymash fields shall be measured then indeed the matter as I have shewn above becomes puzzling, Half an hours questioning if necessary, before the limits of each field can be ascertained—

21. I myself do not know what advantage would be obtained by



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by retaining the old divisions which are recognized in accounts but can hardly be said to be recognized practically unless their limits and those of a puttah coincide—

22. The only mode in which it will be practicable to perpetuate them in the present Survey will be by having them marked out before hand—

23. This cannot be considered a very Extravagant demand. A Surveyor would be only puzzled if told to Survey a Village for the tithe Commissioners in England and to devide into fields that had existed 50 years before, but which at present were defined by no boundaries and which there were no persons competent to point out—

24. If each field bearing a number in the Village accounts be alone considered a bonafide field

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and if they and such other pieces of ground described in Para 29 of your remarks be marked out by the Village authorities under instructions from you every difficulty will be cleared away.

25 Adverting to the inconvenience to the Public service which you apprehend from the Curnums being present for a length of time in the Survey Camps and being placed under my orders I fear that my Memorandum has been misunderstood. It is not at the Survey Camp that the Curnums are required but at their own Villages so that if at any time accounts are wanted by the Tahsildar the Curnum can easily despatch them by a Goomastah.

26. It is doubtless very important that the annual accounts of cultivation should be punctually rendered but surely it is of more importance that the records on which the



the assessment for the next 30 years is to be based should be free from error even should the accounts required from a few Curnums be thereby for a short time delayed.

27. Curnums Goomastahs are in many cases worse than useless to a Survey Ameen. In some Villages the record of land holders crops &c taken from the information afforded by such Goomastahs, has turned out to be wholly unworthy of trust.

28. I wish also particularly to lay stress on the fact that far from all the Curnums of a Talook being required at one time for the 30 Ameens and 6 Deputy Surveyors 38 Curnums are at the utmost wanted.

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As after having been furnished with a copy of your remarks on my report I might by remaining Silent be considered to have adopted your views, I trust that you will do me the favor of transmitting a copy of this letter to accompany my report—

(Signed) T. I. B. Priestley

Superintendent Revenue Survey

(True Copy)

(Signed) Arthur Hall

Collector

For



Fort St. George 15th May 1857

No. 59

To

J. D. Sim

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir

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B/n No. 1200

From the Collector of South Arcot

Forwards copy of a letter from Captain Priestley dated 21st Instant containing an Explanation on the points alluded to in the Secretary's letter of the 31st ult. Instant No. 793.

I have the honor to forward the accompanying Copy of a letter dated 21st Instant No. 32 from Captain T. B Priestley Superintendent of the Revenue Survey Containing explanation on the points alluded to in your letter of the 13th Instant No. 793.—

2 The Board will observe that during last year, Captain Priestley has been carrying out the principle of clubbing together under one new Survey number several small fields or holdings at the same time measuring each component division of the Area.

3 By doing this he must in many instances have absorbed several old Pymash fields within these areas and have substituted one New Number for the Numbers they formerly bore.—

4 It is the breaking up arbitrarily the old Pymash fields and converting them into Subdivisions of the New Survey ones that will chiefly I think lead to Confusion and make it difficult for the Assessing officer

officer to do his work especially if as now propose by Captain Priestley in his late Report these Component fields are not to be measured by the Ameens but are to be merely noted in the Registers and Maps According to the Village Accounts, the adjustment of the respective dimensions of each being left to be settled by the Revenue Authorities.—

termed Hart in Haidoo

5 My opinion is that this should be done but that the old Pymash fields as represented by numbers in the Curnums accounts should be taken as the standard fields when, however these fields have been broken up which many of them have been either by Court sale private bargains, or by the division of property under the Hindoo Law, into well defined smaller fields I would recommend that Sub divisions, when they severally exceed in extent half a Cawny in Poonjay and a quarter of a Cawny in Nunjay should be regarded as distinct fields and be measured & Numbered a fresh.—

Called Kollay when in Poonjay and Kaney when in Nunjay

Thus



6 Thus every piece of land however small which bears one of the old Pymash numbers should I think be treated as a field and it is only the small Subdivisions or part holdings of one of these old Pymash fields when each does not exceed the extent given above, which I think may be safely left without being measured by the Ameens.—

South Arcot
Collector's Circuit Cutcherry
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28ᵗʰ March 1857

(Signed) Arthur Hall
Collector

No. 1

To
A. Hall Esqʳᵉ
Collector of South Arcot

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18ᵗʰ March together with a copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue requesting information on some points connected with my report on the survey during the last year.—

2 In reply I beg to state that the word "survey" in the heading of Table B. appended to the report refers to the present survey and not the old Pymash

3 The survey Numbers or survey fields

fields for reasons I have fully detailed in Para 13. 14 and 15 of my letter of the 9th March 1857 do not necessarily correspond with those of the Pymash and in fact are very rarely identical.

4 The principles by which I was guided in the formation of fields were those detailed in Para 2 of Communication of the Revenue Board to Government dated 27th February 1854 and printed in Selections from the Records of Government No. IX

The Paragraph runs as follows "Captain Priestley urges and the Revenue Board agree "with him that when several small fields come together "constituting in the Map, an area not exceeding one "acre in Irrigated and two acres in unirrigated land, they may be surveyed by his Amin "in one". —

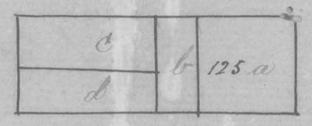
5 I have during the last year followed the plan laid down above, but I have in addition measured each small field. —

6 The heading Puttah subdivision is intended to mean either puttahs or pieces of



of puttahs, for I need hardly state that it is very seldom that the whole of a puttah lies in one compact plot, as a man has often land in 10 or 12 different old Pymash fields, so he may have property in the same or a less number of survey fields each of the pieces of his property being expressed by a letter. —

7 I give a sketch of a field in the Village of Vellacolum. —




| No. of Field according to present Survey | Names of Puttahdars and Numbers of their Puttahs | Extent of holding acres |
|---|---|---|
| 125 | A/D Vulliamay No. 9 | 1 – 20 |
| | B Aroonooga Mooppen No. 8 | 0 – 48 |
| | C Allaga Mooppen No. 5 | 0 – 25 |
| | Total area of field No. 125 | 1 – 93 |

8 On examining the Land Register I find that Vulliamay holds lands in 7 fields and that the total land for which he has received the Puttah No. 9 amounts to 5.1 acres Aroonooga Mooppen has land in 6 fields and owns in all 3 acres. while alaga Mooppen has land scattered about in 22 different places

places in pieces varying in size from 0.6 acre to 47 acre and that his property is in the agregate 21.5 acre of which he holds by his Puttah No. 5.

9 Each of the Sub Divisions of fields were separately measured and mapped during last year but in the year 1855 this was not the case

10 All calculations of area are made in Acres and decimals agreeably to orders of the Board the entries in Table B are no exception to the

11 As in your remarks on my report you so strongly advocated having the old Pymash fields measured and perpetuated. In Para 22 of letter of the 9th Instant pointed out to you the only way I thought calculated for the attainment of such an object

12 I see no reason to anticipate the measuring according to the old fields if they be properly definitely marked out will be more expensive than adding a minimum of 2 Acres in Poonjah and 1 in Nunjah, and Puttah Sub Divisions I rather feel inclined to think it will be cheaper as the old Pymash fields were much larger than the general run of fields that I have measured

13 If I have been brief in this letter it is that I have so lately sent to you a long communication in which much of the information you have asked for was given I have endeavoured to supply any that appeared deficient and to touch upon all the points mentioned in the letter of the Secretary Revenue Board.

Survey Office
Camp Pallumcottah
22nd March 1857

(Signed) F. J. B. Priestley
Supt. Revenue Survey

(True Copy)
(Signed) Arthur Hall
Collector



Bd. No. 1663.

Proceedings thereon.

Reviewing the past operations of the Revenue Survey in South Arcot conducted by Captain Priestley and submitting the report &c. on the subject.

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From Govt. 12th in Cons: 16th October 1854 No. 2318 R.C.

The foregoing papers are submitted in fulfilment of the requisition of the Most Noble the Governor General of India in Council, in Proceedings dated 8th September 1854. In those Proceedings the sum of Rupees 41,790 per annum was sanctioned for two years for the further prosecution of the South Arcot Survey, subject to a full report of progress at the expiration of that period. The salaries of the Establishment were not finally fixed, as it was almost impossible to state precisely, without practical experience, what rates of salaries might be best suited to individual appointments. It was left to Captain Priestley to regulate the salaries in detail as experience might suggest. The plan of Survey proposed was the Khurch of Bengal within an exterior boundary

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| Survey Establishment | 39,510 |
| For Classifiers | 2,280 |
| | 41,790 |

boundary laid down by scientific process. It was supposed that with the Establishment applied for 720 square miles of fields, or 800 square miles including unbroken wate, hills, &ca would be surveyed annually and His Lordship in Council thought that if this expectation should be realized the work would be cheaply purchased. In regard to the scheme of plotting from a Church ameen's return within exterior limits previously laid down by scientific survey His Lordship noticed the difficulty of the undertaking and observed that at first sight it appeared that the advantages gained would hardly be commensurate with the labor to be expended on the process. Yielding however to successful experiments, already made by Captain Priestley

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His Lordship in Council was of opinion that it was worth while that the attempt should be made, particularly when the prospects held out as to probable results were borne in mind.

2. In the report of progress under submission, Captain Priestley notices the actual results of the past year, or from November 1855 to 31st October 1856, and gives a retrospective view of the operations of the survey from the commencement. The present organization of the Survey Establishment and its adaptation, with certain additions to extended proceedings, are also discussed.

Actual Results Encl. 3 in No. 818 of 1857.

3. During the year ending 31st October 1856 the total area surveyed was 450 square miles which includes both cultivated and uncultivated lands. The operations embraced the whole talook of Arrealore in

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Trichinopoly and the talook of Chellumbrum in South Arcot, the former consisting of 179 villages, and the latter of 150 villages. Some progress it is not mentioned, how much, has also been made in Munnargoody in the last mentioned District. The number of fields measured was 201,332, their extent as measured being 224,253 acres. The number of Survey ameens engaged in these operations being 30 the average number of fields surveyed by each ameen daily was 33.3 with an area of 37 acres. In the original estimate it was calculated that each ameen would measure above 25 fields per diem with an average extent of 60 acres for the whole 25 fields. The failure to attain the estimated standard as to extent is owing partly to the working days having been about 200 instead of 260 as reckoned in the original Estimate, but the chiefs

Encl. 3 in No. 313 of 1857 Table A appendix of Captain Priestley's report

cause



cause to be more fully discussed in the sequel is traced by Captain Priestley to the circumstance of the Survey ameens having been required to measure each distinct cultivated plot, whereas, according to the original plan, it was proposed that two or more of these small patches of cultivation should be clubbed together to form a separate number for measurement. "Had the fields been of the size contemplated," Captain Priestley observes, "I think I may say the area surveyed during the year would have been about 700 square miles, the proportion of labor required by the two methods being (as shewn in Table B) as 5 to 3".

Captain Priestley's report para 17.

4- Although for the reasons stated above, the estimated daily work has not been attained, the actual progress made during the year.

E. M. C. G. in Cons. 18th February 1857 No. 151 R.C.

year greatly exceeds the results of former years. The area surveyed for the period ending 30th October, 1855 was 275 square Miles, while during the year before that it was only 40 square Miles. The obstacles very great at first, with which Captain Priestley has had to contend have gradually diminished, and though they were not fully removed during last year, the advance made is such as to indicate, with tolerable precision, the probable performances per diem of a survey ameen in any operations that may be undertaken in future.

From Collector 24th February in Cons. 13th March 1857 para 8 and following

Sanction for 2 Years 79.020 Rs.

5. During the two probationary years under consideration the area surveyed has been 725 square Miles at a cost of Rupees 60.758 including Rupees 2.488 for Boundary pillars and other contingent charges. The cost per square mile has thus been Rupees 83-12-10

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To Govt. 27 Feby 1854 No. 85 P. 77

The average cost of the Bengal and North Western Provinces survey, together was Rupees 47.15.2 per square Mile. Looking however to the progress made during the last year the Board have little doubt that their former Estimate of Rupees 44.8-" per square Mile will not be exceeded ultimately, provided the extent of land which is to constitute a separate survey number be fixed on such a principle as shall render it unnecessary that every minute patch of cultivation shall be measured by the Government ameens. Captain Priestley takes this view in para 34 of his report. Further, in comparing the cost of the Carnatic survey with that incurred in Bengal the quality of the respective operations should not be overlooked. This point was largely discussed by the Board in their former Proceedings,

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To Govt. 27 Feby 1854 No. 85 P. 79 @ 85

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and it will be seen that Captain Priestley looking to the results he has accomplished notices more than once the superior accuracy of his Khurch over that of Bengal, accompanied as it is by the important test afforded by the plotting within limits laid down by a scientific process.

From Captain Priestley p. 45.

6. Captain Priestley notices the valuable aid afforded by Mr. Bird and the Tahsildar of Arrealore in the settlement of Boundary disputes, but observes that the assistance would have been far more effective had an officer been exclusively detained for this duty. In South Arcot this advantage was afforded. Mr. Hall, the Collector of that District, appointed a Sheristadar on Rupees 34 per mensem, and 2 Peons to attend at the Survey Camp. The aggregate charge on this account amounted to Rupees 210.12.8. which was debited to the

F. South Arcot No. 813 Dated 24th Feby in Cons 13th March 1857.

Survey



Survey. "The Sheristadar," Captain Priestley observes, "was of the greatest assistance not only in adjusting disputed Boundaries, but also in compelling the Ryots to perpetuate field marks, and in superintending the erection of Talook and village boundary marks on the Exact spot laid down by the survey."

Captain Priestley Do Do p. 9.

7. With the punctual attendance of an officer as above stated, one great cause of obstruction to the progress of the Survey was removed, others, though in course of gradual removal, were still felt. It will be seen in reference to Table A, which accompanies Captain Priestley's report that 20 days were consumed in travelling, and that upwards of a month was lost in consequence of the non completion of the annual Settlement and of the non-attendance of the Village Servants.

From Court of Wards 24 Feby in Cons 12th March 1857 para 12 @ 18. From Captain Priestley para 22 @ 30.

8. The important question of Boundary marks is discussed both

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by Mr. Hall and Captain Priestley — If the erection of these marks is to be left to the villagers, the work it is seen will either be performed after much delay or not at all. Even when attended to, there is no guarantee it appears that the marks have been placed on the exact spots determined by the survey owing to defective arrangements in this respect till lately it has been found necessary, in some cases during 1856, to resurvey boundaries previously laid down with accuracy, and Captain Priestley apprehends (para 25) that owing to the neglect of the local officers a similar re-examination of boundaries must be made in parts of the Poliemcottah Jaghire — Captain Priestley has now met the evil by detailing peons for the special duty of erecting the marks — This course was adopted during last year, and the Board are led to conclude that no inconvenience is likely

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to be experienced in future in this matter. —

9. The marks in question denote the Village boundaries — They consist of Masonry pillars of 3 feet and 1½ feet square, of which half is below the surface of the ground — When required to denote the boundaries of the same Village the form of the pillar at the top is pyramidical — Sometimes flat stones are used for this purpose with lines drawn upon them marking the direction of the adjoining stations — Where the boundaries of 3 Villages meet a pillar of the dimensions above described, is erected, but in this case its form at the top is flat — It appears that flat stones, as mentioned above, for Boundaries of the same village, are never used on these occasions. The average cost of each pillar may be taken, Mr. Hall states, (para 15) at 11a-4o.

From Collector 2d March in Cons 15th May 1857. No. 46 with sketch-plan of boundary marks.

F. Mr. Hall No. 813 of 1857 24 Feb in Cons 13th March 1857.

10. A question has arisen as

as to whether the expence of placing survey-
marks shall be borne by the Ryots or by
Government — Mr. Hall would adopt the latter
view — Captain Priestley on the other hand is of
opinion that money thus laid out tends to in-
crease the apparent cost of the Survey — he
would therefore recover the amount from
the Ryots, the necessary outlay being made
in the first instance by Government — The
Board would adopt Captain Priestley's
view and they approve of the plan hitherto
pursued by that officer of detailing parties
for the special duty of placing marks
as regards the expenditure already
incurred on this account — the
amount may, should the Govern-
ment see fit, be debited to the survey
but

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From Coll.r
24th February in Com.
13th March 1857
para 1.

but with the commencement of
operations, on the comprehensive
plan the charge should, the Board
think, be borne by the Ryots —
The sum expended for Boundary
ary pillars is stated by Mr. —
Hall to be Rupees 2,47-8-8 — 3,
but from the concluding clause
of para 29 of Captain Priestley's
report, the Board are led to
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11 - Since act XX of 1855 came into operation there

do. do p 17. have been, it is stated, five charges of destroying and removing boundary marks, in three of which punishment was inflicted -

12 - The report contains no information of the means adapted for marking the limits of fields. Mr Hall will be required to supply this deficiency. His attention has been drawn to the subject in conformity with the requi-

Inf: 18th Feby/57 - sition of Government in para 7 of Extract Minutes Consultation 9th February 1857 No 151 - Revenue Department -

13 - The size of fields incidentally alluded to in a former Para of these Proceedings involves a question of fundamental importance. The rule laid down for the guidance of the Superintendent in the present experimental Survey was that "where several small "fields come together constituting in the mass an area "not exceeding one acre in irrigated and 2 acres in unir-"rigated land they may be surveyed by his ameen in one "noticing however in the Register, the particulars of "each small included field as per old village account." Some confusion has however arisen on this point - In Para 14 of his report Captain Priestley stated that he had reframed this year from exercising his power of clabbing fields together, in consequence of the Collector Mr Hall's strongly expressed wish that on revenue grounds

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grounds "each holding should be measured" and in Pa
17-18 and 19 he pointed out how much the labour of th
Survey had been thus increased. Mr Hall on the
other hand in his letter forwarding Captain Priestl
P-19 to 35- Report dwells on the difficulty which he consider
must arise from the Survey officer having forme
fields in an arbitrary manner, instead of taking t
as they stood in the Village accounts-

14- Explanation of this inconsistency in th
remarks of the two officers is however to be found
a letter from Captain Priestley which Mr Hall fo
=warded to the Board on the 13th March and in the
ply to a+ call made by the Board for information re
=garding the new Survey fields before that communicat
reached them-

+ to Coll. 13th March /57 from Coll. 28th Idem Sec. 5th May No 1200-

15- From these papers it appears that Capta
Priestley did not mean to convey an idea in his report t
he had conducted the survey and prepared his registers
=cording to the divisions of the land into fields as shown
the Village accounts- but only that he separately measu
and mapped each subdivision or separate holding of
a field had been formed by clubbing together seve
contiguous pieces of land and he observes that in the
preceding year this detail was not carried out.

Captain Priestley to Coll. 22d March /57 p 9 in from Coll. 28th March in Cons: 15th May 1200-

16- The manner therefore in which c
Captain

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Captain Priestley has formed his Survey fields becomes
a point of great importance, and the Board regret to find
that it has not been always done by taking several small
fields, each in their individual entirely as given in the village
accounts, but that instead of this course contiguous pieces
of land, although constituting only parts of fields entered
in the Village Registers have been clubbed together to form
a survey field- The Number of the Puttah to which these
fields belong and not their Nos in the Village accounts
seem also to be referred to in the Survey registers. This
explains the "arbitrary mode" of forming fields to which
Mr Hall had alluded as well as that portion of his
letter forwarding Captain Priestley's report where he ob=
P-27- =serves. "I do not see that much advantage is gained by
"having the partitions or sub holdings of fields sepa=
=rately measured and shown in the Maps- These sub=
"divisions are not recognised as distinct fields in the
"accounts of the Curnums but are entered as portions of
"the fields to which they belong".

17- The assessment officer will consequently
experience the difficulty pointed out by Mr Hall since
it will be troublesome to trace out the field which stand
in the Village accounts and ascertain to which of the
new survey fields their assessment is to be charged
either wholly or in part. Their owners also will be
dissatisfied

dissatisfied at having no aid to the maintenance
their titles by a distinct or clear clue between
old Nos or fields as shewn in the Village accts
and in the puttahs annually distributed and the
new fields entered in the Survey register. This is
from the instance of a Survey field given in Capt
Priestley's explanatory letter+ which only shows the
Nos of puttahs to which its component parts
Such information is comparatively useless, as a
tah frequently contains several fields, and often
only parts of several fields — and its number has
reference to the Village register — Number of any
which it contains — But while the assessment
Officer may therefore in some places experience
difficulty, the Board must observe that no
difficulty would have existed if their instructions
had been followed — They directed that entire
or fields should be taken when a large survey
field was to be formed by clubbing several
ones and if this course had been pursued the
conveniences and difficulties on which Mr
has dwelt would have been avoided, as very old
would then have been clearly and immediately
traceable in the Survey Register.

