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Fort St. George 11th August 1815.

No. Diary.

At a Meeting Present

Thursday 10th Augt 1815 — G. D. Drury Esqre Senior Member
H. Maclean Esqre Jr. Second Member
and
J. Goldingham Esqre Acting Third Member

Minutes of the last Meeting read and approved.

Read the following Extracts

(1) From the Secy. to Government — Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Order date the 11th July 1815.

Read the following letters

From the Secretary to the Board of Revenue — Here enter 11th Sept 1815 No 238

From the Secretary to the Board of Revenue — Here enter 17th Sept 1815 No 252

Ditto.

The Most Noble the Governor in Council observes that all the arrangements recommended by the Board of Revenue in respect of the Darrecattah Zemindary in the District of Chittoor fluctuate according to the Amount of Compensation which it will be proper to allow for the Abolition of the "Deerbary Chunchalee" assessment included in the Assets upon which the Permanent Assessment of the Estate was fixed. Several circumstances have occurred which seem to have induced the Government of Madras to decide that the Zemindar

Zemindar is entitled to receive compensation for the loss of this source of revenue at its whole estimated value, less the expense of collection at 10 per cent, but his Lordship in Council has reason to believe that if this decision be applied to all the Zemindaries where the collection of items included in their Apeto have been abandoned or prohibited, and a readjustment of remission made on the same principle, serious loss to Government will be the consequence.

2. Before, therefore, disposing of the arrangements now submitted for the consideration of Government, His Lordship in Council requests the Board of Revenue will furnish a special report for transmission to the Government of India, of the Cases in which remissions have been adjusted on a different principle to that laid down by that Government, and the Amount that will be payable on a readjustment on the new principle.

3. Referring to the separate application of the Board of Revenue dated 17th April 1845 No 252, His Lordship in Council sanctions the disbursement of a further sum of Pr. 8814 16 7½ Eight hundred and Eighty four, Annas fifteen, and Pice seven and a half for repairs to the Palace of the Zemindar and

and desires that the Amount may be recovered in the adjustment hereafter of the Zemindar's Account.

To The President & Members of the Board of Revenue

(A True Extract) (Signed) C. P. Thompson Secretary to Government.

1-2

Order thereon. (Read again on 21st Augt.) From the Secy to Govt.

Ordered to be brought forward at a future day.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Under date the 21st July 1845

3.

Read the following letter.

To The Secretary of the Government.

Madras.

Sir, We take the liberty of inclosing a letter to us from the Secretary of the Honorable East India Company dated the 20th March last, and to request that you will be pleased to solicit the Governor in Council to grant us the Cowle therein referred to, together with their Influence with the Calastry Poligar for permission to search for Copper Ore in the Districts of Nellore, North Arcot, and Cuddapah and in the possessions of that Poligar.

Bermondsey St. London 1st May 1845. (Signed) Wm. Abell and Son. Messrs. Abell & Son.

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(1-2) Order thereon.

(Read again in Council 18th Augt.)

From the Secy to Govt.

(3)

/ A true Extract /
/ Signed / C. P. Thompson
Secretary to Government.

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Bermondsey St. London 1st May 1845

/ Signed / Messrs. Abbott and Son.
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Gentlemen, I have laid before the Court of Directors

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of the East India Company your letter of dated the 10th Instant soliciting a Cowle and their influence with the Calastry Poligar for permission to search for Copper Ore in the Districts of Nellore, North Arcot and Cuddapah and in the possessions of that Poligar, and in reply I am commanded to inform you that the Court are unable to comply with your request, but they have no doubt that on a suitable representation being addressed to the Government of Fort St. George, you would be granted all reasonable facilities for pursuing the object which you have in view.

East India House
20th March 1815

(Signed) James Mill

The Most Noble the Governor in Council resolves to transmit the foregoing letter and its enclosure to the Board of Revenue for their report and to intimate to them that should there be no objection to Messrs. Abbott and Son prosecuting their search for Copper in the Districts named by them the Government will be disposed to afford them every reasonable Assistance.

To
The President & Members
of the
Board of Revenue

(A true Extract)
(Signed) C. P. Thompson
Secretary to Govt.

Ordered that the following letter be submitted in reply.

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To
The Chief Secretary to
Government.

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To the Chief Secy. to Govt. } Para. 1st

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 26th July 1815 transmitting for their report Copy of a letter from Messrs. Abbott and Son (with its enclosure) in which those Gentlemen solicit the the grant of a Cowle and request permission to search for Copper Ore in the Districts of Nellore, North Arcot and Cuddapah and in the possession of the Calastry Poligar. Government are pleased to intimate that should there be no objection to Messrs. Abbott and Son prosecuting their search for Copper in the Districts named by them, the Government will be disposed to afford them every reasonable Assistance.

2. In reply the Board instruct me to state as Messrs. Abbott and Son have entered into no particulars in regard to the nature and condition of the Cowle applied for in their letter, the Board can of course offer no opinion in respect to that part of their request. In a general point of view the object contemplated by Messrs. Abbott and Son appears to the Board to be calculated to develope the resources of the Country

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Country and to be deserving of every encou-
ragement. The Board would suggest
that those Gentlemen be instructed to
place themselves in communication
with the Collector of the District to which
they have specified, whom, should the
Government approve, the Board will
direct to afford them every assistance
in the furtherance of their researches
The Collectors of Nellore and Northca-
arcot will also be directed to use their
influence with the Calastry Proprietors
to induce him to grant the same facili-
lities to Messrs. Abbott and Sons
within the limits of his Zemindary—

Revd. Board Office
Fort St. George
11th August 1815.

(Signed) P. Pyeroft.
Secretary

5
From the Secy.
to Govt.

Read the following Extracts.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 28th July 1815.

Read the following letter
from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue

(Revenue 30th June 1815. No. 418).

Before complying with the
recommendation contained in the forego-
ing letter the Most Noble the Governor
in Council requests the Board of Reve-
nue will instruct the Principal
Collector of Canara to call upon
Narain Hegadah of Vettul for an explana-
tion on the subject of the complaints
preferred

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preferred by his Sisters and submit the
same for the orders of Government.—

(A true Extract)
(Signed) C. P. Thompson
Secy. to Govt.

To
The President & Members
of the
Board of Revenue

Order thereon.— Ordered to be communicated
for the information and guidance of
the Principal Collector of Canara
with reference to his Endorsement dated
30th May 1816 on Petition No. 169 of 1816.

Mr. Blair will be pleased
to furnish the explanation called
for by Government.

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From the Secy.
to Govt.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 7th August 1815.

The following list of Statements
of Ordinary charges in the Provinces
submitted with the remarks of the
Board of Revenue under date the
2d Ultimo, is ordered to be recorded.—

(Heretofore Cost No. 918)

Para 1. The Most Noble the Governor
in Council sanctions the actual
charges of July 1253 and the esti-
mated disbursements for July
Actual Rupees 27,6,678- 5- 11 1255, amounting
Estimated " 14,8001- 2- " in the aggregate
Total Rupees 37,4,679- 7- 11 to Rupees 37,4,679-
7- 11 (Three Lacs
seventy four thousand six hundred and
seventy nine, Annas seven and pice four
being exclusive of the undermentioned sums.—

Bellary

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Bellary Statement 1728. Item 6 Rupees 10. For purchasing Dawn glasses. The necessity of this charge should be explained as required by the Board.

Masulipatam Statement 1280B. Item 10 Rupees 11 8 11. Hungamah Peons already sanctioned 11. Rupees 15. 6 — Bandy hire for long grass overcharged.

Statement 1280 D. Items 1 & 2 Rupees 8390. 6. — Sibbendy and Sadeerwared in the Reddadee nolve Zemindary. Separate application should be submitted as required by the Board.

Statement 1281 D. Item 1. Rupees 7. 3. 6. Bandy hire for taking records on Circuit overcharged.

Sanjore Statement 1282. Item 2 Rupees 3. 8. 2. Batta to Servants on Circuit overcharged.

Canara Statement 961 Item 20 Rupees 8. 3. 11 Contingent charges in the Sub Conservator's Department should be submitted for orders in the Public Department as required by the Order of Government dated 25th June 1844 No. 611.

Statement 962. Item 3. Rupees 4.50 Rewards for the apprehension of Prisoners. This charge should be Submitted thro the Court of Sanjdarree Udalut but with an account Particulars.

Item 9. Rupees 90. Rewards for the apprehension of rebels should be submitted thro the Sanjdarree Udalut.

2 The final Audit of the Collectorate Accounts for July 1752 will be disposed of separately.

To
The President & Members
of the
Board of Revenue.

/ A true Extract /
/ Signed / E. P. Thompson
Secretary to Govern[t]

Ordered

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Order thereon.

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Ordered to be recorded. The Orders of Government entered in the Statements to have been communicated to the Several Collectors for their guidance.

Read the following resolution

From the Secy to Govt

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 8th August 1845.

From Board 24th July

Resolved that the Collector of Madras be authorized to disburse from his Treasury the Jeomiah payable to Zohara Bee from the date of last payment by the Collector of Nellore.

/ Signed / E. P. Thompson
Secretary to Govt

9-10

Order thereon.

From Nellore 28th May in Cons 2d June 1845.
From Madras 9th in Cons 21st July

Ordered that the foregoing resolution be communicated for the information and guidance of the Collectors of Nellore and Madras respectively, with reference to the letters noted in the Margin.

Read the following letter.

To J. D. Pinch Esq[re]
Acting Sub Treasurer

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From the Accountant General

Sir,

With reference to a letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying Statement of Actual charges incurred in conveying Rowanahs &c[a] to different Collectors in 1844/45 and to request you will have the goodness to pay on receipt to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue the balance thereof, Company's Rupees 108 7 9 One hundred and eight Annas Seven and 9 pie, and debit to his personal head in your Account.

The Amount passed on the Statement viz[z] Rupees 308 7 9 should be adjusted in your Accounts under "Extra Revenue Charges" Dr. to "Advance" a Transfer Entry of "Extra Revenue" for transmission of Malabar Rowanahs &c[a].

/ Signed / J. V. Stonhouse
Accountant General

Fort St. George Accountant General's Office 5th August 1845.

/ True Copy /

Forwarded by the Accountant General to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue with reference to his letter of the 31st Ultimo.

/ Signed / J. V. Stonhouse
Acct. General

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Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded.

Read the following Statement.

* Sanctioned by Govt on the 18th July 1845.

+ Advances to the Secy to the Bd of Revenue for transmission of Malabar Rowanahs.

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The final Audit of the Collectorate Accounts for July 1252 will be disposed of separately.

To
The President & Members
of the
Board of Revenue.

/ True Extract /
/ Signed / C. P. Thompson
Secretary to Govt.

Ordered

9705 Fort St. George 14th August 1845.

Order thereon: Ordered to be recorded. The Orders of Government entered in the Statements to have been communicated to the several Collectors for their guidance.

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From the Secy to Govt

(9)

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Order thereon.

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The Amount passed on the Statement viz Rupees 308. 7. 6 should be adjusted in your account under "Extra Revenue Charges" Dr to "advances" as transferred to the Board of Revenue for transmission to the Secretary to the Malabar Rowanna by.

/ Signed J. V. Stonhouse
Accountant General

(True Copy)

Fort St. George Accountant's Gen. Office 5th August 1845.

Forwarded by the Accountant General to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue with reference to his letter of the 31st Ultimo.

/ Signed J. V. Stonhouse
Acct General

(11-12)

Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded.

Read the following Statement.

* Sanctioned by Govt under the 18th July 1845.

† Received 31st Ultimo.

‡ Advanced to the Secy to the Bd of Revenue for transmission of Malabar Rowanahs.

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Read the following Letter.

To J. Pycroft Esqr.
Secy to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

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From D. White Esqr
Actg Collr of Guntoor

Submitting the result of his enquiries into the conduct of Sathagopa Row the Head Sheristadar of that District who was recommended by him to be dismissed and further disqualified from serving Govt in any other capacity.

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Board the result of my enquiries into the conduct of Sathagopa Row the Head Sheristadar of this District who was suspended by me from Office in consequence of a communication which I received from the Commissioner as reported in my letter to the Board dated 2d May 1845.

2. Mr. Elliot in his letter above quoted expressed his conviction that many of the outstanding balances were the result of wilful and corrupt negligence on the part of the Public Servants and particularly of the Head Sheristadar, in support of which he forwarded depositions taken from Yatoor Cottah Annen of Vedlapully Bashacarlos Annen of Coorpand and from the Paishcar of Chilkaloorpand, and also enclosed two documents, "which he observed if genuine go far to establish the "truth of these representations". He also stated his decided opinion that "the orders passed "by Mr Stokes have been extremely and unfeelingly

Pondicherry District
Colonade, 30th June 1845

Order thereon.

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Dr. Additional Amount in the Districts of Rajahmundry from 1st April to 30th June 1845 of Fasly 1254.

Rs. 6

Amount of Salt remaining on hand 34,205 Maunds of
1st April 1845. Value Pagodas

Received for Salt sold during the Quarter ending 30th June 1845 as per Abstract

Rs. 10963 8 5
Remained in Store 257 " "
Do Pannums 529 " "
Certificates remaining 335 " "
Permits remaining 326 " "

Received to be Recorded.

Pcd

9707 Fort St. George 14th August 1845.

Read the following letter.—

To J. Pycroft Esqr.
Secy. to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

15

From D. White Esqr. } Para 1. I have now the honor to submit
Offg Collr. of Chingleput } for the consideration of the Board the result
Submitting the result of his enquiries into the conduct of Sashagiry Row the suspended Head Sheristadar of that District recommending that he be dismissed and further disqualified from serving Govt. in any other Capacity— of my enquiries into the conduct of Sashagiry Row the Head Sheristadar of this District who was suspended by me from Office in consequence of a communication which I received from the Commissioner as reported in my letter to the Board dated 2d May 1845.—

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* No 1
† Under suspension
* No 2
@ No 3

‡ No 4 & 5

9707 Fort St. George 14th August 1845.

Dr Chittacoumt Current in the District of Rajahmundry from 1st April to 30th June 1845 of 6½

Amount of Collections for Rents Current	19406	10263 8 5
Remainder Balance		251 4 "
1st Ditto Remaining		525 " "
2d Ditto Ditto		335 " "
Certificate remaining		320 " "
Remits to remaining		7 " "

Received.

Amount of Collections for Rents Current 19406
Deduct Remainder Balance 251 4 "
1st Ditto remaining on hand 525 " "
2d Ditto Ditto 335 " "
Certificate remaining 320 " "
Remits to remaining 7 " "
Total Collections 18968 4 5

Rajahmundry District
Cossaba 30th June 1845
(Signed) J. Stokes
Collr.

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Order thereon.

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Read.

"wilfully perverted by parties desirous of
"renting Villages the value of which has been
"in very many instances depreciated at the
"time of tendering proposals by the temporary
"relinquishment of land."—

3. The Board have already had from time to time laid before them the state of the revenues of this District, and it will not therefore be necessary for me now to enter at any length upon this point. In Fusly 1241 the Collections amounted to Rupees 12,58,058—3—3. and in Fusly 1242 the year of the famine to 6,61,541—15—0. From this time they (as will be observed by the marginal Statement) continued gradually to improve until Fusly 1251, when Mr. Goldingham left the District; after which the Dowl (including Peishcush and Settlement of Pulwand) and Collections were as follows—

Fusly	Dowl			Collections		
1252	13,77,189	—	8.	8,49,172	6	—
1253	13,72,156	12	5.	6,87,831	15	7.

4. In his report for Fusly 1252 Mr. Stokes at the same time that he admitted

admitted that the harvest had upon the whole been "unusually abundant," stated that "taking into consideration the pro-
"gressive decline of prices and the injury
"caused by the gale the facilities of collection
"were less than in Fusly 1251."—

5. In Mr. Lockhart's report for Fusly 1253 the still greater falling off in the Collections does not appear to be distinctly referred to any specific cause, and in allusion thereto the Board in their Proceedings dated 21st April 1845 after remarking upon the "very advanced
state of improvement which the revenue had reached at the close of Fusly 1250, observe that "the Board are disposed to
"make due allowance for the depressed
"state of the market, but the difference
"between what has been realized and
"what ought to have been realized in
"the improved condition of the District
"calls for explanation;"— and in another part of the same Proceedings in reference to the unwillingness of the Ryots to cultivate, to which Mr. Lockhart alludes, the Board remark that they apprehend "that the Ryots are unwilling
to

"to cultivate their lands not from poverty
"and inability, as is alleged, or a desire
"to concentrate stock upon such extent as
"can be profitably occupied, but from
"other causes."—

6. Having myself been much engaged in the Current duties of the District my knowledge of the true causes of the falling off in the Collections has in a great measure been first derived from communications received from the Commissioner whose enquiry has been particularly directed to this subject, the result of which, together with such information as I shall be able to lay before the Board connected with the renting of many of the Villages, will, I trust, satisfy them that other causes besides unfavorable Seasons and depressed prices have operated towards bringing the revenue of this District to its present deplorable state, and that the Head Sheristadar must have been cognizant of, if not participant in what has been going on.—

Before

7. Before proceeding further I may remark that I have experienced the greatest difficulty in the examination of Sheshagherry Row. His determined system of prolixity and repetition and his unwillingness in almost every instance to give direct replies to simple questions have set at defiance all my attempts to render his examinations so concise as I could have wished, and as it is, he has on one or two occasions complained of my not admitting matter quite irrelevant.— It is singular that Mr. Goldingham met with precisely the same difficulty that I have now mentioned, of which he complains in his remarks upon a very long continued examination of Sheshagherry Row taken in August 1841.—

8. It may not be out of place here also to mention that it is perfectly notorious that Sheshagherry Row has offered the most open opposition to all enquiry, I allude particularly to his having publicly declared at Pruttypaud on his way to Guntoor immediately

immediately after his suspension, that he had been betrayed by the Peishcar of Chilkaloorpaud and that a proper charge must therefore be conv: certed against him; to his sending at Guntoor for the Vakeel of Ramanadha Bauboo and openly abusing his master for his breach of faith in giving up his notes; to his on all occasions conn: ving Curnums and others to withhold Accounts and information upon the plea that the result of this Commission will have no more effect upon the Co: public Servants than that in Rajahmun: dry and that he upon his reinstatement will remember any one who now dares to disobey his orders; circumstances of which may possibly not be suscepti: ble of proof and cannot therefore be brought forward as charges a: gainst Sheshagherry Row, but are still sufficiently authenticated and notorious to shew that I have had more than ordinary obstacles to contend with.—

9. One of the chief difficulties experienced by the Commissioner at the

the commencement of his enquiries ap: pears to have been the obtaining of true accounts from the Curnums of Villages. They in almost every instance either brought forward sets of accounts fabricated for the occasion or denied that they had any accounts at all, but after some persuasion and examples by punish: ing under Regulation IX of 1822 a few of those first convicted of concealing or falsifying accounts, many were induced not only to produce their accounts, but also to speak out with freedom as to the true reason of the heavy outstanding bal: lances.—

10. Of these I shall lay before the Board some instances.—

Nullapaudu Guntoor. 11. The Curnums (six in number) of the Village of Nullapaud, state that the Sumtdar having received a bribe of Rupees 100 delayed the collections which might easily have been made at least from the wealthier Ryots. They also state that they brought to the notice of the Head Sheristadar on sepys in their Village of 10 Cowchills of lands brought into cul: tivation

N.B. This was during the management of Ramanadha Baubo.

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cultivation from waste regarding which he took no notice. They further represent that in Fusly 1248 land was found over cultivated to the extent of about Rupees 520 which sum although the case was brought to the Sheristadar's notice remained uncollected.—

12. The balance of the Dawl for 1252 alone remaining uncollected at the close of that Fusly was Rupees 1567-1-9. out of which during the following 12 Months, or in all Fusly 1253, Rupees [illegible] only were collected. During the present Fusly nothing was collected up to the time of Mr. Stokes departure in September last, but subsequently a sum amounting to Rupees 637—14—2 has been realized.—

13. If therefore in all Fusly 1253 when the arrear was quite new, the small sum of Rupees 33 only was collected, and in Fusly 1254 / but not till late in the Fusly and after Mr. Stokes had left the District / when the arrear had became comparatively old a sum of Rupees 637 was realized

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realized and that without the sale of any property, it is plain that notwithstanding prices had begun gradually to improve some secret influence had been at work to impede the Collectors operations and the obvious inference is that it could not have worked so long and so successfully without the knowledge connivance and support of the Native Head of the Office.—

Pretty paid in 14. The Cummum / Give in. Chilmbrum paid. Head of Pretty paid state that there is in their Village a recoverable balance of Rupees 5,670 which has accumulated from Fusly 1250, that since that time they have paid at the rate of Rupees 100 a year to the Head Sheristadar to induce him not to enforce the collections of these arrears and that they have also for the same purpose paid Rupees 200 to the Ameen. They further say that they have often begged the Amieen and Sumutdar to urge the

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the Collection at the proper time of the Current revenue which is realizable but that they have not done so. They attribute this conduct to the general rumour that it was wished by obstructing the Collections to bring the European authority into trouble.—

15. The balance in this Village of the Dowl of 1252 only was at the close of that Fusly, Rs. 2,280-6-7 of which, in all Fusly 1253, Rupees 105—11—4. were collected. Of the Remainder Rupees 3—2—. were collected in 1254 up to the date of Mr. Stokes' departure, and since that time Rupees 73—2—6. have been recovered.—

16. Two Ryots of this Village have also deposed before the Commissioner that though they owe to the Circar small balances on which they are ready to pay no one has ever demanded the amount of them.—

17. Five Caponys or head Ryots have also deposed that the arrears

have

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have been purposely left in order to bring blame upon the Collector which they have alleged to have been the common rumour among the people.—

Paulapurroo in Chilkalapoud

18. The Curnums / three in number / of Paulapurroo state that the balance in their Village is attributable to the Ameen who has received bribes the particulars of which they detail, and that although they have brought to the Ameen's notice sums that might be collected he has done nothing. They add that waste land was intentionally left in Fusly 1253 for the purpose of obtaining a fraudulent rent below the real value of the Village.—

19. At the close of Fusly 1252 the balance of the Dowl for that Fusly alone was Rupees 1,200 of which during the whole of Fusly 1253, Rupees 2 only were collected. Since Mr. Stokes' departure in 1254 Rupees 26 have been recovered.—

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Cherkoor in Chittaloor pand.

20 The Commrs / three members / of Cherkoor state that Rupees 6,546. may be collected out of the arrears which have accumulated for the last four Fusles, but that the Ameen, Peishcar and Sumutdar, have not demanded the amount but have listened to the Ryots excuses for its non-payment. They detail also the payment of certain sums to the different public Servants in order to induce them to pass their Summahbundy accounts without too rigid a scrutiny and to give the Village at a low and fraudulent rent. They particularly mention having for these purposes paid to the Head Sheristadar, through the Peishcar Rupees 100, besides annually paying him / for the last 4 years / a Present of Rupees 100. They also mention the rumour that the arrears of collections were intended to injure the Collector's Character and acknowledge that land was purposely left on waste with the view of obtaining a low rent for the Villages.

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21 The balance in Cherkoor of the Dowl of 1252 was at the close of that Fusly Rupees 4270 — 11 — 1 of which Rupees 423 — 12 — 1 were collected in 1253 and in 1254 Rupees 86 — 8 — 11 were recovered by Mr. Stokes and Rupees 58 4 2 subsequently to his departure.

22 It does not appear necessary to proceed with a detail of similar cases to the foregoing and I therefore merely subjoin a Statement of the remaining Villages selected by the Commissioner shewing the balance in each of the Dowl of 1252 and the Collections which were made in 1253 and subsequently.

James.

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Fort St. George 11th August 1815.

Serial No.	Names of the Villages		1252 Balance the 12th July 1813. A	1253 Collected up to 12th July 1814	1253 Balance up to 12th July 1814	Collected up to 15th May 1815 During Mr. Stokes time	During Mr. Lockhart's time
1	Chaybrole	Chaybrole	1008 1 6	448 2 5	559 15 1	13 8	16 10 11
2	Vuddlamoody		210 11 3	94 6	116 10 9		39 2
3	Toolloor	Chilkaloorpaud	2562 8 5	75	2487 8 5		8
4	Valagapoody		638 2 8		638 2 8		
5	Pida Caukany	Chaybrole	249 11 8	72 8 9	177 2 11		
6	Copully		51 9		51 9		
7	Pechacalapollam		22 8 4	12 11 4	9 13		
8	Chintapullypaud	Chilkaloorpaud	288 8 5	63 11 4	224 10 1		
9	Pida Coudoor	Tanaby	2277 2 1	874 3 10	1402 11 3		
10	Collapara		1996 10	171 1 9	1825 8 3		8 10 3
11	Colakaloor Suttanapully		732 5 10		732 5 10		
12	Coroguilloo Godlapully		1395 6 10	13 7	1382 6 3		11 5
13	Santoloor		373 1 11	58 12 7	314 8 4		
14	Ganapanarum		593 9 1	31 6	562 3 1		
15	Adoorcoumully		163 8 10	1	162 8 10		1 15 10
16	Toobaud		866 1 3	14 11 2	851 3 1		1 8
17	Ramapaud		319 4 3	9	310 4 3		
18	Coulaveed	Chilkaloorpad	223 7 4	8 7 2	215 2	1	
19	Mootoopoor		871 15 1	2	869 15 1		
20	Morampoody		268 1 5	26 7 11	241 9 6	3	
21	Nedoobrole		644 5 5	60 3	588 2 5		
22	Goodenadah		1063 12 10		1063 12 10		
23	Coroodoor		889 6 3	96	793 6 3		

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This is merely on account of Dowl for Fasly 1252 but not sold.

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23. It may be remarked that the Curnams of all these Villages have deposed generally to the same effect as those already mentioned in the preceding paragraphs involving the public Servants in receiving of bribes and conniving at fraudulent means of delaying the Collections and obtaining favorable rents.

24. These are merely a few Villages selected by the Commissioner at my request. The accounts of the Extra Collections and disbursements are he informs me in all instances supported by original accounts produced by the Curnums, and these Extra Collections have to must be remarked been found to exist in all the Villages examined by the Commissioner.

25. There is moreover no reason to suppose that the state of affairs in these Villages is worse than that of many Villages in every other part of the District and I apprehend that when I shall have time and opportunity to go into the enquiry, I shall with the aid of an efficient establishment, be enabled to bring to light much more of the fraud and corruption which has so widely pervaded this District.

26. As Specimen of the extent to which Extra Collections have been made by the Village Servants I subjoin merely a few which have been deposed to by different Curnums before the Commissioner during the course of his enquiry into the state of one single Tanah. The sums here mentioned though Collected from the ryots were, instead of being brought to Account appropriated to the purposes shown opposite each sum.

† Chelkaloorpaud.

Chilkaloorpaud Talook

Cruttypaud

Fusly				
1250	Ameen	100		
	Deputy Do.	25		
	C. Ramasawmy } Tenista Mudulgar }	30		Hazoor
	Pashcar	16		
	Mudulgar	6		
		177		
1251	Coorshottum	25		Hazoor
	Pashcar	16		
		41		
1252	S. Soobiah Asistt.			
	Seristidar	10		Hazoor
	Cashcar	16		
		26		
1253	C. Hanoomanta.			
	Row	25		Hazoor
	Pashcar	16		
		41		
	From Fusly 1250 to 1253 paid to Head Shenistdar Co. 100: Rupees per Year	100		
		715		

Adoorcommully

1250	Ameen	30	
	Pashcar	6	
	Mudulgar	4	
	Samuldar	2	
	C. Ramasawmy	6	Hazoor
		48	
1251	Ameen	10	
	Pashcar	8	
		18	
1252	Ameen	10	
	Pashcar	10	
	Samuldar	4	
		24	
1253	Mudulgar	4	
		94	

Paulapuzoo

Fusly				
1250	Ameen	24		
	Cashcar	4		
	Mudulgar	4		
	Zemindars Servants	24		
	C. Ramasawmy	24	8	Hazoor
	Duffadar Do. of Tanah	1		
	Peloyets Do.	5		Hazoor
		36	8	
1251	Cashcar	11	5	
1252	Ditto	15		
1253	Do. C. Hanoomanta Row	7		Hazoor
1251	Ameen	50		
1252	Ditto	50		
1253	Ditto	50		
1254	Ameen Dasapah	100		
		372	13	

Condaveed

1250	C. Ramasawmy	12	Hazoor
	Cashcar	6	
		18	
1251	Samuldar	26	Hazoor
	Coorshottum	10	Hazoor
		36	
1252	Ameen	30	
	Samuldar	15	
	S. Soobiah	11	Hazoor
		56	
1253	Ameen	10	
	C. Hanoomanta Row	10	Hazoor
		20	
		130	

Toobandoo

1250	P. Ramasawmy Hazoor	10	..		
1251	Pashcar	8	..		
1252	Pashcar	8	..		
1253	C. Hanoomantarow Hazoor	4	8	..	
		30	8	..	

Rannesaudoo

1250	Ameen	30	..		
	P. Ramasawmy	16	..	Hazoor	
	P. Soobiah	8	..		
	Pashcar	10	..		
	Samuldar	8	..		
	Deputy Ameen	20	..		
		92	..		
1251	Poorsottum	12	..	Hazoor	
	Pashcar	10	..		
	Samuldar	8	..		
		30	..		
1252	P. Soobiah	17	..	Hazoor	
	Pashcar	10	..		
	Samuldar	8	..		
		35	..		
1253	Hanoomantarow	19	..	Hazoor	
	Pashcar	12	..		
	Jawbuneiss	8	..		
	Samuldar	8	..		
		47	..		
1254	Pashcar	50	..		
	Ameen	50	..		
		100	..		
		304	..		

Cherkoor

1250	Ameen	196	..		
	Pashcar	8	..		
	Deputy Ameen	30	..	Hazoor	
	P. Ramasawmy	31	..		
	Samuldar	10	..		
	Mudulgar	6	..		
		24	..		
1251	Pashcar	12	..		
	Coorsholtum	20	..	Hazoor	
	S. Soobiah	16	..		
		48	..		
1252	S. Soobiah	35	..	Hazoor	
	Pashcar	35	..		
	Ameen	80	..		
	Deputy Ameen	16	174		
		174	174		
1253	Ameen	64	..		
	Jawbuneiss	4	..		
	Pashcar	36	54		
	C. Hanoomanta Row	22	..	Hazoor	
		126	54		
1254	Pashcar	27	..		
	Ameen	100	..		
	Pashcar	23	..		
	Ameen	50	..		
		193	..		

From Fasly 1251 to 1254 paid to Head Shirestadar. at 100 Rupees per Year 400 .. .

1153 13

Moolgoor

1243	Pashcar	12	..		
	Mudulgar	20	8	..	
	Jawbuneiss	157	..		
	Ameen	140	..		
	Pashcar	25	..		
	S. Soobiah	18	..	Hazoor	
	Samuldar	12	..		
		1434	..		
1244	Head Mudulgar	14	..		
	Pashcar	8	..		
	Jawbuneiss	194	..		
	Mudulgar	2	..		
		434	..		
1250	Ameen	50	..		
	Pashcar	34	..		
	P. Ramasawmy	24	..	Hazoor	
	Mudulgar	4	..		
		112	..		
1251	Pashcar	32	8	..	
	Samuldar	4	..		
	Deputy Ameen	31	..		
		77	8	..	
1252	Samuldar	1	8	..	
	Justy Coomastah	11	..		
	Pashcar	30	..		
	Ameen	40	..		
		82	8	..	
1251	Ameen	100	..	..	
		558	8	..	

Poosoolcor

1250	Ameen	11	..		
	Dr. Dr.	20	..		
	P. Ramasawmy	8	..	Hazoor	
	Pashcar	6	..		
		45	..		
1251	Ameen	40	..		
	Pashcar	8	..		
	Samuldar	12	..		
	Pashcar	10	1	..	
		70	1	..	
1252	Ameen	35	..		
	Pashcar	15	1	..	
	Mudulgar	4	..		
	Samuldar	16	..		
		70	1	..	
1253	Ameen	40	..		
	Deputy Dr.	35	10	..	
	Jawbuneiss	4	..		
	Hanoomanta Row	10	..	Hazoor	
		89	10	..	
1254	Pashcar	6	..		
	Samuldar	6	..		
	Jawbuneiss	4	8	..	
		16	8	..	
		291	4	..	

Goodevadah

Fusly
1250 Tanaly Chonky
Goomastah } —— 2 ——

1251 Ameen —— 20 ——

Bashcar —— 8 ——

Mudulgar —— 4 ——

Samuldar —— 12 ——
44 ——

1252 Deputy Ameen 12 ——

Bashcar —— 8 ——
20 ——

1253 Bashcar —— 8 ——

Javabnevis —— 4 ——

Head Mudulgar 3 ——
15 ——

1254 Bashcar —— 20 ——

1250 Ameen —— 20 ——

Mudulgar — 6 ——

P. Ramasawmy — 4 —— Fuzoo
30 ——
131 ——

Nedoobrole.

Fusly
1250 Ameen —— 140 ——

Bashcar —— 12 ——

P. Soobiah —— 8 ——

Deputy Ameen —— 30 ——

Justy Goomastah — 16 ——

P. Ramasawmy — 16 —— Fuzoo
182 ——

1251 Bashcar —— 16 ——

Javabnevis —— 4 ——

Deputy Ameen — 13 ——
49 ——

1252 Bashcar —— 16 ——

Samuldar —— 10 ——

S. Soobiah —— 20 —— Fuzoo
46 ——

1253 Deputy Ameen — 25 ——

Bashcar —— 15 ——

Samuldar —— 15 ——

C. Ramanunta Row — 8 —— Fuzoo
63 ——
340 ——

27. The deposition of the Ameens of Gedlapilly and of Coorapaud, and of the Pushcar of Chilkaloorpaud, strongly corroborate the inference that the Head Sheristadar has personally exerted himself to impede the Collections. The two former state that Sheshagherry Row personally urged them not to make Collections properly, and the Ameen of Gedlapilly adds that the reason he assigned was, in order to get rid of Mr. Stokes with whom he could not get on well. The defence of Sheshagherry Row upon this point is literally nothing. The Board will observe that he has entered upon a long rambling story embracing his own Services and Character, and Mr. Stokes' orders and management, matter quite irrelevant to the question at issue, and the whole amounting to a mere denial of the fact. The assertion that they have both been influenced by M. Lutchmunarsoo, in the hope of his interceding in their behalf with the Commissioner and myself to give depositions against him is mere assertion and appears an absurd conclusion for him to have arrived at, in so much as Lutchmunarsoo was a perfect stranger both to Mr Ellis & and to myself.

28. The next strong corroborative proof

proof is the paper No. 1 forwarded with the Commissioners' letter of the 28th April In sending me this Mr. Elliot observed "In consequence of some observations which fell from the last-mentioned individual, I was induced to direct a search to be made in the Public Duftors of the Ameen's Cutcherry of that Tanah, in the course of which two Documents were found which I have now the honor to enclose and which if genuine, go far to establish the truth of the above representations."

29. The document No. 1 although not acknowledged by the person to whom it is addressed, bears every appearance of being genuine. It purports to be a note from the Head Sheristadar to the then Ameen of Chilkaloorpaud desiring him not to make Collections. No. 2 purports to be a writing from the same to the same, requesting the latter to pay 100 Rupees for the Marriage Ceremony of the son of one Aulony. Narsiah. The Signatures to these two notes have been identified by the Heads of each Department in my Cutchery who from their Character long

The Head Writer
The Head Accountant
The Head Revenue Monshy.

The Manager of Police
The Cash keeper
1-6-7-8-9-10

long intimacy with Sheshagherry Row, and constant habit of seeing his signature, I considered to be the very best evidence which could possibly be obtained.—

30. Sheshagherry Rows' defence upon this charge is again not to the point. He insinuates that the papers have been forged by his old enemy Lutchmeenursoo and deposited in the Dufter, where they were found by Gotaly Conakaranze the Peishcar of Chilkaloorpaud at the instigation of Lutchmeenursoo.—

31. It is not my intention to defend the Character of Gotaly Canakaranze, nor is it in my power to explain how he came by the papers in question, or by his knowledge of their being in the Cutchery, such matters not being essential to this enquiry. It is sufficient to observe that Natives are not backward in preserving what they think may some day or other turn to Account, and with the evidence as to the identity of the document already referred to, the Board will be enabled to form their own opinion upon the case.

32. The next subject which I shall bring to the notice of the Board is the manner in which Villages have been recently rented.

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33 The rents, the particulars of which I am about to explain, were given during Mr. Lockhart's administration, and it is a very remarkable fact as proving the close connection of the Head Sheristadar with the renting of them that the translations, with exception of about 33, of all the Durkhasts, (which show the amount of Offer and the dowl and Collection for a certain number of years and Ameens opinion as to the state of the Village and adequacy of the rent proposed) are with the exception of the figured Statements, in the handwriting of the Head Sheristadar, and were by him personally submitted to Mr. Lockhart without the intervention of a third person. Whatever information therefore Mr. Lockhart received upon this subject it must naturally have been derived from the Head Sheristadar, and if it shall appear to the Board that any of the rents have

been

improperly given, it is obvious that such could not have been the case without the connivance of the Sheristadar, while the fact above referred to of his having himself translated the Ameen's explanations (instead of sending the same as was usual in other cases) into the Writers'

Department affords strong presumptive proof that there was something to be concealed.

