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Diary

(1) 23rd November

From the Collector of Trichinopoly — Submitting an application from his Assistant Mr. R. S. Sullivan requesting leave of absence for three years under Section V of absentee rules published at page 142 of the last St. George Gazette for the year 1840 to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificate.

(1-2) Order thereon. — Ordered to be submitted to Government for disposal thro' the Channel of the Civil Auditor.

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Fort St. George 2d. December 1841

At a Meeting Present

Thursday 2d. December 1841

John Dent Esqre. Senior Member
G. D. Drury Esqre. Second Member
Walter Elliot Esqre. Third Member

and

Alexander Maclean Esqre. Temporary Member

Minutes of the last Meeting read and approved.

Read the following Extract.

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From the Acting Chief Secretary to Government communicating certain letters from the Acting Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of Police and the resolution passed thereon for the information & regarding certain Organ Toddy Shops and with a view to enquiry being instituted into the conduct of the Establishment of the Collector of Madras who are charged with having encouraged the late combination among the arrack and Toddy shop keepers within his collectorate—

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 2d. November 1841.

Read the following

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department dated 27th. October 1841.

The following papers are ordered to be recorded.

From the Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of Police } Received 2d. October 1841

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To the Acting Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George

Sir,

1. In submitting the report called for in the Orders of Government of the

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the 5th. Instant on Petitions Nos. 1654 and 1655 of 1841 from certain Bakers and Toddy Shop keepers at the Presidency, I think it right at the same time to place the Right Honorable the Governor in Council in possession of all the circumstances connected with the late combination among the Arrack and Toddy Shop keepers at Madras which subjected the Public to inconvenience and the Government to loss of Revenue.

2. For this purpose it will be proper briefly to recite the reasons which from time to time rendered it expedient to deviate somewhat from the course prescribed by Sec. 4 of the Police Regulations and the mode which was finally adopted for the issue of Arrack and Toddy Shop Licenses by the Collector of Madras instead of the Superintendent of Police

3. The provisions on this subject contained

contained in the 1st and 4th Sections of the Regulation cited above, was generally in force up to the year 1832, and the Collector of Madras in his capacity of Justice of the Peace signed the Licenses in conjunction with the Superintendent of Police. As this was however found to be inconvenient it was agreed in the above year that the Collector alone should issue the Licenses and furnish the Superintendent of Police at the beginning of each Fasly, with a list of the persons to whom Arrack and Toddy Shop Licenses were granted but this has not been regularly observed.

4. In process of time Mr. Elliot deemed it necessary to enquire into the cause of the great increase of drunkenness in Madras, and finding that the greater number of the Arrack and Toddy Shops had besides the public entrance, one or two private ones, through which bad characters were allowed to pass and

and congregate which is expressly forbidden by the 13th Section of the Regulation, in consequence of which breaches of the peace constantly occurred and great facilities were thereby afforded for sending liquor out of the Shops to be drunk in the Houses of Individuals which also is forbidden by the 9th Clause of the Regulation, he ordered all these private entrances to be closed and at the time came to an understanding with the Collector, that thence forward at the period of issuing the Licenses annually it should be stipulated that no Shop would be permitted to have more than one entrance, with a view to enable the Police the better to watch the proceedings of the Shop keepers and the more effectually to repress all irregularities.

5. In consequence of certain private information which I received of the existence of the grossest irregularities

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in the Arrack and Toddy Shops; which was confirmed by the occurrence of a very serious assault committed on the 14th. Ultimo in an Arrack Shop by the servants of the Proprietor on an individual who was very nearly killed thereby I considered the time had arrived when it became my duty to inquire whether the provisions of the 10th. Section of the Regulation were observed, more especially as in the course of the investigation into the above case it was discovered not only that the servants who were left in the management of the Shop had received in contravention of the provisions of the 19th. Section of the Regulations a brass disk in pledge for liquor but that the principal servant was himself in a state of intoxication when the assault was committed. The result of that enquiry showed that the said provisions were very generally evaded and the Arrack and Toddy Shop keepers who were brought before me for an infraction of

of these provisions were accordingly sent by me before the Magistrates who punished them according to Law.

6. The Arrack and Toddy Shop keepers then presented two Petitions to the Collector of Madras and threatened to close their Shops unless the fines which were imposed on them by the Magistrates were immediately remitted. These Petitions were forwarded to me by the Acting Collector with a request that I would afford the redress prayed for, but as it was not my practice to pay attention to the threats of a Mob of Buzaarmen, and more especially as I have not the power to annul the decisions of my brother Magistrates. I returned the Petitions to the Acting Collector explaining my reasons for not acceding to his recommendation.

1 From the Acting Collector dated 18th and 20th Sept. 1841.

2 To the Acting Collector dated 18th Sept. 1841.

7. To my surprize the Arrack and Toddy Shops keepers were permitted immediately

3 Depositions of Arnachella Gramany and Appilamany Gramany.

immediately afterwards to carry their threat into execution. It will be seen from depositions taken by me on Oath from one Arnachella Gramany and Appilamany Gramany copies of which are herewith submitted, that the Toddy Shop keepers at first intended to continue the usual supplies of Toddy to the Bakeries for the manufacture of bread, but were afterwards at the instigation of the Amildar of the Collector's Cutcherry induced to withhold the same. On this the Bakers solicited the aid of the Collector's Department, as was granted on former occasions when similar combinations were entered into by the Toddy Shop keepers, to obtain for them their usual supplies of Toddy but their prayer having been rejected by the Acting Collector they appealed to me I could only however regret that it was not

in my power to accede to their wishes, which appeared to me to be fair and reasonable, and I accordingly endorsed their Petition a copy of which and of my Endorsement together with a copy of the Petition presented to the Acting Collector and of that Officers Endorsement thereon, are also submitted for the information of Government.

4 Petition from the Bakers of Madras dated 22d Sept. 1841 with the endorsement of the Acting Chief Magistrate of the same date.

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The inconvenience experienced by the public in consequence of the combination of the Toddy Shop keepers to withhold from the Bakers their usual supplies of Toddy becoming daily greater, I determined to put the conspiracy down by giving effect to the provisions of Police Regulation No 6 but before doing so I deemed it proper to cause my intention to be notified to the parties concerned by beat of Tom-Tom in various parts of the Town,

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and this is one of the acts complained of by the Toddy Shop keepers in Para 4 of their Petition. No attention having been paid to the notification, and the supplies of Toddy to the Bakers continuing still to be withheld, I caused a few of the Conspirators to be summoned, but the Prosecutors in only two of the cases having attended at the Police Office, the Magistrates proceeded on their examinations. In the first of these cases the Magistrates endeavoured as far as possible to avoid proceeding to extremities, but the defendant by his insolent bearing before the Bench and his stipulating that the fines should be remitted as will be seen from the accompanying copy of the Proceedings held in his case, satisfied the Magistrates that they had no alternative but to make an example of him, and accordingly

6 Extract from the Minute Book of the Sitting Magistrates dated 25th Sept. 1841.

accordingly they sentenced him under the provisions of the 2d Section of the Regulation cited above to receive 2 dozn. Stripes and to confinement for four Months with Labour on the roads. In the other case the Defendant who had been previously fined for leaving his Shop in the management of Servants appearing to have acted under an erroneous impression, the Magistrates simply admonished him; and in both cases, they recommended for the sake of example that the Licenses granted should be withdrawn and the parties declared unfit to be entrusted with Shops hereafter. The correspondence with the Acting Collector of Madras to which this recommendation gave rise is already before Government, having been submitted with my letter of the 2d Instant.

9. The example made by the Magistrates combined with the portions of the Acting Collector made only after the

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To the Asst. Collr. dated 25th Novr. 1841

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the receipt of the order of Government of the 25th Ultimo No. 1212, as will be seen from the correspondence which passed on the occasion a copy of which as noted in the Margin is likewise submitted, had the happy effect of causing all the Toddy and Arrack Shop keepers on the day following, to open their Shops and the inconvenience so long experienced by the public from the difficulty of procuring liquor was at once removed.

10. The only further complaint in the Petition of the Toddy Shop keepers which appears to me to require notice is the allegation set forth in the 6th Para. The rule which the Petitioners call "new" is that contained in the 10th Section of Police Regulation No. 4, and it has been in existence since the enactment of that Regulation in the year 1812. It is not true that the provisions have for a long period been allowed to be dormant and

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but have now suddenly and without any notice been brought into operation, for no instance of an infraction of them has ever been brought to the notice of the Magistrates that has not been at once visited with the punishment it deserved and accordingly on the 6th July last an Arrack Shopkeeper named Soobaroyaloo a worthless and abandoned character was fined in the sum of Rupees 70 the highest penalty it is in the power of the Magistrates to inflict for leaving his Shop in the Management of his servants. The truth is that in some cases persons possessing influence with the Headservants in the Collectors Office obtain Licenses in their own names and make them over to parties wholly destitute of reputation in others the persons obtaining Licenses quit the Presidency and leave their shops entirely under the management of servants who forgetting

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The Petition from the Bakers which contains no specific complaints against the Police does not appear to call for special notice.—

12 I cannot conclude this report without making a few observations on the lax manner in which it would appear the Licenses are issued in the Collectors Cutcherry and the unwillingness evinced by that Department to cooperate with the Police in putting down the late combination.—

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restrict each Shop to one entrance, but it would appear that this condition was either forgotten or not generally enforced, because if it had been enforced the private entrances to many of the Shops would either have been closed or shut up in such a way under the superintendence of the Revenue Officers as to have rendered it impracticable for the Shopkeepers to re-open them. But that the provisions of the 4th Section of the Regulation were not at all attended to in the Collector's Office, is abundantly evident from the circumstance of three and in some instances of four Licenses having been issued in the name of one individual for the establishment of Shops in different parts of the Town.—

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the Regulation which requires that the parties to whom Licenses are sold should be persons of approved character, but in this matter the Collector seems to have been influenced by pecuniary considerations for in several instances the licenses have been granted to disreputable persons who ought never to have been entrusted with them, such for instance as the Arrack Shop keeper referred to in the 10th Para who was concerned in the murder of one Rugava Chetty which occurred Last year.

14. Enough I trust has been stated to satisfy the Government that the Magistrates in their Proceedings have acted legally without precipitation and without any want of attention to the Public interests and welfare. Could the Magistrates by any possibility have foreseen that the late inconvenience to the public would have been the result of their proceedings they doubtless would

would have acted with greater caution, but however that may be, the result, which they could not have anticipated, might with the utmost care have been prevented by the Acting Collector, by cooperation with myself, and by the judicious and vigorous exercise of the powers vested in him. If when the Arrack and Toddy Shopkeepers threatened to close their Shops the Acting Collector had at once declared, that the former by such conduct would forfeit their Licenses, and that he would proceed to their resale, there is not a shadow of doubt but that the parties would have paused before they carried their threat into execution, and if when the Bakers at the Presidency solicited the aid of the Acting Collector to procure for them their usual supplies of Toddy, he had immediately afforded it (as he ought to have done) the eyes of the Toddy Shopkeepers would have been opened to their own interests, and there is every reason to believe they also would not have persisted in their opposition, which would then have been of

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no avail in effecting their intentions to inconvenience the public, while it would at the same time have been injurious to their own interest.—

15. From the Petition of the Bakers it appears that the Toddy Shopkeepers entered into a similar combination to deprive the public of bread at the time the late Moorgapa Moodely rented the Abkhary Revenues but that that person by judicious and energetic measures defeated the intention of the Shopkeepers. If the Renter could do this, it is not too much to presume that the Collector had it in his power to do likewise, if he chose to call into exercise the powers vested in him for that purpose.—

16. It is within the knowledge of Government that the Supreme Court have annulled the decision of the Magistrates in the case of Veerasawmy Gramany the Toddy Shopkeeper who was convicted by them of being

being a party to the late combination, and punished for the sake of example, and a better subject for the sake of example could hardly have been selected. Veerasawmy Grammy was not brought before the Magistrates for any breach of Section 10 of Police Regulation No. 2, but he nevertheless acted a very prominent part in the combination and was mainly conducive in investigating the rest of the Toddy Shopkeepers to close their Shops, in addition to this he is a man of indifferent Character.—

Madras
Genl. Police Office
15th October 1841.

} Signed J. H. Bell.
Offg. Chief Magistrate
and Superintt. of Police.

To.
The Acting Chief Magistrate
and Superintendent of Police

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose two Original petitions from the Arrack and Toddy Shopkeepers respectively complaining

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of fines imposed upon them at the Police Office and of an order given by it requiring the petitioners themselves to conduct the sales instead of their servants according to long established usage. The case appears to be so fully and satisfactorily explained by them that I hope it may induce you to reconsider your decision with a view to its revision, as otherwise I apprehend that the Abkarry revenues of Madras will be most materially affected in as much as several of the petitioners will in consequence relinquish their Shops, to the detriment of the interests of Government. If their fault be that they did not obtain "leave" from your Office under Section 10 of Police Regulation No. 6 to allow the sales to be conducted by their servants perhaps you will not now refuse it, but there past omission, which may be ascribed wholly to their ignorance of the provisions of the Police Regulation, will, I trust be condoned

overlooked particularly from the peculiar manner in which the Arrack and Toddy Shops are settled within the Madras Collectorate, which was considered a sufficient reason for Government on more occasions than one, to authorize certain alterations in the rules laid down in that Regulation to be made for the convenience of Dealers and the protection of the revenue.-

Madras
18th September 1841 } Signed J. A. Huddleston
Acting Collector.

To,

The Acting Chief Magistrate
and Superintendent of Police

Sir,

After dispatching my letter to you under date the 18th Instant, it was represented to me that the whole of the Arrack Shops at Madras were shut up in consequence of the recent proceedings at the Police Office against the holders of several of them. The loss of revenue thereby occasioned

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occasioned to Government, exceeds Rupees 700 per diem. It will rest with superior authority to whom a reference may eventually become requisite to determine whether payment of the revenue withheld since Saturday last can legally be inforced. In the mean time, to prevent any actual loss, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to afford the parties speedy redress, as I have just received a further petition from the Arrack Shopkeepers repeating the grounds upon which they were induced to relinquish their sales, and claiming compensation equal to their anticipated profit for the unexpired portion of the present lease.—

Madras - - - - -
20th September 1841

(Signed) J. A. Huddleston.
Acting Collector.—

To,

The Acting Collector of
Madras.—

Sir,

With reference to your

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letters of the 18th Instant and of this date, I have the honor to inform you that as the fines which were imposed on the Arrack and Toddy Shopkeepers at the Police Office for a Breach of Clause 10 of Police Regulation No IV were inflicted by the sitting Magistrates it is not in my power to remit them.— I am unable to say whether the Revenue which has been withheld since Saturday last can legally be enforced or not, but so long as the present Regulation remains in force the Police Department has no choice left but to act up to the spirit and intent of that Regulation; and not one of the Arrack or Toddy Shopkeepers who appeared before me pleaded ignorance of it, and I presume they were made acquainted with the provisions of it when the Licenses were granted at the Office of the Collector.—

I have the honor to return the

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the two Petitions which accompanied your letter of the 18th. Instant.

Madras
Genl. Police Office
18th. September 1841.

(Signed) J. H. Bell.
Actg. Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of Police.

A true Extract
(Signed) J. H. Bell.
Actg. Chief Magistrate and Supt. of Police.

The Information of Vencatachella Gramny an Inhabitant of Madras

I am of the Toddy drawer caste and live in Royapooram of Madras I had a Toddy Shop near my house for about thirty years and was paying a tax of Twenty Eight fanams a day to the Collector of Madras. In the Month of Margalee or December last, I endeavoured to get a first sort Shop in Black Town and having failed in doing so, I shut up my Shop on the following Month and did not reopen it. In the beginning of the current month (September) the Magistrates first entered Arrack and Toddy Shopkeepers came for-

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having two Doors to their Shops, and the others forgiving up the management of their Shops entirely to strangers. Upon which all the Arrack Shopkeepers assembled and consulted together and shut up their Shops. When Paravoorama Gramny and his brother-in-law Permall Gramny residing in Triplicane, Vencata Gramny residing in Pondicarpet, Pondaroya Gramny and Apparoo Gramny, residing in Black Town and some others who are the friends of Soobiah the Amildar of Toddy Shops employed in the Kutcherry of the Collector of Madras, assembled all the Toddy Shopkeepers in the house of the said Paravoorama Gramny and told them that if they (Toddy Shop keepers) would shut up their Shops and Petition the Collector of Madras that some of their had been unjustly fined by the Magistrates, the Amildar would do every thing in his power to get the fines remitted

remitted - they consented, but proposed that Toddy should be supplied to the Bakers by those who were in the habit of doing so before. On the following day the Toddy Shop keepers went to the Cutcherry of the Collector with a Petition but without shutting their Shops as proposed on the preceding night - when the Amildar told them that "different caste people became one caste, and one caste people became different," that is to say, the Arrack Shop keepers who are of different Caste people formed one opinion and closed their Shops, and the Toddy Shop keepers who are of only one Caste did not form one opinion and close their Shops - after which the Toddy Shopkeepers determined to close their Shops and did so accordingly on the following day Tuesday the 21st Instant. After the Toddy Shop keepers presented the Petition to the Collector, the Amildar spoke to the Sheristadar

Sheristadar on their behalf, and the Sheristadar spoke to the Collector, and then the Amildar told the Toddy Shop keepers that the Collector had promised that he would write to the Board of Revenue on their behalf, and get them a favorable answer, and advised them at the same time to Petition the Board of Revenue on the subject, accordingly the Toddy Shop keepers prepared a Petition and presented it to the Board. If the Amildar and Sheristadar had not advised the Toddy Shop keepers to close the Shops as the Arrack Shop keepers did, and promise that they would do them every service in their power, they, Toddy Shop keepers, would not close the Shops nor were they about to do so. On the same day when the Toddy Shops were closed the Amildar sent some Peons to those persons who were in the habit of supplying Toddy to the Bakers

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and took away from them the pass or permit, which had been granted to them for the supply of Toddy to the Bakers, to prevent them from making the supply to the Bakers.

Sworn at the Genl. Police Office in Madras, the Contentes having been first explained by the Sworn Interpreter this 25th Day of September 1841.

/Signed/ L. Arnachellam

Before me

/Signed/ J. H. Bell.

Justice of the peace.

A true Copy

/Signed/ J. H. Bell.

Offg Chief Magistrate

and Supt. of Police.

The Information of Appulanany Gramany an Inhabitant of Madras.

I am a Toddy drawer. Caste and live in Triplicane of Madras. On account of certain fines having been imposed upon Arrack and Toddy Shop keepers at the Police Office, the Arrack Shop keepers shut up their Shops on Friday or Saturday before last, and so on.

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on Monday following the Toddy Shop keepers, about 40 or 50 in number, went to the Collectors Cutcherry with a Petition to be presented to the Collector of Madras. I accompanied them at the time it was then about 11 O'Clock in the forenoon. On their arrival at the Cutcherry they said that they should first see the Amildar of Toddy Shops employed in the Collectors Cutcherry and consult with him on the subject, so saying they went to the room where the Amildar used to have his Cutcherry. On seeing them the Amildar said "The different "Caste people became one Caste, and the "one Caste people became different "Caste." and then he explained to them that the Arrack Shop keepers who are of a different Caste joined together and with one opinion. they shut up their Shops four days ago. you are not so, you all are of one Caste, you have not as yet shut your Shops up. On hearing this, the Toddy

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Shop keepers consulted together and determined to shut up their shops on that very day and to take off the Buggs from the trees. I did not see the Petition in question prevented to the Collector, nor do I know whether or not the Petition was prevented on that day. I returned home immediately with many of the Toddy Shop keepers. all the Toddy Shops were shut up that day, before that no Shop was shut. The shops were shut by the advice of the Amildar. If he had not desired us to shut our shops they never would have been shut. as he is the Amildar we dared not disobey his Commands.

Sworn to at the General Police Office in Madras, the contents having been first explained by the Sworn Interpreter, this 28th day of September 1841.

/Signed/ Appilamany
Gramany.

Before me
/Signed/ J. H. Bell.
Justice of the Peace.

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ J. H. Bell.
Off. Chief Magistrate
and Sup.t of Police.

To

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J. H. Bell. Esq.re
Chief Magistrate of the Police
Madras.

The humble Petition of
the Bakers of Madras

Humbly Sheweth.

That since the establishment of the British Government in India, your Petitioners ancestors have carried on the trade of baking Bread and supplying the same to the British Community at the Residency, but at the time of the Collectorship of the late Mr. Ellis, the Toddy Drawers having refused to draw that article and shut the Toddy Shops, your Petitioners reported the circumstance to that Gentleman, and he was pleased to cause the drawing of Toddy by hired drawers and supplied that article to your Petitioners. That at the time Contractorship of P. Maroogapah Moodelly, a dispute having

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having occurred between him and the Toddy drawers, the latter closed the Toddy shops and refused drawing Toddy, when the said contractor got Gentoo Toddy drawers and supplied your Petitioners with that article. As however some difference has now taken place between the Toddy drawers and your Honors Office, they the Toddy drawers refused to draw that article, and as by their doing so your Petitioners are precluded from supplying Bread to the British Community, as also to the Regiments, Hospitals, &c. your Petitioners humbly pray, that your Honor will deign to cause Toddy to be drawn from the trees set apart for the use of the Bakeries and for which trees your Petitioners pay separate tax from that which is paid by the Toddy shopkeepers, and thus protect your Petitioners, who.

As in duty bound
Shall ever Pray.

Madras,
22nd September 1841.

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"I would gladly comply with the request of the Petitioners, which appears to me to be a reasonable one, but I regret it is not in my power to do so, The Collector of Madras is the only authority that I know of, who can grant the permission which is prayed for."

September 22nd 1841.

/ Signed / I. H. Bell.
Offg Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of Police

A true Copy.
/ Signed / I. H. Bell.
Offg Chief Magistrate and Supdt of Police

To I. A. Huddleston Esqr.
Collector of Madras.

The humble Petition of the Bakers of Madras.

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That since the establishment of the British Government in India your Petitioner's ancestors have carried on the trade of baking bread and supplying the same to the Brites to community at the Presidency, but at the time

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Madras,
22nd Sept. 1841.

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"As it appears that it is inconsequence of certain proceedings of the Police Office, that the Toddy Shops have been shut, this Office does not consider itself authorized to interfere for the present in behalf of the Petitioners

/Signed/ J. A. Handerton
Ag. Collr.

/A True Copy/
/Signed/ J. B. Bell
Offg. Chief Secy. to Govt. & Supdt. of Police.

Madras,
22nd September 1841.

Extract.

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Extract from the Minute Book of the Sitting Magistrates at the General Police Office dated the 25th September 1841.

F. Clerk Esqre. and J. A. Oakes Esqre. } Magistrates.

Veerasawmy Naick against Veerasawmy. } For Breach of Police Regulation No. 6.

Convicted under Police Regulation No. 6 of being a party to the Combination to inconvenience the Public by withholding from the Bakers their usual supplies of Toddy and sentenced to receive two Dozen stripes and to work four Months on the roads.

Veerasawmy Naick sworn

Sam a Baker and keep my Godown in the Town of Madras. The defendant Veerasawmy Gramany who has a Toddy Shop in Tondiarpett was in the habit during the last 3 years of supplying Toddy to me for making bread. From Tuesday last the 21st Instant he shut up his Shop and stopped the usual supply of Toddy to my Bakery. In consequence of which I sustain great loss. I asked the Defendant about it, he said that he shut up his

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his shop as well as all the other Toddy shops and that he will not sell Toddy to any one until they re-open their shops.

(See separate Information given by Arumachella Grammany on Oath under this date stating the existence of a combination among the Arrack and Toddy Shopkeepers at the Presidency for the purpose of inconveniencing the public of Madras, with a view to forcing the Magistrates to acquiesce in arrangements inconsistent with the provisions of No. 4 of the Police Regulations)

Defendant states, I am a licensed Toddy Shopkeeper, in consequence of the Police having fined other Shopkeepers for having two entrances to their Shops and for leaving their Shops in the management of Servants, I shut my Shop about five or six days ago. I was not myself fined by the Police, nor will I open my Shop till the Shopkeepers generally are allowed

allowed more than one entrance to their Shops and to employ servants to manage them - I myself have but one entrance to my Shop but the indulgence I seek must be granted to all the Shopkeepers or I will not open my Shop -

/ A true Extract /
/ Signed / J. H. Bell
Offg Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of Police -

To
The Acting Collector of
Madras.

Sir,

Having been directed by Government to place myself in communication with you for the purpose of arranging any discrepancies between the leases as granted for the current fasly and the standing Police Regulations, I have the honor to request you will adopt such measures as you may consider necessary for the immediate re-opening of the Arrack and Toddy Shops and the removal

of an inconvenience which has been severely felt by every family in Madras - all my efforts to gain this end have been frustrated and I trust you will lose no time in issuing the necessary orders -

Madras Govt. -
Police Office -
25th September 1841

/ Signed / J. H. Bell
Offg Chief Magistrate and Supt. of Police -

/ A true Copy /
/ Signed / J. H. Bell
Offg Chief Magistrate and Supt. of Police -

To
The Acting Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of
Police -

Sir,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date which reached me after 6 P. M. -

2. Under the instructions of Government alluded to by you, I consider it proper to discuss in the first instance that

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from my recent communications with the retail dealers, from whom I received several Petitions respecting their grievances, it would seem that they would not consent to re-open their Shops excepting on its being declared that the fines lately levied at the Police Office will be remitted to them in full. If I may be allowed to form an opinion merely with reference to your reply to my letters of the 18th and 20th Instant, I think they have strong grounds for complaint, in as much as from the circumstance of many of them having as usual been allowed to take up the contract of more Shops than one, it is impossible they could carry on the sales at them personally - any punishment inflicted on them for simply placing the Shops in charge of their servants, in pursuance of a

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long established usage, appeared in consequence to me to be unjustifiable. Indeed, it is obvious that the rule you wished to enforce must in like manner affect the Shopkeepers generally, nor is the indulgence they have hitherto had the benefit of likely to lead to abuse, as it is known to me that, it obtains even within the limits of Military Stations - under the provisions of a Regulation which applies exclusively to them, and I accordingly apprehending a result equally injurious to Government and inconvenient to the public, recommended, in my letter to you above referred to a re-consideration of your decision in the case of the Shopkeepers licensed by this Office, but without success -

3. To carry into immediate effect the instructions of Government now communicated I would beg leave to suggest the expedien-

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of your adopting the course pointed out in the letter last adverted to and should you consider it unobjectionable, I shall, on hearing from you again on the subject in time require the attendance of the whole of the Shopkeepers before me tomorrow and induce them to commence their sales by informing them of your intention, and assuring them further that as Section 10 of Police Regulation No. 4 having been hitherto inoperative, will not be again acted upon, at least during the continuance of the existing lease, which will not expire before the 11th July 1842.-

Madras,
25th September, 1841. } / Signed / J. A. Huddleston
Acting Collector.

To
The Acting Collector of
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date and in reply

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to inform you that I will lose no time in submitting it to Government.-

I regret to observe that all my endeavours to remove the inconvenience attendant on the closing of the Arrack and Toddy Shops have been met by the most determined opposition from your Department from whence I had a right to expect cordial co-operation.-

Madras General
Police Office -----
September 25th, 1841 } / Signed / J. H. Bell.
Actg. Chief Magistrate
and Supt. of Police.-

/ A true Copy / / Signed / J. H. Bell.
Actg. Chief Magistrate
and Supt. of Police.-

To The Acting Chief Magistrate
and Superintendent of
Police.-

Sir,

With reference to your second letter of yesterday's date, I have the honor to acquaint you that the resolution of Government adverted to in your first letter had been just communicated

to

to me by the Board of Revenue, whereby I am instructed to warn the licensed dealers that they must open their Shops. Had this been made known to me in your first letter, I should not have replied to it before seeing the Shopkeepers and informing them of the orders of Government. I have taken the necessary steps to procure their attendance at the Cutcherry this day, and shall acquaint you with the result of my interview with them as soon as possible. —

2. Adverting to the remarks in your second letter, it is perhaps sufficient for me on this occasion to observe that as you gave me intimation that Government were pleased to decide that any discrepancies between the leases as granted for the current fusly and the standing Police Regulations should be arranged I considered it desirable to state for your information precisely what those discrepancies appeared

appeared to me to be, in the hope of insuring thereby an immediate settlement with the Shopkeepers. It is proper to add that I was not aware that you wished this Office to co-operate with you in any measures having for their object the reopening of the Shops as you have not up to yesterday addressed me any letter on the subject. —

Madras 26th September 1841. | Signed J. A. Huddleston Acting Collector.

To, The Acting Collector of Madras.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, and am rejoiced to observe that you have at last adopted measures for the reopening of the Toddy and Arrack Shops. I would have forwarded to you copy of the order of Government with my first letter of yesterday but I presumed you as well as myself had been supplied with

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with one :-

Madras
Genl. Police Office
26th September 1841

/ Signed / J. H. Bell
Offg. Chief Magistrate
and Supt. of Police.-

/ A true Copy /
/ Signed / J. H. Bell.
acts. Chief Magistrate
and Supt. of Police.-

To
The Acting Chief Magistrate
and Superintendent of
Police.-

Sir,

With reference to your letter of this date I have the honor to acquaint you that the whole of the Arrack and Toddy Shopkeepers within the Supreme Court limits having just made their appearance at the Cutcherry, I communicated to them the order of Government under yesterday's date. They refused at first to agree to my terms unless it was distinctly understood that they were to be allowed to conduct the

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sale hereafter strictly in accordance with the practice which obtained previously to its discontinuance on the 18th Instant. Pointed out the great risk they incurred by offering any further opposition on their part to the recommencement of the sales. It was only on my assuring them that I would strongly recommend their case to you that they agreed to re-open the Shops immediately. All that they now ask for is that the provisions of Section 10 of Police Regulation No. 4 be not enforced against them, as it is not always practicable for the licensed dealers to give their personal attendance at the places of sale that the Sheds at the entrance of their respective Shops be allowed to continue that they be permitted to keep open, as usual, the windows of the different houses occupied as their Shops, so as to render

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them sufficiently airy and comfortable and that the fines imposed upon them under the recent proceedings of the Police Office be remitted. In conclusion, they ask that a Toddy Shopkeeper on whom corporal punishment was inflicted yesterday and who is now imprisoned in a sentence to work on the public Roads, be liberated. They have left me on a promise of resuming their occupations forthwith, as I told them that I would refer their case for your favorable consideration without any delay whatever.—

2. I need not say how anxious I am that the difficulties and inconvenience lately experienced may induce you to give due consideration to the Shopkeepers request, which, perhaps, I may be allowed to add appears to me to be fair and reasonable.—

3. They have made another request of me which has exclusive re-

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reference to the revenues, and which therefore it is not necessary for me to enter upon on this occasion.—

4 Before closing this Letter, I consider it due to this Office to supply an omission in my communication to you of this morning.— In your second letter of yesterdays date you observe that "all your endeavours to remove the inconvenience attendant on the closing of the Toddy Shops have been met by the most determined opposition by my Department," you will admit that this grave accusation requires positive proof, and I request that you will be good enough to afford it. As far as the facts before me go it appears to me quite clear that the whole evil has arisen from a hasty interference on the part of the Police with parties paying revenue to Government without the slightest communication with the Cutcherry where co-operation ought to have been sought before

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before a clause of a Regulation became
all but obsolete had been arbitrarily enforced.

20th September 1841. / Signed / J. A Ruddleston
Actg Collector

To the Acting Collector of
St Andrews.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th Instant, and in reply to repeat that it is not in my power to remit the fines which were imposed on certain Arrack and Toddy Shop keepers for a Breach of the Police Regulation now to release from confinement Veerasawmy Gramany who was sentenced by the Magistrates to hard labour on the public roads.

The provisions of Police Regulation 4 Section 10 have always been in full operation, and of this the Arrack and Toddy Shop keepers are perfectly aware.

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It is sufficiently evident that it is impossible for one man to whom three or four Arrack Licences have been given to be present in three or four different Shops at one and the same time it is quite possible for him however to signify to the Superintendent of Police his wish to place his Servants in charge of his Arrack Shops and if no reasonable objection exist to obtain permission so to employ them.

Reg. 4 Sec. 10.

The sheds at the entrances of the Shops were not ordered to be discontinued and the windows of the Shops were not ordered to be closed as stated in the letter under acknowledgment.

In my letter of the 26th Instant I observed, and I did so with pain, that all my endeavours to remove the inconvenience attendant on the closing of the Toddy Shops were merely the most determined opposition from every Department. I have evidence taken on oath, to prove that the Amildar and the Sheristadar of your Cutcherry were the

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the persons who invited the Toddy Shop keepers to close their Shops- Very many of the Toddy Shop keepers told myself that they would re-open their shops immediately on being ordered to do so by the "Collector"- In fact the Shops ought not to have been shut for even one hour and I think they never would have been shut if the Amildar of your Cutcherry had willed that they should remain open-

Madras Cent. Police Office 29th Sept. 1841

(Signed) J. H. Bell
Offg. Chief Magistrate and Supt. of Police.

A true Copy
(Signed) J. H. Bell
Offg. Chief Magistrate & Supt. of Police.