+ 22 March p. 7 —

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18 — In searching for explanation of the
cause of this diviation from their instructions the
Board find it in Captain Priestley's letter+ to
the Collector dated the 9th March. He there points
out that he considered he was only following the direc-
tions which Mr Hall had sent him, and gives extracts
from some of the letters which he had received —
On reading these extracts the Board find that
they are susceptible of misapprehension, as Mr
Hall appears to use in some places the words "holdings"
and "fields" indiscriminately and there are certainly
passages which recommend the course followed by
Captain Priestley. For instance Mr Hall observes
"I think it highly important that we should have
"the accurate measurement of each holding as well
"as of each field" and again "it would be best as a
"general rule that each holding should be measured
"and certainly shown on the map either by a letter or
"by a dotted line" and then he observes — "In many instances
"several persons hold fields by Joint Puttahs — in these
"cases it is not necessary to attempt to shew each mans
"holding, but where a separate puttah is given then it is
"highly desirable that the holding should be also sepa-
"rately shown with its dimensions." These passages
support the proceedings of Captain Priestley by
conveying

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No. which are found in the Village accounts
tabs deeds of sale &c will then be traceable
the details of the Survey registers - This f
Hall has consequently only been advocat
course always intended by Government a
Board, but he appears to have overlooked
imperfect means which Captain Priestley
for Carrying it out - The surveying officer m
receive from the Revenue authorities the
rate preliminary details of existing fields w
Captain Priestley justly claims in his letter of
9th March, but from the want of European
in the District, as Government are already
it has not been practicable to employ one of
Collectors subordinates on the special duty of aid
survey and this want has not been sufficiently
plied by assistance from the native re
nue servants. Captain Priestley has thus had
mainly to depend on the information obtained
him from the Curnums and Villagers, and though
Hall gave in the present year the services of
Sheristadar whose general assistance is m
highly spoken of by Captain Priestley, Mr. S
remarks in the final paragraphs of his letter

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13th March show that he does not appreciate the difficulty under which a Surveying officer a stranger in the District, must labour unless the revenue authorities collect clear information of existing fields for him, "preparatory to their being measured".

21 - The present survey having been undertaken as "an experiment" it was to be expected that some imperfections should prevail at its commencement, and the Board's object in their present remarks is to profit by past experience in expediting and rectifying its future progress. They would therefore strongly express their conviction that it will not be advisable hereafter for the opening operations to be left so much to the Surveying officer - Instead of this the servants of the Collector or assessing officer should not only fix the Village boundaries, but point out the fields according to the Village registers, and aid in clubbing them into large Survey fields. The Surveying Officer would then work with confidence and despatch, and the tasks of fixing the assessment would be afterwards performed without any difficulty in distinguishing the fields - The Board have already observed that as a general rule entire fields should be clubbed together, to form the new Survey fields but

See Captn. Priestley's letter of 22d March P. 12 -

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but this need not be invariably done - In some m
the position of the subdivisions into which fields
fallen and the particular manner of their occu
may render it advantageous to depart from the
with a view, for example, to unite the holdings of
individual in one new field, and no confusion will
from this arrangement when it is made by the
-veying and assessing Departments acting together, a
after accurate details have been collected of the ol
for insertion in the Survey Registers. In short
two essential points to aim at in the Board's opin
1st, that the Surveying officer should not be de
by want of information regarding the existing
and 2d that when the measurements have been
and the Survey register of a Village has been
out the assessing officer should be able to
-ceed to his duty with ease and confidence
having an accurate knowledge of the Materi
componant parts which have been brought
to form each new Survey field - Hereafter when
general Survey has been organised the Board
that the work of the assessment officer will commen
-rectly the Survey operations are finished -

After

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22. After large survey fields have been formed in the above manner the degree in which their Subdivisions are to be measured and shown in the Maps by dotted lines must be left much to the dis=cretion of the Survey Officer acting in communication with the local revenue authorities - Much will depend on the natural peculiarities of the field and on the manner in which its subdivisions are occupied - The general rule must be to avoid much detailed measuring especially when it is apparently safe to leave "the component holdings to be adjusted by the Curnums" (Collector's letter of 13th March Para 7) or other District servants. -

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23. If those views are approved of, they can be acted upon without difficulty in the conti=nuance of the Survey, and meanwhile the Board will instruct Mr. Hall to take all the advantage he can of Captain Priestleys Ameens being still in the District to go over the Survey field Registers with their aid more especially in the Chellumbrum, Manargoody and Cuddaloor taluks, for the purpose of removing difficulties in the

process

process of distributing the new assessment. They will also call on the Collector of Trichinopoly to report, after conference with Captain Priestly, what course has been there pursued with respect to fields though no anticipations of difficulty have reached them on the subject from that Collectorate.

24. It only remains to observe that in the papers now under consideration, allusion has been made to the old fields as they stood at the time of the early Pymash or rough District Survey. Between 40 and 50 years have since elapsed, and during that period many large sized fields have been broken up through decrees of Court, family partitions, partial sales &c. The idea has therefore been started whether the object of having large fields could not be attained by tracing out these divisions and restoring the ancient fields. The Board do not however

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however consider it necessary to dwell on this subject as the labor and expense would exceed the worth of the result, even if there was any certainty of the wished for result being attainable.-

25. In the appendix Captain Priestley sets forth fully his reasons for considering the Khussrah System of Survey combined with Village boundaries taken by traverse, as best suited to a Country where land is minutely subdivided, and in para 33 of his report he points out that the difficulty anticipated in carrying out this system has been quite overcome- "I think I may venture to say" Captain Priestly observes "that the difficulty has been overcome, "and that too when the sub divisions of fields "have been infinitesimal- The discrepancy "found between the sum of the fields measured "by an Ameen, and that obtained by the "scientific mode of computation, is generally "so trifling as not to be worthy of notice." "so trifling as not to be worthy of notice." Table B already referred to more than once in

these

these Proceedings shews the difference in 100 Villages chiefly unirrigated, taken at random, to be only 0.72 per Cent while that in 40 Villages, for the most part irrigated, is 1-37 per Cent. This result is most satisfactory as Establishing the practicability of the plan pursued and as shewing that the operations so minute in themselves have been carried on under able and watchful supervision.

Encls: No 9 in No 813 of 1857.

26. The question of the Establishment including an increase to the salaries of Lieutenants Hessey and Pratt, requires only a passing remark as it will be more properly disposed of when the scheme for a general Survey comes under consideration. The present strength of the Establishment is 3 Uncovenanted Officers and 30 Survey Ameens with the other Officers necessary to complete the Establishment. European Superintendence is the most expensive item, but with three European Officers as at present Captain Priestly is of opinion that the Native agency may be considerately enlarged. He would try 40 Survey Ameens in the first instance

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instance and if it is found that the Superintendent and his 2 Assistants can keep pace with a large number of Ameens he would in that case appoint 50 of that class.

From Mr. Hall para 36 Captn Priestley's report para 2

Dated 24th July in Cons. 13th March 1857.

27. Both Mr. Hall and Captain Priestley recommend that a Lithographic press may be attached to the Survey Office. The saving in time Captain Priestley says would be very great, as it would obviate the necessity of making a Copy of each Village map a process which, with the necessary verification with the original entails as much labor as the preparation of the Map in the first instance. At present the Maps are sent to Madras to be lithographed. The Maps of 10 Villages only have been struck off. Mr. Hall does not mention the charge. Five Copies at least of each Village Map will be required. In a former Communication dated 14th October 1856 No 209 Mr. Hall stated that although the value of these Maps had been pointed out to the land holders a desire to possess them had not been excited. The Ryots expressed themselves satisfied

1 Copy for the Village authorities.
1 Do. for the Collector
1 Do. for the Tahsildar
1 Do. for the Sub Collr.
1 Do. for the Superintendent of Survey.

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satisfied to go on without them - Until the Survey itself is appreciated by the people and a plan is adapted of exhibiting properties in separate form and on a larger scale than at present, it seems unlikely that any great demand for Maps will spring up - To be acceptable to the Ryots individually each should be able to recognize his own fields in the plains with their exact forms & boundaries - As the survey proceeds means will doubtless be discovered of furnishing what is required -

Resolved that Copy of these Proceedings be forwarded to the Collector of South Arcot who will be pleased to furnish with the least avoidable delay the information called for in paras 10 and 12 -

Resolved further that Copy be furnished for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

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No. 12.

To,

J. D. Sim Esqre.

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue Fort St. George.

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Bd. No. 863.

From the Collector of Canara ---

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the information of the Board Extracts from the Retrenchments made by the audit Office from the disbursements of this district for Fusly 1264 / A.D. 1854/55 -

2. The first has reference to the distribution of the pay of a Servant belonging to the Talook establishment at Barcoor in arrears from 7th September to 31st October 1853 at the Sanctioned pay of Rupees 21 per month. The manner in which the destribution was made is shown in my replies to the Audit Office. The arrangement thereon shown was made for the good of the public service during the illness of Ramchendrapah and as it did not involve any additional expense, I request that the charge may be reported for the special orders of Government to enable the audit office to admit the same. -

3. The Second Extract refers to the disbursement of travelling batta to the servants[x] of the Assistant Collector in the Forest Department amounting to Rupees 65-2-6. This item was inadvertently omitted in the General Statement of charges which received the Sanction of Government under date the 30th June 1856. I therefore request that special Sanction may now be obtained for the Same[x]. -

(Signed) W. Fisher
Collector

[x] Sanctioned by Govt. 1st May/53.

[x] Accompt. No. 3.

Collr. Cutcherry Mangalore 27th February 1857. -

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No. 1.

Extract from an Extract from the List of objections made on the Audit of the fixed Charges of the Zillah of Canara for Fusly 1264.
A.D. 1854/55.

| No. | Charges objected to | Rs | A | P | Remarks of the Civil Auditor | Explanation of the Collector | Further remarks by the Civil Auditor |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | Amount of Salary paid to N. Ramachendrapah as Gomastah in Barcoor Talook from 7th Sept. to 31st October 1853 at Rupees 4 per month 7-3-3 Do. Do. to Ramrow as Do. in Do. from Do. to Do. at 5 Rs. per do. 9-- Do. Do. to Neel-kantapah as do in do from do. to do. at Rs. 12 per do. 21-9-7 | 37 | 12 | 10 | [illegible] | No. 11. The payments here remarked upon were made under a temporary arrangement during the absence of the fixed incumbent. Ramachendrapah the absentee was paid 4 Rs. out of 21 and of the remaining 17 Rs. 5 were allowed to Ramrow the 2d. in rank and 12 to another individual who conducted the duties of Ram Row. Under these circumstances no special sanction of Government seems to be necessary. (True Extract) (Signed) W. Fisher Collector. | |

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No. 2

Extract from Retrenchment made in the Audit of the Contingent Extra and variable Charges entered in the accounts of the Collector of Canara from 1st July 1854 to 30th June 1855 on account of expences for Fusly 1264
A.D. 1854/55

| No. | Charges objected to | Rs | A | P | Remarks of the Civil Auditor |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 56 | Amount charged on account of Travelling batta to Servants in fusly 1264.— | 65 | 2 | 6 | |

True Extract

(Signed) W. Fisher
Collector.

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No. 5

Account Particulars of Travelling Batta paid to Servants in the Forest Department of the Zillah of Canara for Fusly 1264.—

| Name | Employment | Number | Amount of Month's Pay in Rupees. | Period employed in travelling from one Station to another. | No. of days | No. of days for which Batta was paid after Coming to a Halt. | Total days | No. of Coolies allowed to each per day. | Total Coolies | Hire of Coolies @ 3 annas and 6 Pie each. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| D. Fernandez | English Writer | 1 | 25 | 15th August 1854 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | Rs 1 9 a |
| | | | | 18th | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | |
| | | | | 20th & 21st | 2 | 10 | 12 | | | |
| | | | | 1st September | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | |
| | | | | 3d | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | |
| | | | | 5th | 1 | 4 | 5 | | | |
| | | | | 10th | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | |
| | | | | 12th & 14th | 3 | 1 | 4 | | | |
| | | | | 16th to 19th | 4 | " | 4 | | | |
| | | | | 2d January 1855 | 1 | 5 | 6 | | | |
| | | | | 10th to 12th | 3 | 1 | 4 | | | |
| | | | | 19th to 26th | 8 | 1 | 9 | | | |
| | | | | 28th to 30th | 3 | 2 | 5 | | | |
| | | | | 2d to 8th February | 7 | 1 | 8 | | | |
| | | | | 10th to 18th | 9 | " | 9 | | | |
| | | | | 5th to 9th March | 5 | 2 | 7 | | | |
| | | | | 12th | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | |
| | | | | 14th | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | |
| | | | | 16th to 18th | 3 | 3 | 6 | | | |
| | | | | 22d | 1 | 3 | 4 | | | |
| | | | | 26th and 27th | 2 | 1 | 3 | | | |
| | | | | 29th | 1 | " | 1 | | | |
| | | | | 1st & 2d May | 2 | 2 | 4 | | | |
| | | | | 5th to 8th | 4 | 1 | 5 | | | |
| | | | | 10th & 11th | 2 | 1 | 3 | | | |
| | | | | 13th | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | |
| | | | | 16th & 17th | 2 | 2 | 4 | | | |
| | | | | 20th | 1 | 3 | 4 | | | |
| | | | | 24th to 27th | 4 | 1 | 5 | | | |
| | | | | 29th & 30th | 2 | " | 2 | | | |
| Govindaspah Gomastah | | 1 | 15 | As per particulars | 80 | 59 | 139 | 1 | 139 | 32 9 3 |
| Mangalore — 27th February 1857 | | | | of D. Fernandez | 80 | 59 | 139 | 1 | 139 | 32 9 3 |

Signed / W. Fisher
Coll.r

C Rs ——— 65. 12. 6.

C Rs Sixty five, annas twelve & pice six.

Resolved.

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B. No. 1586.

Resolution thereon. Resolved that the foregoing letter and its enclosure be submitted for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.—

Item No. 11
Rs. 37-12-10

2 With regard to item No. 11 the Collector explains that in consequence of the absence on sick leave of Ramachendra Row, a Goomastah on the fixed Establishment of the Bar coor Talook from the 7th September to 31st October 1853 a temporary arrangement was made for supplying his place by allowing 5 Rupees of his Salary of 21 Rupees per mensem to Ram Row, the Goomastah who acted for him and 12 Rupees to Nedakunta Row, who was entertained to perform the duties of the latter the remaining 4 Rupees being paid to the absentee.—

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3. The Civil auditor rules that under the orders of Government dated 11th July 1836, this arrangement should not have been made without the previous sanction of Government, but as the Collector states that it was for the good of the public service and as no additional expence has been incurred thereby the Board recommend that the alteration in question may receive the special sanction of Government to enable the audit office to pass the Salary (Rupees 37-12-10) of Ramachendra Row for the period of



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Item No. 56
Rs. 63-2-6.

of his absence.—

4. The charge for travelling Batta to the servants of the Establishment of the assistant Collecto in the Forest Department for Fusly 1264 having been inadvertently omitted in the Statement of actual charges for that year, the Board recommend that Sanction be granted for the disbursement on that account, amounting to Rupees 65-2-6 as particularised in the account Particular submitted by the Collector.

5. The Board do not regard mere temporary arrangements of this nature as coming within the scope of the orders of Government quoted by the Civil auditor. It is obvious that frequently there would not be time to obtain previous sanction and the Board think that the power of making such arrangements involving no extra Expenditure may be vested in Head of Offices.—

No. 30

To J. D. Sim Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George

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B. No. 937.

From the Acting Collector of Ganjam ——— Sir, I have the honor to forward copy of Captain Campbell's letter acknowledging the receipt of certain Surveying instruments and begging.

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No. 18 dated 25th Ultimo

begging for a Y level for which you will remember I applied in my letter dated 9th December last.—

May I also call attention to his request about the Mathematical instruments.

Ganjam District
Collectors Circuit Office
Ruggoonadpoor
3d March 1857

(Signed) W. Knox
Acting Collector

No. 18.

To

W. Knox Esqre.
Acting agent
Teekally

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the undermentioned articles for the use of my Office

A. Surveying claim.—
A. Surveying Compass with Stand (Glass broken)
A. Box of Colours.
6 Sheets of paper
12 Pencils.—
A. Mason's level

I request you will have the goodness to apply for a first class Y. Level as it is quite impossible to dig channels or Estimate for tanks properly without one.—

I also beg the Mathematical instruments already Sanctioned may be sent by banghy without delay.

Ganjam District
Governor's Assistt. Agents Office
Purlakemedy 25th February 1857.

(Signed) H. T. Campbell
Assistt. Agent

(A True Copy)
(Signed) W. Knox
Ag. Collector
Official

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Official Memorandum

Bd. No. 1425.

From the Honorable Company's Astronomer

With reference to official Memorandum No. 1175 from the Secretary to the Revenue Board, dated 18th April 1857, the Committee for passing Survey Instruments beg to report that the Dumpy Level and stand now submitted are in good serviceable order and appear to be reasonably priced.—

Madras
20th April 1857

(Signed) W. S. Jacob.
Hono. Comy's Astronomer

(Signed) F. C. Cotton
Acting Mint Master

(Signed) W. K. Worster

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Ordered that the following letter be sent in reply.—

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To The Acting Collector of Ganjam.

Bd. No. 1591

To the Ag. Collector of Ganjam

Sir,

With reference to your letters indicated in the margin, requesting to be supplied with a Y Level or Dumpy Level for the use of the Assistant Agent, Captain Campbell, I am desired by the Board of Revenue to inform you that a Dumpy Level with stand has been purchased for Rupees (296—) Two hundred and ninety six which amount you are requested to transmit me by an Accountant General's Bill on receipt of

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of this letter.—

2. Two parcels containing the Instrument in case, and a Stand have been forwarded to the Collector of Sea Customs for Shipment by the first opportunity to either of the Ports of Calingapatam or Vizagapatam and you will receive due intimation of their despatch.—

3. The case of Mathematical Instrument indented for will be supplied as early as practicable, none being at present procurable in any of the Shops or the Chief Engineer's Stores.—

Revenue Board office,
Fort St. George,
15th May 1857.

/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary.—

Ordered also that the following letter be sent.—

To,

The Collector of
Sea Customs
Madras.

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Bd. No. 1590.

To the Collector of Sea Customs Madras

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward two parcels containing a Dumpy Level and a Stand for transmission by the first opportunity by Sea to either of the Ports of

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of Calingapatam or Vizagapatam for the Acting Collector of Ganjam, and to request that intimation of their despatch may be made to this office as soon as possible after their shipment.—

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
15th May 1857.

/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary.

No. 79.

To

J. D. Sim Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George

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Bd. No. 1041

From the Collector of Chingleput

Sir,

Petitions No. 18 554 of 1857.

entered in the list of the past month as having been referred to me not appearing to have been received at this office. I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me at your earliest convenience whether

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whether the same have been actually forwarded to this office, and if so, on what date and what their contents are.—

Chengleput District Collector's Cutcherry — Sydapet 18th March 1857 } (Signed) C. J. Shubrick Collector.

Ordered that the following letter be sent in reply.—

To

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Bd. No. 1581.

The Collector of Chingleput

To the Collector of Chingleput — } Sir,

With reference to your letter of 18th March, I am directed to inform you that the petitions in question were returned to the Board's Office in your letter dated 13th Idem.—

Revenue Board Office Fort St. George — 15th May 1857. — } (Signed) L. Forbes Ag. Sub Secretary

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No. 57.

To,

J. D. Sim Esqre.

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue Fort St. George.

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No. 1146

...om the Ag. Collector of Madura — } with re-trans...itted

Sir,

With reference to the Endorsement passed by the Board of Revenue on Petition No. 343 of 1857. I have the honor to enclose Copy of a Report submitted by the Acting Sub Collector, who is of opinion (Para 10) that no injury would result to the Village of Dassery putty from the re:consideration of the Tank alluded to by the Pe:titioner.

2. The District Engineer thinks too that the objections raised by some of these Villag:ers towards the execution of the work are frivolous.

3 I beg to enclose three Papers Vizt. a Memo: prepared by the Acting Sub Collector Mr. Cockerell marked I a Section of the Tank Ooday Coolam II and a Memo prepared by the District Engineer Lieutenant Scott III. These would suffice to shew the real nature of the case, and I therefore refrain from sending all the other

Documents

Documents connected with it and referred to in the Report of the Acting Sub Collector.

Madura Kodaikanel
20th March 1857.

(Signed) R. J. Sullivan
Acting Collector

Enclo. No. 1 Petition
Enclosure No. 2

No. 54

To
R. J. Sullivan Esqr.
Acting Collector of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to report on Board's Petition No. 343 of 1857 enclosed in your letter dated 20th Ultimo which reached me this morning.

2 The Statements made by the Petitioner are in part true but he has carefully omitted to make mention of any circumstances connected with the case which would tell against him and has left it to be inferred which is not the fact, that the Moottadar has commenced the reconstruction of the Tank in opposition to orders.

3 I enclose all the Documents connected with the case - the Petitions that have been presented



presented in it, the endowments that have been given on those Petitions, the opinion of the Engineer furnished me lately and lastly a Memorandum setting forth the grounds on which the reconstruction of the Tank has been permitted.

4 The first Petition presented in the matter was in 1850. The Mittadar had commenced restoring the Tank, but was prevented from continuing the work by the Ryots cultivating in its bed and who refused to give up their land.

5 The case was enquired into by the Tahsildar of Iyempully and the Depositions he had taken with his opinion transmitted to this Office.

6 Mr. Levinge who had just been appointed to act as Sub Collector on perusing these documents found that the bed of the Tank was puney land, that it was let out to the Ryots by the Mittadar himself on other terms than those on which the other lands in the Moottah were held and that therefore the Mittadar had unlimited control over them He issued an order to this effect.

7 Shortly afterwards Mr. Clarke assumed charge of the Division. The Ryots who had cultivated

cultivated the punnay lands for many years con-
sidered that from the length of time they had
held them they had rights in them of which they
could not be divested by a summary enquiry
and presented a Petition on the subject to that
Gentleman embodying their opinions.