34. In reference to this subject the Commissioner in a letter addressed to me under date the 29th March expressed himself as follows,

"The great falling off in the terms offered.

offered is attributed some times to the
extensive relinquishment of land in con-
sequence of Mr. Stokes' Porkoonnamah
of Fusly 1252, some times to the fall
in the price of Grain. In the former
explanation confirmed as it was
by the principal Officers on your es-
tablishment, I was at first disposed
to acquiesce but subsequent investigation
has shewn it to be without foundation.
Numerous depositions are now before
me in which it was stated that the
land was purposely left fallow to
get a lower rent, and this circumstance
has not in any instance been brought
to notice by the District Officers whose
silence has been purchased by timely
applications of the Grama kurch funds.
The other cause ought not to have affected

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the proposals of the Current Year during which
it is admitted on all hands that produce has
borne a remunerating price; yet a large number
of Villages have been granted at very depreciated
rates, and I am informed that proposals are
still before you the terms of which are no-
toriously

35 The Statement of Mr. Elliot
exposes in a few words the system which has
apparently obtained to an alarming extent in
renting Villages. The renters, in general the Curnums
themselves, have misrepresented the true con-
dition and resources of their Villages and
having for one or two years left land waste,
and delayed the Collections, have bribed the
Ameen to make a false report in their favor
to the Hazoor, where the true state of the case
having been withheld from the Collector he has
either sanctioned the rent at once or made such
modifications as were trifling in comparison
with the profits consequent upon the confirm-
ation of the rent.

36 Mr. Lockhart in his report
upon Fusly 1253 has stated that "Including
this Season (1254) the rents are given for 3
Years.

"years and generally speaking the offers for the
"next Season are equal to or rather above the
"Average Collections of the last ten Years and for
"the third Year equivalent to the best collections
"since the famine." The Head Sheristadar in the
English paper submitted to Mr. Lockhart
invariably drew his average from the last
(Say 8, 10, or 12) Years including the Collections
for Fuslies 1252 and 1253, upon which the Board
in their Proceedings dated 21st April 1845 have
observed "with reference to the decline in the"
Revenue since Fusly $\frac{1250}{1840/41}$ that no dependence can
be placed" and the causes of which I have already
shewn to have arisen from corruption and col-
lusion on the part of the Public Servants
This mode of calculation of course gave an
unusually low average in almost every instance
and had an obvious tendency to mislead the
Collector in his enquiry into the real value
of the Villages.

37- The first Village which I shall mention is Tuckalapad in Guntoor which was examined by Commissioner who addressed me on the subject as follows
"It was rented by the Zemindar (Ramanatha
Bauboo)

"Bauboo) for 6 years from Fusly 1246, when he
"was put in possession as Manager at a nominal
"Beriz of Rupees 2751, but with a condition for the
"payment of additional sums as Nuzzerana -
"The accounts of Collections furnished by the
"Renters, who were the Curnums of the Village,
"show an average of Rupees 2,833, but the actual
"Collections brought to light by the seizure of
"the Curnums' accounts, under a warrant
"from the Head Assistant Collector, exhibit
"an average receipt of Rupees 3734 - The
"proposal accepted by Mr. Lockhart averages
"Rupees 2,383 only, and the statement on
"which it is founded shows merely the
"Collections on account of rent and arrears
"within each year, which are less than
"either of the above and thus tend to
"produce an unfavorable idea of the
"resources of the Village as in the
"following Statement:-

Rent

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Fort St. George 14th August 1845

1252 — Rs 1,909
1253 — 2,225

"On the expiration of the rent in Fasly 1251 the
"Collections fell greatly and the Curnums made
"an offer to rent for 3 years at 2260. 2350 and 2540
"on the ground that 10 Kutchells (250 or 300 acres)
"had fallen waste. - A Huzoor Goomasta sent to
"ascertain the truth of this Statement confirm-
"ed it and the offer though admitted to be
"be so unfavorable was accepted on the
"ground of the state of the Market and the
"the exhausted condition of the soil. - The
"Market however has improved and black
"Cotton land does not require manure and is
"not liable to exhaustion. - But besides this one
"of the Curnums having informed me that the
"Cultivation had been understated and the waste
"exaggerated in the Goomastahs' report, I deputed
"the Turnder and 4 Surveyors lately arrived
"from Turnool to ascertain the real State of
"the Case - Their report shows an excess of
"Cultivation of 34 3/4 Kooshely while only 5 1/2
"are waste, the latter being left so partly
"for pasture partly because over run with
"grass the remainder had evidently been
"Cultivated, the Stubble remaining." -

38 It thus appears that this
Village

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Fort St. George

Rs

1246	2697	"	3229	"	3522	"	3522
1247	2658	"	2763	"	2921	"	4545
1248	2751	"	3460	"	3745	"	3942
1249	2695	"	1171	"	2061	"	2995
1250	2731	"	3478	"	3478	"	3982
1251	2731	"	3053	"	3027	"	3471
Average	2751	"	2544	"	3126	"	3734

Collection Rs stated in the Statements on the Fasly Records

Rs and fas according Curnums' accounts furnished after the Lands were measured

Ors

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Fort St. George 14th August 1845.

	Collections	Do as per Do according	
	on the	Curnums' accounts	
	Fusly Kists	furnished agreeably	
	Accounts	to the Kists	
1246	2697 " "	3229 " "	3522 " "
1247	2658 " "	2763 " "	2924 " "
1248	2451 " "	3460 " "	3745 " "
1249	2695 " "	1771 " "	2061 " "
1250	2731 " "	3478 " "	3478 " "
1251	2731 " "	3053 " "	3027 " "
Average	2751 " "	2833 " "	3126 " "
			3704 " "

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Dr. Hill's Office

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Fort St. George 14th August 1845

1252 — 1909 Rs
1253 — 2225

"On the expiration of the rent in Fusly 1251 the
"Collections fell greatly, and the Curnums made
"an offer to rent for 3 years at 2260. 2350 and 2540.
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"had fallen waste.- A Huzoor Goomasta sent to
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Village

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Village, now proved to have averaged a yearly revenue of Rupees 3734, was rented by Mr. Lockhart for 3 years for Rupees 2,260 - 2,350 and 2540. - Mr. Lockhart's acceptance of the rent, entered in his own hand writing on the face of the English proposal written by the Sheristadar himself, is in the following words, "although this offer in comparison with the "dawl appears small, still I think it adequate "and may be accepted with reference to the "state of the crops for this season, and low "prices, and as they will likely incur loss in "the present season it is not likely they "will be able to pay more than the amount "of the present offer for the next, with "reference to the former collections; and as by "the Estimate made there are about 4 Kootchels "fit to be brought into cultivation. If the "Villagers exert themselves to bring it under "the plough they will probably make good "profit by the termination of their rent. If "the security is good this offer may be accepted"

39. By the above it is clear, and by his subsequent order it is proved that in her acceptance of this offer Mr. Lockhart

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Lockhart was, as must naturally have been the case, guided by the report of the Goomastah who was deputed to examine the Village, which report though utterly at variance with the true state of the case, does not appear to have been corrected or exposed to Mr. Lockhart by the Head Sheristadar. -

40. Finding by Mr. Elliot's measurement that there were 90 Kootchels and odd which had been cultivated instead of 57 Kootchels and odd, and that the actual waste was only Kootchels 5-8-5¾ instead of Kootchels 10-11-3 as reported by the Goomastah I called upon him for an explanation when he immediately attempted to screen himself behind an order of Mr. Lockhart which he produced, in which he is directed to "ascer- "tain (tho' not by having the fields of that Village "measured) but by estimation what extent "of land has been cultivated" Vee. He was astonished that I did not at once admit this latitude which had been allowed him to estimate and not measure as a valid ex- -cuse for his gross misrepresentation, for by his promptitude in producing it, it was very evident he considered it as a certain

* Huzzoor Head Muddutgar Poroshottum

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to Hoochels instead of 57 Hoatchels.

safe-guard, but as the error in estimation of which he had been guilty was too palpable to be for a moment believed to have been the result of accident, and as he acknowledged the greatest negligence in the way in which he had conducted his enquiry, and as moreover he had on a former occasion been upon proved participation in intrigues, removed from the Huzzor by Mr.a Goldingham, though subsequently reemployed by Mr.a Mathieson, I considered him unworthy of future confidence and dismissed him from his situation.-

41. When I state that the Village of Tuckalapaud is quite close to the Town of Jantoor (within about 2 Miles) that the Goomastah deputed to examine it was the Heristadar's Head Goomastah in the Huzzoor, that moreover this Goomastah is the son-in-law of the Head Heristadar, and that the proposal in question was not before acceptance seen by the Head Revenue Moonshee of the Cutcherry I have, I think, said quite enough to satisfy the Board that the Head Heristadar cannot but have connived at the fraudulent renting of this Village.-

42 Admitting for a moment the

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possibility of his not having connived at this fraud, what confidence can be placed in a Heristadar who, even though assisted by his own establishment, and relatives, can allow himself to be so easily and so grossly duped.?

43. The next Village which I shall cite is Vutte Cherkoor of which the Commissioner speaks in the following terms. "Having reason to "suspect that the rent of Vuttecherkoor in Rapully Tanah, "had been fraudulently obtained by concealing the true "resources of the Village I took the accounts of the "last turn of the two preceding years as rendered "by the Curnums, and sent a Karkoon with 4 Sur-"veyors to measure the extent of land. Next "day the Surveyors returned saying the Karkoon had "dismissed them, and the following day he appeared "himself, ascertaining that the Curnums had admitted "that they had under-stated the Cultivation in their "proposal to the extent of 10 Hoochels for 250 acres /- "Suspecting however from what the Surveyors told "me that all was not right, I despatched my own "Moonshee

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"Moonshee with them to the Village and had the whole
"of the lands surveyed - The result exhibited in the
"subjoined Table proved my surmise to have been
"well founded".-

Land	By Commissioners' account Fusly 1254. Fusly as Offn 1253 account	As subsequently admitted	By actual Survey	Increase on 1st Statement	Do on 2d Do
"Cultivated	39½	28½	38½	84½	20	10
"Waste in profession of Ryots for pastures	21¾	33	22	37	5	15
"Unappropriated	15	15	15	15	"	"
Total	76	76	76	100½	25	25

ORIGINAL DESTROYED

44. The average of the dawl of this Village for the last 10 years according to the proposal submitted to Mr. Lockhart is Rupees 2,768 and that of the Collections for the same period is Rupees 2,148 - The rent accepted was for Fusly 1254 - Rupees 1,900 for 1255 Rupees 2,300 and for 1256 Rupees 3200.-

45 The very depreciated rate at which the

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the rent was granted is abundantly proved by what Mr. Elliot adds in the same letter above quoted - "The renters finding their fraud fully "exposed have of their own accord made the re "following offer to pay in -

"Fusly 1254 Rupees 2,300 instead of Rs. 1900 - " - "
" " - " - Rs. 3,200 - Do - of Rs. 2,300 - " - "
" " - " - Rs. 3,300 - Do - of Rs. 3200 - " - "

"On which point I have referred them to You," &c
Before me, it may be added, they readily reiterated their proposal -

46. This Village having been examined as in the preceding instance by the Head Moodutgar of Rachoor Tanah - he was required to account for the very inaccurate information he had rendered - And it is a remarkable circumstance, which ought not to pass unnoticed, that when called upon for this explanation he immediately and without any leading question on my part produced as in the former case, the Collectors' order, and urged the particular instructions "to estimate but not to measure" the land as an ample excuse for any inaccuracies on his part, indeed it would almost appear as if these orders had been so worded through the Shereistadar or those implicated in the fraudulent rents,

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for the express purpose of protecting these people from the consequences of any future exposé.-

47. The Village of Venkatapallem in Chaybrole was rented on the 28th October last as follows for.-

Fusly 1254 ..... Rupees 925-"-"

" 1255 ..... " 1226-"-"

" 1256 ..... " 1650-"-"

Mr. Lockhart's acceptance of the offer was "under present circumstances and continued low rate of prices, this offer may be accepted".-

48. The average of the last 12 years Collections as shewn on the proposal submitted to Mr. Lockhart by the Sheristadar is Rupees 1,855-9-6, while the average collections of the preceding 12 years also exhibited on the same paper are 3,510-13-9. Neither the offer therefore for 1255, or the offer for 1256 equal the average quoted by the Sheristadar, and much less is the last offer equal to the best Collections since the famine.-

Rupees 1226-"-"
" 1650-"-"
Higher Collections
Since the famine
1242-5030-14-2
1243-2200-"-"
1246-2245-"-"
1247-2156-14-10
1249-2752-5-10
Thirty equal Collections
1248-1583-6-8
1250-1638-2-4

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49. A new Aumein having been appointed by me to this Tanah brought to my notice a concealment of Cultivation in the Village to the extent of 3 Kootchels (about 75 acres) and it further appeared that the renters had after the settlement of the rent paid a bribe of Rupees 25 to the then Aumeen. This rent has been annulled.-

50. The Village of Mundadum also in Chaybrole was rented on the 25th October last for.

Fusly 1254 ..... Rupees 2,600-"-"

" 1255 ..... " 3500-"-"

" 1256 ..... " 4200-"-"

The proposal was accepted "under present circumstances of the Village" the average of Collections for the last 12 years being according to the Sheristadar's english paper 3,424-8-8-and for the preceding 12 years Rupees 1,723-9-9-If we exclude the Collections since Fusly 1250, which, as the Board have observed are not to be depended upon, the average will be considerably altered. The Collections as quoted by the Sheristadar are exhibited in the margin.-

Fuslies	Collections	Fuslies	Collections
1230	5,072-4-3	1242	7,084-4-"-
1231	6,421-13-4	1243	4,134-14-"-
1232	6,596-15-"-	1244	1,395-14-6
1233	2,745-10-2	1245	3,771-6-3
1234	7,207-13-2	1246	3,265-2-1
1235	9,200-"-"-	1247	4,256-12-8
1236	9,208-"-"-	1248	3,714-11-2
1237	3,122-1-4	1249	5,091-7-"-
1238	7,362-"-9	1250	3,621-6-2
1239	10,408-2-10	1251	1,522-8-5
1240	8,383-5-6	1252	956-9-2
1241	5955-2-7	1253	2,279-8-7

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51. The Village of Pedda Kakany in the same Tanah was rented on the 13th November last for.-

Fusly 1254 ——— Rupees 2,515 — — —
" 1255 ——— " 2,750 — — —
" 1256 ——— " 3,000 — — —

the average of Collections for the last 12 years commencing from last Fusly being Rupees 2,811 — 3 — — and for the preceding 12 years Rupees 5,255 — 10 — 5.-

52. The new Sumeen of Chaybrole suspecting that all was not right had the lands of this Village measured and reported that 18 Kootchels (about 450 acres) of cultivated land had not been brought to account and a profit therefore of about Rupees 900 — — concealed. This rent has consequently been annulled.-

53. The Village of Chaybrole in the same Tanah was rented on the 2nd November last for.-

Fusly 1254 ——— Rupees 5,500 — —
" 1255 ——— " 5,701 — —
" 1256 ——— " 6,340 — —

the average of Collections for the last 12 years being

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being Rupees 6224 — 10 — 9 and for the preceding 12 years 7809 — 14 — 3.

Fusly	1242	5300 —	10 — 8
	1243	1860 —	— — 5
	1244	4388 —	4 — 1
	1245	6339 —	15 — 6
	1246	5459 —	— — 9
	1247	5124 —	10 — 11
	1248	7042 —	— — 9
	1249	6520 —	3 — 9
	1250	7703 —	14 — 3
	1251	6493 —	1 — 6
	1252	6159 —	3 — 9
	1253	4964 —	14 — 1

54. In this case although the average is framed by including 1253 when the revenue realized was much lower than usual it will be observed that neither the offer for the second year is equal to the average nor that for the third year equal to the best.-

Collections since the famine.-

55. I shall instance one other case in the Chaybrole Tanah. the Village of Royapoody. This Village had been proposed for rent in Mr. Stokes time as follows for

Fusly 1253 ——— Rupees 3,200 — — —
1254 ——— 3,300 — — —
1255 ——— 3,501 — — —

but the same had been rejected as too low in comparison with the Revenue of preceding years. A subsequent offer was made increasing the rent Rupees 100 for Fusly 1254 and the same for 1255, but with no better success.-

56. Upon my arrival in the District this Village was rated by the Head Shroistadar as.-

as an instance of the ruinous consequences of not accepting offers even although they might not equal what I thought I had a right to expect in reference to preceding years. I was reminded that though the Demb for 1283 was Rupees 5501 the Collections including arrears were only Rupees 2072, and that to refuse the present offer was to incur a further loss to the Government (as mentioned in my letter to the Board of the 10th April last). So repeatedly did the Sheristadar urge the depreciation of the rent of this Village upon me that I was induced to mention the circumstance to the Commissioner who agreed with me as to the inexpediency of accepting the offer, and the village was accordingly ordered to be kept under Amanie. The result is that though the offer for fusly 1254 was Rupees 2051 only, the collections up to this day under an honest Amaen amount to Rupees 2662-2-8.

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57. Mr. Elliot in a letter received on the 16th June explains the cause of the falling off in the Village. He states. The Cumums admit

"admit that they caused 18 Hoolchels in "fusly 1252 & 21 in fusly 1253 to be left "waste all of which would have been "taken up immediately if their proposals "for a rent had been accepted: In this "however they have been disappointed "and the propriety of the refusal has been "shown by the fact of the new Amaen "having already collected about Rupees "2700. under the disadvantages above "mentioned for the current year the "offer for which was only Rupees 2051"

58. In order that the Board may clearly understand the way in which Dumbalas for rents were proposed I forward that for Rayapoody which with the exception of the figured statement, is in the hand writing of the Head Sheristadar.

59. It is I consider needless for me to adduce in detail any more instances of rents improperly and fraudulently obtained, and I shall therefore merely forward a Statement lately received from the Commissioner regarding the rents in Chaybrole, of which he speaks in the following terms. "Of the 28 Villages "recently rented in Chaybrole 12 the par- "ticulars of which are exhibited in the

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"accompanying Telugu Statement appear
"to have been granted improperly for the
"reasons stated opposite each. The
"highest Rent engaged for the last or
"third year is in some cases less than
"the declared and Kharm average collec-
"tions of the preceding 12 years and for
"below the best years of that series
"which was subject to considerable fluc-
"tuations in consequence of adverse
"seasons and the effects of the famine.
"The general object in making proposals
"for rents seems to have been first to
"depreciate the value of the Village
"following up land and withholding
"Collections and then having obtained
"a lease on such reduced terms, the
"cultivation was immediately restored
"to its usual extent so as to render the
"first and generally the second year of
"the rent extremely profitable. As an
"example of this system the Village of
"Borrapollem may be cited the demand
"of which was Rupees 1327 in Fusly
"1251. It was reduced to Rupees 227
"in Fusly 1252. of which Rupees 213
"only were collected. The cultivation
"in the former year amounted to 17/18

Rentcholes

[x] Borrapollem in Maybrole

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"3/4 Rentcholes in the latter it was all thrown
"up except 1/16. Having been rented under
"these disadvantageous circumstances the
"cultivation was immediately restored to
"11/16 Rentcholes the very same year
"(Fusly 1253). The renters themselves who
"are generally the Village Curnums ad-
"mit in many cases that the land was
"left waste intentionally."

The Sheristadar as regards
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the renting of Villages grounds his de-
fence principally upon one point above,
the low prices of grain at the time the
offers were made however admissible
lowness of prices may have been
excuse for a small decrease in the
rent for the 1st Fusly. it could never have
warranted the renting
of the Villages at lower
prices for the 2d 3d years
as instanced above. The
Marginal Statement
shows the average price
of grain according to
the Monthly Statements sent to the
Board during the
last year. The

		1st Sort Pagoda per Candy		Sonnaloo per Candy	
		Rs	aP	Rs	aP
1844	May	19	5	8	11 . 6
	June	20	2	8	10 15 8
	July	19	14	8	11 1 8
	August	22	2	11	12 15 9
	September	22	5	8	11 14 11
	October	22	.	2	11 7 "
	November	23	5	5	15 11 1
	December	22	15	3	15 6 8
1845	January	22	5	11	14 10 "
	February	21	12	4	15 14 6
	March	21	2	3	17 9 "
	April	19	10	5	19 11 8
	May	21	4	7	20 8 4

61. The Sheristadar alludes particularly as a proof it is to be presumed of his innocence of any fraudulent practices) to the rent of the Village of Padi Condoor for which he states that the Ameen Chenchoo Ramiah brother of Moongamoor Lutchmenursoo received at first an offer of Rupees 4,100 — — and sent it to be approved of, but the Villagers subsequently offered at the Kuzoor Rupees 4,600 — — and when a Perwanna was issued to Tota Kistnamah Ameen of Chaybrolu Tanah to report on the subject he made much enquiry and then sent an offer in the present year of Rupees 6,000 — — which was approved by your honor after you came here — Although the facts of the rent are as here represented I am by no means more disposed to acquit the Sheristadar of blame in this instance than in the case of Royapoody. Viewing the character of Tota Kistnamah Tahasildar of Chaybrolu who appears to have been one of the most corrupt Ameens in the whole district I am far more inclined to suspect that the whole affair was a preconcerted plan to effect the dismissal of the Tamully Ameen

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63. Another reason assigned is Mr. Stokes' permission to cut the produce before payment of Revenue —

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no means creditably upon the Native
"Hazoor Establishment". In my letter
of the 22d April I informed the Board
that "circumstances having rendered me
"suspicious of the truth of the repres-
"entations which had been made to
"me, I was induced to desire an Amean in
"whom I had confidence to examine his
"records and report to me whether notices
"had or had not been taken by the Asst
"Collector of the order in question - The
"result was that he forwarded me copy
"of a Circular order dated 2d October 1826
"under the signature of Mr Whish con-
"which the orders of the Board and the
"penalty attendant on their violation are
"clearly laid down. The same order has
"since upon my specific requisition
"been transmitted by several of the
"Ameens and the Original draft has
"been produced from the records of the
"Collectors Office" I also added "It is necessary
"for me here to state in order that the Board
"may form their own judgment of the facts
"that my enquiry about the Circulation of this
"order was not made curiously or carelessly. It
"was made repeatedly and with repeated enquiries
of

× Copy and translation forwarded with my letter dated 22d April 1845.

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"of astonishment that Mr Whish who is
"acknowledged by all to whom he was here
"known to have been a very strict man of
"business should have allowed so impor-
"tant a circumstance entirely to have
"escaped his notice, but it was invariably
"met with the same answer that nothing
"had been done, and no order circulated"
I further stated that I was "quite unable
"to believe the possibility of the Sheristah
"star and higher Servants having been
"ignorant either of the existence of the
"order or of its promulgation by Mr Whish"
the Magistracy from which
called upon for explanation has al-
leged as proofs of his ignorance that
when Mr Whish's Circular order
was issued in the Revenue Depart-
ment he was in the Police and not
the Revenue branch of the Services, and
that on the 30th June 1835 he addressed
an argee to the then Collector for Dumu
bala or permission to cut the crops
on his lands. In regard to these
two points I may make the following
remarks. Although Sastraghavy Row was
not in the Revenue he was at the Head
of

Mr. Mythom in Charge

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of the Magisterial Department and the Revenue and Police Servants to have always sat in the same room in the Cutcherry. He was perfectly acquainted with English and was very closely connected with the then Head Sheristadar to whom the order must as a matter of course have been known.

The former Head Sheristadar's Son was married to Sheshageery Row's daughter.

68. In respect to his application for Dumbala it is a most suspicious circumstance that it was only made when he ceased to be connected with this District, his Arzee being dated 30th June and he having on the 1st July 1835 / or day following / resigned his situation to proceed to Rajahmundry. Sheshageery Rows excuse for his delay in applying for Dumbala is that the practice had been lately discontinued. If the practice had been discontinued no subsequent order is forthcoming directing the revival thereof.

Sheshageery Row had always hitherto enjoyed his lands without the knowledge of the Collector and it is evident that he only applied for Dumbala on his departure from the District in order to establish his title to the Enams. His application for Dumbala shews that he although in the Magisterial

Magisterial Department was not quite so ignorant of Revenue orders as his pleading in the preceding para would lead one to infer. It appears that orders to enquire regarding Sheshageery Rows lands were accordingly issued by Mr. Mathison who either must have been ignorant of the Boards orders on the subject or must have been imposed upon by the then Head Sheristadar.

But even admitting for a moment

69. Sheshageery Rows ignorance up to 1835, it will be for the Board to form their own opinion as to the particular enquiries made first after the particular by Mr. Stokes in 1843, and subsequently by myself in 1845. It then became his obvious duty to ascertain the point beyond a doubt independent of which his own private interests were so deeply concerned in the answer to the question that it is impossible to suppose that he could have been either careless or indifferent in the matter.

Considering therefore the notoriety

70. which an order of this kind so seriously affecting

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affecting the interest of the Public Servants must indubitably have acquired, the publicity which is proved to have been given to it throughout the District by the Collectors Circular order, the familiar knowledge of English possessed by Seshagerry Row in common with many other Natives in the Huzoor Cutcherry and his close connection with the then Head Sheristadar I consider that Sheshagerry Row is clearly guilty of having knowingly acquired lands in violation of the orders of the Board, and of having wilfully concealed the promulgation of the order from Mr. Stokes and from myself.

71- The next charge against Sheshagerry Row is the receipt upon two different occasions of large sums of money from Ramanatha Bauboo the Zemindar of Vajeeveddy. This information was communicated in a letter from the Commissioner dated 8th May 1845, copy of which is now forwarded. By this the Board will observe that the payment of these sums was not made the subject of a special charge by Ramanatha Bauboo, but was reluctantly brought forward to shew the

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the straits and difficulties to which he had been reduced, and in proof of which he produced three documents of which No. 1 purports to be a writing dated 31st March 1842 from Sheshagherry Row to Ramanatha asking him to send Rupees 8000 and promising to induce Mr. Mathieson to recommend the restoration of his Estate, No. 2 a writing from the same to the same dated 5th April 1842, acknowledging the receipt of Rupees 8000 — and No. 3 a writing from the same to the same (no date) asking for Rupees 8000. In support of these payments to Ramanatha Bauboo has produced two private Accounts one a separate paper and the other a Book from which I with the Zemindars permission cut out the leaf.

No. 17, 18. D and E.

72 The Sheristadars signature to these notes is again proved by unexceptionable witnesses which proof with the other concurrent evidence would I think go far towards conviction in a Court of Justice.

73- The fact of Sheshagherry Rows clandestine correspondence with the Zemindar was fully established by Mr. Goldingham who, in 1841, found amongst the papers of

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of Ramanadha Baboo dated at Amara-
vutty a cover to his (the Zemindar's) address in
Sheshagerry Row's own hand writing. The
enclosure was then not forthcoming, and
Sheshagerry Row explained it away as
being the cover of a note requesting the
Zemindar to provide for some Mumedan-
wars who had followed him from Rau-
jahmundry - The Zemindar on the con-
trary affirms that this identical —
cover, which is now in the Revenue —
Board Office, contained the note No 3
and his evidence is in this instance, I
think entitled to credibility (whatever
suspicion Sheshagerry Row may throw
upon the rest of his evidence) from
the fact of his immediately giving this
answer to Mr Elliot's question, for which
he could not have been prepared and —
for which a reply could not therefore have
been preconcerted -

No 22.

74 - The Sheristadar grounds his
defence on these charges chiefly upon
the little credit which can be attached
to the Zemindar's evidence in exemplifi-
cation of which he refers to various in-
stances in which he states that the
Courts have recorded opinions highly

discreditable

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discreditable to Ramanatha Baboo - He
also dwells much upon Ramanatha Baboo
having so long abstained from mentioning
to any European authority that he had given
such large sums of money to him -

In regard to the 1st point I have
75 - been willing to allow the Sheristadar the
benefit of the doubt and have not thought
it necessary to call upon the Zemindar to —
vindicate his character - In reference to the
2d point it can easily be imagined (if there
be any truth whatever in what I have al-
ledged of the Sheristadar's power in
influencing the affairs of the District) —
that Ramanatha Baboo had not up to
the time when a Commission was sent into
the District wholly abandoned the hope
of obtaining the restoration of his Estates
and to whom could he so confidently look
as to the Sheristadar; who though disap-
proved of by the last two Collectors still —
maintained his post at the head of the Cutcherry -

† Mr Goldingham
Mr Stokes

I have thus endeavoured to lay before
76 - the Board, as concisely as I could the —
facts which have come out in evidence
upon this enquiry, and I regret that not with-
standing my wish to avoid all superfluous
comment -

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comment my letter should have reached such a length as it has done, Although aware of the party spirit and intrigue which have so long distracted this District I came here unknown to all parties and hoped to be able to carry on the duties of the Office undisturbed by the cabals of the Servants to- Circumstances having as above shewn forced the enquiry upon me a system of corruption and fraud to an alarming extent has been brought to light which most deeply involves the Character of the Head Sheristadar -

77- After a careful examination and consideration of all the evidence in this case I am myself perfectly satisfied that Sheshageery Row has knowingly and wilfully encouraged the Taluk authorities in the non Collection of the Revenue, and I have no reason to doubt but that the same has been done with a view to injure the Character of Mr. Stokes - It is further fully established to my satisfaction that Sheshageery Row has knowingly allowed rents of Villages to be given far below their real and their known value - These two offences are of so flagrant

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and heinous a nature that no expression of the displeasure of the Government can in my opinion be too severe to mark it -

78- I further consider it to be fully proved that the Head Sheristadar has been guilty of holding lands contrary to the orders of the Board of Revenue dated June 1826 and of wilfully concealing the promulgation in this District of the above order

From Mr. Stokes
From Myself

by Mr. Which -

79- The writings alleged to bear Sheshageery Rows Signatures which signatures are identified by the very best of witnesses are in my opinion authentic documents

80- If it be possible to admit that the Sheristadar can have been ignorant of the fraudulent and depreciated rates at which Villages were under his own immediate observation, being assured that he was not aware of the wilful remissness on the part of the Taluk Servants in the realization of the revenue, and that he heard nothing of the illegal exactions and Extra Collections which were being made by the Village Servants in every direction his very ignorance of such barefaced proceedings must condemn him

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and pronounce him totally unfit for his present situation.

81. Both Mr. Goldingham and Mr. Stokes who have together had charge of this District since the year 1837 have already declared to the Board the unfitness of Sheshagerry Row for the Office he holds and I now only remains for me to record my opinion that he is both unfit and unworthy to fill the situation of Head Sheristadar in this District from which I consider that he should be immediately dismissed, and be further disqualified from serving the Government in any other capacity.—

Guntoor Coll.r Cutcherry
10th July 1845.

(Signed) D. White
Acting Collector.

P.S. I beg to inform the Board that I have received information of Sheshagerry Row having improperly obtained Enam lands other than those included in his list rendered to the Collector and also of a large sum of money having been paid to him by certain renters in the Bauputlah Tanah but the pressure of business is so great that I have been unable to complete the enquiry into those charges and have not therefore delayed this report which I think contains quite sufficient to enable the Board to form an opinion as to the expediency or otherwise of continuing Sheshagerry Row in his present employment.

(Signed) D. W.
Collector.

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A.—

No. 1.—

Guntoor Commissioners Office.—

Ryfeyet given on the 21st April 1845 by Yellow Cotiah Ameen of yedlapully Tannah.—

2. The state of your Talook has come before me 2 or 3 times, in the course of such enquiries as I thought it necessary to make, and find by the outturn that much of the Collections for Fasly 1253 have been misappropriated. State the cause of this falling off in the Collections. What answer have you to give to this?—

A. In Fasly 1253 when I was ameen of Suttanapilly, and had come to Guntoor from some of the Villages of the Suttanapilly Talook, Sheshagerrow the Head Sheristadar of the Collector's Cutcherry of this Zillah sent for me to his house, and told me once or twice, that the Collector Mr. Stokes was a Saiblawar fa Moormany and would not listen to such circumstances as he ventured to tell him, that therefore he had no power on the District, but that if negligence is made in the business of Collecting the Revenue, Mr. Stokes would be blamed, and removed, after which, a

Gentleman

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10th July 1845

/ Signed D. White
Acting Collector

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Collector

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A. In Fasly 1253 when I was ameen of Sultanapilly, and had come to Guntoor from some of the Villages of the Sultanapilly Talook, Sheshageerow the Head Sheristadar of the Collectors' Cutcherry of this Zillah sent for me to his house, and told me once or twice, that the Collector Mr. Stokes was a saiblawar ja Moorman and would not listen to such circumstances as he ventured to tell him, that therefore he had no power in the District, but that if negligence is made in the business of Collecting the Revenue, Mr. Stokes would be blamed, and removed, after which, a

Gentleman

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Gentleman who was his freend would come, and that therefore, the business of seeing the Collections made should be dilatorily done, he is a man in high office at the Huzoor, and has great responsibility attached to him, in reference to the management of the Revenue affairs of the District, and as I was afraid to act contrary to such suggestions he frequently gave, though I thought it was not prudent in me to follow up such a course any length of time I collected as much as lay in my power, However, many of the ryots and others were acquainted with this circumstance, Viz.t of Sheshagerry Row having told me to be negligent in making the Collections, which made them more obstainate and stubborn, on being asked to pay, thereby rendering my persuasions to the contrary, of no avail whatever, this is the cause of there being great outstanding balances. I came and resumed charge of the yeddlapully Tanah in the month of June 1844 corresponding with Fusly 1253, previous to

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to which there was a great outstanding balance in the Tanah, Doonatrow Lutchme Narsoo conducted the duties of the Tannah to the 20th April as did Chakrapany Row to the 30th June. After I came, I collected 5,000 odd Rupees within the end of that year, and subsequently 3,000 odd Rupees.—

2. You stated that you would explain all the circumstances relative to the management of the Talook what is it you wish to say?

A. I wish it to be understood that it was by the Head Sheristadars irregularities that there is a falling off in the Collections, in the instance of Collecting the Revenue, renting out Villages, in Enams, and every thing else relative to the low rates of Casts Viz.t which I will speak about separately in detail.—

2 In how many days will you be able to speak in detail about all the aforesaid Circumstances, with documentary proof to that effect?

A. I will come and represent about it in the course of a week

Viz.t

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Viz. on Monday next.—

/Signed/ yelloor Cotiah

Given before me this 21st day of April 1845.—

/Signed/ W. Elliot
Commissioner—

No. 2.

Guntoor Commissioner's Cutcherry
Depositions given on the 22d. April 1845.
by Vetcha Bashcarloo late Aumeen of
Corapaud Tannah.—

2. The outturn of your Talook for Fusly 1253, is such, that much of the Collections have been wantonly allowed to be misappropriated and that there is an heavy outstanding balance. To what cause is this attributable—?

A. In Fusly 1253 having been previously appointed to that Tannah, I resumed Charge of it on the 10th October I never managed the Talook affairs at any time previous to that time In Fusly 1251 the Corapaud Tanah was attached, and came under /Aumany/ the Collector's management, The Dowle

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and Collections in Fusly 1253 were equal to that in Fusly 1251, and in Fusly 1252, on the aggregate it was little more—In the present year also/Fusly 1254/ little more than that may be realized, the outturn of the same will be understood at the end of the year, in Fusly 1252 Mr. Stokes Collector caused new Kookums to be issued, contrary to the former practice, observed regarding the mode of Cultivation and the Collections; in Fusly 1253, when I went to take Charge of the Corapaud Tannah, Viz. when I proceeded from Guntoor to Corapaud, Sheshagherre the Head Sheristadar of the Collectors' Cutcherry told me that I should be negligent in reference to the Collections, for that he would benefit thereby—Four or Five months afterwards when I came to Guntoor, the aforesaid sheristadar expressed himself to me in the same strain, I replied, that if I were to act in that manner the Gentleman would be angry and remove me, to which I paid no heed to what he said, I made the

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the collections to the utmost of my power, which on the aggregate is more than the collections in the pre=vious years, Viz.t Fasly 1252 and 1253 as shewn in the accounts.- This same circumstances, Viz.t, that I should — neglect to make the Collections, was — suggested to me by Sheristadar Shashegiri=row when he came to Crosoor in Fasly 1253 on Jamabandy affairs, but I did not listen to him to act in that reprehensible manner.

/Signed/ Vetcha Baskeerloo —

Given before me this 22d April 1845.—

/Signed/ H. Elliot

Commissioner.

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Questions put by the Head Sheristadar

2. Can you take oath in a pagoda that I ever advised you to act so im=properly as you stated above?

A. I never took oath in any place heretofore, I stated the truth. If the Gentleman wish, I will take oath accordingly.—

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The sheristadar declined putting any more questions.—

/Signed/ Vetcha Baskeerloo

Given before me this 9th May 1845.—

/Signed/ D. White

Acting Collector.

No. 3.—

Guntoor Commissioner's Cutcherry

Deposition given on the 21st April 1845 by Gotaty Kanakaranze Peshcar of Chilkaloor=paud Tanah.—

2. On reviewing the outturn of the Chilkaloorpaud Talook, it is apparent that there is a great falling off in the collections for Fasly 1253. and that there is a great outstanding balance - state the cause of all this: not only this but you are required to state what has been done, in renting the Villages.?