No. 1654

From Pareasawmy Modely Pannapah Modely Vathers the Bakers of Madras.-

Dated 24th and
Rec'd 24th September 1841

Complain that their trade has been put a stop to owing to the Proceedings of the Police against the sellers

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sellers of Toddy- Pray that redress may be granted as soon as possible as their daily losses are heavy.-

From M. Monroo-gapen
Jahdervalloo and others the Toddy Venders within the limits of Madras

Dated 23 and
Rec'd 24th September 1841-

State that they have been fined by the Chief Magistrate & the they have conducted their trade in the customary manner having been allowed their shops by the Collector of Madras complain also of a further threat of punishment if they object to open their Shops-

Pray for redress-

To the Acting Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

It having come to my knowledge that Government maintain four "Cram" Toddy Shops or Toddy Shops on a reduced

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reduced rents for the express purpose of preventing inconvenience to the Public when combinations among the Toddy shop keepers take place, by ensuring, at such times, to the Bakeries at the Presidency the necessary supplies of Toddy for the Manufacture of bread, and that during the recent combination these shops were also closed, I caused the proprietors to be summoned to this Office - Two of the parties Venkata Gramany and Pursoramma Gramany attended, the third Calinda Gramany being indisposed sent his nephew Maneraj pak Gramany who superintends the affairs of this Shop to answer in his stead, and the fourth Arnachella Gramany is absent from the Presidency -

I The result of the examination of the parties who attended at the Police Office, caused to be taken down, and I have the honor to submit Copies of the

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the same for the information of Government in order that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council may determine whether the parties in question should not for their late misconduct be deprived of the indulgence extended to them -

I have the honor also to forward two information given on oath by Licensed Toddy Shop keepers from which it will be seen that two of the "Enam" Toddy Shop keepers and a brother of the third acted a conspicuous part in the late combination -

No 2 and 3

Madras Gen[l] Police Office 14th October 1841

(Signed) J. H. Bell
Offg. Chief Magistrate and Supt. of Police -

The Examination of Venkata Gramany an Inhabitant of Madras -

I belong to the cast of Toddy drawers - I am allowed by Government a Toddy Shop at a favorable or restricted rent.

rents. Three other individuals besides
myself enjoy a similar indulgence, the names
of the parties are Parasooranee Gramony Calundar
Gramony and Kanachella Gramony – The
object of this indulgence is to secure our
services to aid the Revenue Department
in the settlement of disputes respecting
the Classification of Cocoanuts & Palmira
trees as well as to prevent inconvenience
to the public from combinations among
the Toddy Shop keepers, as occurred in the
time of the late Maaroogapade Moodeliy
when he rented the Arrack revenues
of the Presidency and to keep our Shops
constantly open, so that all persons as
well as Bakers may be able to procure
daily supplies of Toddy – During the
recent combination if the Toddy
Shop keepers my shop was also
closed – It was closed by me
as I understood from the Proceed-
ings going on at the Police Office, that

that I would no longer be allowed to en-
trust its affairs to the management of ser-
vants & myself was in no way interfered with
by the Police – My shop was shut from
Tuesday the 21st to Sunday the 26th Ultimo
I was induced to re-open my Shop on the
latter date, as the Acting Collector of
Madras on that date sent for me as
well as all the other Toddy Shop keepers
and desired us to do so. In the intermedi-
ate time, that is to say from the 21st to the
26th Ultimo, I was sent for by the Collector
and received no orders from this Office to
re-open my shop – If the Collector on the
26th Ultimo issued no orders for the
re-opening of the Toddy Shops it was
the intention of all the Shop keepers to
keep their shops closed until the indul-
gence of having their shops managed by
means of Servants should be conceded to
them by Government through the Collector

who

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who promised to have the same granted to us. Of course it was my intention also to keep my Shop closed during the same period.-

(Signed) Venkata Gramany

Taken and acknowledged at the General Police Office in Madras, the contents having been first explained by the Sworn Interpretar this 9th day of Octr 1841.-

Before me
(Signed) T. A Oakes
Justice of the Peace

The Examination of Parvasavanna Gramany being to the same effect as the foregoing he likewise affixed his signature to this paper.

Taken & acknowledged at the Genl Police Office in Madras the contents having been first explained by the Sworn Interpretar this 9th day of Octr 1841 Before me
(Signed) T. A Oakes
Justice of the Peace

Calunda

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Calunday Gramany proceeds to position being unable to attend at the Police Office sends his nephew Moneays pah Gramany who is entrusted with the management of the affairs of his Family Shop to answer for him, and the result of the Examination of this individual being the same as in the foregoing cases he also affixes his signature to this paper.-

(Signed) Calunda Gramany

Taken and acknowledged at the Genl Police Office in Madras, the contents of having been first explained by the Sworn Interpretar this 9th day of October 1841.-

Before me
(Signed) T. A Oakes
Justice of the Peace

A true Extract
(Signed) J. F. Bell
Officiating Chief Magistr & Supt of Police.-

The

The Information of Coopanu Pernaud Graniny an Inhabitant of Madras.

I belong to the caste of Toddy drawers and am a Licensed Toddy Shop=keeper In consequence of certain Toddy shopkeepers having been fined at the Police Office for leaving their shops in the management of Servants, the Shop keepers generally had several meetings in different parts of Madras for the purpose of consulting as to the measures it would be necessary to adopt to have the fines remitted and the indulgence continued= I was at a Meeting held in the House of one Pursoorama Graniny an Enam Toddy Shopkeeper situated in "Pully-kone" Bazar street of Poodoopauk[illegible]

The meeting was held on Monday the 20th Ultimo, the principal speakers were Venkata Graniny an Enam Toddy Shop keeper, Pursoorama Graniny Peroomal Graniny

Graniny, the younger brother of Colunda Graniny an Enam Toddy Shop keeper, Appoo Graniny, Soondra Graniny, Ramalinga Graniny, and Appavoo Graniny. About 30 persons of the Toddy drawer Caste assembled on the occasion in question. After much discussion from 2 O'Clock in the afternoon to 5, it was resolved by the Meeting, that the Toddy Shops should all be closed, but that the usual supplies of Toddy to the Bakeries should be continued, and that for this purpose the pots from the Toddy Trees should not be removed. Accordingly all the Shops were closed on the following day. On the same day, that is to say on Tuesday the 21st Ultimo, the Enam Shop-Keepers and Heads of the Toddy Caste waited at the Cutcherry of the Collector of Madras, and immediately on their return the Amildar of the Toddy Shops sent Peons to take away from the Toddy Shopkeepers the Passes furnished to them for supplying the Bakeries with

with Soddy. The object of this measure was to subject the Public to inconvenience, by stopping the manufacture of bread, and thereby inducing the Government to remit the fines imposed by the Police and to allow Keepers of Shops to manage the same by means of their servants. On this the Soddy Shopkeepers directed the removal of the pots from the Soddy Trees, with the view of effectually confining off the supplies of Soddy. Previously to assembling in the House of Pursoorama Graming on Monday the 20th Ultimo, the party met at the Collector's Cutcherry, and the Amildar remarked to them "that persons of different Casts had become one Cast, and "that persons of one Cast had split "into different Casts." The meaning of this observation, is, that the Arrack shopkeepers who are persons of different Casts, had united in

in one purpose, and had shut up all their Shops, whilst the Soddy Shop-Keepers who are persons of one Cast, had not done so. This was the way in which the remark was understood by the party, and it appearing evident that the Amildar himself wished the Soddy Shopkeepers to close their shops also, the party assembled at Pursoorama Graming's House for deliberating on the measure.

Sworn to at the Genl. Police Office in Madras, the contents having been first explained by the Sworn Interpreter, this 13th day of October 1841.

Before me.

(Signed) S. A. Oakes.
Justice of the Peace.

(A true Copy.)
(Signed) J. W. Bell.
Offg. Chief Magistrate and Supt. of Police.

(Signed) Coopum Permaul.
Graming.

The

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The Information of
Eroosappah. Graming an
Inhabitant of Madras.

I live in Chrolay of Madras and
keep a Soddy shop at the same place:
almost all the Head men of my Cast
residing in different places, as well as
many of the Soddy Shopkeepers assembled
in the house of one Venkoo Graming
Chintadrepett on the Evening of Sunday
the 19th Ultimo, I was present at the
assembly, and heard the headmen and
Soddy Shopkeepers consult about the
fines imposed upon some of the Soddy
Shopkeepers by the Police Magistrates
for having two entrances to their Shops
and for having their Shops in the
management of Servants, and
all of us came to the resolution
to proceed the following day to
the Collectors Cutcherry and
afterwards to close our Shops

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in order that by subjecting the public to
inconvenience, and the Government to
loss of Revenue, the Government might
be induced to grant us the indulgence
of having two doors to our Shops, and
of allowing us to have our Shops managed
by Servants. On the following day some
of the Soddy Shopkeepers accordingly
went to the Collector's Cutcherry, and
on their return they shut up their
Shops, and I followed their example.
In the assembly in question I saw
Permaul Graming, the younger brother
of Calenday Graming, who is one
of the four persons to whom the
Government have allowed Shops
on a favorable or reduced rent
for the express purpose of obviat-
-ing inconvenience to the public
whenever similar combinations

take

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take place among the Toddy Shopkeepers.

Sworn to at the Govt. Police Office in Madras, the Contents having been first explained by the Sworn Interpreter, this 15th day of October 1841.

/Signed/ Enosappah
Graming.

Before me.
/Signed/ S.H. Oakes.
Justice of the Peace.

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ J.H. Bell.
Offg. Chief Magistrate and
Superintendent of Police.

1. It is provided By Section 4 of the Police Regulation, that Licenses for the sale of Arrack and Toddy shall be granted by the Superintendent of Police and one or more Magistrates, and those authorities are empowered to withdraw the licenses for a breach of

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of the conditions on which they are held.

2. She Government however learn, from the report of the Acting Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of Police dated 11th Instant, that a former Superintendent of Police in communication with the then Collector of Madras, arranged that the latter Officer should alone issue the Licences, furnishing the Superintendent of Police with a List of the Venders; which arrangement is in direct violation of the Police Regulation No. 4.—

3. It further appears by Mr. Bell's letter of the 11th Instant, that in contravention of Police Regulation 4. one person has been permitted by the Collector of Madras to open more than one Shop: that Licenses have been granted to people of exceptionable Character; that Articles have been received at Arrack and Toddy Shops in pledge or on payment

payment for Liquor; and that these
infractions of a Regulation framed for
the preservation of good order have given
rise to serious affrays.-

4. If the Regulation which
has thus been partially infringed by
Public Officers, was found insufficient
to secure the objects for which it was
framed, its defects should have been specially
pointed out to the Government with a view
to its modification; but whilst it remained
unrepealed, its provisions should not have
been disregarded

5. The Government now desire
to be informed of the reasons which in-
duced a departure from the provisions
of the Police Regulation above quoted;-
Of the forms of Licenses which have
been issued; and of the unexpired
periods of the existing Contracts; and
they direct, that until further
orders, no fresh Licenses be
issued

issued by the Collector of Madras.

His Lordship in Council
6. further desires, in reference to the letter
from the Officiating Chief Magistrate
and Superintendent of Police dated
15th Instant, to be informed when, and
under what authority, Enam Soddy
Shops were established in Madras, and
of the conditions of the Licenses grant-
ed to the keepers of them.-

Ordered that the above
7. Resolution and the letters from the
Acting Chief Magistrate and Su-
perintendent of Police dated 11th
and 15th Instant be communi-
cated to the Revenue Department,
with a view to an enquiry being
instituted into the conduct of
the Establishment of the Collec-
tor of Madras who are charged
with having encouraged the
late Combination among the
Arrack

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Arack and Toddy Shopkeepers within his Collectorate.

/ A true Extract /
/ Signed / Robert Clerk.
Ag. Chief Secy.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be communicated to the Board of Revenue for their early enquiry and report upon the points therein contained.

Fort St. George, 2nd November, 1841.

/ Signed / Walter Elliot.
Ag. Secy to Govt.

Ordered that the following letter be sent in consequence.—

To,

To
The Collector of
Madras.

(34)

Sir,

To the Coll.r of Madras. Desiring to know under what authority Enam Toddy shops were established the purposes they were designed to fulfil and whether their shops were closed on the occasion of the late strike by Toddy shop keepers & if so the cause of their having been closed.— In Cons.n 2d Dec.r 1841

Para 1. The Board of Revenue have had before them an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation by Government under date the 2d Ultimo, forwarding for Report Copy of a letter from the Acting Superintendent of Police in reference to the Enam Toddy Shop keepers in Madras in which amongst other matter these are stated to have joined in the general Combination with the other Arrack & Toddy Renters in September last Contumaciously closing their Shops thus in effect aiding & abetting the strike, the inconveniences of which their nomination was intended to obviate.—

2. The Board desire me to request you will report at your earliest convenience under what authority Enam Toddy Shops were established & the purposes they were designed to fulfil, you will also explain

esplain whether their Shops were closed on the occasion alluded to above, and if so the cause of their having been closed.—

Revenue Bd. Office
Fort St. George,
2d December 1841.

(Signed) P. B. Smollett
Secretary

Read the following Extract.

(5)

From the Asst. Secy. to Government transmitting copy of a letter and its enclosures from the Acting Superintendent of Police and requesting that a Member of the Board other than Mr. Robertson may conduct the enquiry directed by Government into the conduct of certain Servants on the Establishment of the Collector of Madras to ascertain the part taken by them in the late combination of arrack and Toddy shop keepers.—

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Dated 11th November 1841.

Read the following letter from the Officiating Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of Police—

To the Acting Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an Extract from the Minutes of consultation dated the 27th Ultimo and with reference to the 5th para to state for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the arrangement adopted in the year 1832 for the issue of Licenses for the sale of Arrack and Toddy within the limits of the

Presidency by the Collector of Madras instead of the Police Magistrates having been effected by means of personal or demi Official communications between the then Collector and Superintendent of Police, there is nothing to be found on the Records of this Office on the subject—

From what has recently come to my knowledge it would appear however that no regular Licenses are issued by the Collector to the Venders of Toddy and Arrack, and how this matter is arranged with the Shop keepers the Collector or the Board of Revenue will be better able than myself to esplain, and at the same time to furnish the information required by Government respecting the unexpired periods of the existing contracts, as well as the further information called for in the 6th para regarding the authority under which the Enam Shops have been established.—

As it appears from the concluding para of the Minutes of Consultation that Government are about to institute

instituted an enquiry into the conduct of certain servants on the Establishment of the Collector of Madras with a view to ascertain the part taken by them in the late combination among the Arrack & Toddy Shopkeepers

I beg to submit for the purpose of being referred to the authority to whom the enquiry may be committed, Copies of information given on Oath by the parties named in the Margin from which it will be seen that the Sheristadar evinced no disposition whatever to obviate the inconvenience resulting to the Public from that combination, and that the Amildar of the Toddy Shops himself first suggested it to the Shopkeepers—

× Ramasawmy Pillay
Moorogapah Modeliy
Ponnumbala Modeliy
Parasawmy Modeliy
Sonachella
Gramany

Madras . . . —
Genl Police Office
2d November 1841. —

(Signed) J. H. Bell
Officiating Chief Magistrate
& Superintendent of Police

The information of Ramasawmy Pillay, an Inhabitant of Madras—

I am a Baker, and keep my bread Godown near the General Market in Black

Black Town From the Commissary General I obtained the Contract for supplying Her Majesty's 57th Regiment quartered in the Fort St George with Bread During the late combination among the Toddy Shopkeepers to subject the Public to inconvenience, Appavoo Gramany a Toddy Shop keeper under engagements to supply me and 7 other Bakers with Toddy, Stopped the supply without giving us any previous Notice of his intention I did not myself see Appavoo Gramany at the time of the discontinuance of the supply but I learnt from my servants that a servant of Appavoo Gramany had mentioned to them that no Toddy would be supplied thenceforward to any of the Bakeries till the Toddy shops should be reopened On this I enquired if Toddy could be obtained elsewhere, and finding that certain Toddy shops situated in Coyambadoo Ayanavaram & Teeroovattoor within the Collectorate of Madras continued to be open and that the Bakers might be supplied from them with the supplies requisite for the manufacture of Bread, provided

provided they produced permits for that purpose from the Collector of Madras, I requested Captain Bower Assistant Commissary General to write to the Acting Collector of Madras to grant myself and the Bakers generally Permits or Passes for the daily supply of about 30 Gallons of Toddy from the Shops in question, that Gentleman accordingly wrote a Letter to the Acting Collector which I took to Mr. Hudleston who on reading the same sent for Mr. De Vaz the Head Writer in his Office, and after a while Mr. DeVaz went to Seetiah Naick the Sheristadar these two persons being engaged for about half an Indian hour in conversation, I went to the Sheristadar and asked him to procure myself and the other Bakers Passes for the supply of Toddy to our respective Bakeries as requested by the Assistant Commissary General. On this the Sheristadar sent for the Amildar of the Toddy Shops, and asked him in my presence & hearing what the usage was in granting passes to Bakers

for

for the supply of Toddy. The Amildar observed that if the Toddy shop keepers called at the Collector's Cutcherry and said they were prepared to issue the necessary supplies of Toddy, then it was the duty of the Office to grant passes but not otherwise. The Sheristadar then turned to me, and repeated the Amildar's observation. I replied him that no Toddy shop keepers would come to the Cutcherry unless sent for, and accordingly suggested to him the propriety of obtaining the Acting Collector's permission for sending a Peon to the Toddy shop keepers, who continued to keep their shops open, to summon them to the Office, and added that this measure would unquestionably secure to the Bakers the requisite supplies of Toddy. The Sheristadar remarked that he saw no necessity for his interference in this matter. I then replied that on a former occasion when the Toddy shop keepers combined together and closed their shops, Teeroomala-charry the then Sheristadar of the Collector's Cutcherry had Toddy brought to the Cutcherry,

and

and supplied the same to the Bakers, but Seetiah Naick answered, that not knowing better Teroomala Charry had done so after this he delivered to me a letter to the address of the Assistant Commissary General in reply to the one I brought from that Officer to the Cutcherry. I was acompanied to the Collector's Office by Mooroogapah who is my Partner in the Bakery, and he was present at the conversations which took place there as noticed above and heard every word which transpired.—

Sworn to at the General Police Office in Madras, the contents having been first explained by the Sworn Interpreter this 21st day of October 1841.

/Signed/ Ramasawmy Pillay

Before me

/Signed/ T. A. Oakes

Justice of the Peace

Mooroogapah Moodily upon his Oath confirms the above information in as far as it relates to himself.—

Sworn to at the General Police Office in Madras, the Contents having been first explained by the sworn Interpreter, this 21st day of October 1841.

/Signed/ Mooroogapah

Before me

/Signed/ T. A. Oakes

Justice of the Peace

The

The Information of

Ponnambala Moodelly

an Inhabetant of Madras—

I am one of the two Head Bakers of Madras, my Bread Godown is situated on the road between the General Market & Vegetable Bazar in Black Town. On Tuesday the 21st of September last Appavoo Granany a Toddy Shop keeper who was under engagement to supply me and some other Bakers with Toddy for the manufacture of Bread discontinued the supply without any previous intimation of his intention which has subjected us to great loss & our Customers to inconvenience. On making enquiry as to whether Toddy could be obtained elsewhere, I was given to understand that altho' the Toddy Shop keepers in Madras had combined together and closed their Shops with a view to inconvenience the public had determined not to re-open them & supply Toddy as usual to Bakers, until Government should grant them certain indulgences, yet certain Proprietors continued to keep their Shops open in the Villages of Coyambadoo,

Teroovettoor

Teroovettoor and Ayenaverum which the
without Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court
are yet within the Collectorate of Madras
and that supplies of Toddy requisite for the
Manufacture of Bread could be procured from
those Shops by the Bakers if they (the Bakers)
produced permits or passes for the same from
the Collector of Madras upon which I sent
my partner in the Bakery named Mausela=
=many Moodily & four other Bakers Named
Mooroogapah Moodelly, Soobaroya Moodelly,
Teroamala Pillay & Veerasawmy Chetty to
the Cutcherry of the Collector of Madras to
apply to the Acting Collector Mr. Huddleston
for permits or passes, they returned and
told me that the Acting Collector had
referred them to the Sheristadar Seethyah
Naick and that the Seristadar had told
them that the Collector had no business to
grant passes and that it was not the
practice at the Cutcherry to do so, for
obtaining supplies of Toddy from shops
without the Jurisdiction of Madras. On
the following day I went to the Collectors
Cutcherry myself, accompanied by the
other

other Head Baker Pareyasawmy Moodelly and
several of the Bakers, and presented a Petition
to the Acting Collector, requesting him to grant
us the necessary permits to enable us to get
Toddy for the Manufacture of Bread, he said
that the Seristadar would give us an answer,
we then went to the Seristadar who told us
to bring to the Cutcherry, the Shop keepers
who were prepared to issue the supplies
of Toddy, and that permits would be grant=
=ed to them, I then observed that the practice
was for the Collector's Peons to take the
passes to the Toddy Shop keepers as
certain Toddy Trees in each Garden are
expressly set apart for the supply of
Toddy to the Bakeries and that the Shop
keepers contrary to usage, would not come,
without being sent for, and asked him to
send a Peon of his Department to call them,
he said it was not his business to do so,
I then observed to him that in the time of
Mr. Ellis formerly Collector of Madras, as
well as in the time of the late Mooroogu=
=pah Moodelly the Contractor of the Arrack &
Toddy

Toddy Revenues, the Toddy Shop keepers combined together and closed their Shops and that both Mr. Ellis and Mooroogapah Moodelly sent for a sufficient supply of Toddy and had the same served out to the Bakers to obviate inconvenience to the Public, he then said "go and bring those two persons" Viz.t. Mr. Ellis and Mooroogapah Moodelly back, and obtain thro' them the requisite supplies of Toddy, but as for us, as we have sustained a loss of Two or three thousand Rupees and we have not the means of Collecting the same from the Toddy Shop keepers, we can give you no assistance in procuring Toddy, and you had better go to the Police Office, and see, what they can do for you". I then asked him to get an Endorsement from the Collector on our Petition, which he did after which we left the Cutcherry;- The other Head Baker Pareyasawmy Moodelly referred to above, was present the entire time and heard what passed between myself and Seristadar, and is prepared to state the same on Oath if required.—

Sworn

Sworn to at the General Police Office in Madras, the Contents having been first explained by the Sworn Interpreter this 26th day of October 1841

Before me—

/Signed/ T. A Oakes

Justice of the Peace

/Signed/ Tonnamalla

Pareyasawmy Moodelly on his oath confirms the above information in every respect.—

Sworn to at the General Police Office in Madras the Contents having been first explained by the Sworn Interpreter this 26th day of October 1841.

Before me—

/Signed/ T. A Oakes

Justice of the Peace

/Signed/ Pareyasawmy

The Information of Sonachella Granary an Inhabitant of Madras Jaw of the Toddy drawer Caste, and

and live in Royapooram of Madras I formerly had a Toddy Shop in the Street east of the Church in Royapooram, but about six Months ago sustaining heavy losses, I was obliged to close my Shop for a time. On Monday the 6th day of Pretausy last, corresponding with the 20th Ultimo, I went to the Cutcherry of the Collector of Madras to obtain permission to reopen my Shop, when I saw a Mob of Toddy Shop keepers, about 30 in Number standing & talking together under a tree within the Compound of the Cutcherry. I approached them to learn the reasons of their having come to the Cutcherry and with the party I subsequently walked towards that portion of the Cutcherry usually occupied by the Amildar of Toddy Shops named Soobbian when we reached the door of the Amildar's room that person got up from his Seat, and observed that "persons of different Castes had become one Caste, and that persons of one Caste, become of different Castes" On hearing this Mylapoor Appavoo Pramany, one of the headmen of the Caste of Toddy drawers residing in

in Mylapoor, asked the Amildar what he meant. The Amildar then explained that "the "Arrack Shop keepers who are people of differ "-ent Castes have united in one purpose and "closed their Shops, but that the Toddy Shop "keepers who are all of the same Caste, did "not adopt a similar resolution and close "their Shops also," and added as follows "This I "say for your own Advantage, if you Close your "Shops as the Arrack Shop keepers have done, "you will find it to your profit. I therefore advise you to take this Step without any delay," and turning to Appoo Pramany he said "why do you get angry with me". when the Amildar had finished speaking the Toddy Shop keepers returned to the Tree where they had been previously standing, and deliberated on the subject of the Amildar's Speech. I did not remain with them, but on enquiring why the Amildar spoke as he did, I learnt that it was on account of the fines imposed by the Police Magistrates on some of the Arrack & Toddy Shop keepers for having two doors to their Shops and for committing their Shops to the Management of

of servants - I heard of the imposition of the fines in question previously, but I was not before aware that the Toddy Shop keepers were contemplating a combination to cut off the usual supplies of Toddy - Under these circumstances I did not apply for permission to reopen my Shop and returned home -

Sworn to at the General Police Office in Madras, the Contents having been first explained by the Sworn Interpreter this 20th day of October 1841 -

Before me -

(Signed) J. A. Oakes,
Justice of the Peace

(Signed) Sona
Chella
Gramany

(True Copies)
(Signed) J. H. Bell
Off. Chief Magistrate
& Superintendent of Police -

Ordered that Copies of the above letter and of its enclosures be furnished to the Board of Revenue, in reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation dated 27th ultimo No. 939 with a request that a Member of their Board, other than Mr. Robertson will conduct the enquiry directed in the last para of that resolution -

(True Extract & Copies)
(Signed) R. Clerke
Acting Chief Secretary

To The President & Members
of the
Board of Revenue -

Read

Read also the following letter -

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

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From the Jt. Collector of Madras - Submitting records and information on certain points respecting the closing of the arrack and Toddy shops within the limits of the Supreme Court as called for by the Board -

Para 1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 11th Instant, and to submit the following records and information on certain points respecting the late closing of the Arrack and Toddy shops, within the limits of the Supreme Court, called for by the Board of Revenue, in the order in which they are severally adverted to in it.

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"any original records &c. 2. I transmit &c. in this Office which herewith the original relate to the arrange- draft of a letter to the -ment respecting the Superintendent of Police transmission of a dated 3d December 1830. List of Toddy Shops with the reply thereto to the Superintendent of date the 9th of the of Police, with the view of guard- Same Monture ferred ing against any evils in Para 3 of my letter to irregularities in that &c. you dated 12th Ultimo. - Department."

The

2d

"any which shew that in 1832 and 1833, the Police were applied to for licenses in the Sent. names of the Arrack Shop Keepers entitled to them."

2d

The original drafts of 18th July 1832 and 17th July 1833 are

4 "The list for 1833 contains the name of one person having 6 Shops as stated in Para 1 of my letter to you dated 3d Instant.

3d

"any which relate to and agreement between the Collector and Superintendent of Police, in 1832, that on from that time, the Collector alone instead of, as before the Superintendent

3d

5. The Collector does not issue a license, in any Shape, to either Toddy Shop Keepers, the authority to issue licenses being vested

by

ent of Police and by the Collector conjointly Should sign and issue licenses to the Arrack and Toddy Shop Keepers."

Police Regulation No. 4 in the "Superintendent of Police and "one or more of the "other Magistrates of "the Police or Rotation "Officers."

4th

"The application last sent to the Police Authorities for Licenses in the names of the Arrack Shop Keepers."

4th

It is dated the 21st July 1835. and is sent herewith, as this application and the preceding ones have not been noticed by the Police, the transmission of such, any longer, was considered unnecessary and was, therefore, discontinued.

5th

"any record shewing that the Collector came to an understanding with Mr. Elliot, the Superintendent

5th

7. There is no record of any such Agreement, but the Shop Keepers are all

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Superintendent of all aware, and have
Police, that thence: been so for some years
=forward, at the period past, that the Police
of issuing the Licen. Authorities will not
=ses annually allow them to have
it should be sti: more than one
=pulated that no shop entrance to their shops
would be permitted
to have more than one
entrance".

6.

"any which shew that 8
permission has
been given by the
Police Authorities
for the Establishment
of two or more
Toddy shops at one
time."

6th.

I submit three sets of the original permissions relating to some of the several Shops referred to in Para 2 of my letter of the 3d Instant with an english Memorandum attached to each, and noticing on the proper Memorandum, the person fined by the Police authority for not giving personal attendance in

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in his Shop, though allowed by them
to have two shops unconditionally.-
9. as the Board appear to re-
require more full information than
before relating to the Toddy and arrack
Shops. I take this opportunity of re-
Encls: A. transmitting a Statement exhibiting
the remission now allowed to Enamdars
Toddy Shop Keepers, in case they should
wish to compare it with the Statement
C forwarded with the Collector's letter of
the 7th March 1835. It is proper to add
that on the death of any Enamdar, the
Shop held by him has been taxed at
the full assessment of it's Class.

10. Adverting to my remark that
licenses are not issued from this Office
to either arrack or Toddy Shop Keepers and
to the correspondence with the acting
Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of
Police relative to the proposed withdrawal
To B. 2d October 1841 P. 8. of licenses from Veerasamy and appavoo,
it may be necessary to observe that the

powers

powers of the Police Authorities to close an arrack or Toddy Shop for such breaches of the provisions of their Regulations as may legally render a punishment of the kind proper is undoubted, but in that case, where a reference was made to me by the acting Chief Magistrate and superintendent of Police, to withdraw licenses, or as it was understood, no licenses being ever issued, to withdraw the permission of this Office to sell liquor after the Supreme Court had decided that Veerasawmy punished by the Police has not been legally punished, I expressed my doubts of the propriety of punishing in this Office, by withdrawal of it's permission to sell Toddy, an imputed offence, which a high authority had declared, according to the information given to me, not to have been committed, and for which in the Police Office one of the parties ought not to have been punished, in short I thought

thought that this Office ought not to aid in punishing a man for an imputed Police Offence for which the Supreme Court had decided that he ought not to have been punished in the Police Office. I did not call in question the powers of the Police, I only expressed an opinion as to how I was to exercise my own powers in the case. The word "license" used by me on that occasion was intended to mean merely the permission of this Office for the sale of Toddy, as, at times, "licensed," ie. authorized" arrack and Toddy Shopkeepers "may have been spoken of to distinguish Shopkeepers permitted to sell arrack and Toddy, from persons clandestinely selling liquors on which the Government dues had not been paid.-

11. The number of Shops at present conducted by persons not being the individual contractors with this Office, but either their servants or others employed to manage for them, is 254, and which, I have reason to believe, was the case on the 18th September.-

arrack Shops 78
Toddy Do. 176.
254

Madras, 15th November 1841.

Signed J. A. Huddleston.
Acting Collector.

Statement

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To

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

(7)

From the Sr Coll.r of Madras

Sir With reference to Paras 6 to 9 of my letter to you under date the 2nd Ultimo No. 9 relating to the charge preferred by the Acting Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of Police that the Amildar and Sheristadar of (the) Cuttcherry were the persons who incited the Toddy Shopkeepers to close their Shops lately and to the Statement in his letter of date the 29th September adverted to in Para 9. that it is not in (his) power to comply with (my) request to be furnished with Copies of the depositions taken by him on that point. I have the honor to report that several of the Toddy Shopkeepers have recently presented to me petitions containing certain alleged facts on the subject which I consider it desirable the

Submitting translations of Petitions from some of the Toddy Shop keepers explaining the way in which they were required to give declarations against the amildar and Sheristadar relative to the late closing of their shops

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Statement of Enams Toddy Shops or remission allowed by the late Collr Abbé Barry Renters and now continued by the Ceded in the Collectorate of Madras.

Shopkeepers.	Villages.	Class	Amount of Enam Government has hitherto actually daily received from the Collectorate daily.	Amount of daily payable	Remarks &c.
1	Cuttapakam	3	4	5	7
2	Ditto	3	1 Pic	1 Pic	1 Pic
			1 " "	6 " "	11 "
			1 " "	6 " "	11 "
			1 " "	12 " "	5 "
C. Colenda Gramany.	Poodoopakam Kaun	3½			
Ditto Ditto Gramany.	Ditto	3½			
P. Vencata Gramany.	Sundiapett.	3½			

Madras, 15th November 1841.

(Signed) H. A. Huddleston
Sg Collector

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the Board of Revenue should be put in possession of, I beg leave therefore to submit herewith translations of five of those petitions for their information.