8 Mr. Clarke believed that the objec-
tions they had raised were valid and directed an
order directing the suspension of the one given by Mr.
Sevinge until he could enquire further into the case.

9 He left untouched the other point
urged by the Petitioners, namely that the re-
construction of the Tank would injure the Village in
which they lived and which is on the edge of the
punnay lands. The case stood thus until Mr. Clark
left the District. No further steps were taken in
it no direct inquiry made.

10 On my visiting Chuttrapatty the
other day it was represented before me I visited the
site of the Tank. It appeared to me that in raising
a wall would result to the Village from its reconstruction
The Petitioners however had obtained the opinion
of one of the Subordinates of the Civil Engineer to the effect

that.



that the Northern bund of the Tank if repaired
would form a dam for the waters running from
the Hills above it and that during the rains a
pool might thus be created which would
submerge the Village.

11 This opinion of course I could not dis-
regard but I suspected that it had been arrived
at without due consideration and addressed the
Engineer Lieutenant Scott on the subject. He was
good enough to visit the spot and Document Memo:
No 179 is the result of that visit.

12. There were still however the objec-
tions of the punnay Cultivators to be considered
and these remained with all their force. On
enquiry however I found that three fourths of
them had abandoned their claims in the
Pattadars favor and that the only objector that
remained was Petitioner. The portion of
Punnay land held by this person is that marked
in the Map as included in A.B.C.D. It appeared
he had occupied it for many years and had
made several improvements in it enlarging
it as well for its irrigation. It was nevertheless
certain that it was not included in the
Contract be held for the rest of the Village and

that

that he had no exceptional rights to it and none which would not be possessed by any ordinary cultivation.

13 It was necessary however to have regard to his long possession the more especially as Mr. Clarke had expressed a doubt whether occupancy did not give as much right to punmay as to any other land I therefore determined not to interfere with him to leave the Mittadar to oust him if he could by regular suit in the Civil Court; and in the mean while to give the former permission to raise a bund along the line E and F which would give him half a Tank and be productive of no injury to Petitioners land which would be above it.

Dindigul 2nd March 1857

(Signed) J. R. Cockerell
Ag Sub Collector

Enclosure No. 3

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Memo.

This is a request made by the Vellore Mittadar to be permitted to reconstruct a ruined Tank in the punmay lands of his Metahs situated in the Village of Dashereputty.

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2 The Metadar proposed to restore the Tank which was breached before the Fysul. The holders of the punmay lands in its bed resisted the proposal on the grounds, first, that its Northern bund would from a dam for the waters flowing southwards from the Hills above it and that a pool would be created which would flood their Village in the rainy season Secondly, that they were in possession of the punmay lands and that the Metadar had no right to deprive them of them.

3 Mr. Levinge took up the case He was of opinion that no injury would result to the Village from the formation of the Tank, and that as regarded the lands they were punmay and the reserved private property of the Metadar who could therefore do with them as he pleased He issued an order to this effect Shortly afterwards he quitted the district. Mr. Clarke who succeeded him at the request of the parties concerned reopened the case He saw reason to dissent from the conclusions arrived at by Mr. Levinge, and directed the work of restoration to be suspended

pending

pending his reconsideration of the points involved in the latter Gentleman's order, and particularly of the one where the doctrine of the Metadar's unlimited control over his punnay lands was laid down. He never gave his final decision. The case has now been revived before me.

4 In the mean while the question of the Metadar's right to dispossess the punnay Cultivators has been disposed of, as regards the holders of three fourths of the land who have voluntarily abandoned their claims to it.

5 It only remains therefore for me to consider the objections of the person Boomakounden in possession of the remaining portion and dispose of the other point the injury that would ensue to the Village from the restoration of the Northern bund of the Tank as regards the first question. I have no hesitation in deciding in the objector's favor. He has, as the Metadar himself admits, been in possession of the land for certain years and though, from the terms of his puttah and the statements of the Ryots from whom

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I have taken deposition which I can confirm by ocular observation it is not included in the contract he holds for the rest of the Village; yet the time that has elapsed since it has been in his hands is so long that he has acquired a right to it of which I have not the power to deprive him. The Metadar must oust him by a Civil suit.

6 The other point has been given in the Metadar's favor by the Civil Engineer. The Metadar therefore on receiving the land from Boomakounden will be at liberty to restore the Tank as he wishes. In the mean while he may, the lands below it having been surrended to him, run a bund if he likes on the South of Boomakounden's field in a straight line from East to West as is shewn in the Map.

Dindigul 12th February 1857.

(Signed) J. R. Cockerell
Acting Sub Collector

(True Copy)
(Signed) R. J. Sullivan
Acting Collector

Enclosure

Enclosure 4 is Plan II

Enclosure 5

III

Memo No. 179.

Having personally inspected the ruined Tank at Dasery putty which Permaul Naik Mootadar of Vailoor proposes to repair and having taken the levels of the ground at and about the said Tank on the 24th Instant, I can certify that it will be possible to retain a depth of 2½ yards or 7½ feet of water in the deepest part of the Tank without flooding the Village of Dasery putty or the bowry belonging to Bommanacoundan Ryots of Dasery putty. The Paraya huts of the Village will however have to be removed to a higher piece of ground, and if it is required that the Tank should hold more than 7½ feet



feet of water I should recommend that a bank be thrown up to protect the Village and bowry above alluded to this precaution it would be wise to take under any circumstances as a heavy fall of rain may unexpectedly raise the water in the Tank to a higher level than it usually attains.

The reason of my giving Permaul Naik this paper is that the Tank was formerly examined by Assistant Overseer Cooper under my orders, and unfavorably reported upon. However, on personal inspection I am inclined to consider the project a good one, and reflecting credit on the public spirit and enterprize of Permaul Naik. The Villagers of Dasery putty are, some of

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of them, opposed to the works; but their objections appear to be frivolous. In dry seasons I fear the Tank will be but scantily supplied with water, but in good seasons it will afford the means of turning a large amount of poonjah into Nunjah land.

Madura District Engineer's Office Chittraputty 29th December 1856.

/True Copy/

/Signed/ C. Scott Lieutenant District Engineer of Madura

/Signed/ S. R. Cockerell Acting Sub Collector

/True Copy/

/Signed/ R. S. Sullivan Acting Collector

J. G. B.

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Bd. No. 1621

Proceedings thereon.

(689.70)

It appears from the foregoing letter and its enclosures that the Veloor Mootahdar wishes to reconstruct a ruined Tank in the Village of Dasherapully in his estate, and that some of the Villagers object, because they apprehend that their Village will be flooded, and are unwilling to give up the Punnay lands in their occupation which will be overspread by the Tank.

The District Engineer has given an opinion that the village will not be injured. but a question is involved of possession of the lands which will from the waterspread, and this the Board have no power to decide. They therefore refrain from passing any orders on this dispute and resolve to pass the following Endorsement.

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petitions Nos. 343–759–1150–1345. and 989. of 1857.

"Having received a report from the

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from the Acting Collector of Madura
the subject of these Petitions the Bo
see no grounds for their interference.
appears that some of the occupants of the
Punnay lands have consented to the Mo
tahdar reconstructing a Tank in them
and some do not. If the Mootahdar atte
by force to dispossess those who refuse, they
their remedy by complaint to the Magis
or the Collector under Regulation V of 18
or by suit in the Civil Court. The Boa
of Revenue have no jurisdiction."

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No. 33

To,

J. D. Sim Esqr.
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

(671)

Bd. No. 1251

Sir,

Fort St. George

From the acting Collr. of Masulipatam.

Much inconvenience is experien
in my office from the difficulty of corre
addressing Official letters to officers in

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the army, for in most cases their sig
natures are illegible and as the Quarterly
Army list is a Government publication
I beg the Board will be pleased to
order that a quarterly List be supplied
to my Office, as I believe is the custom
to offices in the Presidency.

Masulipatam, Collectors Circuit
Cutcherry, at Goodewadah 30th March
1857

Signed T. J. Knox
Acting Collector

Bd. No. 1580
Proceedings thereon

(671-72)

The Board of Revenue autho
rize the acting Collector to purchase a
copy of the Madras Army list, and to
enter the price of it in the Bill of
contingent charges.

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Read

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Bd. No. 1374

From Magistrate &c.

Vizagapatam 11th April

673

Read Estimate of Saunderward charges incurred in the Magistrates and agents Departments from Fusly 1263 to 1265.

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Bd. No. 1375

From Vizagapatam 11th April.

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Read Estimate of Saunderward charges in the Collectors Department, Fusly 1263/65.

Bd. No. 1615

Proceedings thereon

It is presumed that the foregoing Estimates have been prepared and submitted with reference to the Boards' Circular Order dated 27th February 1857 No. 623. If this be the case the Collector is requested to explain whether the circumstances pointed out in para 2 of the said circular will not have any effect in reducing the saderwarel allowances.

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No. 55

To J. D. Sim Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

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Bd. No. 1437

From the Ag. Collector of Guntoor

Requesting information as to whether the orders of Government dated 24th December last regarding Neeruckamahs are applicable to certain cases described.

With reference to the subject of Neeruckamahs on which certain orders were passed in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 24th December 1856. I have the honor to inform the Board that it has been hitherto customary in this District to have Neeruckamahs or lists of prices of the ordinary necessaries of life placed in the several Travellers' Bungalows for reference by the Travellers who pay accordingly for the articles supplied.

2. The lists are prepared by the Magistrate and are of a permanent character, being only revised occasionally, and such other commodities as constantly change in value are not included. A copy is herewith sent for inspection.

3. Under the provisions of Section 53 Regulation XI of 1816 the Magistrate is required to fix the rates of hire for palankeen bearers, Coolies, draught and carriage cattle &c. and I would beg to be informed whether it is the intention of the order above quoted that the lists of prices of other necessaries required by Travellers such as fowls

fowls, sheep, eggs, straw &c. &c. should be withdrawn. This course has, I believe, been adopted in a neighbouring District and an outcry in consequence been raised about the difficulty Travellers have in procuring the requisite supplies on the road.

4 If the Magistrate is prohibited from fixing the prices, this must either be done by the Traveller himself, or by the peons who procure the supplies for him, as there is always some reluctance on the part of the villagers to supply things at what is now fixed as a fair standard scale of prices, and there will be wide room made for exorbitant demands on the one side, or oppression on the other, as the Travellers cannot be expected to adopt the alternative of going without the necessary supplies.

5. I may also state that I have been in the habit of exchanging Lists of prices of grain and other products with the neighbouring Districts of Masulipatam, Rajahmundry, and Nellore and publishing the same with Extracts from the Madras price current, thus affording valuable information for the merchants and others, but I cannot be sure that this does not fall within the prohibitory principle laid down by Government.

6. I believe that the knowledge of the state of other markets affords a stimulus to the trade of the District and as the people themselves have not the means generally of obtaining this in a convenient form, I should be sorry to see official connection withdrawn from the Subject.

Guntoor District
Collectors Office
Condaveed 17th April 1857.

(Signed) H. Newill
Acting Collector



Tariff of prices payable for supplies.

| | | Rs. | a | p |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1st Sort Sheep | 1 | " | " |
| 2 | 2d Do. Do. | " | 14 | " |
| 3 | 3d Do. Do. | " | 12 | " |
| 4 | 1st Sort Kid | " | 6 | " |
| 5 | 2d Do. Do. | " | 4 | " |
| 6 | Fowl large | " | 2 | " |
| 7 | Do. Small | " | 1 | " |
| 8 | Chicken | " | " | 10 |
| 9 | 8 Eggs | " | 1 | " |
| 10 | Large Pot 1st Sort | " | " | 6 |
| 11 | Do. Do. 2d Do. | " | " | 4 |
| 12 | Small Pot 1st Do. | " | " | 2 |
| 13 | Do. Do. 2d Do. | " | " | 1 |
| 14 | Jonna straw for 50 bundles being a load that can be tied up with a rope of 2 Cubits and a span long Vizt. | | | |
| | From January to March | " | 1 | 3 |
| | April to June | " | 1 | 5 |
| | July to September | " | 2 | " |
| | October to December | " | 2 | 6 |

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Tariff of prices payable for Supplies

| | | | Rs. | as. | ps. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | Paddy straw when procurable for a load that can be tied up with a rope of 4 Cubits long | | " | 2 | 0 |
| 16 | Firewood for Do. Do. | | " | 1 | 3 |
| 17 | Grass for a load that can be tied up with a rope of 4 Cubits in length | | " | 2 | 0 |
| 18 | Milk per Seer | | " | 1 | 3 |
| 19 | Tyre (curds) per Seer | | " | " | 8 |
| 20 | Butter for a Small cup | | " | 2 | 0 |
| 21 | Charcoal, Basket | | " | 1 | 3 |
| 22 | Buffaloes or Bullocks Hide | | 1 | " | " |
| 23 | Do. | Half Do. | " | 8 | " |
| 24 | 100 Tent Pegs | | " | 4 | " |

N. B.

For rice grain, Tamarind, Curry stuff &c. Troops and Travellers are to pay according to the current Market price

Guntoor District
Magistrate's Office
11th September 1854

Signed J. A. Purvis
Acting Magistrate

True Copy
Signed H. Newill
Acting Collector

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Bd. No. 1584.

Order thereon

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Ordered to be submitted for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. The Board conclude that the orders of Government 24th December 1856 No. 1340 are not intended to apply to the Price lists placed in the several Bungalows for the guidance of Travellers nor to the practice of exchanging lists of Prices of Grain and other products with the neighbouring Districts as mentioned in Para 5 of the Acting Collectors' letters, such lists of prices being transcripts of the returns furnished

to

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to the Board every month and

× dated 24th March in Con. 2nd April 1857 No. 279 R.D. P. 3

which Government propose to × publish for general information.

3 The Acting Collector of Madura has also applied for similar instructions so far as regards the preparation of Price Lists for the different Bungalows. On the sentiments of Government on the present reference being communicated to the Board, all Collectors will be addressed by Circular on the subject

For

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No. 57.

To.

J. D. Sim Esqre

Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.
Fort St George.

878

Bd No. 1538.

From the Collector of Vizagapatam } Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th April requesting that the report on the amount of remission on the Pishcush of Vizianagaram Zemindary, on account of the road between Chittavelsah and Chicacole, may be submitted without delay.—

2. On the receipt of the orders of Government the Civil Engineer was addressed to ascertain the extent of land occupied— Copy of Lieutenant Moberly's reply to my requisition is herewith furnished, from which it will be seen that the line of road has not been traced.—

Vizagapatam Collr's Office 22nd April 1857 } signed P. B. Smollett. Collector.

No. 448.

To

P. B. Smollett
Collr of Vizagapatam.

Sir,

I regret that there has been so much delay in replying to your letter of the 30th May and 23rd instant, I did not understand how you could make

make any arrangements with the Zemindars until the line was sanctioned

It will be more satisfactory, and likewise agreeable to Regulation if the actual extent of land required be shewn by the tracing of the road on the ground, as it may be necessary in execution to deviate slightly from the survey, which is very rough one.—

I am not however prepared with either money or the necessary agency for laying out the line, and propose to defer doing so until the sanction enables me to do it efficiently.—

/signed/ F. J. Moberly Lieut.
1st Asstt Civil Engineer.

Camp at Palcondah
28th June 1856

/True Copy/
/signed/ F. J. Moberly Lieut.
1st Asstt Civil Engr.

Wallair
30th July 1856

/True Copy/
/signed/ P. B. Smollett
Collector.

Bd No 1583.

Resolution thereon.—

(678·79)

Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council with reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation dated 3rd September 1856. P. W. D.

To



No 32.

To,

J. D. Sim Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George.

(680)

Bd No 1523.

From the Collector of Cuddapah

Sir,

With reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation dated the 12th January 1857. No 16 annexed to the Board's Proceedings of the 19th idem, I have the honor to state that my letter dated 3rd October 1856. No 103. having been written on imperfect information received from the Talook, I request that that letter may be cancelled, and this communication substituted in lieu.

2. In para 2 of the Extract, Government wish to be informed if the surviving members of the family are in possession of any other means of support, other than the Pension and Enams, which the deceased enjoyed— It appears from the report of the Tahsildar of Gooramconda that

that

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make any arrangements with the Zemindars until the line was sanctioned

It will be more satisfactory, and I believe agreeable to Regulation if the actual extent if [illegible] required be shewn by the tracing of the road on the ground, as it may be necessary in execution to deviate slightly from the survey, which is very rough one.—

I am not however prepared with either money or the necessary agency for laying out the line, and propose to defer doing so until the [illegible]tion enables me to do it efficiently.—

(Signed) F. J. Moberly Lieut
1st Asstt Civil Engineer

Camp at Palcondah
28th June 1856 } (True Copy)

(Signed) F. J. Moberly Lieut
1st Asstt Civil Engineer

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30th July 1856 } (True Copy)

(Signed) P. B. Smollett
Collector

Bd No 1583.

Resolution thereon.— Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council in reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation dated 3rd September 1856. P. B. [illegible]

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No 32.

To,

J. D. Sim Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George.

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Bd No 1523.

From the Collector of Cuddapah } Sir,

With reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation dated the 12th January 1857. No 46 annexed to the Board's Proceedings of the 19th idem, I have the honor to state that my letter dated 3rd October 1856. No 103. having been written on imperfect information received from the Talook, I request that, that letter may be cancelled, and this communication substituted in lieu.

2. In para 2 of the Extract, Government wish to be informed if the surviving members of the family are in possession of any other means of support, other than the Pension and Enams, which the deceased enjoyed— It appears from the report of the Tahsildar of Goorrumcondah

that

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that the family are in possession of Puttah lands, paying an assessment to Government of Rupees 23-14-" per annum.-

3. Adverting to the 3d Para of the above Extract, I beg to state that the Tahsildar report dated 25th June last, is correct- the last incumbent being Venkatakristna Shastlu-chellaputty Naidoo grandson of the original grantee Venkatappah Naidoo, and not as stated in my letter of the 3d October last

Cuddapah Collectors Office 21st April 1857

(Signed) A. Murray Collector

Bd No 1585.

Proceedings thereon. (680-81)

Resolved that the above letter be laid before Government with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation dated 8th January 1857 R. D. No 46.

In Cons: 17 Jany 1857.

2. It will be seen that the family of the deceased pensioner hold puttah lands assessed at Rupees 23-14-"-

3. The disarrangement noticed by Government is stated by the Collector to have arisen from the

Para 3.

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the imperfect information received from the Talook, and communicated in his letter of 3d October last for which he requests that the letter recorded above may be substituted- The last incumbent was Venkatakristna Sachachellakputty Naidoo as stated in the Tahsildar report.-

In Cons: 12 Dec 1856.

No 84.

To

J. D. Sim Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George.

682

Bd No 1583.

From the Acting Collr of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Acting Sub Collector dated 18th Instant reporting the death on the 17th Idem of Seeroovengada Colapa Naik Zemindar of Nellacottah, and recommending his son as his successor, I beg to support the recommendation of the Sub Collector in favor of the Zemindar's son.-

Madura 28th April 1857

(Signed) R. J Sullivan
Acting Collector

To

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No. 83.

To, R. J. Sullivan Esqre
Acting Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

I have the honor to announce to you the death of the Zemindar of Nellacottah Teeroovangada coolapah Naik.

2. The deceased died on the evening of the 14th Instant, of I believe a cancer, from which you will observe by the enclosed,* he had been suffering for some months.—

3. His son Coolappa Naick aged about 30 years, is his successor, and in his name it will be necessary, that the allowance enjoyed by his father, and of the property of the Estate, which as you are aware is under Government management should be entered, and the money paid him in future.—

Nellacottah
18th April 1857

(Signed) J. R. Cockerell
Acting Sub Collector

(True Copy)
(Signed) R. J. Sullivan
Ag. Collector.

Proceedings

* Tahsildars Urzee No. 164 of 1857. Enclosure No. 1 Zemindar's letter to the Tahsildar dated 17th April 1857

* To be returned—

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Bd No. 1595.

Proceedings thereon.

(682.83)

The Board observe that the application contained in the foregoing letter, should not have been submitted to them in a manner which entirely precludes their forwarding it to Government in its present state— The usual amount of the allowance and the principle on which it is regulated, are not stated, and no reference is given to any correspondence which will explain the sage of the Nellacottah Estate, and under what circumstances, it is under the Government management, these difficiencies should be supplied.—

2. Unless the Board are mistaken the terms in which the application are made would mislead Government— The Collector reports the death of a certain individual as Zemindar of Nellacottah & recommends his son as his successor, and it is mentioned in the Sub Collector's letter, that the Zemindary is under Government management— The inference from this language would be that the deceased was really the proprietor of an Estate under

temporary

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temporary management where as the Board have reason to believe that the Zemindary has been entirely resumed, and incorporated in the Government lands, and the deceased was a mere titular Zamindar, in receipt of a Malekanah proportioned to the income of the Estate.—

No. 30.

To

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue Fort St George.—

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Bd No. 1641.

From the Collector of Canara } Sir,

With reference to the 2d para of the Board's letter dated 9th January last, I have the honor to state for their information, that the Committee for the Mangalore Exhibition were unable to forward the samples of products therein called for, the above letter having only come to hand after every thing had been returned to the Exhibitors.—

Coffee
Pine apple fibre
Fish liver oil.

2. Samples of the articles noted in the Margin were however forwarded to the

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the Madras Exhibition, with others belonging to Pedro Prubhoo one of the Exhibitors.—

Collector's Cutcherry Mangalore 29th April 1857 } (Signed) Wm Fisher Collector,

Order thereon. Ordered to be recorded.