A. Up to Fasly 1253 the Dowle of the Talook was little less than 13,000 Rupees, of which the present Dowle exclusive of the Amburam, share of the wet culti=vation in the present year is 9,000 odd Rupees, the reason for the decrease is as follows - The Ryots left lands waste, thinking that if they were to leave them fallow for 1 or 2 years, the lands could be obtained

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obtained at low rate of cist, and as they did not cultivate in Fuslies 1251. 52 and 53. the full rates of cist on those lands, were not inserted in the accounts so that the exact resources were not con-sidered at the time the lands were rented in Fusly 1254.- However the low rates are not only attributable to the intrigue of the Ryots, but the samut-dars of the different Villages, and the ameens are equally culpable for they appear to have acted according to instructions from the Huzzoor Sheristadar and other servants, in league with the renters themselves.— Causing thereby low rates of offers for rent, under sinister motives.- For in cases where low rates of rent have been made, it is clear that the Public Officers such as the Tannah Ameens, and Huzzoor servants, must have derived benefit thereby.- The cause of there being a balance, and for equivalent collections not having been made at least equal to the low rates of Dowl for Fusly 1253 is as follows.- The late Collector Mr. Stokes made a rule which proved most beneficial to

to the Ryots at large, and issued Hookums with new rules regarding making the col-lections.- However, the Sheristadar dis-approved of those new rules, and as he took every possible means of causing re-tardiness to be made in the collections, his suggestions were attended to, and hence the great balance outstanding for the seasonable benefit of the Ryots them-selves and the ameens; not only this but the Naib Sheristadar Nuckelapully Soobbarow came into the Tannah, in the last year, and said that he would build a Choultry at Mungalagherry, and with this view he obtained 25 Rupees from the Deputy ameen Manoor Croostnaik, and 20 Rupees from me.- total 70 Rupees, It is understood that the samutdars and others of the Tannah gave something more or less for the Choultry but I am unable to state the particulars.—

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/Signed/ Gotaty Kanakaraze
Peishcar.—

Given before me this 21st. Day of April 1845.—

/Signed/ H. Elliot
Commissioner.—

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No. 4.

No. 1

R. R.

Akkerauze Boachiah

I told you very much personally that I consider you as my friend, and that therefore you should be negligent in making the Collections, for that Mr. Stokes was not on good terms with me - you do not appear to have acted accordingly therefore, you should now at least do every thing in your power to effect that purpose. - Please to peruse this. -

/Signed/ Neyah Shey

for

Neyaputty Sheshagirrow

Head Sheristadar -

"A true Translation"

/Signed/ D. White

Acting Collector -

Received 22d April 1845.

/Signed/ W. Elliot

Commissioner -

No. 5.

No. 2

To

R. R.

Akkerauze Boachiah.

I told you that much assistance should be rendered both by yourself - and others, respecting Allor Nurseah's son's marriage, therefore I now send that person - you are to take care that a sum not less than one hundred Rupees

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should be collected by any means, and placed in his possession, and which I will consider as received by me. - Please to peruse this. -

/Signed/ Neyah Shey

for

Neyaputty Sheshagirrow

Head Sheristadar

"A true Translation"

/Signed/ D. White

Acting Collector -

Received 22d April 1845.

/Signed/ W. Elliot

Commissioner -

No. 6.

5th May 1845. Corresponding with the 30th Bhokum of the Month Chetrum year Viswavasoo - Deposition given by Mr. G. W. Clark Head English Writer of the Collector's Cutcherry of Guntoor -

Q. Look at the document No. 1 whose signature does it bear? -

A. It bears the signature of Neyaputty sheshagirrow Pantoollo, in the initials of his name, Neya and shay, and I have no doubt of this signature being his. I have been accustomed to see similar signatures on the numerous reports I daily receive from his Department, therefore I venture to say without hesitation that the signature alluded to is his.

Look

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Received 22d April 1845.
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Commissioner.

for
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Acting Collector -

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for
Neyaputty Sheshagirrow
Head Sheristadar
"A true Translation"
/Signed/ D. White
Acting Collector -

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English Writer of the Collectors Cutcherry
of Guntoor -

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his name, Neya and shay, and I have no
doubt of this signature being his. I have
been accustomed to see similar signa-
-tures on the numerous yadosts I daily
receive from his Department, therefore
I venture to say without hesitation that
the signature alluded to is his -

Look

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2: Look at the paper No. 2 whose signature does it bear.?

A: That also is in similitude Neyaputty Sheshagirrow Head Sheristadar.—

/Signed/ G. H. Clarke
H. E. H.

Given before me this 5th May 1845.—

/Signed/ D. White.
Acting Collector.

13th May 1845.—

2 You are not required to depose positively but merely to state to the best of your knowledge and belief whether the signatures on the papers Nos. 1 and 2 are the Sheristadar Neyaputty Sheshagirrow or not, or if you would doubt these signatures being his, if you were to see them on any other document.?

I would not have the least doubt on the subject of their being his signature.—

/Signed/ G. H. Clarke.
H. E. H.

Given before me this 13th May 1845.—

/Signed/ D. White
Acting Collector—

No. 7— 5th May 1845. Corresponding with Monday the 30th Bohulum, of the Month Chitrum year Viswavasoo—

May Name Mohommed Gaulebsaheb fathers' name

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Name Sheik Causee Saheb of the Moor faith, sooney sect, inhabitant of Vizagapatam, occupation Head Accountant in the Collectors' Catcherry at Guntoor, I give the following Deposition.—

2. Look at the paper No. 1 now shewn to you, and state whose signature it bears.?

A I see the paper No. 1 now produced to me by your honor, the signature thereon appears to resemble that of Neyaputty Sheshagirrow Puntoollo.—

2 Look the paper No. 2 which is now shewn to you and state whose signature is thereon.—

A. I see the paper No. 2 the signature on this also appears to resemble that of Neyaputty Sheshagirrow's.—

/Signed/ Mohommed Gaulab
Head accountant

Given before me this 5th May 1845.—

/Signed/ D. White
Acting Collector—

13th May 1845.—

2. You are not required to declare positively on oath, but merely to depose to the best of your knowledge and belief, whether the signatures on the papers Nos. 1 & 2 are

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are the Sherishtadar Neyapatty Sheshagirrows' or not. or if you could doubt these signatures being his, if you were to see them affixed on any other document.2

A. I would have no doubt.—

/Signed/ Mohommed Gaulib Saheb.

Given before me this 13th May 1845.—

/Signed/ D. White

Acting Collector.

No. 8.

5th May 1845, Corresponding with Monday the 30th Bohalum of the Month Chitrum year Viswavasoo.—

Name Venkanah, house name Vinnacottah war, fathers' name sheshagyah-gar, of the brahmin caste smarthavum religion, age 42, an inhabitant of Masu-lipatam, occupation Head Moonshee in the Collector's Catcherry at Guntoor.—

2. Look at the paper No. 1 whose signature does it bear.2

A. The signature thereon is like Neya-patty sheshagirrow Puntoollos' Head Sherishtadars'.—

2. Look at the paper No. 2 whose signature does it bear.2

A. The signature on this also resembles the signature of the Head Sherishtadar Neyahpatty

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Neyahpatty sheshagirrow Puntoollos'.—

/Signed/ Vinnacottah Venkanah

Head Moonshee.

Given before me this 5th May 1845.—

/Signed/ D. White.—

Acting Collector.

13th May 1845.—

2. You were not required to take oath, but merely to depose to the best of your knowledge and belief whether the signatures on the papers Nos. 1 and 2 are the Sherishtadar Neyah-patty sheshagirrow, or not, or if you could doubt these signatures to be his, if you saw them on any other paper.—

A. I would have no doubt about it.—

/Signed/ Vinnacottah Venkanah

Head Moonshee.

Given before me this 13th May 1845.—

/Signed/ D. White.—

Acting Collector.

No. 9.

5th May 1845, Corresponding with Monday the 30th Bohalum of the Month Chitra, year Viswavasoo.—

Name Irevengalah Charlo, house name Aukolla Munnateywar, fathers' name Nursiah of the Brahmin caste, vidista Dewatalloo religion, an inhabitant of Godoogoopettah in the zillah of

Masalipatam

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Masulipatam, occupation Magistrates Manager in the Collectors Catcherry of Guntoor.—

2. Look at the paper No. 1 whose signature does it bear?—

A. Neyahpatty Shashagirrows signature.—

2 Look at the paper Marked No. 2 whose signature does it bear?—

A. That paper also bears Neyahpatty Sheshagirrows signature.—

/Signed/ Trevengala Charloo.—
Magistrates Manager.

Given before me this 5th May 1845.—

/Signed/ D. White
Acting Collector.—

No. 10.

5th May 1845. Corresponding with Monday the 30th of the Month Chitrum year Viswavasoo.—

Name Suddasewarow, house Name Subneviss, fathers' name Venkatarow, of the Brahmin caste, Smarthavum religion, age 34, inhabitant of Chintagoumta pollium in the zillah of Masulipatam, occupation Cash keeper in the Collectors Catcherry of Guntoor.—

2. Look at the paper No. 1 now shewn to you

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you whose signature does it bear?—

A. I see the paper No. 1 the signature thereon is that of Neyapatty Sheshagirrow Head Sherishtadar of the Hazoor Collectors Catcherry of Guntoor.—

2. Look at the paper No. 2 shewn to you whose signature does it bear?—

A. That also bears a signature similar to that actually affixed by Sheshagirrow Puntoolloo as stated above.—

/Signed/ Subneviss Suddasewarow.
Cash Keeper

Given

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Given before me this 5th May 1845.

/Signed/ D. White

Acting Collector.

13th May 1845.

2. You are not required to declare on oath whether the signatures on the paper No. 1 and 2 are actually the Sherishtadar Sheshagirirows' but to depose to the best of your knowledge and belief if you would have any doubt of these being the Sherishtadars signatures, if you were to see them affixed to any other paper.—

A. These appears to be the sherishtadars own signatures, I have no manner of doubt on the subject.—

/Signed/ Suddaseevarow

Cashkeeper.

Given before me this 13th May 1845

/Signed/ D. White

Acting Collector

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No. 11.

Deposition given by Soorchattum Louse name Amburrokhanavaroo, fathers name Vencata. row, Caste Brahmin, religion Maurdavum aged 30 years, occupation Sherestah Head Muddutgar in the Mulwaugee Estate, inhabitant of Nellore, at present residing at Guntoor, dated Monday the 3rd decreasing Moon of Chaytra - year Visvavasoo, corresponding with 14th April 1845.—

2 Who sent you to examine the Village of Tuckullapaud?—

A. Mr. Lockhart issued an order to me in December last, directing me to proceed to Tuckullapaud, and estimate the demand for the present year.—

2 Why were you sent there at that time.—

A. I do not know the reason.—

2 Who was with you?—

A. No one was sent with me at that time. I went alone—

2 What was the result of your examination?

A. I proceeded to that Village, and having sent for the Villagers and Curnums, examined the Fuelds in their presence. There were two points in the orders issued to me, first to make out an estimate of the demand of that Village, and secondly to ascertain and report on the truth or otherwise of the circumstance

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of the Ryots that there were ten Cutchells of — pasture land unfit for cultivation. However — I inspected and found that 57 Cutchells, 4 — Veesums, 3 Pherahs of land had been actually cultivated this year. The quantity of land in the possession of the Ryots, or cultivated last year was 65 Cutchells 6 Veesums, and 2 Pherahs. I formed the Estimate with reference to the Meeta assessment fixed on the lands — cultivated last year. The quantity of land left waste in the present year is 10 Cutchells, 10 Veesums and 3 Pherahs. —

2. Do you mean to say that the whole cultivation of this year in Tuckalapaud was 57 Cutchells 4 Veesums, 3 Pherahs and no more? —

A. Yes, that only was cultivated, but — in I framed my account of the land paying Cist, with reference to last years cultivation. —

2 How did you proceed when you went into that Village. —

A. Having proceeded to the Village, I, with the Curnums and such ryots visited the lands left uncultivated. The Curnums were asked about the extent of the waste fields, and by whom they were left waste, and they (Curnums) having shewed them to me, I made a — Memorandum thereof. — There was no order

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to measure the land, therefore I took no trouble to ascertain that point, Viz. its correctness. —

2. The Commissioner having had that land, Viz. the cultivated land of the Village — Tuckalapaud, measured, found it to be 90 Cutchells 11 Veesums and 6½ Pherahs, but you say you make only 57 Cutchells 4 Veesums 3 Pherahs, How is this? —

A. That authority having caused it to be measured the extent of that land all came to light. I had no orders to that effect, therefore for it was impossible for me to find out the exact extent. —

2 The Commissioner discovered that only 5½ Cutchells were waste, what have you to say to this. —

A I did not measure. whatever was in the account I wrote down. I do not know the truth as I did not have it measured. I made out my account with reference to the one presented by the Curnums during the settlement of fasly 1253. —

The signature of Ambarnachava Poorshottum Sheristah Head Asst. duty as in the Mulraze Estate.

Given before me this 14th April 1845. —

(Signed) D. White
Acting Collector.

Statement

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to measure the land, therefore I took no trouble to ascertain that point, Vizt its correctness. —

2. The Commissioner having had that land, Vizt the cultivated land of the Village — Tuckalapaud, measured, found it to be 90 Cutchells 11 Veesums and 6 — Pherahs, but you say you make only 57 Cutchells 4 Veesums 3 Pherahs, How is this? —

A. That authority having caused it to be measured the extent of that land all came to light. I had no orders to that effect, therefore it was impossible for me to find out the exact extent. —

2 The Commissioner discovered that — Cutchells were waste, what have you to say to this. —

A. I did not measure whatever was in the account I wrote down — I do not know the truth as I did not have it measured. I made out my account with reference to the one presented by the Curnums during the settlement of fasly 1253. —

The signature of Ambanack Chava Poorshottum Sheristah Head Asst. dutgar in the Malouze Estate.

Given before me this 14th April 1845 —

Signed D. White

Acting Collector

Statement

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which were rented out for

July 1242 to 52.								years in Collections.
Average Collections			Average of the whole Collections.					Year
5			6					7
Rs	A	P	Rs.	A	P			July
025	4	-	6395	8	-			49
798	2	-	1948	13	-			42
123	5	-	1338	2	-			43
790	5	-	3134	13	-			42
639	5	-	663	6	-			46
805	4	-	887	11	-			43
085	6	-	1130	12	-			46
396	6	-	416	-	-			60
235	7	-	237	4	-			63
746	14	-	889	1	-			50
057	4	-	1341	7	-			50
227	2	-	285	11	-			43

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favorable amount.

which there was an increase in the

July 1252				July 1253.			
Demand		Collections		Demand		Collections	
8		9		10		11	
Rs	A P	Rs	A P	Rs	A P	Rs	A P
6912	2 11	6857	8 5	7121	2 2	6567	8 9
4984	7 9	4540	13 -	1204	6 1	1181	8 10
1961	6 3	1907	1 -	1408	4 4	1350	4 9
4071	2 6	3852	1 10	2811	12 6	2664	7 2
841	- -	841	- -	715	10 4	675	6 -
1396	11 3	1239	10 5	1095	6 6	1056	4 9
1581	13 4	1485	5 10	277	8 1	213	7 5
667	12 8	652	9 11	735	15 9	725	8 -
500	- -	500	- -	450	- -	450	- -
1298	8 -	1298	8 -	903	4 11	840	11 11
1861	- -	1851	8 -	1384	11 -	1341	3 -
598	10 2	279	6 -	307	9 9	240	13 6

July 1253.			
Demand		Collections	
12		13	
Rs	A P	Rs	A P
6454	12 1	4875	15 10
923	3 2	916	9 5
1395	4 6	1255	15 8
672	7 11	601	12 -
1239	4 3	876	8 6
675	- -	669	8 9
606	3 2	577	11 -
500	- -	500	- -
825	- -	825	- -
1425	- -	1425	- -
247	14 2	242	8 5

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Rented for			Names of the Renters.	
Fusly 1254	Fusly 1255	Fusly 1256-		
14 Rupees	15 Rupees	16 Rupees	17	
5500	5707	6340	1 Kistnaiah 1 Sooreyadevara Surayya 1 Vaperedy Veerapah 1 Batcherlauze Baupiah 1 Dº Byraugee 1 Ramdoss 1 Ordamullah Venkatapatty 1 Bavanum Venkatta reddy 1 Dasary Venkatachellum 9	Remarks omitted this Village
925	1226	1650	1 Lanka Paupiah 1 Basaviah	Remarks omitted Dº
1219	1400	1521	2 Coopully Ramachendra row of Venkygondlah in Masulipatam 1 Bavvany Mullaparauze 1 Munroor Cotapah 1 Nungavlah Ramiah	Although there is an increase a doubt has arisen as to Remarks omitted this Village
500	600	800	3 1 Damarauze Amarauze Curnum	The Villagers deposed that by for a favorable amount A cert
750	1075	1107	1 Curnum Linga Moorty 1 Mullapah	This has been rented out for a Rate of 24 Rupees to the Amer
757	"	"	2 1 Mauderauze Mohan Curnum	The demand of Fusly 1251 is
661	650	730	1 Chaybole durry 2 Ravoor Jaganah	Total Kistnamah is over to
310	360	425	1 Curneem Abbaya 1 Dº - Veerapah 1 Dº - Seshapah 1 Dº Podelah amaiah	The unt for Fusly 1254 is below the amount Fusly Ramapah the grand son of the The Villagers gave a fly fyed statey not seem any reason for approving the had some profit on account of gras
901	1081	"	1 Ravoor Jaghy 1 Nagapah	Settlement -
1571	1665	"	2 1 Narasarauze 1 Janakiramaiah 1 Bavvanoorka Sobanadry	There is a decrease in comparison proposal - Tho. there was a demand reference to the decreased demand of In renting for Fusly 58 no attention Taudapilly Venkatarow presented it is not proper to accept the With the view to obtain the ren rented out below the demand
260	320	390	3 1 Mohtah Jeliah 1 Mundadam Appeah 2	

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To

Daniel White Esqre

Acting Collector of

Guntoor -

Sir,

Since the despatch of my letter of the 28th Ultimo, I have unexpectedly obtained possession of some additional documents implicating the Character of your Head Sheristadar, which I beg herewith to enclose for your inspection. You are aware, that I have been very desirous of procuring from the Zemindars, the true accounts of their management since the restoration of their Estates in Fasly 1246. But hitherto (except in the case of Chilkaloorpaud) my endeavours have been unsuccessful. My examination of the Curnums accounts of the Vajsireddy Villages having established the receipt of Nuzzeranah by Ramnatha Baboo in many instances, I again called upon him to give up a true Statement of his collections pending

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out the inutility of further concealment. — But as he has already solemnly denied that such Extra collections have ever been made, in reply to the motions of his brothers widows in the Court of Sudr Adalut, he is very apprehensive of the consequences of an admission of them now, and fears not without reason, that a surrender of the true accounts would be followed by a motion on the part of his opponents to compel the production of them before the Court. He has therefore evaded every attempt I have made to obtain even a sight of them, and when pressed by me at an interview on the 6th Instant, he apparently with the views of diverting my attention from my principal object, and of shewing the straits to which he had been reduced about the time he was supposed to have levied Nuzzaranah, stated that

he

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he had been obliged to raise considerable sums of money by the sale of his private property, to meet certain payments made by him to the Head Sheristadar, on condition of procuring through his means, the restoration of his Estates, after their sequestration in January 1842, but that he had been grossly deceived for while the money had been retained the Estates had never been released. In proof of his assertions he produced the documents marked No. 1 and 2, and added, that he had no objection to allow me to retain them, and to make any use of them I chose. I then asked him if he recollected a letter, the envelope of which was discovered by Mr Goldingham among the papers seized by him at Amoorvutty in January 1842, and he expressed his willingness to give it to me also. It is the document marked No. 3. Having thus stated the circumstances under which these papers reached me, any further observations on my part regarding them appear to be unnecessary.——

Commissioner's Office,
Guntoor, 9th May 1845.

(Signed) Walter Elliot
3d Member of the Bd of Revenue

True Copy
(Signed) D. White
Ag. Collector.

To

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No. 14.

A

To Rajah Vaseereddy Ramanadoo Bauboo Bahadur Munneya Sultan.

Greeting from Myaputty sheshagierow who is well here, and hopes to hear good news in return.

Altho' repeated messages have been sent thro' your Vakeel that you should urgently come here, yet you have not evinced any inclination to do so, but have been tardy therein. I requested of Mr Mathison very much to make a favorable recommendations to the Superior authorities, so that your Talook should be made over again to you, and that Gentleman has favorable opinions on the subject. Altho' you may not come to Guntoor regarding this subject, yet you should speedily send 8,000 Rupees. I will consult still further with the Gentleman and settle the case favorably. you should not have the least doubt in this affair. Please to peruse this

31st March 1842.

You should destroy this note immediately after

after perusal.

/Signed/ Neya Shey
for
Neyaputty Sheshagirrow
Head Sheristadar.

Received from Ramanatha Bauboo 6th May 1845.

/Signed/ W. Elliot
Commissioner.

No. 15.

B

To Rajah Vaseredy Ramanatha Baboo Munneya Sultan.

Many salutations from Neyaputty Sheshagirrow.

I hope to hear good reports from you, equal to the health and influence I now enjoy.

I duly received the 8,000 Rupies you sent and will take much trouble, &c. regarding your affair, so as to cause the Gentleman to write favorably to the higher authorities and strengthen the subject. you should rest satisfied that I will not act contrary after pledging my word to you. Please to peruse this.

5th April 1842.

/Signed/ Neyah Shey
for
Neyaputty sheshagirrow
Head Sheristadar.

Received,

Received from Ramanatha Bauboo 6th May 1845.

/Signed/ W. Elliot
Commissioner.

No. 16.

C To Maharajah Shree

When you come to Guntoor to resume possession of your Estate you faithfully promised to send me 2,000 Rupees for the trouble I took with the Gentleman. I have not yet received that sum, I am not such a one as will write frequently on this subject. therefore I request that you will send the money with all despatch.

/Signed/ Neya Shey
for
Neyahputty Sheshagirrow
Head Sheristadar.

Received from Ramanatha Bauboo &c.

6th May 1845.

/Signed/ W. Elliot
Commissioner.

/True Translation/
/Signed/ D. White
Acting Collector.

No. 14

Deposition given on the 14th May 1845 by Venkanah.

Venkanah father's name Sheshayah, house name Vinnacottahwar, of Brahmin caste, Smarthavum religion, occupation Head Moonshee in the Collector's Cutcherry of Guntoor, age 42 years, and at present an inhabitant of Guntoor.

2 Look these 3 papers marked A B & C and state to the best of your knowledge and belief whose signature they bear?

A. They bear Veyahputty Sheshagurrow's signature, the initials of his name.

2 Have you any doubt as to the validity of these signatures?

A. I have no doubt about them.

(Signed) Vunnacottah Venkamah,
Head Moonshee.

Solemly affirmed before me this 14th May 1845.

(Signed) D. White
1st May 1845. Asst Collector.

2 Question put by the Sherishtadar. Is it, because these signatures resemble mine, that you say they are mine, or do you say so from any other circumstances?

A. I stated what I did, the signatures tallying

tallying with yours, but not on any other ground.

2. Are you aware of any case in which forged signatures made by others and represented to be the true signature of any particular person were discovered to be invalid and forged ones?

When I was employed in the Auxiliary Court at Masulipatam a Bondalie caste man named Kishwadoss who was represented to be indebted to the Godowar at Vizagapatam, produced a receipt to the effect that a part of the sum had been liquidated, which was uttered in the Court as a valid voucher, but in the course of examination it having been discovered that the voucher had been forged, the aforesaid Kishwadoss was fined, and removed from his situation. I did not see that forged signature. I do not recollect the name of the person to whom he was indebted.

Note The Sherishtadar requested this witness to depose on Oath whether it was by circumstances adduced in the course

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course of investigation that the Court discovered the said document to be a forged one or merely by the similitude of the signature. But the Collector imagining this request to be irrelevant to the present enquiry did not cause the deponent to take Oath.

/Signed/ Vinnacottah Venkannah
Head Moonshee.

Solemnly affirmed before me this 16th May 1845.

/Signed/ D. White
Acting Collector.

No 20.

Deposition given on the 14th May 1845 by Sudda sewarow Puntooloo father's name Ramarow Puntoolo, house name Subnuesswar, of the brahamin Caste, Smarthavum religion, occupation cash keeper in the Collectors Cutchery of Guntoor, age 34 and at present an inhabitant of Guntoor.

Q. Look at the 3 papers marked A B & C and state to the best of your knowledge and belief, whose signature they contain?

A. They Contain the signature of Seyapathy

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Nyapathy Sheshagirrow Puntoolo Head Sherishtadar.

Q. Have you any doubt in your mind to suppose that these signatures are not genuine?

A. I have no doubt as to their being genuine.

/Signed/ Subnuesswarow Suddasewarow
Cash Keeper.

Solemnly affirmed before me this 14th May 1845.

/Signed/ D. White
Acting Collector.

Re examination on the 16th May 1845.

Question put by the Sheristadar. Is it from similitude alone that you say these papers contain the signature of my name in initials, or do you say so by other circumstances? A. I have seen your signature in the Books Rums &c which have come to me heretofore, therefore I can say without hesitation that the signatures on these papers Nos 1 2 and 3 are the Head Sheristadars.

Note. The Sheristadar wished to put a few questions to the witness usually put in

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in cases of forgery were examined and found to be false, altho' the similitude of signature may be the same Ex. pect its opinion on the similitude of a signature alone or by other circumstances and then establish the forgery. He was told not to put such a question. (He proceeded to say that) when Mr. Rhode Assistant Judge of Masulipatam, somebody forged that Gentleman's signature to vouchers in that board, and wished to know if the (Cash) Keeper was aware of the circumstances alluded to. But as this also was a question quite irrelevant to the matter at issue he was directed not to put it.

(Signed) Submn. Subramya
Cash Keeper.

Solemnly affirmed before me this 16th May 1845.

(Signed) D. White
Jr. Collr.

No 21

Deposition given on the 14th May 1845 by Mr. J. W. Clarke Head Writer in the Collector's

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Collector's Cutcherry of Guntoor.

Q. Look at the three papers marked A B & C and state to the best of your knowledge and belief whose signatures they bear?

A. They bear the signature or initials, of Neyaputty Sheshagirrow Puntooloo.

Q. Have you any reason to suppose them to be forged?

A. I have no grounds to suppose them to be forged ones.

Question put by the Sheristadar.

Q. Is it from similitude alone that you say the initials are Sheshagirrow's or because they resemble mine in every respect, or do you say so, from any other reason?

A. No. only by similitude. but as I have been so accustomed to see your signature both in initials and at length, I can confidently say that these signatures are yours, tho' I did not see you affix them to these papers.

(Signed) J. W. Clarke
Head Writer.

Note. The Sheristadar wished to question

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the deponent as to the practice respecting forgeries in the Courts, the mode in which forgery cases are disposed of where discovered to be such, but as this is a subject unconnected with the present enquiry the Sheristadar was cautioned not to put such a question.

The Sheristadar declined putting any more questions.

Solemnly affirmed before me this 14th May 1845.

[Signed] D. White

Acting Collector.

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No. 22.

Deposition given on Oath by Ramandah Babor, House name Vajsereddymar, fathers name Rajah Vencatadry Bairdoo Bahader, caste Cummavaroo, religion Cross Monk, age 45 years residence Amaravaty patam, occupation Zemindar on Saturday the 4th increasing Moon of Dysagha year Visvavasoo corresponding with 10th May 1845.

Q. Look at the papers No. 1. 2. and 3 Have these papers received by you. If so, from whom?

A. I have seen the papers No. 1. 2 and 3. which were drawn and sent by Napaty Seshagherry now Puntoloo. The paper No. 1 was brought by his own man and given while I was at Amaravaty. My answer to the above was given into the hand of the same man. From my Account it will be seen that according to the paper No. 2 a sum of Pagodas 8,000 being loaded on two Bullocks was sent to Napaty Seshagherry now Puntoloo at Guntoor under escort of my Subidar named Chintapully Mahomed Gaulsb. The said Subidar died two years ago. The Subidar in question having delivered over to Seshagherry now Puntoloo the above sum of Pagodas 8,000, he brought it and gave me his note acknowledging its receipt. The paper No. 3 was forwarded by

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by Seshagherry row Puntooloo by his own mans.
That was at the period of Mr Bruce's manage=
=ment. At that time also I forwarded Rupees
2000 as mentioned in the said note.-

Q. Can you shew the account exhibit=
=ing the Charge of two thousand Rupees sent to
Seshagherry row Puntoolo.

A. I will search for the accounts of
Charges incurred during Mr Bruce's manage=
=ment, and if the item abovementioned is found,
I will bring and shew it. During the Manage=
=ment of Mr Bruce Seshagherry row Pun=
was not Head Sheristadar, but as my Estate was
then put in my possession Seshageerry row Puntoolo
interpreted at that time. He having asked me
for two thousand Rupees (2000) I sent them to him.-

Q. The Paper No 3 bears no date. Where
is the cover of it?

A. I heard from my Vakeel that Mr Gold=
=ingham found it when the Duftors in Amarawaty
were attached, and forwarded the same to the
Board.-

Q. Can you truly say that the signatures
on the three notes now shewn to you are Seshageerry row
Puntoolo's

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Puntoolo.-

A. Undoubtedly I can say so.
The Signature of Rajah
Ramanadacha Baboo
Bahadur Munnu Sultan.

Solemnly affirmed before me this
10th May 1845.-

/Signed/ D. White
Acting Collector

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Q. Look at the paper marked D &
What are the contents thereof?

A. I have seen it, I paid those
whose names are mentioned at the foot.

Q. As mentioned in your deposi=
=tion of the 10th May you have now
brought and produced the Book mark=
=ed E. What does it contain?

A. It is mentioned in it that a
sum of two thousand Rupees were paid
to Napaty Seshageerry row.-

Q. Is the Book Marked E in question a true one?

A. As it is a true one I brought it to you.-

Q. In whose hand writing was the item of two
thousand Rupees drawn?

A. By my Mootsuddy Gollamoddy Suredas
The Signature of Rajah Ramana=
=dha Baboo Bahadur Munnadhan
Sultan. Dirsetions

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Questions put by Naputy Seshegherry row Pundt

Qo. You deposed above that the note No 1 was brought to you by my own man who is he-2

A I do not know who he was- as he said that he belonged to Seshagherry row Pundtoo, I gave orders to let him come in, and so took the letter.

Q You stated above that a sum of 8000 Rupees was sent on two bullocks under escort of the Subidar was it the subidar alone who accompanied them or were there any others. 2

A. There were eight peons under him I ordered him to carry three of them. I dont know whom he carried.-

Q. Was your Vakeel living at Guntoor or not when you forwarded money loaded on two Bullocks 2

A There was a Vakeel at Guntoor. As this is a secret circumstance I sent the money by the said Subadar who is a trust-worthy person without informing the Vakeel

Memorandum.

Seshagery row Pundtoo wanted here to put a question this "How will it be considered that sending money loaded on two bullocks is a secret thing" but this is not allowed being improper-

Q. By whom did you send the sum of five thousand Rupees mentioned in the paper Mr. forwarded

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A. I forwarded it by the abovementioned Shintapully Mahomed Gulib Subadar who was a trustworthy person.

Q. Did he bring and deliver you a receipt also for the above Money. 2

A As your note about this sum of Money was received by me and as this amount is not such a large sum as eight thousand Rupees, I did not direct the said Subidar to bring a receipt as it was my intention at that time to ascertain personally its receipt by you after my arrival at Guntoor.-

Q. You wrote an Arzee to Mr. Goldingham complaining against me immediately after your estate was attached. Why have you omitted to mention in it about the said two thousand Rupees. 2

A. I then complained only that you, Cotum Royaloonaido, Sotah Kistnamah and others gave me ill advice to commit negligence in making remittance to the Collectors Cutcherry but neither Mr. Goldingham questioned me in relation to the said two thousand Rupees nor have I mentioned any thing to him on that head.-

Q You stated before that you paid me two thousand Rupees for having interpreted between Mr. Bruce and you on the day on which

which the Estate was put in your possession.
Was Sat that time in the service.-

A. I can only know the names of the Collector and Head Sheristadar as their signatures are always affixed on the Enoyet namah addressed to me, but I cannot know the other Servants of the Collector I dont know whether or not Seshagherry row Pantaloo was in the service at that time.

Q. Whereas there were Head Sheristadar, Head Moonshee, and other Servants, did you give me (who was then without service) two thousand Rupees merely for having interpreted for an inconsiderable [illegible] time?

A. I gave at the same time besides two thousand Rupees to the Head Sheristadar Seetaram Pantaloo.-

Q. Whereas the note addressed to you recommending a Volunteer for employment was found in the Duftors of record when they were seized and brought to the Cutcherry when your estate was attached and searched under the orders of Mr. Goldingham why was the note two thousand Rupees also not found at the very time if it had been actually drawn out by me?

The

The paper No. 3 which I have now presented being the enclosure of the one found by Mr. Goldingham has been secured in my chest. The above Gentleman had not asked one for the above paper.-

A.

Although Mr. Goldingham had not asked you for the paper No. 3, you preferred a complaint against me, while this is the case, why had you not mentioned in it this important circumstance which would strengthen your Complaint?

Q.

I had not mentioned it as unnecessary because the Collector and Superior authorities never asked for it.-

A.

You have stated before that you had paid at the same time a sum of two thousand Rupees to Seetaram Pantaloo. Is there any note written by him to your address like that No. 3. above said?

Q.

As I paid the money in my presence I did not take a note, the same having been caused to be written by him.-

A.

Is it customary for those who receive bribes, to write such documents as beforementioned, desiring to send the amount of bribe?

Q.

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A. It is customary to write if the person who receives the bribe has trust in the person who gives the same.-

Q. Your answer gives meaning to the effect that I had trust in you at the time the note No. 3 was written. You had preferred a complaint against mine when your Estate was attached you have now produced a letter No. 1 alleging as if it was written by me two Months after the said complaint was preferred desiring you to send me a bribe of Eight thousand Rupees. Can I have so much belief in you as would permit me to write a letter desiring you to send me a bribe of 8000 Rupees two Months after your complaint was preferred against me?

A. When I preferred my complaint against you during the collectorship of Mr. Goldingham Moonganoor Pulatchy-menaysoo Pantoolooo was Head Sheristadar When you had written me the note for 8000 Rupees, you were Head Sheristadar. As the Amount of 8000 Rupees is a large sum I thought that you had addressed me in the hopes of getting money.-

Q. Even the person whose habit is

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is to receive bribes will not write the like notes either for a large or small amount unless he satisfies himself that they will not be shewn to other-s. You preferred a complaint against me for some cause or other. How could I have trust sufficient to enable me to write two Months afterwards desiring you to send a bribe of 8000 Rupees?

A. I thought that you might have written at that time being enraged that you can cause Mr. Mathison to recommend to the Board to restore me to my estate and that the note will never come out in the event of my meeting with such assistance by you.-

Q. Has it ever happened for me to visit or speak to you from the date of Mr. Mathison's arrival in this Zillah as acting Collector and until the date of his leaving it.-

A. Once at night I came to Pedapollium, you came that night and having spoken to me returned.-

Q. What is the distance Pedapollium and your Fort?

A. About

A. About half or three Quarters a cafs (2 Miles).

Q. What was the reason of your returning for Reddepollium without coming to Guntoor?

A. Had I come to Guntoor it would be neceſsary to visit Mr. Mathieson and the Zemindars. For this reason as well as under the circumstance of my not having had any business with others but with you at that time I refrained from going down to Guntoor.

Memorandum.

The Sheriſtadar wanted to put here a question thus "Why had the Zemindar not visited Mr. Mathieson to "enable him to ascertain whether or not Mr. Mathieson was of opinion "that the Estate should be restored "to the poſsession of the Zemindar." But this question being considered unneceſsary is not entered here.

Q. Does not any one else but the deceased Subadar beforementioned know regarding the said two items of bribe said to have been given?

A. There are no others besides the said Subadar.

Q. You

Q. You deposed before that when you preferred complaints to Mr. Goldingham against me Moonganoor Putchumsoo Puntoolu was Sheristadar and that when I was Sheristadar during Mr. Mathieson's Management you remitted the Amount of bribes according to my note, are you accustomed to prefer always complaints at such times as when I would remain without service.

A. I have not complained now by reason of your having withstanding your service. Notwithstanding you received from me a large sum of money, yet you have failed to put me in poſsession of my Estate as promised; I am induced to complain of the same.

Q. You say that you had trusted and paid Rupees 8000 merely upon a note being addreſsed promising that a recommendation will be caused to be made through Mr. Mathieson and the estate put

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in your profession, and that you have now complained as the said promise has not been fulfilled. Whereas the promise said to have been made by me had not been fulfilled upto the time of Mr Mathison's leaving this District, what made you be silent for a period of three years afterwards without complaining about it immediately.-

A. As no one was appointed as commissioner since Mr Mathison went, and as Mr Elliott the commissioner asked me to state regarding the bribes given to the servants in the Collector's Cutcherry. I mentioned it.-

Memorandum.-

The Sheristadar requested to put a Question here to the Zemindar Ramanadha Baboo thus How many times did you go to the house of Moonganoor Pethchenursoo Pantoolou this time-?

This being considered entirely irregular and unnecessary is not allowed to be put here.-

The Sheristadar represented that he has no more questions to be put.-

The signature of Rajah Ramanada Balou Bahadur Munnavultan

Solemnly affirmed before me this 16th July 1815.-

Signed D. White

Sd-Hollis

Translation

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No 23.

Translation of the deposition given by Napatyer Shashagerry row Pantoolou, son of Krishnarow Pantoolou, house name Naputtyvar, of the Brahmin caste, Marthawun religion, occupation Read Sheristadar in the Collectors Cutcherry at Guntoor and age 56 years, dated 8th May 1815.