From Pallecoodatan 11th October 1841
" Colatapa Granny 30 " D° "
" Putchayappa Granny 4th " Nov. " "
" Nyneappen 5th " D° "
" Cundappa Granny 15th " D° "

Madras
16th November 1841

/ Signed / I. A. Huddleston
Actg Collector

P.S. It is proper to add that the parties who presented the petitions referred to above are all prepared to swear to the correctness of the representations therein made

Signed / I. A. Huddleston
Acting Collector

To
I. A. Huddleston Esq re.
Acting Collector of Madras

I Pulleycoodatan Toddy Shopkeeper at Kistuncalum Pettah, present my respects and beg to state that Cumeyan Arnachella Granny who resides at Ryp[illegible] Sporam one day in last month came near the Sulettar Mattam at Poodoopauk and asked

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asked me whether I heard what had passed in the Police that day, I asked him what it was. He told me that Veerasawmy who refused to supply Toddy to a Bake house received two Dozen lashes and was sentenced to hard labour. He further said that it was the Toddy Amildar who advised all the Toddy Shopkeepers to shut up their Shops that all these tricks were played by him and that he knew it very well. He asserted this by threatening to bring him into some trouble and to get him discharged for his Amildarship and transported to Boncooden and so saying he went off by the last road and I turned to the west. In pursuance of his assertions I am told that he went off to certain Shop: Keepers being his relations, Cousins, Brothers-in-law and Fatherinlaw for the last 7 or 8 days and by some false persuasions took them to the Police. He is exerting to prove something before the Police &c

This

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This is what I Know.—

14th October 1841 } /Signed/ Pulleycoodaton

To

J. A. Hudleston Esqre
Acting Collector of
Madras

Sir,

I. C. Soleappa Gramny the Keeper of a Toddy Shop of the 2nd Class in Pareyanettoo Division present my respects and beg to state that Causeymadoo Arnachella Gramny came to me when I was in my house on the 24th October 1841 and said that should I appear before Mr. Bell Superintendent of Police and declare that I shut up my Shop by advice of the Sheristadar, Superintendent, and Amildar being the Heads of the Collectors Cutcherry when I was asked and should give a deposition under my signature to that effect I would get one of the new Shops which Mr. Bell is going to procure for the Shopkeepers having withdrawn

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withdrawn those allowed by the Collector, and he thus instigated me by stating that he also would enjoy all benefits that could be expected from that authority all those persuasions of his I consider it proper to bring to your notice.—

30th October 1841 } /Signed/ C. Soleappa Gramny

To

J. A. Hudleston Esqre
Acting Collector of
Madras

Sir,

I, Myla Putchazeppah Gramny beg to present my respects and to state that Causeymadoo Arnachella Gramny came to me to my house on the 14th and 15th of last month and said that he would procure me a remission of ten Fanams on a Shop provided I was to appear before the Police and declare that I shut up my shop by advice of the Amildar or Sheristadar He further said that the Police authorities promised to

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to procure for him the Amildarship and that in the event of his getting it he would assist me much—He also said that there were persons selected for four Maniem Shops and that one was wanted for Venkata Grammy's Shop—He moreover said that I being his man he would procure it for me, and that it would be better if I should subsist thereby—He persuaded me very much to appear before the Police and to declare thus, but I refused to misrepresent against any one—But at the same time he requested me not to declare to any one what he had persuaded me, and then went off I consider it proper to bring these circumstances to your notice—

4th November 1841

/Signed/ Pitcheyappa Grammy

To J. A. Hudleston Esqr.
Acting Collector of Madras

I. Nyneappa Grammy Son of Sahadava Grammy

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Grammy of Paneyametta present my respects and beg to state that Causeymadoo Annachella Grammy came to my house one Evening at 8 O'Clock in last month and asked me why I shut up my Shop I replied that I did as the whole of the shopkeepers have done on account of the trouble given by the Police Office—He told me that should I appear before the Police and declare that I shut up my shop by advice of the Sheristadar and Amildar, I shall have my maniem Shop restored and that he could get me a good situation there and he thus insisted upon me to depose to, but I refused to state a falsehood—Notwithstanding my refusal, he applied for a summons from the Police and served it upon me—I was sent for there and was frightened & by every means and persuaded & to

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to give satisfactory answers to the 3 questions put by the Police Magistrates. Afterwards I was taken to a room on the East side where Mr. Oakes Marsoosy Moodelly and Arnachella Grammy were, and Mr. Oakes desired Marsoosy Moodelly to ask me whether such was the advice of the Sheristadar or Amildar, I replied that the Police having ordered that the Shop Keepers whose names have been registered should themselves sell Toddy in their Shops and that no Patties or windows &c. could be allowed and so continued to fine the Shop Keepers, and having employed Servants to my two Shops, I was afraid of the orders and was, therefore, obliged to shut up my shops. But Arnachella Grammy stopping their conversation took me out of the room by the hand and told me that I forgot all that he had persuaded to tell, and insisted upon me to declare there what I was advised by him, but I declined doing

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doing so having told him that I would not utter a falsehood before Gentlemen, but would state the real fact. I was again sent for by the Gentleman and questioned. I told him that I know nothing more than what has already been declared to by me. I was then permitted to go away. On the same day there were Oddundy Chavedy Ramasawmy Grommy, Torasawankum Chinnatemby Grammy, and Tundeavadoo Vencata Grammy. They were separately called in, and asked to answer questions. I know not what questions were put to them, I state this for your information.

/Signed/ Aynea ppen.

5th November 1841

To

J. A. Huddleston Esqre
Acting Collector of
Madras.

I, Oddundy Chavedy Candap=pa Grammy, present my compliments and beg leave to represent to you that, on the last New Moon day, a Police Taliary came to me and said that the Police Master

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Master wanted me, I accompanied the Taliary and was detained in the Police Office until the Police business was over, I was afterwards taken into a room there, where Mr. Oakes, Mursoosy Moodelly and Cavasmadoo Arnachella Granny were, and they questioned me why I shut up my Toddy Shop. I told them, in answer, that the Police continued to fine a great number of Shopkeepers, and that I too had two or three Toddy shops — and was consequently afraid of my being fined also, which induced me to shut them up. They then desired me to depose that the Amildar and Sheristadar of the Collector's Cutcherry, consulting together, had advised me to shut them, but, asserting that what I had already said was true, and that I did not act by advice of another, I observed that I did so from my inability to pay any fine, that might be imposed upon me. Mr. Oakes afterwards desired Mursoosy Moodelly

to

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to tell me to go and stay out. I went out They, the three persons, having consulted together, called me in again I went and stood before them, when C. Arnachella Granny, expressing his wish to speak to me a word, took me out by the hand and asked me what I would lose by — giving a declaration against the Sheristadar and Amildar. He added that if I did not tell before the Gentleman as he did, I was to be fined and he frightened me thus by many threatening words, observing at the same time that if I did so, he would get some advantage. He desired me very much to do as he advised, but I told him that I was a man with children, and declined complying with his desire telling him that I would not speak before Gentlemen what I did not hear. Immediately after this, I was taken in again and they questioned me what redress I got from the Collector after having re-established my Shops. I replied that the Collector

desired

desired us to open our shops, assuring us that he would do what was necessary to prevent the Police giving any trouble, we therefore, re opened our Shops. They asked me whether any orders were received. I replied that the Collector told us that a communication would be made to the Board, and that he would grant us redress on their reply being received. The Police Master was then silent, and I was ordered to go off. This I consider it proper to bring to your Notice.

15th November 1841

/Signed/ Cundappa Grammy.

/True translations/

/Signed/ J. A. Hudlestons

Acting Collector.

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Proceedings on the three foregoing letters.

Para 1. The Board of Revenue have been directed in the Extracts from the Minutes of Consultation of the 2d and 11th November, to report upon certain matters connected with the recent refusal of Arrack and

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and Toddy Venders to sell these liquors consequent on some proceedings in the Police Department. They have also been required to depute a Member of their body, other than Mr. Robertson, the Acting 3d Member, to enquire into the conduct of the Establishment of the Collector of Madras, charged by Mr. Bell with having encouraged the late combination amongst the Arrack and Toddy Shop keepers within his Collectorate.

2 - The information regarding the authority by which Cuan shops have been established in Madras, has formed the subject of a reference to the Collector, which will be separately noticed. In the mean while the Board deem it necessary to submit to Government for orders the explanation detailed below, in the belief that the information their Records afford, will satisfy Government of the true cause of the late ebullition of popular discontent amongst this class of the Native

/To the Coll. 2 Dec. 1841/

Community

community.

Encl. in a letter from Govt. 2d Nov. in Govt. 2d December 1841. Para 3.

3 The Acting Chief Magistrate's letter of the 11th October, distinctly asserts that up to the year 1832 Licenses were granted agreeably with the provisions of No. 4 of the Police Regulations Sections 1st and 4th by the Superintendent of Police in conjunction with the Collector in his Capacity of a Magistrate, but as this practice was found to be inconvenient, it was agreed upon in that year, thro' private or demi official communication, that the Collector alone should issue the Licenses, and furnish the Police Department with a list of Parties so licensed. This course he proceeds to add has not been followed, and this forms the first charge against the Collectors' Office.

4 The Board have reason to believe that this charge has been made in the first instance from misinformation furnished to the Acting Chief Magistrate. They have

have had before them an original draft of application from the Acting Collector of Madras dated 18th July 1832. to the Superintendent of Police, forwarding lists of Batavia and Arrack Shopkeepers entitled to have licenses, and in Nos 63, 68, 69 of the Fort St. George Gazette of the following Month an advertisement will be found calling on all arrack and Toddy Shopkeepers to renew their Licenses in the Police Office. It will be seen too by reference to the correspondence noted in the Margin, that the Advocate General in 1832 gave his opinion that to vest authority to license the sale of Arrack in any one person, would be illegal.

Para 3d of the J. Collector's Letter 15th Nov. in Cons. 2d Dec. 1841.

Dec. Proceedings 1st September 1834. Submitted to Govt. on the 3d of that Month.

5 Mr. Robertson assumed charge of the Collectors' Office in January 1833. From him the Board are assured that he was privy to no understanding such as that adverted to above, and that he never did in fact issue a license to an Arrack or Toddy Shopkeeper. But they find

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find that in July 1833 Mr. Robertson did send to the Superintendent of Police, Lists of arrack and Toddy Shopkeepers entitled to Licenses, with a request that these might be furnished as "provided for by Police Regn No 4." In the official Gazette of the 17th August 1833. the usual notice was again inserted requiring all parties to apply for, and renew their Licenses at the Police Office.

6 Again in 1835. Lists of parties entitled to a license were forwarded from the Collector's Office on the 21st July 1835. The Acting Collector reports that similar lists were never subsequently furnished, because no attention had been paid to these. It has also been represented to the Board that in the years 1830 and 1831. before the alleged agreement, no licenses were issued by the Police Department.

A. Actg Coll.r's letter 15th Novr 1841 Para 6.

Para 1 of the A. Coll.r's letter 3rd in Con.n 11th Novr 1841.

7 In a correspondence with the Collector and Superintendent of Police in 1830. the latter officer it is seen, expressed his concurrence in a suggestion of the Collector

Para 1 of A. Coll.r's letter 15th Novr 1841.

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Collector that a list of the Toddy Shops within the limits of the Supreme Court Jurisdiction would be furnished to the Police Department would be quite sufficient to guard against any irregularities. This will sufficiently explain the omission to grant licenses to these parties.

This arrangement did not, however embrace the Arrack Shopkeepers, with respect to whom the provisions of Regulation 4 remained unaltered. Possibly the success of one arrangement induced the Police department to allow the Regulations as regards the Arrack Shop keepers likewise to fall into disuse.

8 This is all the information the Board can collect upon this point, and they have entered into the above detail chiefly to prove first that any irregularity in respect to the issue of licenses was mainly owing to the Police Department, and Secondly that much of Regulation 4 of the Police code was confessedly in abeyance. If improper persons had obtained permission from the Collector to

to sell, and if the Shops had in consequence become receptacles for the worthless and depraved, places of drunkenness, riot, and all manner of debauchery, this result has arisen from the supineness of the Police Department in neglecting to see enforced the Provisions of Regulation 4 which required that each Toddy and Arrack Vender should only receive licenses, on proof to the Superintendent of Police and other Magistrates, that the applicant was of decent Character-

9. Mr. Bell proceeds to state that it was "not true" that Section 10 of the Police Regulation No. 4 was in abeyance, or permitted to be dormant-" and in proof thereof he cites an instance under date the 6th July last when it's provisions were enforced against an arrack Shopkeeper named Soobaroyloo, and described as a worthless character- In reply to this the Board would

Para 10 Chief Magistrate's letter to Govt 11th October 1841-

would observe that the exception may be taken as proving the rule, and besides they are in a condition to shew that this, as well as other sections of the Enactment, had virtually become a dead letter-

10 They have it on record from the Office of the Collector of Madras, that in September last so little attention was paid to this Provision of the law, that it is computed about 254 out of 360 shops within the limits of the Supreme Court were managed by other than the actual Proprietors, yet that not one of these had any permission from the Police to allow their servants to manage the shops in their absence as the Police Act requires- It is on record, also, that many Shopkeepers owned two, three, and four Shops each, that the present Magistrates have without requiring attention to the provisions-

Para 11 of Govt Coll's letter 15th Novr 1841-

Para 2 of Govt Coll's letter 3d Novr 1841 and Statement of Para 8 of Govt Coll's letter 15th Novr 1841- Nos 1-2-& 3-

provisions of this clause unconditionally
given permission to one person to "
open in some cases a second and in
others a Third Toddy Shop - These "
facts were notorious, the system was "
not a new one but had been growing
up for nearly ten years, and it must
have been well known to the Police
Department, tho' doubtless it had not
been specially brought to Mr Bell's
notice till September when it was he
proceeded to enforce the provisions of
the obsolete Regulation and the con=
=sequence was a general strike by all
parties to whome the stringent pro=
=visions of the Enactment were
thus unexpectedly brought to
apply -

" Police Regulation No 4 pro=
=hibits all Toddy and Arrack Shop keepers
from selling without licenses yet none
have been granted for the last
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ten years. The parties competent to issue
these licenses were declared to be the
Superintendent of Police and one or more
Magistrates these have altogether omitted
to grant them. Parties having licenses
as above were required to give constant
personal attendence in the Arrack and
Toddy Shops were permitted on no ac=
=count to leave a stranger or Servant
in the management of the House or Shop,
nor to employ any person to act for them
without leave from the Superintendent
of Police. And yet all the a great propor=
=tion of the whole Shopkeepers are said
to have been engaged in other avocations,
no application for such permission was
made to the Police, while the Superin=
=tendent, his predecessors and the Magis=
=trates generally have from time to time
given permission to the same parties to
open a second and third Shops. If these
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facts be admitted, and it is believed they cannot be disproved, the Board cannot conceive any greater proof of the entire abeyance into which the law had been permitted to fall by the Police Department.

12. It was under these circumstances that in the middle of September last the Police proceeded to enforce the provisions of Regulation 4. and particularly Section 10. Some Shopkeepers having been first fined, and others summoned to answer for a breach of the Regulations the parties seem naturally to have applied to the Collector's Cutcherry, and there represented their grievances, threatening to close their Shops if redress was not afforded. This led to a representation from that Officer to the Acting Superintendent of Police, but no redress was afforded, nor guarantee given

Encl.e in a letter From the Off.g Coll.r 21st inst. No 223 Sept.r 1841.

given that further proceedings would not be taken against the offending Parties. Meanwhile more fines were imposed, and ultimately the parties universally closed their shops, tumultuously petitioning the Board and Government for protection.

13. Mr. Bell has in strong terms complained both of the lax manner in which licenses are issued by the Collector, and of the unwillingness of the Collector's Department to co-operate with him in putting down the combination. It has been already explained that he is in error in supposing that any licenses were given by the Collector, but with regard to the second imputation it must be observed that Mr. Bell could hardly expect Mr. Hudleston and his Establishment to co-operate with him in enforcing with fine and flogging the Penal Provisions of an Enactment which it was known to them had been in practice permitted to go into disuetude

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by both departments.-

14 What the Collectors department did do was to request that the fines might be remitted, and the farther enforcement of the provision of the act deferred the Acting Collector could not in consistency do more, and upon a flat rejection of this suggestion he applied to the Board for instructions- The result was a reference to Government- and under their orders a tacit understanding has apparently been come to by which Proceedings were stayed, the Shops were then opened, and the Regulation is now openly violated as before.-

Encln in letter from the Actg Coll[r] dated 21st Sept[r] 1841-

15- No persuasions of the Cutcherry Servants were likely to have induced the Arrack and Toddy Shop Keepers without a guarantee or now responsibility to lay themselves open to the penalties specified in Regulation 4 Viz- a fine not exceeding 20 Pagodas commutable only by flogging- It was not the interest

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To Govt 23d Sept[r] 1841.
From 8 to 25th inst.
27th Sept[r] 1841-

of the Shopkeepers who live by the Profits of their Trade to shut their Shops by which their livelihood was derived, nor can the Board conceive the motive that could actuate the Collectors Establishment in combining as charged with the Arrack Venders to close the Shops to the loss of the Circar dues which it is commonly asserted they seek unduly to raise It was the refusal of the Police, in the opinion of the Board, to agree to suspend further Proceedings, that led to all the inconvenience which the public temporarily sustained, and this is in part admitted in Para 11 of Mr Bells letter of the 11th October, wherein he states that if the consequences that followed had been foreseen, the Police Department would perhaps have acted with more caution.-

16- The Board do not wish to impute to the Acting Superintendent any impropriety further than a hasty enforcement of a Regulation, which

which they think they have satisfactorily established had lain entirely dormant for the last ten years, or nearly so whether a necessity exists for its enforcement now, nor whether its provisions should be modified, is another question which can best be discussed by the two departments but on this point at present the Board do not feel it incumbent upon them to enter.

17. If after this explanation the Govern= =ment still desire enquiry into the Collectors Department the Board would wish to know the precise points to which enquiry should be confined. They purpose addressing Government on the subject of the Cuam Shops in a separate comm= =nications

18. In further elucidation of the practice that has prevailed for the last ten years in the manage= =ment of the Abkarry Revenues of Madras the Board beg to submit an original Report on this subject forwarded by Mr. Robertson in 1835. In para 6 of this communication it

From the Col. Sec.y to Govt. in Jud. 19th March 1835.

it is stated that the practice of issuing licenses by the Police ceased to be acted upon from 1830. and the immediate cause of the cessation of the practice is referred to the order of Government of the 22d July 1831 directing that the usual charge of five Pagodas on the issue of each license should be discontinued.

Ld Dy Cons 25th July 1831.

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Read the following Extracts

From the Acting Sec.y to Govt. Transmitting Copy of a Re= =port from Mr. Dent Commis= =sioner South Arcot on the circumstances which led to the expression of Popular discontent in that Dis= =trict with the Resolu= =tions of Govt. thereon.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 11th November 1841.

Read the following Report from Mr. Dent Commissioner South Arcot.

(Here enter 31st August 1841 No. 1078)

Para 1. The circumstances which led to the expression of popular discontent in the District of South Arcot, and to the appointment of Mr. Dent as Commissioner to enquire into them are explained in the Extract Minutes of Consultation 28th May 1841 No. 720 and in

in the opening Paras of his Report now
under consideration.

2. Mr. Dent's investigations clearly
shew that the grievances of which the Ryots
complain originated in two measures
introduced by the late Principal Collector
the first for the rigid demand of assess-
ment on certain lands included within
the precincts of the Village, termed in
the Southern Districts Nuttum and
generally exempt from Jama - the second
for the transfer of lands, liable to assessment,
but which had been left fallow and the de-
mand not enforced, without obtaining the
previous consent of the last occupant.

3. With regard to the former it would seem
from the local Regulations or Rookummah
of the District that each Cultivating Ryot is
restricted to the occupation of one house and to a
limited space of ground which only he can
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hold rent free, whilst any extent exceeding this,
if in the possession of Cultivators and all houses and
lands occupied by the other classes of the inhabit-
ants (termed Lukhavaste or Khoodkhusht) are
liable to assessment. Mr. Ashton thought that his
duty demanded the strict enforcement of the local rules,
but the Commissioner declares in the 9th para† of his Re-
port "that the imposition of tax upon Nuttum had
never before been attempted."

† Vide also P. 33.

4 His Lordship in Council considers that
a demand of this description is in its very nature
vexatious and that the local rules, more or less autho-
rizing it, in particular cases, in all Districts
should never be resorted to, except for the pur-
pose of checking abuses or preventing disputes.
He is at the same time of opinion that as a gene-
ral rule, the Cultivation of Nuttum should not
be encouraged and that wherever it is al-
lowed it should be as an indulgence
liable to be cancelled whenever an
inhabitant

inhabitant not in possession of Nuttum land shall demand the regulated allowance. With these modifications His Lordship in Council approves of the proclamation issued by Mr. Dent, the translate of which is given in the 10th para of his Report.

5. In connection with this part of the subject His Lordship in Council resolves to call the attention of the Board of Revenue to a statement in Mr. Sullivan's Report on the state of the Land Revenue in South Arcot founded on the information furnished by the late Principal Collector to Mr. Cotton under date 30th October 1839 that the growth of valuable produce in Nuttum land free of tax "has tended in some degree to throw out of cultivation the Totacal lands." His Lordship in Council cannot conceive that a cause so limited in its operation can have produced a visible effect

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effect on the general cultivation, but the source from which the assertion is derived and the admission of its correctness by Mr. Sullivan demand that it should be tested by the careful examination of the local Officers.

6. The second great subject of complaint appears to His Lordship in Council to be intimately connected with the preceding one for a reference to the table of suits filed against the late Principal Collector in para 15 of the Commissioners' Report and to the Registers of Petitions accompanying it, show that a large proportion of the proposals or Cowle-kharts were made for sites in the Nuttum or for very small spots of ground, desirable rather for convenience of location, than for purposes of tillage. The Statement in the preceding para (14) of the total number of ascertained proposals made in 1248 Fusly further proves that the

the average of each did not exceed 1⅓ Cawnie, and of these not above one half were found to be cultivated by the new occupants at the time of the settlement-

7 Mr. Ashton appears to have departed from what His Lordship in Council believes to be the usual practice in the distribution of lands, by receiving proposals himself at the Kooroor during the season of cultivation instead of leaving such arrangements to be made on the spot by the District Officers. The tenure by which a Ryot holds his lands is the payment of the Assessment- When from whatever cause he is unable to cultivate, he is not thereby exempted from demand but if the tax is remitted it can only be considered as an act of grace on the part of Government- At the next season of cultivation it is the duty of the Village and Talook Officers to

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to take a new engagement from him to cultivate the fallow of the previous season, without relinquishing any of his Ryput or actual holding, or if he is unable or unwilling to do so, to give it to some one else. If he retains possession and again neglects to cultivate, he can have no plea to urge for seeking a second remission and the Collection of the Government demand will prevent him from seeking to bar the entry of a more Competent Cultivator- Thus collisions are avoided and transfers cannot be made without the full Knowledge and Concurrence of the previous occupant-

8 Mr. Bent's proclamation of the 8th June is generally in accordance with these views, but His Lordship in Council sees no reason for

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for assuming the period of 5 years as the term during which the title of the last possessor should be maintained. As a general rule no land should be included in a ryot's lease or puttah for which he does not pay assessment, and once entered in that document, no part of it can legally be transferred until he has formally renounced his claim to it. If due enquiry is made at the Summabundy settlement, it is not probable that any field could continue to be entered as waste in a ryot's puttah for 5 successive years, for he ought either to have been obliged to pay the assessment, or failing to obtain a remission, he would have preferred to relinquish it, when it would have ceased to appear in

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his lease.—

9. Another objection to this clause which presents itself to His Lordship in Council is that the Cowlenamah of the District authorizes the grant of a favorable lease (Cowle) for land that has been left waste for the period specified in the proclamation. The ryots would thus be induced to keep portions of their farms purposely uncultivated, to enable them, either in their own name, or by collusion with others, to obtain a Cowle tenure for it.

10 But tho' His Lordship in Council, with the above exception, approves generally of the Proclamation of the 8th June, the notification of the 16th of the same month published in explanation of it, appears open to grave objections. The legality of giving a retrospective effect to the clause recognizing the right of occupancy for

for five years and of ejecting parties who had been allowed to enter by means of Derkhasts, within that period, is at least questionable. And where, as in instances of improvements made in the cultivation or buildings erected on the Suttum, the ejectment is ordered to be Summary and without compensation, it can hardly fail to lead to litigation. His Lordship in Council therefore considers it expedient that directions should be issued to the Acting Collector to suspend the rigorous execution of these orders in future, and to treat each new claim for re-instatement under the proclamation on its own merits endeavouring by such means as may appear best suited to each particular instance, to effect an amicable adjustment between the parties.

11. It does not appear desirable to His Lordship in Council, that the Rules promulgated by the Commissioner should

should be formally modified or set aside by the issue of new Proclamations, but he will direct that the Board of Revenue and the acting Collector be instructed to shape their proceedings generally in the Spirit of these observations.

12 The Commissioner has observed that Mr.r Ashton's object in receiving Dirkhasts was to protect the poorer ryots from the interference of the Heads of Villages. and His Lordship in Council sees no reason to doubt that Mr.r Ashton was actuated by other motives than those of a zealous and upright performance of his duty. That the practice of encroaching on the rights of the lower orders is not a new charge against the Moneagars and Curnums of South Arcot may be gathered from a clause in an old Cowlenamah* in which Special provision is made against it. But it is greatly to be lamented that the good intentions with which Mr.r Ashton set out, were not prosecuted in a temperate and Conciliatory spirit

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* See Cowlenamah Para 14 in the Harkaranmah of Fusly 1236 transmitted in Mr.r Brooke Cundliffe's Report of the 27.th Aug.t 1824

and that the want of due discrimination in framing his measures should have produced a general feeling of dissatisfaction extending even to those whose benefit was sought.

13 The Visit of the Commissioner was embraced as an opportunity for bringing forward numerous other subjects of Complaint altogether unconnected with Mr. Ashton's administration - and which occupy the 26th & 27th paras of Mr. Dent's report - Of these His Lordship in Council approves of the orders of the Commissioner in regard to the question of Minha, and directs that the privilege shall be carefully circumscribed within the limits specified -

No. 3

14 Nos. 4-5, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 18, relate for the most part to questions connected with the assessment, and the orders which have been given in each instance appear to be generally proper and

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in Concurrence with former usage - With reference however to the proposed re-duction in the charge made under the name of Khoshee, in Nos. 5 and 10. His Lordship in Council before sanctioning any alteration in the old established rates, desires to be furnished with fuller information on the subject, with reference to the observations of Mr. Sullivan noticed above, which will be transmitted to the Board in a separate Communication -

15. The 6th item relates to the question of remissions for withered Crops - His Lordship in Council considers that it would be highly inexpedient to depart from the principle laid down in the letter to the Board dated 4th March 1825. No. 105. and which has been the guide for adjusting such claims in all subsequent revenue Settlements,

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under this Presidency.

16 The orders of the Commissioner in Nos. 7. 9. 12. and 14. seem unobjectionable, and with reference to the latter it may be observed that the surplus funds of the Pagodas will shortly be placed at the sole disposal of the inhabitants. No. 15 will call for some future remark as connected with Nos 5 and 10, as re=gards No. 16. His Lordship in Council cannot sanction any relaxation of the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors for restricting the issue of Tuckaveé. With the exception of No. 22, in which the measures of the Commissioner for remitting the fines on Monegars were just and proper, the remainining complaints are of a frivolous and indefinite cha=racter, requiring no further remark.

17. The only remaining subject calling for consideration is that of the Assessment of the Manargoody and Chettumbrum Talooks. These Districts having

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having been transferred to South Arcot subsequent to the survey and revised assessment introduced into the rest of that province, have continued to pay the same rates as they did be=fore their annexation. His Lordship in Council concurs with Mr. Dent in the expediency of assimilating the demands in these to that of the rest of the Collectorate, and will be pre=pared to sanction the introduction of a fixed Teerwah founded on the actual produce (Hoolos) when the Board in Communication with the Acting Collector shall have arranged the mode in which it is to be accom=plished.

18. His Lordship in Council cannot conclude these observations without recording his sense of the satisfactory manner in which Mr. Dent conducted the mission en=trusted to him — The patient

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and laborious spirit of investigation and the Conciliatory tone and manner which are every where apparent throughout the papers now before the Board calls for the expression of the highest approbation.

19. His Lordship in Council has much satisfaction in noticing the favorable terms in which Mr. Dent has spoken of the assistance he received from Mr. Cunliffe, and from the Deputy Sheristadar Sriague Moodelliar. In Compliance with Mr. Dent's wishes. His Lordship in Council authorizes that Gentleman to convey to Sriague Moodelliar the formal expression of the thanks of Government for his praiseworthy exertions.

/True Extract/
/Signed/ Walter Elliot.
Actg. Secy to Govt.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue.

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To The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

Para 1. Referring to my letters of the 23rd of June and 6th July last, wherein I reported for the information of Government the completion of the Gummahbundy and the restoration of order in the Two Talooks of Chittoor and Tridevanum, I have now the honor to submit a more detailed account of my Proceedings from the date of my assuming charge of the District of South Arcot. In doing this I shall endeavour as succinctly as possible to explain the nature and extent of the dissatisfaction which prevailed in some of the Talooks, the causes which led to the same, and the remedial measures which I considered it necessary to adopt on my own responsibility or to recommend, with

with a view to the perfect restoration of Confidence and good feeling in the District.

2 In the Minutes of Consultation dated 28th May last. I am directed to proceed to South Arcot, to arrange matters with the "Ryots and to allay the "feeling of dissatisfaction which unfortunately prevail, and after completely "restoring Confidence and order and "bringing the Settlement, as far as practicable, to a conclusion, to make over "Charge of the District to Mr. Hallett" and with a view to give full effect to these instructions it was my first intention, on assuming Charge, to have proceeded at once to those Talooks where a public demonstration of bad feeling had been manifested, but learning that Symptoms of dissatisfaction had also shewn themselves at Triccalore and Trinomallie, I determined to take these two Talooks on my way to Chaitput and Tindevanum.

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3 It may be proper here to notice that the late Principal Collector commenced the Jummahbundy Settlement of the year with the two Southern Talooks of Manargoody and Chellumbrum, he then proceeded to the large Talook of Villaporum, which he settled early in April. from Villaporum he went in succession to the Talooks of Triccalore, Trenamallie, Chaitput, and Tindevanum, but before quitting Villaporum he issued an order on the 13th April to the Tahsildar of Triccalore and on the following day to the three last mentioned Talooks to enter in the Ryots Puttahs, and bring to account in the then Current Jummahbundy, the tax upon all Nuttum lands occupied by the Houses of Ryots, unless specially exempted from tax in the Survey accounts, or by subsequent authority. It may be as well here to quote the order itself from which

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it will be observed that the imposition of the tax was not a thought of the moment but had occupied Mr Ashton's attention for some time..

Order

"Through a misconception of the "orders contained in the Circular Taheed "issued on the 15th October of the present Fusly "the Servants directed that lands on which "houses are built should be measured and "accounts thereof forwarded, instead of direct:="ing that a tax should be fixed on all "Village Nuttum lands on which houses "are built," but which are not exempted from "tax either in the Pymash, or subsequently "thereto, until the exemption may be allowed "regularly in the names of the owners thereof "as was ordered by me. This error being "brought to my notice just now the following "orders were issued".

1st "You are hereby directed to order

"order all the Curnams to enter in the Putta "of each Ryot the tax for Fusly 1250 "on the quantity of the land on which "his house is built but not exempted from "the tax either in the Pymash account or "by subsequent orders. It is not necessary "to levy tax on the lands which are exempt:="ed therefrom for building houses in the "Pymash accounts or by subsequent per:="mission. The tax must also be levied "on such lands as may be occupied by "others than the heirs of the individuals in "whose favor the exemption has been "granted as such occupants are not entitled "to the exemption.

2nd "You are to make a full "investigation of all lands of Village "Nuttum stated to be enjoyed by bill "of sale &c. and act according to the "former orders so that the tax thereon "may be entered in the Puttah of the pre:="sent Fusly.

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3rd "You are to inform all the Curnums that tax must be levied according to Hookumnamah on the lands of Teerwaput which are occupied for Houses and back yards without obtaining exemption.-

4th "You are to put this order in force without failure in all Ain Villages of your Talook and inform all the Ryots that if those that are entitled to exemption of tax on the Nuttum lands on which their houses are built and have desire to obtain it except the Soo-cavasy inhabitants who are not entitled to it, present their complaints separately in the Coozoor, such complaints shall be enquired into according to the rules and orders granted for the exemption."

5th "The Complaints presented by the Ryots will be referred to you and a separate Takeed will be sent to you regarding the enquiry and transmission of the accounts thereof by you."

Copies

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Copies sent to the Sub Collector and Head Assistant Collector on the 22nd April 1841."

(Signed) W. Ashton
Pl. Collector

4- This order reached Triccalore a few days only before the arrival of the Principal Collector himself for the purpose of making the Settlement, and here the first symptoms of dissatisfaction shewed themselves. On the first day of commencing the distribution of Puttahs the Ryots of a few small poor Villages took their Puttahs, but immediately afterwards threw them down on the ground and refused to carry them away they were gathered up and secured by the Monegars and Curnums of the respective Villages. On the following day an attempt was made to distribute Puttahs to some other Villages and the Ryots of two Villages received

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received their's but immediately threw them down. The general feeling of the people was strongly opposed to the measure and they came forward in a body and one and all declared their determination not to receive their Puttahs if the obnoxious tax was still demanded, and left the Cutcherry and went to their houses: here Mr Ashton's authority seems first to have been weakened and one of the Crowd who was loudest in his expression of dissatisfaction was pu:=nished, with a view apparently of endeavour:=ing to support the Principal Collector's authority, but without succes, the Ryots left the Cutcherry and the Puttahs were in con:=sequence delivered to the Moneygars of those Villages who were present the same evening, and to the remainder on the fol:=lowing day.-

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The same feeling against the objectionable tax prevailed to a greater extent

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extent at Trinamallie because it was more generally known The inhabitants of some small Villages took their Puttahs the first day of distribution and on the second day a few more, but all the Ryots having by this time arrived from the more distant Villages the whole pro:=ceeded in a body to where the Principal Collector held his Cutcherry and for some time clamorously stated their ob:=jections to the tax loudly protesting against it Mr Ashton here again attempted to maintain his authority by punishing one Ryot who was conspi:=cuous for his noise and his opposition, and upon this the whole body declared their determination not to receive their Puttahs, and simultaneously quitted the Cutcherry the few who had received them leaving them behind and joining in the Crowd. The Principal Collector

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then late in the afternoon summoned the Monigars of the different Villages by calling out the names of the Villages alphabeticallly with a view to the remaining Puttahs being given to them for eventual delivery to the Ryots. Such of the Monegars as were present received the Puttahs at the moment such as were not although they attended and received them the following day, were fined at the rate of 6 Rupees each, the total amount of fines being 600 Rs.-

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From Trinamallie the Principal Collector proceeded to Chaitput Intelligence of what had occurred at Triccalore and Trinamallie had preceded the Principal Collector and here no doubt many of the most dissatisfied from both those Talooks had assembled and the opposition to the new Tax was therefore more determined and organized. The Principal Collector would seem here as at the other two stations

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stations to have relied upon the Monegars of the Villages taking the Ryots Puttahs in the event of the Ryots themselves declining to do so: at Chaitput however he was entirely disappointed in this respect as on the first refusal of the Villagers to take their Puttahs and Mr Ashton's directions in the event of their persisting in this course that the Monegars should take them, it was intimated from the crowd that no Monegar would be permitted to take the Ryots Puttahs when the Ryots themselves were present and had declined doing so.- Violent noise and clamour succeeded to this declaration which Mr Ashton attempted to put down by directing some of the most forward to be secured. He utterly failed however to restore quiet or to make himself heard and some of the crowd having proceeded so far as to throw sand at him, seeing his authority completely

completely set at naught he retired into an inner room having up to that time been sitting in the Verandah of the Bungalow where he held his Cutcherry, and after consulting for a moment with his Head Sheristadar and seeing no prospect of making any impression upon the crowd, quitted the Bungalow by a back outlet, and proceeded to an Indigo factory at a distance of about a quarter of a Mile followed by the people the moment they saw him going away.-

7 Mr Ashton had himself given a particular account of what afterwards took place, and it is only necessary for me here to observe that he immediately assured the people from the factory that the objectionable tax should be abolished, and caused this to be made known by beat of Tom-Tom, thro' the town. In the afternoon he returned to his Tent in the Bungalow compound attended by the Head Sheristadar and then

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issued a public notice to all the Talooks where in the imposition of the tax had been ordered, proclaiming its formal abolition. No further symptoms of dissatisfaction were manifested, but Mr Ashton quitted Chitput for Cuddalore on the following morning.-

8. Mr Ashton remained at Cuddalore a week and then proceeded to Tinderanam with a view to complete the Settlement of that Talook but on his arrival there, notwithstanding the abolition of the objectionable Tax he considered the demonstrations so unfavorable that as reported in his letter of the 25th May, he looked upon it as hopeless, with his weakened authority to make any attempt to proceed with the Settlement and after halting there one day returned to Cuddalore.-

Enclosure No 2.