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No. 47.

To,

J. D. Sim Esqre

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue Fort St George.

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Bd No. 1544.

From the Chief Engineer Department Public Works } Sir,

In reply to your Memorandum No. 1247 of the 22d Instant, I regret to inform you that unless I am favored with any order of Government to the contrary, I can only issue a Cold Copy of the new Budget map for the use of the Board, upon the term mentioned in Circular No. 11628 of the 7th Instant.—

Government Lith. Press Central Office of Public Works 29th April 1857 } (Sigd) C. E. Faber Chief Engineer

Ordered.

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Ordered that the follow-
-ing letter be sent.-

To

The Acting Secretary to
Government.
Revenue Department.

(686-87)
Bd No 1561.
To the Ag Secry to Government } Sir,

I am directed by
the Board of Revenue to request
that the Chief Engineer may be
authorized to supply them Offi-
-cially with a Col^d Copy of the
new Budget Map.-

Revenue Board Office
Fort St George
15th May 1857 } (signed) J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

To

J. G. B.

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No 61

To J. D. Sim Esqr
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

(688)
Bd No 1755
From the Collector & Agent to the Govr of Vizagapatam - - -

Sir

1 I have the honor to submit six Statements in illustration of the Revenue administration of the Vizagapatam District up to the 30th April 1857.-

2 The Demand for land Revenue of Estates permanently settled amounted to Rupees 9,76,021 and in the Lands possessed by Government the Demand for the whole year was Rupees 2,87,516. The Land Revenue of this District was therefore Rupees 12,63,537 of which Rs 10,09,192 had been brought to account on the 30th April leaving Rupees 2,54,345 for realization before the close of the Fusly year. The amount will be paid by the Zemindars and the renters of Palcondah agreeably with their fixed instalments the balances in the Government lands directly managed by the officers of Government are only Rupees 4,201.-

3 The results of the year in a financial view are exhibited in the following figured Statement which shews a net increase of current Revenue demand in this year of Rs 71,967 in comparison with the year ending April 1856.-

Sources

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| | No. | Sources | Fusly 1265 Demand for the whole year | Fusly 1265 Collection up to 30th April | Fusly 1265 Balance | Fusly 1266 Estimated demand for the year | Fusly 1266 Collection up to 30th April | Fusly 1266 Balance | Comparison between Columns 2 and 5 Increase | Comparison between Columns 2 and 5 Decrease | Do 3 and 6 Increase | Do 3 and 6 Decrease |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Land Revenue | 1 | Estates held by the Zemindars &ca | 9,76,021 | 752063 | 2,23,958 | 9,76,021 | 7,53,604 | 2,22,417 | " | " | 1,541 | " |
| | 2 | Government Estates | 2,66,475 | 2,34,635 | 31,840 | 287516 | 2,55,588 | 31,928 | 21,041 | " | 20,953 | " |
| | | Total | 12,42,496 | 9,86,698 | 2,55,798 | 12,63,537 | 10,09,192 | 2,54,345 | 21,041 | " | 22,494 | " |
| Sundry small sources of Revenue | 3 | Salt | 1,49,287 | 1,28,100 | 21,187 | 169,682 | 157,682 | 12,000 | 20,395 | " | 29,582 | " |
| | 4 | Abkarry | 61,578 | 45,344 | 16,234 | 67,119 | 50,383 | 16,736 | 5,541 | " | 5,039 | " |
| | 5 | Moturpha | 5,317 | 4,034 | 1,283 | 5,271 | 4,356 | 915 | " | 46 | 322 | " |
| | 6 | Sea Customs | 29,857 | 24,114 | 5,743 | 34,248 | 32,248 | 2,000 | 4,391 | " | 8,134 | " |
| | 7 | Stamps | 19,296 | 16,400 | 2,896 | 24,927 | 22,927 | 2,000 | 5,631 | " | 6,527 | " |
| | | Total | 2,65,335 | 2,17,992 | 47,343 | 301,247 | 267,596 | 33,651 | 35,958 | 46 | 49,604 | " |
| Extra Revenue | 1 | Land Revenue | 1,770 | 1,357 | 4[illegible] | 2,010 | 1,891 | 119 | 240 | " | 534 | " |
| | 2 | Sundry small sources of Revenue | 5,473 | 4,873 | 60[illegible] | 4,208 | 4,208 | " | " | 1,265 | " | 665 |
| | | Total | 7,243 | 6,230 | 1,013 | 6,218 | 6,099 | 119 | 240 | 1,265 | 534 | 665 |
| | | Grand Total | 15,15,074 | 12,10,920 | 304,[illegible] | 15,71,002 | 12,82,887 | 2,88,115 | 57,239 | 1,311 | 72,632 | 665 |
| | | | | | | | | Net | 55,928 | " | 71,967 | " |

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4 In the Zemindary Districts the results cannot fluctuate materially as the Demand is fixed in perpetuity. The increase is found in the Government Talooks and in the Salt, Sea Custom and Abkarry Revenues. The receipts from all these sources have been largely augmented from the favourable nature of the past cultivating seasons and from the prosperity of the Districts generally consequent on the enormous exports of seeds and Rice to England and Foreign Europe which have been in progress in all the Ports. The high prices springing from this demand for all sorts of agricultural produce have largely enriched the cultivators of this District and from the slow but gradual improvement of communications by outlays in the public works Department this Province is attaining a commercial prosperity to which it was formerly



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formerly a Stranger.

5 There are 12 ancient Zemindaries in Vizagapatam and 16 Mootahdars or holders of lands under the deed of permanent Settlement. The owners for the most part reside upon their own estates universally so in the case of the ancient Zemindars. Most of these families are at present in a prosperous condition and many of them possess considerable funded property in Government securities affording a great contract to their former depressed condition. The revenues on these estates are now realized with great punctuality.

6 The actual results of current Revenue in the official year ending on the 30th April 1857 in comparison with the previous year, are shewn in the following figured Statement for the entire twelve Months. It shews an increase of Rupees 74,270 in the Demand and of Rupees 76329 in the collections.

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| | | Official year 1855/56 | | | Do 1856/57 | | | Comparison between Cols 2 and 5 | | Do 3 and 6 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | No. Sources | Demand | Collection | Balance | Demand | Collection | Balance | Increase | Decrease | Increase | Decrease |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Land Revenue | 1 Established by Zemindars &c | 976021 | 752063 | 223958 | 976021 | 753604 | 9353 | " | 111 | 2103 | " |
| | 2 Government Estates | 266475 | 234635 | 31840 | 287516 | 255588 | 687 | 19229 | " | 19459 | " |
| | Total | 1242496 | 986698 | 255798 | 1263537 | 1009192 | 10040 | 19229 | 111 | 21562 | " |
| Sundry Sources of Revenue | 3 Salt | 149287 | 128100 | 21187 | 169632 | 157682 | " | 37172 | " | 37172 | " |
| | 4 Abkarry | 61578 | 45344 | 16234 | 67119 | 50383 | 5550 | 1656 | " | 1136 | " |
| | 5 Moturpla | 5317 | 4034 | 1283 | 5271 | 4356 | 55 | 149 | " | 248 | " |
| | 6 Sea Customs | 29857 | 24114 | 5743 | 34248 | 34248 | " | 11123 | " | 11123 | " |
| | 7 Stamps | 19296 | 16400 | 2896 | 24927 | 22927 | " | 5255 | " | 5255 | " |
| | Total | 265335 | 217992 | 47343 | 301247 | 267596 | 5605 | 55355 | " | 54934 | " |
| Extra Revenue | 8 Land Revenue | 1770 | 1357 | 413 | 2010 | 1891 | 134 | " | 211 | " | 175 |
| | 9 Sundry Sources of Revenue | 5473 | 4873 | 600 | 4208 | 4208 | " | 8 | " | 8 | " |
| | Total | 7243 | 6230 | 1013 | 6218 | 6099 | 134 | 8 | 211 | 8 | 175 |
| | Grand Total | 1515074 | 1210920 | 304154 | 1571002 | 1282887 | 15779 | 74592 | 322 | 76504 | 175 |
| | | | | | | | Net | 74270 | " | 76329 | " |

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7 The arrears of revenue brought to account are exhibited below there is a decrease in the whole in the year under notice amounting to Rupees 39511 which if deducted from the increase in current revenue will shew the increase of the year from revenue current and arrears

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arrears to be Rupees 36818 only.

| Sources | Official year 1855/56 | Do 1856/57 | Increase | Decrease |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Permanently settled Estates | 18753 | 10894 | . | 37859 |
| Government Estates | 998 | 49 | . | 959 |
| Total | 19741 | 10943 | . | 38798 |
| Abkarry | 5493 | 5029 | 14 | 464 |
| Moturpha | 23 | 37 | 14 | . |
| Total | 5516 | 5066 | . | 464 |
| Land Revenue | 332 | 69 | 14 | 263 |
| Grand Total | 53389 | 16078 | 14 | 39523 |
| | | | | Nt 39511 |

8 There is nothing of moment to notice in reference to this District during the past year the public tranquillity has been undisturbed. Gang robberies, for which the Northern Circars were formerly notorious, have wholly disappeared and the people seem generally contented and prosperous. Of the two Sugar factories established at Bimlipatam, one has ceased to work, but the other the property of Messrs Arbuthnot & Co. is extending its operations, and as already stated, there is a large and increasing demand for Oil Seeds and Rice for the European market. No Hydraulic of any magnitude are in progress in this District.

The

The Road department has not done much
in the past year from the economy enjoined
by Government consequent on the want of
money in the treasuries, but fair roads are
been made in some situations. Bridges
are rising gradually and the traffic of the
District formerly wholly conducted by
pack bullocks and coolies, is now in a
great measure taken by carts, of which
there are now many thousands in
all the Talooks to the great convenience
and profit of the trading interests—

9. In Education little has been
done during the past year, but the esta-
blishment of Schools is in progress.
One has been organized at Anthapillay
and more I trust will be organized
in the present year. The Rajah of
Vizeanagarum exhibits a laudable
anxiety to assist in the spread of edu-
cation in his Zemindary, and measures
are in progress for the erection of Schools
at Vizianagarum, and in the Villages of
his extensive Estate—

10. A census of the inhabitants



was made last year the numbers re-
returned were 1284,243. Souls, exclusive
of the inhabitants of Seypore proper,
in which the Government exercise no
authority— This census gave an increase
of 29971. over the last Quinquennial
return— It must not however be regard-
-ed as perfectly accurate but only as an
approximation to the truth— To obtain
an accurate return it would be necessary
to entertain an Establishment for
the sole purpose of this work—

(Signed) P. B. Smollett

Collector & Agent

to the Governor

Statement.

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N.º 1 Statement Shewing the Gross Demand for and the Balance in the Zillah of Vizagapatam.—

| N.º | Items | Demand | | | Comparison Between 2 & 5 Columns Increase | | | Comparison Between 3 & 6 Columns Decrease | | | Comparison Between 3 & 6 Columns Increase | | | Comparison Between 3 & 6 Columns Decrease | | | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1 | 2 | | 8 | | | 9 | | | 10 | | | 11 | | | |
| Land Revenue | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Zemindary and Proprietary Estates | 97620 | 13 | 2 | " | " | " | " | " | " | 15140 | 14 | 10 | " | " | " | |
| 2 | Government Talooks | 26475 | 6 | 1 | 21040 | 12 | 3 | " | " | " | 20952 | 8 | 4 | " | " | " | |
| | Total | 124096 | 1 | 1 | 21040 | 12 | 3 | " | " | " | 27493 | 7 | 2 | " | " | " | |
| Sundry Sources of Revenue | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Salt | 14928 | 11 | 2 | 20395 | 5 | 8 | " | " | " | 29582 | 3 | 8 | " | " | " | |
| 4 | Abkarry | 6157 | 13 | 1 | 5341 | 6 | 11 | " | " | " | 5939 | 4 | 3 | " | " | " | |
| 5 | Moturpha | 531 | 12 | 2 | " | " | " | 45 | 4 | 1 | 323 | 3 | 2 | " | " | " | |
| 6 | Sea Custom | 2985 | 13 | 2 | 4391 | 1 | 4 | " | " | " | 8133 | 10 | 3 | " | " | " | |
| 7 | Stamps | 1929 | 8 | " | 5880 | 8 | " | " | " | " | 1526 | 4 | " | " | " | " | |
| | Total | 26534 | 9 | 4 | 35958 | 5 | 11 | 45 | 4 | 1 | 49664 | 9 | 4 | " | " | " | |
| Extra Revenue | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Land Revenue | 177 | 9 | 1 | 239 | 8 | 10 | " | " | " | 533 | 12 | 11 | " | " | " | |
| 9 | Sundry Sources of Revenue | 67 | 3 | 4 | " | " | " | 1264 | 15 | " | " | " | " | 664 | 13 | 3 | |
| | Total | 244 | 13 | 5 | 239 | 8 | 10 | 1264 | 15 | " | 533 | 12 | 11 | 664 | 13 | 3 | |
| | Grand Total | 150974 | 3 | | 57238 | 11 | " | 1310 | 3 | 1 | 57263 | 13 | 5 | 664 | 13 | 3 | |
| | | | | | 55928 | 7 | 11 | | | | 7967 | " | 2 | | | | |

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/Signed/ P. B. Smollett
Collector & Agent to the Governor

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No. 2 Statement Shewing the Dittum and Settlement of the Government [illegible] Chatam from May 1856 to April 1857.

| Number | Sources | No. of Villages | Fusly 1265 Atkoobady | Deduct remission | Net Settlement | Fusly 1266 Atkoobady | Deduct remission | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 1 | Rents for more than one year | 262 | 110958 " " | " " " | 110958 " " | 110958 " " | " " " | |
| 2 | Annual rents | 104 | 7621 3 4 | 241 7 " | 7379 12 4 | 8127 5 " | " " " | |
| 3 | Joint Village Do. | 29 | 13698 4 8 | 191 " 11 | 13507 3 9 | 14729 15 " | " " " | |
| 4 | Ryotwar | 116 | 132981 15 8 | 9773 11 6 | 123208 4 2 | 142916 14 6 | 1190 " " | |
| | Total | 511 | 265259 7 8 | 10206 3 5 | 255053 4 3 | 276732 2 6 | 1190 " " | |
| 5 | Cuttoobady Villages | 78 | 2052 12 " | " " " | 2052 12 " | 2052 12 " | " " " | |
| 6 | Do. Enams | " | 7970 2 2 | " " " | 7970 2 2 | 7981 10 2 | " " " | |
| 7 | Ready Money Collections such as fruit trees &ca. | " | 1552 4 " | " " " | 1552 4 " | 2104 2 " | " " " | |
| | Total | 78 | 11575 2 2 | " " " | 11575 2 2 | 12138 8 2 | " " " | |
| | Grand Total | 589 | 276834 9 10 | 10206 3 5 | 266628 6 5 | 288870 10 8 | 1190 " " | |
| | Deduct ready Money payments | " | " " " | 152 15 6 | 152 15 6 | " " " | 164 7 6 | |
| | Remaining | 589 | 276834 9 10 | 10359 2 11 | 266475 6 11 | 288870 10 8 | 1354 7 6 | |

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[illegible]vasiddy and Golgondah Talook.

| Dry Land Acres | Dry Sist | Wet Land | Wet Sist | Total Land | Total Sist |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 11437 | 44785 | 11710 | 97766 | 23147 | 142554 |
| 11941 | 46912 | 14267 | 114670 | 26208 | 161582 |
| 504 | 2124 | 2557 | 16904 | 3061 | 19028 |
| " | " | " | " | " | " |

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No. 2 Statement Shew... ...states between Fuslies 1265 & 1266 in the Zillah of Vizagapatam from May 1856 to April 1857.

| Number | Sources | Net Settlement | Comparison between Col. 5 & 8. Increase | Decrease | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
| 1 | Rents for more than | 110958 " " | " " " | " " " | |
| 2 | Annual rents | 8127 5 " | 747 8 8 | " " " | |
| 3 | Joint Village D°. | 14729 15 " | 1222 11 3 | " " " | |
| 4 | Ryotwar | 141726 14 6 | 18518 10 4 | " " " | |
| | To | 275542 2 6 | 20488 14 3 | " " " | |
| 5 | Cuttoobady Villages | 2052 12 " | " " " | " " " | |
| 6 | D°. Enams | 7981 10 2 | 11 8 " | " " " | |
| 7 | Ready Money Colle... such as fruit tree | 2104 2 " | 551 14 " | " " " | |
| | To | 12138 8 2 | 563 6 " | " " " | |
| | Grand T | 287680 10 8 | 21052 4 3 | " " " | |
| | Deduct ready Money f... | 164 7 6 | 11 8 " | " " " | |
| | Remaining | 287516 3 2 | 21040 12 3 | " " " | |

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Office 8th May 185...

P. B. Smollett
Collector & Agent
to the Governor

Cultivation account of Survasiddy and Golgondah Talook.

| Fuslies | Dry Land Acres | Dry Sist | Wet Land | Wet Sist | Total Land | Total Sist |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Fusly 1265 | 11437 | 44785 | 11710 | 97766 | 23147 | 142554 |
| " 1266 | 11941 | 46912 | 14267 | 114670 | 26208 | 161582 |
| Increase | 504 | 2124 | 2557 | 16904 | 3061 | 19028 |
| Decrease | " | " | " | " | " | " |

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No. 3 Statement Shewing the Demand Collection & Balance of the Vizagapatam District for 1855/56/57 official years-

| Items | 1855 & 56 | | | 1856 & 1857 | | | Comparison between 2 & 5 Col.s | | Comparison between 3 & 6 Col.s | | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Demand | Collection including remission | Balance | Demand | Collection including remission | Balance | Increase | Decrease | Increase | Decrease | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Land Revenue | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Zemindary and Proprietary Estates | 9,76,132 8 . | 9,64,565 8 4 | 11,566 15 8 | 9,76,020 13 2 | 9,00,667 15 11 | 9352 13 3 | . . . | 111 10 10 | 2120 7 7 | . . . | |
| 2 Government Talooks | 268198 15 1 | 267281 11 . | 917 4 1 | 287427 15 3 | 286741 8 11 | 680 6 4 | 19229 . 2 | . . . | 19459 13 11 | . . . | |
| Total | 1244331 7 1 | 1231847 3 4 | 12484 3 9 | 1263448 12 5 | 1253409 8 10 | 10039 3 7 | 19229 . 2 | 111 10 10 | 21562 5 0 | . . . | |
| Sundry Sources of Revenue | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 Salt | 141696 9 4 | 141696 9 4 | . . . | 178808 15 . | 178868 15 . | . . . | 37172 5 8 | . . . | 37172 5 8 | . . . | |
| 4 Abkarry | 65181 13 . | 60452 7 11 | 5029 5 1 | 67137 8 6 | 61587 12 3 | 5349 12 2 | 1085 11 5 | . . . | 1135 4 4 | . . . | |
| 5 Moturpha | 5490 10 8 | 5336 9 8 | 154 1 . | 5639 15 4 | 5585 . 3 | 54 15 1 | 149 4 8 | . . . | 248 6 7 | . . . | |
| 6 Sea Custom | 26867 4 2 | 26867 4 2 | . . . | 37990 7 5 | 37990 7 5 | . . . | 11123 3 3 | . . . | 11123 3 3 | . . . | |
| 7 Stamps | 20568 4 . | 20568 4 . | . . . | 25822 12 . | 25822 12 . | . . . | 5254 8 . | . . . | 5254 8 . | . . . | |
| Total | 260104 9 2 | 257921 3 1 | 5183 6 1 | 316459 10 2 | 309854 11 11 | 5004 11 3 | 55355 1 . | . . . | 54933 11 10 | . . . | |
| Extra Revenue | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 Land Revenue | 2488 3 7 | 2317 7 11 | 170 11 8 | 2277 8 4 | 2142 13 7 | 134 10 9 | . . . | 210 11 3 | . . . | 174 10 4 | |
| 9 Sundry Sources of Revenue | 4800 5 11 | 4800 5 11 | . . . | 4808 3 1 | 4808 3 1 | . . . | 7 13 2 | . . . | 7 13 2 | . . . | |
| Total | 7288 9 6 | 7117 13 10 | 170 11 8 | 7085 11 5 | 6951 . 9 | 134 10 9 | 7 13 2 | 210 11 3 | 7 13 2 | 174 10 4 | |
| Grand Total | 1511724 9 9 | 1496886 4 3 | 17838 5 6 | 1585994 2 . | 1570215 8 5 | 15778 9 7 | 74591 14 4 | 322 6 1 | 70803 14 6 | 174 10 4 | |

Current

# Fort St. George

1855 and 1856.