Q. Look at the two papers, No 1 and 2 which appear to bear your signatures, and if you any thing to represent about them, state it now?

A. I have now seen the papers No 1 and 2 produced to me. The paper No 1 shews as if I had written to Acheruzee Rutchiah Ameen of Chilkalooripaud Talook, desiring him not to make collections. I never wrote a note such as this containing the like circumstances or any other notes whatsoever either to this Ameen or to any other Ameen. While I am a Sheristadar, and whereas such increase as may be found in the Collections will occasion good for my Character in proportion thereto, I cannot understand that it will hurt my Character in the event of my giving advice to Ahors not to make Collections, or writing a note to that effect; but I am not an ignorant person. This being the case, will I give to any one such advice as would hurt

hurt my Chariacter[2]. This may be easily understood by yourself. It is known to many people that I am a servant upwards 30 years, and that in carrying on the public business I have been very obedient and thus having merited the favor of my superiors, always wishing their favor. Under this circumstance, the handwriting of this note is not mine. Neither did I have it written by others, nor is the signature thereon Vez. Initial mine. Now on my seeing this, it appears that some one having taken much trouble, has forged so as to imitate my initial; and thus written thereon. I have heard that there are some persons on this place, who are too well enough to write first in pencil the initial and signature of others. There was rumour before this Commissioners arrival that my enemy Moonganoor Putchemeursoo Puntoolue collected some persons named Tandepully Amuntaraumudoo and others, who can forge signatures as above, and with the view to hurt my bread, prepared some papers of the description abovementioned, and that he was using his endeavours to cause them to be put in the Tanah Cutcherries, through the persons who are capable of doing such things. Some respectable natives also heard of this. Besides this, I have been informed that a few days ago, Golaby Canakarauze

Canakarauze the Peishcar of Chilkaloorpaud Talook was removed to Patchapully, that on the 17th ultimo he having delivered over charge of his Peshcarship to the Muddutgar of Chilkaloorpaud Tanah proceeded to Guntoor, that he gain proceeded to Pattapaud on the morning of the 20th and returned from that place to Guntoor on the night of the same date, that he remained there the following day, and went back to Pattapaud on the morning of the third day, that some time afterwards, a Goomastah also, of the Commissioners came there that as the said Canakarauze had gone into the Tanah Cutcherry during the absence of the Ameen Vca. and was opening Duffers, the persons who were present there, questioned him about it, that he, in reply mentioned to them, that he was again ordered to perform the business of Chilkaloorpaud Peshcar, that he put up certain papers in some Duffer, and having tied them up again, sent a man for the Commissioners Goomastah, who was then in his lodging at Pattapaud, that he accordingly came, that having placed some Duffers before him he (Canakarauze) looked at him, regarding one of the above Duffers, that he after opening one or two Duffers said that he had found the required papers, and that tying the said Duffers, he carried it away and presented it to the Commissioner. It is understood that in the

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the Cutcha accounts which were given by the Villages of Chilkaloorpaud Talook to the Goomastahs of the Commissioner they wrote to the effect that the said Canakarauze had received bribes to a large amount in the Villages On considering all these things it is proper to observe that he had gone to Moonganoor Lutchmenarsoo Pentooloo at Guntoor in order to take precautionary measures for escaping the punishment which he deserved from the Statement of the Village Curnums that he had received bribes in the Villages to a large amount that he M Lutchmenarsoo Pentoolo gave the above notes to the said Canakarauze that the latter having proceeded to Pattiseepaud as before mentioned put those notes in the Duffer that before his proceeding thither he promised the Commissioner to discover the notes and so caused his Goomastah to proceed to Pattiseepaud and that he having himself to put the said notes in the Duffer played a trick to shew as if they were found in the Duffer Had this man not carried and secured the above notes as before mentioned and had he carried the Goomastah in order to discover them knowing at the same time that they were in the Duffers before his doing so he as well as the Commissioners Goomastah would have gone at once into the Cutcherry when all the Mootsuddies &c were present there and having immediately attached

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and searched the Duffers found them On the contrary why did he not take the Commissioners Goomastah to the Cutcherry and why did he go before hand taking with him at the same time his son and another only from his house and opened the Duffers in the absence of the Mootsuddies &c Among all other circumstances the only cause of his going before hand and tying the Duffers after opening them and then calling thither the Commissioners Goomastah is sufficient to shew easily that these notes are those that were carried by Canakarauze from Guntoor and lodged in the Duffers From the circumstances above dictated it is fit to be considered that Canakarauze believing that in the event of his meriting the favor of Lutchmenarsoo Pentoolog he would save him from losing his situation on account of bribes which he had received by recommending to Gentlemen had carried to Pattiseepaud the said forged notes which were given by Lutchmenarsoo Pentoolog and placed them in the Duffers Under this circumstance the above notes were forthcoming from the above source but they are not truly written by me nor are the initials thereon mine I mentioned before that I am not a person capable of addressing such notes and that my character is not of that nature There was not the least suspicion against me at any time whatever that I am a man of such behaviour

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to write the like notes. Suppose there is a man of bad Character writing the like notes, yet will even a man write such notes to the Ameen with his signature? Unless the said Ameen as also a bad Character as well as the writer of the note, no notes of the above description would be written to the former by the latter. The Ameen would have destroyed such injurious notes. On the contrary, will he give them to be secured in Kutcherry records or in the Duftars with his Mootsuddies? Will he keep them? Will even the said Mootsuddies conceal this injurious circumstances, without reporting same to the Gentlemen? In the note he had after taking trouble forged my initials alone, but the whole subject of it was written in the hand writing of some one else. Will any one, whose habit is to write such injurious notes, cause the said note No 1 of which the subject is finished in five lines, to be written by others instead of his writing it himself and to cause it to be published? If the Ameen in whose name the said note purports to have been written, is of good Character he would have immediately reported this to the Collector, and if he is a bad character as well as the writer of the note, he would have destroyed the note immediately without allowing an opportunity

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of opportunity to a third person of knowing its contents. But it will not happen at all that he, in support of his bad Character, would secure such notes as the abovementioned in public records, which are liable to be seen by all. From all the foregoing reasons it can easily be perceived, that the said note is a forged one. In reference to the initial which was forged like mine in the note No 2 shewn by you, it ought to be considered that it was forged in the same manner as above particularized, but it is not signed by me, neither was this note written by me, nor caused to be written by others. The subject of this note goes to say as if I had written to the said Ameen to pay a sum of one hundred Rupees for the marriage ceremony of the son of Aubony Narsiah. I never addressed a note such as this, either to this Ameen or to any other Ameen I had not occasion to write desiring to pay him one hundred Rupees. If he come to beg on account of marriage ceremony I would have paid something myself. I had paid in that manner Pag. 10 Rupees. As I am aware that it is irregular to write notes of the above description, and as Mr Stokes issued a Circular prohibiting the Huzzoor Servants from keeping any manner of correspondence with District Servants, I had not been accustomed to write notes to any one. The said Narsiah is a man of such Character, as well as to beg and receive

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opportunity to a third person of knowing its contents. But it will not happen at all that he in support of his bad Character, would secure such notes as the abovementioned in public records, which are liable to be seen by all. From all the foregoing reasons it can easily be perceived, that the said note is a forged one. In reference to the initial which was forged like mine in the note N°2 shewn by you, it ought to be considered that it was forged in the same manner as above particularized, but it is not signed by me, neither was this note written by me, nor caused to be written by others. The subject of this note goes to say as if I had written to the said Ameen to pay a sum of one hundred Rupees for the marriage ceremony of the son of Cuttoory Narsiah. I never addressed a note such as this, either to the Ameen or to any other Ameen. I had not occasion to write desiring to pay him one hundred Rupees. If he come to beg on account of marriage ceremony I would have paid something myself. I had paid in that manner, Viz. 10 Rupees. As I am aware that it is irregular to write notes of the above description, and as Mr Stokes issued a Circular prohibiting the Kuzzoor Servants from keeping any manner of correspondence with District Servants, I had not been accustomed to write notes to any one. The said Narsiah is a man of such Character, as well as to beg and receive

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ton Rupees from a person of my respect, but he is not fit to receive One hundred Rupees from one and the same person. For this reason, as well as the reasons dictated in relation to the note N°1, it ought to be considered that the note N°2 also was forged in like manner as the note N°1.

2 Q. Have you any thing more to say in relation to the signatures contained in the notes N°1 and 2 abovementioned?

A. I have dictated in my above answer, that the initials which were forged in the above two notes so as to resemble mine, have not been affixed by me; that the above notes were not written by me, and that I did not cause them to be written by others. I also dictated above the reasons which will shew that they were forged by others. Now tho' your honor look at them, it can be perceived that the person who fabricated the above two notes, had forged on them my initials with great difficulty. I do not at present see any thing to represent on this subject.

2 Q. Can you prove that the above signatures were forged?

A. From the several reasons and circumstances which I have dictated in my above answer, it will be perceived that these notes were not drawn out by me and that the initials were not affixed by me but forged by others. To prove that this a forgery is difficult, as I did not see at the time when the forgery was committed, and as it is difficult to know the names of the persons in whose presence they were forged it is impossible for me to prove the forgery by eye witnesses. It will be known from

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from circumstances.

2 Q. Here the depositions given by Mahomed Gaulib Saib the Head Accountant Subnissive Sadaseva row Pantooloo Cash Keeper, Seelana naty Trevengada Charloo Manager, Vennacotah Venkanah Pantooloo Head Moonshee, and other Clarke Head Writer. Have you any thing to State about them, or have you any thing to ask them?

A. In the Depositions given by both the accountant and Head Moonshee one has deposed that the signature or initials in the two notes are like those of Sashagerry row Pantoolo, while the other deposed that they appear like it. The person who commits forgery will forge so as to resemble the true one. This is not of consequence. In the deposition of the Head Writer, he deposed that the initials in the note N°2 are like Sashagerry row's initials, that he has no doubt that the initials on the note N°1 are of Sashagerry row, and that he thought himself that the initials are of Sashagerry row, because he has been in the habit of seeing frequently the yadasts that I used to write to him. Thus he deposed differently in regard

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to the two notes - consequently this is no matter -
In the deposition of Cash Keeper, he deposed,
that the initials in the note No. 1 are of
Sashagerry row and that the one on the note
No. 2 is like that made by him - This he
mentioned in a doubtful manner - As this
is also in two ways, it is no matter - In
the deposition of the Manager, he mentioned
that the notes Nos. 1 and 2 bear the signa-
-ture of the shashagerry row Puntoloo - Whereas
all others deposed to the effect that it
resembles - his only mentioning positively that
it is his, must be considered to have proceed-
-ed from his being unable to pay attention -
This is also not of consequence - There are
now in the Cutcherry hundreds of papers,
bearing my initials - if they are compared
with the initials on these notes, it will
be manifest that some one had clearly
and purposely forged the initials on the notes
above mentioned, but it cannot be seen
that they are in like manner as all those
on the Public papers - On examinations
being made into the Cutcherry papers bearing
my initials, it will be understood that all the
Signatures were affixed, commonly, and in
certain cases quickly with reference to
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the pressure of business, but it will not appear
that they were purposely signed like those on
these notes - Those who had given depositions
in this case have dictated as it occurred to them
that is to say, some deposed that it is like it
while others say that they think that it is
so, consequently they are to be considered as
of no consequence - There does not therefore
appear necessity to call them again and
question them on this head -

2. You have heard the deposition
given by Gator Cotiah the ameen of Yedlapully;
what have you to state in reply thereto?

A. I have heard the above deposition read
but I have heard it with great astonishment,
as he has deposed to the effect that the above
circumstances which could never have taken
place in the world have actually occurred - It
appears that this deposition was given before
the Commissioner - It appears from this that
he was questioned to explain the cause of the
decrease in the Collections for Fusly 1253,
and that in reply thereto, he deposed that I sent
for him in that fusly when he was ameen
of Sultanapully and mentioned, that all the Stokes
Collector, was not listening to my words on any
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says was also published among the Ryots to
he had not made his collections regularly in
Suttanapully Talook in fasly 1253 above
said. Mr. Stokes sent for him to the Cutchery
and was angry with him. Even then, or at the
time when he was removed to Gedlapully e=
Tanah making a decrease of 20 Rupees in his
pay merely for his negligence in making collec=
=tions, what prevented him from reporting to
Mr. Stokes the circumstance above cited.
This Ameen as well as other Ameens was
generally accustomed to go to Mr. Stokes thoug
I was present or otherwise, and represent to him
whatever they thought necessary, and that
Gentleman used to give them answers after Knowing from
them the state of affairs of their respective Ta=
=loks; but it was not the case that all things
were settled through myself alone and past[illegible]
=ed in my absence. He deposed as if I said to
him that Mr. Stokes will be removed from
hence, and another Gentleman who is my
friend will then come hither. Will I think
that the Government will appoint one who
is my friend. If I thought so I should be
considered as a mad man; moreover Mr.
Stokes is very judicious. He always treated
the servants as well as myself with favour. He

was not hard towards his servants so as to in=
=duce them to wish for his removal, consequently
I did not at all wish his removal neither do
I wish so now but the said Gentleman
had put me certain questions in e=
writing regarding the prevailing customs of
this Country in relation to giving Doombalahs
for cutting the produce, and collecting a great por=
=tion of money in due time. I gave my answers
to them to the effect that the prevailing customs
ought not to be altered. We forwarded them
to the Board. He altered certain customs, that
is to say allowing the Ryots to cut the e=
=ing of the produce [illegible] at their pleasure, this
he had done not with any other but good intentions
towards the Ryots, and under an impression
that it will be easy for them to pay their dues
after having obtained possession of the produce
and that they ought not to be subject to loss. I
had not only informed him of my opinion
in writing relative to the above customs as
before mentioned, but represented to him as
occasion called for. I always used to represent to
him directly upon any subject whatever, but he acted

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Says was also published among the Ryots that he had not made his collections regularly in Suttanapully Paloork in fusly 1253 above said. Mr. Stokes sent for him to the Cutcherry and was angry with him - Even then, or at the time when he was removed to Yedlapully Tanah making a decrease of 20 Rupees in his pay merely for his negligence in making collections, what prevented him from reporting to Mr. Stokes the circumstances above cited. This Ameen as well as other Ameens was generally accustomed to go to Mr. Stokes tho' was present or otherwise, and represent to him whatever they thought necessary, and that Gentleman used to give them answers after Knowing from them the State of affairs of their respective Cutcheries; but it was not the case that all things were settled through myself alone and practised in my absence. He deposed as if I said to him that Mr. Stokes will be removed from hence, and another Gentleman who is my friend will then come hither. Well I think that the Government will appoint one who is my friend. If I thought so I should be considered as a mad man; moreover Mr. Stokes is very judicious. He always treated the servants as well as myself with famili-

arity was not hard towards his servants so as to induce them to wish for his removal, consequently I did not at all wish his removal neither do I wish so now but the said Gentleman had put me certain questions in writing regarding the prevailing customs of this Country in relation to giving Doombalahs for cutting the produce, and collecting a great portion of money in due time - I gave my answers to them to the effect that the prevailing customs ought not to be altered - He forwarded them to the Board - He altered certain customs that is to say allowing the Ryots to cut the produce whenever they may please in the same way as in Bellary and other Zillahs and at the same time authorizing them to cause the threshing of the produce &c. at their pleasure, this he had done not with any other but good intentions towards the Ryots, and under an impression that it will be easy for them to pay their dues after having obtained possession of the produce and that they ought not to be subject to loss - I had not only informed him of my opinion in writing relative to the above customs as before mentioned, but represented to him as occasion called for. I always used to represent to him directly upon any subject whatever, but he acted contrary-

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contrary thereto. It will be easily manifest from all the circumstances before mentioned, that I had not given the ill advice with which he charges me. The records will shew that I had represented, and caused to issue Strict orders in relation to collecting the revenues, and that the Pay of the Ameens as well as of the Sa:=mutdars was stopped. It is therefore to be observed that he had not given this depo:=sition with his free will, and consent, and that as Moongamoor Lutchmenarsoo Puntoolo (who is my enemy and who has been making intrigues against my Office) has been in the habit of going to Gentlemen, he expected that he would be protected by his means without risk of his situation, and that by the advice of the said Lutchmenarsoo Puntoolo, he was compelled to give before the Commissioner, this deposition which is totally false. If the Statements shewing the monthly collec:=tions of the Suttanapully Talook for Fusly 1253, and the Diaries containing the orders are sent for, I will examine them, and say some thing more about him. In the concluding part of his deposition he dictated that he would represent with certain examples

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The signature of N. Sashagerry row
Given before me this 8th May 1845.-
(Signed) D. White
Acting Collector.

9th May 1845 commenced at 11 O'Clock A.M.

Q. Have you any questions to ask
Yetoo Cotiah?

A. On perusing the deposition given by him, it appears that he gave it by the advice of others but not with his own free will; I therefore do not wish to question such a one.-

Q. Have you heard the depos:=tion given by Vesta Basheerloo Ameen of Coorapaud Tanah?
What have you to state in reply thereto?

A. I have heard the deposition read

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What have you to state in reply thereto?-

A. I have heard the deposition read

read over to me. He has deposed that I advised him at the time of his going as Ameen to Coorapaud Tanah in Fusly 1253, to commit negligence in realizing the revenues, and that I should thereby derive profit. He also deposed that when he came to Guntoor about four or five Months afterwards I gave him the like advice that he had not paid attention to it, but made collections greater than in past fus= =lies, and that I gave him the same advice when we proceeded to Cosoor for the Settlement of Summahlundy in Fusly 1253. I never gave such

such advice either to this man or to any other Ameen. The reasons which I mentioned before in reply to yetoor Cotiah's allegations, that I gave no such advice are also applicable in this place. It is understood that a certain Villagers in Coorapaud Tanah has deposed in the Commissioner's Cutcherry that he received bribes. He was therefore sus= =pended from his situation. He came to Guntoor, and waited there for some time before the date of his deposition. As Moon= =ga me or Lutchmenarsoo Pantooloo threaten= =ed him that he will cause him to be= dealt with regularly in relation to the amount of his bribes above said, unless he gave deposition before the Commissioner to the effect that I had given ill ad= =vice, he delayed for many days, but at last unavoidably gave a false deposition. This is not a deposition given with his free consent. The said Peshacarloo served for a long time as Head Moonshee under Mr. Stokes, and previous to that Gentle= =man's management. He is clever in English. Mr. Stokes mentioned to me that he is clever. Even after his re= =moval to the Ameen's situation, he was in

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in the habit of coming now and then to Mr. Stokes and conversing with him personally in English - also during the time of sec making settlement, he used to speak himself to that Gentleman on different points - While this is the case, if the circum=stance of my having given him bad advice is true, why did he (who was fre=quently accustomed to speak personally with Mr. Stokes both in my presence and my absence) neglect to represent to that Gentleman the same - as he had reposed that he had made proper collec=tions, not listening to my bad advice, he acknowledged that he had no fear of me - When there is no reason for him to fear me why did he commit treas=towards his master the Collector, by=not reporting to him, the circumstance of my having given him bad advice - It is therefore to be observed that the circum=stance of my having given the advice is entirely false, and that he not being able to disobey the advice of Lutchme=nara Pantalu unavoidably gave this false deposition - I do not at present

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find any thing more to represent here in reply to this question.

2. Have you any thing to ask Bashcarlon -

A. I have some questions to put to him -

2. You have heard the deposition given by Gotely Canakaraujo, the Revenue Rohcar of Chilcaloorpaud Talook, what have you to state in answer there=to?

A. This Canakaraujo is the same person whose name I mentioned in my answers given [illegible] that he carried from Guntoor to Ruttepaud two notes on which my initials were forged either by this man or some other, that he, in the absence of any Mootaddie went into the Chilkaloorpaud Talook Cutcherry in which he was lately Rohcar, and that having opened certain Duftars he clandestinely lodged in one of them the said two notes - It is understood, that the Villagers of Chilkaloorpaud Talook inserted in their account of Village expences furnished to the servants on behalf of the Commissioner that the

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in the habit of coming now and then to Mr. Stokes and conversing with him personally in English - also during the time of his making settlement, he used to speak himself to that Gentleman on different points - While this is the case, if the circumstance of my having given him bad advice is true, why did he (who was frequently accustomed to speak personally with Mr. Stokes both in my presence and my absence) neglect to represent to that Gentleman the same - as he had professed that he had made proper collections, not listening to my bad advice, he acknowledged that he had no fear of me - When there is no reason for him to fear me why did he commit sin towards his master the Collector, by not reporting to him, the circumstance of my having given him bad advice - It is therefore to be observed that the circumstance of my having given the advice is entirely false, and that he not being able to disobey the advice of Lutchmeranoo Pentaloo unavoidably gave this false deposition - I do not at present

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2 Q. Have you any thing to ask Baskarlos -

A. I have some question to put to him -

Q. You have heard the deposition given by Gotety Canakaraujo, the Revenue Peshcar of Chilcaloorpaud Talook, what have you to state in answer thereto?

A. This Canakaraujo is the same person whose name I mentioned in my answers given yesterday stating that he carried from Guntoor to Rutlepaud two notes on which my initials were forged either by this man or some other, that he, in the absence of any Mootsaddies went into the Chilkaloorpaud Talook Cutchery in which he was lately Peshcar, and that having opened certain Duftars he clandestinely lodged in one of them the said two notes - It is understood, that the Villagers of Chilkaloorpaud Talook inserted in their account of Village expences furnished to the servants on behalf of the Commissioner that this

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man was in the habit of receiving bribes of many in the several Villages of that Tanah and it is with the view of getting over any guilt which may be proved against his dishonest practices, and to retain his situation, that this Canka=
=rauze, in the hope of moreover obtaining Moonganoor Lutchmenar=
=soo Puntoloo's favor, has, at his in=
=vestigation, clandestinely placed those documents in Duftors, with=
which he had no business to meddle and to give this false deposition before the Commissioner. When this man was Peshcar of Chilkaloorpaud Talook, the Ameen sent him to the village Madoo=
=condoor to make collections, he embezzled seventy odd Rupees out of the amount realized, for this he was tried before Mr. Lockhart and on the proof thereo=
adduced, this man and a Curnum of the above mentioned Village, were each directed to pay half that amount, with directions to the Ameen that=
he should watch the actions done by this individual, therefore this is that person's character. He stated moreover

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in his deposition that excepting himself the servants of the Tannah, and the Huzzoor com=
=bined, because I had caused tardiness to be resorted to in the collections, and by the Ameen having acted with my sug=
=gestion, thereby causing a great outstanding balance. Thus then by the reasons stated=
above by me, re=
=garding the assertions made by the aforesaid Cutiah, and Banke=
=carlo, it may easily be considered that the assertion of Canakarauze is false, and that these false statements have been given at the investigation of=
Moonganoor Lutchmenar soo Puntoloo, therefore I find nothing further in this man's deposition to speak about.

If you intend saying any

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thing about your (the Head Sheristadars) conduct in having recently allowed Villages to be let out on rent for less sums than in preceding years and about the falling off in the Revenue collections in the past years, you are now to do so.-

A. In some of the past years, there has been depression in the prices of grain, which has caused the ryots to relinquish their lands, and others to cultivate part, and leave waste, part of their lands, and by Bedas or waste lands also to a great extent being added at the Summahbundy time, which has thereby rendered the collections less than the fixed Dowl I recollect that in March of Fusly 1252, the Board either sent proceedings or a letter regarding the visit in the Guntoor Zemindaries, to the effect that it would be well if Village rents were resorted to in lieu of the practice said to be observed at present in the Zemindary estates of the Guntoor Collectorate, and that when, in furtherance of the

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the orders from the Honorable the Court of Directors, respecting the Zemindary estates, the survey is introduced, and field assessment arranged, rents should only then be made in urgent cases. It was in reference to those instructions that Mr. Stokes, caused Hookums to be issued to all the Ameens in the Zemindaries except the Mulrauze, other Zemindaries that in renting the Villages, such offers as were necessary to be taken should be taken with all due precaution, and that summary or explanations should be sent with all offers forwarded for acceptance to the Huzzoor - After some time, that Gentleman caused Hookums to be issued to the Ameens in the Mulrauze Zemindary also to the effect, that in reference to such Villages as had insufficient number of Ryots, and disputes existing regarding rent and so forth, proposed offers of rent should be taken and forwarded - In each of the Talooks in this Zillah, the former practice was, that whenever there were insufficient

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number of Ryots in any of the Villages, and there appeared to be a falling off in the Collections, it was only then that the several Villages of the Talook used to be let out in rent, and cultivated on that principle this can be ascertained by the accounts during the Management of Messrs. Baker and Whish, and when Mr. Stokes considered the subject in reference to the accounts alluded to, that Gentleman, issued the Hookums in the aforesaid manner, about the Village rents, and since which period in July 1843 the several Ameens took offers of rent as far as possible, and sent them, with their explanatory remarks for Mr. Stokes's approval. Those explanations contained circumstances, about the annual Jowl and Collections, of 10 preceding years, and the extent of land cultivated, as far as the Ameens were able to glean from the records in their Office, and in cases where the Ameens could not furnish the explanation required, the accounts in the Huzzoor Cutcherry were,

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inspected and suitable explanation rendered in the Arzees addressed by the Ameens, they generally spoke about the state of the Village and that of the ryots, together with the competency of the offer of rent forwarded, and such other circumstances as would elucidate what amount would likely be got in the rent by competition; if put up to Public Auction. These particulars, together with the Statement of the Jowl and Collections, and the explanation, used to be rendered in English, with the principal reasons stated by the Ameens in their Arzees, and when the Collector perused them deliberately it was only then, that the offers were accepted in cases where the offer appeared reasonable in reference to the state of the Villages at the time, and Hookums issued accordingly, the reasons given for accepting the offers were invariably given at length. It was moreover an invariable rule that where the offers were thought to be insufficient, they were rejected;

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and other offers called for with fresh remarks, which if found satisfactory after the Collector had reperused, and taken into consideration the circumstances alleged in the Ameens explanatory remarks, were usually accepted, or again rejected, with instructions that the Village should be kept under Amany, and in compliance with which Yookums were issued. This was the practise in accepting higher offers of rent than would be likely to be realized if the Villages remained under Amany caused by the low rates of offer or other reasons, but no offers were accepted less than the estimated amount likely to be got, if continued under Amany. The decrease in the Collections from the Villages under Aumany in Fusly 1253 and the increase collections from the Villages rented in the same Fusly will be apparent by the different accounts.

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inspected the accounts, which shewed that there was a gradual falling off in the collections and collections from the Villages under Amany and that the Dowl in Fusly 1252 was less than in Fusly 1251 and that for 1253 less than that of Fusly 1252 with a great depression in the prices at the time that Gentleman came here, and which he justly took into consideration. That Gentleman perused also the Board's proceedings on the settlement of the Guntoor and Palnaud District for Fusly 1252, and the proceedings received on a separate letter addressed to the Board by Mr. Stokes regarding various points connected with the survey and field

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known fully any circumstances attending their enquiry, owing to which one or two Villages — alone appear to have been unavoidably let out in rent at a depreciated rate; for the mode in which the offers for rents were accepted at Guzoor, renders it clear that if there was — any thing unsatisfactory, more so by a rent being low such an offer would never have been accepted. Messrs. Stokes and Lockhart are Gentlemen of such persevering disposition, that they usually regard to the utmost extent with all parties concerned, and only then accepted offers of rent, and this — can be proved by the Gentlemen themselves — When Mr. Lockhart gave the Villages in rent, the offers were indeed quite low, caused by the low prices of grain; and therefore that Gentleman had estimates made of the actual price when he was about to rent the sharing Villages; — the prices are now much increased than before; and if the present prices are taken into consideration, the result can appear in no other light than low. However, only some of the sharing Villages have been rented — for the greater part of them are under Amany The Ameen Chenchro Ramiah, brother of Mongamooty

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was not generally countenanced, in such a mode as was expected, for the Cist on the extend of land left fallow was re-added, whilst in some cases remissions were allowed, after ascertaining the real state, and inability of some poor Ryots. In Fusly 1253, the prices were much less than in Fusly 1252, therefore in that Fusly also, much land was relinquished, as was the case in the preceding Fusly, but regarding which, the Pedoo land also was added on the same principle as before in some cases. The decrease in the Dowl in some places is attributed to this. The Cist of some of the Villages of Pachoor Talooka in the Mulrauze Estate, was objected to as being heavy; and as there was no cultivation in Fusly 1247, Mr. Goldingham went personally and consulted with the Ryots, and made remissions to the extent of a quarter of a Rupee, two and three Annas in the Rupee, and

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settled the disputes; however owing to low prices in the last two Fusles and in Fusly 1251 to a falling off in cultivation in some of the Villages, the Villagers of which places requested time to pay their Costs this was not at first complied with, and as they could not pay at the proper times, demands and other modes were resorted to, to make them pay; but when it was found that some could not, postponement of a part of the collection was at last sanctioned. In Fusly 1252 the Amount postponed was also to be paid, together with the Kist for that Fusly which however they were unable to do, in that Fusly and pleaded that as they had no means of

of paying it, a further part of the sum already postponed, should still further be postponed; thus did the Ryots make markets, but the Collector did not comply, and hence the full amount of collections in that fusly also was not realized, the produce alone was made away with by the Ryots; for according to the practice established by Mr Stokes, the Mussool (produce) was not to be attached, and thus what might have been got thereon was also gone. In cases where demand has been made, and the mans property attached, it was usually found that he had not sufficcent property, wherewith the amount of demand could be realized; and when the ploughing cattle of several of the Ryots were sequestered, the general opinion was that if they were ordered to be sold the Ryots had not the slightest means of setting themselves up in cultivation in future years, and with this view the cattle of many Ryots were detained unsold. In Fusly 1253 the Ryots of nine Villages

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of the Rachoor Tannah refused to cultivate, under pretext that the Cist was high and be-cause postponement of the Cists as requested by them was not allowed; however, the sums due were inserted or added to the Doubs, tho' not realized. In the other Talooks also, and in the remaining Villages of the Rachoor Tannah the prices were low in 1252 less than in 1251 and in 1243 less than in fasly 1252, yet formerly when the Nucta Masoor was about to be cut, it was usual to collect at least part of the Collections and then to give the order to cut the produce, and to collect the whole amount when Doombalahs were given for the remaining produce; but Mr Stokes wish-ed that the contrary course should be ob-served, and in furtherance of which he hav-ing issued an Hookumnamah the practice was cancelled, and as there was no manner of impediment made about cutting the crops whenever the Ryots thought proper the practice of having the cists at the proper times was unobserved. In Fasly 1253 a Hookum was issued that no compulsion should be used

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regarding the Collections in such Villages, where there is no Poonasa produce, but that time should be allowed until January, for collecting the Mucta amount due on the produce then on hands.- Alth' the amount of Mucta Col-lections was paid punctually by the Ryots of some Villages yet in many Villages there was great tardiness in obtaining the Collections, Viz.; the extent of Collections were not so much as when the practices of withhold-ing the removal of the produce, and thereby enabling the Ryots to pay their dues was ob-served.-

(Signed) D. White
Acting Collector

9th May 1825.-

Re-examination on the 12th May 1825 from ½ past 11 O'Clock.-

In reference to the cases in which the cattle and other property of the Ryots were attached, and held liable to be sold for arrears of Cist due — I have to state that those who became thus situated were such, as were totally unable to carry on their cultivation, and thereby to have relinquished Lands; there-fore it cannot be considered that the cattle,

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of those poor men were sold in all cases; but in all cases in which it was thought necessary that the cattle should be actually sold in satisfaction of the demand, it was under the Collectors orders alone that such was done and by no other mode. While this is the case, your honor has put a question to me as if I am secretly connected under sinister motives with the business of the rents and Collections. I declare that I am not guilty in any manner in my conduct or Character; and with reference to the mode of doing business, I can only say that I consider myself bound, to represent to the Collector any saggestions in the mode of carrying on the various duties of the district, and the results likely to ensue therefrom; and also to request when necessary alterations and so forth; leaving the Collector to give any order he thinks proper after due consideration, and in compliance with which order, I must obey.—
Therefore when Mr Stokes changed the former practice, and established new rules I stated in the answers to four questions proposed to me in writing by Mr Stokes, regarding

certain innovations in the practice of this district, that the former practice should not be changed and gave my reasons why they should not be changed in the Guntoor District in the manner proposed. That Gentleman sent those answers to the Board. My answers were not approved of by the Collector, who did not act up to them but caused Hookums to be issued at variance with the former practice of making the Collections &c.— The Circular orders regarding those subjects were prepared from Memoranda written by that Gentleman himself; and I submitted to your honor translations of these documents. (Hookums) together with the correspondence that transpired at the Huzzoor from and to an Ameen respecting certain Villages in Rachoor Tannah, where no cultivation was made in the last year. The principal practice is that when the produce is about to be reaped a part of the Cist should first be realized, before orders are given to the Ryots to reap their produce, and to give Dombaulahs either by collecting

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collecting the balance also, or securing the payment thereof; whereas in the case of such poor Ryots who have nothing else but their produce wherewith they could pay the Cist it was usual to get the money at once from the produce, and to postpone the Collection of the balance; this practice was conducive of beneficeal results, for thereby such money as could be realized was at once collected, according to the state of each Fusly without any balance being left, however as it was newly arranged that no permission by Doombalah was necessary for reaping the crops thereby leaving that duty to be performed according to the pleasure of the Ryots, some of those in the Zemendary Talookes whose conduct was none of the best, for integrity, took this opportunity of doing all in their power to evade payment and thus left an outstanding balance; notwithstanding the mode adopted of sending long Hookums every month to the Ameens, and by a part of the pay of some being kept in

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deposit, every thing possible to cause negligence was done in this manner without restraint, but yet the result is that there is a great balance outstanding - In the Circular Hookums it was stated, that no oppression should be made as far as regards the Collection, and this operated favorably to those Ryots whose Character was none of the best, for it divested them of fear, such Ryots are moreover never possessed of property, excepting their ploughing implements, fit to be attached - In Fusly 1252 there was a hurricane, and the produce in different parts of the District, suffered in a material degree; and it was in the same fusly when certain collections were made according to the former practice and therefore contrary to the order subsequently promulgated, that Jayer Khan the Ameen of Rajahpettah, was removed, to an inferior situation. In fusly 1253 Hookums were issued that no demand

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Fusly under review has rendered an increase in the Collections to the extent of 5 Lacks Rupees during Mr Lockhart's Management from 16th September 1844 to 15th February 1845 making an increase about 2,04,000 Rupees over a similar period in the preceding year. In Nellore and other Zillahs the practice is, that the Head Sheristadar and other Servants of the Kuzzoor are permitted to go themselves into the Tannahs and take care regarding the Collections &c. In Mr Stokes' letter to my address of date the 15th June 1843 that Gentleman stated, he was not willing that any of the Servants should interfere in that manner, but that the Ameens alone should be answerable to the Collector for the business attending the Collections &c. By all these particulars it will be apparent that I did not act contrary to the Gentlemans orders but that Stoke

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every possible precaution to carry out his motives the principal cause of the decrease arising solely from two reasons Viz. from the former practice having been changed as far as regards the Collections and from depression of prices. This assertion is also borne out by the Kooleums and other records in the Office. Mr Stokes' motive for changing the former practice appears to be, that he was anxious to introduce the rule generally observed in some Zillahs regarding the Ryots taking possession of and disposing their produce without any permission for it, or any interference on that point by any Circar Servant, and for the Ryots to sell their produce whenever they had opportunities for so doing to prevent their taking

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as may exist in other Zillahs, for in some places
the rates of Cist are high, and it is therefore
necessary that in all possible cases, the
Macta Cists should be regularly collect-
ed, and that in cases where the Ryots are
found poor, and not possessed of sufficient
property the Sum due should be at once real-
ized as far as property may be found with postpone-
ment of any balance for the future realization at such times
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as opportunities may arise. This was the old
practice, but that attempted to be introduc-
ed being that of allowing the ryots to be
in possession of the produce, gives an opportunity
for evil disposed ryots to make away with their
produce and thereby hinder sums
equivalent to the demand being realized.
even in the course of the former practice
there used to be an outstanding balance
owing to cases of high rates of cist, and
to such poor ryots as have not the means
of paying, being allowed the indulgence
of postponement of the collections. In the
past years the cist of much "Bedro"
(pasture land) has been added to the
Dowl in some places, and no abolition
thereto, a remission of the former practice in the
collection having been introduced at such
a time with a progressive decrease in prices,
the result has naturally been a great out-
standing balance, wherever an Ameen
appeared to have been negligent in this
instance it was usual for such an Ameen
to be removed, according to circumstances.
This is what transpired regarding the
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collections, and how is it possible then that I am to be blamed. I am not guilty in any way nor is my character reprehensible, for if it were, surely Mr. Stokes who was transacting the affairs of this district for the space of two years and four months would not have neglected to discover any thing in my character nor would that Gentleman have failed to take immediate steps to remedy it. My enemy Moonga-moor Lutchmenarsoo Puntulu, formerly in my situation for some time, was removed according to the orders of the Board and tho' he has no Public employ, yet he remains here, and is always exerting himself to contrive circumstances for the purpose of injuring my character. It is moreover understood by hearsay that when this man was employed lately on the commissioners establishment at Rajamundry he was found to have been concerned in false and bogus subjects; and even before the commission came here, it was rumoured that he would get an high appointment on that officers establishment. I

represented these circumstances to Mr. Lockhart, and that Gentleman was pleased to say that there were no hopes of that person getting any appointment. The Gentleman was quite right, for very soon afterwards the Shenstadar of Bud-dapah came here - although this man's interference was dispensed with for some time, yet I find that this man has subsequently been noticed, whereby he and some of his companions, have had opportunities of being introduced to the Commissioner on his investigations and whom he used to advise to speak as circumstances offered - for instance, look at the procedure of the Ameens of Coonapund and Gedlapetlay Tanahs, Vetcha Bachanlu and yeton colud, who are said to have been intimidated and advised for many days before they could be got to speak as they did, and this would not have come to pass if it was not arranged with certain Gumasts that he got these to insert in their accounts, that bribes had been given to those Ameens, apparently with promises that he would get them out of any trouble

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which may threaten to befall them on this instance. Having therefore no other alternative they deposed against me to the effect that I wrote notes advising the Ameens not to make the collections, but which instructions they said before the commissioner they did not comply with, but made collections to the full extent. It is clear that they have deposed falsely - for if any thing had transpired, of my having given the ill advice alleged, why did they keep it a secret so long, without informing the collector of it, for do they not know that they are liable to be blamed for such conduct? If I were guilty of any thing of the sort do you think that Lutchmanan son Puntoolu who remains here would not have found it out long ago, and represented the affair to the authorities? Therefore I hope it will be thought that blame has been improperly attached to me and that their assertions are false. A concise question was put to me about the "Patoo" shares of the united villages, and I gave an answer in the same strain - I heard that when small villages are

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as specified in the list & the ryots always raise objections by saying that their villages "puggum" rope is that of a "Nedla moorah" / long cubit / and not of any other dimension. It is by such disputes that excess of land is generally found out and then additional cist is added. I was aware that there were concealments of land in many villages, and when I requested the Collector, in the last year to have such villages measured I was told that a general survey was contemplated to be made by Government, and would shortly commence, and that if only a few were allowed to be surveyed the usual disputes as to exact length &c of the "Puggum rope" would be raised, which combined with high rates of cist and low prices would not render the dispute satisfactory or easily disposed of.