9 There is no doubt that the imposition of the Tax on the Nattum Lands occupied by the houses of Peyols which had never before been attempted was the immediate cause of the tumult

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at Chaitput. This is clear from the effect produced at Triccalore immediately after the order to impose the tax had been issued, and if the tax had been in itself ever so unobjectionable, and imposed with the sanction of Govern= =ment, it was injudicious, I think at= =tempting to introduce it at the end of the Fasly into the four Talooks remaining to be settled in the Prin= =cipal Collector's Division, whilst no such attempt had been made in the Talooks already settled by the Prin= =cipal Collector or his subordinates earlier in the year. this was of itself sufficient to excite a feeling of jealously and dissatisfaction..

10 Mr. Ashton it had been observed issued a notice annulling the house tax immediately after the outbreak at

at Chaitput, but as uncertainty still pre= =vailed upon this point and as the people continued both personally and in their Petitions to me to request that the annulment might be confirmed, and that their houses and backyards whether con= =structed on Teerwaput Lands or Puttum might be exempted, I issued a Proclama= =mation of which the following is a copy notifying that the tax upon Puttum lands was abolished, that houses and backyards already constructed on teerwaput land would be exempt from tax and detailing the terms upon which Lands required for building or backyards would be granted for the future. In issuing this proclamation I took for my guide the principle laid down in the Proceed= =ings of the Board of Revenue under= date 27th May 1841. which appears to take so liberal and just a view of the question.

Enclosure No 3

Proclamation

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Proclamations.

"The Nuttum or Land set apart
"for the sites of Villages has been exempt-
"from tax from time immemorial, and such
"exemption is specially recognized in the Pymash
"accounts of this District, whether occupied by the
"sites of houses or backyards attached to such
"houses, the extent of Land occupied by each
"individual being restricted. In conformity
"with the above understanding and with a view
"to satisfy any doubts which may have ex-
=isted it is hereby published for general
"information that portions of Nuttum occu-
=pied by houses and backyards shall be
"exempt from all tax whatever, altho' the
"said backyards as is usual may be cultiv-
=vated with Tobacco and Vegetables for the
"use of the occupants. And altho' it is not
"the wish of the Government that cultivation
"should be carried on to any extent in the
"Nuttum still as it is the practice in many
"Villages to cultivate portions of Nuttum besides
"the spots occupied as backyards, all such
cultivation

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"cultivation shall continue to be charged
"according to the provisions of the Hookroom-
=ramah, with the highest rate of Poonjah
"teerwah of the Village."

"In some Villages either from
"insufficiency of Nuttum, or other causes, Ryots
"have erected houses and enclosed backs-
"yards in teerwaput land, without the
"permission of the circar, ground so occupied
"is clearly liable to the Survey Assessment
"fixed on such land, but as the imposition
"of the tax now may press hardly upon
"some individuals, the tax upon such houses
"and backyards as are actually now in
"existence will be remitted, provided
"the extent of such backyards is not
"greater than that allowed by the scale for
"granting Maniums sanctioned by the Board of
"Revenue and Government in July 1243 but no
teerwaput

"terra put land hereafter taken for
"building or back-yards without the
"permission of the Circar will on any account
"be exempt."

"All tax levied on houses and
"back-yards in July 1250. contrary to the
"rules above recited will be remitted
"and struck out of the accounts."

(Signed) "I. Dent"
"Commissioner."

11. But tho' the imposition of the House tax was without doubt the immediate cause of the violent expression of popular feeling at Chaltput, there was another and more fruitful source of discontent in the District - this was the system of transferring lands from one Ryot to another without the consent or knowledge of the last holder.—

12. The People at each place where I halted were clamorous for redress upon this point. they represented to me that their patrimonial

patrimonial lands, lands obtained by themselves by mortgage, purchase or otherwise, their Grammanutum lands in many of which they had dug wells or otherwise improved, by planting Trees - their spots occupied for back-yards and straw yards &c., portions of Nuttum purposely left waste for the convenience of the Villagers themselves or for their Cattle, were given to others on Durkast without their consent and praying that such lands so improperly transferred should be restored to them, and that none of their lands might in future be taken from them and given to others.—

13. In one of their Petitions after stating their grievance on this head generally, they again revert to it in a subsequent part in the following terms.— First

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Note. This no doubt alludes to cases where Ryots had left their land waste and hearing that a proposal was likely to be given for it had in the interim Cultivated it themselves with a view to keep the proposer out of possession.

First. Their land is given on Durkast with the produce upon it, which is enjoyed by the Dirkastdar and they are ruined.—

Second. Their back-yards with wells in them, straw-yards with sheds for their Bullocks &c. are in like manner given on Durkast the Durkastdar enjoying the whole to their loss.—

Third. Dirkasts are accepted for Durma topes Nundavanes, streets, and graging grounds, and any trees &c. upon them given to a Dirkastdar who sells them for his own profit.—

Fourth. If two persons give proposals for the same ground without any enquiry being

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being made into the ability or otherwise of the proposer, a special Mowchilka is taken from the one who gave the first proposal, if he agrees to cultivate, if not from the other, and no matter whether he cultivates or not, he is required to pay.—

14. An Abstract of the actual details and extent of each particular proposal I was unable to obtain during my stay in the District, the following Statement however of the number of proposals given in fusly 1248 and the total quantity of land proposed for, will give a tolerable idea of the extent of land included on an average in each proposal.—

Statement

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Statement shewing the extent of lands made over on waste in July 1248-

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Dirkast and the portion thereof Cultivated and left

Number	Talooks.	Total Dirkasts.	Punjah, Nunjah and Totacal lands made over by the Talkeldar as per Dirkasts. shewing the Seerwah thereof-				Deduct the lands of Poorjah, Nunjah and Totacal, and the Seerwah thereof uncultivated not included in the Summahlundy-				Cultivated lands included in the Summahlundy				Net. Waste lands included in the Summahlundy on special Moochelkahs.				Total in Nos. 6 and 7-			
1	2	3	4				5				6				7				8			
			Cs.	A	Ps	A°	Cs	A	Ps	A°	Cs	A	Ps	A°	Cs.	A	Ps	A°	Cs.	A	Ps	A°
1	Trivady	No. 4016	1064	2 7/8	8621	9 1/4	160	11 1/2	1105	2 7	490	1 1/2	4656	15 2	413	2 7/8	2829	7 4	903	4 3/8	7486	6 6
2	Tindevenum	4016	1064	2 7/8	8621	9 1/4	279	13 1/2	1283	11 4	877	10 1/4	4961	10 6	903	15	3674	7 11	1781	13 1/4	8636	2 5
3	Villapooram	1144	2061	6 3/4	9219	10 9																
4	Bowangherry																					
5	Mannaryoody	173	337	5 3/4	1589	2 7	7	6 1/4	31	15 1	249	10 1/4	1230	10 7	80	5 1/4	426	10 11	329	15 1/2	1657	5 6
6	Chellumbrum	99	216	6 1/2	1566	1 8	16	10 1/4	40	14 6	136	1 3/4	1159	0 1	63	4 3/4	377	0 7	199	6 1/4	1536	6 8
7	Trinnamallie		1370	9 1/4	8594	2 3	1	3	12	15 10	536	2 1/4	3805	2 5	833	4	4776	0 0	1369	6 1/4	8581	2 5
8	Verdachellum	74	89	13 3/4	317	4 10	30	10 1/4	129	14 4	43	13 1/4	184	5 9	15	6 1/4	53	0 9	59	8 1/2	187	6 6
9	Ellavanasore																					
10	Tricullore																					
11	Cullarcoorchy	687	695	2 1/4	4933	3	156	4 1/2	1028	0 3	479	2	3574	12 0	59	13 1/4	390	4 0	538	14 1/2	3905	0 0
12	Chaitput																					
13	Cuddalore	229	189	5 1/2	1061	5 11	8	13 1/4	83	2 0	81	2 1/2	493	13 8	99	8 3/4	434	6 0	180	8 1/4	978	3 11
		170	108	3	504	2 3	1	3 1/2	14	14 8	80	6 3/4	161	13 3	76	8 3/4	327	6 4	106	15 1/2	489	3 7
	Total	3542	6132	3 3/8	37206	12 7	662	15	3760	10 7	2924	4 1/2	24118	3 5	2544	15 3/8	13338	12 1	5469	6 71/80	33457	5 6

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15. In the first Talook it will be seen that the number of Dirkasts was 106 whilst the number of Cawnies proposed for, was only 1064. giving little more than an average of one Cawnie to each Dirkast, and it is clear that it could not have been the object of the proposer to cultivate the land as on reference to Columns 5 and 7, it is seen that out of the total extent proposed for, the quantity left waste very Considerably exceeds the quantity cultivated, tho' a very large portion was included in the Summahlundy and charged with Seerwah which was left waste. But the fact is that the proposals for the

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the greater portions were for small fractions of a Cawnie, and in many cases given out of pure enmity, with a view to cause annoyance to the last holder - This will be further manifest on reference to the number of Suits instituted against the late Principal Collector - Out of 37 Suits. 27 are for fractions of a Cawnie, as shewn in the following

Memorandum. —

Memorandum

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Memorandum of Suits filed in the Auxiliary Court at Cuddalore against the late Principal Collector Mr. Ashton.—

Number	Year	Taluks.	Description of Lands.	Extent of Lands.		Value of Suit.	
				C.	As.	Rs.	As.
1	1839	Sindevanum	Nuttum	"	1.	52.	8 "
2	1840.	Do.	Do.	"	6.	32	" "
3	1840.	Do.	Nunjah	"	10	5	7 6.
4	1840.	Do.	Do.	"	9½	4	14 "
5	1840.	Do.	Do.	"	10.	32.	" "
6	1840.	Do.	Do.	"	6½	8	" "
7	1841.	Trevady	Nuttum	"	4	15	" "
8	1841.	Do.	Poonjah	1	6¾	35	1 10.
9	1841.	Do.	Nuttum	"	2¾	80.	" "
10	1839.	Villapoorum	Nunjah - -	"	9¾	6	9 "
11	1839.	Do.	Poonjah - -	"	1½		
12	1839.	Do.	Nuttum	"	2	10	" "
13	1839	Do.	Poonjah	"	9¾	121	2 "
14	1840	Do.	Nuttum	"	3½	10	" "
15	1840	Do.	Nunjah	"	6	7	10 4
16	1840	Do.	Do.	"	3	3	6 4
17	1840	Do.	Nuttum	"	½	15	" "
18	1840	Do.	Poonjah	1	"	270	" "
19	1840	Do.	Nunjah	1	15½	27	" "
20	1839.	Chaitput	Do.	2	11¼	45	10 8.
21	1840	Do.	Nuttum	"	2½	60	" "
22	1840	Cuddalore	Do.	"	½	15	" "
23	1840	Cheeumbrum	Nunjah	"	9¼	8	" 10
24	1840	Do.	Nuttum	"	3½	50	" "
25	1840	Do.	Poonjah	1	8¼	57	" "
26	1840	Do.	Nunjah	"	8.	55	" "
27	1840	Do.	Garden	"	2	31.	14 "
28	1840	Do.	Nunjah	3	10½	30.	7 6.
29	1840	Do.	Do.	4.	12¼	45.	12 7.
30	1840	Do.	Nuttum	"	1¼	50	" "
31	1840	Manargoody	Do.	"	½	30	" "
32	1840	Do.	Garden	"	4	27	" "
33	1839	Do.	Poonjah	1	1¼	50	" "
34	1840	Do.	Nuttum	"	¼	10	" "
35	1841	Trivady	Nunjah.	8	1½	108	" "
36	1841	Sindevenum		"	"	30.	" "
37	1840	Manargoody	Sotum	"	1¾	12	" "
			Do.	"	2¼	9	" "
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16. The object of Mr Ashton in encouraging the Ryots to come forward with Durkasts was with a view to benefit the lower orders by enabling them to obtain land by direct application to the Collector without the interference of the Heads of Villages, but however benevolent the intention may have been, from the way in which the System was carried out in practice, what was intended as a benefit was converted into a source of vexation and annoyance, for which it is difficult to find a parallel - such was the state of uncertainty of property that there are many instances of a Ryot who had from unavoidable causes left a portion of his land waste himself giving a proposal for it and agreeing to pay for the Teerwah to prevent it's falling into the hands of another who might give a Durkast for it - This is no hypothetical

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case - if reference be made to my Summahbundy Diary not one but many cases of the kind will be found. -

17. The Ryots were so professing for redress on this point that I had no alternative but to come to some decision and pass some orders before the business of the settlement could proceed. -

Minutes of Col. 25th May 1841. Proceedings of the Bd of Revenue 31st May 1841 Enclosure No 4.

18. The orders of the Board and of Government noted in the margin enabled me at once, without the necessity of any reference & loss of time to issue such instructions as satisfied the people - In the case of land at Tundeeswaranellore the subject of the above correspondence, Government were pleased to approve of the instructions issued by the Board for the restoration of the land in dispute to the Ryots who were previously in the enjoyment of it, and in forwarding the above Correspondence for my information and guidance,

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my particular attention was drawn to the principle there laid down, which it was the desire of the Board "should be applied "to all similar cases of land improperly "transferred from an ancient holder "to a new occupant. whether they are "pending before the Courts of Adawlut, "or have been brought to the Board's "notice by simple Petition." The Board had also issued orders to restore certain other land forming the subject of the suit referred to in the correspondence noted in the Margin, to the original Proprietor, the same having been made over to another on Divcast without his consent, or the option being given him of Cultivating.—

Bd's Proceedings 25th March 1841- From Pt Coll. 2d April 1841- Bd's Proceedings 22d April 1841- Enclosures No. 5. 687-

19. Carrying out this principle, I issued another proclamation on the 8th June 1841- defining the rules under which Lands would be given on Divkast for the future, and further directed by another Notification that all Lands within

dated 8th June 1841-

dated 16th June 1841-

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within five years waste, transferred without the consent of the original Proprietor from fasly 1248 to 1250. both inclusive, should be restored to their former occupants - Copies of both these Documents - I give in the body of this Report for more ready reference as follows -

Proclamation -

"Much dissatisfaction and "vexation having been occasioned by the "present practice of accepting proposals for "spots of land forming part of a Ryots kyput "or holding, temporarily left uncultivated, "general notice is hereby proclaimed throughout the District that no proposal "will be accepted for any land which forms "any part of the holding of another Ryot "that may be left waste for more than "one year and any period within 5 Years, "without the option being first given "to the last holder to cultivate "it himself or pay the Leewah.—

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"Upon the last holder declining to do
"either, the land will be given to the
"proposer on his engaging to cultivate the
"same and also to keep up his Kyfut
"to the extent of the present year, and
"upon his ceasing to cultivate the land
"it will be at the disposal of the Circar
"to give it in like manner on the same
"Conditions to any other proposer"—

"Lands forming the Kyfut
"of a Ryot which he may have left waste
"for more than 5 years may be transferred
"by the Collector to the possession of any
"other individual without any reference
"whatever to the last holder, on his
"engaging to cultivate it as well as his
"other Kyfut land"—.

"The above provisions relate
"entirely to proposals given by Coleoodees,
"no proposal will be accepted from a
"Paracoody for the Cultivation of Sheikul and
"Kurumboo in any Village, until the option has been

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"been given and declined by the Coleoodees
"but in the event of a Paracoody's application
"being accepted, he must enter into similar
"engagements as the Coleoody to Cultivate—
"not only the land given up to him on
"proposal, but his other Suttah lands
"also"—

8th "June 1841- (Signed) "J Dent."
"Commissioner."

Notification-

"In the Proclamation published
"under date 8th "Instant. regarding the
"right of inhabitants to retain possession
"of their Kyfut lands, it is provided that
"such rights will be respected for 5 Years-
"And whereas contrary to this provision
"portions of a Man's Kyfut lands which
"may have been waste within five Years
"have been transferred since 1848 to others—
"without his Consent, the same will be
"restored to him from July 1851 on his
"executing a Moochilka for it- If
"he declines to hold the land, then it
may

"may be confirmed to the person who gave
"the proposal."

"Another Notification was
"published on the 8th Instant regarding the
"terms upon which Nuttum or land set a-
"part for the sites of Villages would be
"granted and continued to Ryots, and when
"as portions of Nuttum have been granted
"on Dirkast for cultivation since July
"1248. and for which Puttahs have been given
"these will be restored to the former Ryo-
"tors in July 1251."

"Any Nuttum land left
"occupied for a length of time if built
"by any other Ryot will be restored to the
"original owner if afterwards claimed."

"As it is not the wish of
"Government that cultivation should be
"carried on in Nuttum lands no Dirkast
"will be accepted for such lands."

16th June 1841.

(Signed) "J. Dent."
"Commissioner."

20 In declaring that no part of a man's Ryoot lands which he may have left waste for one or more years shall be transferred to another within the period of five years, without first giving him the option of cultivating it, it may at first view appear that the prerogative of Govern-ment to dispose of the waste has been in some degree compromised, but a careful examination will shew that this principle is still upheld in all its purity, the Govern-ment continuing to exercise the right of transferring land left waste for more than one year, but in the exercise of this privilege first giving to the last occupant, who may have improved the lands in various ways, the option of remaining in possession by paying the regulated tax; if this option is declined, the Government transfers the land to any one willing to cultivate it.

21. In this proclamation it is only sought

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sought to define by a public declaration, what, until lately it is believed, was the practice of the District, and which certainly seems a most reasonable one; that no transfer of one Ryot's Kayshut Land to another should be made without his knowledge and consent or his declining to pay the taxe upon it. By thus guaranteeing to the occupant that he would not be deprived of possession any time within five years without the option being first given to him, no right of Government was compromised, whilst the security that given to private property was received by the people as a boon of inestimable value.

22 Some objections it was to be anticipated would be made to give up Lands which had been in possession of the Dirkastdar for two years, and I had a petition from a party complaining of being turned out after being in possession for 20 Months and expending as he said, a considerable sum in improvements, to this man, believing it to be the intention of the Board and of Government

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ment that all Kayshut Lands transferred from the possession of one Ryot to another without the consent of the last occupant, should be restored; I gave the following Endorsement.

"The Orders of Government,
"are that all Lands such as are described
"in this Petition shall be restored to the
"original Proprietors and their orders
"must be carried into effect."

"The Circastdars at the time
"that they were put in possession of such
"Lands were aware that it was contrary
"to the wish of the original Proprietors
"who in many instances prosecuted the
"Circastdars in the Civil Courts and if,
"under these circumstances the Circastdars
"have gone to any expense in digging wells
"or otherwise improving the Lands, they did
"so at their own risk and must now
"suffer the loss, unless the original Proprietors
"are willing to make them any compensation."

Petitioner's 080 "Complains of being turned out after being in possession for 20 Months and expending a Considerable sum in improvements."

"The Commissioner regrets that the Prayer
"of the Petitioners to be maintained in
"possession of the Lands cannot be complied with."

18th June 1841.

[Signed] "J. Dent"
"Commissioner"

23

I had a Petition from another party complaining that the proposer who had been put in possession of his lands had cut down all the trees and sold them, to him I gave the following Endorsement:-

Petition No. 681. "Complains that the proposer who had been put in possession of his lands had cut all the trees and sold them."

"If the Petitioners, upon their "lands being restored to them, find that the "Topes and Trees have been cut down and "sold, and their property otherwise deteriorated, "they must prosecute the Diraster in the "Civil Courts for damage. The powers of the Com= "missioner extend only to the restoration of the "land, but he will very gladly be instrumental "in adjusting, by means of Arbitration, any claims "for damages which may be brought before "him, where the parties agree to such a mode "of decision."-

18th June 1841.

[Signed] J. Dent "Commissioner"

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Where a Crop was on the ground I directed that no re-transfer should take place till the Crop was reaped, unless a Compromise was agreed to by the parties.-

25.

The orders issued by me in reference to the restoration of lands and the terms on which proposals will be received for the future, involving interests of Considerable magnitude

magnitude, I have been thus minute in detail= ing every particular connected therewith, in order that the Government may have the fullest information on the subject before them.-

26 From the state of excitement in which I found the people it was to be expected that they would take the opportune= =ty of bringing forward every grievance imagin= =ary or real, of which they had to Complain, and accordingly at each Station where I halted I had a long list of grievances presented to me for which immediate re= =dress was solicited. The greater number were the same at each place, and it may be suf= =ficient here, without giving an exact trans= =lation of the voluminous Petitions purporting to be signed by some thousand persons, that I lay before Government the subject of them in Abstract, with the Answer which I returned upon each point.-

27. The two first items of Com= =plaint viz the House tax and Daircast System being disposed of, the Petitioners pray that.-

3rd. From the earnestness with which the point was-

3rd. That the full amount of Minha

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was prefsed upon my attention advocated by the Elite of the Bramins and Muſselmans of the District, it seemed to claim the third place of importance in the list of grievances, and I had some difficulty in satisfying them. The following is the answer I gave the Petitioners in person grounded upon reference to the records and practice of the District for years, and I believe it strictly just; and agreeably to this view I issued a public order according to which the adjustment of Minha was made for Fusly 1250 in Chaitpat and Indemnum Order.

"All the old orders of Govern-
"ment require, and the practice of the District
"has been, to give Minha to Bramins and Mus-
"sulmans upon their own Cultivation only- where

/10 per Cent remission/ may be allowed on all lands of Bramins and Muſsulmans whether they are Cultivated by themselves or Cultivated by Soodra Ryots either for Teerwah or Waram / share of the Crop./..

"a Bramin has allowed a Soodra to Cultivate
"part of his field and the Bramin has
"Cultivated the remainder himself, Minha
"has been granted to the Bramin for the
"portion cultivated by himself, but not
"for that portion Cultivated by the Soodra."

"On the principle above laid
"down for which there are innumerable pre-
"cedents, if a Bramin Cultivates his own
"Puttah land jointly with a Soodra he
"shall receive Minha for such portion as
"he can prove to have been Cultivated by
"his agricultural Stock, but no more.-

"No instance can be found on
"record of Minha being allowed on land
"given to Soodras for Cultivation on Waram, &c
"whilst immmerable Cases† are on record of
"it having been refused in such Cases."

† Principal Collectors' Diary for the Villupoo-
ram Taluck. Fusly
1246 Nos. 6-14-15-48.

"If Land is given to a Soodra
"to Cultivate on Waram, it cannot for a
"moment be alleged that the Cultivation
"is made by the Bramin- The Cultivation
"entirely conducted by the Soodra and no
"Minha has ever been allowed, and none
"can be allowed."

"According to the above directions
the

"the adjustment of Kistna must be made
"in the Current Fusly 1250.."

Chairpet, 13th June 1841. /Signed/ "J. Dent"
"Commissioner"

4th Pray that they may be only required to pay for the actual extent of their Cultivation in wet and dry lands, and not for portions of fields left waste.-

4th The practice of Ryots cultivating a part of a field only leaving the rest waste, led to the very wholesome regulation of requiring them to pay for a certain quantity, no matter how little, was actually Cultivated- under this rule if a Ryot Cultivates any portion of a dry field measuring more than one Cawny he is required to pay for one Cawny, the Minimum was formerly two Cawnies- In wet land in like manner he is required to pay for half a Cawny, the Minimum formerly was one Cawny. in both Cases it was reduced in Fasly 1245, the larger amount having been Charged up to that date from Fasly 1231. There seems no

no reason to make any alterations in the present practice.-

5th Pray that if Cultivation is made upon Poonjah land and watered by wells dug at their own expence or by Circar water, no Kuffer may be Charged.

5th If cultivation on dry land is carried on by means of wells dug at the Ryots own expence, no Kuffer or extra Charge for water is made according to the Hookumnamah of 1831. If Circar water, either from Tanks or Circar wells is made use of, Kuffer is Charged according to the same Hookumnamah, but was much reduced in Fasly 1245, and the Charge rendered uniform throughout the District. The present rates are 3 Rupees per Cawnie for Poonjah Kuffer, and 5 Rupees for Nunjah- these rates I think are too high, and I have recommended in the Hookumnamah submitted for sanction, that the Charge should be reduced respectively to 2½ and 5 Rupees.

6th Pray that if any portion of their Cultivation is

6th The Rules for remission for perished Crops

is absolutely destroyed by drought or inundation, that no teerwah may be charged for such; the present practice being to charge teerwah if the result of a man's entire Cultivation be such as to enable him to pay, by which he not only incurs the absolute loss of seed and labour, but pays for what he receives no advantage from.—

From Government of the Madras 1805.

Crops having been framed under the orders of Government in July 1833.

I have no authority to alter them without the special sanction of Government.

Note.

I consider these rules in South Arcot, particularly where they have been Strictly applied, to be too stringent—where the Teerwah is so heavy Compared with other and neighbouring districts, some discretion should be allowed to the Collector to relax the rule, and I would most strongly urge upon Government the propriety of allowing remission on upon all Crops utterly destroyed, that is when they are left on the ground, the Ryot not considering it worth his while to cut them when notice is given

given of such a state of things at the proper time and opportunity afforded for examination, there is no fear to apprehend fraud.—

Under the present system many poor Ryots are compelled to pay where they never reaped, and the Consequence is embarrassment to them and ultimate loss to Government.—

6th Pray that the amount of allowances due to the Monegars and Curnums may be as credited to the Ryots due by them to the Circar, instead of their being compelled to pay the full amount of the Ryots before they receive their Allowances.—

7th There seemed to me no objection to a compliance with the request of the Petitioners, such having been the practice formerly, and I issued orders accordingly.—

8th Pray that Brinjalls, Chillies and other Vegetables cultivated on Punjah land by means of Wells dug at their own expense may be charged only with the turm teerwah of the land, instead of with Garden teerwah, as at present.—

8th This request appeared so reasonable that I could make no objection to it, the water being provided by the Ryots themselves all that Government could expect was the teerwah fixed upon the land and I have entered a modified Clause

clause in the Hookumnamah /46./ to this effect- If Garden Cultivation is made upon Punjah land by means of water provided by the Circar whether from Tanks or wells, Garden teeruah is to be charged-

9th Complain that the boundaries of the fields are not sufficiently defined and that in consequence a Ryot intending only to cultivate in one field and believing that he is doing so, finds that he has encroached upon one or two others, and is charged for the whole of such fields or to the extent of one Cawny in each. they therefore pray either that the boundaries of the fields may be clearly defined, or that they may not be called upon to pay for parts of other fields Cultivated by them in ignorance of their doing so.-

9th The grievance here complained of was very forcibly brought to my notice in a great number of individual Complaints at the Cumahbundy, and I have endeavoured to rectify the evil by a modification of Clause 13 of the Hookoommamah which I hope will prove satisfactory.-

Complain

10th Complain that the 10th All lands water charges on Garden -ed by means of Pu- and wet lands water -cottah from wells -ed by means of Pe and Calsed at the Ry- -cottahs from wells are -mash, as Eroopa Pita so high / amounting to -tadah" are entitled to 30 Rupees per Cawny /25 per Cent remission that they cannot af- and it appears but ford to cultivate them reasonable that all and that much land lands subsequently is in consequence left converted into Eroopa waste. Complain further fields "should receive that "all wells mention the same indulgence" -ed in the Pymash accounts In parts of Trinomalie together with all other and Chaitpat a con- wells in existence before siderable extent of this the Pymash altho' not es- description of Cultie specially mentioned are vation is carried on this considered as Circar wells wells so called are in and Ryfser charged for any many places small Tanks Poonjah land watered of a Considerable depth by them, altho' it and faced with rough is known that the stone, and Ryfser is charged wells were constructed for water taken from them at the expense of their if entered in the Pymash

Ancestors

Ancestors and are kept in repair at the Ryotswon expense they pray that no Kuppur may be charged in such case.

Pymash, as old Wells at the repairs may be made at the expense of the Ryots, the total receipts from Kuppur upon Lands watered by Wells in Fusly 1248 was Rs. 2780–1–7 of which Rs. 665–2–2 were collected in Trinomallie and Rs. 512–15–6 in Chaitput. The charge however has been made ever since the Pymash and the abolition of it may lead to further demand. I have proposed in the Hoo. Koonnamah that all Lands (Nunjah & Poonjah) watered by Pecottahs shall be entitled to the 25 p.c. Cent remission, and this indulgence and the general reduction of the Kuppur will I hope satisfy every objection on this point.

11th If a Ryot cultivates a field measuring according to the Pymash accounts 7/4 Cawnies but in reality only 2 Cawnies, he is required

11th As under the ordinary Rules for bringing to account portions of fields Cultivated, a Ryot under

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to pay for the full extent according to the Pymash. Pray that in such case he may be required to pay for the actual extent of land.

under the circumstances stated would only be required to pay for 2 Cawnies he can only in the case here requested be required to pay for the extent cultivated if above 1 Cawny in Poonjah or 1/2 a Cawny in Nunjah

12th The situation of Monigars and Curnums have always been considered Meerassy & hereditary but since the resumption of Government of the Meeriems attached to their situations and the grant of a fixed money allowance in lieu thereof, they have frequently been dismissed for trifling faults and Strangers appointed in their room without reference to their Meerassy right. Pray that they may not be dismissed or deprived of their Meerassy for

12th Under the existing Regulations and orders of the Board of Revenue no Monigar or Curnum can be removed from his situation except for fraud or utter incapacity for the performance of his duties and not then without reporting the circumstance for the sanction of the Board of Revenue as per order dated 25th August 1831. In the former case it seems quite necessary that this power should be reserved, but care will be taken that the rules are strictly

adhered

for any fault whatever, and that their Manniems may be restored to them as in Chittoor

adhered to in the latter case. Wherever there is a qualified relation of the party removed, he is selected to fill the vacancy. It is not considered desirable after 30 years experience to make any alteration in the present mode of remunerating the Village Officers.—

13th Complain in Zinevanum particularly of the land tax being exceptive the same description of Lands paying 5 Rs. 7 Fs. Cawney in Zinevanum which are charged 2½ Rupees in other Districts. Chinglaput, Chittoor &c. This the Petitioners attribute to the fraud of the Servants at the time of the Survey & pray that it may be reduced or that the old system of division of the Crop may be reverted to. Then

13th Thirty years experiences of the Survey rates has led to the conclusion that they are generally fair and the System has been found to work so well that it does not now seem expedient to change it. But in any Village where the rates can be shewn to be too high, an examination will be made with a view to reducing them.

14th When the Government took charge of the Revenues of the Pagodas and included the Collections of them with the Circar Revenue they fixed a Jusdeck to each large Pagoda and if there has been any surplus it has been kept in deposit in the Circar Treasury instead of being expended in the repair of Pagodas and purchasing jewels &c. Pray that the surplus of each Pagoda may be made over to it.

14th At present whenever repairs required to any Pagoda if there are any funds in deposit, or money is lent upon application, and such will be done now if any application is made.

15th Pray that all cultivation made in their back yards, such as Chillies, Tobacco, Vegetables &c. for their own use, as well as all Trees growing therein may be exempted from Peeroosh.

15th A compliance with both these requests has been recommended by a clause to the effect prayed being inserted in the Jookoomanah Sections 134 and 136. The first it is believed is usual in all Districts and

if not clearly understood to be so in South. Arcot should be made so. It has always been usual to exempt as many as four Trees, Cocoanut or other description in a Ryots back. yard. it seldom happens that he has double that number, and taxing the remainder leads to vexatious interference which it is desirable to avoid. I have proposed therefore and most strongly recommend that ~~as back yards are themselves exempt from tax so all productions reared upon them of whatever kind should be exempted likewise.~~

16th Pray that advances for cultivation may be given to them as formerly according to their actual wants and not according to their Bentz. Pray further that the Monegars and Curnums may receive advances for cultivation in common with other Ryots, they having

16th It is the desire of Government to limit as much as possible the issue of advances for cultivation but as long as advances are made they will be given to persons most requiring them without distinction as to their being Monegars and Curnums

having of late been deprived of this advantage.

17th Complain of the system under which Teerwah is at present levied on Lands planted with Topes. A fixed Teerwah is assessed upon the land and according to justice this only should be paid without reference to the produce, but contrary to this if they plant a Tope on Poonjah land the Teerwah upon the land is levied until the Trees bear fruit & after that the land Teerwah or a separate tax on each tree according to whichever may be the highest. They pray that the term Teerwah only of the land may be levied.

Curnums or otherwise.

17th I have proposed such a modification of the Honble Boards recommendation in this respect as I believe will meet the wishes of all parties. Topes planted on Poonjah Lands and watered by private wells are for the future to be subject only to the Turum Teerwah of the land from the first occupation of it but to no addition when the trees yield produce. This appears entirely in accordance with the late orders of the Honorable Court that Teerwah should be charged upon the land and not with reference to the produce.