15th May 1857

| Items | Demand | Collection including Remission | Balance | Comparison Between 2nd & 5th Cols. Increase | Comparison Between 2nd & 5th Cols. Decrease | Comparison Between 3rd & 6th Cols. Increase | Comparison Between 3rd & 6th Cols. Decrease | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
| 1 Zemindary | 50664 9 10 | 47821 2 6 | 1911 13 4 | 13478 13 " | 12708 5 " | 770 8 " | " " " | 37185 12 10 | " " " | 36044 7 6 | |
| 2 Government Estates | 3957 6 11 | 2578 14 9 | 1378 3 2 | 7295 12 3 | 49 5 " | 7246 7 3 | " " " | 1661 10 8 | " " " | 2529 9 9 | |
| Total | 54622 " 9 | 51331 11 3 | 4290 5 2 | 20774 9 3 | 12757 10 " | 8016 15 3 | " " " | 38847 7 6 | " " " | 38574 1 3 | |
| 3 Abkarry | 5492 9 2 | 5492 9 2 | " " " | 5029 5 1 | 5029 5 1 | " " " | " " " | 463 4 1 | " " " | 463 4 1 | |
| 4 Stamps | 182 6 3 | 23 5 9 | 139 " 6 | 293 1 6 | 36 14 6 | 258 3 " | 130 11 3 | " " " | 13 8 9 | " " " | |
| Total | 5674 15 5 | 5515 14 11 | 139 " 6 | 5322 6 7 | 5066 3 7 | 258 3 " | 130 11 3 | 463 4 1 | 13 8 9 | 463 4 1 | |
| Total | 65277 " 2 | 56847 10 2 | 8429 8 " | 26096 15 10 | 17823 13 7 | 8273 2 3 | 130 11 3 | 39310 11 7 | 13 8 9 | 39037 5 4 | |
| Extra Revenue | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Land Revenue | 813 15 10 | 332 1 2 | 481 14 8 | 652 10 4 | 116 1 " | 536 9 4 | " " " | 161 5 6 | " " " | 216 " 2 | |
| Total | 66091 " " | 57179 11 4 | 8911 4 8 | 26749 10 2 | 17939 14 7 | 8809 11 7 | 130 11 3 | 39472 1 1 | 13 8 9 | 39253 5 6 | |
| Total Current & arrears | 1577815 9 9 | 1551068 15 7 | 26746 11 2 | 1622743 12 2 | 1584155 7 " | 245885 2 | 74722 9 7 | 397947 2 | 76517 7-3 | 39427 15 10 | |

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No. 4. Statement shewing the arrears outstanding upto 1856 Subsequent Collection & Balance upto 30th April 1857 in the Zillah of Vizagapatam.

| Sources | Balance upto April 1856 | Collection upto April 1857 | Remission | Total | Balance upto 30th April 1857 | Recoverable | Irrecoverable | To be Settled hereafter | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | |
| Permanently Settled Estates | 13478 13 " | 10893 12 1 | 1814 8 11 | 12708 5 | 770 8 " | " " " | " " " | 770 8 " | |
| Government Estates | 7295 12 3 | 49 5 " | " " " | 49 5 | 7246 7 3 | 119 14 1 | 7126 9 2 | " " " | |
| Total | 20774 9 3 | 10943 1 1 | 1814 8 11 | 12757 10 | 8016 15 3 | 119 14 1 | 7126 9 2 | 770 8 " | |
| Alekarry | 5029 5 1 | 5029 5 1 | " " " | 5029 5 | " " " | " " " | " " " | " " " | |
| Moturpha | 293 1 6 | 36 14 6 | " " " | 36 14 | 256 3 " | " " " | 256 3 " | " " " | |
| Total | 5322 6 7 | 5066 3 7 | " " " | 5066 3 | 256 3 " | " " " | 256 3 " | " " " | |
| Grand Total | 26096 15 10 | 16009 4 8 | 1814 8 11 | 17823 11 | 8273 2 3 | 119 14 1 | 7382 12 2 | 770 8 " | |
| Extra Revenue | | | | | | | | | |
| Land Revenue | 652 10 4 | 68 13 5 | 47 3 7 | 116 1 | 536 9 4 | " " " | 536 9 4 | " " " | |
| Total | 26749 10 2 | 16078 2 1 | 1861 12 6 | 17939 4 | 8809 11 7 | 119 14 1 | 7919 5 6 | 770 8 " | |

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Fort S.t George 15th May 1857

No. 5 Return of the prices of grain during the Official years 1856/57 in the Zillah of Vizagapatam –

| Years | Dry Grains: White Paddy per Garce | Black Paddy per Garce | Innaloo per Garce | Varee galoo Do. | Cotton Per Candy | Jagghery per Candy | Horse Gram per Garce | Natchny | Gunta loo | Gingily Oil Seeds |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| From 1st May 1855 to 30th April 1856 average | 77 | " | 100 | " | 65 | 12 | 98 | 89 | 84 | 336 |
| From 1st May 1856 to 30th April 1857 Do. | 85 | " | 97 | 64 | 67 | 12 | 84 | 87 | 85 | 345 |

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Fort St. George 15th May 1857 -

...rsements during the Official years 1856 & 1857 in the Zillah of Vizagapatam

| Refund | | Yeomish &c. other charges | | Extra Charges | | Total | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ...mount | Per Centage | Amount | Per Centage | Amount | Per Centage | Amount | Per Centage | Remarks |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | |
| ...10 11 | " 13 5 | 99 18 15 2 | " 10 3 | 166 52 11 8 | 1 1 2 | 163 8 12 5 4 | 10 9 2 | |
| ...5 4 | 1 " 4 | 89 31 " 7 | " 9 " | 77 10 14 2 | " 7 9 | 142 7 10 " 11 | 8 15 11 | |
| ...5 10 5 | " " " | " " " | " " " | " " " | " " " | " " " | " " " | |
| " " | " " - | 98 7 ¼ 7 | " " " | 89 41 13 6 | " " " | 211 22 4 5 | " " " | The cause of this decrease is owing principally the office of one of the Junior assistants having been abolished |

...ice 8th May 1857 E.E. for

(Signed) P. B. Smollett

Collr. & Agent to the Govr.

J. F. B.

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7510. Fort St. George 15th May 1857

No. 67

To

J. D. Sim Esquire

Ag. Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

(689)

B. No. 1765

From the Ag. Collector of Masulipatam - Sir Para 1

In obedience to the Boards' Circular order 24th December 1855, I have the to submit a general report on this District which, as required, will be very brief the more so my acquaintance with the District is recent.

Judicial 2 Police

The most singular incident in our Police Records, is the sacrifice of a young child to some treasure showing demon. Every effort was made to discover the perpe=trators of this horrible deed, but without success, and but for the certain knowledge to the contrary one might have hoped it was not true - Within my own experience ano=ther event has occurred more deplorable in its consequences - A foul murder was committed by a dependant of a Zemin=dar and his two Servants - The two Servants were apprehended and convicted by the Sessions' Court, but unfortunately the Court

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No. 6 Statement sheet of Vizagapatam

| Years | Col of Sur ce & Ru Cur ar | Centage | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | 12 | |
| From May 1855 to April 1856 | 154 | 10 9 2 | |
| From May 1856 to April 1857 | 158 | 8 15 11 | |
| Increase | 3 | " " | |
| Decrease | " | " | The cause of the decrease is only principally the office of one of the Junior assistants having been abolished |

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Court of Foujdary Udalut viewed the evedence differently and pronounced, there was no murder. It is impossible for a Magistrate to make an ignorant population understand how this acquittal occurred - they know a Murder was committed - they see the Zemindar's own servant was never tried, and that the two subordinates, who were tried escaped, and there is no way to remove from their natural conclusion that the Zemindar influence some how was brought to bear in the case and their submission to the Zemindar's oppressions, will be more slavish than ever.—

Revenues 3 1 Land Revenue The annexed statement shows a decrease in Collections but the reason is, because there were no arrears to collect - The year has been on the whole very prosperous and the land revenue will show an increase of 1,00,000 Rupees - The surface of land irrigated by the water from the two Anicuts, is calculated to be 84,000 acres paying an assessment of 1,20,000 Rupees this includes Enams - It is difficult in a brief report to detail the advantages that have already accrued from those works



works of irrigation - I would enumerate two.—

1st The certainty every one must feel that famines cannot again occur and no figures can show the value of this ✠.—

2dly Arrears of land revenue will soon become unknown and the ryots will be tempted to accumulate Capital.—

The wages of agricultural labor have greatly risen and will remain at an artificial level till the public works Department have completed their Channels and great works - The Social Economy of this District is in confusion - the wet Cultivation is unsuitable for females and has proved injurious to the working cattle accustomed to hard and dry soils the District has no export trade and how the enormous surplus produce that remains on hand after the bellies of the people are filled, is to be exchanged for money, is a difficult problem

problem. The assessment on rice lands must decrease rather than increase ere Masulipatam rice can compete in the world's markets with Pegu, where the entire assessment is 2 Rupees an acre.—

2 Customs The Revenue yielded by the Sea Custom House, is insignificant and where the Establishment not necessary to prepare figured Statements, it would be Economy to proclaims Masulipatam a free port.

Education 4 The Church Missionary Society maintains its schools in efficiency and the school the Native community of the Town Established prospers but the expensive Machinery of the Government Educational Department has not effected and cannot effect much in a District where the labor of the youngest child that can herd a cow or watch the cooking fire is of value.—

Public Works 5 Roads and Canals Little has been done and there are no roads of importance fit for use and no Canals at present. I think the roads of this District should have been made before the Canals. Every yard of any substance must be

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keep a bandy and bullocks, and roads at once assist him. but now keep Boats and even then Canals are slowly constructed and hitherto very uncertain experience proves they are closed for repairs at the time they are most required for the conveyance of produce to market. To make Canals generally acceptable it is necessary they should be frequently bridged.

Marine Financial Political 6 There is nothing to remark under the Heads of Marine, Financial, and in the Political Department there has been some effort made to remedy the injurious effects of transit duties levied in the Nizams Villages which are surrounded by and situated in our territory.

Military Department 7 In the Military Department it is hoped the recent concentration of Regiments and abolition of Military out posts will force the formation of a Silhundy Corps.—

Miscellaneous 8 Under the Head of Miscellaneous there is little to notice, the census of 1836, shows an increase of 10000 since 1850 and as this is not possible of 520,000 was as reported the population in 1850, the conclusion is the usual one that figured Statements are untrustworthy. The population is still very far from sufficient for the requirements of the District.—

9 As requested in your Circular order dated 20th March 1857 No. 867, I beg to forward a Statement shewing the items of taxation abolished during the last 15 years in this District.—

Masulipatam Collectors Cutcherry 9th May 1857.

Signed T. J. Rivett
Actg Collector

Comparative

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A Comparative Statement Showing the Collections of Masulipatam District from 1st May 1855 to 30th April 1856 and from 1st May 1856 to 30th April 1857.

| Items | | Collections on account of Current and arrears from 1st May 1855 to 30th April 1856 | Collections on account of Current and arrears from 1st May 1856 to 30th April 1857 | Increase | Decrease |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. |
| Land Revenue | | 11,24,632 9 8 | 11,11,395 " 6 | " " " | 13,237 9 2 |
| Extra Revenue | Abkarry | 42,059 14 8 | 42,886 11 10 | 826 13 2 | " " " |
| | Salt | 258,097 14 6 | 257,495 " 7 | " " " | 602 13 11 |
| | Sea Custom | 55 11 " | 4 9 2 | " " " | 51 1 10 |
| | Moturfa | 25,703 11 4 | 19,370 15 7 | " " " | 6,332 11 9 |
| | Stamps | 15,849 12 " | 17,760 4 " | 1,910 8 " | " " " |
| | Total | 341,766 15 6 | 337,517 9 2 | 2,737 5 2 | 6,986 11 6 |
| | Total | 14,66,399 9 2 | 14,48,912 9 8 | 2,737 5 2 | 20,224 4 8 |
| Swoy Jummah | Land | 27,014 10 2 | 24,162 6 7 | " " " | 2,852 3 7 |
| | Extra | 3,279 2 11 | 4,550 11 7 | 1,271 8 8 | " " " |
| | Total | 30,293 13 1 | 28,713 2 2 | 1,271 8 8 | 2,852 3 7 |
| | Grand Total | 14,96,693 6 3 | 14,77,625 11 10 | 4,008 13 10 | 23,076 8 3 |

Deduct increase 4,008 13 10
Net decrease 19,297 10 5
(Signed) T. J. Knox
Agt. Collector

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Statement B Showing Comparative Cultivation.

| | Fusly 1265 | Fusly 1266 | Increase | Decrease |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Acres | Acres | Acrease | Acrease |
| Dry | 238,422 | 229,133 | " | 9,289 |
| Wet | 740,233 | 116,723 | 42,700 | " |
| Bagayet | 2,114 | 2,519 | 405 | " |
| Total | 314,559 | 348,375 | 43,105 | 9,289 |

9,289 Deduct decrease

33816 Net increase

Masulipatam Collectors Cutcherry 9th May 1857

(Signed) T. J. Knox
Agt. Collector
Statement

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# Fort Saint George 15th May 1857

Statement shewing the items of taxation abolished during the last 15 years in the District of Masulipatam prepared as per Circular Order of the Board of Revenue dated 20th March 1857.

| Name of tax | Nature of Items | Year of abolition or reduction | Amount | | | Date of sanction | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | 5 | 6 |
| Land Customs | Transit Duty | 1st April 1844 | 81820 | 1 | 1 | Under Act VII of 1844 Agreeably to the Notification published in the Fort St. George Gazette of 8th August 1854. | |
| | Frontier Duty | 1st August 1854 | 43202 | 6 | 8 | | |
| Sea Customs | Grains of all descriptions such as Paddy &c. exported and imported and other goods | " | 11739 | 10 | 3 | Under Act VI of 1848 and Act XXX of 1854. | |
| Motursa | Tax on washing green | 23rd March 1854 | 368 | 1 | 4 | Commissioners Proceedings 11th March 1854 | |
| | " on Shepherds | 6th October 1856 | 4635 | 8 | " | E. M. C. 18th July 1856. | |
| | | Total | 130029 | 4 | | | |
| Land revenue | Dasara Nazur | | 815 | 8 | 6 | | |
| | Nazur Ratay | | 1688 | 1 | 7 | | |
| | Tilladar Jaffery | | 1304 | 5 | 10 | | |
| | Purganah charges | | 990 | 8 | " | | |
| | Roopcoons to Pagadas | | 41 | 15 | 6 | | |
| | Shroff roopcoon | | 140 | 7 | 2 | | |
| | Village charges | | 586 | 4 | 9 | | |
| | Durbary charges | | 2678 | 9 | 10 | | |
| | Mootasudder Taharer | | 8 | " | " | | |
| | Pootty munkalos of Village goddess | | 78 | 2 | 6 | | |
| | Unbaramsist on Coss pakuttalos of Mahasoodar | 12th July 1852 | 216 | 13 | 7 | E. M. C. 20th January 1852 | |
| | Lutchmeedavepuetta | | 67 | 12 | " | | |
| | Ryraty dosillos | | 61 | 5 | 8 | | |
| | Majoomdar Roopcoon | | 138 | 1 | 6 | | |
| | Increase of the Unbaramsprice on Roopcoon pakuttalos | | 60 | 15 | 11 | | |

15th [illegible] 1857

Copy

Under Cover to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir

I have to request that you will be pleased to lay before the Board of Revenue the accompanying statement of the Items of Taxation abolished during the last 15 years in the District of Masulipatam, as called for by the Board's Circular Order of the 20th March 1857.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. Nepean

Actg. Collector

Masulipatam

The 9th May 1857.

Forwarded to the Collector of Masulipatam for information.

By Order &c.

(Signed) [illegible]

Secretary

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

15th May 1857.

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Statement shewing the items of taxation abolished during the last 15 years in the District of Masulipatam prepared as per Circular Order of the Board of Revenue dated 20th March 1857.

| Name of tax | Nature of It... | Year of abo= lit | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Tahareer Sadarwared | | 71 | 8 | |
| | Colagarumar fee for measurement | | 22 | 1 | |
| | Rota Seers | | 2 | 7 | 6 |
| | Grain allowance to the Bramin of the Tanadar Wt. Peishcur | | 22 | 10 | 8 |
| | Onaccount of Anamut Grain of Pengattendingoor Ryotedoor | | 26 | 2 | 6 |
| | Pygusty chata | | 67 | 12 | 3 |
| | Zemindars roofsoom | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | Jungle tax | 6th June 1853 | 115 | 5 | 6 |
| | Pottedoogoolums | 13th December 1856 | 429 | 11 | 10 |
| | Gittimpoo Enams | | 2,001 | 12 | 5 |
| | | Total | 11,635 | 3 | 3 |
| | | Grand total | 153,300 | 14 | 7 |

E. M. C. 14th Novr 1856

Masulipatam Collectors Cutcherry
9th May 1857

Signed / T. J. Knox Ag. Collector

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No. 67

To J. D. Sim Esqr.
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

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Bt. No. 1770
From the Ag. Collector of Nellore

Sir With reference to your letter No. 1167 of the 17th April 1857. I have the honor to State that no Local Funds existed in this District during the year ending 30th April 1857.

Nellore Collectors Office
12th May 1857

/ Signed / G. N. Taylor
Acting Collector

Order thereon

Ordered to lie over.

690.91

Resolved that the following letters be despatched.

To
The Collector of
Cuddapah

692

Bt. No. 1574
To the Collector of Cuddapah

Sir With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 7th January 1857 on No. 29 Revenue Department forwarded with Boards Proceedings dated 26th March I am directed to request that the information therein

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therein called for regarding the possible reduction that may be effected in your present Establishment in Consequence of the proposed transfer of portions of your District to Kurnool may be furnished as early as possible.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
15th May 1857

/ Signed / S. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

To

The Officiating Agent at
Kurnool

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B. No. 1573

To the Offg Agent at
Kurnool

Sir

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 7th January 1857 No. 29 Revenue Department forwarded with the Board's Proceedings dated 20th March. I am directed to request that the report therein called for relative to the proposed enlargement of the limits of the District may be submitted with as little delay as possible

Revenue Board Office Fort St. George
15th May 1857

/ Signed / S. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

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Fort St. George 15th May 1857

B. No. 1571
To Messrs. P. Orr & Co.

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Official Memo

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue begs to return to Messrs. Orr & Co. two of the three watches sent by them for inspection, and has kept the other - No. 11157 - the price of which - Rupees 70 will be paid on the Bill being presented

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
15th May 1857

/ Signed / S. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

Received the undermentioned

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Miscellaneous Letters and Statements

My No. 1068.
From the Acting Collector of Madura - Statement of Demand Collection and Balance of Revenue for April 1857.

696

My No. 1069
From the Collector of Canara - Statement of Demand - Collection and Balance of Revenue for April 1857.

697

My No. 1067.
From the Collector of Tinnevelly - Statement shewing the

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the amount disbursed during Fusly 1266 on account of Salary of Establishment and Extra and Sauderward Charges for the Salt Department.

698

My No. 1066

From the Acting Collector of Madras. Account Current Salt for April 1857.

699

My No. 1070

From the Collector of Salem. Average Bazar Prices Grain for April 1857.

700

My No. 1062

From the Collector of Trichinopoly. Rain Report for April 1857.

701

My No. 1065

From Agent at Kurnool. Return of Services of Ree and Naib Sheristadars and Tahsildars as they stood on the 30th April 1857

702

My No. 1071

From the Collector of Rajahmundry. Statement of the value of Gold and Silver Bullion and Specie imported by Sea for April 1857

Pro

7518. Fort St. George, 16th May 1857

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Saturday the 16th May 1857.

703

Read the following Papers.

Bd. No. 1304 From the Dy Secy to Government.

Memorandum.

The undersigned has the honor to forward to the Secretary Board of Revenue 22 Copies of the Report on "Elliot Marbles," 2 Copies for the use of the Board and the remainder for distribution.

Fort St. George, 8th April 1857.

(Signed) D. F. Carmichael,
Deputy Secretary to Govt.

To, the Secretary to the Board of Revenue

704

Memorandum.

Bd. No. 1747. From the Dy Secy to Government.

The undersigned is directed to request that the Board of Revenue will return to this Office twenty out of the twenty two Copies of Mr. Taylor's report on the "Elliot Marbles" forwarded to them for distribution to the Several Collectors.

As the report forms an Appendix to the last Museum Report, copies of which have been furnished to the Board for distribution, the present requisition will not, it is presumed, be

7519 Fort St. George, 16th May 1857

be felt as inconvenient.

Fort St. George, 12th May 1857.

(Signed) D. F. Carmichael
Dy Secretary to Govt.

703.705

Ordered that the following Official Memorandum be sent.

Bd. No. 1606. To the Dy Secry to Government.

Memorandum.

With reference to the Official Memo. from the Deputy Secretary to Government, Public Department, dated 12th Instant, the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to return 20 out of the 22 Copies of Taylor's "Elliot Marbles" forwarded to the Board with Official Memo. dated 8th Ultimo.

In Cons. 16th May 1857

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 16th May 1857.

(Signed) J. D. Sim,
Acting Secretary.

Bd. No. 1618. From the Ag. Secry to Govt.

706

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department, under date the 2d May 1857.

Communicating the views of Government on the Subject of the Petition presented by one Ramasawmy of Aulatoor, in Manargoody Talook of Tanjore, who sought to procure the ejectment of the present possessor of a rent free house ground which he states to have been granted by his father to that party's ancestor as the Paracoody of the land now held by Petitioner

See No. 409 in Separate Vol. P. 477

Ordered

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706.707

Bd. No. 1623. Order thereon

Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Collector of Tanjore.

708

No. 241.

Bd. No. 1698. From the Chief Secry to Govt.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, in the Financial Railway Department, under date the 5th May 1857.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Submitting a letter from the Acting Collector of Malabar enclosing a Bill for charges incurred on account of Extra Servants employed on works connected with the Railway and recommending that the Sanction be accorded to the Same, amounting to Rupees 609-11-1.

(Here enter 28th April 1857 No. 1322)

The Government sanction the Statement submitted by the Collector of Malabar, of Extra Servants employed in preparing the Compensation accounts for lands taken up for the Railway, amounting to Rupees (609-11-1) Six hundred and nine, Annas eleven, and pice one.