It was heretofore incumbent for cist to be collected on the extent of land usually inserted in the accounts, and for the Jumabundy accounts to be caused to be prepared according to the former accounts, thus then the measurements

ments of the fields were thought unnecessary viz it was so considered in the last year. All the villages of the other Zemindari Estates, except three of the Mahrauze Zemindary, were retained from the beginning under Syara rent, and the Villagers themselves being, as circumstances offered, the rentors of them from the commencement, they generally had the extent of Puggum established according to their consent, and then they had the land measured - owing to complaints &c in certain cases, either the Zemindar or circar in such villages as were under Government often had lands in dispute measured. This is all, but it was not hitherto usual for Government to have lands measured on any other account than to settle the disputes usually raised by the ryots

/ Signed / M. Sheshagirow

Given before me this 12th May 1845

/ Signed / D. White

Acting Coll.r

Re-examination on the 14th May 1845

Ans. To the defence &c. 2. You are required to state clearly and concisely as far as possible whether

were urgent and pressed on various occasions which should be inserted in his declaration, but that thing must quite immaterial to the case at issue, and unnecessary delay being the result of the same by such disclosure, with respect to Mr Stokes the reasons simply assigned, that was left that he should be more correct in his answers in future.

whether you were aware or not of the order of the Board dated 19th June 1826 prohibiting Civil Servants purchasing or holding lands before the Board wrote to Mr Stokes on the 29th May 1843 on the subject?

A You put some questions to me on this subject in two Enquiries to my address, and I wrote two Letters in reply thereto, therefore you can understand by them, what transpired. When Mr Stokes got the letter alluded to he made enquiry and then discovered the order of 1826. I did not know any thing about it until then.

2 Were you not aware until you got my order of the 4th April that Mr Whish had issued Circulars on the subject in question?

A I did not know any thing about that circumstance before I received your Hookum on the subject

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the cause is this, That when Mr Whish caused the Hookum to be written in the Judicial Department, I was in the Magistrates Department and was not aware of any such Hookum having been issued.

2 What steps did you take to ascertain whether orders had been promulgated or not before you represented to Mr Stokes, that no such orders had been received in this District?

A I never represented to Mr Stokes any thing as to whether any such Hookums had been received in this District or not. After Mr Stokes sent me the letter dated the 29th May 1843, I found quoted therein the order of 1826, and only then became acquainted of such an order having been received. Hookums were also then issued. When Mr Stokes asked certain questions about this, I sent me a two Moonshees to the Record Keeper to get information from him, and the result communicated to me by them was that no order had been previously issued

issued on the subject of servants holding lands, and this was the cause why — Hookums were subsequently written on the strain in which they were — When the enquiry was made at the time in reference to the said order as to what enam lands the public servants had, I found that none had them registered, and that no register had been opened for the purpose.

2 Even when I expressed to you my astonishment on the subject of your assertion about Mr. Whish not having attended [illegible] Hookums regarding this, did you take any steps to ascertain the actual state of that affair?

A When you asked me I represented to you the circumstance of what took place during Mr. Stoke's management, and you honor wrote a letter to the Board. After that immediately afterwards, I was ordered to go to Mantoor on Jumnad Duty affairs, and therefore did not take any steps regarding that subject

subject. I made no enquiry about it.

2 Did you take any trouble to ascertain this from the Record-keeper or the Ameens?

A I told my Goomastahs to search in the records and to ascertain this circumstance from the Record keepers. But I did not ask any of the Ameens regarding it.

2 Look at the paper No 1. marked A is the signature thereon yours. have you any thing to say about that?

A I see the document bearing the mark alluded to, and which your honor has shown to me: the initials thereon were never done by me, they appear to have been forged by some body to resemble the initials of my name. I do not know who wrote the contents of this letter, on perusing the contents of this letter I find that it has been forged to the effect that I should be considered as having addressed it to

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Ramanatha Baboo Gar. I never wrote such a letter. There are in that letter such words as are meant to signify that I recommended to the then Collector Mr Mathias that the Talook should be made over again to Ramanatha Baboo, and (if that Gentleman having complied with it) and that 8000 Rupees should not therefore be speedily sent to me as a bribe in that affair. No sensible person in the world would ever venture to write such a letter as this to send a bribe; the date of this letter one or two months previous to the 31st March 1842, when Mr Goldingham the Collector attached Ramanathas Baboo's Estate, not recalled him of having embezzled one lac of Rupees of the collection

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Collections on behalf of the Sircar from his estate, and made a report to the Board on the subject of his malversations. You could I therefore have ventured to say that I could get a Gentleman (who only acted here as Collector for about 40 days) to write on a subject of having the Estate made over again to such an accused person as Ramanatha Baboo, or how could it be believed that the said Gentleman would comply with my request on such a subject? Admitting that such a thing was written, would such an aged and knowing person as Ramanatha Baboo have believed it? It was when Mr Goldingham wrote his report to the Board about this man, that he (Ramanada Baboo) made a compliment of my having given him some intriguing advice, and that Gentleman sent that Arzee also to the Board. I never received a bribe on my life or my life even would a man in the objectionable habit of receiving bribes ever be so stupid as to write, to send a bribe to such a person as Ramanatha Baboo, who had only two months previously preferred a Complaint by enemy Montgomery Lethbridge Pontelis & the man who caused Sundapetty Chetty to Pander and

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others to forge this false document; making it appear as if it had been given to one Ramanatha Bauboo, with whom it had been so arranged that he should give it up and depose to the truth thereof. this is notice to uphold this false charge against me. Your honor may judge whether Ramanatha Baubo would be guilty of such a thing. It is stated in a decree in A.S. of 1844 of the file of the Assistant Judge of Guntoor viz: in the suit preferred by one Vooda Bungariah against the man, which was subsequently confirmed by the Provincial Court that this man's Ancestors of the late Zemindar of Suttimapully had in lieu of a receipt written a letter, the signature and seal of which were both forged to his address, as to his having received the amount of the said seat, and which letter he produced to the Court, were in conjunction with the stream of his defence both false, and that the whole of the Statements of the witnesses who deposed in this man's favor, were unworthy of credit. In effect the Provincial Court states in their decree, that the witnesses in this man's behalf were liable to be committed for trial for

for forgery. In the decree A.S. 11 of 1840 of the said Guntoor Court, the Judge wrote saying that in reference to the forged letter alluded to in the aforesaid A.S. it was thought that Ramanatha Baubo was such a one as was able to get such a document, and that it was necessary that very possible care should be taken when the man comes to name witnesses on his behalf. In Suits A.S. 30. 31 and 32 of 1838 Provincial Courts file, the Plaintiff produced in security the Cabellah also of the Talooky part of Guntoor which was purchased at a sale, had been filed in satisfaction of that Jamani and whereas a motion was presented in the Court by Ramanatha Baubo for that property, it was ordered in the proceedings of the 1st December 1842 of the Assistant Judge's Court of Guntoor, that he Ramanatha Baubo be fined in the in the sum of Rupees 10 — for the false Statement made by him and that on failure of payment he should be imprisoned for one month under Act V of 1836.

On the 7th November 1839 Mr. Newberry the Assistant Judge of Guntoor stated.

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Stated in his proceedings in the Crown mortgage suit between Pillai Coochil Ramanah and Narayanah Venata Chargalu. That one Ramanatha Baubo presented a document, an affidavit purporting to have been given by Venata Chargalu, which on investigation was found to have been forged, and that hence the evidence adduced by this man in support thereof was collusive and false. There are many more things of this kind against one Ramanatha Baubo, but I am not willing to give more examples of this man's conduct for fear of lengthening out this deposition. I have been engaged on various duties since a length of time on the immediate presence of Gentlemen, but never got on any Zillah, the name of having ever received a letter. When this Ramanatha Baubo adopted father Venadatty Naidoo Garu died, the Zillah Judge of Guntoor and the then Acting Collector did Factory most account to Venadatty Naidoo regard to Immorality and Salo accompanied those Gentlemen to that place and soon after Venadatty Naidoo took the Ramanatha Baubo

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Baubo gar and his elder brother Jaggannatha Baubo quarrelled: those two Gentlemen settled the dispute and investigated the circumstances of dividing the Estates &c. between the two sons, as stated by Collr. Factory in his report to the Board regarding their title to the Estate under the Will. The whole property was proposed to be made over in favor of Jaggannatha Baubo and as Ramanatha Baubo then appeared to have no one to depend upon, a Military guard was ordered to protect and convey things secured. Several things in the presence of Gentlemen and transacted business. Sometimes we there in a most flourishing state and smiling such things at that time. how is it now that I should be myself accused of having applied for a bribe on such a trivial affair as the one in which I am said to have written a letter for a bribe. The way this accusation has been created is most surprising above all I am that in enquiring Factory into consideration this false accusation which Ramatha Baubo privately made against me I was never thought to Zillah.

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Mr Stokes recommended him to a monthly allowance, but Ramantha Bauboo's uncle Atchamah having presented Argee Mr Stokes did not think it right to give him money an advance without the Board's specific authority for so doing; Mr Lockhart made also a reference to the Board on the subject but never thought it right to give this man an advance. However Ramanthe Bauboo has been so far wrought away as to believe some of his ill advisers that on they would recommend his case favourably to the Gentleman, so that he on an allowance, and that on recompense for that he should comply with such false and fraudulent circumstances into which he has been led by those who behaved in such a way as to cause Ramantha Bauboo to call twice to his house and make other consultation with him and instigated him to comply. It could not have proceeded from Ramantha Bauboo himself. If this circumstance be true, and if the complaint is thought to be such as first originated from him, why did he not present it to Mr Stokes, and subsequently to Mr Lockhart when he visited us

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several times since the date of this forged document, who has remained in this town long before the Commissioner and your arrival at this place, and since the habit of seeing or visiting many Gentlemen. Not having done so before after so many opportunities, and never until now having thought it proper to speak about it, it must be evident to every reflecting mind, that this is a most fraudulent and false affair.

Q. Look at the document No 2 marked B is the signature thereon yours? Have you any thing to say regarding this document No 2, beyond what you stated above regarding the document marked A?

A. The initials at the bottom of this document, in lieu of a signature, appears to have been forged by some body, so as to resemble the initials of my name, but I never affixed these initials. On perusing the contents of these documents, I find it stated therein that in reference to what is said about my having asked for a bribe to be sent, it had however been made to appear that I had acknowledged the receipt of the 8000 Pagodas asked for.

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It is a letter in lieu of a Receipt, and appears to have been forged to suit the convenience of certain evil disposed people. The person who forged the document No 1 on which it is stated that I asked for a bribe, must have forged the letter also a receipt; therefore this paper also should be considered in such a suspicious light as the document No 1. If it be true that this bribe was given, could any one in the universe believe that any body would give a receipt in acknowledgement of a bribe. These forged documents are the only things by which a most unjust affair is made to be apparent viz: that of a written application for a bribe, and of a receipt having been afterwards granted for the same, but there is no other instance of such a thing having been done in a similar way; therefore I am of opinion that the person who forged the document No 1 which some how or other got into your profession must have forged this No 2 document also in the same illegal manner, and given it on the same course as the other to your honor. I never in my life, such letters. I do not know in whose hand writing

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the letter is, the date on this second forged document is five days later viz: the 5th April 1842, than the date on the forged document No 1. Ramanatha Pandoo is of such a disposition that he wont pay his creditors for any length of time, and how is it possible that he could be considered as having sent such a pound sum in Rupees, as specified in this forged document. No person will believe this word. The circumstances stated by me as to the first document No 1 being forged are also applicable to this latter document. Your honor must naturally suppose that the initials forged on these papers are the initials of my name, however, I am certain that there is not the least hesitation to any thinking person to say that there are people both in this town and in this Country, who can forge not only my name, but the full seal and signature of many men, and file such forged documents in the Courts also.

Q. Look at the Letter No 3 marked C. Is the signature hereon yours, have you any thing further to state about this paper than what you have already declared regarding the papers No 1 and 2 marked respectively A and B.

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A. This is another forged signature the initials having been put by some body to represent my name and to make it resemble the initials of my signature, but I never put these initials of my name to that paper. I do not know in whose hand writing this letter also is, but the hand writing of the document C. resembles that in the documents marked A and B. I did not have this written. There is no date and year in this paper as in the other two, but on perusing the contents of this letter paper, which goes to say, that when this Ramanatha Baubo came to Guntoor to take charge of his Taluk. Took some trouble with the then Collector, and that as he promised to recompence me by presenting me with a sum of 8000 Rupees I had written this letter to him to send me that sum, the document is a forged one. Should your honor be pleased to peruse the correspondence between the Collector and the Board as to this person being nominated to resume charge of the Estates, and to the permission granted, that he should be recognized as the proprietor thereof, it will be apparent,

apparent that during that time I was Head Sheristadar of the Zillah of Pajahmundry and that I had come to Guntoor out of employ only a short time before Ramanatha Baubo was placed in Management of the Estate. While this was the case I am certain that the Aspersion of my having taken much trouble, will, under the aforesaid circumstances, be easily considered by your honor altogether unfounded, and that there is not the least clue to place credit in such a vague affair. Being out of Employ at the time, I used to come as a Volunteer to the Collector's Cutcherry

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Cutcherry, the then Head Sheristadar, Head Moonshee and the rest were not present; for the then Collector Mr. Bruce could converse in Telogoo. and when Ramanatha Bauboo came to the Cutcherry to take charge of the Talook. I was a volunteer in the Cutcherry was called upon to explain such words as that Gentleman did not understand and to report in Telogoo to Ramanatha Bauboo, such sentences as the Gentleman happened to express in

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in English. This is all, I was not in employ at that time I did not take any trouble at that time on this man's account with the Gentleman. Ramanatha Bauboo could not have thought by what actually took place that I had taken trouble in the affair on his behalf, and besides who would think that I, who interpreted in your Telogoo words, the couple words which that Gentleman uttered in two minutes, could have thought to have been deserving of a promise of being paid such a large sum of 2000 Rupees. admitting he did so then what must your honor think of the rest Viz. as to what amount he must have had to give to the servants at the time of the correspondence about placing him in the management of the Estate. I never had occasion to allow any person to say when in or out of employ that I was in the habit of receiving a bribe. I am not a man of that disposition. Would any one in the whole universe believe that a man out of employ (who may have been addicted to receive bribes) would have such a large sum as 2000 Rupees given to him as a bribe. Mr. Goldingham wrote about me to the Board for nearly one or two years and they always expressed themselves favorably towards me,

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last passed nothing injurious to my character. They never said that I was in the habit of receiving bribes. Therefore from all the circumstances stated above, it must be apparent, that the circumstances alledged in this forged papers are totally false, and that the circumstances set forth by me about the aforesaid papers Nos 1 and 2 having been forged by somebody and by whose intrigue Ramanatha Bauboo has been under the necessity of having these presented to your honor are equally applicable to this [illegible] Letter also, having been forged by the same individual and that it was through that person's investigation alone, that he caused this forged document about the presented. During Mr. Welsh's management, the Board held proceedings about the reprehensible conduct of Ramanatha Bauboo. If I had really written that forged document No 3 why did not Ramanatha Bauboo mention this circumstance in the compliant preferred against me to Mr. Goldingham, at the time that Gentleman wrote to the Board, before Ramanatha Bauboo's estate was attached. Under all Circumstances it must become evident that this document also is a forged one. This is all I have to state at present.

Q. You stated this day in your defence

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the name of Lutchme Narasoo as having been connected with forging the three documents marked A B & C, can you prove that either he or any body else forged these documents, or forged thereon your signature which they bear?

A. When I come to know the name of the persons who committed the forgery I will then be able to prove it, but situated as I am without any witnesses who can depose to that point, how is it possible I can prove that?

(Signed) Negapatelly Jagajeeroo

Closed at half past four O'Clock in the Evening.

Taken before me this 14th day May 1845

(Signed) D. Welsh

Acting Collector

Further Examination on the 17th May 1845 Commenced at 11 O'Clock A.M.

Q. Look at the paper marked D, have you any thing to say regarding the circumstance stated therein about you?

A. I see the paper which you have now produced to me, it appears to have been made over to your Honor by Ramanatha Bauboo. On perusing the contents of this document I find that it is an Account shewing the expenditure of the proceeds of certain Gold Jewels Silver Plate &c. belonging to him sold on the 16th March 1842 to the Goomastah of a Soucar at Royapooram for Rs. 21,692. That

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8000 Rupees thereof was paid to me, that 1500 ca Rupees had been paid to three other servants, and that 192 Rupees had been paid as wages of his private servants. There are no other items therein, besides those particularized. It moreover appears to be a document fabricated for the purpose of upholding the charge preferred against me of his having given me bribes, there is nothing to prove that this is a valid or true account. The practice of any Zemindars "Sanniathanum" is, that when any money is realized either by the sale of Jewels or by any other means, the items are together with all manner of disbursements entered in a general Mahauarree Chitta account, but not kept in separate slips. If this is the case, how is it possible that one days' receipt of Cash as the one alluded to, should have been written on a slip of paper, and its expenditure underneath the balance due on "Blank," and all this on a paper quite distinct from the general account. If this were a true account, it would undoubtedly have been entered in the Account of all particulars in the Book, and if such a true account is produced, there is not the least doubt but this false account is excluded. Therefore this paper has been separately prepared and produced, and on perusing this document attentively, it goes to shew that the Gold jewels and silver ornaments had been sold by him for the purpose of giving the proceeds as bribes. If he actually gave a bribe, why would

would he have been under the necessity of selling those ornaments. The time he is said to have given the bribe is only about 2 months after the Talook had been attached, and when he is known to have embezzled and stored about one Lac of Rupees during the time he was managing the Vasereddy estate, as is fully apparent by Mr. Goldingham's report, and which circumstance the Board recognised and caused an investigation to be made by Mr. Stokes, before whom several circumstances attending the affair were clearly proved. While it is thus proved, that Ramanath Banboo had money at the time, he would, if he thought proper to give a bribe at the time, have given it out of that money, and besides if he had jewels to sell, he may have been induced to dispose of them when he was in want of funds before he got possession of the Talook, but not to have kept them then, and make it appear that he had effected a sale after the manner stated so much wealth. Therefore this paper is a forged one and must have been written regarding the Complaint alleged against me. When Naumbolum Venkatasawmy Naidoo preferred a suit in No. 30 of 1838 in the Provincial Court Northern Division against Ramanath Banboo he, Ramanath Banboo put a defence to the effect that the bonds said to have been executed by him had been merely written and given, but that he never received any money under them. The result was that by the decree passed in that suit, his defence was quashed as false and fraudulent, and the letter filed by Ramanath Banboo to the effect that Letter Carrier had written a letter to Ramanath Banboo to send back the bonds to him, proved to be clearly a

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forged document - Moreover when this Ramanatha Barboo presented an appeal in No 9 of 1844 against the decree in the aforesaid number, the Court of Judicature also quashed this man's assertions and confirmed the letter as a forged one. It was moreover recorded that Ramanatha Barboo appeared to be of such a disposition, that he intended to evade payment of his just debts, which by right he should have paid in a respectable mode, he appears to have made attempts to outdo such a person as the plaintiff in that suit, from whom he obtained great kindness, and whom he kept up a long time with promises and hopes of paying the sums due, his statement should therefore be cautiously received - It was stated in the decree that the Judges were surprised at this man's Conduct in having fabricated such an ungrounded, fraudulent and litigious defence - Therefore here are instances by which it may be easily considered, that Ramanatha Barboo is a person addicted to fabricate accounts. While he has managed to produce in Court documents bearing forged seals and signatures, how much is it for him to fabricate such simple accounts as the one in question -

2. Look at the document marked No 5 have you any thing to say about the circumstances therein stated relative to yourself? -

A. On inspecting this paper I find that it is made to appear that a book had been sent to you by Ramanatha Barboo from whence this paper was cut and

and Extracted - although the year is not mentioned in this paper, yet it is shown amongst sundry other expences of Ramanatha Barboo during the months of September and October, that 2000 Rupees had been given to Gunnagan Seetarampundaloo and 2000 Rupees to myself. He must have fabricated this in the way just to strengthen his assertion in the Complaint made to you about 2000 Rupees having been given to me during Mr Bruce's management - For the account under all circumstances does not appear to be a valid one - He brought and produced a book just to make your honor believe what he said was true - but it must be taken for granted that even that book is not sufficient proof - I stated above many instances regarding the alledged bribe, and by which I hope to be able to prove it to be a false Circumstances - including that of the Book, which appears to have been brought to prove such an improper item. Therefore under all the circumstances stated above by me in explanation of this man's behaviour and Capability even to file in the Courts, documents bearing forged seals and signatures, what would hinder him from doing such an easy business as to remove a Sheet of paper from a book and

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insert another in lieu thereof with items regarding bribes having been given to me or even to write the book throughout, according to the circumstance in which he may happen to be placed. Therefore I hope it will be considered that this account has been fabricated and produced merely on account of this false accusation of a bribe having been given to me, but that it is not a valid voucher. This man's book should not be countenanced with such confidence and in such a valid light as the Public Vouchers or books in possession of the Circar. I think it must be evident by what has been repeatedly alleged above as to this man having filed many false papers in the Courts, that no reliance should be placed in such documents as Ramanatha Baubo may produce.

Closed at 10 Clock P. No.

(Signed) Veyakeputty Seshagierow

Given before me this 17th May 1845.

(Signed) D. White

Acting Collector.

No. 24.

Enquetnamah issued to the Head Sheristadar Naputty Seshagherry row Puntulu dated the 28th March 1845. No. 150.—

You are requested to give replies immediately to the following questions.—

1. What is the extent of Maunium lands you have in this District?
2. Were the Inaums in question acquired by you since the year 1826?
3. When did you first hear of the order promulgated in 1826?
4. Whereas you were in the public service both at that time and subsequently since that period, how did it happen that you did not hear of this before?

(Signed) D. White

Acting Collector.

Guntoor Zillah
Collector's Cutcherry
28th March 1845

To The Acting Collector
in the Zillah of
Guntoor,

Arzee addressed by Naputty
Seshagherry row Guzzetter
Head Sheristadar.

I will write replies as follows to the questions asked in the Enquetnamah issued to me this day

In

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1st What is the extent of Inamum lands you have in this District

A. In 7 Villages the lands I have are 12 Cutchells 5 Veesums and 8 Peraks. 5. Cutchels of which were purchased in public auction by the Court, and the remainder from individuals. all these lands were purchased between August 1833. and July 1835.

2nd Were the Inamums in question acquired by you since the year 1826

By the above answer it will be observed that these lands were purchased subsequent to the year 1826.

3rd Before when Mr Stokes received a letter from the Board under Date the 29th May 1843. calling his attention to the instructions conveyed in Para 76 of their Proceedings dated 19th June 1826. the proceedings in question were sent for from the Records and seen But it does not appear that either instructions conveyed in para 73 of the said proceedings or any order subsequently received from the Board in that

case

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case were published in the Zillah or that a Register as directed in para 74 of those proceedings was ever kept in this Cutcherry therefore Mr Stokes caused it to be published, and in conformity thereto a Register is being prepared.

As the rules in question were not known, and as it did not ever happen for me to see that order before that time and as it appeared from the Regulation VII of 1832, that the servants on the Establishment of the Collector shall not purchase the lands only which may be put to auction by the Collector, the Inamums in question were purchased by me. Before 1826, and from that time up to 1835 I was Magistrate Manager. In July 1835 I went to Rajahmundry as Acting Head Sheristadar, on the 30th June of that year. I addressed an Arzee to the then Collector requesting him to institute due examination regarding the Enam lands purchased by me and grant Doombalahs whereupon he fined Hookums to the Ameens in whose jurisdiction those Villages are situated while I was in the Zillah of Rajahmundry the Ameens in question according to the said Hookums made investigation regarding the Inamums purchased by me, if I then knew the orders of the Board of 1826, I would before purchasing

each

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each Enam have addressed Arzees to the Collector as I did in regard to the Doombalahs and having obtained the Board's sanction & through his means purchased the Inamiums without thus obtaining sanction why should I purchase them? By the said Arzee itself presented by me it will be seen that I had publicly purchased these maniums.—

By the answers given to the 3d question the answer to this question is supplied.

28th March 1845

/Signed/ Naputty Sashagherry
Head Sheristadar

Enquetnamah issued to the Head Sheristadar N. Shashagherry Row Puntooloo dated 11th April 1845. No. 165.

From the Records it appears that a Circular dated the 2d October 1826 was issued regarding Enams, and that it was circulated to all the Ameens. While this was the case and it was published by Telugoo Circular in the month of October of the same year how was it that you contrary to the said order purchased lands in this Zillah you will inform me of the said circumstance by

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by return of Tappal.

/Signed/ D. White
Acting Collector

No. 4.

To The Acting Collector in the Zillah of Guntoor.—

Arzee addressed by Naputty Sashagherry Row Head Sheristadar.—

In the Enquetnamah No. 165. dated 11th Instant, as you have stated that it appears from the Records that in regard to Enams a circular dated 2d October 1826 was issued and that it was circulated to all the Ameens, and that I should inform you by the return of Tappal how I in opposition to the said order purchased lands in this district I beg to represent as follows.

From before 1826 upto 1835 I was Magistrate Manager afterwards Incert to Rajahmundry as Acting Head Sheristadar of that Zillah of the Inamiums purchased by me some were purchased in Auctions from the Court and others, from the Individuals. The purchasing thus took place between August 1833, and July 1835. I presented an Arzee to the then Collector on the 30th June 1835. requesting with reference to all those Maniums that investigation should be made regarding them and Doombalahs granted

granted and he accordingly issued orders to the Ameens in whose Jurisdiction the Villages in which I have Inamums are situate In conformity to the said orders the Ameens made investigation regarding the Inamums in question while I was at Rajahmundry - The said Arzee and the orders &c.a issued to the Ameens having been sent for by the Moonshee Department according to your order from the Records might have been perused by you - Also in the Arzee lately addressed by me in answer to the questions put to me in this case I have stated the said circumstances.

When M.r Stokes received the letter from the Board under date the 29.th May 1843, directing his attention to the circular order of 1826. that is para 76. of the proceedings of the Board Dated 19.th June of that year, the said proceedings were sent for from the Records and seen - when upon enquiry as it did not appear either that the rule laid down in para 73 prohibiting the servants from purchasing lands also by private bargain without attaining the Boards sanction or any order from the Bard in that case had been published in this Zillah or that a Register was kept in the Cutcherry as

directed

directed in para 74. proclamations and Circular orders were issued by M.r Stokes in order that those instructions might thence forward be duly carried into execution - Before that time I did not know of those Rules nor did it happen that I ever saw the said proceedings you will therefore observe that the circumstances of the order of 1826. were not known by me before 1843. and that it therefore happened that I purchased Inamums without attaining sanction of the Board this the Collector as directed in the said order.

By the Arzee presented by me to the then Collector on the 30.th June 1835. it will be manifest that the Inamums purchased by me were publicly purchased and you can also easily observe that I who addressed Arzee requesting investigation to be made and then grant Doombalahs would not have neglected to present an Arzee to the Collector requesting to obtain sanction of the Board when the Inamums in question were offered for sale, had I been acquainted with the circumstances of the order of 1826.

At the time when M.r Stokes caused proclamations &c.a to be prepared in 1843, enquiry was made but it did not

appear

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appear that circulars had gone to the Ameens regarding these rules in 1826. In the Enquetnamah which I have now been favored with it is stated that it appears from the Records that circulars were issued to all the Ameens in October of that year — If Circulars were thus issued at that time they would have been issued in the Revenue Department I was not only then a servant in the Magistrate Department but was also in the habit of doing duty in the intervals with the Assistant Magistrate therefore the circumstance of that circular was not understood by me. The Head Sheristadar who was in office in the year 1826 was in existance when I purchased the Inaums and when I addressed anzee in June 1835, Regarding the Inaums — after I went to Rajahmundry orders were prepared in the Sheristadar Department itself upon my Anzee regarding investigation — Even at that time none of the servants of that Department objected to my having purchased Inaums without obtaining Board's sanction nor does it appear that a Register was kept of the Inaums of the servants.

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Under all these circumstances you will observe that I was not acquainted with the order in question at that time, that consequently I did not obtain the Board's sanctions thro' the Collector at the time of my purchasing each of the Inaums and that I did not act contrary to that order knowing the rule in question.

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(Signed) Raghoty Sashagery Row
Head Sheristadar

(True Translation)
(Signed) D White
Acting Collector
Rajahmundry

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Rent of Ryotpoody in the Chabrole Taluk

	Land	Deduction for Current	Arrears	Total
Fusly 1253	5501. 2034-5-10	38-3-5.	2072-9-3	

See Statement prepared in the last year for the results of these years.

It will be seen from that Statement and the remarks annexed thereto that a proposal was received last year but not accepted Viz.t

for Fusly 1253 Rupees 3,200

1254 Rs 3,300

again 100 } 3401

This not having been accepted the last Fusly's Collections amounted to Rupees 2072 being less than the amount proposed for that year in Rupees 128-9-3. This year Ameen was instructed to endeavour to bring the Village under Cowl. The Ameen Sends now a proposal Viz.t.-

	Land Cultivated in Pulchits		For Fusly 1254 Rs	Amount of Cowl	Madras & Shroff fees	Total
Fusly 1253	29	18-3½	1255 "	2001	50	2051
Cultivated	28	12 8	1256 "	2801	30	2831
	18-11-11½			3401	30	3431
				8203	150	8353

Estimate

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Estimate of the present year according to the Surveyors Examination.-

Estimated amount of the Crops Share of the produce of Shaving Land 4-11 Mucktahs according to Canum Rupees 158-5-2 but according to the Pulchits given by the renters	401-6-10
Rents of the Islands in the Cristna river	820-1-8
Rudeyahs on Canum Rupees 361-3-1 but what can be collected is Rupees	563-6-0
Sales of grazing land and Wastes	134-2-0
	181-11-3
	2119-11-9

The Ameen states in his Report No 387 as follows.

The Mucktah rates which were established formerly when the land and prices were good exist now. The rates being high and the prices low, the Ryots have been impoverished, and have become unable to pay their Assessments at those rates. This has also encouraged the Ryots from cultivating their lands.

Of

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If the Villages should be brought under cent. it will be improved. I am directed by Mr Lockhart, read my endeavours for this but the Villagers would not consent to take the Village in pont. I have represented for the Villagers, and the present years Estimate has amounted to Rupees 319-4-9

The Villagers thereupon have been induced to give the above present proposal. No higher proposal can be had. If the present proposal should be accepted the Village will be improved.

The difference between the amount proposed and the Estimate is Rupees 68-14-9 but the Renters will incur the expense of Mofussolies to about Rupees 30. The remaining deficience of Rupees 38 and odd is of no consequence.

(signed) D. White.
Acting Collr

Fort St. George the 4th August 1845.

List of Papers in this Record.

1 Deposition of Appoor Cohat.
2 Do Vellicka Basheeer Lev.
3 Do Basheer of Chilkalapond.
4 & 5 Documents produced by the Basheer.
6 7 8 9 10 Witness to signature of Shankagherry Row
11 Examination of Kuzzoor Head Mud Lutgar Dorrow Sattanee.
12 Statement of Rented Villages.
13 Commissioners letter dated 2d May 1845
14 & 15 Documents produced by Ramanatha Baubo.
16 & 17 Documents produced by Do Do not translated as only one above is required to.
18 & 19. Witnesses to Signature of Shankagerry Row.
20 Ramanatha Baubas Deposition
21 Shankagherry Rows Deposition.
22 Orders to Shankagherry Row and his answers.
23 Pankhat for the Village of Perry

Ordered

Fort St. George 14th August 1815.

Ordered that the following letter be sent as prefly.

To the Actg Collector of Guntoor

(15-16)

To the Actg Collector of Guntoor—

Requesting him to state whether any of the instances of misconduct imputed to Thackeray Row in the report of which he was directed to take cognizance, are such as to render the subject of the charges against him under Regulation IX of 1812

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th ultimo submitting the result of your enquiries into the conduct of Thackeray Row Head Sheristadar of the Dindigul and recommending that he be dismissed and declared disqualified for serving the Government in any capacity in future.

2 In reply I am directed to inform you that before communication to you their final orders upon the report now acknowledged, the Board wish to be informed whether any of the instances of misconduct imputed to Thackeray Row in your report or which may separately have been brought to your notice are in your opinion such as to render the subject of the charges against him under Regulation IX 1812 such that he may on whose judgment he may be put upon his trial with a reasonable prospect of conviction. The Board desire that proceedings may be at once instituted against him

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him under that Regulation such cases as appear to be the strongest and most susceptible of proof not exceeding four or five being selected for investigation.

You will be so good as to acquaint the Board at an early date with the measures which you may propose to adopt in consequence of this communication.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George
14th August 1815.

/ Signed / T. Pycroft
Secretary.

Read the following letter & Statement

To
T. Pycroft Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

(17)

From the Acting Collr of Guntoor

Sir,

Para 1 In reply to your letter of the 31st Ultimo I have the honor to forward a Statement shewing at what places in this District the Salt available for exportation to Calcutta on private Trade is to be Shipped, and what is the Quantity in Store and ready for exportation at each place.

2. The necessity of a reference to the Accounts at Guntoor has prevented

prevented a reply to your letter by return of post as directed.

Guntoor Zillah
Coll.r's Circuit Cutcherry
Banpetta 7th Augt 1845.

/ Signed / D. White
Acting Coll.r

Statement shewing the Quantity of Salt for Exportation to Calcutta in the Guntoor District and the Ports at which the same may be exported.

	Names of Cottaums	Salt ready for Exportation to Calcutta		Ports for Exportation
1	China Ganjam	Bs. Mds. 2,32,629.	Ps.	Exportation from Ganjam
2	Peda Ganjam	95,160.	36	
3	Nizampatam	16,101.	36	Nizampatam
4	Pairly	22,797.	21	
	Total	3,66,689.	16.	

Banpetta
7th August 1845

/ Signed / D. White
Acting Coll.r

Statement

Statement shewing the Quantity of Salt in Store and ready at the Beach of Ennore for Exportation on private trade to Calcutta from 1st to 10th August 1845.

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Quantity of Salt permitted to be exported on private trade to Calcutta in 1845.	Quantity already exported for the year 1845.	Quantity remaining to be exported	Quantity actually in Store at the Depôt ready for exportation.	Remarks.
Maunds	Maunds	Maunds	Maunds	
Madras 18,259	19,668	16,591	11,580 70/80	No Application has been received since the date of last report. Quantity of Salt Shipped up to the date of last report Mds 11,795. The Bank "Dotty" in completion of the Application Shipped 4,873 Mds 19,668

Madras
11th August 1845

E. E. Jr. / Signed / J. A. Hudleston
Collector

Ordered

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Order on the two foregoing letter and Statement (Vide letter to Govt 18th Augt) } Ordered to be recorded.

From the Acting Collr of Guntoor } Read Statement showing

20 the Amount of Extra tent allowance drawn by the Collector, Acting Collector, and Head Assistant for July 1254.

Ordered that the following letter be sent in reply, and copy of the same be transmitted to the Civil Auditor.

To

21 To the Actg Collr of Guntoor } Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of the Statement of Extra tent allowance for July 1254 submitted by you under date 28th Ultimo, and to convey sanction for the amount drawn by the Collector, yourself and Subordinates for the number of days noted in the Margin.

	No of days
Mr W. Stokes Collector	5
Mr W. C. Lockhart Acting Collr	83
Mr D. White Do Do	28
Mr H. Newill Acting Head Assistant and Head Assistant	Do 220

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Fort St. George
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/ Signed / T. Pycroft

Read the following Statement

Statement

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Statement showing the quantity of paddy sold in the Talook of Nellore for the year 1844 at the undermentioned Prices, and the quantity remaining unsold on the 1st August 1845.