If

If the Tope be irrigated by means of Cistar water the usual Kuper teerwah will be demanded so long as the water is supplied, but when this is no longer required nothing more will be charged than the Teerwah of the land whatever that may be. The modification here proposed will be received with great satisfaction and will have the effect of encouraging the planting of Topes, the want of which in South Arcot is very remarkable.

18th If Nunjah Cultivation is made on Poonjah land by means of Cistar water, Nunjah Kuper is charged on the same principle. they pray that if Poonjah cultivation be made on Nunjah land, Poonjah Teerwah only may be charged. The Teerwah was fixed with reference to the

18th It a general rule the Turum Teerwah of the land only is charged if the land be cultivated according to its classification at the Survey that is to say, if dry land is cultivated with a dry crop Poonjah teerwah only is charged as if wet land is cultivated with a wet Crop, Nunjah teerwah only is

the quality of the land but on the contrary they are called upon to pay according as they cultivated Nunjah, Poonjah or Liberal. Pray that this practice be abolished and that the turum teerwah of the land only may be charged.

charged, but if upon dry land a wet crop is grown by means of Cistar water turum teerwah is in like manner charged and an additional charge or Kuper for such water

The Assessment on wet land is higher than on dry because Government are at great expense in providing water for such lands and it would be unreasonable to expect that the teerwah should be reduced because an inferior description of crop was grown upon it since water was provided for a superior or wet crop. Still the turum teerwah of the land only is charged there seems no reason for altering the principle upon which the Teerwah is levied upon the land.

19th Request that Lands may be given to

19th When all the Shikul waste in a Village

to them on Cowle.

20th Complain of the injury done to their crops by wild Elephants pray that full remission may be granted for such injuries, and that means may be taken to destroy the Elephants - Pray also that some better arrangement may be made for apprehending the Gang Robbers who abound in Trinamallie, Tricullore, Chaltput, & part of Tinevanum Talooks and that their Tanks which are much out of repair may be inspected & thoroughly repaired -

Village is cultivated Ready waste land will be given on Cowle.

21st Remission will be granted for any injury done the crops by Elephants and means will be taken to destroy them. Means will also be taken to apprehend the Gang robbers and instructions will be given to place the Tanks in repair

Note

Regarding the above points it will be necessary to send the Collector specific instructions - As many as forty or fifty Elephants came down the Hills from the Salem District into the low Country about Trinamallie, and did much

much damage a party of Gentlemen went out against them and got shots at several but killed none, there is no doubt about the fact however of great numbers visiting the District annually and the number appears to increase every year. The people are in much apprehension of Gang robbers and some active measures are required which I doubt not will be adopted by Mr. Hallett.

The western Talooks of the District with the exception of a part of Chaltput have not been visited by any European Engineer for several years and the Tanks stand in much need of repairs. At the time I was in that part of South Arcot included in the 4th Division there was not even a Surveyor or an Assistant Surveyor in the District.

21st In Hindoo Countries it is usual to make Varrapujapam or periodical Ceremonies for rain & accordingly this was

22d The ceremony of Varrapujapam has been discontinued by order

was formerly authorized
by Government. Pray
that allowance maybe
again given for this purpose
by which both the Ryots &
Government will benefit.

2d The Ryots of Trinomalee complain that the late Principal Collector Mr Ashton not being able to endure the opposition made by the Ryots to take their Puttahs which included the Tax on Houses &c caused one of them to be punished & further complain that a number of Monegars were unjustly fined 6 Rupees each in all 600 Rupees on account of the same opposition made by the Ryots to take their Puttahs. Pray that the Amount of the fine may be remitted.

of Government & have no authority to restore it.

2d It is the duty of Monegars who are paid Officers of Government when the Ryots make any objection to their Puttahs to afford their assistance to the Collector in endeavouring to satisfy those objections & the Monegars ought not to have quitted the Cutcherry when the Ryots who refused to take their Puttahs did so. I am satisfied however from the explanation which they have given & the fact of a great number of them having attended the same Evening at the Cutcherry and the

remainder the following morning that the Monegars had no intention to make any opposition themselves and I accordingly remit the fine, and I do this the more readily as I do not believe the late Principal Collector, under the explanation now given would have enforced it.

Note.

The objections of the Ryots to take their Puttahs referred to in Para 5 of this Report were made late in the afternoon and it was past 4 O'Clock when the Ryots so abruptly in a body quitted the Cutcherry, immediately after the Ryots had gone away, the Principal Collector had the names of the Villages called over according to an alphabetical list, and the Monegars required to take the Ryots Puttahs, and every Monegar who was not then present was fined 6 Rupees. Some who had not proceeded very far returned and took their Puttahs, the rest attending the following morning. Those who did not attend till next day explained to me that not being specially ordered to remain at the Cutcherry,

when

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when the Villagers left, they left also, but attended the following Morning on learning &c that they were required. Others explained that when the Ryots left the Cutcherry they accompanied them with a view to remonstrate with them. Upon consideration of all the circumstances, the heavy amount of the fine & the misconstruction put upon its imposition, I caused the whole to be remitted.

23rd Some Ryots of Chait-put complained that an overpayment in Fusly 1242 on account of some cultivation which was utterly destroyed, and which I had promised to give back to them had never been rapaid and prayed that this may be done.

23rd The Amount here referred to Rupees 2,16-5-7 was owing to some oversight never repaid to the people. It remained in deposit until 1839 when it was carried to account of Government. The Amount is due to the people and having promised them that it should be refunded. I caused the payment to be made and will submit the charges in a separate communication for the Special sanction of Government.

24th The Zillah Courts were established for the protection of the people but in consequence of the facility with which forged Bonds

24th The Complaint being entirely of a Judicial nature, the Petitioners are recommended to

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Bonds are established to lay their complaint before the Higher Courts or submit the same direct to Government by the evidence of false witnesses as genuine, &c the Courts instead of being a protection are a source of oppression to the people. Point out how the Courts should proceed to ascertain whether a bond is true or false by sending persons to the Village where the party resides, and ascertaining whether he was ever in circumstances to have had such an Amount &c. — —

28th After much discussion with the people, & the exercise of a good deal of patience having at length come to an understanding and given an answer personally in the Public Cutcherry upon each subject of Complaint, which if not entirely was generally satisfactory to them. I was enabled to proceed with the Settlement at Chaitput and Inamdevanum which once commenced was

was concluded at both places without the slightest interruption, every Ryot with one single exception having eventually taken his Puttah.

29. The subjects of Complaint above referred to in such detail were of a general nature in which all the Ryots were supposed to participate, but many parties were also urgent to have cases of individual grievances heard and redressed and they ensured a hearing either by objecting to take their Puttahs, which in such Cases were detained by me until investigation was made, or they presented Petitions in the usual course. Of the former there were 258 Cases at Chaitput, and 480 at Tindevanum, and of the latter 1/2 at Chaitput and 5/12 at Tindevanum. The former Cases had reference entirely to matters connected with the Settlement and disputes about the occupation of land, and three fourths of them at each place arose out of the Dircast system. I cannot give

give a better idea of the nature of these complaints or the time occupied in the investigation of them than by submitting my Original Diaries* kept at the Summabundy for the two Talooks of Chaitput and Tindevanum. The other and most numerous list of Complaints were for the most part of a comparatively trifling nature and easily settled, but they occupied more time than I could afford to bestow upon them as it was necessary to give an answer to each and the Ryots were thus kept longer from their homes than I could have wished. In disposing of them at Chaitput I had the aid of Mr Cherry the Assistant Collector who joined me some days after my arrival there, but he had only recently been appointed to the District and could therefore deal only with cases of the simplest Kind, but he was most attentive and anxious to make himself useful.

* To be returned for transmission to the Collector of South Arcot. Enclosure No 8/9.

30. With a view to expedite business

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business at Tindevanum I requested the Head Assistant Collector Mr. Cunliffe to meet me there and from his experience and indefatigable attention I received the most essential aid, and was enabled to dispose of every Petition addressed to me there without detaining the Ryots beyond a day or two, and had more leisure myself to devote to the investigation of the more important Complaints connected with the Settlement, which it is seen, amounted to nearly double what they were at Chittput. To Mr. Cunliffe I am much indebted.

31. After finishing the Settlement at Tindevanum I proceeded to Cuddalore where I was visited by the Ryots of those Taloks to which I had not thought it necessary to proceed in person, and during the ten days that I remained at Cuddalore my time was uninterruptedly occupied in the disposal of Petitions from these Taloks. The only one which seems here to demand any particular notice is that from the Ryots generally of the Manargoody Talook they complain

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complain of the high rate of the Assessment with reference to Tanjore and Trichinopoly and request that a fixed Peerwash according to the Rates which has been introduced into all the Taloks of South Arcot except Manargoody and Chullumbrum, may be forthwith introduced into the Manargoody Taloks. This I assured them should be done, and I would earnestly recommend that no time should be lost in giving directions to the present Collector to apply himself without delay to the accomplishment of this object.

32. The Manargoody Ryots and also some from Chullumbrum complained of not receiving any remission for their crops utterly destroyed by inundation. I found that this Complaint had already been before the Board of Revenue and Government, and that it had been decided upon a report of the late Principal Collector that the extent of the loss was not such as according to the practice of the District, entitled

entitled them to any remission. They were
evidently clamorous upon this point, but as
the Government had already passed a decision,
I firmly declined to grant any remission.
my impression however is from all I
could learn, that they are entitled to some
indulgence, their crops having been destroyed
by inundation through breaches of Tanks.
The extent of this can only be ascertained
by the Collector who I think should be in-
structed to exercise his discretion in grant-
ing it, mean while I directed the Tahsildar
not to press the Ryots for the Teerwah upon
the lands which had suffered.

33. In a former part of this
paper I have stated my opinion that the
immediate occasion of the popular tumult
at Chaitput was the imposition of the
Tax on Nuttum Lands occupied by the
houses of Ryots. The Nuttum from time
immemorial had never been subject
to tax and the imposition of it was
every

every where alike obnoxious as fully exemplified
by the opposition to the first attempt at its
introduction at Triccalore and Trinamalie
before there could possibly have been time
for communication or combination with
other Talooks and the People believing that
it was intended to invade their established
rights by the imposition of a new and
unauthorized demand on their houses &
and back yards and thus open a door
to every description of vexatious interference
on the part of the Circar Servants, had
no doubt a just ground of complaint.
They were borne out in this belief both
from the wording of the Principal Collectors
order of the 14th April, and the entry of the
tax in their Puttahs. An explanation
of Mr. Ashtons views in taxing the Nut-
tum is to be found in his letter to the
Enclosure No. 10 Board of Revenue dated 12th May
1841 together with the indulgences
which he therein proposed for the future
to grant to the people and it is only to be
lamented that he had not given notice
of

of these proposed concessions at an earlier date to the Ryots of the dissatisfied Districts which would have prevented all the misunderstanding and all the unhappy results which have followed the attempt to impose the tax—

34— That the people had much cause for complaint there is no doubt but whilst I acknowledge this, I cannot too strongly deprecate the mode adopted by them to obtain redress which seems to call for the expression of Government's severe displeasure—

35— In my Circuit through the District I took with me the Head Sheristadar Runga Charloo and the Deputy Sheristadar Diagee Moodelly the former Officer had accompanied Mr. Ashton and was with him during the tumult at Chaitput and Tindevanum, my object in directing him to proceed with me was to ascertain the general feelings of the people towards him and I have every reason to believe whatever sentiments might before

have been entertained towards him, that none but a friendly feeling exists at present and that under the present acting Collector Mr. Hallett he will continue to maintain that high character which two of Mr. Hallett's Predecessors have borne testimony to—

36. As I understood on my arrival in the District that a hostile feeling was entertained towards the Head Sheristadar and my object being to allay instead of keeping alive, every feeling of dissatisfaction from whatever cause arising— I determined to carry on the business of the Cutcherry thro' the Deputy Sheristadar Diague Moodelly—

37 The people were in a great state of excitement as I have before noticed when I first arrived at Chaitput and Tindevanum, and I attribute the success which attended my endeavours to allay this feeling very much to the influence which he possessed over all classes— But whether I speak of him in reference to his exertions to bring the people to a right understanding or to

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his indefatigable labour, early and late in assisting me to bring the Settlement to a satisfactory conclusion, his conduct demands from me the expression of my unqualified praise and acknowledgement and in bringing his conduct and services to the notice of his Lordship in Council I should be happy if any mark of the approbation of Government could be conferred upon him—

7 years in the Company's service

38. I had hoped to have been able to forward this Report before quitting Cudda-lore but during the whole of my stay there I was so unceasingly occupied with Current business, which admitted of no delay, that I had no leisure to attend to any other, & after remaining ten days I was attacked with indisposition which rendered it desirable that I should quit the place, the completion of my report was necessarily deferred therefore until my arrival here & the occasion for one or two references to the District, and unavoidable interruption from the Current business of the Board have delayed its transmission longer than I could have wished, but which I was unable to avoid—

39. In conclusion I beg to state that I have submitted a revised Hookoomnamah for the District for the sanction of the Board of Revenue, in which I have endeavoured to meet every cause of complaint connected with the Assessment or Settlement of the Land Revenue as appears deserving of redress—

40. I beg also to state that I am forwarded for the information of the Board of Revenue a transcript of this Report

Mem. 31st August 1841

/ A true Copy / Signed J. Dent Commissioner
/ Signed / J. B. Powell Acting Dy. Secy to Govt.

Order thereon. Ordered that transcript of the foregoing Extract from the Minutes of Consultation with Copy of Mr. Dent the late Commissioner in South Arcots report to Government under date the 31st August last be furnished to Mr. Hallett Acting Collector in that District in order that his proceedings may be regulated in accordance with the views and instructions of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.—

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To The President and Members of the Board of Revenue

From the Dy. Secy to Govt. } Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit for your report the accompanying petition No. 1801 of 1841 from Syed Ahmed Shoostary of Salem, and to request that the original Summud, if in existence, may be submitted to Government.—

Fort St. George 13th December 1841 } (signed) Walter Elliot Jr. Secretary—

Ordered

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To the Pl. Coll.r of Salem.

Ordered that the following letter be sent in consequence.

To The Principal Collector of

Salem.

Sir,

13th. Novr. in Cons.s 2d. Decr. 1841.

The Board of Revenue having been directed by Government to forward if in existence the original Summud by which the Jaghire of Unnapollum is held. I have to request you will be pleased to ascertain from the present Incumbent Syed Ahmed Shootary what has become of the original document.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
2d. December 1841.

(Signed) P. B. Smollett
Secretary.

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From the Aff. Sec.y to Govt. stating that with certain alterations the sanction of the Government of India will be solicited for the reduced Moyen Labitah of this District submitted by the Collector of Rajahmundry

Read the following Extract

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 16th. November 1841.

Read the following papers

Letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 29th. July 1841 No. 301.

Minute by the Honble C. M. Lushington Esqre. dated 22d. October 1841 No. 1288.

Para 1. The expence of the Establishment heretofore maintained in the Rajahmundry District comprised

involved a monthly charge of Rupees 10,589-4, and that now proposed by the Collector and supported by the Board of Revenue amounts to Rupees 11,565-12 per mensem, shewing an increase of Rupees 976-8 per mensem, the details of which may be given as follow.

Increase to the Salaries of exciseing incumbents in the Huzzoor Establishment	167
New Situations in Do.	220
Additions in the District Establishments on account of Estates which have reverted to Government	192
Increase to the Ordinary Police Establishment	397
Charge of a new Police Division in Rumpah	182
Rupees	1158
Deduct proposed reductions	181-8
Rupees	976-8

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sees no sufficient grounds for the two first items of increase which will accordingly be excluded

but

but the reversion to Government of the Estates of Anchumtah, Fademullahs and Panoomadam renders the Establishments for their management imperative and the proposed expenditure on that account does not appear to be more than necessary.—

To the Govt. of India J. Dept. 4 Mar. 1841 No 205. From Do. 3 May 1841 No 65.

3. From the Correspondence noted in the Margin and that now submitted by the Board of Revenue which will also be transmitted to the Government of India, the necessity for putting the Police of the Rajahmundry District into a state of efficiency is sufficiently apparent, and His Lordship in Council will recommend to that Government that the proposed addition on that account should be admitted.—

4. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is disposed to defer to the opinions expressed by Mr. Lushington in the Minute recorded at the head of these Proceedings in respect to Rumpah and

and to consider that a Country and a people of such locality and habits had better be interfered with as little as possible, and that for the present no new Police Division should be created or any charge incurred on that account.—

5. The reductions are for the most part in the Sayer Department as as they will have to be carried into effect on the abolition of the Transit duties should such a measure be eventually decided upon, His Lordship in Council does not see that any inconvenience will be experienced by their being immediately adopted.—

6. With the foregoing alterations the Sanction of the Government of India will be solicited for fixing the Moyenzabitah of the Rajahmundry District at the enhanced Sum of Rupees 10,996—12—being above the one at present in force by Rupees

Rupees 407-8 per Mensem or Rupees 4890 per annum Viz.

Present Moyenzabitah	10,589-4-0
Additions on account of reverted Estates	192-0-0
Increase to ordinary Police	397-0-0
	11,178-4-0
Deduct proposed reductions	181-8-0
	Rupees 10,996-12-0

/ A true Extract /

/ Signed / Walter Elliot

A.J. Secy to Govt

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Proceedings thereon. Ordered, that transcript of the foregoing Extract from the Minutes of Consultation with Copy of the letter to the Chief Secretary to Government of date the 29th July last be furnished to the Collector of Rajahmundry with reference to Mr. Smith's communication under date the 30th June

Infors 22d July 1841

To

From the Aj. Secy to Govt

15

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 15th November 1841.

Read the following letter

To R. Clerk Esqre.
Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George.

Sir,

I am directed to request that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will be pleased to cause a Statement to be furnished for the information of the Government of India of the price of Salt at the different marts under the Madras Presidency if the information is at hand, or can be had without issuing Circulars for that purpose which might lead to abuses.

/ Signed / G. A. Bushby
Secy to Govt of India

Fort William
The 27th October 1841

The Board of Revenue will furnish at their earliest convenience the information called for in the above letter, of the price

price of Salt at the different marts under this Presidency.-

/Signed/ Walter Elliot
Actg Secy to Govt

Ordered that the following address be submitted in consequence.—

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To the Chief Secy to Govt

To The Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George.

Sir,

Para 1. With reference to an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 16th November I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request you will submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying Statement. Compiled from the Records in their Office Shewing the average Price of

1 Encl 2d Dec 1841

of Salt as sold wholesale in every district throughout the Madras Presidency during the last three years.—

This account is made from

2. monthly returns furnished by every Collector along with the Demand Collections and Balance Statements.

The prices of Salt rated are the wholesale rates of Merchants sales in the principal Towns and markets per Garce. The Garce contains four hundred Madras Measls, or one hundred and twenty Bengal Maunds.—

3. Each Garce is sold by the Collector at the Government Salt Pans on the Coast at Rupees 105 per Garce.—

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
2d December 1841.

/Signed/ B. B. Smollett
Secretary.

Statement

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Statement shewing the average rates of Salt in every District throughout the Madras Presidency for the last three years.

	Average rate of Fusly 1248		Average rate of Fusly 1249		Average rate of Fusly 1250		Average rate of three Fusslies	
	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.	
Ganjam	167	7	161	4 6	157	10	161	12 7
Vizagapatam	118	8 7	123	14 6	120	13 9	121	1 7
Rajahmundry	119	12 11	140	7 6	125	3 11	128	6 3
Masulipatam	120	8 0	117	8 0	120	0 0	119	5 4
Goontoor	138	7 9	136	7 6	135	3 7	136	11 7
Chingleput	153	14 10	150	1 11	143	0 10	149	0 6
Salem	216	13 7	212	12 11	202	4 4	210	10 3
Madura	162	14 5	162	3 1	153	1 7	159	6 4
Vellore	150	0 0	150	0 0	147	9 1	149	3 0
N. Do. of Arcot	189	14 4	187	3 1	172	7 4	183	2 11
S. Do. of Arcot	145	13 5	160	1 6	147	14 10	151	4 7
Tanjore	153	2 6	153	3 6	152	11 11	153	0 7
Trichinopoly	180	15 5	179	1 6	176	14 11	178	15 11
Tinnevelly	147	9 5	142	9 5	144	6 11	144	13 11
Bellary	268	5 4	278	1 8	244	13 7	263	17 7
Cuddapah	222	5 6	225	1 2	212	13 6	220	1 4
Coimbatore	219	7 7	227	2 1	219	14 7	222	2 9
Canara	134	11 9	135	5 3	132	12 5	134	4 5
Malabar	138	15 5	137	4 0	138	15 6	138	6 3
Madras	125	0 0	125	0 0	118	7 10	122	13 3

(Signed) P. B. Smollett

Secretary-

Read

Read the following Extract.

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From the Acting Secretary to Government.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated the 17th November 1841.-

Read the following letter

To Walter Elliot Esqre

Acting Secretary to Government of Fort St. George

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Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 6th Instant forwarding a Copy of a letter from the Collector of Malabar on the subject of a tender of some Teak Forests for sale to the Government, received from an individual named Hellen for the sum of 15,000 Rupees, with the opinion of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that, according to the description given by the Collector of the extent and present resources of the Forests the purchase is a very desirable one.-

2 It appears that the valuation of the Timbers already cut and fit for cutting after paying expenses is 10,772 Rupees, and there are 1650 Teak Saplings standing

standing valued at the same number of Rupees — The Collector reckons therefore that the Government will purchase the full and perpetual possession of these Forests containing in addition to the above from 6 to 1000 young Teak and other valuable Plants for the sum of Rupees 2578 — He proposes an establishment of 140 Rupees a Month for the care of the property.

3 It is not quite clear to the Government of India whether the person from whom this offer of a sale has been made, holds the Forests in fee simple, and has the power of transferring them in perpetuity to the Government or whether it is only a forest right that will be acquired.

4 His Lordship in Council would however be disposed to adopt the recommendation of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council provided we obtain by the purchase such valuable rights as we will pay for the charge of management and if time will allow of a further reference before the bargain must be

be concluded — I am directed to request more particular information as to the rights possessed by the person with whom the Collector of Malabar is in communication on the subject of these Forests and the probable productiveness of the property compared with the monthly expenditure that it will be necessary to incur in the protection and management of the plantations.

Fort William — — — } /Signed/ G. A. Bushby
the 27th October 1841 } Sec.y to the Gov.t of India

Ordered that the foregoing letter be communicated in reference to the Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 4th October 1841. No 1242 to the Board of Revenue who will furnish the further information required by the Government of India.

/Signed/ Walter Elliot
Acting Sec.y to Government

17-18
Order thereon

Ordered that a transcript of the foregoing correspondence be furnished to the Collector of Malabar for

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for his information and
guidance with reference
to his communication
to the Chief Secretary
to Government under
date the 6th September
last.

Mr Conally is now
requested to supply at
his earliest conve-
nience the further
information required
by the Government of India
relative to the Teak Forests
for sale to Government
by one Kellow.

To

Fort St. George 2nd December 1841.

Read the following letter

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue

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From the Secy to Government

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's letter of the 28th Ultimo and to transmit the accompanying revised Certificate No 103 for the pension granted to the family of the late Wm Goodman of your Establishment.

Fort St George
25th November 1841.

/signed/ Robert Clerk
Secretary to Government.

Order thereon

19-20

Ordered to be recorded.

Read the following letters

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

21

From the Collr of Guntoor

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant together with the undermentioned Printed forms for the use of this Office

ORIGINAL DESTROYED

Office -

Bills of Exchange ——— 190

Letters of Advice ——— 192

Guntoor
Collector's Cutcherry
27th November 1841.

/Signed/ J. Goldingham
Collector

To The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

22
From the Pt Coll.
of North Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Sub Secretary Mr Porter's letter of the 18th Instant together with 385 Printed Forms of the Bills of Exchange and 192 Letters of Advice therewith forwarded.

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North Arcot
Prin.l Coll.r Office Cutcherry
Palmanair 26th November 1841

/Signed/ G. M. Ogilvie
Principal Collector

Order on the 2 foregoing letters -

Ordered to be recorded

21-23

Read the following letter. -

To

To The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

24
From the Pt Coll.
of Nellore

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant on the subject of some Petitions presented to the Board by certain Cultivators in the Vencata-gherry Zemindary.

The matter to which these Petitions relate is a dispute of old standing, and the Petitioners and the Zemindar's party have been repeatedly brought up and punished magisterially for breaches of the peace - Some powerful Reddies in the Zemindary are at variance with the Zemindar, and the Petitioners belong to the Reddies party - The ground of complaint is the detention of their produce and it is one with which as Collector I am not competent to deal - The request that the case should be received and tried as a Summary Suit, but the only Regulation under which Summary Suits were intended to lie cognizable by the Collector is Regulation V 1822 and the Sudr Adalut in Proceedings dated 28th November 1830 ruled

ruled that Collectors under Regulation V 1822 are not authorized to decide any Summary Suits — The Civil Court is open to the parties in question if they consider themselves aggrieved by any oppressive acts of the Zemindar but they will not have recourse to this remedy and Reconsider that Have no authority under the existing Regulations to adjudicate upon such disputes between a Zemindar and his Ryots —

3 The several Petitions received from the Board as per margin are herewith returned —

Nos. 784-838-893 947 & 1088 of 1841.

Nellore Principal Collr Cutcherry 10th November 1841 — } /Signed/ J. T. Stonhouse Principal Collector

Proceedings thereon —

24-25

The Board of Revenue wish to peruse Extract from the Proceedings of Sudr Udalut referred to in the foregoing letter and considered by Mr Stonhouse as debarring the Collector from entertaining summarily the complaints of Ryots in the Venkatagherry Zemindary which seem properly cognizable under the provision of Regulation V of 1822 Mr Mathison is requested to furnish accordingly

accordingly Copy of so much of the Extract in question as relates to this Point

26

From James Fraser Esqre — } Assistant to the Collr of Bellary } Read letter requesting an extension of leave of absence from his Station until the first February 1842 —

ORIGINAL DESTROYED

Ordered to be submitted to Government for disposal thro' the channel of the Civil Auditor —

26-27

Read again letter from the Principal Collector of Cuddapah dated 27th October and entered in Consultation 11th Ultimo.

Ordered that the following address be submitted in conveyance —

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

28

To the Chief Secy to Government } Sir, With reference to the

Sn Cons 18 Octr 1841 — Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 4th October I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request you will lay before Government the accompanying letter from the Principal

27 Octr Sn Cons 11 Novr 1841 — Collector of Cuddapah intimating that in his

his opinion there is no objection to comply with Batcha Row's request to have the name of the second son entered as his next heir to succeed to the Shootrums Village granted him by Government in the Sunnud conferring the Grant.

Note - This is a son by a second wife -

The power of Government to restrict this Grant to any individual or to determine the line of succession through which it shall descend the Board conceive to be unquestionable - but adverting to the unusual nature of this application and bearing in mind that the Grant beyond one generation is conferred to dignify and reward the family of a distinguished public Servant they are not satisfied that the ordinary rules of succession should be deviated from except on the most sufficient grounds or that the bounty of Government should be intercepted from the natural Head of the family unless the propriety of such a measure could be clearly shewn -

Revenue Board's Office
Fort St George
2nd December 1841 - } /Signed/ P. B. Smollett
Secretary

Read the following Letters

To
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

(29)

From the Coll[r] of Chingleput - } Para 1.

Sir,

With reference to the Board's remarks on item No 2 of the Estimate of Extra Charges proposed to be incurred in the current fasly I have the honor to state for their information that 8 Moreallies not 10 as Estimated were made during the last fasly (1250) for the use of some of the Salt Depots in this District -

2 There are twelve Depots where Salt is continually being measured, and the number of Moreallies in constant use is 32 - The Estimate for the current fasly appears to me from the wear of these measures moderate and necessary -

Chingleput District - - - -
Collector's Cutcherry - - -
Pullicarney 5th November 1842 } /Signed/ A. Freese
Collector

Under the explanation contained in the foregoing letter the Board beg to

Resolution thereon -

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to recommend that sanction may be granted for the Estimated disbursement of Rupees 78-0-0 for making Brass Measures for the use of the Salt Depôts in the District of Chingleput.-

To

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

31

From the Coll.r of Chingleput.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 30th August last; calling for certain information regarding the Shrotrium Village of Calator and to state that the Petitioner Cooppoo Teyagaroy Moodely, being the eldest son of the late Shrotriumdar Vydeanada Moodely is the party to whom the Shrotrium should properly devolve, but there is a demand of Rs 1134-9-10 for sums expended in the repair of the reservoirs of the Village since it was placed under Circar management. These repairs were very much wanted and the amount of expense on that account was advanced out of the General Pagoda Funds in

in anticipation of its being realized from the proceeds of the Shrotrium, but which have been hitherto hardly sufficient to cover the fixed expenditure of the Pagoda.-

2. Cooppoo Teyagaroy Moodely having been sent for and asked what arrangement he would make for the payment of the amount in question states his inability to pay the whole of it at once but agrees to discharge the same by annual instalments of 100 Rupees.-

3.- I therefore see no obstacle to the Shrotrium Village being restored to him together with the Pagoda unless the prohibition to making over the lands contained in the recent general order of Government regarding the future management of all the Pagodas in the District be considered applicable to this case.-

Chingleput District,
Collector's Cutcherry,
Pullecarney, 18th November 1841.

(Signed) A. Freese
Collector.-

Ordered that the following address be submitted in consequence.-

To

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To

The Chief Secretary to
Government

31-32

To the Chief Secy to Government.

Sir,

Para 1. In reference to the observations recorded in Para 4 of the Extract from the minutes of Consultation of the 6th July last, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request you will lay before Government for orders the accompanying letter from Mr. Freese, conveying the necessary information in regard to the present position of the Devas=tanum Village of Collatoor in Chinglepat and the claims of Coopoo Tegarayen thereto.

2. This individual is it seems the eldest son of Vydenada Moodely the late Shrotriumdar, and the only obstacle to the restoration of the Shrotreum is the demand of Rupees 1134-9-10 expended on the repairs of the reservoirs of the Village under the Circar management. The party consent to repay the amount which is due to the General Pagoda Funds by instalments of Rupees one hundred per annum, an arrangement which the Board under the expressed intentions of the Honorable the Court of Directors venture to recommend may be granted.

3. The Board will not fail to point

Sent to Chinglepat Collr's Cons. 2 Dec. 1841

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point out to the Collector the irregularity of making advances of this nature unless sanction has been first obtained.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
2nd December 1841.

/Signed/ T. D. Smollett.
Secretary.

Read the following Statement.

33

Statement of Salt for exportation to Calcutta from the Port of Covelong in the Zillah of Chinglepat up to 24th November 1841.

Quantity of Salt permitted to be exported.	Quantity already exported.	Quantity remaining to be exported.	Quantity actually in store ready for exportation on the Beach.	Quantity ready in the Cotaurs.	Remarks
For 1841/42. Bengal Maunds					
5,00,000		5,00,000	9,80,19	10,74,15	

Chinglepat District,
Collr's Cutcherry,
Pullecarney, 29th November 1841.

/Signed/ A. Freese
Collector.
Ordered.

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17937. Fort St. George 2nd December 1841.

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Order thereon.— Ordered to be recorded.—

From the Prin.l Coll.r of North Arcot.— Read

35 Statement of Extra tent allowance for fusly 1250.—

Ordered that the following letter be sent in reply.

To,

The Principal Collector in the Northern Division of Arcot.—

36

To the Prin.l Coll.r in the N.n D.n of Arcot.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of the Statement of Extra tent allowance for Fusly 1250 submitted by you under date 13th October last and to convey sanction for the amount drawn by yourself and Subordinates respectively for the number of days noted in the Margin.—

	No. of Days
Mr. G. M. Sylvie Pl. Coll.r	20
Mr. J. D. Bourdillon Sub Coll.r	16
Mr. C. T. Arbuthnot Aj. H.q. Afs.t	42
Mr. a. M. Owen — D.o — D.o	82

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
2nd December 1841.

/Signed/ P. B. Smollett.
Secretary.

Ordered.

17938. Fort St. George 2nd December 1841.

Order thereon.— Ordered that a copy of

95-37 the foregoing letter be transmitted to the Civil Auditor for his information.—

Read the following letters

To,

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

38

From the Pl. Coll.r of Salem.

Sir,

With reference to the Board's Proceedings dated the 30th September last and 1st Instant, I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Board that it appears by a report received from the Tahsildar of Tripatoor that the Petitioners Chinna Baboo and Hoosain purchased 140 Marcals of Salt in November 1840 at Vaniembady from one Hader Saib and in conveying it to Pullipollium was seized by the Sayer Ameen of Salem in consequence of the quantity not agreeing with the original Rowanah obtained by Hader Saib in which 160 Marcals were mentioned.— The Statement of the Petitioners

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Petitioners that they applied at Vaniembaddy for a Mauffee Rowanah and that it was not granted to them by the Sayer Ameen from its being unnecessary is correct and Kader Saib states, that the Salt he brought at the Vayaloor pans in the Chingleput District was the same he sold to the said Chinna Baboo and Hoosain. Under these circumstances I am of opinion that the Salt should be returned to the Petitioners and request therefore the sanction of the Board thereto.

Salem Zillah.....
Salem Prin.l Coll.rs Cutcherry, } /Signed/ I. D. Gleig
16th November 1841..... } Prin.l Coll.r

Proceedings thereon. Mr. Gleig will of course return the Salt adverted to in the letter now recorded to the owners, the delay in disposing of the case is extremely reprehensible.

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed upon Petitions Nos. 476 and

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and 1356 of 1841.

The Board of Revenue have issued instructions to restore the Salt adverted to in this address.