(Signed) T. Pycroft,
Chief Secretary.

708.709

Bd. No. 1627 Order thereon.

Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Collector of Malabar.

Extract

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Bd. No. 1681
From the Ag. Secry. to Govt.

710

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department, under date the 7 May 1857.

Directing that the Enam Village of Neelacontapoorum, in Sholinghurtalook, in North Arcot, be registered in the joint names of Baboo Row and Bhanoo Boye and referring the latter Petitioner in No. 2309 of 1856 to the Board for instructions

(See No. 427 in Separate Volume P. 478)

710-11

Bd. No. 1618.
Order thereon.

Ordered to be forwarded to the Collector of North Arcot for his information and guidance and for Communication to the Petitioner Bhanoo Boye and to Baboo Row.

712

Bd. No. 1713.
From the Ag. Secry. to Govt.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department, under date the 9th May 1857

Sanctioning the employment in Tinnevelly in Fusly 1266 of an Extra Establishment to assist the fixed Establishment in the preparation of the details of the Summahbundy accounts at a Cost of Rupees 900.

(See No. 437 in Separate Volume P. 480)

712-13

Bd. No. 1624.
Order thereon.

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Tinnevelly

Extract

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Bd. No. 1723.
From the Ag. Secry. to Govt.

714

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department under date the 11th May 1857.

Sanctioning the employment at a Cost of Rupees 900 of the additional Establishment noted within, required for sorting and arranging the English and Vernacular records in the District of Rajahmundry

(See No. 440 in Separate Volume P. 481)

714-15

Bd. No. 1616.
Order thereon.

Ordered to be Communicated to the Collector of Rajahmundry

After

Bd. No. 1785
From the Ag. Secry. to Govt.

716

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department, under date the 14th May 1857

Referring for the opinion of the Government Pleader the Board's Proceedings (with the accompanyments) of the 27th April 1857 on the Subject of the Suit filed in the Sub-Court of Salem by the Villagers of Audapoorum against the Collector of Trichinopoly and others, respecting the Construction of a Certain channel which would deprive their Tank of its usual Supply of water

(See No. 452 in Separate Volume P. 482)

717

Bd. No. 1600.
Order thereon.

Ordered to be communicated to the Collectors of Salem and Trichinopoly

Ordered

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Ordered also that the following letter be sent with previous correspondance on the subject.

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Bd. No. 1605.
To the Ag. Secry. to Government.
In Cons. 16th May 1857

1603 From Madura 3d. in Cons. 12th July 1852 No. 125 With two Enclosures
1400 Proceedings to Government 12th in Cons. 1852 No. 282
1781 From Govt. 27th in Cons. 29th July 1852 No. 728 No. D
2987 From Madura 13th in Cons. 20th October 1855 No. 191 1 Enclosure
2847 Proceedings to Govt. 26th October 1855

To, The Acting Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Sir,

Consultation

With reference to Extract Minutes 14th May 1857 No. 452, Revenue Department, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward the original papers in a suit which was instituted against Government in Madura in 1855 of a similar character with the one now in progress in the Court of Salem on that occasion an injunction against the continuance of the Work complained of was withdrawn on appeal to the higher Court and that it was ruled that the Court had no jurisdiction in such matter.

2.

It may probably be considered advisable to communicate these papers to Mr. Dale. The Board are not aware of any other similar [illegible]

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
16th May 1857

(Signed) J. D. Sim,
Acting Secretary

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Bd. No. 1778.
From the Acting Secretary to Govt.

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Memorandum.

In Para 13 of Mr. Elton's letter to the Board of Revenue, dated 17th May 1856, enclosed in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to Government, No. 386 of 2d April 1857 the following sentence occurs.

"The first 15 classes which the Board have excluded as exceptions, apparently because each of them affects but a small portion of land comprise in the aggregate 2468 Goortoos bearing an assessment of Rupees 128,648" — On inspecting the 2 statements enclosed in Mr. Elton's letter, it would appear that the aggregate of the assessment on the first 15 classes of the wet land, in the Pymash Villages and Mr. Travers' and Smalley's Villages together as there given, is far less than this amount (the extent of land would appear to be more nearly what is given) — The Acting Secretary to Government has the honor to request that the Secretary to the Board of Revenue will explain this

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this point after communicating, if necessary, with the Collector of Nellore.

(Signed) H. Forbes,
Ag Secy to Government

Fort St. George,
15th May, 1857

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Bd. No. 1604.
To the Collector of Nellore.

719-20

To,

The Collector of Nellore.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will explain whether the Statement, in Para 10 of the Collector's letter, dated May 1856, that the first 15 Classes of land, excluded by the Board, has exceptional comprise 2468 Goortoos, Assessed at Rupees 128,648

2. On referring to enclosure A 1 and 2 of the letter in question, the Board find the extent to be Correct; but the Agacut Assessment Amounts only to Rupees 82,652

3. The Board desire to me to request an early reply.

(Signed) J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

Revenue Board Office,
Fort Saint George,
16th May 1857.

To

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No. 163

To,

J. D. Sim Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George

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Bd. No. 5146
From the Ag. Collr. of Guntoor.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's endorsement of the 25th August last requiring further explanation on Petition No. 2268 of 1856.

| | Rs. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|
| C. Ramdoss | 11 | 11 | 10 |
| C. Ramiah | 15 | 15 | 8 |
| C. Bootchiah | 7 | 13 | 9 |
| | 34 | 14 | 3 |

2 The Petitioners Ramdoss and Ramiah with their brother Bootchiah were in the enjoyment of "Vundra" amounting to Rs. 34-14-3 as indicated in the Margin "Vundra" being a remission of one fourth of the demand in favor of Certain classes of persons. In 1848/49 a rule was established by by Mr. Stokes and approved of by the Board of Revenue prohibiting the Continuance of indulgence referred to, to Parties owning

Enam

Enam lands and under this rule the Vundra enjoyed by the Petitioners was withheld in Fusly 1268 on the grounds that they were in possession of Enam but as it appears upon enquiry that the Enam is entered in Boalchiahs name who occupies it to the exclusion of Petitioners the usual Vundra has been ordered to be Continued to them.—

3 Petition No. 2268 of 1856 is returned herewith.

Guntoor District
Collectors Office
Collepara
6th December 1856

(Signed) H. Newill
Acting Collector

Bd. No. 1602

Order thereon
(721.22)

Ordered that the following order be passed on Petition No. 2268 of 56.

The Board have received a report from the Acting Collector on the back of this Petition and decline to disturb



disturb the decision which has been passed of which they approve.—

(723)

Bd. No. 190

From the Coll.r of North Arcot

To.
J. D. Sim Esq.re
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the consideration and orders of the Board of Revenue the accompanying Copy of a Communication from the Acting additional Sub Collector regarding the interpretation of the term "lapse" used in the orders issued from time to time by the Government and Board in reference to Charitable and other grants.—

2 The term would appear to mean the death of the Registered incumbent but as Mr. Bambury quotes Cases which seem to throw a doubt on the Correctness of

of this interpretation I have the honor to solicit the instructions of the Board on the subject.—

North Arcot
Collrs Cutchry
Chittoor 10th January
1857

(Signed) C. Whittingham
Collector

To

C. Whittingham Esqre
Collr of North Arcot

Sir,

In disposing of the Enam cases now pending in the Talooks under my charge I have experienced some difficulty as to the interpretation of the term "lapse" mentioned in the orders hitherto issued from the Government and Board of Revenue regarding charitable and other grants and have the honor to request you will kindly inform me whether in the event of a transfer you consider it signifies the death of the Registered Enamdar or transferring the grant by sale or otherwise or



or, of the party newly obtaining the same i. e whether lapse signifies the death of the seller or the purchaser.—

2 It appears most natural that the former supposition is the Correct one as in this Case there would be the greater safeguard against fraud and loss to Government, and the word itself seems to bear this signification but upon looking over the former records of this Office the second interpretation seems the right one, for I find that by the orders of Government dated 30th October 1851 on the Boards remarks dated 28th July 1851 it is directed that a Certain share in a charity Inam purchased by one Syed Peer be registered in his name and that at his death the subject be

be brought to notice for final orders it appears from the same Government orders that Munsoor Kramlakad the grandson of the original grantee and who had sold the portion in question was alive at the time these orders were passed and nothing is mentioned regarding his death with reference to the Inam obtained by Syed Peer again by the orders of Government dated 11th March 1857 on the Boards remarks dated 2d January 1857 it is decreed that the Inam be registered in the name of the purchaser Hoofsaink Khan at whose death the case should be submitted for orders it is shown clearly by the Collectors report that the seller of the Inam was in existence at the time of



objected to the registry in Hoofsain Khans name.—

3 In the Inam tabular Report of this District for the quarter ending 30th June 1856 I submitted the case of one Janakeeram Punlooloo who had purchased a Balavarty Inam from the three remaining heirs of the original grantee two of whom had since died and recommended that the lands should be registered in the purchasers name similarly to the Cases above quoted but the Board remarked that as no lapse had occurred it was not necessary to interfere I am consequently in doubt whether the case should be reported at the demise of the purchaser or of the Inamdar selling his grant.—

/Signed/ G. Banbury
Actg Addl Sub Collr

/True Copy/
/Signed/ C. Whittingham
Collector

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Bd. No. 1619

Proceedings thereon.— (723·24)

The Collector Submits a letter from the Additional Sub Collector requesting instructions as to the meaning to be attached to the word "lapse" as used in the orders of the Government and the Board in regard to charitable and other grants.—

2 The latter Officer doubts whether in the case of the transfer of an Enam the term "lapse" is to be held to apply to the death of the registered Enamdar or to that of the party to whom the Enam has passed.—

3 The Board are of opinion that the first construction is the correct one and that report should be made on the death of the individual in whose name

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name the property is registered when the fact of possession having been transferred by purchase will be matter for Consideration in finally disposing of the case.—

28th July/56 4 The Sub Collector quotes three cases which appear to him to induce a different interpretation.—

5 In their Proceedings first referred to, the Board remarked that the cases under Consideration were reported "not on account of "lapse" but with a view to the Confirmation of the rights of the parties

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parties at the time in possession who had held the Enams for many years without having had the registry made out in their names.

6 The Boards recommendation in their Proceedings of 2d January 1857, was upon a special case where no lapse had occurred but the party in possession applies for registry

7 As regards the third case quoted it would perhaps have been a more correct expression of their views to have said the Board would not interfere during the Purchasers life time.

From

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Bd. No. 479

From the Collector of Tinnevelly 27th January 1857. } Read Exhibition Report of 1857.

Bd. No. 1430 725a

From the Collector of Tinnevelly 15th April 1857. } Read Exhibition Report of 1857.

Bd. No. 1625.

Proceedings thereon. 1. In the above letter the

725-26 Collector reports with reference to the Board's Proceedings of 4th April 1857 that at a meeting held on the 15th idem at which all the District Officers attended, the 15th October was fixed as the date for the opening of the Exhibition of 1857.

2 The Board approve of this arrangement and hope to receive shortly copy of the prize list which the Committee may propose for adoption.

3 Adverting to the Collectors

In Cons. 16th May/57. letter dated 27th January 1857 wherein it is suggested that in addition to Agricultural products the present Exhibition should embrace "articles of general Manufacture" The Board consider some more clearly defined limit necessary.

It.

4 It is not very clear what this term is intended to convey but so long as the articles admitted to Competition are really of practical and general utility and provided the main object of the Exhibition viz the promotion of agricultural Enterprize is not lost sight of and does not become of secondary importance the Board will leave it to the Committee to propose such arrangements as they may consider which best give effect to the spirit of the rules which have been circulated on the subject.

5 In other respects the expirience gained in the past year will serve as a guide and will be of use to the Committee when they proceed to frame the subsidiary rules for conducting the present exhibition.

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Bd. No. 727
From the Collector of Ganjam 30th January 1857.

Read Report of Exhibition held at Berhampoor on the 3rd and 4th of December 1856.

Ordered.



Ordered that the following letter be sent in reply.

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Bd. No. 1597
To the Ag. Collector of Ganjam
In Cons. 16 May 57

To
The Acting Collector of Ganjam.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 30th January last regarding the Ganjam Exhibition, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will favor them with your opinion whether a more liberal award of prizes for Cumblies and Gunny bags at the annual Exhibitions would not be a better mode of encouraging improvement in the Manufacture of those articles than the Measures proposed by your Assistant and yourself.

2 It would not be an easy matter perhaps to induce persons thoroughly conversant with these Manufactures to proceed to Ganjam from Guntoor and Bellary and if such persons were procured it might be apprehended that a

regard

regard for their own interest would prompt them to abstain from instructing others. The inducement you propose viz.: exemption from Mofussil would not be restricted to such persons only and it would operate as an inducement only in the event of the tax being unduly heavy and of their being liable to an equal burden in their own districts. The Board observe that Mr. Davidson reports favorably of the finer descriptions of textile Manufactures in Ganjam and they can scarcely suppose under such circumstances that ignorance of the mode of working Gunny bags and cumblies is the only cause of the inferiority apparent in those branches of the industry.

3 Before applying to Government for permission to carry out the measures you advocate the Board would wish to have fuller information as to the price of Gunny bags in Ganjam and in the places



place from whence the present supply is drawn and they would suggest your applying to the leading European and Native Merchants for further information in regard to both the Manufactures referred to.

Revenue Board Office
Fort S.t George
16.th May 1857

/ Signed / I. D. Sim
Acting Secretary.

B.d N.o 1607
& Further Proceedings thereon
727.29

Considering the difficulties experienced a fair degree of success is considered to have attended the Exhibition in this District and is ascribed by the Acting Collector entirely to the exertions of Mr. Davidson, Mr. Winder and himself the other Members of the Committee not taking an active part in the preliminary proceedings.

2. Mr. Davidson's report on the Exhibition unfortunately affords no information as to the quality of the articles exhibited & no subsequent communication has given the number of competitors and mentioned in favourable terms

terms a sample of arrow root exhibited by Captain Johnstone of the 26th Regiment Native Infantry, and adjudged worthy of the first Prize offered for this article. Captain Johnstone imported the roots from Burmah and samples of his produce sent to England last year were considered equal to the best Baraunda arrowrest except in Color which has been improved in the manufacture of this year. The Khonds who now cultivate an inferior description have been induced to take some of the roots for trial.

Mr. Davidson also mentions the show of Native sugar as being of superior quality.

With regard to the improvement of the manufacture of Gunny Bags and Cumblies the Board will address Government in a separate Communication if on receipt of some further Communication which they have called for, they are satisfied that the direct



direct interposition of Government is necessary and likely to be successful.

The Board request that the expences incurred for Prizes &ca. Viz. Rupees 2381. - 4 - 3. may receive the sanction of Government and that the Acting Collector may be authorized to make the necessary arrangements in Communication with the Board for holding an Exhibition in February 1858.

The Board recommend that the Acting Collector may be permitted to disburse a sum of Rupees 50 in the manner proposed to the Principal Assistant's English writer and the two Volunteers who afforded Mr. Davidson great Assistance in the Course of the Exhibition.

As regards the claims of the Tahsildars to prizes the Board observe that no express rule framed on this point because it was not contemplated

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contemplated that such extensive recourse would be had to the direct agency of Government Officers. and because it was desired that the spontaneous action of the people should be encouraged as much as possible. The Board do not anticipate any difficulty on this score hereafter for there is every reason to hope that produce of superior articles will themselves be competitors for the prizes offered. The exhibitions are however open to all classes and there is consequently nothing to preclude a Government Officer as such from receiving a prize of the Local Committee in the exercise of their discretional authority as think fit to award him one.

In the present case the Board recommend that a donation of 30 Rupees each may be granted to the 3 Public Officers specially named by Mr. Davidson in acknowledgement of their services.

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P. Lutchmajee Pintooloo
H. Streenevasearow Pintooloo
M. Gungagaz Pintooloo

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The total Expenditure requiring sanction will thus be raised to Rupees 2581 - 4 - 3.

2381 - 4 - 3
50 " "
150 " "
2581 - 4 - 3.

No. 30.

To.

J. D. Sim Esqre.

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor with reference to the Board's Endorsement on Petition No. 415 of 1857 in which the petitioners Khader Shaw and his son Shaik-sha represent the great inconvenience to which they are subjected by being obliged, in accordance with the Yeomiah rules to appear at my Office to be mustered before receiving payment to report that there is no objection to Petitioners Yeomiah being made payable by the Collector of Madras in lieu of the present arrangement except the orders of Government of the 28th July

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Bd. No. 752
From the Collector of North Arcot.

Herewith returned

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July 1853 Communicated with Extract Board Proceedings dated 11th August 1853.

North Arcot
Collector's Cutcherry
Jemeloon
17th February 1857.

(Signed) C. Whittingham
Collector

Bd. No. 1613
Order thereon 1.
(730-31)

Ordered that the above Petition and letter be submitted for the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. The Petitioners pray that the Yeomiah allowance may be made payable at Madras instead of as at present at Chittoor and the Collector of the latter district sees no objection to a compliance with the request unless the order of Government dated 28th July 1853 No. 866 Revenue Department is held to forbid the transfer.

C.O.B.R. Vol. 2 p. 161.

3 As the first of these Petitioners is infirm and advanced in years and both parties appear to be residents of Madras the Board recommend that the indulgence

J.G.B.

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sought be accorded, and that Petitioners be allowed for the future to draw their pensions from the Hoozoor Treasury in Madras, care being taken to guard against fraud.

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No. 53

To J. D. Sim Esqre.
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

(732)

Bd. No. 924
From the Collr. of North Arcot

Sir,

1. I have the honor in reply to the information required in Extract Proceedings Board of Revenue dated 2d March 1857 No. 636 to state that Gholam Hoossains age is said to be 21 years, and his appearance verifies the statement.

2. With reference to his fitness he certainly seems qualified to perform the following duties which belong to his Office Vizt.

To perform annually the Ceremoning called Ooroos which is the distribution of rice to Fakeers. To adorn with flowers the tomb in the interior of the Durgah. To keep up the Lights in it To see that the Drums

Drums called Navabuth are daily beaten in the Durgah that the Fakeers who congregate in the Durgah are daily fed that the Durgah is repaired whenever it needs it, and that the servants attached to the Durgah are regularly paid.

3 Gholam Hoossain himself admits that his father left no will nominating him his successor; and as the question in dispute is whether the succession is to be determined by nomination or by regular descent his father may have thought that to nominate him by will would endanger his succession as his heir.

North Arcot
Collector's
Circuit Cutcherry
Wandavash 7th March 1857
Bd No 1617
Proceedings thereon,
732.33

/ Signed / C. Whittingham
Collector

As Gholam Hoossain the son of the last incumbent of the Jaimisheeing of Tippoos Durgah at Arcot is stated to be 21 years of age



age, and competent to perform the duties of the Office the Board of Revenue resolve to sanction his appointment to that Office in succession to his father.

2 An opposing claim is set up by Bader Padshah the son of Tarah Shah a former Jaimesheen on the ground of his having been nominated by his father's will. The relative pretensions of this Hader Padshah and the deceased Mahomed Gouse were discussed in the Boards letter to the Chief Secretary to Government of the 24th February 1834 and a preference given with the concurrence of Government to the claim of the latter. The claim of the former is much weaker now than it was then, as it cannot be pretended that he was appointed by the deceased Mahomed Ghouse. By Gholam Hoossain it is to be observed is not only the son of the last incumbent but descended from one of the two original Grantees in the male line, while Sarashaw the father of the claimant Hader

F.G. 7th in Cons: 27th March 1834 No 190

Shaw

shew was only somewhat of the other.

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petitions Nos 241 - 251 - 264 - 341 - 865 - 1023 - 1024 - 1138 - & 1196 of 1857.

"Petitioner is referred to the Collector of North Arcot to whom instructions have been issued on the subject of his Petition".

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No 49.

To J. D. Sim Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George.

734

Bd No 1351 Sir,

From the Collr of Vizagapatam

I have the honor to forward herewith an Estimate for repairing the Cottamulah Bungalow sent in by the District Engineer.

2. This Bungalow is situated on the High Northern Road running thro' Vizianagaram and has long been in a state of disrepair which perhaps is the cause of so few travellers halting there, in 1856 Vizagapatam



four. It is however situated on the main line and deserves consideration. I therefore beg to submit the Estimate for its repair countersigned.

Vizagapatam Collectors Office 8th April 1857 } /Signed/ P. B. Smollett Collector

Bd No 1614

Order thereon, Ordered that the foregoing Estimates be transferred to the Chief Engineer with the Boards recommendation that the repairs proposed may be carried out.

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Bd No 1354

From the Civil Auditor }

Circular No 3347.

With reference to the circular from this Office of the 21st Ultimo No 3106/2 the Civil Auditor has the honor to state that-

I The second column of the Detailed list should give the date of the appointment of the individual to the situation which he is holding on the 1st May 1857 and

II. The sixth and seventh columns of form A B and C of the list of

of uncovenanted servants should give the aggregate service of the Office upto the date of his appointment to the situation which he is holding on the 1st May 1857.

Civil Auditor's Office
Fort St George,
8th April 1857 } (Signed) T. Lushington
Civil Auditor

Order thereon,
736.37

Ordered to be recorded.

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No 60

To J. D. Sim Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

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Bd No 1482
From the Collr
of Tanjore }

Sir,

With reference to the endorsement on the accompanying Government Petition+ dated the 22nd December 1856. I have the honor to state that the Enam lands therein referred to appear to have formed part of an Enam village originally held by 21 individuals in many separate grants.