Prices	Quantity sold	Quantity remaining unsold	Remarks
Rupees 1 per Garce	7	8	
Do 1 Rupee 8 Annas	4	3	
Do 1 Rupee 4 Annas	1	2	
Do 1 Rupee	1	1	
Do 14 Annas	1	1	
Do 12 Annas	2	1	
Do 10 Annas	1	0	
Do 8 Annas	1	0	
Do 6 Annas	1	0	
Do 4 Annas	1	0	
Do 2 Annas	1	0	
Total	22	16	

Quantity of Paddy sold as per Statement: 22 Garces 88 Seers 2 Viss 0 Pals
" " remaining unsold: 16 " 83 " 1 " 0 "
" " sold in the Talook: 6 " 4 " 1 " 0 "
" " required for the Talook: 6 " 0 " 0 " 0 "
Surplus: 0 " 4 " 1 " 0 "

Signed / C. H. Bishop.
Collector

Ordered

&c.

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Order thereon—

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Ordered to be recorded.

Read again letters from the Collectors of Bellary and Cuddapah dated 20th June and 7th July, together with a report from the Collector of Malabar dated 7th June and entered in Consultation 7th Instant respectively.

Ordered that the above mentioned letters be submitted with the following address—

To The Chief Secretary to Government.

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To the Chief Secretary to Government &c.

In handing with reference to the 2nd Para. of the Date from the M. of Cons. dated 20th April last Letters from the Collrs of Bellary Cuddapah & Malabar furnishing explanation regarding the quantity & Value of Country &c. Paper used in Fasly 1253 in Several Departments of their Districts respectively—

Sir,

With reference to Para 2 of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date 29th April last, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request you will submit for the orders of the Most Noble the Governor in Council the accompanying letters from the Collectors of

From Bellary 2nd June in Cons.y 5th Aug.t 1845.

" Cuddapah 7th July in Cons.y ——— Bellary, Cuddapah

" Malabar 7th June in Cons.y ——— and Malabar, furnishing explanation regarding the quantity and value of Country &c.a Papers used in Fasly 1253 in the several Departments of their Districts respectively.

2. The annexed Statement Exhibits the actual consumption and cost

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cost of paper used Viz.t—

Districts	Paper	Cost.	China Paper	Cost	Country Paper	Cost	Total Cost.
	Rams D.S.		Rams D.S.		Rams D.S.		
Canara	254:55:7	1129	15 8	1322-62-½	2621 15 6	512. 5. 9½	224 6 8	397 6 5 10
	Rams.						
Malabar	30. 1½	153 3 8	214 6	37½	2232 10 1	1813- ½	292 7 9	2678 5 6
Cuddapah						3235. 6. 12	2343 " 10	
				For preparing District Sayer Accts		371 6 11	27 14 7 9	
Bellary							2571 " "	

3. It will be seen that the actual cost of the paper used in Fasly 1253 in the District of Malabar was Rupees 2678. and in Cuddapah Rupees 2714. In Bellary the cost of the paper used in the Huzzoor Cutcherry only is given, and is stated at Rupees 930. 5. 10 the expenditure of this article in the Talook Cutcherries is included under the head of Sadeer-waree, for which a consolidated allowance is granted to Tahsildars which they are never permitted to exceed, the particulars of the expenditure have not therefore been furnished but taking it at the sum of Rupees 1916 " " which is

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is the amount actually disbursed on that account with Cuddapah District the total cost would be Rs. 2874—

4. Referring to the increase in the expenditure of Portuguese paper in Canara above that in Malabar the Board observe on reference to the Sudents for Stationery of the two Districts that 1150 Quires of Kings Arm Paper were used in Malabar in the year 1844 whereas 16 Quires only of that description of paper were used in Canara; they therefore presume that English paper is to a certain extent used in Malabar instead of Portuguese.—

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Fort St. George
11th August 1845.

Signed J. Pycroft
Secretary

Read again letter from the Acting Collector of Cuddapah dated 4th and entered in Consultation 11th Instant.—

Ordered that the above mentioned letter and the previous Correspondence on the subject be submitted with the following address—

25

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation 28th April last I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward for the Orders of the

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Submitting a Correspondence regarding the Succession to the Office of Cuddapah Shroffship on the decease of Shashumah

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Decease of Shashumah late holder of certain Bhutwantee Enams stating that the right to succeed to these Enams is now contested by two parties and requesting to be informed whether the succession shall be left to be contested by the parties, and if so before what Authority—or, whether the Enam shall be held to have lapsed and shall be resumed on behalf of Government.

Rd 14—

The Most Noble the Governor in Council the accompanying Correspondence with the Acting Collector of Cudda-pah on the subject of the decease of one Shashunmah late holder of certain Bhut-wantee Enams Valued at 6 Pagodas 15-1-11½—

From 1st in Cons. 26th May 1845	
To ——— do. ——— 26th ——— do.	
From 6th in Cons. 30th June	
To ——— do. ——— do. ——— do.	
From 4th in Cons. 11th Augt.	

2. From this it will be seen that the Enams being five in number appear to have been in the possession of Veerumbuttoo husband of the deceased Shashun-mah who succeeded to the enjoyment of them on his death. Of four of the five Enams no summuds are forthcoming, the 5th which Veerumbuttoo seems to have acquired from a former Wife, is supported by a Puravanah. The right to succeed to these Enams is now contested by two parties, each of whom claims under a deed of gift said to have been executed by Shashunmah in his favor. Neither of the Claim-ants are however related by blood to Veerumbuttoo and neither therefore can have any title beyond that conferred by the alleged deed of Gift.

3. Grants of the description now referred to have hitherto usually been treated in Cuddapah as hereditary, tho it may be doubted whether they should have been regarded in that light and the Con-cession followed in that District in respect to the Suc-cession to them has been, Mr Cockrane states, for the Collector to renew them in the name of the legal heirs of the last incumbent, except in the case of a disputed succession which has usually been

Note
Bhutwartee Enam
Enam in lands given originally for some charitable or religious purpose and enjoyed free of rent or service, chiefly of Brahmins, such Enams when in the possession of Mahomedans are termed Khirate.
Glossary of Revenue Terms used in the District of Cuddapah.

been decided by the local Courts. Bhutwartee Enams being "Grants of land revenue conferred as Charitable allowances" have always been considered by the Board as falling within the Classes specified in Sec: II Regulation IV 1831. they presume that these Enams are also among those referred to in Extract Minutes of Consultation 25th April last and as such as being excepted from the jurisdiction of the Civil Courts. The Board therefore beg to be informed whether it be the pleasure of Government that the succession to the Bhutwartee Enams at present referred to shall be left to be contested by the two parties now claiming it and if so before what Authority, or whether under all the circumstances of the case the Enam shall be held to have lapsed and shall be resumed on behalf of Government.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
14th August 1845.

Signed J. Pycroft
Secretary.

From the Fy. Collector of Cuddapah. Read Abstract Statement shewing the Number of persons charged with Offences under Regulation IX of 1839 for the half year Ending 30th June last.

(26)

Order thereon. Ordered to lie over until the receipt of the returns from other districts when an Abstract of the whole will be prepared and submitted for the orders of Government.

(26-27)

Proceeding

8th April in Law
9th June 1845.

Read the following letter from the Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George in Kurnool containing his report on the management of the Extra sources of Revenue in that district for Fusly 1253. A.D. 1843-44.

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Proceedings thereon. Para 1

Relative to the management of the Extra sources of Revenue in the District of Kurnool for Fusly 1253. A.D. 1843-44

(Here enter No 7.)

The subjoined comparative abstract statement exhibits the items from which the Extra revenue are derived in this district in Fusly 1253 A.D. 1843-44 and shews the result of the year under review compared with the preceding from which it will be seen that there was an increase in the demand in favour of Fusly 1253 amounting to Rupees 4907-3-6

	Fusly 1252	Fusly 1253	Increase	Decrease
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Sayer		1186510	1186510	
Abkarry	70380	97010	26630	
Sundry Small farms & Licenses	37134	37532	398	
Motirpha	419401	1542538	59783	
Stamps	48611	143012	9441	
Total	1165214	1565987	1140773	

Sayer 2

The Revenue derived under this head amounted to Rupees 1186 5-10 of which Rupees 520 was the proportion levied from the Ryots of the several items noted in the margin

Swing

Retail Tobacco Ganja Goodak Opium

margin during the period of three months that they continued in the hands of the renters. Vizt. from 1st January 1844 (when they were put up to public auction under the orders of the Board of Revenue) till the 1st April following the date of their abolition under the provision of act VI of 1844. of the above sum the whole was collected with the exception of Rupees 195-6-8 of this Rupees 62-1-4 is represented as probably recoverable but the remainder 133-5-4 is due by the renter of the Sirnal Taluk who is stated to have failed to give security and whose rent was subsequently taken under aumany in consequence of his falling in arrears. This amount the agent recommends to be struck off the accounts the renter not being possessed of any property to make the balance good and in consideration of all the circumstances stated the Board are of opinion that it should be remitted and they accordingly beg that the necessary sanction may be granted by Government for that purpose.

3 In addition to the Amount from the rent of the above articles the Aumany Collection of Sayer dues in the Runganpully Jaghire in excess of the commutation granted to the Jaghiredar was Rupees 2270-9-0 and a further sum of Rupees 5075 was collected at the several chowkies established on the frontier of the Nizam's Dominions under the orders of Government noted in the margin

from

Rl. 7000 Con. 2nd Nov. Claus 23d Roll in Con. 9th Dec. 1844.

Con. 2nd Nov. Claus 16th September in Cons. 12th Aug. 1843

Rentled Sayer 4520
Runganpully 2270
Chowkies 5075
11865

from the 1st December 1843 thus raising the total Sayer revenue as above stated to Rupees 11865.

4. The Gross Collections including Current Exctra and arrears amounted during the year under review to Rupees 12014-2-6 and the charges incurred for the same period were Rupees 1536-5-10 leaving a nett Revenue of Rupees 10,477-12-8 credited to Government under the Head of Sayer.

Abkarry

5. The abkarry rents for the Fusly under consideration amounted to the large sum of Rupees 97,010 being in excess of the rents of Fusly 0-Dr. 12-5-2 53-97,010 Excess-26,630 or 37¾ per Cent. 1842-43 by no less than Rupees 26,630. The Commissioner attributes this result to two causes Vizt. the handsome profits realized by the renters in the previous year, and the cheapness of food, which enabled the people to indulge in the use of spirits to which he observes that they are particularly addicted.

6. It would appear however that the Offers for the abkarry rent were excessive, and that in consequence considerable difficulty occurred on the part of the renters in liquidating the demand against them. of the total demand Rupees 86,243-5-4 were collected within the year leaving a balance of Rupees 10,766-10-8 unadjusted at its close, out of which the Kurnool Renter was in default to the extent

extent of Rupees 5,500 but having subsequently made good the greater proportion of this sum the Commissioner states that he was induced to extend the period for the payment of the balance Viz.t Rupees 2,000 till the end of Fusly 1254 A.D. 1844-45 on his furnishing good and sufficient security for the amount. The Board observe with reference to this case that previous to granting the indulgence of a protracted period for payment of arrears to the Kurnool renter the circumstances should have been submitted for their information and approval, they do not however, after the explanation furnished by Mr. Scott object to the consideration which he was induced to shew to the individual in question, but direct that in any future instances of a similar nature he will report the particulars, stating the course which he would recommend should be adopted, and await the result of their orders thereon before concluding any final arrangement. The further balance of Rupees 133-15-4 of current demand which was due by the renter of Chagulmurry Taluk was subsequently remitted under the orders of Government noted in the margin.

29th Nov.r 1844

7. The total Collections including Current, Extra, and arrears were Rupees 91,245-9-1 and which sum was also the nett Revenue derived from

from the source, there being no deductions to be made on account of Charges- the nett Revenue of the preceding year was Rupees 69,895-11-4 — shewing therefore an increase on Fusly 1253 A.D. 1843-44 to the extent of Rupees 21,349-13-9.

Sundry small Farms & Licenses 3/3

8. The Commissioner has omitted to explain or to specify in his report the several items comprised under this General head the demand for which was slightly in advance of that of the fusly preceding: the Gross Collections amounted to Rupees 4177-8-11 and were higher than those of 1253 1842-43 by Rupees 661-4-4, and which sums formed also the nett Revenue from the absence of any charges- of the balance outstanding at the close of the Fusly on account of current demand, which then amounted to Rupees 405-2-3, the Collection up to April last amounted to Rupees 389-14-4, thus shewing a small sum of Rupees 15-3-11 — remaining for future adjustment.

Demand
1252- 3713-14-11
53- 375-3-2-5
Employing 1253 3/3 — 29-4-5

Gross Collections
1252- 3516-4-7
53- 4177-8-11
Excess — 661-4-4

Multiplica-

9. In the demand under this head as well as in the nett Revenue the result of the year under report shews an increase compared with the preceding in the former to the extent of Rupees 597-8-3, and in the latter to Rupees 405-2-3 — at the close of the Fusly the balance of Current demand was Rupees 2943-10-6 which was reduced however by subsequent Collections up to the month

Demand
1252- 419-40-11-8
53- 42 838-3-8
Excess — 597-8-3

*Nett Revenue
1252- 40,351-1-1
53- 44-936-3-4
Excess — 4085-2-3

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extent of Rupees 5,500 but having subsequently made good the greater proportion of this sum the Commissioner states that he was induced to extend the period for the payment of the balance Viz.t Rupees 2,000 till the end of Fusly 1254 A.D. 1844-45 on his furnishing good and sufficient security for the amount. The Board observe with reference to this case that previous to granting the indulgence of a protracted period for payment of arrears to the Kurnool renter the circumstances should have been submitted for their information and approval, they do not however, after the explanation furnished by Mr. Scott object to the consideration which he was induced to show to the individual in question, but direct that in any future instances of a similar nature he will report the particulars, stating the course which he would recommend should be adopted, and await the result of their orders thereon before concluding any final arrangement. The further balance of Rupees 133-15-4 of current demand which was due by the renter of Nagulmurry Taluk was subsequently remitted under the orders of Government noted in the margin.

29th Nov. 1844

7. The total Collections including Current, Extra, and arrears were Rupees 9,245-9-1- and which sum was also the net Revenue derived

from

from the source, there being no deductions to be made on account of Charges- the net Revenue of the preceding year was Rupees 69,895-11-4 — shewing therefore an increase of Fusly 1253 A.D. 1843-44 to the extent of Rupees 2,134 9-13-9-

Sundry small Farms & Licenses 3 2

8. The Commissioner has omitted to explain or to specify in his report the several items comprised under this General head the demand for which was slightly in advance of that of the fusly preceding: the Gross Collections amounted to Rupees 4177 8-11 and were higher than those of 1252 1842-43 by Rupees 661-4-4, and which sums formed also the net Revenue from the absence of any Charges- Of the balance outstanding at the close of the Fusly on account of current demand, which then amounted to Rupees 405-2-3, the Collection up to April last amounted to Rupees 389-14-4, thus shewing a small sum of Rupees 15-3-11- remaining for future adjustment.

Demand
1252- 3713-14-
53- 375-3-2-5
Incl. in 1253 3 — 39-4-5

Gross Collections
1252-3516-4-7
53- 4177-8-11
Incl. in 3 — 661-4-4

Net Revenue
1252- 3516-4-7
53- 4177-8-11
Incl. in 3 — 661-4-4

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In the demand under this head as well as in the net Revenue the result of the year under report shews an increase compared with the preceding in the former to the extent of Rupees 597-8-3, and in the latter to Rupees 4085-2-3 — at the close of the fusly the balance of Current demand was Rupees 2,943-10-6 which was reduced however by subsequent Collections up to the month

Demand
1252-4119-40-11-5
53-4258-3-8
Incl. in 53 — 597-8-3

Net Revenue
1252- 4085-2-3
53- 4426-3-6
Incl. in 53 — 4085-2-3

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of February 1845 to Rupees 1088-3-5, portion of which it is stated will shortly be realized from parties absent upon Mercantile business. The remainder being due against persons deceas-ed, deserted, or reduced to poverty, the Board request that these items may be scrutinized, and the result communicated in the ensuing report for Fusly 1254 / A.D. 1844-45: with a view to such part as may be found irrecoverable being recommend-ed for remission.

Stamps Demand 1252-486-11-0 / 53-1430-12-0 / 944-1-0

10. The Revenue from this source shews an increase of Rupees 944-1-0 over the year previous, owing it would appear to the stamp re-gulation not having been in force in Kurnool in Fusly 1252 / A.D. 1842-43 the Collections made in that year having been confined to the Jaghirs of Bungan-pilly. After deducting charges the net Revenue was Rupees 1359-3-5 or Rupees 896-13-9 over the net Revenue of Fusly 1252 / A.D. 1842-43.

Statement A

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net Revenue 1252-462-5-8 / 53-1359-3-5 / Excess 896-13-9

From what has been stated above it will appear that under every item forming the Extra sources of Revenue during Fusly 1253 / A.D. 1843-44 there has been an increase as contrasted with the previous year. In the total demand the excess amounted to Rupees 4,077-3-6. and the Gross Collections exceeded those of Fusly 1252 / A.D. 1842-43 by Rupees 38,080-11-3 as shewn in the marginal statement. In the charges there was an

Total demand 1252-46,521-4-5 / 53-1845-98-7-11 / 4977-3-6

Gross Collections 1252-115,123-7-7 / 53-153,894-2-10 / Excess 38,080-11-3

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Charges 1252-24-5-4 / 53-1659-4-5 / 1883-9-1

Net Revenue 15,699-2-3 / 152,196-4-5 / 36497-2-2

an increase of 1583-9-1 almost the whole of which accrued under the head of Sayer- deducting the charges the net Revenue of Fusly 1253 / A.D. 1843-44 amounted to Rupees 152,196-4-5 which sum exceeded the net Revenue of 1252 / 1842-43 by Rupees 36,497-2-2.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Extract from the Board's Proceedings with the annexed Comparative Statement of the Collections Charges and net Revenue be submitted to Govern-ment and a transcript of the same be forward-ed to the Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George in Kurnool for his information and guidance.

Kurnool

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Kurnool Fusly 1253

		Fusly 1252	Fusly 1253	Increase	Decrease
	Demand	4,19,40 11 5	4,25,38 3 8	5,97 8 3	. . .
	Balance on the 12th July	5,33 6 6 8	2,94 3 10 6	. . .	2,39 2 12 2
	Current Collections	3,86,04 4 9	3,95,94 9 2	2,99 0 4 5	. . .
Motinpalu	Extra Ditto	21 1 10	211 6 5	190 4 7	. . .
	Arrears	4,225 9 6	5,130 2 9	904 9 3	. . .
	Total	40851 . 1	44,936 2 4	4085 2 3	. . .
	Charges				
Stamps	Demand	486 11 .	1,430 12 .	944 1 .	. . .
	Balance on the 12th July				
	Current Collections	486 11 .	1430 12 .	944 1 .	. . .
	Extra Ditto				
	Arrears				
	Total	486 11 .	1,430 12 .	944 1 .	. . .
	Charges	24 5 4	71 8 7	47 3 3	. . .

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Demand	15,521	4	2	1,42280	2	35,485 2
Balance on the 12 July	10,226	4	5	1,56598	11	40,974 3 6
Current Collection	105,795	4	3	1,43181	9	3,592 1 6
Extra Ditto	167	4	14	1,422	14	405 8 5 23 10 5
Arrears	9760	5	5	1,1118	4	3 135 14 10
Total	115,423	4	2	1,53804	2	10 38080 11 3
Charges	24	4	14	1607	14	5 1,583 9 1
	115,399	4	2	1,53796	2	10 38049 2 2

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Proceedings.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Chinglepat dated 29th July 1845 bringing to the notice of the Board the claim preferred by Mr. Branson Attorney of the Supreme Court of Madras for such portion of the Promissory Note for S. Rupees 25,000 deposited as security by Moortee Ummaul the late Abkarry Renter of the Chinglepat District, as may remain in his Hands after the demands of Government have been satisfied, representing his having been previously called upon by the Principal Sudder Ameen and the Civil Judge of Chinglepat to pay over to them the balance of such Promissary Note - and requesting instructions

Dated 11th Augt 1845

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instructions for his guidance

/ Here enter No. 15 /

Ordered that the letter above recorded and its enclosure be submitted for the orders of the Most Noble the Governor in Council

Read the following letters.

To

T. Pycroft Esquire
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

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From the Asst. Coll.r of Chingleput — 3

I have the honor to request sanction for the disbursement of Tuccavi or advances for cultivation in the current fusly. for which an Estimate was submitted by me on the 2d June last.

Chingleput District —
Coll.rs Cutcherry — —
Pullicherry 1st Augt. 1845 — } / Signed / E. Maltby
Asst. Collector

Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded.

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To

J. Lycroft Esqr.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

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From the Asst. of Chingleput

Transmits for Orders Extracts Proceedings upon the Petition of Mahomed Saheb and Ramasawmy Mudaliar praying for Commutation from the Farmers of Pondicherry Agree to make over for their Maintenance a Moiety of the Revenue of Villages belonging to Mahomed Saheb late Superior of Ordenhandum

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 28th April 1845 forwarding a Petition from Sameah Beebee widow of Mahomed Saheb late Superior of the Registered Jagheer Land of Ordenhandum and calling for a Report regarding his legitimate heirs.

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This Enquiry has not yet been brought to a close in consequence of Mahomed Saheb having died at Pondicherry and a Will stated to have been executed by him being still the subject of Judicial enquiry before the French authorities in this Will Mahomed Saheb states that he had divorced Sameah Beebee and set aside her and her daughter, making over his property to his Sister Rahemunbeebee in charge for his infant Son by a woman named Bullum This Bullum who is not now alive is stated by Rahemunbeebee to have been the Legal wife of Mahomed Saheb while the other party maintain that she was only his concubine, and it is proved by Witnesses

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admitted that he was daughter of a
Lascary girl with whom a marriage would
be at the least unusual.

3. It is unnecessary for me at this
stage of the proceedings to detail the circum-
stances which thus far tend to show that
Lancashire was not divorced and that
the Will is a forgery. The object of this address
is to lay before the Board the copy of a letter
from the Governor of Pondicherry to the Special
Agent at Cuddalore, in which his Excellency
states that one person a French subject is
about to be placed on his trial before the
Cour Royale as a party to the forging of the
Will but that as the parties interested in
the Will are British subjects and the landed
property of the deceased is situated within this
territory he will be prepared to make over the
entire case for trial before the English Courts
should the Government wish this course to be
adopted.

4. It will be observed at the same time
that his Excellency requests early intimation should
the Government desire the surrender of the accused
as the Commitment of the case for trial before the
Cour Royale cannot be long delayed and there
would be difficulty afterwards in removing the
accused from its Jurisdiction.

5. Although it has appeared to me proper
to report the proposal which His Excellency has
been pleased to make, I beg at the same time
to offer my opinion of its being undesirable to interrupt the
proceedings now in progress before the French tribunals
regarding the Will, which affects the house and personal
property of the deceased at Pondicherry as well as the
Zamindari of Cotumbacum in this District.

6. It appears to me that if the person now accused
of being a party to the fabrication of the Will was made
over to this Government the question regarding the com-
petency of our tribunals to take cognizance of an offence
committed by a foreign subject in a foreign territory would lead
to difficulty and that the Criminal process against him which
the preliminaries being completed would be more speedy and
convenient to the numerous witnesses inhabitants of Pondicherry
if continued before the French Courts than if the case by being
brought before our tribunals had to be recommenced de novo.

7. The property within this District affected by the
Will consists of the Village of Cotumbacum which was granted
to the family of the deceased for 3 lives two of which are expired.
The Rent of the Village amounts to Rupees 1[illegible] p. annum
to hold the Inquiries for the remaining life can it appears
to me be satisfactorily decided when the parties before the
French tribunals is concluded by obtaining the original
Will with authenticated copies of the proceedings and by
taking such further documents and evidences as the
parties may have to adduce in support of their respective
right to the parties would in this case be liable to such
Criminal proceedings as it might be considered
advisable to institute against them if it appeared
that they resorted to perjury or other fraudulent means to
deprive their antagonist of their right.

Chingleput District
Collectorate
Attorney 6th August 1845.

Signed E. Maltby
Acting Collr.

Enclosure

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Gouvernement des Etablissemens Français de l'Inde

Administration de la Justice.

A

Monsieur Le Collecteur

Par la lettre en date du 23 Juin dernier que vous avez fait l'honneur de m'adresser vous avez exprimé le desir d'avoir connaissance des resultats de l'information à laquelle les magistrats Français devaient se livrer relativement à l'existence et à la sincerité du Testament attribué à Mahomed Saker, décédé.

Cette information ne m'a été remise que le 31 Juillet dernier et j'ai cru ne devoir rien de mieux à faire que de vous en envoyer une copie complete, pour que vous l'appreciation des questions qui ont motivé les demandes de renseignemens contenues dans votre précédente lettre du 17 Mai dernier, les Magistrats anglais puissent avoir sous leurs yeux et dans leur entier les declarations de tous les temoins entendus.

Je joins à cette information copie du rapport des experts qui ont procédé à la verification des écritures, et qui ont constaté que ni le corps du Testament ni la signature n'étaient de la main de Mahomed Saker

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quant à l'original du Testament, il est impossible de le detacher dans ce moment, du Dossier, parceque il doit rester sous les yeux de la chambre d'accusation de Pondichery.

Je ne dois pas vous laisser ignorer qu'un individu, habitant des territoire Français paroit être dans le cas d'être poursuivi comme auteur ou complice de la fabrication et de l'usage de ce même testament, mais comme ce crime, quoique paraissant commis sur le territoire Français interesse aussi les propriétés anglaises comme tous les interêts habitant le territoire anglais, il y auroit à examiner la question de savoir à quelle juridiction la decision de cette affaire devoit appartenir.

Si le Gouvernement Anglais sur le vu des pièces ci-jointes, se décidoit à faire poursuivre, sur les faits dénoncés, contre les individus que semblent impliqués jusqu'à présent et s'il m'adressoit une demande à cet effet avant que l'affaire fut soumise à la chambre d'accusation de notre cour Royale il seroit possible qu'à cause de la connexité des poursuites

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poursuites, et de l'utilité de réunir les accusations et les accusés, l'extradition fut accordée, sans préjudice de nos droits de juridiction, soit pour cette même affaire, soit pour toutes les semblables qui pourraient se présenter.

Dans le but de laisser au gouvernement anglais toute latitude à cet égard, la présentation de cette même affaire à la Chambre d'accusation sera suspendue pendant quelques temps, mais je vous serai obligé de vouloir bien provoquer une détermination le plus promptement possible car si la cour Royale de Pondichery est mise dans le cas de juger cette affaire, il y aura peut être plus moyen de laisser aux tribunaux anglais la connaissance du crime et la punition des coupables.

Veuillez etc.

Le gouverneur des Etablissements français de l'Inde

Pondichery
29 Juillet 1845

(Signed) Rigot

(True Copy)

(Signed) R. D. Davis
Colt. in charge of the
Special Agents Department

(True Copy)

(Signed) C. Maltby
Asst Colr

Ordered

Fort St. George the 4th August 1845.

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Order thereon

(Recorded in Letters to Salem 5th August)

Circulation.

Ordered to be sent agreeably to

Read the following letter

To J. Pycroft Esqr.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

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From the Collr of Salem

Dated 5th December 1845

Sir,

With reference to Extract from the Proceedings of the Board dated 6th Ulto on copy to my letter of the 5th June last, I have to state that the Estimate towards the Repairs and Improvements of the Choultry was agreeable to a letter addressed to my predecessor by the Acting Secretary.

All the Sawyers abolished

It is very regrettable that a set stones to kept in the Salem Cutcherries as frequent complaints are made to the Police Authorities regarding the Bazar weights.

Salem Fyllah
Pondicherry
Coll. Cutcherry
3d July 1845.

(Signed) A. D. Lockhart
Collector.

Order thereon

Ordered to be brought forward at a future day

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To

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To

J. Dyroll Esqr.

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George.

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 21st May last, I have the honor to forward a list of Letters despatched from my Office to the Board from 1st January to 31st December 1844.

Salem Collrs Office
Collrs Cutcherry
4 July 1845.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Signed W. E. Lockhart
Collector.

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From the Collr of Salem

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A

List of letters forwarded to the Board from the Principal Collectors' Cutcherry of Salem from the beginning of the year 1844 to the 31st January 1845.

No.	year	Months	Date	Purport.
	1843	Decr	23d	Regarding the restoration of land for the support of a Chuttrum at Darem=poory..
"	"		26th	Regarding the Suspension of the acting Tahsildar of Ranjepoor..
"	"		28th	Requesting that part of the stationery indented for may be sent..
"	"		"	Forwarding a list of landed property of certain Ryot in the Ranjepoor Talook attached for assessment due..
"	"		29th	Regarding the sale of the Dindimmun=galum Mootah..
1	1844	Jany	3rd	Forwarding an Urzee from the Naib=Sheristadar with a Recommendation to appoint him Head Sheristadar at Madura..
2	"	"	4th	Forwarding the Original Proceedings held in the Case of Venkatadiah late Tahsil=dar of Ranjipoor Talook..
3	"	"	"	Acknowledging the receipt of a letter dated 18th ultimo forwarding a Petition from Venkat Row late Jawab-nauvis.. Submitting

No.	Year Months Date	Purport.
4	1844 Janry 4th	Submitting a draft of an answer proposed to be filed in O.S. No. 41 of 1843.-
5	" " 9th	Informing that he Reported in his letter of the 27th Ultimo on the subject of two Petitions Nos. 1752 and 1786 of 1843 and also forwarding one presented by Rajah Gowden the half share holder of the Dindimunagalum Mootah.-
6	" " 11th	Stating that he was furnished with a Copy of a decree passed in the Subordinate Court of Salem in O.S. No. 203 of 1841 only two days ago in which Mr. Fischer is plaintiff.-
7	" " 16th	Forwarding a Bill of Extra Charges in fusly 1251 for binding letters.-
8	" " "	Forwarding an Estimate for binding books for the year 1842.-
9	" " 23rd	Requesting the early sanction of the Board for the additional Establishment for the annual Settlement of the District.-
10	" " 29th	Informing that the American Cotton and Virginia Tobacco seed were distributed to the Ryots.-
11	" February 1st	Submitting an appeal Petition from Venkat Row late Head Jamabunnies in the Cutcherry.-

Submitting

No.	Year Months Date	Purport.
12	1844 Feby 5th	Submitting Copy of Mr. Gleig's reply on the subject of Decree No. 203 of 1841 as requested.-
13	" " "	Forwarding Copy of a letter from Mr. Gleig on the subject of the Chuttrum built by Arnachelliah at Dharumpoory.-
14	" " 6th	Acquainting that the Military Guard over a party of working Convicts at Dharumpoory could be dispensed with.-
15	" " 7th	Transmitting the Return of Persons Charged with Offences under Regulation IX of 1822 for the Months of October and November 1843.-
16	" " 10th	Forwarding an Original Arzee presented to him by Curnum Veeraswamy against Venkatasa suspended Tahsildar of Ranzipoor Talook.-
17	" " 12th	Acquainting that he was present when the Dindimungalum Mootah was sold by public Auction.-
18	" " 13th	On the subject of the appeal proposed to be filed against the decision of the Subordinate Judge in O.S. No. 203 of 1841.-
19	" " 22nd	Requesting that he may be furnished with a Copy of the order of the Board or Government on a letter from the Special Commissioner regarding the quit rent claimed by the Mootahdar of Salem.-

Forwarding

No.	year	Months	date	Purport.
20	1844	Febry.	29th	Forwarding an Advertisement for the sale of certain lands in the Ranzipoor Taloote.-
21	"	March	2nd	Forwarding a list of landed property belonging to certain Ryots in the Taloock of Salem attached on account of Arrears of Revenue.-
22	"	"	8th	Informing that the Civil Court of Salem has given an extension of six Weeks' time for filing the Appeal against the de=cision of the Subordinate Judge in O.S. No. 203 of 1841.-
23	"	"	"	Forwarding a plan furnished by the Curnum of Salem shewing the spots on which the Judicial Buildings are situated for which quit rent is claimed by the Sroostadar of Salem.-
24	"	"	"	Reporting that of the Heads of Villages in this District the greater part are unable to read or write their native language and where such disadvantage exists the Ryots and others prefer resorting to the Neighbouring Minor District Court to settle their Causes.-
25	"	"	9th	Submitting for the orders of the Board an Ap=peal Petition from Doorisharmah Curnum of Harahadahully in the Talook of Kistnegherry Submitting

No.	year	Months	date	Purport.
26	1844	March	15th	Submitting a Statement of lands applied for by inhabitants for Cultivating Coffee on the Sheruaroy Hills.-
27	"	"	22nd	Acknowledging the receipt of two boxes of Olive Plants from the Collector Sea Customs Madras.-
28	"	"	23d	Informing of the entertainment of the additional Gomashtahs for the present settlement of the District.-
"	"	April	1st	Forwarding lists No. 1 and 2 of the letters received from and sent to the Board of Revenue.-
29	"	"	6th	Informing that the Sayer Establish=ment has been abolished agreeably to the instructions contained in the Circular letter of the 28th Ultimo and also forwarding two estate=ments for the required Establish=ment.-
30	"	"	10th	Forwarding a Return of Persons Charged with Offences for December 1843.-
31	"	"	12th	Reporting on the Petition received from the Board presented by Mr. Gay a Coffee Planter on the Shevaroy Hills and also Submitting a list of his property.-
32	"	"	13th	Reporting on the Circumstances of the Petition of Annadawmien and Venketrozen Ryots of Lutchmanstanoodrum in the Salem Talook.-

Endorsements.-

No.	Year	Months	Date	Purport.
	1844	April	"	Endorsement on Petition No. 1743 of 1843.-
	"	"	"	Do. ------- Do. -- No. 1744 of 1843.-
33	"	"	15th	Forwarding the translation of the deposition forwarded to the Board with his letter dated 8th March.-
	"	"	16th	Endorsement on Petition No. 1747 of 1843 of Naddoo Govindoo.-
	"	"	"	Do. ------ Do. No. 1172 of 1844 of Subsahib son of Fakeer Mahomed.-
	"	"	"	Do. ------ Do. No. 1745 of 1843 of Marutpen son of Pundarella Pyat of Coroombary in the Tripatore Talook.-
34	"	"	19th	Acquainting that he is unable to furnish the report of the State of the Traffic with the Native State bordering on this District within four days as called for.-
35	"	"	23d	Reporting on a Petition No. 28 of 1844 received from the Board which contained a most heinous accusation against himself and a Jamadar Navies &c. Sashagherry Row.-
36	"	"	24th	Transmitting an Abstract Statement of the Imports and Exports from and into the Territory of His Highness the Rajah of Mysore the only native State bordering on the Salem District for three years shewing an average per Annum of Rupees 13490-8-8.-

Furnishing

No.	Year	Months	Date	Purport.
37	1844	April	"	Furnishing a list of the Frontier Chowkies with the strength of the Establishment proposed to be entertained at each.-
38	"	"	25th	Transmitting a Statement of Extra Tent allowance drawn by Mr. R. Irwin late Assistant Collector of this District.-
39	"	"	"	Forwarding a Return of Persons Charged with offences for the Month of January last.-
40	"	"	"	Transmitting the Statements of Extra Tent allowance drawn by the several officers of this Department during the fusly 1252.-
41	"	"	26th	Forwarding a Return of Persons Charged with Offences for the month of February last.-
44	"	"	29th	Submitting an application for leave of absence for W.A. Brett Esqr. the Sub Collector of this District for one month.-
42	"	"	30th	Stating that he afforded the required information in Para. 9 of his letter to the Board dated 23d Instant regarding the change required in the language in which Ryots are addressed from the Talooks.-
43	"	May	3rd	Transmitting an Advertisement for the sale of Abkarry.-

Forwarding

No.	Year Months Date	Purport.
	1844 April "	Endorsement on Petition No. 1743 of 1843.-
	" " "	Do. ------ Do. --- No. 1744 of 1843.-
33	" " 15th	Forwarding the translation of the deposition forwarded to the Board with his letter dated 8th March.-
	" " 16th	Endorsement on Petition No. 1747 of 1843 of Naddoo Govindoo.-
	" " "	Do. ------ Do. No. 1172 of 1844 of Subahib son of Fakeer Mahomed.-
	" " "	Do. ------ Do. No. 1745 of 1843 of Marupspen son of Pundarvella Ryot of Cooroombary in the Tripatore Talook.-
34	" " 19th	Acquainting that he is unable to furnish the Report of the State of the Traffic with the Native State bordering on this District within four Days as called for.-
35	" " 23d	Reporting on a Petition No. 28 of 1844 received from the Board which contained a most heinous accusation against himself and a Jamaab Navies &c. Sashagherry Row.-
36	" " 24th	Transmitting an abstract Statement of the Imports and Exports from and into the Territory of His Highness the Rajah of Mysore the only Native State bordering on the Salem District for three Years shewing an average per annum of Rupees 13490-8-8.-

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38	" " 25th	Transmitting a Statement of Extra Tent allowance drawn by Mr. P. Iron late Assistant Collector of this District.-
39	" " "	Forwarding a Return of Persons Charged with offences for the Month of January last.-
40	" " "	Transmitting the Statements of Extra Tent allowance drawn by the General officers of this Department during the July 1252.-
41	" " 26th	Forwarding a Return of Persons charged with Offences for the month of February last.-
41	" " 29th	Submitting an application for leave of absence for H. A. Brett Esqre. the Sub Collector of this District for one month.-
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Forwarding