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

40
From the Pl. Coll.r of Salem.....

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will lay before the Board for their orders the following circumstances. Twenty five Buffaloe hides were seized from certain Traders of Admancottah in the Darampoory Talook by the Sayer Ameen of Hurroor at Echumbaddy from no Rowanah being produced by them. The confiscated hides were delivered by the Sayer Ameen to the Curnum of the Village with directions to forward them to the Tahsildar, but instead of doing so, he delivered them in charge of the Village Totie, in whose absence, the owners managed by fraudulent

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fraudulent means to get them from the females of the house. The Tolies not being able to identify the owners promised to pay the value, but as the Curnum did not attend to the instructions of the Sayer Ameen, he was the responsible person and was consequently directed to pay the value of the hides Viz.t. 15 Rupees 10 Ans. agreeably to the Sayer Tareef. the amount has been collected and awaits the Board's decision.-

Salem Zillah, - - - - -
Salem Print.d Coll.rs Cutcherry, } /Signed/ I. D. Gleig
16th November 1841 - - - - - Print.d Coll.r

Proceedings.

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Proceedings thereon. Duty on the Hides at their estimated valuation should have been levied from the Sayer Ameen and the Money Rupees 15 -- 10 returned to the Curnum.

This should now be done.-

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

(42)

From the P.t Coll.r of Salem } Sir

I have the honor to request you will lay before the Board the following circumstances. A Merchant obtained a Manffee Rowanah from the Rutnagherry Sayer Ameen for 5 bags containing 37 Maunds of 2.d Sort Paulghaut Betel Nut and forwarded them to Ooscoor, where, on their arrival the Sayer Ameen finding only 3 bags, wrote to the last Tahsildar informing him of it, who reported the circumstance to the Huzzoor when an order was sent directing him to weigh the Contents of the 3 bags and report the quantity, but before the receipt of the order, the Tahsildar made over the

bags

bags to the owner, who, on being called upon to deliver the 3 bags, produced only 1-2 having been sold. The Tahsildar having thus returned the Nuts to the owner without orders, the value of two bags, containing 15 Maunds priced 60 Rupees was collected from him and is now in deposit. I have therefore to request the Board's instructions as to its disposal.

As connected with this case it is necessary to state, that when the Tahsildar called upon the Merchant for the 3 bags which were returned to him he sent for 2 other bags of Nuts from Hiatnagherry to make up the deficiency (he having delivered up only one) but on their arrival at Ossoor they were seized upon by the Sayer Coolcar, from no Rowanah accompanying them. This was duly intimated to the Board upon whose order dated 16th December 1839, they were sold as confiscated property.

Salem Gillah.
Salem, Fe. Coll. Cutcherry
16th November 1841.

/Signed/ J. D. Cloig
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Proceedings thereon. The Board desire that the sum in deposit Rupees 60 be returned to the party from whom it was collected. The reason why this case has not been disposed of up to the present time, the transaction having taken place in 1839, ought to have been explained.

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

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From the Fe. Coll. of Salem

Sir,

A Yeomiah of Rupees 5 a Month is enjoyed by two persons Shaalla Syed Hoosein and Syed Boodeen for the purpose of keeping up lights in a Musjeed. Paragraph 3 in the rules regarding Yeomeahs issued with your letter of 18th January last, prohibits any Yeomiahdar drawing his pension by Vakeel unless under sanction of the Revenue Board. In the present case, Shaalla Syed Hoosein is employed in the service of Government, a Sepoy in the 15th Regiment of Native Infantry

Infantry- I would therefore request the Sanction of the Board to pay him through his Vakeel.

As it may be impracticable at times, as in the case of yeomiahdars who are attached to Regiments it may be on foreign service, to carry into effect the provisions laid down in Para 4 which requires a monthly certificate of existence and identity from the Vakeel- I would beg to bring the circumstance to notice in order that parties on service with the army or absent with their Regiments, may be exempted from this Rule as far as may appear necessary to Government, for the purpose of removing any unnecessary obstacle to its regular payment.

Salem Zillah---
Pe. Salem Collrs. Cutchery
17th November 1841.

/Signed/ J. D. Gleig
Pe. Collector

Resolution thereon (44-45) Under the peculiar circumstances represented in the foregoing letter the

the Board sanction the deviations from the usual rules observed in payment of Yeomiahs, which are recommended by the Collector to be allowed in cases of Sepoys entitled to Yeomiah allowances who may be absent with their Regiments.

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

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From the Pe. Collr. of Salem } Sir,

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Board, that Cotton Seed has been sown in several parts of the District in the Month of October- The Ladumpetty, Copumpetty and Bourbon Cotton plants are in a thriving condition- In some parts they are budding, and in others they are yielding--

Salem Zillah----
Pe. Salem Collectors Cutchery
16th November 1841-

/Signed/ J. D. Gleig
Pe. Collector

Order thereon (4647) Ordered to lie on the Table-
(14th in Con. 28th Octo. 1841.)

Read letter from the Acting Collector in the Southern Division of Arot submitting further information called

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Proceedings

Submitting further information called for by Govt. regarding the Enam lands held by the Woodiarpalliem Poligar in the Talooks of Mannargoody and Chellumbroom in South Arcot and recommending that the lands and revenues held by the family of two Talooks be resumed and that an allowance of 15 per Cent on the income they derived therefrom be conferred in lieu in perpetuity and that the Grants of the Poligars to individuals be confirmed in like manner, a ready money allowance in commutation equivalent to the full value of the Maniums assumed being granted for life the circumstances of each family being reported for consideration on each lapse, and that the lands alienated to Pagodas be confirmed with certain exceptions.

called for in the matter of the Enam land held by the Woodiarpalliem Poligar in the Talooks of Mannargoody and Chellumbroom in that District.-

thereon Para 1. The circumstances connected with the possessions of the Woodiarpalliem Poligar in South Arcot were brought to notice at length in an Extract from the Boards' proceedings of the 4th March 1839. It was proposed to resume the lands and Revenues held by the family in that district, bestowing in lieu thereof a ready money allowance equal to fifteen per cent of the fees and land resumed, agreeably to the usage observed on the occasion of the resumption of lands belonging to the Poligar in Woodiarpalliem.-

Difficulties arising from alienations to individuals and to Pagodas the particulars of which were then unknown precluded the Boards' proposing any definite arrangement at that period but

In Cons. 27th June 1839

but Government in an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 23d. April 1839 approved of the suggestions offered and directed that further enquiries should be instituted into the nature and extent of these alienations.-

From Govt. 29th Sept. in Cons. 8th Nov. 1841

2 The Honorable the Court of Directors in Para 42-43- and 44 of their despatch under date the 2d July 1841 in adverting to this subject have also approved of the arrangement noted above, desiring at the same time that on the settlement of the question a liberal consideration may be given to the claims of all Parties who have so long held undisturbed, though unauthorized possession of these lands.-

3 The farther information called for is contained in the letter from Mr. Hallett now recorded, and in a former letter from the late Principal Collector of South Arcot Mr. Ashton bearing date the 27th November 1840.-

In Cons. 17th Dec. 1841

4. Mr. Ashtons' letter with enclosures contains all the information that can be procured upon the subject under

under review. It is seen from these that the alienations in both Talooks of Manargoody and Epellumbrum to individuals comprize sixty two grants extending in the aggregate over 28 Cawt. as 13¼ of land and calculated to yield a yearly Revenue of Rupees 2891-10-9.

5. The grants to Pagodas and Chuttrums amount likewise to 36, enjoying an Estimated income of Rupees 1481-15-11 from the land, and Rupees 120-8-2 from other authorized Fees, in all Rupees 1602-8-1 per Annum.

6. Mr. Ashton has recommended that all the grants to private individuals be resumed, and in consideration of the hardship that many of the Parties would suffer from being at once deprived of the benefits they have long enjoyed, Considering also that many incumbents are said to be very poor, he suggests that a money allowance be paid them equal to the amount of their Mauniums during their lives. Mr. Hallett also concurs in the propriety of

of a money allowance in preference to continuing the parties in possession of their lands for reasons which are considered valid.

7. The Board beg to support their suggestion with the proviso that each lapse be also specially reported, and a statement furnished of the number of the dependants supported from the allowance of the deceased. If the families require consideration for their poverty, a portion of the allowance might be continued for life to each member agreeably with the exigency of the case, each share to lapse to Government on their demise.

8. With five exceptions Nos. 77-79 84-93-87 of his statement, Mr. Ashton recommends that the grants to Pagodas and Chuttrums be confirmed. The institutions excepted who now enjoy grants from the Woodiarpollem Estate amounting jointly to Rupees 296-5-4 are said to possess sufficient incomes from other sources. Mr. Ashton recommends that the lands be continued and duly registered in the names of the respective Institutions.

Mr.

Mr. Hallett on the other hand recommends the resumption of all the lands in commutation for a money allowance to terminate after a term of years- The Board of Revenue incline to Mr. Ashtons' recommendation, both as being more in accordance with the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors of date the 2d July quoted above, as well as with the Policy frequently of late enjoined in regard to interference with the property of Religious native Institutions.-

9. The Board desire to recapitulate their suggestions- They propose 1st that the lands and other Revenues of the Poligar of Woodiarpollem in the Talooks of Chellumbrum and Manargoody be assumed and that an allowance of 15 per cent on the income they derived therefrom be conferred in lieu in perpetuity- 2dly that the grand of the Poligars and all alienations to individuals be assumed in like manner a ready money allowance in Commutation equivalent to the full value of the Mauniem assumed being granted for life, the circumstances of each family dispossessed being reported for consideration on each lapse- Lastly they propose that

that the lands alienated to Pagodas be confirmed with the exception of those granted to five institutions which are otherwise amply endowed.-

10. It is suggested that the assumption of the lands heretofore held by the family of the Poligar be reckoned from the 12th July 1839 the commencement of Fusly 1249 the resolution of Government approving of the course indicated by the Board of Revenue being of date the 23d April 1839- The collections under Asmany till that date should they think be accounted for to the Estate of the Minor Poligar now under the superintendence of the Court of Wards, and the fixed allowance only be paid afterwards.-

11. The debts of the family were found to be very extensive on the demise of the late Poligar and the assets which have accumulated from the lands in South Arcot are required to enable the demands of creditors to be equally settled.-

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Extract from the Boards proceedings be submitted to Government and a transcript of the same be forwarded to the Acting Collector of South Arcot for his information and guidance.-

Read.

Read again letter from the Coll.r of South Arcot dated 4th entered in Cons.r 18th Ultimo thereon.

(49)

Proceedings calling for further information regarding the seizure reported by the Actg Coll.r of South Arcot of a large quantity of Copper & stating that if due precaution is observed by the Revenue Authorities of the District no fraud such as that now reported could escape detection

1. The Board of Revenue would wish to be informed whether when the fraud on the Revenues was Completed by the arrival of the Copper at Cuddalore, it then changed hands, when broken up for transit to several stations under Cover of fresh Rowannahs. If it did and Rowannahs were granted by the proper Authorities to fresh Parties, the Board are doubtful how far it is legal to enforce against them the full penalty of confiscation when the Article was seized in a neighbouring district because a fraud was in the first instance perpetrated on the Government in passing the Goods under false Certificates to Cuddalore.

2. As regards the Acting Collectors' observations relative to the wide door for fraud opened by the practice that obtains at the Presidency of issuing Rowannahs on application without an examination of the goods, the Board are of opinion that if due caution was observed by the Revenue Authorities

Authorities of the district, no fraud such as that now reported could escape detection. For if the goods entered the district of South Arcot under cover of a Madras Rowannah that instrument should bear the counter-signature of the Chowkydar of the last British station through which the goods passed before they entered the French territories, otherwise the article should be regarded as foreign merchandize and treated accordingly.

The enforcement of this simple Rule, the Board think, would effectually stop the practice of obtaining a Madras Rowannah to cover goods on transit for a foreign settlement.

Read the following letters.

(50)

From the Actg Coll.r of the 3d Div.n of Arcot

Submitting explanation called for on the subject of

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue Fort St. George

Sir,

In acknowledging Extract from Board's Proceedings dated 16th Ultimo, I have the honor to offer the following explanation

of the assessment and Cultivation of Totacal in his District.

esplanation and remarks.-

2 The Board have, in Para 4. correctly Stated the average of Totacal cultivation immediately following the introduction of the Survey at 2015¾ Cawnies, but subsequently in the same para they have, by including the Jagheers in some of the years, rated the average too high, both for the 5 fuslies from 1245 to 1249. inclusive, and for the 2 fuslies 1248 and 1249. I annexe a Memorandum shewing the Extent in each of these years. It will thus be seen that the 5 years average was 1595 and not 1668. and the 2 years average was 1660 and not 1800.-

Fuslies	Cawnies	Rs
1245	1510	28431
1246	1419	24705
1247	1525	28707
1248	1653	29495
1249	1667	28485
	7974	139821
Average	1595	27,964

3. But while I should be glad to collect the Teerwah or this description of land in the manner suggested originally by the Board in Para 10. Extract from the Proceedings dated 19th April last in the hope to increase the revenues and bring under the Plough aquantity of land at present lying waste

waste / about 70 per Cent /, I am much more desirous of trying the experiment in the feeling that thereby the people will assuredly be benefited without a possibility of injury to the Circar- for these lands are all close to the Villages and would be made available for the very convenient Cultivation of the inhabitants.-

4th If even the Extent of advantage likely to arise can be a subject for doubt, I think it must be allowed that there can follow no harm or injury to any interest- and my own opinion, Exposed in my previous letter as well as in this, leading me to anticipate a favorable result I take the liberty of expressing my hope that the Board will recommend for adoption the Collection of the Teerwah on Totacal land in conformity with the actual Cultivation on it- If such indulgence be given I certainly recommend that it be general- for I estimate the

quantity

quantity lying waste, from old wells or springs having fallen out of repair, as small. the other causes formerly adduced having mainly contributed to the existing state.

5. With respect to the suggestion in the latter part of Para 5 I venture to observe that the introduction of such a restriction would be a radical change depriving the ryot of the full benefit of improvements to his lands altho made at his own Cost and interfering with that freedom of Cultivation which it is so desirable to establish. On these accounts chiefly, and also because I doubt its practicability I conceive its adoption far from expedient.-

Cuddalore,
Coll.rs Cutchery,
12th November 1841.

/ Signed / C. W. Hallett
Aj. Collector

Order thereon. Ordered to be sent again in circulation

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

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From the Aj. Coll.r of S. Arcot. Requesting further instructions regarding certain claims in the possession of one Autcoor Soobroyen and claimed by the two sons of the last incumbent Soobroyen

x Ltr Board 2nd Nov.r 1830. Ltr Board 2nd Decr 1830.

Sir,

Para 1. I have the honor to represent some circumstances relative to the correspondence noted in the margin.-

2. The Boards instructions appear to have been issued under the belief that the sons of Soobroyen were in possession, but Autcoor Soobroyen, termed the 2nd claimant, was then and is still in possession, and objects most strongly to yielding it.-

3 He states that he was adopted by Ammalamah, after her husband's death, and thus inherits a ½ share, and that Soobroyen's sons made over to his own father, an agreement dated 4 years back, the other ½ share.-

x Vide Genealogical Tree.

4 The adoption by the widow even if true, was about 15 years after the husband's death, and without any previous instructions from him, it cannot therefore be allowed to give a title and whatever force might be given to the agreements, is effaced by his not having paid any money, portion due by that very document.

Soobroyens

5 Soobroyen's sons declare, that while they were minors, the other side fraudulently took possession and deprived them of their rights, which is very probable from their still being youths, and not of an age to have judged respecting the giving of such a document at the time of its alleged execution.-

6- Neither party has any sound title to the land, if not resumed by the Government it is only to be considered in the light of an indulgence.-

7- Possession cannot be maintained to the ½, said to be granted on agreement, and by inheritance decidedly none but the sons of Soobroyen can claim the favor of Government.-

8 However, as dispossession of any party does not appear to have been contemplated by the Board in their former letter of 2d. December, I have the honor to request their instructions as to my proceeding in the case, merely suggesting that it would be advisable in my opinion in the first instance to assert the resumption of the Manieum, and found on the right of possession given to

Soobroyen's sons for life, on its being a new gift or Enam.-

Cuddalore, Collector's Cutcherry, 16th November 1841.

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/Signed/ C. H. Hallett-
Jr. Collector-

Proceedings thereon- Grants of land held under Enam tenure of the nature of that noticed in the correspondence quoted by the Acting Collector in the foregoing letter have been tacitly permitted by the British Government to be considered and treated as Hereditary property, and its possession is frequently made matter of litigation in the ordinary Courts of law- Under these circumstances it does not seem requisite for the Officers of Government to interfere summarily and eject the present occupant. the sons of Soobroyen may take legal proceedings- if they see fit to obtain possession thro' the ordinary Courts.-

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Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

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From the Jr. - - -
Coll.r of S. Arcot.

Returning Petition Sr. 1813 of 1841: with his opinion thereon on the claim therein urged for remission on account of crops destroyed by inundation &c. &c. &c. Sr. 1813 of 1841 Forwarded.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of 18th. instant.- 2.-

The Petition bears 55 names of these

these, 20 only claim any loss by inundation, and of the remaining 35. only 3 owe any balance.—

3. From this it is clear that either the minority have falsely put the names of the Majority to the "inundation" complaint—or that the Majority are urgent for the "revision of the assessment," which they of course consider to mean a "reduction in the Assessment."

4 My letter of the 6th fully discusses the question of the "inundation", and I take the liberty of remarking, that it probably will be better, as the Board trusted me with discretionary power on the subject, that my resolution should be supported, it having been finally come to after personal enquiry and full consideration aswell as founded on strong grounds, as formerly explained, than that by it's reversal the Petitioners should meet with an indulgence to which they have no right.—

5 My belief is that these people under the guidance of a few discontented persons, are in reality far more

anxious

anxious about a revision, or as they fancy reduction, of the assessment, as promised in the Board's endorsement quoted in their petition—I gave them no hope—as the Government had so lately on a question regarding a change expressed a fear of tampering with the Assessment—and I think it would be advisable that they should receive a definite endorsement on this head, for persuading the ryots that they can by perseverance speedily obtain a compliance with this demand, the malcontents have induced them to hold back in the extent of their cultivation.

6 On this subject I venture to refer the Board to paras. 15 and 16. of the then Principal Collector's Summahbundy report for fusly 1244 since which date the inhabitants of Munnargoody have derived all the benefits of a certain supply of water by the extensive irrigation works constructed at the expense of the Government.—

The

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Sir,

The enclosed Statement will shew the full cultivation of each of the 20 individuals, the balance due by each and the amount claimed by each, on account of loss by inundation under the exaggerated accounts sent in.—

Cuddalore,
Coll.rs Cutcherry,
23d. November 1841.

/ Signed / C. H. Hallett.
A.C. Coll.r

Statement

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Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith Collections and Balances as well as the Log Book of Proceeding the Sarigs, Coasting Vessels in the Port of Cuddalore for the month of November 1841.

I have &c.

Signed C. H. Hallett.
A.C. Coll.r

Ordered.

1964 Fort St. George 2d December 1841.-

Statement shewing the Bariz, Collections and Balance as well as the loss of crops alleged to have sustained by certain Ryots in the Talook of Munnargoody in the Southern Division of Arcot.-

Number.	Names of the Puttahdars.	Amount of Puttah Bariz.		Collection.		Balance.		Loss by inundation.		Remarks.
		£	R. A. P.	£	R. A. P.	£	R. A. P.	£	R. A. P.	
1	Aroonachella Pillay and Sabapaty Pillay	82	5 s.	82	5 s.	"	" "	27	13 .	
2	Davasicomony Pillay	1704	6 6.	1566	12 2	137	10 4	336	12 4	
3	Ambala Soobroya Pillay	97	8 9.	45	4 .	52	4 9	30	6 6	
4	Ambalavana Pillay	133	6 6	102	15 4	30	7 2	1	9 6	
5	Ambalavana Pillay	53	. 6	27	11 .	25	5 6	6	13 4	
6	Palamalanada Pillay	324	12 10	292	6 .	32	6 10	48	. 5	
7	Moottoosawmy Pillay	60	12 4	41	. .	19	12 4	15	. 3	
8	Aroonachella Pillay	147	14 2	81	11 3	66	2 11	46	11 2	
9	Canagasiba Pillay	13	. .	13	. .	"	" "	3	5 9	
10	Vencatachella Padiachy	37	3 9	29	6 3	7	13 6	7	12 .	
11	Mooriew Ramasawmy Pillay	30	8 6.	3	12 .	26	12 6	6	1 2	
12	Valangooda Pillay	417	7 9	277	12 .	139	11 9.	117	11 .	
13	Valangooda Pillay	522	14 10	188	12 8	334	2 2	107	2 8	
14	Canagusaba Pillay	351	. 11	30	12 .	320	4 11.	41	3 8.	Father and Sons Puttah-dars.
15	Vencatachella Padiachy	89	. .	89	. .	"	" "	30	11 7.	
16	Chetumbra Pillay	546	. .	546	. .	"	" "	59	13 1.	
17	Mootoosamy Pillay	639	4 9	297	4 .	362	. 9.	203	9 .	
18	Mariew Syanier	108	9 10	74	9 .	34	. 10	10	5 1.	
19	D°. Soobray Pillay	154	13 7	143	5 .	11	8 7.	12	8 9	
20	Pannumbala Pillay	318	1 2	264	15 .	53	2 2	12	1 1.	
	Total	5852	4 4	4198	9 4.	1653	11 .	1125	7 4	

Cuddalore,
Coll^rs. Cutcherry,
23d. November 1841.

E. C. per Signd/ C. H. &c

1964 | Fort St. George 2d December 1841.-

Statement shewing the Bariz, Collections and Balance as well as the loss of crops alleged to have sustained by certain Ryots in the Talook of Munnargoody in the Southern Division of Arcot.-

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3	Ambala Soobroya Pillay	97	8	9.	45.	4	.	52	4	9	30	6	6	
4	Ambalavana Pillay	133	6	6	102	15	4	30	7	2	1	9	6	
5	Ambalavana Pillay	53	.	6	27	11	.	25	5	6	6	13	4	
6	Palamalanado Pillay	324	12	10	292	6	.	32	6	10	48	.	5	
7	Moottoosawmy Pillay	60	12	4	41	.	.	19	12	4	15	.	3	
8	Aroonachella Pillay	147	14	2	81	11	3	66	2	11	46	11	2	
9.	Canagasiba Pillay	13	.	.	13	.	.	.	.	.	3	5	9	
10	Vencatachella Padiachy	37	3	9	29	6	3	7	13	6	7	12	.	
11.	Monien Ramasawmy Pillay	30	8	6.	3	12	.	26	12	6.	6	1	2	
12	Valayooda Pillay	417	7	9	277	12	.	139	11	9.	117	11	.	
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20	Pannumbala Pillay	318	1	2	264	15	.	53	2	2	12	1	1.	
	Total	5852	4	4	4198	9	4	1653	11	.	1125	7	4	

Cuddalore,
Coll.ns Cutcherry,
23d. November 1841.

E. E. per Signed/ C. H. Ballett.
A/g C. Coll.r

Ordered-

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Ordered that the following letter be sent in consequence.

To the Acting Collector of South Arcot.

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To the Acting Collr of South Arcot

From S. Arcot 6th Nov 1841.
To Do 18th Nov 1841.
From Do 23d Nov.
in Cons 2d Dec 1841.

2d Dec 1841

Sir,

Referring to the correspondence noted in the Margin, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward for your information and guidance copy of an Endorsement which has been given to Petition No. 1813 of 1841. received from certain Ryots of the Talook of Manargoody in the District of South Arcot.

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The parties have been informed that if their balances are not discharged their property will be attached and sold, but the Board trust that this extreme measure may not be required.

Revenue Bd Office,
Fort St. George,
2d December 1841.

} Signed / P. B. Smollett
Secretary.

Read the following letter

56

From the Collr of Tanjore submitting an account of the sums which have accumulated up to the end of

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Sir,

With reference to the 6th para of the Board's Proceedings of the 17th March 1836. I have

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of Fasly 1250 from Ayeut and Merah Mauniems and requesting instructions for their disposal.

have the honor to submit an account of the sums which have accumulated up to the end of Fasly 1250, from Ayeut and Merah Mauniems, the payment of which has been suspended under the operation of Mr. Cotton's rules.

	No.	Annual Amount					Accumulated Amount up to the end of Fasly 1250.				
		Rs.	A.	P.			Rs.	A.	P.		
Pluralities	171	1170	12	1			20497	4	2		
Gift	1	47	10	6			998	9	3		
Sale	45	660	12	9			12537	5	1		
Martgage	8	61	4	6			1292	14	3		
Not Registered	780	3230	3	11			89662	1	4		
Deceased	212	3139	4	1			57880	"	5		
Total	"	8309	15	10			168868	2	6		

The aggregate annual amount of these Mauniems is Rupees 8309-15-10. and the aggregate accumulated amount is Rupees 168868-2-6. as exhibited in the Margin.

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In this amount the Mauniems held on "Sicca Summuds" are comprised as well as those held on "Dufter Rocca". It is observed in the 5th para of the Board's Proceedings that "with respect to the "Sicca Summuds it may be advisable "to make a distinction, and to admit of "hereditary succession to the Mauniems "held under them" but it is proposed to treat the others "as resumable at discretion "according to the usage of the Native "Government, and not to allow them to be "continued beyond the life of the registered "incumbent". These mauniems however have, since their resumption on the transfer

transfer of the Province to the British Government, been all treated uniformly; and in practice Sicca Sunnuds were, as the Board observe, so little respected by the Native Government which granted them, that of 66 Mauniems held under them, only 4 were found to be payable in full, partial assumption of from ¼ to 7/8 having been made from them as well as from all other Mauniems.

No. of years since application for payment was made	No. of the Certificate	Annual amount.			Accumulated amount.		
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
30	326.	5	5	3.	135	3	8.
	584	8	3	1	208	15	8
	2	32	13	11	838	3	1.
23	633	8.	2	8.	174	8	7.
	411	4	4	2	90	14	8.
21	81	15	.	3.	320	11	11.
19	656.	4	3	.	78.	5	2.
17	277.	2	14	.	43.	10	1.
	182	9	11	7.	162	10	.
	1012.	10	12	4	175.	8	4
	334.	6	10	1.	82	14	6.
	233.	.	15	11.	16	9	.
16	248.	105	11	11	1908	.	5.
14	785.	8	12	.	187	.	1.
	1008.	34	13	10.	494	14	8.
Total		258.	6	.	4,897	7	10.

it may be presumed that the Grantees are either deceased, or persons in those Mauniems

Mauniems are too insignificant to be worth the trouble of application, and that this is the case with the majority of the holders of the remainning 12, there can be little doubt, for the number of years during which they remain unclaimed - 3, after having for many years been treated as life Pensions, these Mauniems are now to be considered here- ditary, it will entail a most tedious investigation of the identity and claims of the heirs of persons long since dead, and in the great majority of instance for no better purpose than that of thrusting upon them a pittance not worth their acceptance - I would therefore take the liberty of suggesting that at this time of day it can hardly be expedient to make any distinction between Mauniems held on Sicca Sunnud, and those held on Duftar Rocca, both titles having hitherto been

No. of years since application for payment was made	No. of Mauniems	annual amount.		
		Rs.	A.	P.
1	3.	55	9	2.
2	2	86	8	3.
3.	2	34	11	9.
5.	3.	32	1	.
7.	1.	5	11	6.
8	1.	67	8	2
Total	785	11	7	

Moreover out of these 66 Mauniems but 27 have survived the operation of Mr. Cotton's rules, and of these 27, it will be seen by the marginal Statement that the holders of 15. the annual amount of whose Mauniems was Rs. 1258 as have not applied for payment for various periods from 14 to 30 years - Of these

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been considered, both before and since the assumption of the Province, equally valid, the latter having been in fact substitutes for the former, either previous to the preparation of the more formal documents or in case of its's having been mislaid.

4 The accumulated amount of arrears of Mauniems which have remained unclaimed more than 2 years after becoming due up to the end of Fusly 1250 is Rupees 88,647-- -- 2

Accumulated amount.

	Rs.	as.	P.
Arrears unclaimed beyond 2 years after becoming due	88,647	--	2
Forfeited by Mr. Lotton's Rules	168,868	2	6
Unclaimed for 2 years	88,647	--	2
	257,515	2	8

5 The aggregate accumulated amount of these forfeited and unclaimed Mauniems, up to the end of Fusly 1250, was Rupees 257,515-2-8 which sum I have the honor to request the instructions of the Board for carrying from "Deposit" to the "Ayen Account."

6 I would further suggest that as the whole of these Mauniems, as well as the Roz and Rocca Mauniems, are now in rapid progress of extinction by

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by the lapse of lives, and in the majority of instances without any means of ascertaining the fact from the residence of the Mauniemdars not having been registered - and application has not now been, or in future may not be made for a period of 10 years, should be considered to have lapsed, and be cancelled accordingly - and that in the case of Ayen - Meerah Mauniems, their amount, together with the amount of the Mauniems exhibited in the Marginal Statement of Para 1st of this address, which have been cancelled under the operation of Mr. Lotton's rules, and of all Mauniems the death of the holders of which may be ascertained, be carried from Deposit to Ayen - Account at the expiration of each Fusly, without further reference -

7 The Carayally Mauniems having been already cancelled by order of Government, their annual amount ought to have been carried to the Ayen Account at the expiration of

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of each Fusly, but was inadvertently allowed to accumulate in Deposite to the end of Fusly 1250.- The accumulated amount upto that period, Rupees 6,722-9-1. was transferred to Ayen Account in last Month.-

Tanjore, Vellum, 9th November 1841. } /Signed/ N. W. Kindersly. Pr. Coll.r

Proceedings thereon, Para 1.

(56-57)

The suggestion offered by Mr. Kindersley in the foregoing letter for carrying to the Ayen fund the deposit Account the sum of Rupees 25,7515-2-8- being the amount of forfeited and unclaimed Mauniems for two years up to the end of Fusly 1250. is approved, as is also the proposal to consider lapsed all Mauniems for the payment of which application has not been made or may not in future be made for a period of ten years.-

2- The amount of these allowances of the Mauniems which have been cancelled under the operation of Mr. Cotton's rules, and of all Mauniems the death of the holders of which have been ascertained should likewise as proposed be carried from Deposit to ayen account at

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at the expiration of each fusly without further reference.-

3 It does not however seem necessary to treat as life grants only the Mauniems held on Sicca Sunnuds which appear to be rapidly decreasing under the operation of natural causes- The few which are regularly claimed may in future be considered as hereditary, but claims of Parties as heirs of persons long since dead may be disregarded.-

Read again letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly dated 4th and entered in Consultation 30th September last.-

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Proceedings thereon.-

The proposition to entrust the management of the three principal Pagodas in the District of Trichinopoly to Parties, two thirds of whom are now employed in the Public service of Government, as shewn in the Margin, being opposed to the Spirit of the instructions of the Government for the withdrawal of the interference of all Public Officers either with the internal arrangements of the Native Religious Institutions, or with the administration of their Revenues, and funds of every description, the Board are unwilling to adopt it, if any other satisfactory arrangements can be made - and do although they

Appasawmy Moodyar

Veerasawmy Moodyar

Sheshiah Chetty

Ramchandra Row

Manager of the Pay Office of the Southern Divisions

Sangralingum Pillay

Manager of the Tanjore Pariah Department

Ramachella Pillay

Translator in the Provincial Court of the Southern Divisions.-

Mr.

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Mr. Onslow has stated that he has no alterations to suggest in the plan he has already submitted they would wish that he should again place himself in communication with the most respectable Inhabitants who have so cheerfully and unreservedly communicated with him on the subject the selection of Trustees or Managers of the three principal Temples, as Dhurmacartas, or under any denomination that may be agreeable to the parties interested need not to be limited to the inhabitants of the Trichinopoly District. It is probable that Individuals of high character in Tanjore or the adjacent Provinces may be willing to undertake the Office, who from their position in Society and from their knowledge of the religion, the Laws and the institutions of the Country can afford such information and assistance as may enable the Collector to give effect to the proposed arrangements in a manner as much accommodated as possible to their own ideas, as well as to local circumstances and to all Native feelings and prejudices. It is not necessary to establish by scrutiny or registry who are to be considered "Principal Inhabitants" the Heads of sects or of Castes are

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are known to every stage of the community, and throughout the Country and in every Town and Village the general suffrage marks the position of the principal and most influential inhabitants and it seems to the Board that the selection of persons to become the Trustees of the Temples on which the interests of the inhabitants are so deeply involved from among those individuals who are known to them only as Public Servants of the Government is more likely to create jealousy and distrust than if the choice were made immediately from their own body.

2. The transfer of the institution in the talook of Torriore to the proprietor of the Zemendary of the same name is in accordance with these views, and the Board trust that Mr. Onslow will be able to suggest a more practicable arrangement to render the withdrawal from all interference with the temples in the Trichinopoly District final and complete, duly consulting the feelings of those with whom he may communicate as to the best means of carrying out the wishes of the Government to transfer to them the complete management of their religious Institutions and of

preserving

preserving their Funds from misappropriation and
and spoliation. it is obvious that this cannot be
effected without a responsibility on the part of
those by whom any trusts are assumed for which
Mr Onslow's scheme does not provide, and without af-
fording the means of reference to the Accounts of the
different Institutions by those legitimately interested
in their well doing. The written application for this
purpose of any two or more Householders of respecta-
bility might be sufficient, to secure Trustees from
importunate and vexatious enquiry - The Board
observe that in other Districts objections have not
been made to a provision for keeping the Accounts
of Religious trusts open to inspection as suggested -

3 It is not the wish of the Board
to interfere with the right of any individual to
preside over the affairs of a Pagoda in whatever
manner it may have devolved upon him whether
this individual is a servant of the Government
or not - On the contrary, it is desirable that all
persons holding such a right, like the individual
now the Head Accountant in your Office, as Chief
of families, should be maintained in that right,
entirely independent of the interference of the
Government

Government, but in the management of Religious
Institutions in which they have hitherto exercised
no control their connection with the Government
from the public Offices they hold is an objection
to their selection for such purpose.