+ 2997 of 1856 Herewith returned.

It is not known in which



of these grants the lands in litigation are included Petitioner affirms that they form a portion of a purchase made by himself for 6 Rupees some 16 years ago whilst his opponent declares that they are included in a purchase made by his own father Maury Padyachee 40 years back Petitioner therefore wishes to sue Wouren for the recovery of the lands.

Wouren

I see no objection to the permission being accorded under the provisions of Regulation IV of 1831.

Tanjore
21st April 1857 } (Signed) H. D. Phillips
Acting Collector

Bd No 1609
Order thereon, 1
738.39

Ordered that the foregoing

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foregoing letter be laid before Government with reference to their Endorsement dated 22d December 1856 on Petition No. 2997/1856.

2 The land referred to in this Petition appears to be part of an Inam village originally held by 21 individuals on as many separate grants.

3 The Collector sees no objection to the permission sought being accorded

For

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To

J. D. Sim Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George

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Bd No 1515

Sir,

From the Actg Coll. of Malabar

I have the honor to enclose a Statement shewing the amount of Revenue Sanderward Sanctioned per annum the amount expended from June 1856 to March 1857 the balance and the excess required for meeting the expenditure for April and May next estimated at Rs. 600 — and to request you will be good enough under the following explanation to obtain for me the Special Sanction of Government for incurring the outlay

2 The increase in the Sanderwared expenses is chiefly in the Talook and Umham Cutcherries, and is owing to the Paper used being Portuguese and French instead of China which

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which was estimated for and which is not now procurable in the District the excess on this account alone amounts to about 250 Rs. On the other hand the price of Oil at present being more than double of what it was in 1852 when the estimate was framed it has led to an increase of nearly 300 Rs. for the item.—

3 The revised Estimate called for in the Board's Circular No. 623 of the 27th February last is under preparation, and will be forwarded at an early period but the Civil Auditor objecting to pass Bills of Charges incurred without authority is the cause of my submitting this supplemental Estimate with the view of facilitating the adjustment of the accounts

Betutnad 22d April 1857

(Signed) W. Robinson
Ag. Collector
Statement

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Statement shewing the sanctioned amount of Revenue Sanderwared for Fusly 1256 (1856/57) the amount expended from June 1856 to March 1857, and the Additional amount required for meeting the expenses to the end of the Fusly.—

Huzzoor and District Revenue Sanderwared Sanctioned by Govt. 8th March 1853 — 3,661 — 7 — 6

Amount Sanctioned under date 1st April 1853 for Paper to be used in writing the Village accounts instead of Cadjans — 1072 — 4733 — 7 5

Deduct amount expended from June 1856 to March 1857 — 4523 — 10 — 4

Balance Rs. — 209 — 13 — 1

Additional sum required for meeting the expenses for April and May 1857 — Rupees 600 — —

E. E.
per (Signed) W. Robinson
Ag. Collector

740.41
Bd. No. 1610
Resolution thereon

Resolved that the letter above recorded and its enclosure be submitted for the orders of

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of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. It will be seen from the statement furnished by the Acting Collector that the total revenue saderwared sanctioned by Government for Fusly 1265 Amounted to Rupees 4,733-7-5. Of this sum Rupees 4,523-10-4 has been expended from June 1856 to March 1857, leaving a balance of only Rupees 209-13-1 to meet the expense of the remaining two months of the Fusly.

F. Government 8th in Cons. 17th March 1853
F. Do. 1st in Cons. 18th April 1853

3 The Acting Collector explains that the increase in the saderwared is owing to Portuguese and French paper having been used in the Talook and Umshom cutcherries instead of china which was estimated for, but which is not procurable in the district, and to the high price of Oil which is at present more than double what it was when the standard Estimate was framed. The excess in the item of paper amounts to about 250 Rupees and in that of Oil to nearly 300 Rupees.

4 Under these circumstances the Board suppose the Acting Collector's recommendation that sanction be granted for the estimated additional expenditure required for revenue saderwared for the months of April and May 1857 amounting to Rupees 600

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No. 136.

To J. D. Sim Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

(742)

Bd. No. 1546.
From the Collector of Tinnevelly.

Sir

I have the honor to submit translation of a Plaint in original Suit No. 1 of 1857 on the file of the Principal Sudr Ameens Court in Tinnevelly, preferred against me, Goolam Mohideen Saib, Tassildar of Punchamal Talook, Alageanumbea Pillay, late number Curnum of Padookaput in Punchamal Talook, and one Ramasawmy Nadan by chithumbala Nadan son of Aroomoogum Nadan of Padookaput Village in the said Talook, for the recovery of certain land and trees standing thereon sold on account of arrears of Revenue of Rupees 82-10-5 due by him as per sanction conveyed in Extract from Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 27th September 1856.

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2. As the object of the suit is to obtain restoration of land and trees sold in satisfaction of arrears of Revenue, which the Plaintiff alleges should have been remitted on the plea that the Board have directed the remission of tax on all trees from Fusly 1265, whereas exemption from payment of tax was accorded by the Board only in the case of scattered trees on Puttah land pay assessment the answer with reference to a correspondence which took place between the Board and this Office, in a similar case and which is here noted marginally should, I presume consist solely of a demurrer to the jurisdiction of the Court and be in terms similar to those used on that occasion.—

To the Bd. of Reve. 20th Jany /55 From Do. 22d Feby /55.—

However I beg to send for the information and revision of the Board a regular Draft of an answer to the Plaint, but should the

Board



Board be of opinion that a defence confining myself to a simple demurrer to the jurisdiction of the Court as above mentioned will be sufficient, I beg to be furnished with a Draft of the proper defence accompanied by the sanction of Government for me to defend the suit at the public expense.—

4. The time granted by the court for filing answer in the above suit will expire on the 15th Proximo.—

Tinnevelly. 25th April 1857 } /Signed/ J. Silver Collector

No. 1.

Translation of a Plaint presented to the Principal Sudr Ameen of Tinnevelly under date the 8th December 1856. by Chithumbala Nadan a farmer by profession and residing in the Village of Padookaput in the Punchamal Talook, against J. Silver Esqre Collector of Tinnevelly Goolamohideen[2] Saib, Tassildar of Punchamal Talook and residing in the Cusbah of Trichendoor, Alagheanumbea[3] Pillay late Number Curnum of the said Padookaput Village and

and now residing and holding a similar Office in the Village of Thavanulloor in the Nangoonary Talook and a Ryot named Ramasawmy Nadan son of Coombaveera Auroomsoga Nadan of Thoppe valay in the Punchamal Talook.

The Board of Revenue having directed their Proceedings of the 29th October 1855 that from Fusly 1265 the Palmyrah and other Tope trees in the District should be exempted from payment of all kinds of tax to which they were liable up to Fusly 1264, the 1st Defendant issued in the same year an order bearing Revenue No 101 accompanied by Proclamations on the above subject by means of which the orders of the Board were communicated to the 2d and 3d Defendants. While so the 1st and 2d and 3d Defendants have in spite of the above order and Proclamations levied teerwah for Fusly 1265 upon the trees standing on my Puttah lands paying assessment. Regarding this I preferred Complaints to the



the 1st Defendant on the 15th May 13th June and on the 2d October of the Current year, but he passed no orders for the remission of the teerwah charged on the trees - The 2d Defendant agreeably to the orders of the 1st Defendant sold my under-mentioned land called Malavelie and against which no arrear was outstanding to the 4th Defendant, on the 25th November 1856 for a depreciated price of Rupees 95 on account of the teerwah due for Fusly 1265 on the Palmyrah trees standing on my land which had already paid the assessment due thereon to Government and received from him, the 4th Defendant a deposit of 15 Rupees. As the Advertisement for sale stated that on payment of the remainder of the purchase money within a month the land will be made over to the pur-chaser I have brought this suit against all the Defendants including the 4th Defendant. -

The land in question which is my ancestral property and attached to the Jummabundy of Padooka-put and which is capable of yielding according to the average of 5 years an income of Rupees 30 per annum

exclusive

to the payment of the remainder Viz^t Rupees 82 14 5
on the plea that the demand from him of this sum
being the tax on the Palmyrahs in his holding was
contrary to the Board's orders as construed by
him. But as this excuse on the part of the Plain-
tiff for withholding payment of the Revenue
under notice was untenable his property was at-
tached and advertised for sale after the issue
of the usual notice to the Plaintiff and on the
25th November put up to auction with the sanction
of the Board and knocked down to the highest
bidder who was the 4th Defendant in satisfaction
of the arrears of Revenue in question.

The Plaintiffs suit is therefore
groundless.—

The Board of Revenue in an Endorsement
passed by them on Petition No 3665 of 1856 presented
to them by the Plaintiff and others on the subject
under notice have approved of the course
adopted by the 1st Defendant with respect to
the taxation of the trees belonging to the Plaintiff

(A true translation)
(Signed) J. Silver
Collector



Bd. No. 1608
Resolution thereon
(742.43)

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

2. The Plaintiff seeks to recover a piece
of land sold by the Collector for arrears of Revenue.

3 The Plaintiff maintains that he was not
liable to the tax for which his land was sold, as
all Palmirah and other Tope trees are exempted from
payment by a recent order of the Board of
Revenue.

4.— The Collector explains (and correctly) that
this is an error and that the order referred to by
Plaintiff's applied only to scattered trees standing on
puttah lands paying assessment, and not to trees in
Topes.—

From Collector 9th December 1856 in Con^t 2d March 1857
Proceedings to Collector 2d May 1857.

5 It should be remarked that Petitioner
appealed to the Board who ruled that he was
liable to the tax to which he objected.—

6 The Board are of opinion that the question
at issue is one in which the Courts of Udalut have
no jurisdiction.

7 In such cases the remedy lies in an appeal to the Board
and Government, with whom it rests to review a Collectors
proceedings

exclusive of all charges is bounded on the east by Vettady Ahuttoo and Collumpully Ahuttoo on the south by Thurmacarenthuttoo on the west by Vellianthuttu and on the north by Elloovellie field.—

Under these circumstances I humbly pray that a Decree may be passed prohibiting the said price of Mulgoozaree Poonjah land bounded as above measuring 2 7/32 chains together with the 198 Palmyra trees standing thereon from being put in possession of the 4th Defendant and cancelling the sale above mentioned.—

/signed/ Chithumbala Nadan

/True Translation/

/signed/ I. Silver
Collector

No 2.

Translation of a Draft of an answer proposed to be filed by Sashagherry Royal Government Vakeel on behalf of the 1st 2d and 3d Defendants in Original suit No 1 of 1857 on the file of the Principal Sudr Ameen Court at Tinnevelly.—

The Plaintiff sues the Defendants to obtain recovery of 2 7/32 chains of Mulgoozary Poonjah land situated within the four boundaries described in the Plaint and of 198 Palmyrah trees standing thereon



sold in satisfaction of arrears of Revenue due by him for fusly 1265. on the plea that the demand in question is the tase on Palmyrah trees in his holding entitled to exemption from tascation under the orders of the Board of Revenue dated 29th October 1855, which the Plaintiff states directed the exemption of all Palmyrahs and trees in Topes from tascation

2. It must be remarked here that the Board of Revenue in their above quoted Proceedings directed only the exemption from tase of scattered trees standing on Puttah lands paying assessment leaving the system of tasing trees in Topes to continue for the present. Accordingly the scattered Palmyrahs standing on Puttah lands belonging to the Plaintiff were in Fusly 1265. exempted from payment of tase and Rupees 2 12 1 remitted on that account in favor of the Plaintiff charging the Topes in his holding with the usual demand which together with the assessment on the lands standing registered in the name of the Plaintiff and in that of his father both in his /Plaintiffs/ enjoyment amounted to Rupees 97 10 5 for Fusly 1265. of which the Plaintiff paid Rs 15 and objected to

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to the payment of the remainder Vizt. Rupees 82 10 5 on the plea that the demand from him of this sum being the tax on the Palmyrahs in his holding was contrary to the Board's orders as construed by him. But as this excuse on the part of the Plaintiff for withholding payment of the Revenue under notice was untenable his property was attached and advertised for sale after the issue of the usual notice to the Plaintiff and on the 25th November put up to auction with the sanction of the Board and knocked down to the highest bidder who was the 4th Defendant in satisfaction of the arrears of Revenue in question.

The Plaintiffs suit is therefore groundless.—

The Board of Revenue in an Endorsement passed by them on Petition No. 3665 of 1856, presented to them by the Plaintiff and others on the subject under notice have approved of the course adopted by the 1st Defendant with respect to the taxation of the trees belonging to the Plaintiff.

(A true translation)

(Signed) J. Silver
Collector

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Bd. No. 1608
Resolution thereon
(742-43)

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

2. The Plaintiff seeks to recover a piece of land sold by the Collector for arrears of Revenue.

3 The Plaintiff maintains that he was not liable to the tax for which his land was sold, as all Palmirah and other Tope trees are exempted from payment by a recent order of the Board of Revenue.

4.— The Collector explains (and correctly) that this is an error and that the order referred to by Plaintiffs applied only to scattered trees standing on puttah lands paying assessment, and not to trees in Topes.—

From Collector 9th December 1856 in Con. 2d March 1857
Proceedings to Collector 2d May 1857.

5 It should be remarked that Petitioner appealed to the Board who ruled that he was liable to the tax to which he objected.—

6 The Board are of opinion that the question at issue is one in which the Courts of Udalut have no jurisdiction.

7 In such cases the remedy lies in an appeal to the Board and Government, with whom it rests to review a Collectors proceedings

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proceedings in revenue matters.* The Board are therefore of opinion that a demurrer to the Jurisdiction of the courts should be filed in the present case.

8 With this view they have prepared a short draft answer which is herewith submitted for approval.

9 Should the Government concur in opinion with the Board they request that sanction may be given for filing the demurrer and conducting the proceedings in the first instance at the expense of Government.—

No. 1

Draft Answer proposed by Board of Revenue.

The Collector submits on behalf of himself and the other defendants that this is not a case within the jurisdiction of the Court. There is no provision in the Regulations which authorizes the Courts to interfere in the settlement made by a Collector with the ryots or to direct the grant of any remissions. If dissatisfied with the Collector's proceedings in revenue matters it is open to a ryot to an appeal to the Board of Revenue, and to Government with whom it rests to review and overrule or confirm them which last in this case the Board of Revenue have done in their order dated 2d March 1857. On these grounds the Collector, under instructions from Government prays the Court to dismiss the suit and costs.



No. 49

To

J. D. Sim Esqre

Ag. Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort Saint George

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Bd. No. 1558

From the Ag. Collr. of Masulipatam

Sir,

Out of the Saderward and Extra Charges incurred by the late Special Assistant Collector Mr. Bird in the year 1852 a balance of Rs. 25 — has been outstanding in my accounts unadjusted owing to no accounts being forthcoming to shew the particulars or the Nature of the Charges, notwithstanding every endeavor was made to find out the details of the expenditure. The Accountant General Fort Saint George by his letter dated 8th November last No. 1620 directs that all sums advanced on account of Contingent or Saderward Charges should be adjusted before the close of the Current Official year I therefore request that you will kindly obtain sanction for debiting the sum in question to the head of Profit and

Loss

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Loss by Crediting to advances ~~[illegible]~~ on account of the service of Government.

I further beg to state that a sum of Rs. 28 – 6 – 8 was incurred for Saderwared Charges &ca. of the late special Assistant Collector the particulars of which will be seen by the accompanying Extract of Account Particular which the Civil Auditor has returned unaudited on the ground that the Charges had been incurred prior to the introduction of the preaudit System and request that you will also obtain sanction for the same to enable me to adjust the item in my accounts. This would have been submitted earlier were it not for the search for detailed accounts for the sum of Rs. 25 alluded to in the preceding para.

Masulipatam
Collrs. Cutcherry
27th April 1857

(Signed) T. J. Knox
Agt. Collector

Extract

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Extract of an Account Particular of Saderward Charges in the Revenue Department in the Zillah of Masulipatam for the Month of November 1856.

By Cash paid for lamp oil from November 1851 to June 1852 Vizt. Mds. S. C.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 – 1 – 8 | at | Rs. 1 – 8 – 6 | per | Md. | 4 – 10 – 5 |
| " – 12 – 4 | at | " 1 – 8 – " | Do. | " | 7 – 4 |
| 5 – 25 – 4 | at | " 1 – 7 – " | Do. | | 8 – 1 – 6 |
| 1 – 11 – " | at | " 1 – 6 – " | Do. | | 1 – 12 – " |
| " – 2 – 8 | at | " 1 – 4 – " | Do. | | 1 – 3 |
| 11 – 36 – 4 | at | " 1 – 2 – " | Do. | | 13 – 6 – 2 |
| 22 – 8 – 12 | | | Total | | 28 – 6 – 8 |

Masulipatam
Collrs. Cutcherry
27th April 1857
Bd. No. 1611
Proceedings thereon
744.45

(Signed) T. J. Knox
Agt. Collector

Resolved that the foregoing letter and its enclosure be submitted for the orders of the

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of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

2. Under the Circumstances stated by the Acting Collector the Board recommend that special Sanction be granted for writing off to profit and loss a balance of Rupees 25 remaining unadjusted in the accounts of his District out of the Saderwarded and Extra Charges incurred by the late Special Assistant Collector in 1852 and for a sum of Rupees 28. 6. 8. paid for lamp oil for the same Office from November 51 to June 1852 as particularised in the account particular furnished by Mr Knox.—

(746)

Bd No 1754
From the Collector of Guntoor — Read Statement shewing Decreases effected in Establishments Permanent and Temporary during the Month of March and April 1857.

(746.47)

Order thereon Ordered to be transferred to Civil Auditor

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No 36

To,

J. D. Sim Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George

(748)

Bd No 1695
From the Collr of Cudapah

Sir,

1 In accordance with the instructions contained in the Board's Circular, No 3468, dated the 24th December 1855 and that bearing date the 20th February 1857, No 545, I have the honor to submit my report on the Revenue administration of the District for the current official year ending the 30th April 1857.

2 During the season under review, the rains have been abundant and proved beneficial to the Country, The Carteekum and Uysakum crops, that is, the wet crops sown in July and November have been productive and 90 percent of which have yielded not less than 3/4 of an average crop, and 10 per cent have yielded 1/2. In dry lands dependant entirely upon rain about one half may be stated to have yielded a return of three fourths, and the remainder a moiety several heavy showers which fell whilst the cholum was in the ear

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ear, materially injured it and produced a blight, in some places a gum exuded from the ear which prevented grain being formed and reduced the quantity of the return expected.—

3 The price of grain of all kinds which on account of the last 3 years, scarcity, had risen to an almost unprecedented height Viz. double, the usual price has now fallen from 33 to 25 percent and is now at a reasonable price for the consumers.—

4 The past year cannot be said to be an healthy one fever has raged in almost every Village and proved to be of a severe nature. Small pox has made its appearance, but not to any very great extent. I am happy to say that Cholera has almost been unknown in the District during the past year.—

5 Since the month of September in many Villages a severe sickness has broken out amongst cattle, said to be similar to Cholera, and carried off large numbers in a District like Cuddapah where large and heavy cattle are required for ploughing the black soil and drawing water, and where none of this species of cattle are bred and the value of the animals high, the loss experienced by many of the ryots on account of the death of their cattle has been severely felt many sheep and goats have also died from the same disease.—

Comparative

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Comparative Statement

| Nos | Items. | Collections from 1st May 1855 to 30th April 1856.— | Collections from 1st May 1856 to 30th April 1857. | Difference Increase | Difference Decrease |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Land Revenue | 21,18465 | 21,83,627 | 65,162 | " |
| 2 | Stamps | 29,038 | 34,991 | 5,953 | " |
| 3 | Sundry Collections— | | | | |
| | Abkarry | 1,24,645 | 1,21,194 | " | 3,451 |
| | Moturpha | 1,46,624 | 1,36,753 | " | 9,871 |
| | Small Farms & Licences | 13,005 | 7,473 | " | 5,532 |
| | | 2,84,274 | 2,65,420 | " | 18,854 |
| | Total | 24,31,777 | 24,84,038 | 71,115 | 18,854 |
| 4 | Sevoy Jummah | 21,855 | 23,713 | 1,858 | " |
| | Grand Total | 24,53,632 | 25,07,751 | 72,973 | 18,854 |
| | | Net Increase | | 54,119 | " |

6. Although there is a decrease in the Land Revenue occasioned by the transfer of Poonganoor Sumstanum to North Arcot, yet from the favorableness of the season under review, there is an increase in the Land Revenue, in stamps from an increased sale of papers, and in Sevoy Jummah.—

7. There is a decrease in the Abkarry and Moturpha owing to the Poonganoor's transfer to North Arcot, as well as in small farms, &c. in consequence of that Item having been included in land Revenue in the current year agreeably to the instructions of the Accountant General.—

Statement

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## Statement of Cultivation

| Items | Cultivation from 1st May 1855 to 30th April 1856 | Cultivation from 1st May 1856 to 30th April 1857 | Difference Increase | Difference decrease |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ponjah | 11,23,291 | 11,82,665 | 59,374 | " |
| Totakal | 4,46,683 | 4,64,728 | 18,045 | " |
| Nunjah | 7,93,134 | 9,62,640 | 1,69,506 | " |
| Total | 23,63,108 | 26,10,033 | 2,46,925 | " |
| Deduct usual remission, &c. | 5,63,074 | 6,14,488 | 51,412 | " |
| Net Collections | 18,00,032 | 19,95,545 | 1,95,513 | " |
| Enam Jodee | 1,47,796 | 1,68,703 | 20,907 | " |
| Peishcush | 78,198 | 15,198 | " | 63,000 |
| Grand Total | 20,26,026 | 21,79,446 | 2,16,420 | 63,000 |
| Net Increase | | | 1,53,420 | " |

8. Notwithstanding a decrease of Rupees 63,000 occasioned by the transfer of Poonganoor to North Arcot, still there is an increase of Rupees 1,53,420 owing to the favorableness of the season and to the reduction of assessment.