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44	1844	May	4th	Forwarding copy of a letter dated 29th April 1844 from the Sub Collector of the District reporting his having suspended the Acting Tahsildar of Paramutty.-
45	"	"	7th	Requesting that two copies of the native almanac for the present year may be furnished.-
46	"	"	"	Requesting the Board's Sanction for Rupees 30= being the Amount of Cart hire which Conveyed two Packages of Olive Plants from Madras.-
47	"	"	16th	Submitting for Publication in the Board's Advertisement of the Sale of certain Lands.-
48	"	"	"	Requesting the Board's Sanction for the disbursement of Company's Rupees 5-4= being the half hire of a bandy which Conveyed two Chests containing 35,000 Stamp Rawanas.-
49	"	"	"	Reporting on a Petition presented by Venkatachery in the Talook of Hastinapuram.-
50	"	"	11th	Stating that no remission was solicited for Mr. Fischer for the land which he obtained from the former occupant Vellay Gownden.-
"	"	"	15th	Reporting of his having made over charge of the Salem Treasury to Mr. Gleig.-

Reporting

No.	Year	Month	Date	Purport
51	1844	May	15th	Reporting that Mr. Gleig resumed charge of this District.-
52	"	"	20th	Stating for the information of the Board the Change made in the Native Correspondence of the Office.-
53	"	"	21	Requesting to inform him as to the disposal of the fines levied in excess on certain parties.-
54	"	"	24th	Transmitting an English Translation of the Advertisement called for in the Board's Proceedings dated 16th Instant.-
55	"	"	25th	Forwarding a statement of Service of Govindoo Row late Tahsildar of Ossoor.-
56	"	"	29th	Transmitting Copy of an Extract from the Proceedings of the Session Court of Salem requesting that Sanction may be obtained for refunding the Sum of 60 Rupees therein mentioned.-
57	"	June	4th	Forwarding the Translation of a plaint entered in the Subordinate Court of Salem against Mr. Lockhart and his Head Jawab. Ramis Sathagherry Row relative to the Sale of Dindemungalum Mootah.-
58	"	"	5th	Forwarding Copy of a Report from the Sub Collector regarding the Acting Tahsildar of Paramutty.-

Requesting

No.	Year	Month	Date	Purport.
59	1844	June	5th	Requesting to furnish him with a set of Regulations for his Office use.-
60	"	"	13th	Forwarding a letter and its enclosure from Raganaicoolloo Chetty at Madras and requesting to be informed whether the Government have sanctioned the individual in question to address Public authorities.-
61	"	"	"	Submitting for the information of the Board a Statement showing the offers made for the Rent of Abkarry.-
62	"	"	15th	Informing that no person was charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822 during last month.-
63	"	"	"	Reporting the death of Seenevassa Row a Zemindar in the Kistnagherry Talook.-
64	"	"	"	Forwarding Copy of Extract from the Proceedings of the Sessions Court dated 20th May 1844.-
65	"	"	18th	Informing that the Extract from the Proceedings of the Sessions Court was forwarded a second time by overnight in his letter dated 16th June 1844.-
66	"	"	25th	Acquainting that two Individuals Viz. Abdul Rufsool and Naradimma Naik were nominated as Super Ameens of Joojoonady and Vaspunpelly.-

Forwarding

No.	Year	Month	Date	Purport.
67	1844	June	24th	Forwarding a Complaint from the Ryots of the Amboor Mootah regarding the loss of their land from the great Western Road passing thro' their possession.-
68	"	"	26	Begging to know whether he is entitled to draw Extra Tent allowance for his having proceeded by Dawk for the Sale of the Abkarry at Darumpoory.-
69	"	July	1st	Forwarding three lists of landed property belonging to certain Ryots in the Talooks of Ahtoor Salem and Darumpoory attached on account of arrears of assessment.-
"	"	"	"	Submitting Lists of letters addressed to and received from the Board.-
70	"	"	3rd	Transmitting a Return of the Tahsildars in this District up to the 30th April 1844.-
71	"	"	4th	Transmitting Copy of a letter from the Sub Collector of Salem recommending that he may be allowed to draw Extra Tent allowance during Mr. Glegg's stay at Salem.-
72	"	"	"	Transmitting translation of Complaints presented by Mootoosawmy Gownder late Joint Proprietor of Dindumun-galum Mootah.-

Transmitting

No.	Year	Month	Date	Purport.
73	1844	July	9th	Transmitting Copy of an Extract from the Retrenchment of the Civil Auditor &c together with a statement thereof Amounting to Rupees 667—14— for Sanction of Government.—
74	"	"	15th	Soliciting the early instructions of the Board for filing his answer in Court Regarding the Dindigungalum Mootah.—
75	"	"	18	Informing that no persons were Charged with offences under Regulations IX of 1822 in the month of April last.—
76	"	"	22nd	Forwarding a Memorandum of Revenues returned by the Renters of Betel and Tobacco.—
77	"	"	"	Forwarding a Complaint received from Nullatumby Moodelly, the Sale of whose ground for arrears of Revenue was sanctioned by the Board in their Proceedings under date the 4th March 1844.—
78	"	"	24th	Requesting the Sanction of the Board for granting a Spot of ground to a Female, Ranganaik, in lieu of the grain land which was Covered by water owing to the enlargement of a Tank.—
79	"	"	27th	Forwarding Copies of two Decrees passed in the Subordinate Court of Salem in favour of Government.—

Informing

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81	"	August	1st	Forwarding Copy of an Urzee received from the Government Vakeel regarding the Case entered by Mr. Fischer against the Principal Collector.—
82	"	"	"	Requesting the Board for obtaining the Sanction of Government for drawing the allowances specified in the pay and audit Regulations for the purpose of paying the individual who keeps the accounts of the Military Pensioners.—
83	"	"	6th	Reporting that the Subordinate Court of Salem has extended the period for receiving answer to the plaint of the late Dindigungalum Mootadar.—
84	"	"	9th	Forwarding a Notice regarding the Sale of certain lands for Publication in the Boards' Office.—
"	"		2nd	Endorsement on Petition No 644 of 1844 presented to the Board by certain Inhabitants of the Paramutty Talook.—
"	"			Reporting by an endorsement that the Petitioner produced two Sunnuds of the Hyderabad Government of 190 and 120 years old — one granting to his grand father one fifth of the Revenues of Baramahl and the other granted two Villages as Doombal Enam.—

Submitting

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Submitting

Purport.

No. Year Month Date

85 1844 Augt. 7th Submitting for publication in the Board's office three Advertisements for the sale of certain Revenue Defaulters' lands in the Talooks of Salem, Ahtoor and Daramapoory.-

86 " " 9th Forwarding a Statement shewing the number of Onam Villages in which the Moturpha and Loom Taxes are Collected either by the Sircar or Enamdars and reporting the nature of the Lunnuds held by them.-

87 " " 20th Acqueainting that he was furnished by the Commissary of Ordnance at Bangalore with a set of the Standard Weights and Measures.-

88 " " " Requesting to inform him of the particular Description of waste land intended to be granted for the support of the Choultries built for Travellers in this District.-

89 " " " Forwarding a draft of an answer proposed to be filed in O.S. No. 74 of 1844 dated 7th August 1844 in which the late proprietor of Dindigungalum Mootah is the Plaintiff.-

90 " " 22nd Acknowledging the Receipt of the Regulation and accounts agreeably to the list which accompanied the Boards Proceedings of the 18th ultimo.- Suggesting

Purport.

No. Year Month Date

91 1844 Augt. 22d Suggesting some alteration to be introduced in the Hookumnamah regarding the appropriation of lands for grazing.-

92 " " 25th Forwarding an Estimate for bindinges books for the year 1843.-

93 " " 30 Transmitting an Advertisement for the sale of Estates at present under attachment for arrears of Revenue on account of Fusly 1253.-

94 " " " Requesting sanction of the Board for the Repayment of the Fine 200 Rupees imposed on the Salt Merchants and enclosing Copy of the Correspondence with the Joint Magistrate.-

95 " Septr. 2nd Submitting for Publication in the Boards Office an Advertisement for the sale of certain Defaulters' lands in the Salem Talook.-

96 " " 4th Soliciting the Boards' instructions after reporting the circumstances of six bandies of Salt which arrived at Ossoor covered by a Pawanna No. 180.-

97 " " " Requesting the Boards sanction for Rupees 16 being the hire of Cart that conveyed Nutmeg & ca plants from Trichinopoly to Salem.- Submitting

9957 Fort St. George 14th August 1845.

No.	year	month	date	Purport
98	1844	Septr.	4th	Submitting Copy of a Decree passed by the Subordinate Court of Salem in O.S. No. 280 of 1842 and an Appeal plaint proposed to be filed in the Civil Court of Salem against it.-
99	"	"	7th	Reporting on the general State of Weavers within this District.-
100	"	"	10th	Requesting to bring to the recollection of the Board the case of the suspended Tahsildar of Ranjeepoor which still remains undecided.-
101	"	"	11th	Soliciting the Board's Sanction for the Repayment of Rupees 11—8— being the amount Collected from a Ryot in excess on the Jawajee Hills.-
102	"	"	12th	Transmitting a Plan of the Ruzzoor Cutcherry at Salem.-
103	"	"	"	Forwarding Copy of Correspondence received from the Sub Collector regarding the relinquishment of the Moturpha Taxes by the Proceedings of the Board dated 2nd March 1812.-
104	"	"	18th	Enclosing Copy of Correspondence for the information and orders of the Board on the subject of a lace cloth belonging to Appajee Chetty a merchant of Ossoor.-

With

9958 Fort St. George 14th August 1845.

No.	year	month	date	Purport
"	1844	Septr.	26th	With reference to the Petition of Lama Lyah No. 865 of 1844 forwarding Copy of the Diary of the Joint Magistrate of Salem dated 29th February 1844.-
105	"	"	27th	Forwarding Copy of a letter addressed to the Board by the late acting Principal Collector respecting Mr. Gay a Coffee planter on the Sherwaroy Hills claiming exemption from Assessment.-
106	"	"	30th	Stating the cause under which his report on the progress of the Mauritius Sugar Cane was delayed.-
107	"	"	29th	Submitting a Report on the Extra Sources of Revenue of the District for Fusly 1253.-
108	"	October	1st	Reporting that in Consequence of most of the Nutmeg Tree plants formerly received and distributed to parties holding lands on the Sherwaroy Hills having failed he placed the present supply in the garden at Darumpoory.-
109	"	"	3rd	Submitting for Publication on the Boards' office a fresh advertisement for the Sale of certain Defaulters' lands in the Salem Taloot.-
110	"	"	"	Reporting on an appeal Petition No. 1805 of 1843 from Narrain Row late Sayer Ameen of Ossoor.-

Requesting

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100	"	"	10th	Requesting to bring to the recollection of the Board the case of the suspended Tahsildar of Ranzipoor which still remains undecided.-
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Regarding

Purport.

No.	Year	Month	Date	
111	1844	Octr.	7th	Requesting to be furnished with a Copy of the Tables of Valuation in use for the Europe Articles at the Custom House to prevent inconvenience in the Frontier Chowkies.-
112	"	"	8th	Requesting the Boards' instructions how to afford assistance to other Collectors in checking the Smuggling of Salt in their Departments.-
113	"	"	18th	Forwarding Copy of a letter from the Acting Subordinate Judge of Salem and requesting sanction for the Repayment of the amount of Rupees 200 therein mentioned.-
114	"	"	"	Forwarding Copy of an Extract from the Proceedings of the Sessions Court and requesting the Sanction of the Board for repaying the fines levied on the parties and Carried to account.-
115	"	"	21st	Reporting the Progress which the cultivation of the Mauritius sugar Cane had made in this District.-
116	"	"	24th	Stating that Prior to the Receipt of the Boards' proceedings Dated 1st August last for cancelling the sale of certain Defaulters' lands the lands of the two Individuals therein mentioned were purchased by others for Rupees 45-8 and Carried to account and soliciting the sanction of the Board to refund the said amount.-

Bringing

Purport.

No.	Year	Month	Date	
117	1844	October	25th	Bringing to the notice of the Board that the Tahsildar of Namcul has erroneously collected Rupees 4-4-3 from a Ryot by name Pedda Reddy in Fusly 1254 and requesting sanction for refunding the same to the said Individual.-
"	"	"	"	Forwarding a Return of Persons Charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822 for the month of August last.-
118	"	"	26th	Reporting with reference to the Boards' order dated 22nd August 1844 the sale of certain defaulters lands in the taloocks of Salem Ahtoor and Durumpoory.-
119	"	"	"	Submitting the Statements of Charges not estimated for but actually incurred in Fusly 1253 and requesting to obtain the Boards sanction for Rupees 12922-8-6.-
120	"	"	31st	Requesting to be furnished with the usual number of the Printed Forms of Demand Collection and Balance Statement.-
121	"	"	"	Forwarding Copy of his letter to the Board dated 15th January 1843 together with its enclosures from the Sub Collector regarding Reductions Claimed by the Poojah Odair Hamlets.-
122	"	Nov.	1st	Reporting that none of the Defaulting Mootahdars' Estates was sold as the Proprietors paid up the Circar due.-
123	"	"	"	Bringing to the notice of the Board the Claim of the Aumaniollum Jagheer Village Curnum for a Commission or 2¼ per Cent upon the Collections of Loom Tax and requesting sanction for the same.-

Forwarding

Purport.

No.	year	Month	Date	
124	1844	Nov.r	1st	Forwarding the Return called for in the Secretary's letter dated 24th October.-
125	"	"	11th	Informing that he furnished the information of the general state and means of the weavers in this District in his letter dated 7th September last.-
126	"	"	"	Informing that he already forwarded the statement of Contingent Wks Charges for Fasly 1253.-
127	"	"	"	Transmitting an Indent for stationary.-
128	"	"	12th	Forwarding for Publication in the Revenue Board Office three advertisements for the Sale of certain Revenue Defaulters' lands in the Talooks of Paramutty, Raizepoor and Hirishnagherry.-
129	"	"	16th	Forwarding Copy of a Miscellaneous Petition presented to the Subordinate Court of Salem by Mootoosawmy Gounden Palany vala-gounden and Ramasawmy Gounden late proprietors of Dindimunga-lum Mootah and Plaintiffs vs. Ors. No. 74 of 1844.-
130	"	"	19th	Bringing to the notice of the Board the contradictory manner of granting Certificates to pass goods by the Collector of Sea Customs at Madras after they have passed the frontier and duties levied thereon.-

Bringing

Purport.

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131	1844	Nov.r	20th	Bringing to the Board's notice the construction of an anicut by a Ryot named Nunjoondiah prior to the receipt of the orders for the discontinuance hereafter of the grant of Dasabundum Enam.-
132	"	"	"	Requesting the Board's permission to pay the Mosque allowance due to Ayaut beg and Jynalee in the Triplicane Talook.-
133	"	"	22d	Forwarding the Return called for in the Secretary's letter dated 30th September last agreeably to the form received, and a Separate Statement of the Establishment requiring Sanction.-
134	"	"	23d	Forwarding a Return of Persons Charged with Offences under Regulation IX of 1822 for the month of September last.-

With

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With

Fort St. George 14th August 1845

No.	Year Month Date	Purport.
135	1844 Nov. 26th	With reference to the orders of the Board Dated 26th September for the sale of certain Defaulters lands in the Talook of Salem - forwarding a memorandum of the lands sold on the 18th November.-
136	" " "	Acknowledging the Receipt of the Printed Forms of Demand Collection and Balance Statement.-
137	" " 25th	Forwarding Jumabundy Report of Fusly 1253.-
138	" Dec. 2nd	Reporting that Timmuppah who obtained an endorsement of land for a Traveller's Chuttrum Con= =structed by him on the high road from Salem to Athoor has again applied to obtain for him a further extent of Acres 3 — 18 — 8 bearing an assessment of Rupees 5 — 11 — 5.-

Reporting

Fort St. George 14th August 1845.

No.	Year Month Date	Purport.
39	1844 Dec. 4th	Reporting on the 120 maunds of Steel belong= =ing to one Pootoomadyen and the Dif= =ference found in the quantity when ex= =amined with the Ravana and requesting the Boards instructions on the subject.-
"	" 5th	Transmitting a Statement of Charges re= =trenched by the Civil Auditor for Fusly 1252 and requesting to obtain the Special Sanction of Government for the Sum of Rupees 2,248 - 8 - 3 actually incurred.-
1	" " 9th	Requesting Special leave of absence for him for one month from the date of his quitting the District preparatory to his em= =barkation.-
1	" " 10th	Transmitting for the information of the Board Copies of two Decrees passed in the Subordinate Court of Salem in favour of Government.-
2	" " 10th	Transmitting translation of an Urzee from the late Dayer Writer - and re= =stating that this individual is actually employed in keeping the accounts of the Military Pensioners in the Dis= =trict without pay and requesting the Sanction of Government for Drawing the allowance recommended.-

Requesting

No.	year	month	Date	Purport.
143	1844	Dec.r	12th.	Requesting that the Original Deposition of Rajah Gounden forwarded to the Bo may be returned..
144	"	"	"	Requesting the Sanction of the Board f Registering the name of Bafsavumma the widow of Liddalingien for the allo granted for taking Care of the Mutt belonging to the Lingabalegaroo at Vaneembady.-
145	"	"	13th.	Requesting the Boards' orders relative t the long Suspension of the Ranjeepoo Tahsildar..
146	"	"	14th.	Transmitting a revised Indent in Du cate for Stationery.-
147	"	"	17th.	Acknowledging the receipt of Appoo R petition and stating that there is great objection to receiving English Petitions as the party presenting the rarely knows what is written.-
148	"	"	24th.	Forwarding Copy of a letter from the Sub Collector and requesting to obtain Sanction of the Board for the Sale of the land therein mentioned.-

(36- 37)

[Signed] W. E. Lockhart
Collecto

Order thereon- Ordered to be brought forward at a future day.-

Reco

Read the following Letter.

To
T. Pycroft. Esqr.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

(38)

From the Collr. of Salem - - Reporting on the Motur pha of the Salem District

Sir,

Para 1. 10 Hs. With reference to your Letter of the 4th ult. calling for a report upon the Motur pha of the District, exhibiting the principle on which it has been assessed and specifying whether it be uniform as regards the same class of persons rated to it, or whether it varies in different parts of the District, I have the honor to state that people exercising trades and professions are charged with Motur pha according to the System introduced by the Officers of the Carnatic under the Hindoo Government, as hereunder particularized.-

2. Washermen, Bantins, Ironsmiths, Carpenters &c. pay tax on their profession. People building houses on circar lands and carrying on trades pay tax on Houses. Those who keep bazars for grain, Cloth, Gold, Silver and copper coins and unwrought Metals are subject to tax in consequence of the protection they receive from the circar establishment from Robberies and other Violences. Those who keep no regular shop or Bazar, but carry on trade at their own Houses, as well as those who are not actual Puttah Ryots, but By Ryots carrying on cultivation under Puttah ryots

or

or Manieam land holders who pasture their cattle on the Circar waste lands, also pay tax.

3. On hired Bullocks, Oil Mills, Iron Foundry, Dyers Vats, on the different sorts of looms and on Individuals exercising various professions, such as Potters, Chucklers, &c. Moturpha tax is fixed, not uniformly but according to the circumstance of the people, and the extent of Trade carried on by them. This was formerly entered in the circar accounts under the denomination of Soornadoyem Collection, and was continued after the assumption of the Country until fusly 1230, when it was charged as Moturpha.

4. The above tax is collected in the Months of November, December and January by the Village Servants Viz.t Monigars, Curnums and Tandidy in the same manner as Land Revenue is collected.

5. The Charges on this account are similar to those on Land Revenue, the Sibbundy are allowed a certain per centage on the actual collection of each Village deducted from the total Amount. In the 4 Talooks in the Baramahl, Curnums are allowed 2¼ per cent. In Ossoor and Denkencotah Talooks, Monigars are receiving 1¾ and Curnums 2¼ per cent, but in the other 8 Talooks below the Ghaut, Curnums, and Monigars get no allowance on account of the Collection of loom tax. In the Janry Mootahs, Curnums are paid, on account of the Moturpha Collection, no allowance is granted on account of tax collected on carts.

Moturpha

6 Moturpha collection including Loom tax and tax on Carts for Fusly 1253 Amounted to Rupees 84,745-15-"

Deduct Sibbendy charges.

Monigars	609-7-9	
Curnums	1,594-12-7	
Tandals	24-"-"	2,228-4-4
		82,517-10-8

which on an average Amounts to Rupees 2-10-" per Cent on the above collections.

7. The Land Revenue collection for fusly 1253 is as follows Viz.t

On Aumany land	1298270-12-11
On Jaury Mootahs	468489-1-3
	17,66,759-14-2.

to this Amount the proportion of the Moturpha collection above shewn bears is Rupees 4-10-7 per Cent.

8. In the 8 Talooks below the Ghaut as well as in the 4 Talooks in Baramahl the Potters are exempted from any tax of this nature, but in Ossoor and Denkencottah Talooks tax is imposed on their pot making wheels called "Sackravary" which I find presses hard upon them, this as also the tax on 5 Manieams shewn in the Margen should I think be abolished, so that the Potters of Ossoor and Denkencottah may enjoy the privilege granted to those in other Talooks, and the Head Men of Casts be relieved from Vexatious impost.

Amount of the Land Revenue collection for Fusly 1253 is as follows Viz.t
On Aumany land 1298270-12-11
On Jaury Mootahs 468489-1-3
17,66,759-14-2.
Rupees 4-10-7 per Cent. 82,517-10-8
Monigars 609-7-9
Curnums 1,594-12-7
Tandals 24-"-" 2,228-4-4
Rupees 84,745-15-"
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Deduct Sibbendy charges.
Monigars 609-7-9
Curnums 1,594-12-7
Tandals 24-"-" 2,228-4-4
82,517-10-8
Rupees 2-10-" per Cent on the above collections.
Tax on Looms 5 Manieams 95-8-6
Tax on Carts 2-10-2½
1181-11-5½

9. Under the Carnatic Dynasty the

Head

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Head Men of Caste were vested with power to investigate and determine on every Complaint respecting their Caste with Authority to impose fines for any infringement of their rules as they thought proper, but after the assumption of the Country by Government, this power was taken away from them, and consequently they could in fairness be exempted from the tax imposed upon them on that account.

10.

I see no objection to the Collection of other items of imposts of Motumpha. The tax on Carts is no burden to the People, on the contrary they have freely come forward to pay it under the conditions that the roads, Bridges and Avenues of trees should be kept in order, and new roads constructed for their benefit. owing to the improved state of the roads in this District, the number of Carts of tradesmen is greatly increased, although of late years the funds have not been appropriated according to the specific conditions entered into but the Board's recent instructions in this respect will be

productive

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productive of great advantage to the District.

11. The Statements called for prepared agreeably to the form furnished with your letter under acknowledgement are herewith forwarded.

Salem Zillah -
Muddicany -
Collector's Cutcherry
4th August 1845.

/Signed/ W. E. Lockhart
Collector

Statement

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Fort St. George

No. 1

Statement shewing the Motupha Revenue of Fusly 1252 and 1253 in the Zillah of Salem.

14th August 1845.

Items		Number of Pyots paying Motupha	Rates	Highest	Lowest	Bariz of Fusly 1252	Bariz of Fusly 1253	Increase	Decrease	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rupees	Rs. a p	Rs. a p	Rs. a p	Rs. a p	Rs. a p	Rs. a p	Rs. a p	
	Cloth Shops	243	" " "	13 9 1	" 8 "	1188 12 9	1142 15 3	" " "	45 13 6	
	Shop for retail of grain salt & sundries	2,979	" " "	19 " "	" 4 "	6209 15 8	6,175 2 7	" " "	34 13 1	
	Shroff's shops	106	" " "	12 " "	" 8 "	349 8 5	356 2 5	6 10 "	" " "	
	Oil shops	47	" " "	3 " "	" 2 "	53 9 10	51 2 8	" " "	2 7 2	
	Oil Mills	429	" " "	21 14 "	" 12 "	1222 5 5	1140 7 7	" " "	81 13 10	
	Ghee Merchants	177	" " "	12 " "	" 8 "	283 15 8	290 11 8	6 12 "	" " "	
	On Bags	2,049	" " "	3 8 "	" 2 "	1998 11 1	2,025 1 3	26 6 2	" " "	
	On Bullocks	272	" " "	3 14 7	" 12 "	239 12 7	269 " 7	29 4 "	" " "	
	Oil Mongers	29	" " "	3 " "	" 4 "	13 8 "	30 3 8	16 11 8	" " "	
	On Baskets	70	" " "	" 14 3	" 2 9	16 1 3	36 14 5	20 13 2	" " "	
	Cloths sellers	409	" " "	20 " "	" 10 "	763 2 1	827 7 2	64 5 1	" " "	A Highest Serwah is fixed on those who traffic with distant Countries
	Sundry articles	632	" " "	4 12 "	" 2 5	423 3 7	492 10 8	69 7 1	" " "	
	Mills for preparing grains	8	" " "	1 8 "	" 8 "	1 8 "	6 " "	4 8 "	" " "	
Sundries		7450	" " "	" " "	" " "	12,764 2 4	12,843 15 11	244 13 2	164 15 7	Net Increase 79 - 13 - 7

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Sorts of Profession	Number of Ryots paying Notwithstg	Rates	Highest	Lowest	Barig of Fusly	Barig of Fusly	Increase	Decrease	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5		6			11
		Rupees	Rs a p	Rs a p					
Gold Smiths	1,235	" " "	4 8 "	" 4 "	1232	1253			
Iron Smiths	1,341	" " "	13 5 5	" 2 4	7	8	9	10	
Brass Smiths	731	" " "	11 14 1	" 4 "	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	
Chucklers	3272	" " "	3 14 7	" 2 1	1176 4 3	1170 14 11	" " "	5 5 4	
Stone Cutters	5	" " "	1 8 "	" 5 "	1722 " "	1742 10 4	20 10 4	" " "	
Paper Shops B	15	" " "	3 " "	" 2 "	818 5 8	817 10 8	" " "	" 11 "	
Barbers	1,879	" " "	6 " "	" 2 4	188 " 3	1926 7 11	37 13 8	" " "	
Washermen	2,405	" " "	12 " "	" 2 "	6 7 "	5 13 "	" " "	" 10 "	
Pot Makers wheels	128	" " "	7 2 "	" 8 "	48 " "	51 " "	3 " "	" " "	B This increase arises from 2 or 3 shops being held by a single person.
Iron Foundries	852	" " "	9 " "	" 4 "	1746 " 4	1749 10 6	3 10 2	" " "	
Indigo Pots C	57	" " "	6 12 "	" 2 "	3207 109	3216 9 7	8 14 10	" " "	
Tubs used for Sifting					201 5 5	210 2 11	8 13 6	" " "	
Gold and Silver filings D	10	" " "	5 4 9	" 1 3	1532 6 4	1362 7 6	" " "	169 14 10	C This increase arises from some of the weavers, whose names are entered in the number of weavers, who keep Indigo Pots.
Dyer	19	" " "	5 " "	" 10 "	381 11 "	390 3 6	8 8 6	" " "	
Tax on Bullocks	1057	" " "	2 8 "	" 4 "	160 10 3	155 5 6	" " "	5 4 9	D The increase observable between Columns 5 and 8 with reference to the No. of Persons shown in Column 3 has occurred in consequence of the rent of Tubs used for sifting Gold &c having been given to one of the ten persons for 100 Rupees on the Salem Talooks. Some of the other 9 Persons having more than one but on the other Talooks.
Indigo Makers	557	" " "	3 " "	" 4 "	36 9 6	34 9 6	" " "	2 " "	
Chunam Kilns	208	" " "	3 " "	" 4 "	892 7 10	902 1 10	9 10 "	" " "	
Red Colour Pots E	4	" " "	" 12 "	" 4 "	320 12 9	332 4 3	11 7 6	" " "	
Fishermen	41	" " "	1 10 3	" 4 "	170 3 4	167 9 4	" " "	2 9 "	
Salt Petre	243	" " "	3 12 "	" 9 6	49 12 "	67 12 "	18 " "	" " "	
Talliars					37 2 9	40 2 9	3 " "	" " "	
Hammermen	57	" " "	" 2 "	" 1 "	291 10 "	269 2 "	" " "	22 8 "	E This increase arises from some of the Weavers, whose names are entered in the Number of weavers, who keep red colour pots.
Cotton Skinners	10	" " "	" 8 "	" 4 "	39 7 6	40 2 6	" 11 "	" " "	
Toddy drawers	2	" " "	1 " "	" 8 "	32 8 "	28 8 "	" " "	4 " "	
			1 8 "	" 4 "	" 12 "	3 8 "	4 12 "	" " "	
	14,128	" " "	" " "	" 4 "	3 " "	3 " "	" " "	" " "	
					14763 11 11	14689 12 6	138 15 6	212 14 11	Net decrease 73. 15. 5.

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Items	Number of Ryots paying Moturpha	Rates	Highest	Lowest	Barize of Fusly 1252	Barize of Fusly 1253	Increase	Decrease	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	
Shaders	5,457	" " "	21 4 "	" " 4 "	4,388 7 6	5,908 9 8	1520 2 2	" " "	
Inhabitants	8,962	" " "	2 5 "	" " 4 "	6,719 10 6	6,459 10 8	" " "	259 15 10	
	14,419	" " "	" " "	" " "	11,108 2 "	12,368 4 4	1520 2 2	259 15 10	
Samiachar	668	" " "	4 8 "	" " 2 "	502 6 8	503 13 3	1 6 7	" " "	
Right hand manium	301	" " "	30 " "	" 4 2	378 11 2	378 11 2	" " "	" " "	
Left hand manium	50	" 6 "	2 11 "	" " 5 "	55 10 1	55 10 1	" " "	" " "	
Shepherd Ditto	2	" " "	" " "	" " "	" 9 "	" 9 "	" " "	" " "	
Coonchegar Ditto	15	" " "	3 8 "	" 4 5 "	12 13 "	12 13 "	" " "	" " "	
	1,036	" " "	" " "	" " "	950 1 11	951 8 6	1 6 7	" " "	
Total Moturpha	37,033	" " "	" " "	" " "	39,386 2 2	40,853 9 3	" " "	" " "	
Tax on Carts F	1,885	" " "	1 " "	" " "	2,105 " "	2,232 " "	127 " "	" " "	F This increase arises from 2 or more Carts being held
Total Moturpha & Carts	38,918	" " "	" " "	" " "	41,691 2 2	43,085 9 3	127 " "	" " "	by a single person
Fine cloth looms C	3,440	" " "	4 " "	" 2 "	15,397 " 6	16,242 6 7	845 6 1	" " "	C More Looms having been held by a single person
Coarse Do	7,953	" " "	3 " "	" " 8 "	24,872 3 10	22,357 10 10	485 7 "	" " "	causes this increase
	11,393	" " "	4 " "	" " 8 "	37,269 4 4	38,600 1 5	1,330 13 1	" " "	

Houses

Looms on Carts

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Fort St. George

14th August 1845.

Items	Number of Pyots praying Moturpha	Rates	Highest	Lowest	Barij of Fusly 1252	Barij of Fusly 1253	Increase	Decrease	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	
Loom Cont.d	Cumbly Looms	1474	" " "	2 2 "	" 6 "	2,070 15 8	2,040 13 4	" " "	30 2 4	
	Gunny D.o	541	" " "	2 4 4	" 8 "	734 6 7	714 3 9	" " "	20 2 10	
	Carpet D.o	23	" " "	5 " "	2 8 "	101 " "	88 8 "	" " "	12 8 "	
	Mats D.o	255	" " "	1 4 3	" 4 "	150 13 9	171 " 3	20 2 6	" " "	
	Purrus or Buturah D.o	55	" " "	1 " "	" 8 "	40 " "	45 11 "	5 11 "	" " "	
	Total loom	13741	" " "	" " "	" " "	40,366 8 4	44,660 5 9	" " "	" " "	
	Total Moturpha & loom	52650				82,057 10 6	84,745 15 "			
	Deduct									
Moturpha	Silbundy		" " "	" " "	" " "	1,467 14 6	1,513 14 7	" " "	" " "	
	Share of agrars		" " "	" " "	" " "	219 8 5	205 4 8	" " "	" " "	
			" " "	" " "	" " "	1,687 6 11	1,719 3 3	31 12 4	" " "	
Loom	Silbundy		" " "	" " "	" " "	690 6 11	714 5 9	" " "	" " "	
	Share of agrars		" " "	" " "	" " "	46 14 6	46 12 10	" " "	" " "	
			" " "	" " "	" " "	737 5 5	761 2 7	23 13 2	" " "	
	Total Silbundy		" " "	" " "	" " "	2,424 12 4	2,480 5 10	55 9 6	" " "	
Balance	Moturpha		" " "	" " "	" " "	40,003 11 3	41,366 6 "	1,362 10 9	" " "	
	Loom		" " "	" " "	" " "	39,629 2 11	40,899 3 2	1270 " 3	" " "	
	Total		" " "	" " "	" " "	79,632 14 2	82,265 9 2	2,632 11 "	" " "	

As the rates vary and are not of a uniform scale they are not shewn in Column 4th

Salem Zillah
Maddicarry
Collectors Cutcherry
7th August 1845.

E. E. H.P. / Signed / W. E. Lockhart
Collector
Moturpha

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No. 2.

Fort St. George

Moturpha

Items	Number of Villages	Summahbundy Bariz		Deduct Villages paying Moturpha Number	Amount	Remainder Number	Remarks.	Moturpha Remission to the Zemindars &c. in their permanent Bariz.
1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8
Circar	4,685	56,326	1 4	3,392	56,326	1,293	In the Villages there is no Moturpha	10,452 4 6
Zemindary	1,404	26,206	4 9	997	26,206	407		
Share of Aggrahrums	184	1,016	4 10	126	1,016	58		
Jodigy Aggrahrums	56	341	6 9	27	341	29		
Sarvamaniems	139	483	12 4	19	483	120	Of these 120 Villages there is no Moturpha in 93. in 6 it was enjoyed by the Emamdars previous to fusly 1254, when it was taken by the Circar, and in the other 21, the Moturpha is enjoyed by themselves.	
Jaghere	25	372	1 "	22	372	3	In these 3 Villages there is no Moturpha	
Pollepats	509	"	"	"	"	509	The Moturpha in the Villages of Polligars is enjoyed by themselves	
Total	7,002	84,745	15 "	4,583	84,745	2,419		10,452 4 6

Salem Zillah 7th August 1845.

E. E.

14th August 1845.

Account

Fort St. George / Signed / W. E. Lockhart

Collector

Statement

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No. 2.

Fort St. George

Moturpha

14th August 1845.

Account

Items	Number of Villages	Summahbundy Bariz		Deduct Villages paying Moturpha		Remainder		Remarks	Moturpha Remission to the Kemendars &c. in their permanent Bariz.
				Number	Amount	Number	Amount		
1	2	3		4		5		6	7	8
Circar	4685	56,326	1 4	3392	56,326	1 4				
Zemindary	1404	26,206	4 9	997	26,206	4 9				
Share of Aggrahrums	184	1,016	4 10	126	1,016	4 10				
Jodigy Aggrahrums	56	341	6 9	27	341	6 9				
Survamaniems	139	483	12 4	19	483	12 4				
Jaghere	25	372	1 "	22	372	1 "				
Pollepats	509	"	"	"	"	"				
Total	7,002	84,745	15 "	4583	84,745	15 "	2,419			

1,293 } In the Villages there is no Moturpha — 10,452 4 6
407 }
58 }

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120 { Of these 120 Villages there is no Moturpha in 93. in 6 it was enjoyed by the Enamdars previous to fusly 1254, when it was taken by the Circar, and in the other 21 the Moturpha is enjoyed by themselves.

3 In these 3 Villages there is no Moturpha

509 { The Moturpha in the Villages of Pollegara is enjoyed by themselves

10,452 4 6

Salem Zillah 1st August 1845.

E. E.

Ja. / Signed / W. Co. Lockhart

Collector

Statement

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Fort St. George 11th August 1845

To T. Pycroft Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir

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From the Collector of Tinnevelly

With reference to your letter of the 10th April last, I have the honor to forward prepared in English and Marattah according to the forms which accompanied it 3 Statements in illustration of the present state of Motturpha tax in this District

Tinnevelly
Tencaussy
4th August 1845

Signed E. B. Thomas
Collector

Motturpha

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Fort St. George 14th August 1845.

No. 3 Statement showing the Motturpha Bariz Collection and Balance for Fasly 1254 to 1253 on the Pollams of Sattoor.