4 The superintendence of all Village
Pagodas should in the opinion of the Board be dele-
gated to the Heads of Villages for the time being by
virtue of their office, assisted by the Curnams within
their respective Villages -

5 The question of entrusting to the
management of the Trustees all the Lands appro-
priated for the maintenance of the Pagodas as
well as all surplus Funds will be determined
hereafter on receiving further information respecting
the selection of the Parties on whom the trusts
will devolve -

Read again letter from the
Principal Collector of Madura dated 6th and
entered in Consultation 25th Ultimo -

59 Proceedings thereon -

The Board of Revenue
have submitted the Inoyen Zabitah forwarded
with the foregoing letter to Government -
for orders, meanwhile with reference to the
observation

observation that the Canewady Poli-
gar has been unable to resume
the management of the Pollum
from inability to discharge the
demand of interest, it is requested
that a statement be furnished exhi-
biting the amount of the demand in
question and the principle on which it
has been calculated.

Ordered also that the following
address be submitted in consequence.

60

To the chief Secty to Government

In Cons.n 6th October 1841.

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government.

Sir,

Para-1. With reference to an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 24th September last, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will submit for the orders of the Right Honorable the Gover-nor in Council the accompany-ing letter from the Principal Collector of Madura enclosing a revised Moyen Labitah of his establishment for the current Fusly.

Fit to Act

4th In Cons.n 25th Nov.r 1841

2 The alterations in the list now submitted being in accord-ance with the suggestions contain-ed in the Board's letter of the 25th August last, they beg to recommend that the sanction

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of Government may be granted for the same. The total amount being Rupees 12,102-8 per mensem and exceeding the amount of the establishment last sanctioned by [illegible]

Rupees 206-14 ...

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
2nd December 1841

(Signed) P.B. Smollett
Secretary

Read

61

From the Coll[r] of Tinnevelly Read Statement of Extra tent allowance for fusly 1250-

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Proceedings thereon.- The Board sanction the amount of Extra tent allowance drawn by the Revenue authorities in Tinnevelly in Fusly 1250 for the number of days noted in the margin.-

	No. of days.
Mr. E. G. Thompson. Coll[r]	102.
Mr. H. C. Ogilvie acty D[o]	96.
Mr. C. S. Bird Sub Coll[r]	243.
Mr. C. Whittingham D[o]	99.
Mr. J. J. young. Asst.	2.
Mr. J. R. Pringle do	213.
Mr. E. G. R. Fane. Asst.	61.

2. It is however observed that the late Collector Mr. Thompson charged Extra tent allowance for 102 days, of which he resided 72 days at Courtallum, and that out of 96 days charged for by the late acting Collector Mr. Ogilvie, he resided 63 days at Trichendoor. In future, Extra tent allowance will not be sanctioned for a period exceeding two months passed at any one Station, unless satisfactory explanation of the necessity for remaining there be given.

order

Order thereon.

(463)

Ordered that a Copy of Para 1 of the foregoing Proceedings be transmitted to the Civil Auditor for his information.—

Read again letter from the Principal Collector of Coimbatore dated 4th ult. and entered in Consultation 18th ult.—

Ordered that the following address be submitted in consequence.—

To The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

(64)

To the Chief Sec.y to Govt. 2d Para 1.

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will submit for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying letter from the Principal Collector of Coimbatore, dated 4th November 1841. forwarding an address with enclosures to himself from Appoo Row, the Head Seristadar of Coimbatore, who solicits permission

Submitting a letter from the Principal Collector of Coimbatore forwarding an address from Appoo Row the Head Seristadar of that District who solicits permission to retire from his office in consequence of his advanced age, and the impaired state of his health, and recommending that a Shotrium for three lives may be granted to him and that the amount may be fixed as in the case of Batchalow, at two thirds of the amount of the annual salary he now resigns Viz.t Rupees 5,600.

Lr Cons 18th Nov.r 1841.

permission to retire from his office, in consequence of his advanced age and the impaired state of his health, earnestly praying that he may receive from the bounty of the Government, such provision for himself and his family as the long period of his Public services, during thirtynine years, may encourage him to ask.—

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Mr. Wroughton, who only received charge of the Coimbatore collectorate in May last, expresses his regret, that Appoo Row's illness and inability to attend to his duties shortly after he arrived, prevents him from adding his testimony to his excellence. this is of less moment as the testimonials forwarded with Appoo Rows Memorial and the records of the Board supply ample evidence of the high opinion entertained of the Zeal, intelligence and unswerving integrity which have marked his public conduct.—

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From the Board of Revenue to the chief secy. to Govt. 10th July 1823. Para 4.

In 1823. when the Pay of Appoo Row was increased from Rupees 280. to Rupees 500. per mensem, the Board recorded their opinion that this increase was well merited by his ser=vices, and subsequently in 1824. when;— owing to the weak state of his health, a recommendation was submitted by the

From Coll.r of Salem dated 16th Dec.r 1824 in Cons.s 23d Do.s

Collector of Salem for the grant of a— Shrotriem to Appoo Row, the Board in

To Coll.r of Salem dated 6th Jan.y 1825. Para 2.

their reply declining to comply with his wishes, stated that they fully appre=ciated the value of his public services and at a future period "would be prepared "to give his application for a Shrotriem "every consideration to which it might be "entitled upon general principles. but— "that it was considered desirable that "Grants of this description should be "made at the expiration only of the "services of the persons in whose favor "they are given" this period having now

arrived

arrived, and Appoo Row having devoted his talents and industry to the Public Service for the further period of nine years, and the present Board entirely concurring in the sentiments expressed by the Board in 1825. readily give their support to the application now before them.—

4. Appoo Row is the— oldest Native Revenue Servant of Rank in the service of the Honorable Company within this Presidency. He received his first appointment— from Sir Thomas Munro in 1794 and for upwards of 24 years he has filled the highest Office in the Revenue Department which a Native can hold. In 1827. the Board of Revenue in— their high estimation of his Characte offered to him the appointment—

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of Head Serishtadar in the Bellary
District, intimating in case of his
accepting it, that with reference to the
importance and responsibility of that
office, they would recommend his
Salary to be raised to the highest rate
allowed by the rules sanctioned by the
orders of Government dated 22d. March
1816. Appoo Row however continued in
Salem as Head Serishtadar. The circum-
stances under which he was removed
from that office, in the enquiry instituted
into Mr. Cockburn's administration of that
District in 1829. are known to the Govern-
ment as also his appointment, with
the Board's concurrence as Head
Serishtadar in Coimbatore in 1832.
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In calculating his
services as Serishtadar of 15 years
standing to the year 1835. in order that he
might obtain the regulated increase of allowance

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In Cons. 25th. March 1816.

appoo Row solicited permission to
reckon the period of his suspension
(to which he has feelingly alluded
in his Memorial.) from the 29th July
1829. to the date of his discharge the 28th
June 1832. From the testimony borne to
his conduct in the Coimbatore District
and to his general high character for
Probity, His Lordship in Council was
pleased to authorize the payment of
the regulated increase of allowance,
and under the conviction that the
Rules of the service bore with great
severity upon Appoo Row, the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council
brought his case to the favorable
notice of the Honorable the Court of
Directors, and although the principle
of the established rules would not
admit of the period of Appoo Row's
suspension being reckoned in his services,
the intercession of the Government

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Extract from Minutes of Cons. under date 8th June 1837. In Cons. 26th 2d.

Extract from Genl. Letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated 31st. May 1838.

in his behalf was calculated to afford him the strongest assurance that on whatever grounds he had been removed from the office of Head Seristadar in Salem, his character as a Public servant, holding the highest native Revenue office in the Province, remained free from reproach.

6. The Board have felt it due to Appoo Row to re-capitulate the foregoing circumstances, and they have no hesitation in recommending that this individual may be permitted to retire from the Public service, and to receive from the munificence of Government the same boon which has already been bestowed upon so many of his contemporaries. Appoo Row has requested that a Shrotriem may be granted to him for three lives and in soliciting this mark of favor for one of the most distinguished native

From Govt. 17th in Cons. 30th Augt. 1841.

native servants of the Government, the Board have not overlooked the sentiments conveyed in the Despatch of the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 16th June last. There are however features in this individuals case which would seem to mark it as an exception, if the rule which the Honorable Court advocate, had been established. In 1824 on his health first failing him his title to a Shrotriem when the proper period arrived was admitted and if his health had then continued to decline and he had been compelled to retire from the public service, there cannot be a doubt that the grant of a Shrotriem would have been conferred upon him on the liberal terms on which grants were then given. But encouraged by the approbation of his superiors and the assurance that his claims to this distinction would

would have due consideration when the proper period arrived, as Appoo Row has struggled against weak health, and has continued for a further period of nine years to perform the important duties of his situation, alike with credit to himself and advantage to the State, & in this view of the case the Board would seem pledged to support his claim to a Shrotrium, and under these considerations they cheerfully redeem that pledge, and respectfully but most earnestly recommend, that a Shrotrium for three lives may be granted to Appoo Row that the amount may be fixed, as in the case of Butcha Row at two thirds of the amount of the annual Salary he now resigns, Viz. Rupees 5,600.-

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
2d. December 1841.

Signed / P. B. Smollett
Secretary
Rev.

Read the following letter.-

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

65

From the Collr. of Madras - Reporting on the Extra Sours of Revenue for Fusly 1250.-

Sir,

Para 1. I have the honor to transmit herewith in triplicate, for submission to the Board of Revenue, the printed Statement of the Gross Collections, Charges and Net Revenue of the Extra Sources of Revenue in the collectorate of Madras, together with its accompaniments. A. B. C. and D. for Fusly 1250.-

Salt.

Fusly 1249	Rs. 105,806	a —	11.
1250	96,004	4 —	8
Decrease	9,801	12 —	3.

Sale in 1250.

914: 130: at Rs. 105. pr. G:	96,004	4 —	8.

Sale in 1249.

1007: 370: at Rs. 105 pr. G.	105,806	a —	11.
Recoveries of advances.	4,432	2 —	4.
add ordinary revenue	96,004	4 —	8
	100,436	7. —	a
Fusly 1249	109,789	4 —	1.
Decrease	9,352.	13 —	1.

2. The Gross revenue from the Sales of Salt for Home Consumption in Fusly 1250 was Rupees 96,004 — 4 — 8. falling short of the revenue of the previous year by Rupees 9,801 — 12 — 3. This Decrease is wholly owing to return Carts and Bullocks bringing articles of Merchandize from the Provinces not having as usual made purchases of Salt from the Cotairs and retail Dealers at Madras in the year under review, in Consequence of

of the prohibition referred to in Para 2 of the report of date the 30th October 1840. respecting which the final orders of the Board were communicated to this office in the Extract from their Proceedings of date the 19th April last.-

3 The recoveries of advances made to the salt Manufacturers being added to the Gross collections, the aggregate is raised to Rupees 100436—7—. which is less than the revenue of 1249. by Rupees 9352—13—1.

4 The Ordinary receipts Rupees 96004—4—8. and the recoveries of advances for Salt Manufacture Rupees 4432—2—4 are separately entered in the Statements of Demand, Collection and Balance to the 10th July last

5 The Charges of the two years under review are as follows.-

	Fasly 1249-	Fasly 1250.
1. Pay to the Servants	Rs. 5051-4-	Rs. 5246-15-6
2. Salt Manufacturers Share	7856-13-8.	12952-5-3
3. Compensation, Rufoosms &c.	2830-13-9	4256-8-6.
4. Advances for the Manufacture of Salt	5019-"-"	3160-13-"
5. Sundermard	6-"-"	6-1-7
6. Extra Charges	1973-8-4.	7112-9-7
7. Collectors and Deputy Collectors Share from the proceeds of Confiscated Salt	6-4-9	"-"-"
8. Proportion of General Extra Charges	61-8-10.	68-4-1.
	25805-5-4.	32579-6-5

The

6. The difference between the entries in No 1. is the difference between the Amount of fines and pay of account situations in Faslies 1249 and 1250. In 1250. the practice of bringing similar items to account as actual charges was discontinued and is the Cause of the decrease under this head.-

7 The Increase in No 2. has arisen from Cudemeirum having been paid in 1249 on G: 800: 31: "- only, whereas in 1250. payment was made on G: 1363—90—;-

8 The Increase in No 3 is principally owing to arrears of Compensation to the Amount of Rupees 1566—8—11 for the Suppression of Salt Manufacture having been paid in 1250. in addition to the usual charges under this head.-

From 2nd July 1840.

9 The decrease in No 4. is owing to the quantity of Salt for which Advances were made in Fasly 1249. having been G 1500, whereas in the succeeding year it was only G 903.-

10 The Increase in No 5 is trifling and does not call for any particular remark.-

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11 The Increase in Rs. 6. is owing to the Charges for Canal tolls, Boat Hire Extra Servants &c. having been in proportion to the increased quantity of Salt Manufac= =tured in 1250. Compared with the previous years supply.-

12 The Decrease in Rs. 7 and Increase in Rs. 8 need no remark.-

13. after deducting the charges the Net Salt revenue of Fusly 1250 is Rupees 67,836.— 14— 7. falling short of the like revenue of Fusly 1249. by Rupees 16,147. 2 The per Centage of charge was for Fusly 1249- 23 32/64. and for 1250. 32 29/64.

Fusly 1249 Rupees- 83983- 14- 9.
1250 ——— 67,836— 14— 7.
Decrease— 16,147. " 2

Sayer.

Duty on Betel		73,951— 13— 3.
Tobacco		174,708— 2 "
Gunjah		2497— " — 8.
Bang		293— 15— 6.
		2514 50— 15— 5.
Piece Goods		101674— 14— 4.
Gruff Goods		17,9221— 3— 4
		532347- 1— 1.
Collectors and Deputy Collectors share from the proceeds of Smuggled Goods		724.— 10— "
		533071.— 11— 1

14 The Sayer revenue of Fusly 1250 Amounts to Rupees 5,32,347— 1— 1. and was derived from the various Sources detailed in the Margin- The addition of certain items of Extra revenue raises the Gross Collections to Rupees 5,33,265— 3— 3. which

Godown rent - - -	21— 2— 2
Fines and stoppages ----	52— 3— 6
Peons Share on Con= =fiscated Betel and Tobacc re= =dited to Government	119.— " — 8.
Bribes tendered to Peons by Betel &c. Smugglers and credited to Government	" — 11— 6.
Recovery of Cooly hire &c. ———	" — 6— ".
	533265- 3— 3.
Fusly 1249 ———	544989- 15— 4
Decrease—	11724— 12— 1.

which falls short of the like collections of 1249. by Rupees 11724— 12— 1.-

15. The Ordinary Gross Sayer revenue as entered in the Statements of Demand, Collection and Balance, &c amounts to Rupees 5,32,347— 1— 1. Corresponding with the entry in the Margin- The Collectors and Deputy Collectors share from the proceeds of Smuggled goods &c and the other items of Extra revenue are included in the Sum of Rupees &c 918— 2— 2. in Col. 13 of Statement No. 1.-

1249. Rs— a— p	1250. Rs— a— p
Betel— 68929— 1— 11.	73951.— 13— 3.
Tobacco- 171584- 7— 7.	174708— 2— "
Ganjah— 142- a— 1.	2497— " — 8.
Bang— 20— 4— 11.	293— 15— 6
240675.- 14— 6	251450- 15— 5.
	240675.— 14— 6.
Increase—	10775.— " 11.

16 The revenue derived from duty on Betel, Tabacco, Gunjah and Bang in Fusly 1249. was Rupees 240675— 14— 6. whereas the revenue of 1250 was Rupees 251450— 15— 5. the Increase being Rs 10775— " 11.-

68929— 1— 11.	
73951.— 13— 3.	
5022— 11— 4.	

17 There is an Increase of Rupees 5022— 11— 4 in the revenue on Betel

The

The Gross Amount collected on Imports from the interior was in 1249 Rupees Cs 59,928—15—9. and in 1250. Rupees 68,929—9—11, the Increase being Rupees 9,000—9—3, whereas the revenue on the produce of Madras was in 1249 Rupees 9,000—2—2 and in 1250. Rupees 5,022—4—3, the decrease being Rupees 3,977—13—11; attributable to Betel being grown in private Gardens which facilitates Smuggling. This the Circar Peons, whatever their number, cannot effectually prevent, from their not being authorized to enter those Gardens, and from other causes frequently brought to the notice of the Board, but for which there is no remedy under existing rules.—

59,928—15—9.
68,929—9—11
9,000—9—3.

9,000—2—2
5,022—4—3
3,977—13—11

18 The Increase in the revenue on Tobacco is Rupees 3,123—10—5. The report for Fusly 1249. shewed that the Increase in that Fusly was Rupees 18,834—10—10. the further Increase in 1250. gives an Increase over the Collections of Fusly 1248. of Rupees 13,958—5—3.—

1,71,584—7—7.
1,74,708—2—11.
3,123—10—5.

19 The Increase in the revenue from Ganjah and Bang is Rupees 262—11—2 which

142—11—1.
29—4—11.
1249. 162—5—11
2497—11—8.
293—15—6.
1250. 2791—11—2.
Increase 2628—11—2

which was collected under the temporary arrangement referred to in my letter to you of date the 23d April last Pl. 39. The consumption of Ganjah and Bang within Madras there is reason to believe is considerable, but unless greater powers be given to the Collector to enable him to enforce the just demands of Government upon the Consumption of these articles, it is vain to expect the due realization of the revenue which might be collected from them.—

20 The Gross Collections in Piece and Gruff Goods were in.—

	Piece Goods.	Gruff Goods.
Fusly 1249.	Rs. 1,48,07,7—13—11	Rupees. 19,507—7—11
1250.	1,41,674—14—4	17,221—3—4
Decrease.	6,402—14—8.	Decrease 2,285—3—8.

Duty Collected in

	Fusly 1249.	Fusly 1250.
Checked Handkerchiefs	23,796—1—7.	23,636—5—11
Blue cloths	5,681—11—11	3,134—6—10.
Madura, Trichinopoly & Salem cloths	7,629—5—2	7,206—10—11
Salempores & Moories	5,490—14—11	2,438—7—7.
Coathenies	1,610—11—6.	1,521—3—1.
	44,207—5—3.	37,937—11—6.
		44,207—5—3.
Decrease		6,270—4—9.

21. The particulars in the Statement inserted in the Margin will shew that the decrease in the revenue on Piece Goods arose from the

the quantity of Checked Handkerchiefs &c Blue Cloths, &c. which passed this office in 1250. having fallen short of the Imports of the previous year, attributable to a decrease in the demand at Madras and to a decrease of Exports by sea as it appears from accounts from England of date the 5th. June last referred to in the Madras Price Current for the 21st. July following. &c that Piece Goods of every description were "exceedingly depressed in demand and prices much under cost and charges".

Duty Collected in:

	Fusly 1249.	Fusly 1250.
Goodauk	1,080 15 5.	1,506 7 2.
Opium	2,147. 3 1.	1,819. 2 5.
Gunjely oil Vea	18,346. 4 8.	17,450. 4 11.
Baked Nuts	58,364 3 4	52,056. 6 9.
Lamp oil seeds	768 . 6	1,038. 14 8.
Gunjely oil Do	1377. 15 9.	1,196. . 8.
Sugar	8,577 . 8.	10,833. 3 8.
Cocoanuts	43 4 4	180. 1 8.
Dried Do	. 4 6.	. 1 7.
Indigo	79,711 8 5.	55,890. 8 9.
Silk Thread	494 4 8.	189. 6 1.
Pepper	5 3 4	.. .. ..
Cummen seed	482 9 8.	564 13 5.
Sandalwood	4030. 9 7.	4,833. 13 3.
Red wood	2,123. 14 3.	2,235. 11 7.
Coss Sumba Powder Vea	363 13 4	394 12 2
Goat Skins	2,712 11 8.	4,332. 1 3.
	180,649. 15. 2	154,541. 14 4
Fusly 1249	180,649. 15. 2	
Decrease	26,108 - 1. 2	

22. As regards the Decrease in the revenue on Gruff Goods Rupees 15,850 — 3 — 8. it will be seen from the Comparative Statement in the Margin, which exhibits the receipts on some of the staple articles of Commerce, that it arose chiefly from a falling off in the revenues on Betel Nuts and Indigo, it being Rupees 6,307-12-7. on the former and Rupees 23,820-15-8. on the latter. The

23. The quantity of Betel Nuts &c on which duty was levied in 1249. was Cs. 1762. — 16 — 3: 23. the valuation at Rupees 170. and 165. per C. Rupees 2,91,820 — 1 — 0 and duty Rupees 58,364 — 3 — 4. whereas in 1250. the quantity was Cs. 1649. — 6 — 5 — 37. the valuation at Rupees 165/155 and 150. per C. Rupees &c 2,66,281 — 3 — 0 and duty Rupees 52,056. — 6 — 9. The decrease noticed above is thus attributable not only to a diminution in the Imports of 1250. but also to a reduction in the Tariff valuation of the article. My attention is at present directed to the Collections on this item, the above result inducing me to suspect that there must be practices in some quarter which ought to be prevented.—

24 The decrease in the revenue from Indigo would appear to have arisen from the little demand for the article in Europe as it is stated in the Accounts from England referred to in Para 21 above, that the demand for the article in June "was dull and prices nominally without change."

Betel Nuts Rupees	6,307 — 12 — 7.
Indigo	23,820 — 15 — 8.
	30128 — 12 — 3.

25 The Decrease on Betel Nuts and Indigo alone was in 1250. Rupees 30,128 — 12 — 3 whereas

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the decrease on the whole of the Gruff Goods was only Rupees 15,850-3-8: The difference is equal to the increase on Goodanky &c. Lamp oil seeds, Sugar, Sandalwood, Goat Skins and certain other articles not enumerated in the statement appended to Para. 22.

26. The Charges of the two years under review are as follows:-

	Fusly 1249.	Fusly 1250.
1 Pay to the Servants	Rupees. 46,719-6-0	Rs. 46,598-8-7.
2 Sanderwood	286-12-5	265-8-10
3 Extra charges	1,883-3-2	680-12-11.
4. Refunds of duty	375-8-1	34-12-0
5. Drawback	237,628-1-10	699,533.-11-8
6. Collectors' and Deputy Collectors' share of the proceeds of Smuggled Goods	713-2-5	711-12-7
7. Proportion of General Extra Charges	215-6-9	232-1-3.
	287,323-8-8	248057.-3-10

27 The difference between the entries in Pa. 1 is equal to the amount of fines and vacant situations in 1249. In 1250 the practice of bringing similar items

items to account as actual charges, was discontinued, and is the cause of the decrease under this head.-

28. The Decrease in Pa. 2 does not call for any particular remark.-

29. The Decrease in Pa. 3 is owing to the expense for the repair of Mettoo &c. Huts having been in 1249. Rupees 247, whereas in 1250 it was only Rupees 18, and to rewards for the seizure of Smuggled Betel and Tobacco having been in the one year Rupees 1,032-0-4. and in the other only Rupees 648-8-5.-

30 The Decrease in Pas. 4 & 6, and the Increase in Pa. 7. do not require any particular explanation.-

31. After deducting the whole of the foregoing charges, the Net revenue of Fusly 1250.-is Rupees &c.

Fusly 1249. Rupees	257,166-6-8.
1250.	285,207-15-5.
Increase	27,541-8-9.

285,207-15-5. which exceeds the Net revenue of the previous year by Rupees 27,541-8-9. The per Centage of &c. Charges under this head was, in 1249, 52. 46/64. and in the succeeding year 46. 33/64.-

J. H. Harry

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Current Demand.

Fusly 1249.	Rupees	5,04,621	11	"
1250		5,11,035	5	"
Increase		6,413	10	".

Collections.

Current Revenue	5,11,035	5	"
Tax on European Spirits sold in Taverns	15	12	"
Sale of charcoal in the Distillery	168	11	3.
Value of broken pots &c. recovered	3	14	"
Fines and stoppages from arrack and Toddy shopkeeper	6.	"	"
Collectors & Peons share of the proceeds of confiscated Brandy. &c.	37	11	4.
Profit beyond the excise duty on sales in certain shops under circar Management.	64	13	3.
Balance of advances made for the conveyance of Smuggled arrack and Toddy.	1	4	6.
	5,11,333	7	4.
July 1249	5,06,085	12	10.
Increase	5,247	10	6.

Particulars of actual revenue	F. 1249.	F. 1250.
Toddy	2,13,407-8-8.	2,12,082-5-9.
Batavia arrack	146,270-12-9.	153,032-8-8.
Putta Do.	143,935-2-7.	144,922-15-7.
Brandy	1008-3-"	994-7-"
	5,04,621-11-"	5,11,035-5-"
		5,04,621-11-"
Increase	6,413-10-"	

32. The demand of the Current Abkarry Revenue for Fusly 1250. was Rupees 5,11,035—5—" the whole of which was collected within the year, adding to the actual Collections Rupees 5,11,035—5—" the various items of Extra revenue entered in the Margin the aggregate amount of the Abkarry revenue of 1250. is raised to Rupees 5,11,333—7—4 exceeding the Collections of 1249. by Rs. 5,247—10—6. This Increase was obtained from the Sales of arrack beyond those of the year last referred to whilst there was a comparatively small decrease in the revenue from Toddy

Toddy as will be seen from the particulars of the Outturn of the two Fusslies given in the Margin.-

33 The entries in respect to the Collections of the Abkarry Revenue for Fusly 1250. correspond with those in the Statements of Demand, Collection and Balance with the exception of the several items of Extra revenue, the whole of which form the aggregate of Rupees 298—2—4 in Col. 13 of Statement No. 1.

34. The Charges of the Abkarry Department are as follows.-

	F. 1249.	F. 1250.
1. Pay to the Servants	Rs. 15,083-10-"	Rs. 15,062-3-9.
2. Sundermard	36—13—2	40—4—3
3. Extra Charges	45,664—2—9.	37,780-7-5.
4 Collectors and Deputy Collectors Share of the proceeds of Smuggled Brandy. &c.	32.—13—2.	27.—13—2.
5. Proportion of General Extra Charges	30.—12—5.	33.—2—5.
	60,848.—3—6.	52,962-15-"

35 The difference between the entries in No. 1. is equal to the Amount of fines in 1249. In 1250 the practice of bringing similar items to Account as

as actual Charges was discontinued, and is the Cause of the decrease under this head.

36. The Charge in No. 2 is within the Amount duly Sanctioned.-

37. The Decrease in No. 3 is owing to S. Rs. 1,507-4-17½ of Jaggery for the distillation of Putta Arrack having been purchased in 1249- whereas in 1250 the quantity purchased was only C. Rs. 613-8-10.-

38 The Decrease and Increase in Nos. 4 and 5. need no remark.-

39. After deducting the charges the Net Abkarry Revenue is Rupees 4,58,369-8-4. being in excess of the like revenue of 1249. by Rupees 13,131-15-11. The per centage of Charges in 1249 was 12-1/64 and in 1250 -10 22/64.-

Fasly 1249.	Rs. 4,45,237-	9-4.
1250	4,58,369-	8-4.
Increase	13,131-	15-11

Sundry Small Farms and Licenses.

Fasly 1249	Rs. 10,956-	6-3.
1250	11,194-	10-6
Increase	238-	4-3.

Value of Lead received from individuals — 16-14-6.

Ordinary revenue — 11,194-10-6.

11,211-9-11

Fasly 1249	11,057-	13-1.
Increase	153-	11-11.

40. In the Ordinary receipts under this head, there is an Increase of Rupees 238-4-3. from a greater number of weights and Measures requiring the prescribed stamps on payment of the

the regulated Amount of duty having been adjusted in 1250. than in the previous year.

The addition of certain Extra revenue raises the Collections of 1250. to Rupees 11,211-9-11. exceeding those of 1249. by Rupees 153-11-11.

41 The Ordinary revenue corresponds with the entry in the Statements of Demand, Collection and Balance. The sum of Rupees 16-14-6 is separately entered in Col. 13 of Statement No. 1.-

42. The Charges are as follows.-

	Fasly 1239	Fasly 1250.
1 Pay to the Servants Rupees	1,323-0-0.	Rupees 1,323.-0-0
2 Extra Charges	25-13-0	15-12-9
	1,348-13-0	1,338-12-9.

43. The above charges do not call for any particular remark.-

Fasly 1249.	Rs. 9709-0-1.	
1250	9872-12-3.	
Increase	163-12-2	

44. After deducting charges the Net revenue is Rupees 9,872-12-3 exceeding the like revenue of 1249. by Rupees 163-12-2. The per Centage of Charges in 1249. was 12 12/64 and in 1250-11. 52/64.-

Cochrane's Canal.

Toll on all Imports and Exports including Gravel &c. the property of Government.-

Fasly 1249.	Rupees 35,002-	8-7.
1250	30,623-	0-6.
Decrease	4,379-	8-1.

45. The Decrease under this head is Rupees 4,379-8-1 attributable to a falling off in the Imports of Firewood and shells. The whole amount of revenue is separately entered in the Statements of Demand, Collection & Balance.-

The

46. The Charges are as follows:

	Fy. 1249.	Fy. 1250.
1. Pay to the Servants	Rupees 2,550. — "	Rupees 2,549. — "
2. Landermard	6. — "	6. — "
3. Dsctra Charges	15,205. — 2 — 7.	18868 — 1 — 9
	17761. — 2 — 7.	21423. — 1 — 9.

47. The difference between the entries in Rs. 1 arose from Causes Similar to those referred to in Paras 6-27 and 35. above.-

48. The Increase in Rs. 3. is owing to the Canal having been repaired in 1250. at an escpense of Rupees 4,638 — " whereas in the previous year the Charge on this a/c account was only Rupees. 883 — 10 — 9.-

49. After deducting the Charges as

Fusly 1249. Rs.	17,241 — 6 — "	the Net revenue is Rupees 9,199 — 14 — 9.
1250.	9,199 — 14 — 9.	falling short of the like revenue of
Decrease	8041. — 7 — 3.	1249. by Rupees 8,041 — 7 — 3: The per

centage of Charges in 1249. was 55 15/64 and in 1250, 69. 61/64.-

Sales of Stamp'd Papers and Cudjans.

Fusly 1249 — Rupees	5,879 — 1 — "
1250 — "	6,686 — 5 — 6.
Increase	807. — 4 — 6.

50. In the revenue under this head there is an Increase of Rupees 811 — 2 — 10 which does not call for any remark.-

The

Refund of Stamp Commission	9 — 12 — 9.	
Ordinary revenue	6,686 — 5 — 6.	
	6,696. — 2 — 3.	
Fusly 1249	5,884 — 15 — 5.	
Increase	811 — 2 — 10.	

51. The Ordinary Stamp revenue Rupees 6,686 — 5 — 6, and the refund of Commission Rupees 9 — 12 — 9. are separately entered in the Statements of Demand, Collection and Balance

52. The Charges are as follows.

	Fy. 1249.	Fy. 1250.
1. Commission to the Vender	Rupees. 293 — 14 — 6	Rs. 336 — 9 — 4
2. Dsctra Charges	118 — " — "	245. — " — "
	411 — 14 — 6	581 — 9 — "

53. The Increase in Rs. 1. is in proportion to the increased Sale of Stamps. in 1250.-

54. The Increase in Rs. 2. is owing to refunds having been made to a larger amount in 1250 than in the previous year on application from

from the Sudr Court under the provesions of Clause 2nd. Section XXV. Regulation XIII. of 1816. in the case of certain special appeals, being the difference between the amount of Stamp duty paid by the appellants and the amount payable for Summary appeals.-

55. After deducting the charges, the Net revenue is Rupees 6,114 - 8 - 11, exceeding the like revenue of 1249. by Rupees. 641 - 8 - 11

Fasly 1249. Rupees	5,473 - 11 - 11.	
1250	6,114 - 8 - 11	
Increase	641 - 8 - 11	

The per Centage of charges in 1249. was 6 $\frac{63}{64}$. and in 1250, 6 $\frac{43}{64}$.-

In

Grand Total.
Gross Collections.

Fasly 1249. Rupees	12,12,810 - 5 - 4.	
1250	11,93,565 - 13 - 4.	
Decrease		19,244 - 8 - 4.

Charges.

Fasly 1249 - Rupees	39,3498 - 15 - 7.	
1250	3,56,964 - 3 - 1.	
Decrease		36,534 - 12 - 6.

Net Revenue.

Fasly 1249. Rupees	8,19,311 - 5 - 9.	
1250	8,36,601 - 10 - 3.	
Increase		17,290 - 4 - 6.

56. In the Grand Total of Gross Collections for Fasly 1250. of the whole of the Revenues adverted to in the foregoing Paras. there is a Decrease of Rupees 19,244 - 8 - 4. In the Amount of charges there is a Decrease of Rupees 36,534 - 12 - 6, and in the aggregate Net Revenue there is an Increase of Rupees 17290 - 4 - 6. The per centage of charges in 1249. was 32 $\frac{28}{64}$. and of charges in 1250. - 29 $\frac{58}{64}$. -

Madras, 25th November 1841.

(Signed) A. Robertson.
Collector.

Statement

1801.