Statement

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## Statement of Charges

| No. | Items | Charges from 1st May 1855 to 30th April 1856 | Charges from 1st May 1856 to 30th April 1857 | Difference Increase | Difference Decrease |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Collector's Salary, Deputation allowance, Tent allowance, House Rent, Land Revenue, Establishment, Sauderwar, Extra charges | 1,91,527 | 20,02,300 | 10,773 | " |
| 2 | Pay of Maramut Establishment | 31,926 | 1,79,602 | 1,47,676 | " |
| 3 | Pagoda & Mosque allowances | 31,597 | 27,065 | " | 4,532 |
| 4 | Pensions & Charitable allowances of a general nature; Pensions to the families &c. unconnected with the late Native Pension Fund; Superannuation Pension; Pension to families of deceased servants | 52,917 | 54,707 | 1,790 | " |
| | Total | 3,07,967 | 4,63,674 | 1,60,239 | 4,532 |
| 5 | Stamp Commission & Refund of Stamp duty | 2,897 | 4,160 | 1,263 | " |
| 6 | Pay of Cuttoobady Peons | 197 | 180 | " | 17 |
| | | 3,094 | 4,340 | 1,263 | 17 |
| | Grand Total | 3,11,061 | 4,68,014 | 1,61,502 | 4,549 |
| | Net Increase | | | 1,56,953 | " |

9. The above Statement of charges shows an increase in the items 1-2-4 and 5- The increase in the 1st is owing to the payment of Deputation allowance to the Acting Head Assistant Collector, and the arrears of salary at the increased rate to the Head Serishtadar, as per Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 8th December 1856 and also the arrears of salary due to some Serishtadar. That in the 2nd is on account of the advances made to the District Engineer after the transfer of the executive. That in the item 4 is from the payment of arrears of pension to Poligars, &c. - That in the item 5 is owing to the refunds of Stamp duty to suitors and payment of arrears and a larger amount of commission to Stamp Darogahs and Vendors is accordance with the increased sale of Stamps. The decrease in the item 3 is

occasioned



occasioned by the non-appearance of the parties within the Official year to receive their stipends.

10. In 6 Talooks of this district the Board have sanctioned the sale of certain lands for arrears of revenue, some of which were disposed of prior to the receipt of Board's Order, dated the 6th January 1857. In several cases the arrears were at once paid by the parties, but in some cases it has been found necessary to attach the property under provisions of Act XXIII of 1856.-

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Fort St George, 16th May 1857.

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Cuddapah District,
Collector's Office,
on Circuit, Poolevendalah,
4th May 1857.

Signed M. M[illegible]
Collector

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Fort St George, 16th May 1857.

No. 43.

To,
J. D. Sim, Esqre.
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St George.

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Bd No. 1756.
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Item

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| Items | Average Collection of the 5 past Official Years Rupees | Collections of 1855 156 Rupees | Collections of 1855 156 Rupees | Comparison Increase Rupees | Comparison Decrease Rupees |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Land Revenue | 20,600,48 | 19,73,508 | 20,78,854 | 105,346 | " |
| 2 Sayer | 5,008 | " | " | " | " |
| 3 Abkarry | 2,84,813 | 2,37,489 | 2,49,053 | 11,564 | " |
| 4 Moturpha | 2,59,851 | 2,31,857 | 2,27,746 | " | 4,111 |
| 5 Stamps | 26,758 | 25,566 | 29,331 | 3,765 | " |
| Total | 26,36,478 | 24,68,420 | 25,84,984 | 120,675 | 4,111 |
| | | | | 116,564 Net | |

Land Revenue.

| | |
|---|---|
| Demand for 1856/56 Fusly 1265 | 19,69,069 |
| Estimated Do. for 1856/57. Fusly 1266. | 20,96,140 |
| Increase | 1,27,071. |

The actual Demand of Land Revenue for the year has not been yet settled, but it is estimated to be about 1,27,000 Rupees above the preceding year.

4- The Charges for the year are.—

| | Items | 1855/56 | 1856/57 | Comparison Increase | Comparison Decrease |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Collections | Balance of Cash on the 1st May | 10,01,034 | 8,58,353 | " | 14,261 |
| | Receipts from 1st May to 30th April | 27,55,341 | 30,71,634 | 316,295 | " |
| | | 37,56,375 | 39,29,989 | 173,614 | " |
| Charges | Department of Public Works | 3,14,737 | 2,49,955 | " | 64,782 |
| | Judicial | 1,04,847 | 1,19,242 | 14,395 | " |
| | Military | 6,62,995 | 6,51,487 | " | 11,508 |
| | Establishment of Revenue and Police &c. | 3,64,419 | 3,59,660 | " | 4,759 |
| | Bills from Sub-Treasurers &c. | 3,78,027 | 5,87,003 | 2,08,976 | " |
| | Post Department | 12,107 | 16,067 | 3,960 | " |
| | Telegraph Department | 4,023 | 39,507 | 35,484 | " |
| | Remittances to Presidency &c. | 6,00,000 | 6,00,000 | " | " |
| | Miscellaneous Charges | 4,56,867 | 4,80,922 | 24,055 | " |
| | Total | 28,98,022 | 31,03,843 | 205,821 | " |
| | Balance | 8,58,353 | 8,26,146 | " | 32,207 |

Advantage has been taken to a much greater extent of the facilities afforded to

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to Merchants at Madras in obtaining Bills on the Bellary Treasury which must be beneficial to trade — The expenditure on the Telegraph is in consequence of the new line of Telegraph opened between Bellary and Kurnool and thence to Secundrabad, &c. — The other charges need no special remark.

— Estimated Culture —

| | Acres. | Assessment |
|---|---|---|
| Sugar Cane | 5,500 | 70,000 |
| Cotton | 1,80,000 | 2,25,000 |
| Indigo | 1,000 | 3,900 |
| What | 4,000 | 9,000 |

5- The Cultivation of the products of Sugar, Cotton, Indigo and Wheat has been on the increase during the year.

6- The Talook of Gollem, which suffered most severely from the drought in 1853/54, has recovered and agricultural operations are greatly extending — In expectation of the modified assessment and encouraged by the late high prices, a large quantity of land has been broken up on Cowle tenure which I have no doubt will, for the most part, be retained after the full assessment becomes

— Gollem Talook —
Land on Cowle.

| | Acres. | Survey Assessment. | Average per acre |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cultivation of Fusly 1266 | 16,321 | 47,615 | 3 |
| Expected Cultivation of Fusly 1267 | 9,203 | 27,765 | 3 |

becomes due if that assessment is made moderate under the expected revision. In other Blackland Taluks similar Cowle operations have been carried on, though not to such an extent. It seems to be an indication of returning prosperity.

7- The liberty now conceded to Ryots to relinquish what lands they pleased, was briefly alluded in my last report. These were lands thrown up in Fasly 1265 to the amount of upwards 3 lacs of Rupees. But this has enabled the ryots to take up other lands according to their ability; and the reduction in the assessment will enable them to do this to a greater extent. This measure has no doubt been a very great boon to the ryots and at a small sacrifice of present revenue only to Government; for a large proportion of the land relinquished entirely was merely nominally retained in the ryots Puttah, as remissions had to be given for the portions left uncown.

8. Relief in another shape has been afforded this year to the producers of the Sugar Cane by the remission of a half assessment on one Crop of land cultivated with the cane; on which

See Proceedings Board of Revenue under date the 12th April 1856.



which one full and two half assessments used to be taken. This will amount to about 25,000 Rupees, but is confined as to a comparatively small portion of the agricultural population.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue 16th April 1857.

9- And I have only lately received the orders of Government permitting the immediate reduction (pending the final orders now preparing for the revision of the assessment) of all lands assessed as Dry above 3 Rupees and as irrigated above 12 Rupees one Crop, to those rates. This, it is estimated, will give relief to the extent of about 56,000 Rupees on this years demand; but principally it will be observed, in the irrigated lands. The Dry lands will benefit but little by this measure, but as I trust when the final measures are communicated to me, I shall find that a much greater relief has been authorized for the

| | Rupees |
|---|---|
| Dry | 6,000 |
| Irrigated | |
| Tanks | 5,000 |
| " Nallahs | 35,000 |
| " Wells | 10,000 |
| | 56,000 |

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the Dry Cultivation, the highest assessment for any Dry lands proposed by me having been 2 Rupees.

Order Board of Revenue dated 30th April 1855.

10. Advantage during the year has been taken by the ryots of the permission to improve their lands at their own expense, without subjecting themselves to extra taxation on that account to the following extent.

| Works. | Estimated Cost | Extent of Cultivation: Estimated Acres | Actual |
|---|---|---|---|
| 17 Tanks | 23,310 | 356 | 26 |
| 5 Nallahs | 800 | 50 | 25 |
| 697 Wells. | 64,500 | 1871 | 1531 |

The above is not quite an accurate account as the returns of 3 Talooks are not complete—There are more works of the kind in contemplation.

11. A Return shewing the permanent relief from taxation in the Bellary District during the last 15 years, is enclosed, as directed by the Board of Revenue. It amounts to Rupees 3,34,472, the chief item being

C.O. 20th March 1857.



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being in the Customs. See margin—

| | Rupees |
|---|---|
| Land Revenue | 1131 |
| Moturpha | 1992 |
| Customs | 330750 |
| Sundry | 599 |
| | 334472 |

This is independant of the remission of assessment given in the present year as already noticed, and which is estimated at about 75,000 Rupees.

12. There is still much to be done to put the District into that state in which it is desirable to see it—But the anticipated remission of the Land assessment, the contemplated (entire or partial) abolition of the Moturpha which is very heavy in Bellary, and the projected improvement in the irrigation of the District, hold out hopes of relief to the country as will place it in a very favorable position among the Ryotwary Districts of this Presidency.

13. In the Department of Public Works, which has, during the year, been transferred entirely to the District Engineer, nothing of magnitude has been done. The Department has as present

present been confined to the examination of projects of extended River irrigation on the Toombadra, Hnggry and Pennar Rivers, but nothing as yet been determined on. The following works have been in progress. The Minor Bridge and Drain works on 287 Miles of Road made during the famine in 1853/54 on the following Roads.

Bellary from Auloor to Kodowoor.
——— " ——— " ——— Do. — to Madaverum.
Adonie to Gootty. —
Gootty to Mysore frontier (Bangalore Road)
Gootty to Kurnool. —

The construction of Trunk Road No. 12 and the Pennar Bridge these have proceeded but slowly — The Bridging of the two 1st stages of the Bellary and Dharwar Road — The completion of the Bashigondanahully Annient and general progress in all works not affected by the restrictive order of 1st May 1856.

14 — The European Officers associated in the Revenue administration of the District were. —

Mr



Mr. C. Pelly, Collector.
The Honorable Mr. Arbuthnot, Sub-Collector
Mr. R. Horsley, Acting Head Assistant Collector.
Mr. J. D. Goldingham, Do. Do.

Mr. R. Horsley, as is known, met with his death from robbers who entered his house and one of whom it is supposed he seized when he was stabbed by an accomplice —

Bellary District,
Collector's Office,
Rumandroog, —
8th May 1857.

(Signed) C. Pelly,
Collector.

Return

7584 Fort St. George, 16th May 1857.

No. 76.

To,

J. D. Sim, Esqre.
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

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B. No. 1784
From the Actg. Collr.
of Tanjore.

Sir,

With reference to your Acting Sub Secretary's letter No. 1371 dated the 1st instant, I have the honor to forward herewith a revised Statement showing the average monthly disbursements from each Talook Treasury in this District, also the number and salaries of the Shroffs employed at each.

As it is not clear whether the monthly remittances to the Hoozoor Treasury which are likewise a disbursement so far as the local Treasuries are concerned, should be included or not in the return called for two Columns have been opened in the Statement one including the remittances with the other disbursements the other without them.

Tanjore,
Collector's Office,
11th May 1857.

(Signed) H. D. Phillips
Acting Collector.

7583 Fort St. George, 16th May 1857.

Enclosure No. 1.

Return shewing the permanent relief from taxation afforded to the people in the Bellary District during the last 15 years prepared agreeably to the Form prescribed in the Circular Order of the Board of Revenue dated 20th March 1857.

| No. | Name | Nature of Item | Year of abolition | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Amount | |
| 1 | Small Farmsand Licenses | Certain Sundry Collections made on these farms | 1258 | 599 Vide Order of Supreme Government dated 6 March 1849 |
| | | | Total Rupees | 334,472 |

(Signed) C. Pelly, Collector.

Bellary District, Collector's Office, 8th May 1857. Ordered to be recorded

748.50 Order thereon

7584 Fort St. George, 16th May 1857.

No. 76.

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Tanjore,
Collector's Office,
11th May 1857.

(Signed) H. D. Phillips,
Acting Collector.

7585 Fort St. George, 16th May 1857

Statement Showing the Monthly average disbursements during Fusly 1265 from the Hoozoor and Talook Treasuries and other particulars in the District of Tanjore.—

| Names of Talooks. | Average monthly disbursements. Including remittances to the Hoozoor Treasury. | Excluding remittances to the Hoozoor Treasury. | Shroffs employed at each Treasury. No. | Salary |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Rs A P | Rs A P | | Rs A |
| Trivady | 48,532 12 8 | 13,667 " " | 2 | 17 8 |
| Paupanasem | 34,977 10 6 | 6,546 4 " | 2 | 17 8 |
| Trivalore | 33,014 9 " | 4,677 14 " | 2 | 17 8 |
| Keevaloor | 56,024 10 " | 7,108 10 " | 2 | 17 8 |
| Tirtrapoondy | 39,741 " " | 8,686 6 " | 2 | 17 8 |
| Puttoocottah | 48,613 " " | 7,243 8 " | 2 | 17 8 |
| Manargoody | 41,329 12 6 | 4,748 8 " | 2 | 17 8 |
| Nunnillum | 27,688 5 4 | 3,427 4 " | 2 | 17 8 |
| Codavassel | 31,482 4 10 | 2,366 4 " | 2 | 17 8 |
| Tranquebar | 6,157 3 " | 1,691 10 " | 1 | 5 " |
| Mayaveram | 29,698 2 1 | 4,089 1 " | 2 | 17 8 |
| Cotallum | 30,113 11 9 | 4,457 13 " | 2 | 17 8 |
| Combacomum | 57,352 4 2 | 20,098 8 " | 2 | 17 8 |
| Sheally | 39,958 15 6 | 11,772 12 " | 2 | 17 8 |
| Perullum | 28,172 4 11 | 3,168 4 " | 2 | 17 8 |
| Velungaman | 34,282 15 1 | 3,526 4 " | 2 | 17 8 |
| Hoozoor Treasury | 51,663 9 11 8 | 312,473 1 " | 7 | 119 " |

To assist these shroffs, one or two additional hands are employed in each Talook who are paid out the Nantenennis Funds.

+ Includes remittances to the Presidency and other places
Excludes Do Do Do Do

Tanjore, 11th May 1857.
Order thereon.
(751-52)

(Signed) H. D. Phillips
Acting Collector

Ordered to lie over.—

7586 Fort St. George, 16th May 1857.

No. 93.

To, J. D. Sim, Esqre.
Acting Secretary to the Court of Wards,
Madras.

(753)

Bd. No. 1781.
From the Ag. 1st Assistant Acctt. General.

Sir,

I am directed by the Accountant General to transmit to you the receipt No. 131, received with your letter of the 6th Ultimo for the purpose of being forwarded to Calcutta to be exchanged for a Promissory Note of the Government of India.

I request you will be pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the enclosure.

Fort St. George, Acctt. Genl's. Office, 14th May 1857.

(Signed) J. Breeks,
Ag. 1st Assistt. Acctt. Genl.

To,
The Accountant General.

(754)

Bd. No. 1589.
To the Acctt. General.

Sir,

I am directed by the Court of Wards to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 14th May 1857, No. 93, together with

In Cons 16th May 1857.

7587 Fort St. George, 16th May 1857.

with a Receipt for a Treasury acknow-
=ledgment for Rupees (1,50,000) One lac and
fifty thousand, belonging to the
Minor Zemindar of Shevagungah -

Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
16th May 1857. - To,

(Signed) J. D. Sim,
Acting Secretary -

Bd. No. 1588.
To the Sub
Treasurer -
(753·55)

The Sub Treasurer -

Sir,

In accordance with the in-
=structions conveyed in a letter
from the Accountant General,
dated 29th September 1856, I am
directed by the Court of
Wards to transmit to you
for deposit the accompanying
Accountant General's Receipt No. 131
for

7588 Fort St. George 16th May 1857 -

for Rupees (1,50,000) One lac and fifty
thousand, appertaining to the Sheva-
=gungah Zemindary in the
District of Madura. -

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
16th May 1857. -

(Signed) J. D. Sim,
Acting Secretary -

Statement

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Fort St. George 16th May 1857.

Bd. No. 1612.

Statement showing the State of the Season in the undermentioned Districts for the Month of April 1857.

| District and Date. | Rainfall. | State of the Crops and the Cultivation operations. | Prices whether high or low, rising, falling, or Stationary. | Further Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mt. No. 982 South Arcot d/2nd in Cons 6th May 1857. | On and about the 8th heavy hail storms occurred in Cuddalore and other parts of the District. The Stones which fell at Cuddalore were very large and did much damage to the growing Crops and fruit trees. Several Scanty and partial showers of rainfell after the middle of the Month, and on the 28th and 29th it rained very heavily doing much good to the standing Crops, and enabling the ryots to prepare the first lands for Cultivation. | Owing to the want of occasional showers in February and March the yield of the Indigo and Gingeely Oil plants which have been cut to a considerable extent is small. Scarcely any cultivation was made during the Month. | Stationary. The average rates have been as follows at and near Cuddalore - while paddy 30 Madras measures, Cumboo 25 Madras Measures & Raggy 27. Bengal Gram 8 and Horse Gram 17 Madras Measures per Rupee. In the interior they were about 10 or 12% lower. The price of Indigo (now manufacturing) varies according to quality from 500 to 593 Rupees per Candy of 500 lbs. Groundnut Oil sells at about 50 Rupees the Candy, but there is not much of this or of Indigo in the Market. The demand for articles of Export to Europe was not so pressing as usual, owing, it is supposed, to diminished prices at Home. | The prospects of the Season are promising. Disease among Cattle has greatly abated and the District is very healthy. The settlement is not quite completed, but it will be about 20,000 Rupees above that of the last year on record. |

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| Mg. No. 988. North Arcot d/ 5th in Cons/ 7th May 1857. | There was an average fall of half an inch throughout the District. Trivuttoor had the largest and Vellore Taloq the smallest share of it. — | Sumbah, Tobacco, Chillies and Vaircadalay are being harvested. Hot Raggy, Yellow and Onions have been sown in dry lands where well irrigation is practicable and Munacuttay, not Raggy and Sugar Cane in Wet lands. Indigo has been cultivated to the extent of 506 Cawnies in Trivellum Taloq. — | Paddy has fallen in price in the District and so has rice in the Chittoor Bazars. The average prices are as below, | Pasturage is scarce in consequence of the want of rain for the past 3 months. Cattle have died from disease in some places. Cholera still exists in Tiv. vellum and fever and ague are prevalent in Palmanair. |
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To,
The Acting Collector
of Ganjam.

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Bd. No. 1601
To the Acting Collector of Ganjam

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(Margin)
Received
January's 2d March/57.
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3. The Government, as you are aware, are particularly desirous having the Board's Statement by the 15th of each month and as there can be no reason why the Ganjam returns alone should be delayed when those of every other district are received with punctuality you will incur the serious displeasure of Government if your future Statements are not transmitted with greater punctuality.—

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4. I am desired to request that you will furnish explanation of the delay whenever your Statements are not forwarded so as to reach the Board by the 10 of each month.—

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
16th May 1857.—

(Signed) J. D. Sim,
Acting Secretary.

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To, The Acting Collector
of Guntoor.

Bd. No. 1587.
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Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous letters and Statements

759 Mr. No 1077. From the Coll.r of South Arcot. — Additional Estimate of Extra charges proposed to be incurred in Fasly 1266.

760 No 1078. From the Coll.r of South Arcot. — Return of Village Officers suspended or dismissed under Regulation VII of 1831 for April 1857.

761 No 1079. From the Coll.r of Chungleput. — Account Current of Sales for April 1857.

762 No 1072. From the Coll.r of Nellore. — Statement of the value of Gold and Silver Bullion and Specie Imported by Sea for April 1857.

763 No 1073. From the Coll.r of Sea Customs Madras. — Export Statement of Bullion and Specie for April 1857.

764 No 1074. From the Coll.r of Sea Customs Madras. — Importe Statement of Bullion and Specie for April

765 No 1075. From the Actg Coll.r of Nellore. — Statement shewing the quantity of Salt in store available for exportation to Chittagong and Calcutta on the 30th of April 1857.

766 No 1076. From the Coll.r of South Arcot. — Statement shewing the quantity of Salt in store available for exportation to Chittagong and Calcutta on the 30th April 1857.