Fort St. Geo

A Statement Shewing the Demand, Collection and Balance under each head of

account of Fas

	Fasly 1249.					Fasly 1250.				
	Settlement for Fasly 1249.	Collections.	Extra Collections.	Total.	Balance.	Settlement for Fasly 1250.	Collections.	Extra Collections.	Total.	
	Rupees a ℘	Rup.s a ℘	R.s a ℘	R.s a ℘	R.s a ℘	R.s a ℘	R.s a ℘	R.s a ℘	R.s a ℘	R.s a
Salt	1,05,806 ~ 11.	1,05,806 ~ 11	3,423 12 2	1,09,229. 13 1.	~ ~ ~	96,004 4 8.	96,004. 4 8.	2734. 10 3.	98,738. 14	
Sayer	54,3825. 2 6.	54,3825. 2 6.	1,164 12 10	54,989. 15 4	~ ~ ~	53,2347. 1 1.	53,2347. 1 1.	918. 2 2	53,265. 3	
Abkarry	50,462. 11 ~	50,462. 11 ~	1,464 1 10	50,985. 12 10.	~ ~ ~	51,035. 5 ~	51,035. 5 ~	298 2 4	51,333. 7	
Sundry Small Farms & Licenses	10,956 6 3	10,950. 6 3.	101 6 10.	11,057. 13 1.	~ ~ ~	11,194. 10 6.	11,194. 10 6.	15 14 6.	11,211. 9	
Cochrane's Canal	35001. 3 8	35001. 3 8.	1 4 11	35002. 8 7.	~ ~ ~	30623. ~ 6.	30623. ~ 6.	~ ~ ~	30623. ~	
Stamp Papers.	5879 1 ~	5879. 1 ~	5 14 5	5884. 15 5.	~ ~ ~	6686. 5 6.	6686. 5 6.	9 12 9.	6696. 2	
Total	12,06,089. 9 4	12,06,089. 9 4	6101. 5 ~	12,12,25a 14 4	~ ~ ~	11,87,890. 11 3.	11,87,890. 11 3	3977. 10 ~	11,91,868. 5	

Madras 12th July 1841. E. E. J

2nd December 1841.-

Extra Sources of Revenue in the Collectorate of Madras on

1249 and 1250.-

	Comparison of the settlement of Fusly 1250 with that of Fusly 1249.		Comparison of Total Collections of Fusly 1250 with that of Fusly 1249.-	
	Balance.	Remission.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p
			9,801.12 3.	" " "	10490. 14 2	
			11478.15 7.	" " "	11724 12 1.	
			6,413 10 "	" " "	5,247 10 6.	" " "
			238.4 3.	" " "	153 11 11	" " "
			4,378.32	" " "	4,379. 8 1.	
			807.4 6.	" " "	811 2 10.	" " "
			7,459 2 9.	25658. "	10,621 2 9	3.26595. 2 4

/ Signed / A. J. Robertson.
Collector.

Statement

18012

Fort St. George

B. Statement Shewing the Demand, Collection and Balance of arrears of Extra Sources of Revenue in the Collectorate of Fort St. George Madras, due on account of former fasles, in fuly 1250. 2nd December 1841.

	Demand on account of Old arrears at the close of Fuoly 1249.	Arrears due on account of Fuoly 1248.	Collections on account of old arrears	Balance.	Arrears due on account of fuoly 1249.	Collections on account of fuoly 1249.	Balance.	Total Collections of arrears in fuly 1250.	Total Balance in Columns 4 & 7
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8.	9
Salt advances	588 13 2		84 - 10	504 12 4	1613 7 3.	1613 7 3	" " "	1697 8 1	504 12 4
Sayer	516 1 5			516. 1 5					516 1 5
Abkarry									
Sundry small farms									
Stamps									
Moturpha									
Total	1104 14 7		84 - 10	1020 13 9	1613 7 3.	1613 7 3	" " "	1697 8 1.	1020 13 9

Madras, 12th July 1842

E. E. W. [illegible] (signed) A. Robertson
Collector.

18063.

STATEMENT *shewing the Gross Collections, Charges and Net Revenue of all Branches of Revenue, Land Revenue excepted, for Fusties 1248. 1249 & 1250.*

	For the last three Years.									Comparison of the last two Fuslies.						REMARKS.
	Fusly 1248			Fusly 1249			Fusly 1250			Increase.			Decrease			
	Rups.	A.	P.	Rups.	A.	P.	Rups.	A.	P.	Rups.	A.	P.	Rups	A.	P.	
SALT.																
Gross Collections	96320	11	6	104739	4	1	104436	7	-	-	-	-	9352	12	1	
Charges for Purchase or Manufacture	9154	10	3	16706	11	5	23367	10	8	4660	15	3	-	-	-	
Do. Superintendence and Sale, &c	7716	5	4	12093	9	11	12334	13	9	3133	3	10	-	-	-	See Appendix marked A
Total Charges	16870	15	7	28800	5	4	32594	8	5	6794	3	1	-	-	-	
Net Revenue	79451	11	11	83938	14	9	67836	14	7	-	-	-	16147	-	2	
Per Centage of the Charges	17	44/64	-	23	22/64	-	23	27/64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOBACCO MONOPOLY.																
Gross Collections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Charges for Purchase	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Do. Superintendence and Sale, &c	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Net Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Per Centage of the Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
LAND CUSTOMS.																
Gross Collections	47010	13	1	54490	15	4	52336	3	3	-	-	-	11724	12	1	
Charges of Collection	4225	2	3	5902	4	5	4781	11	7	-	-	-	1170	8	10	
Charges ,, Commission	730	-	3	713	2	5	711	12	7	-	-	-	1	5	10	
Charges ,, Drawback	16692	9	5	21760	1	10	19053	11	8	-	-	-	38994	6	2	See Appendix marked B
Total	21647	11	11	28376	3	3	24545	7	10	-	-	-	39266	4	11	
Net Revenue	25362	1	2	25786	6	8	27790	15	5	2764	8	9	-	-	-	
Per Centage of the Charges	46	2/64	-	52	46/64	-	46	32/64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SEA CUSTOMS.																
Gross Collections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Charges of Collection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Charges ,, Commission	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Charges ,, Drawback	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Net Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Per Centage of the Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
ABKARY.																
Gross Collections	49334	2	6	58608	12	10	51133	7	4	5247	10	6	-	-	-	
Charges	5678	-	1	6028	3	6	8296	15	-	-	-	-	7824	4	6	
Net Revenue	43655	2	5	44523	9	4	42836	8	4	13131	15	-	-	-	-	See Appendix marked C
Per Centage of the Charges	11	59/64	-	12	6/64	-	10	22/64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SUNDRY SMALL FARMS AND LICENSES.																
Gross Collections	12289	-	4	11057	13	1	11211	9	-	153	11	11	-	-	-	
Charges	1341	6	-	1343	13	-	1338	12	9	-	-	-	10	-	3	
Net Revenue	2946	10	4	9709	-	1	9872	12	3	163	12	2	-	-	-	See Appendix marked D
Per Centage of the Charges	13	2/64	-	12	12/64		11	59/64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
(Here enter all other items of Extra Revenue peculiar to the District.)																
Cochrane's Canal.																
Gross Collections	2443	-	4	35002	8	7	30623	-	6	-	-	-	4379	8	1	
Charges	1819	6	8	17761	2	7	21423	1	9	3661	15	2	-	-	-	
Net Revenue	6251	14	8	17241	6	-	9199	14	9	-	-	-	8041	7	3	See Appendix marked E
Per Centage of the Charges	74	26/64		55	15/64	-	69	61/64		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sales of Stamp'd Papers and Cadjans																
Gross Collections	5352	6	1	5384	15	5	6696	2	3	811	2	11	-	-	-	
Charges	331	11	11	411	14	6	581	9	4	169	10	10	-	-	-	
Net Revenue	5526	10	2	5473	-	11	6114	8	11	641	8	-	-	-	-	See Appendix marked F
Per Centage of the Charges	5	41/64	-	6	6/64		8	43/64		-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL.																
Gross Collections	1100409	1	10	1212311	5	4	1193565	13	4	-	-	-	19244	8	-	
Charges	318247	15	2	393493	15	7	356964	3	1	-	-	-	36534	12	6	
Net Revenue	790361	2	8	819311	5	9	836601	10	3	17290	4	6	-	-	-	
Per Centage of the Charges	28	11/64	-	32	34/64	-	29	57/64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL.																
Gross Collections after deductions for Manufacture or Purchase of Salt & Tobacco	1091324	7	7	1179113	9	11	1172698	2	8	-	-	-	23445	7	3	
Charges after deductions for Do.	300963	4	11	377792	4	2	336796	8	5	-	-	-	41195	11	9	
Per Centage of the Charges on the Gross Collections after deductions	27	30/64	-	31	25/64	-	28	45/64		-	-	-	-	-	-	

Madras
12th July 1841

E. E. Jr.
Collector

Per Wm. Keene Chas. Boyd
A. Dr. A.

1801.

Fort St. George

D. Statement Exhibiting the Quantity of Salt manufactured in Fusly 1250. in the Collectoriate of Madras compared with that of the preceding year with explanation of the causes of Increase or Decrease.

Names of the Cotaur or place of Manufacture.	Fusly 1249. Quantity of Salt Manufactured.	Quantity Sold.	Rate per Garce.	Value.	Fusly 1250. Quantity of Salt Manufactured.	Quantity Sold.	Rate per Garce.	Value.	Increase	Decrease	Remarks.
	G. M. G. M. M.		R.	R. a p	G. M. M.	G. M. M.	R.	R. a p	G. M. M.	G. M. M.	
Attepat	808 — 103.				197 — 213						
Ennoore	534 — 70.	1007 — 270	at 105	105806 — 11	145 — 179	914 — 130	at 105	96004 8		93.140	The discontinuance of the sales of salt to return Carts in Fusly 1250. is the cause of this decrease.
Cutteravack	244 — 256.				95 — 377.						
	1587 — 29	1007 — 270	at 105	105806 — 11	438 — 369	914 — 130	at 105	96004 8		93 140	

Madras, 12th July 1841.

E. E.

2nd December 1841.

J. C. / Signed / C. A. Robertson

Collector.

Statement.

18015.

Fort St. George 2nd December 1841.

E. Statement Shewing the Charges in each of the various Depart=
=ments under the Collectorate of Madras for Fasles 1249 and 1250.

	Fasly 1249	Fasly 1250.	Increase	Decrease	Remarks.
Land Charges	17,678 4 "	17,745 1 11.	66.13 11	" " "	
Salt — Ditto	25805. 5 4	32,599 8 5.	6,794 3 1	" " "	
Abkarry — Ditto	60,848 3 6.	52,963.15 "	" " "	7884 4 6	
Sayer — Ditto	28,732 3. 8	8. 2,480 57. 3 10.	" " "	39,266.4 10.	
Sundry Small Farms - Ditto	1,348. 13 "	1,338. 12 9.	" " "	10 " 3 "	
Cochrane's Canal - Ditto	17,767. 2 7.	21,423. 1 9.	3,661.15 2	" " "	
Stampt Papers - Ditto	411. 14 6.	581. 9 4	169. 10 10.	" " "	
Total	4,11,177. 3 7.	3,74,709. 5 "	10,692 11 "	47,160. 9 7.	

Madras 12th July 1841.

E. E. P. C. / Signed / A. Robertson.

Collector.

18015. Fort St. George 2nd December 1841.

E. Statement Shewing the Charges in each of the various Depart=
=ments under the Collectorate of Madras for Fasles 1249 and 1250.

	Fasly 1249	Fasly 1250.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
Land Charges	17,678 4 "	17,745 11.	66.11	"	
Salt — Ditto	25,805 5 4	32,599 8 5.	6,794 3 1	"	
Abkarry — Ditto	60,848 3 6.	52,963.15 "	"	7,884 4 6	
Sayer — Ditto	28,732 3. 8	8. 2,48,057 3 10.	"	39,266.4 10.	
Sundry Small Farms - Ditto	1,348. 13 "	1,338. 12 9.	"	10 " 3	
Cochrane's Canal - Ditto	1,760. 2 7.	2,423. 1 9.	3,661.15 2	"	
Stampt Papers - Ditto	411. 14 6.	581. 9 4	169. 10 10.	"	
Total	4,11,177. 3 7.	3,74,709. 5 "	10,692 11 "	47,160. 9 7.	

Madras
12th July 1841.

E. E. D. C. / Signed / A. Robertson.
Collector.

18016 Fort St. George 2nd December 1841.

F.

The Gross Revenue of Salt for Fusly 1249 Rupees 1,09,789-4-1 and for Fusly 1250 Rupees 1,09,436-7-- are as follows.-

Salt.

		Fusly 1249 Rupees	Fusly 1250 Rupees
The Sales at Madras for Home Consumption were.			
In- Fusly 1249 Garces 1007-270 / Fusly 1250 Garces 914-130	at 105 Rupees per Garce.	1,05,806--	11,96,044-8-
Recoveries of Salt advances		3,964-15-9	4,432-2-4
Fines & Stoppages in the Salt Department		12-15-5	---
Sales of Old & unserviceable Palmeira Leaves in Du		5-4--	---
Total Salt Receipts		1,09,789-4-1	1,00,436-7--

The Charges under the above head for Fusly 1249 Rupees 25805-5-4 and for Fusly 1250 Rupees 32,599-8-5 are as follows.-

	Fusly 1249 Rupees	Fusly 1250 Rupees
Pay to the Servants	5,051-4--	5,046-15-8
Salt Manufacturer's Share	7,856-13-8	12,950-5-3
Compensation, Roofrooms and Maunimums	2,830-13-9	4,256-8-5
Advance for the Manufacture of Salt	6,019--	3,160-13--
Saunderward Charges	6--	6-1-7
Extra Charges	4,973-8-4	7,112-7-7
Collectors and Deputy Collectors Share from the Proceeds of confiscated Salt	6-4-9	---
2/12ths of Extra Revenue charges Rupees 397-13-6 apportioned to this head	61-8-10	66-4-11
Total Salt Charges	25,805-5-4	32,599-8-5

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B.

	Fasly 1249 Rs.	as	p	Fasly 1250 Rs.	as	p
The Gross Collections of Sayer Revenue for Fasly 1249 Rupees 544,989-15-4 and for Fasly 1250 Rupees 533,265-3-3 are as follows-						
Collections of Duty in the Land Custom Department	543,825	2	6	532,347	1	1
Godown Rent on Piece Goods remaining uncleared beyond the fixed Period	22	11	5	21	2	2
Fines and Stoppages in the Sayer Department	282	14	9	62	3	8
Peons share from the Proceeds of Confiscated Betel and Tobacco credited to Government in consequence of their receiving Separate Rewards for the Seizure of those Articles	189	8	6	119	11	8
Bribes offered by Smugglers to the Peons	1	9	10	-	11	8
Collectors and Deputy Collectors Share from the Proceeds of confiscated Sayer Goods	661	-	4	724	10	-
Recovery of Cooly hire & Amount sale of unserviceable Sayer Chops	1	-	-	-	6	-
Total Sayer Receipts	544,989	15	4	533,265	3	3

The Charges under this head for Fasly 1249 Rupees 287,328-8-8 and for Fasly 1250 Rupees 248,057-3-10 are as follows-

Pay to the Servants	47,19	6	-	46,598	8	7
Sauderwared Charges	286	12	5	266	8	10
Extra Charges	1,385	3	2	680	12	11
Refunds of Duty erroneously Collected on Certain Sayer Goods	376	8	1	34	12	-
Drawback	237,628	1	10	199,533	11	8
Collectors and Deputy Collectors Share from the sale proceeds of confiscated Goods	713	2	5	711	12	7
7/12 ths of Extra Revenue Charges apportioned to this head	215	6	9	232	1	3
Total Sayer Charges	287,323	8	8	248,057	3	10

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B

	Fusly 1249			Fusly 1250		
	Rs	as	ps	Rs	a	ps
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Bribes offered by Smugglers to the Peons	1	9	10	u	11	8
Collectors and Deputy Collectors Share from the Proceeds of confiscated Sayer Goods	66	u	4	724	10	u
Recovery of booty hire & Amount Sale of unserviceable Sayer Chops	1	u	u	u	6	u
Total Sayer Receipts	544,989	15	4	533,265	3	3
The Charges under this head for Fusly 1249 Rupees 287328- 8- 8 and for Fusly 1250 Rupees 248057- 3- 10 are as follows-						
Pay to the Servants	46719	6	u	46,598	8	7
Saunderwared Charges	286	12	5	265	8	10
Extra Charges	1385	3	2	680	12	11
Refunds of Duty erroneously Collected on Certain Sayer Goods	375	8	1	34	12	u
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C.

	Fusly 1249	Fusly 1250
	Rupees a/ p	Rupees a/ p
The Gross Collections of Abkarry Revenue for Fusly 1249 Rupees 50,085-12-10 and for Fusly 1250 Rupees 51,333-7-4 are as follows-		
Revenue of Putta and Batavia Arrack, Brandy & Toddy	50,021 11 u	51,035 5 u
Tax on the sale of Spirituous Liquors in Taverns &c.	49 15 3	15 12 u
Sale of charcoal at the Distillery	186 1 9	168 11 3
Amount recovered from Servants the Value of case Bottles, Boilers &c. at the Distillery which they broke & Amount sale of unserviceable Materials	1 u 9	3 14 u
Fine imposed on Arrack Shop keepers	80 8 u	6 u u
Servants wages not Disbursed, Fines and Stoppages	21 5 8	u u u
Collectors and Deputy Collectors Share of the sale Proceeds of confiscated Arrack	32 13 2	37 11 4
Revenue beyond the fixed excise Duty on sales effected in certain defaulted Shops whilst under circar Management	60 4 4	64 13 3
Putta Arrack Supplied to the Contractor at Chingleput	430 12 2	u u u
Recoveries of booty hire advanced for the conveyance of smuggled Arrack	1 14 9	1 4 6
Total Abkarry Receipts	50,085 12 10	51,333 7 4

The Charges under this head for Fusly 1249 Rupees 60,848-3-6 and for Fusly 1250 Rupees 529 63-15-u are as follows-

Pay to the Servants	15,083 10 u	15,082 3 9
Saunderward Charges	36 13 2	40 4 3
Extra Charges	45,664 2 9	37,780 7 5
Collectors and Deputy Collectors Share of the sale proceeds of confiscated Arrack	32 13 2	27 13 2
1/12 of Extra Revenue Charges apportioned to this head	30 12 5	33 2 5
Total Abkarry Charges	60,848 3 6	52963 15 u

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	Fusly 1249	Fusly 1250-
	Rupees a/c	Rupees a/c
D		
The Gross Collections of Sundry small Farms and Licenses for Fusly 1249 Rupees 11,057- 13- 1 and for Fusly 1250 Rupees 11,211- 9- 0 are as follows-		
Duty on stamping weights and Measures	10,950 6 3	11,194 10 6
Amount recovered from Individuals on account of lead supplied for deficiency in sheer weights	106 11 7	16 14 6
Fines and Stoppages	0 11 3	0 0 0
Total Small Farms Receipts	11,057 13 1	11,211 9 0
The Charges under this head for Fusly 1249 Rupees 1348- 13- 0 and for Fusly 1250 Rupees 1338-12-9 are as follows-		
Pay to the Servants	1323 0 0	1323 0 0
Extra Charges	25 13 0	15 12 9
E		
Total Small Farms Charges	1348 13 0	1338 12 9

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	Fusly 1249.	Fusly 1250.
	Rs a p	Rs a p

E

Cochranes Canal

The Gross collections of Toll collected for Fusly 1249 Rupees 35,002-8-7 and for Fusly 1250 Rupees 30,623-- 6 are as follows.-

Canal Toll on Imports and Exports at the different Places	31,892 8 1	28,808 14 7
Ditto on Jelly from Red Hills brought down by the Canal	3,108 11 7	1,814 1 11
Amount recovered from Servants being in full of the sum embezzled by them	1 4 11	" " "
Total Toll Receipts	35,002 8 7	30,623 " 6

The Charges under the above head for Fusly 1249 Rupees 17,761-2-7 and for Fusly 1250 Rupees 21,423-1-9 are as follows.-

Pay to the Servants	2,550 " "	2,549 " "
Saudeiwaied	6 " "	6 " "
Extra Charges	15,205 2 7	18,868 1 9
Total Toll Charges	17,761 2 7	21,423 1 9

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	Fasly 1249	Fasly 1250
	Rupees a/ p	Rupees a/ p

F.-

The Gross sales of Stamps and Cadjans for Fasly 1249 Rupees 5884-15-5- and for Fasly 1250 Rupees 6,696-2-3- are as follows-

Sales of Stamp Papers and Cadjans	5,879 1 "	6,686 5 6
Refunds of Stamp Commission	5 14 5	9 12 9
Total Stamp Revenue	5,884 15 5	6,696 2 3

The Charges under the above head for Fasly 1249 Rupees 411-14-6 and Fasly 1250 Rupees 581-9-4 are as follows-

Commission to the Vender at 5 P.C. Cent	293 14 6	336 9 4
Refunds of Stamp Revenue	118 " "	245 " "
Total Stamp Charges	411 14 6	581 9 4

Madras 12th July 1841 } E. C. J.s / Signed / A. Robertson
for Collr.

Order thereon: (65-66)
(Vide Proc. 31st Janry. 1842)

Ordered to be brought forward at a future Meeting-

Read the following Statement-

Statement

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Fort St. George

2d December 1841.

Statement shewing Separately the Collections on account of the several Heads of Extra Revenue from 12th July to 31st Oct. 1841 Compared with the Collections included in the Statement of Demand Collection and Balance under the average Collections of the same period during the preceding five Fasles

	Fuslies	Salt Piece Goods	Gruff Goods	Betel Tobacco Ganja and Bang	Total	Abkarry	Sundry Small farms and Licenses	Stampt Papers and Cudjans	Grand Total
		Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p
From 12th July to 31st Oct.	1248	24,538 12 7	39,998 4 -	4,1375 7 1	7,5335 10 5	1,46,809 5 6	155,198 2 10	3,496 10 6	1,769 11 6	3,32,112 10 11
	1249	29,676 8 -	38,769 13 9	5,7932 9 5	7,5089 2 10	1,71,291 10 -	11,8,686 7 10	4,107 8 3	1,497 8 6	3,55,259 10 7
	1250	26,079 6 9	35,725 2 10	5,2038 6 -	7,5,713 9 1	1,63,477 1 11	155348 10 5	4,039 1 10	1,980 4 -	3,50,924 8 11
	"	80,294 11 4	1,04,093 4 7	15,1346 6 6	2,26,138 6 4	4,81,578 1 6	459,533 5 1	11,643 4 7	5,247 8 -	10,38,961 4 5
Average Collections	"	26,764 14 5	34,697 12 2	5,0448 12 10	7,5379 7 6	1,60,526 - 6	153,177 12 4	3,881 1 6	1,749 2 8	3,46,098 15 5
Actual Collections from 12th July to 31st October 1841	1257	47,664 13 6	31,881 12 5	6,7059 11 5	7,1,912 5 6	1,70,853 13 4	14,6,497 5 9	3,842 8 9	2,372 12 6	37,1231 5 10

Madras 31st October 1841. C. C. J.

(Signed) A. Robertson
Collector

Order

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(67-68)

Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded.

Read the following letter.

To

The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

(69)

From the Superintt & Treasurer of the Govt Bank.

Gentlemen,

The Government having required through the Accountant General to be furnished with two additional Copies of the Half yearly Accounts of the Institution ending 30th ult. last, for transmission to England, I have the honor to transmit the accompanying Contingent Bill for C. Rupees 27- 13- 4, which I beg to request may be passed for payment.

Fort St. George,
Govt. Bank,
1st November 1841.

/ Signed / A. S. Cherry
Supt and Treasurer.

Resolution thereon.

(69-70)

Resolved that the Bill which accompanied the foregoing letter be returned with the following remarks.

"The orders of Government dated 1st June 1841 authorize the

ORIGINAL DESTROYED

CONTINGENT DESTROYED

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the Board to pass ordinary and usual contingent charges. The Bill forwarded by Mr. Cherry being for charges incurred on account of Extra writers, the Board do not consider themselves at liberty to pass it for payment."

Read the following letter.

Barrack Masters Office.

To

The Secretary to the
Military Board
Fort St. George

(71)

From the Barrack Master Presy. Division.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copies of a correspondence between myself and the Officer commanding Poonamallee for the information of the Board and beg they will be good enough to decide the point at issue.

Fort St. George
5th November 1841.

/ Signed / W. K. Worster
Barrack Master

Barrack Masters Office

To

The Officer Commanding
Poonamallee

Sir,

In the House you are at present occupying is borne on

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in my Returns I have the honor to re-
quest you will be good enough to
insert your name in the lists of
occupants of Public Quarters
for October

Fort St. George
1st November 1841 } I Signed I W. R. Wroster Lieut.
Barrack Master

Staff Officer's Office.

To
The Barrack Master
Fort St. George

Sir

I beg to return you the enc-
-closed Paper and in reply to your
letter of the 1st Instant to decline
making any alterations already
therein contained.

Your considerations for
the good of the Service has in the present
instance led you into an error as to
the terms on which I occupy my
present dwelling and which is
intended as a temporary measure
only. although (as you say)
the house is borne on your
Returns.

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Returns, still I consider a lease
of it having been granted to
Mr. Freese in his official
capacity removes the right to
him independent of you alto-
-gether.

You must be per-
-fectly aware the wretched condition
of the Public Quarters here is such
that they cannot be occupied by Officers
with any degree of ordinary comfort.
therefore on my taking charge of
my staff duties at this Station,
finding myself at a loss for
a residence I applied to Mr.
Freese the Collector who kindly
allowed me to take possession of a
small part of the House appropri-
-ated to him by the Government,
not only as an Office but also
as a Private Dwelling.

Under these
circumstances

circumstances, and with all
due deference to the importance of
the duties connected with your
present office, I consider
myself a private tenant in
the building alluded to in your
letter and doubt the legality
of your interference with re-
gard to a Horse already given
up to a Civil Servant by the
orders of Government for his Pri-
vate as well as Public use. If you
think me mistaken in the opi-
nion I have formed, I have the
honor to request the subject may
be forwarded to Government
for their decision.

Poonamallee
3d. November 1841.

/Signed/ R. R. Gillespie
Captain H. M. 15th Hussars
I. C. Comg. Poonamallee

Proceedings.

71-72.
Proceedings thereon. Ordered to be transferred to
the Department of Public Works where
the subject will be disposed of.

The Board proceed to
take into consideration the Statements noted
below and to record their remarks
thereon.

73
From the Collector of Rajahmundry } Statements of Sundry
Charges incurred and Extra
under Estimate for Fasly 1250.

74
From the Collector of Rajahmundry } Estimate of Extra
Charges incurred without Estimate
for Fasly 1250.

75
From the Print. Collr. of Nellore } Statement of Sums
proposed to be disbursed on account
of advances for the Manufacture
of Salt for Fasly 1251.

76
From the Print. Collr. of Nellore } Estimate of Extra charges
proposed to be disbursed in Fasly 1251.

From the Collr. of Trichinopoly Statement of
77 Magisterial charges incurred without
Estimate for Fasly 1250.

From

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78 From the Coll.r of Trichinopoly — Statement of charges incurred without Estimate for fusly 1250.

79 From the Coll.r of Trichinopoly — Statement of Charges incurred under Estimate for fusly 1250.

80 From the Coll.r of Trichinopoly — Statement of actual charges incurred under estimate on account of advances for cultivation for fusly 1250.

81 From the Coll.r of Coimbatore — Statement of Charges incurred under Estimate for fusly 1250.

82 From the Print.r Coll.r of Coimbatore — Statement of charges incurred without Estimate for fusly 1250.

83 From the Print.r Coll.r of Coimbatore — Statement of actual charges incurred under Estimate on account of advances for cultivation for fusly 1250.

Order on the 6 abovementioned Statements (73-84) — Ordered that the necessary remarks of the Board be inserted in the proper columns of the Statements and submitted for the orders of Government.

Read

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Read the undermentioned Statements.

85 From the Print.r Coll.r of Cuddapah — Statement of Contingent charges not exceeding 20 Rupees each incurred in the 4th Quarter of fusly 1250.

86 From the Coll.r of Chingleput — Statement of Contingent charges not exceeding 20 Rupees each incurred in the 1st Quarter of fusly 1251.

87 From the Collector of Chingleput — Statement of Contingent charges not exceeding 20 Rupees each incurred in the Magisterial Department in the 1st Quarter of fusly 1251.

88 From the Print.r Coll.r of Madura — Statement of Contingent charges not exceeding 20 Rupees each incurred in the Magisterial Department in the 1st Quarter of fusly 1251.

Order on the 4 abovem.d Statements (85-89) — Resolved that the necessary orders be passed.

Read

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Read the undermen=
=tioned Registers.

90 From the Collr. of Rajahmundry. Register of Petitions bearing the Board's Indorsements presented to him in the Month of October last.

91 From the Collr. of Tinnevelly. Register of Petitions bearing the Board's Indorsements presented to him in the Month of August last.

90-92 Order on the 2 aforemen=
=tioned Registers.

Resolved that the fol=
=lowing letter be despatched
To the Chief Secretary to
Government

93 To the Chief Secy to Government

Sir,

With reference to an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 25th July 1840 Same directed by the Board of Revenue to forward the respects noted in the Margin relating to the Revenue Administration of this

Report of the Board on the General Revenue Statements for fasly 1248.
Proceedings of the Board on the Settlement of the Land and Extra Sources of Revenue with observations and orders of Government thereon for fasly 1248.

Sd. Cons. 19th Augt. 1840

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this Presidency for transmission to the Supreme Government.

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 2d December 1841. } Signed P. B. Smollett Secretary.

Resolved that the fol=
=lowing letter be despatched together with the petition therein referred to.
To the Collector in the Zillah of Rajahmundry.

94 Rajahmundry } Same directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you the accompanying Petitions from=
B. No 96. Date 17th Sept. 1841 R. Lutchenneapaty Pontoodoo Moo=
=ney of Kittyounty Chelvanna widow of =
=Zemindar of Pittahapoor Talook in your District bearing an Endorsement by order of Government, with reference to which you will be pleased to report upon the claim of the Petitioner to arrears of pension from the time of her husband's death.

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 2d December 1841. } Signed P. B. Smollett Secretary.

Received

Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous letters and Statements:

95 From the Acting Collr of South Arcot — Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance for the Month of September last.

96 From the Collr of Bellary — Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance for the Month of October last.

97 From the Collr of Madras — Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance for the Month of Octr last.

98 From the Pt. Collr of Nellore — Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance for the Month of Octr last.

99 From the Princl Collr of Tanjore — Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance for the Month of October last.

100 From the Collector of Trichinopoly — Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance for the Month of October last.

101 From the Actg Collr of South Arcot — Statement shewing the average Bazar wholesale prices of grain and Salt for the Month of Septr last.

From

102 From the Collr of Bellary — Statement shewing the average Bazar wholesale prices of grain and Salt for the Month of October last.

103 From the Collr of Madras — Statement shewing the average Bazar wholesale prices of grain and Salt for the Month of October last.

104 From the Pt. Collr of Nellore — Statement shewing the average Bazar wholesale prices of grain and Salt for the Month of October last.

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106 From the Collr of Trichinopoly — Statement shewing the average Bazar wholesale prices of grain and Salt for the Month of October last.

107 From the Princl Collr of Coimbatore — Return of persons holding offices described in Section VII Regulation VII of 1831 suspended or dismissed for the Month of May last.

108 From the Princl Collr of Coimbatore — Return of persons holding Offices described in Section VIII Regulation VII of 1831, suspended or dismissed for the Month of June last.

109 From the Princl Collr of Coimbatore — Return of persons holding Offices described in Section VII Regulation VII of 1831, suspended or dismissed.

110 From the Print. Coll.r of Coimbatore - Return of persons holding Offices described in Section VII - Regulation VI of 1831, suspended or dismissed for the Month of July last -

111 From the Print. Coll.r of Coimbatore - Return of persons holding Offices described in Section VII Regulation VI of 1831 suspended or dismissed for the Month of August last -

112 From the Print. Coll.r of Coimbatore - Return of persons holding Offices described in Section VII Regulation VI of 1831 suspended or dismissed for the Month of September last -

113 From the Print. Coll.r of Coimbatore - Return of persons charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822 for October last -

114 From the Print. Coll.r of Coimbatore - Return of persons in confinement in pursuance of sentences passed under Regulation IX of 1822 for Oct.r last -

115 From the Print. Coll.r of Coimbatore - Stating that there is no Return of Sayer smuggled goods for the Month of October last -

116 From the Print. Coll.r of Coimbatore - Statement shewing the smuggled Tobacco for October last

117 From the Print. Coll.r of Tanjore - Statement of smuggled Goods recommended for confiscation in the Month of October last -

118-118 Order on the 2 Above mentioned Statements } Ordered that confiscation and sale of the smuggled goods and Tobacco enumerated in the Statements be authorized -

119 From the Print. Coll.r of Canara - Forwarding the Duplicate of his letter of the 25th June last as requested by the Board -

120 From the Coll.r of Guntoor - Stating that the Return of Village Officers suspended or dismissed under the provisions of Regulation VI of 1834

121 From the Sub Coll.r in charge of Nellore } Statement shewing the quantity of Salt in store and ready for exportation on account of Chittagong Indent of 1841/42 from 16th to 23d Nov.r 1841.

122 From the Coll.r of Rajahmundry - Reporting that the Returns of persons charged with offences and of those in confinement under Regulation IX of 1822 for October last have not been sent as there is no entry to be filled up -

From

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B

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123 From the Pmr. Coll.r of Tanjore. Register of the state of the River Cawery at the Anicut for the Month of October 1835

124 From the Coll.r of Tinnevelly. Stating that the Returns of persons charged with offences, and of persons convicted and in confinement under Regulation IX of 1822 for the Month of October last are not sent there being no entry to make.

125 From the Coll.r and Magistrate of Tinnevelly

125-126 Indent on the Cd Officer at Palamcottah for Articles required for his District.

Order thereon. Ordered that the Indent be passed and returned.

Sd/ Hurst

Sd/ G.T. Bruce

Sd/ Walter Elliot

Sd/ A. Macleod

Comp.t
Sd/ J.C. Boyd