Pollams — Motturpha Collection — Subsequent Remission &c — Bariz within the Pollam — granted — Collections — Balance

	Pollams	Fasly	Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p
1	Sattoor	1254	70,766	9	4				70,134	2	10
2	"	1253	78,071	8	5				77,221	15	4
3	"	1252	74,057	13	2				70,520	5	8
4	"	1251	61,044	8	0				60,610	0	0
5	"	1248	70,120	2	7				70,187	5	9
6	"	1249	74,600	4	3				74,216	1	5
7	"	1250	76,924	2	3				74,847	15	6
8	"	1251	73,134	13	0				72,818	14	5
9	"	1252	79,632	4	2				78,782	0	0
10	"	1253	82,206	9	2				80,064	9	0
	Total		7,35,904	5	5				7,39,009	11	7

Sattoor 5th Augt 1845

E. E. Thomas
Collector

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Fort St George

11th August 1845

No 1

Moturpha

1	2	Number of houses of Shops or Looms	Number Ryots paying Moturpha	4	Rates 5	Highest 6	Lowest 7
						6 fanams	8 fanams
Granary		715	715		15	25	3
Rice Shops		68	68		9	15	3
Salt and Sundries		4029	4027		67	42½	1
Cloth Shops		142	139		15	36¾	3
Betelnut Tobacco & Ycca Shops		658	653		32	27	2
Shroffs Shops		62	64		8	17¼	6
Perfumers Do		26	26		4	12	3
Sweetmeat Shops		40	40		4	15	3
Vegetable Do		55	53		10	18	3
Brasmetal Shops		1	1		1	12	0
Houses where traffic is carried on		373	373		37	170	3
Butchers Shop		64	64		10	18	22
Shops where China wares are sold		2	2		2	47 9/64	23
Timber sellers Shops		22	22		4	24	3
Oil Shops		1	1		1	6	0
Earthenpot Do		4	4		2	6	3
Cotton Godowns		838	838		16	50	15
Pedlers		172	172		68	12	1
Total		7779	7762				

Sheep

Goats

Beriz of Fusly 1252

Ayen	Chillera or Miscellaneous tax	Total	Ayen	Chillera or Miscellaneous tax	
8	9	10	11	12	
Rupees at 8	Rupees at 8	Rupees at 8	Rupees at 8	Rupees at 8	Fs.
483 7 11		483 7 11	381 11 6		Leased
179 5 11		179 5 11	163 2 4		½ of
7966 11 9		7966 11 9	8165 9 1		1 upon
445 6 9		445 6 9	508 13 3		1 Ycca
960 11 10		960 11 10	999 1 1		on the
117 6 7		117 6 7	120 9 6		The
43 4 4		43 4 4	44 9 5		on 3
80 13 10		80 13 10	88 4 -		as last
133 - 1		133 - 1	147 - -		villies
2 8 9		2 8 9	2 8 9		
622 9 5		622 9 5	643 13 5		
139 9 8		139 9 8	138 5 4		
17 8 9		17 8 9	15 - -		
66 13 3		66 13 3	63 10 4		
1 4 4		1 4 4	1 4 4		
3 13 1		3 13 1	3 13 1		
3334 10 4	16 16 6	3351 9 10	3603 9 8	16 15 6	
1068 8 5		1068 8 5	1151 14 5		
15663 1 -	16 15 6	15680 - 6	16447 14 6	16 15 6	1

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11th August 1845

Moturpha

Trade

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Number of houses of Shops or Looms	Number of Ryots paying Moturpha	Rates	Highest	Lowest
					6 fanams	6 fanams
	Granary	715	715	15	25	3
	Rice Shops	68	68	9	15	3
	Salt and Sundries	4079	4037	67	42½	1
	Cloth Shops	167	139	15	36¾	3
	Betelnut Tobacco Do Shops	658	653	32	27	2
	Shroffs Shops	62	64	8	17¼	6
	Perfumers Do	76	76	4	12	3
	Sweetmeat Shops	40	40	4	15	3
	Vegetable Do	55	53	10	18	3
	Brassmetal Shops	1	1	1	12	0
	Houses where traffic is carried on	373	373	37	170	3
	Butchers Shop	64	64	10	18	2
	Shops where China wares are sold	2	2	2	47 9/64	23 1
	Timber sellers Shops	22	22	4	21	3
	Oil Shops	1	1	1	6	0
	Earthenpot Do	4	4	2	6	3
	Cotton Godowns	838	838	16	50	15
	Peddlers	1172	1172	66	12	1
	Total	7772	7762	0	0	0

8	9	10	11	12	
	Beriz of Fasly 1252		Beriz of Fasly 1253		
Ayen	Chillera or Miscellaneous tax	Total	Ayen	Chillera or Miscellaneous tax	
Rupees at 8	Rupees at 8	Rupees at 8	Rupees at 8	Rupees at 8	R.
483 7 11	0 0 0	483 7 11	581 14 6	0 0 0	
179 5 11	0 0 0	179 5 11	168 2 4	0 0 0	1 levied
7966 14 9	0 0 0	7966 14 9	8165 9 1	0 0 0	½ of
445 6 9	0 0 0	445 6 9	508 13 3	0 0 0	1 upon
960 14 10	0 0 0	960 14 10	999 1 1	0 0 0	8 per
112 6 7	0 0 0	112 6 7	120 9 6	0 0 0	on the
43 4 4	0 0 0	43 4 4	44 9 6	0 0 0	The
80 13 10	0 0 0	80 13 10	88 4 0	0 0 0	on 3
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Fort St George

14th August 1815

	Number of houses Shops or Looms	Number of Ryots paying Motarpha	Rates	Highest	Lowest	Berij of Fasly 1252 Ayen	Berij of Fasly Chittera or Miscellaneous tax	Total	Ayen	Chittera or Miscellaneous tax
1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	10	11	12
					6 fanams	Rupees a/8	Rupees a/8	Rupees a/8	Rupees a/8	Rupees a/8
Brahmins	4	4	1	½	.	″ 6 9	11 10 8	12 1 5	″ 6 9	11 10 8
Vellalers	1684	1684	21	9	½	866 5 9	45 6 3	911 12 ″	847 7 4	45 6 3
Chettes	43	43	4	4	2	24 ″ 4	″ ″ ″	24 ″ 4	23 2 10	″ ″ ″
Maranars	1809	1809	33	10	1	864 1 1	442 2 6	1306 3 7	843 4 11	430 11 6
Shepherds	4238	4238	73	42 11/16	1	3417 11 11	53 18 ″	3471 10 11	2976 8 11	47 7 1
Yeelooveers	640	640	25	7½	21/64	383 15 11	5 11 7	391 11 6	373 4 11	5 12 3
Shanars	3534	3534	52	10 . .	1	2300 9 7	76 13 7	2377 7 2	2314 8 3	62 4 ″
Hykalers	618	618	15	6	31/64	310 2 8	38 9 8	548 12 4	330 ″ 5	38 9 8
Yelanaveyars or Betel Cultivators	1193	1193	38	11	1	1079 15 10	″ ″ ″	1079 15 10	960 9 2	″ ″ ″
Moormen	1881	1881	38	11 3/4	31/64	1177 14 8	105 ″ 1	1282 14 9	1140 11 9	66 7 10
Saloo spors or Gummy makers	189	189	14	12 13/16	2	182 14 2	″ ″ ″	182 14 2	197 6 ″	″ ″ ″
Pariahs	5766	5766	51	11	½	2652 13 9	430 5 7	3084 3 4	2676 5 11	396 13 3
Gentoos or Naickars	366	366	23	10	4/16	206 2 11	1 14 6	208 1 5	192 8 6	1 14 6
Sadens / weavers	71	71	4	6 1/8	3	50 12 ″	″ ″ ″	50 12 ″	44 5 9	″ ″ ″
Fishermen	77	77	9	7 9/16	½	78 15 3	″ ″ ″	78 15 3	71 2 4	″ ″ ″
Taranens	56	56	6	10 13/16	1	74 4 4	″ ″ ″	74 4 4	62 12 11	″ ″ ″
Ochers / Tom Tom beaters	33	33	8	5 1/8	1½	39 10 ″	20 2 7	59 12 7	17 13 10	11 10 9
Valyers	87	87	9	6 1/16	1	84 2 9	″ ″ ″	84 2 9	57 10 5	″ ″ ″
Saleyars / weavers /	322	322	8	18½	1	463 5 4	6 8 4	469 13 8	418 11 4	6 8 4
Tank Diggers	31	31	4	3	½	10 7 11	″ ″ ″	10 7 11	9 8 9	″ ″ ″
Korawers or Basket makers	5	5	1	1	″	1 11 2	″ ″ ″	1 11 2	1 1 ″	″ ″ ″
Sungarnandies	14	14	3	2	1	5 5 3	″ ″ ″	5 5 3	6 4 3	″ ″ ″
Thoolava Naickers	6	6	1	1	″	1 7 9	″ ″ ″	1 7 9	1 6 4	″ ″ ″
Dancing Girls	40	40	5	3/8	1	17 2 11	″ ″ ″	17 2 11	17 5 5	″ ″ ″
Total	22707	22707	″	″	″	14254 6 ″	1238 4 4	15492 10 4	13344 6 ″	1125 4 3

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14th August 1855

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Castes	Total			Castes	Poll tax	Increase			Decrease			Remarks
						Fl	a	P	Fl	a	P	
	13											
Brahmen	Rapt	a	P									
Vellalers	12	1	5	Vellalers	3 2							
Chetties	892	13	7	Maraners								
Maraner	23	2	10									
Shepher	1274	"	8	Shepherds	10 7							
Yeeloon	3024	"	"	Yeeloovan	6 8							
Shanar	379	1	2	Shanars	8 7							
Rykal	2236	12	3	Rykelan / Weavers	6 1							
Melanar	368	10	1	Yeelavanyers Betel.	5 8							
Cullinal	960	9	2	Cultivators								
Moorman				Moormen	3 10							
Saloopar	1207	3	7	Saloopers	2 7							
Pariahs	197	6	"	Gentoos Naickens	4 4							
Gentoos	2972	3	4	Saders / Weavers	4 4							
Saders /	194	7	"	Fishermen	15 7							
Fishern	44	5	9	Paraven	11 8							
Paraven	71	2	4	Chungamandies	13 11							
Ochers /	62	12	11	Pariahs	12 7							
Valyers	29	8	7									
Saleyars	57	10	5	Total	117	22	8	6	629	7	11	
Tank D	125	3	8									
Korave	9	8	9									
makers	1	1	"	Deduct Increase		22	8	6				
Jungar	6	4	3	Net Decrease					606	15	6	
Thoolar												
Dancing	1	4	4									
	17	3	5									
	15469	10	3									

Poll tax is paid only by married persons without reference to the No of houses they occupy

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Fort St George

11th August 1845

Items	Number of Houses Shops or Looms &c.	Number of Ryots paying Rates Inhabitants	Highest	Lowest	Berij of Fusly 1252 Chittena or Miscellaneous tax	Total	Berij of Fusly 1253 Ayen	Chittena or Miscellaneous tax	Total of the Ayen to Ayen among
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
					Fanams	Fanams	Rs a P	Rs a P	Rs a P	Rs a P	Rs a P	Rs a
1st Sort Cloth Looms	1027	873	8	37½	2¾		3085 8 5	" " "	3085 8 5	2963 13 "	" " "	2963 1
2d Ditto Ditto	6186	5388	44	42 13/16	2¼		24328 7 7	" " "	24328 7 7	22425 7 2	" " "	22425 7
3d Ditto Ditto	4085	3947	89	36	3		10919 11 "	" " "	10919 11 "	10639 9 4	" " "	10639
4th Ditto Ditto	3406	3339	73	24¾	1¾		6287 " 10	" " "	6287 " 10	6210 9 2	" " "	6210
Total	14704	13547	"	"	"		44620 11 10	" " "	44620 11 10	42239 6 8	" " "	42239
Carpet Looms	20	20	1	13/8	"		58 13 10	" " "	58 13 10	58 13 10	" " "	58 1
Gunny Ditto	209	209	9	13	1		154 11 10	" " "	154 11 10	150 3 "	" " "	150
Mat Ditto	20	20	3	3	3		19 1 5	" " "	19 1 5	19 1 5	" " "	19
Total including Cloth Looms	14953	13796	"	"	"		44853 6 11	" " "	44853 6 11	42467 8 11	" " "	42467

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Fort St George

14th August 1845

Items	Number of Houses Shops or Looms	Number of Ryots paying Rates	Highest Rate	Lowest Rate	Boriz of Fusly 1252 Chittera or Miscellaneous tax	Boriz of Fusly 1252 Total Ayen	Boriz of Fusly 1253 Chittera or Miscellaneous tax	Boriz of Fusly 1253 Total Ayen	Total of the Ryots of 1252 to 1253 increased
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
					Co[illegible]anams	Co[illegible]anams			
1st Sort Cloth Looms	1027	873	8	37½	2¼		Rupees a/p	Rupees a/p	Rupees a/p
2d Ditto Ditto	6186	5388	44	42 13/16	2¼		3085 8 5	2963 13	2963 13
3d Ditto Ditto	4085	3947	89	36	3		24328 7 7	22425 7 2	22425 7
4th Ditto Ditto	3406	3339	73	24¾	1¾		10919 11	10639 9 4	10639
Total	14704	13547					6287 10	6210 9 2	6210
Carpet Looms	20	20	1	13⅞			44620 11 10	42239 6 8	42239
Gunny Ditto	209	209	9	13	1		58 13 10	58 13 10	58
Mat Ditto	20	20	3	5	3		154 11 10	150 3	150
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Total including cloth Looms	14953	13796					44853 6 11	42467 8 11	42467

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14th August 1875

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No. 2.

Fort St. George

Moturpha

August 1845

Stems	Number of Villages	Summah-bundy Beriz	Deduct Villages paying Moturpha Number	Deduct Villages paying Moturpha amount	Remainder	Remarks	Moturpha Remission to the Zemin-dars &c. in their permanent Beriz
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Rupees			
Cuvear	1103	7,355 7 12	780	7,355 7 12	323	In 133 of these Villages there are houses & Inhabitants but none of them are liable to Moturpha tax In the remaining 190 Villages there are no houses	
Palapuddah	29	7,099 9 8	28	7,099 9 8	1	None of the castes liable to Moturpha tax live in this Village	
Pallia puth	605	12,095 9 10	530	12,095 9 10	75	In 54 of these Villages there are houses and Inhabitants but none of them are liable to Moturpha tax In the remaining 21 Villages there are no houses	
Saghire	"	" " "	"	" " "	"		" " "
Suvvamanieam	80	2642 3 8	55	2642 3 8	25	In 10 of these Villages there are houses and Inhabitants but none of them are liable to Moturpha tax In the remaining 15 Villages there are no houses	" " "
Shrolurium Mokhajees	83	3045 15 1	60	3017 15 1	23	In 6 of these Villages there are houses and Inhabitants but none of them liable to Moturpha tax In the remaining 17 Villages there are no houses	28 " "
	1900	98441 2 3	1453	98413 2 3	447		28 " "

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(Signed) C. B. Thomas

Collector

Moturpha

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Fort St. George 14th August 1845.

Statement No. 3. Motupilla Demand Collectorate

Collection Demand Subsequent Remissions Remaining

Taluks within the Zillah | Collection granted | Balance

No.	Taluks	Rent Demand	Rent Collected	Rent Remitted	Rent Balance
1	Tuluq 1244	182833	30541	0 0	0 0
2	" 1245	161022	31245	0 0	0 0
3	" 1246	165821	22745	0 0	0 0
4	" 1247	170191	7440	0 0	0 0
5	" 1248	124452	5299	0 0	0 0
6	" 1249	129453	5193	0 0	0 0
7	" 1250	137334	4944	0 0	0 0
8	" 1251	50749	2564	0 0	0 0
9	" 1252	25534	651	19	28
10	" 1253	21371	5013	22	810

Errors excepted. (Signed) E. B. Thomas
Collector

Ordered to be on the table

Transmitted Statement No. 3 of Subsequent Remissions & Balance of Collection on the Demand of Fasly 1244 to 1253 inclusive

(38-20)

Collector on the 14th August 1845

Ordered to be on the table

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Fort St. George 14th August 1845.

Read again letter from the Collector in the Southern Division of Arcot dated 5th and entered in Consultation 21st ultimo.

(41)

Proceedings thereon.

The Board observe that in the Petition reported on in the above letter it is stated that Boogunga Row has been dismissed from two Shanbogueships one in Trichinopoly and one in Chingleput previous to his late employment in South Arcot and the records of this Office show that the assertion of his having been discharged from the Shanbogueship in Chingleput is at least incorrect. The Board request to be furnished with a Statement of Bogunga Rows services and in particular they desire that it may be explained in what manner he has been employed since his dismissal from Chingleput in 1834 and whether he has at any time served in the District of South Arcot prior to his appointment to the Shanbogueship of Villupooram.

Read the following letters.

To

T Pycroft Esqre

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

(42)

From the Collr in the S. D. of Arcot } Sir

No. 1

I have the honor to forward an Extract of a retrenchment made by the Civil Auditor on the Accounts of this Collectorate for Fasly 1252 A.D. 1842/43 for Rupees 68422-7-8 as well as Expiss

of

9085 Fort St. George 14th. August 1845.

of the annexed Abstract has proceeded on the
Subject of the Claim myself and the Civil Paymaster
2d The amount of Fees and money ac-
knowledgements Received Privileges Rent
Leases &c. of resumed Pagodas and Choultries
been annually deducted from the Gross
1809/10 to 1818 or Fasly 1225 and subsequently
24th Octr. 1818 according to the Orders of Government, the Grant
emission of the Allowances of Pagoda and Choul-
Mosque Allowances for Monthly Payments were duly paid
and the annual Payments were duly paid
by the Office of Public Works and the
Fasly 1251 - The Civil Auditor now requires
1842-1843 -
ing a Fresh Sanction of Government for the
Same. Copy is enclosed as a Memorandum -
Specifying the sum for which Sanction is
solicited and requests that the same may
be obtained -

Sd/ W. D. Davis
Collector
a true Copy
Sd/ Illegible W. D. Davis
Collector
29th May 1845

9088 Fort St. George 14th. August 1845.

No. 1.

Extract from the roundet of the Accounts of the Collectorate of the Southern Division of Arcot
from 12th July 1842 to 11th July 1843 on account of the Expences for Fasly 1252.

No.	Charges objected to	Rupees	Remarks of the Civil Auditor
		Chs. a P.	
41	Pagoda and Mosque Allowances in lieu of resumed Land and Privileges in South Arcot	63072 15 5	
	Do in Cuddalore	3349 8 0	
		68422 7 5	

(True Extract.)
(Signed) W. D. Davis
Collector
Fo.

9989 Fort St. George 11th August 1845.

No. 2

To. I. C. Morris Esqre.
Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the sum of Rupees
No. 61. 68,422-7-5 mentioned in the Re Audit of
the Accounts of this Collectorate for Fusly 1252
& 1842 p. 8
I have the honor to refer you to the Extract
22d Novr. 1818 from the Minutes of Consultation dispensing
with the annual sanction of Government
for endowments to Pagodas. After this
explanation I beg to be informed if you still
consider the sanction of Government necessary

South Arcot Collr. Cuttackerry
24th March 1845
} / Signed W. D. Davis
Collector

To.
W. D. Davis Esqre.
Collr. of the Jgr. Dn. of Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 24th ul-
timo and in reply to request that you
will have the goodness to furnish me with
Copy of the order of Government dated the
24th November 1818 which is represented to
be the sanction for the continuance of the pay-
ment of Rupees 68,422-7-5 per Annum on
account of Pagoda and Mosque Allowances.

Fort St. George Civil Auditors
Office 23d April 1845
} / Signed J. C. Morris
Civil Auditor

To.

9990 Fort St. George 11th August 1845.

To. I. C. Morris Esqre.
Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir.

With reference to your letter of
the 23d Instant, I have the honor to forward a
Copy of the Extract from the Minutes of Consulta-
tion therein alluded to, as authority for the
payment of the Annual endowments to Pagoda
and Mosques.

South Arcot Collrs Circuit.
Cuttackerry Tinderanum
29th April 1845
} / Signed W. D. Davis
Collector

To. W. D. Davis Esqre.
Collector of the Jgr.
Dn. of Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of the 29th Ultimo, with its ac-
companiment forwarded as an authority for the payment
of the annual endowments to Pagoda and Mosques in your
District, and in reply beg to point out that this is not the
original sanction under which the payments in question
were made as you will observe on a reference to it, as it
only speaks of there being no necessity for the sums paid
on this account being sanctioned annually. I request
therefore that you will have the goodness to cause the records
of your Cutcherry to be carefully searched once more and
if the Original order under which the endowments agree-
ably to the list No. 30 forwarded with your Annual Accounts
for Fusly 1252 in the first instance commenced to be paid
is not forthcoming I request that you will in such case apply
through the proper Channel for the renewal of the sanction
of Government.

Fort St. George Civil Auditors
Office 6th May 1845
} / Signed J. C. Morris
Civil Auditor

Memorandum

9989 Fort St. George 15th August 1845

No. 2

To

J. C. Morris Esqre

Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the sum of Rupees 68,422-7-5 mentioned in the Re Audit of the Accounts of this Collectorate for Fusly 1252 (A.D. 1842-43) p. 8 I have the honor to refer you to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dispensing with the annual sanction of Government for endowments to Pagodas. After this explanation I beg to be informed if you still consider the sanction of Government necessary.

* No. 41 — 22nd Novr. 1818

South Arcot Collrs Cutcherry
Cuddalore
24th March 1845

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) W. D. Davis
Collector

To

W. D. Davis Esqre

Collr. of the 3rd Dn. of Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th Ultimo and in reply to request that you will have the goodness to furnish me with a Copy of the order of Government dated the 26th November 1818 which is represented to be the sanction for the continuance of the payment of Rupees 68,422-7-5 per Annum per account of Pagoda and Mosque Allowances.

Fort St. George Civil Auditors Office 28th April 1845

(Signed) J. C. Morris
Civil Auditor

To

9990 Fort St. George 14th August 1845

To

J. C. Morris Esqre

Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 23d Instant, I have the honor to forward a Copy of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation therein alluded to, as authority for the payment of the Annual endowments to Pagodas and Mosques.

South Arcot Collrs Cutcherry
Tinderavanum
29th April 1845

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) W. D. Davis
Collector

To

W. D. Davis Esqre

Collector of the 3d Dn. of Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th Ultimo, with its accompaniment forwarded as an authority for the payment of the annual endowments to Pagoda and Mosques in your District, and in reply beg to point out that this is not the original sanction under which the payments in question were made as you will observe on a reference to it, as it only speaks of there being no necessity for the sums paid on this account being sanctioned annually. I request therefore that you will have the goodness to cause the records of your Cutcherry to be carefully searched once more and if the Original order under which the endowments agreeably to the list No. 30 forwarded with your Annual Accounts for Fusly 1252 in the first instance commenced to be paid is not forthcoming I request that you will in such case apply through the proper Channel for the renewal of the sanction of Government.

Fort St. George Civil Auditors Office 6th May 1845

(Signed) J. C. Morris
Civil Auditor

Memorandum

9989 Fort St. George 11th August 1845.

No. 2

To

J. C. Morris Esqre

Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the sum of Rupees 68,422-7-5 mentioned in the Re Audit of the Accounts of this Collectorate for Fusly 1252 & A.D. 1842-3 I.S. I have the honor to refer you to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dispensing with the annual sanction of Government for endowments to Pagodas. After this explanation I beg to be informed if you still consider the sanction of Government necessary.

× No. 21. 22nd Nov. 1818

South Arcot Coll.te Cutcherry
24th March 1845

/ Signed W. D. Davis
Collector

To

W. D. Davis Esqre

Coll.r of the Sn. Dn. of Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th Ultimo and in reply to request that you will have the goodness to furnish me with Copy of the order of Government dated the 22nd November 1818 which is represented to be the sanction for the continuance of the payment of Rupees 68,422-7-5 per Annum on account of Pagoda and Mosque Allowances.

Fort St. George Civil Auditors Office 28th April 1845

/ Signed J. C. Morris
Civil Auditor

To.

9990 Fort St. George 11th August 1845

To

J. C. Morris Esqre

Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 23d Instant, I have the honor to forward a Copy of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation therein alluded to, as authority for the payment of the Annual endowments to Pagoda and Mosques.

South Arcot Coll.te Cutcherry, Tindevanum
29th April 1845

/ Signed W. D. Davis
Collector

To

W. D. Davis Esqre

Collector of the Sn. Dn. of Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th Ultimo, with its accompaniment forwarded as an authority for the payment of the annual endowments to Pagoda and Mosques in your District, and in reply beg to point out that this is not the original sanction under which the payments in question were made as you will observe on a reference to it, as it only speaks of there being no necessity for the sums paid on this account being sanctioned annually. I request therefore that you will have the goodness to cause the records of your Cutcherry to be carefully searched once more, and if the Original order under which the endowments agreeably to the list No. 30 forwarded with your Annual Accounts for Fusly 1252 in the first instance commenced to be paid is not forthcoming I request that you will in such case apply through the proper Channel for the renewal of the sanction of Government.

Fort St. George Civil Auditors Office 6th May 1845

/ Signed J. C. Morries
Civil Auditor

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Fort St. George 14th August 1845

Order thereon—
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29th of September)
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Ordered to be sent again in Circulation

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

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From W. D. Davis Esqre
Collr in the Sn Dn of
Arcot

Sir,

Reporting the particulars to connected with the Village held on Shrotriem tenure & recommending certain maniam in favor of the Widow of the last incumbent as well as the resumption of the said Village hitherto enjoyed by the family—

1. I have the honor to forward a Genealogical Tree shewing the names of the persons who held the Village of Kadoomoodian on Shrotriem tenure, on the demise of the person named Karraiemma Chetty in the year 1832, in whose name the Village was registered—

2. His Eldest son Kuria Chetty who was never married, enjoyed afterwards the Village till July 1841/42 when he died, upon which Seelamah the widow of the Second Son Ramiah Chetty who died during the life time of his father, claims the succession to the Shrotriem on behalf of one Christnama Chetty twelve years old, who she says she adopted four years ago—

3. The Original Grant of the Nabob Wallajah being lost, it is now difficult to ascertain the precise terms of the Grant, but a Persian extracted from one Nizamut ahmed Khan at Arcot, the only document produced in support of the claim is forwarded with a Translation for the inspection of the Board—

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Fort St. George 14th August 1845

Order thereon—
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Ordered to be sent again in Circulation

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

44

From W. D. Davis Esqre Collr in the Sn & Dn of Arcot

Sir,

1. I have the honor to forward a Genealogical Tree shewing the names of the persons who held the Village of Kodoomoodian on Shrotriem tenure, on the demise of the person named Narrasimma Charry in the year 1832, in whose name the Village was registered.

Reporting the particulars connected with the Village held on the above mentioned recommending certain maniam in favor of the widow of the last incumbent as well as the resumption of the said Village hitherto enjoyed by the family—

2. His Eldest son Kuria Charry† who was never married, enjoyed afterwards the Village till July 12 67 1841/42 when he died, upon which declamah the widow of the second son Ramacharry who died during the life time of his father, claims the succession to the Shrotriem on behalf of one Christnama Charry twelve years old, who she says she adopted four years ago—

3. The Original Grant of the Nabob Wallajah being lost, it is now difficult to ascertain the precise terms of the grant, but a Persian extract from one Nizamat ahmed Khan at Arcot, the only document produced in support of the claim is forwarded with a Translation for the inspection of the Board—

4. When the entire failure of male heirs

† No. 4
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No 7

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heirs in the family is taken into Consideration, the widow's claim to Continue the Village in the name of Kristnamachorry whom she states to have adopted many years after the death of her husband, does not appear Admissible.—

5. The family having also other Enam Lands to the extent of Cawnies 10 annas 13½, Yielding an annual Jeerwah of Rupees 79-5-6 is I think sufficient for her support.

6th Therefore beg to suggest that the Enam Lands be Continued to her during her Natural life, and that the Village inquestion be resumed, and Carried to the Syer accounts.

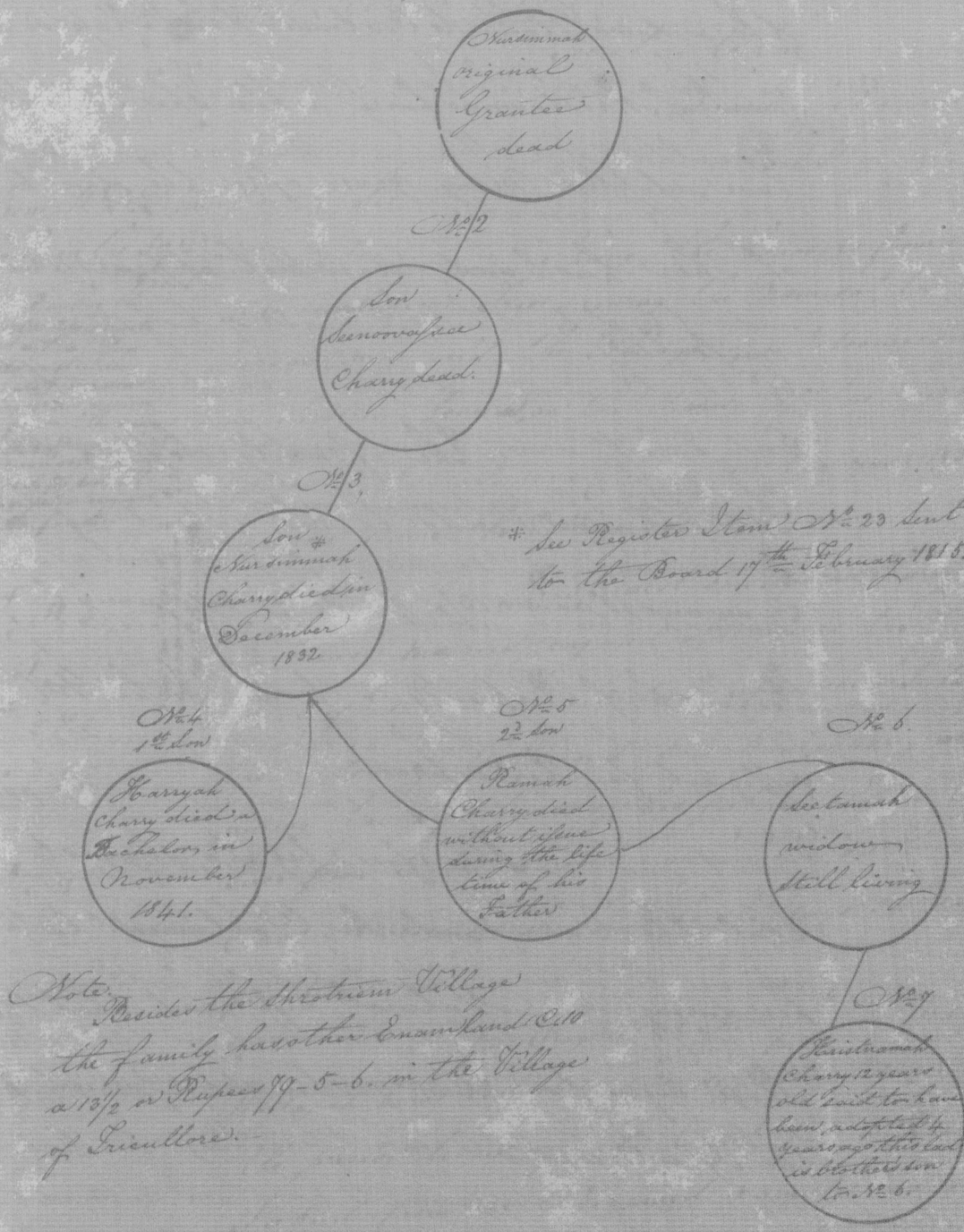
South Arcot
Collr's Cutcherry
Cuddalore
25th July 1845

/Signed/ W. D. Davis
Collector.

Genealogical

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No 1
Genealogical Tree.
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* See Register Item No 23 sent to the Board 17th February 1845.

Note Besides the Shrotriem Village the family has other Enam land Viz a 13½ of Rupees 79-5-6. in the Village of Trieullore.

/Signed/ W. D. Davis
Collector.

No 2.

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No. 2

Translation of a Chit bearing the Seal of Syed Nizzah Mooddeen Rummed Khan Bahdur in the Arcot Soobah, issued of Veneaw-pedoly Hamildar of Murdoor Mungalum in the Pur-ganah of Tenomalie.

From the Maumoolnamah &c. under the date the 21st Vyasee of Fusly 1204 granted by the Bramins and other inhabitants of the said Talook, under their signature, it appears that the Village of Nadoomoodyan in the same Talook was continued in the name of Modakul Nara-simmah Charry inhabitant of the Cusbah of Trecullore on Shotriem tenure, on payment of the annual Teerwah of Pagodas 9 3/8 exclusive of the expences requisite for any Extra Establish-ment, and the Enayetnamah dated 3rd Shaban Hegiree 1208, which was issued on the subject with reference to the saval Thuskut to the authority in charge of Arcot Soobah, is entered in the Duftur of the Hoozoor Devaun, you are therefore directed to allow the party to enjoy the Village from Fusly 1204 in case of it's appearing to have been continued to him until now as above stated and also during the time of the late Rajah Peeshut Bolundoor chuckra Vurmah which gives Pagodas 9 3/8 at the rate of 1 chuckra and 6 fanams per Pagoda Village 1.

(True translation)

(Signed) W. D. Davis

Coll.r

Ordered

Fort St. George 14th August 1845.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be submitted with the following address.

To The Chief Secretary to Government

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To the Chief Secy to Government

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the orders of the Most Noble the Governor in Council the accompanying letter with its enclosures from the Collector of South Arcot on the subject of a certain Shotriem Village in his District.

Submitting a letter from the Coll.r of South Arcot on the subject of a certain Shotriem Village in that District granted by the Nawab Wallajah to one Nursimmah and at present in the possession of one Seetamah who claims the succession to it in behalf of one Kistnamah Charry who she states she adopted four years ago and stating that the Board are of opinion that the Shotriem may be continued to Seetamah during her life together with certain other Enam lands which are in the possession of the family and that on her death the Shotriem should be resumed and the claim of Kistnamah Charry or any other parties to succeed to the remaining Enam lands may then be taken into consideration

2. From this it will be seen that the Shotriem in question was granted by the Nawab Wallajah to one Nursimmah. The Summud has been lost and the purpose for which the Village was conferred cannot now be known. Nursimmah in whose name the Shotriem was entered in the Register of 1815 and who was grandson of the original grantee of the same name died in 1832. and it was afterwards enjoyed by his eldest son Kurriah Charree who died unmarried in Fusly 1251 / 1841/42. Since the death of this latter individual the Village seems to have been in the possession of Seetamah Widow of Ramacharry who was the second son of Nursimmah, and who died in the life time of his father Seetamah has now claimed the Succession to the Shotriem in behalf of one Kistnamah Charry a child of twelve years old whom she states she

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she adopted four years ago.—

3 Ramacharry having died at least 13 years †ago and the adoption of Kistnamacharry by Seetamah stated to have been made 4 years since having therefore taken place at least 9 years after her husband's death the Collector considers that her request is inadmissible and as the family are in possession of some other Enam lands sufficient for their support he suggests that these latter may be continued to Seetamah for her life and the Shotriam may be resumed and carried to the Jyen accounts.—

† i.e. in or before 1832—the year in which his father died.—

4. The Board are not prepared to recommend that Kistnamah Charry be allowed to succeed to the Village referred to by the Collector but considering that it would appear to have been enjoyed by Seetamah since the death of her brother in law Hurriah charrie in Risly 1215. they are of opinion that it may be continued to her during her life together with the other Enam Lands mentioned by Mr. Davis on her death the Shotriums should they think, in any case be resumed—and the claim of Kistnamah charry or any other parties to succeed to the remaining Enam Lands may then be taken into consideration.

Revenue Board's Office
Fort St. George
14th August 1845.

/ Signed / J. Pycroft
Secretary

Read

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Read the following letters.—

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

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From the Collr of South Arcot

Sir,

Two persons named Syed Auzeem Kadry and Syed Ahmud having preferred a claim for having registered in their names a certain quantity of Enam land entered in the public accounts in the names of the Grand Father of the former, and Father to the latter, I have the honor to submit two Memorandums †one shewing the extent of land given by the former Jagheerdars for the support of a Durgha as well as for the subsistence of Syed Auzeem Kadry in Hazirieh 1168 and 1174, and the other shewing the names of the several Members of the family who have successively enjoyed the Enams.—

2. The proceeds of that portion of the Enam granted for the support of a Durgah being appropriated for religious purposes, should I think, be renewed in the names of the claimants as Trustees for the institution under the provisions of Regulation VII of 1817.—

3. The other portion appearing to be of a charitable nature that is not an hereditary grant given by the Nabobs of the Carnatic, it having been in the enjoyment of the family for upwards of 87 years, I see no objection, until a general enquiry is made into the titles of all Enams, to this being also renewed in the names of the present claimants to be enjoyed by them and the other sharers of the family during the pleasure of Government.—Beg to be favored with the Board's instructions on the subject.

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Item No 2 in No 1

South Arcot
Collector's Cutcherry
Cuddalore 26th July 1845

/ Signed / W. D. Davis
Collector.

Memorandum

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Fort St. George 14th August 1845.

No. 1. Memorandum Shewing the extent of Enam — in Village of Pollicemcottah in the Talook of Chelumbrum of South Arcot —

No.		Poonjah Land	Poonjah Teerwah	Nunjah Land	Nunjah Teerwah	Total Land	Total Teerwah	Remarks
1	Extent of land entered in the Enam accounts in the Names of Syed Azel and Syed Durvish for the support of a Dargah of Syed Aezzam Kadry	Cawz 9	at CRs 1 26 1 5	9	1 40 12 9	18	2	CRs a c Cawz No. 1 On enquiry it appears that this land was conferred on enam tenure by Abdul Khader Khan a former Jaghiredar according to a Purwanah given by him on the 11th Rujeb of Hezjree 1168 to one Syed Auzeem Kadry for the support of a Durgah and was renewed on the death of the incumbent in Hezjree 1232 by Hullie Moolda Khan the last Jaghiredar, as per his Enayethnamah in the name of his amildar Narayena row in that Fusly — 66 14 2
2	Extent of Do. Do. in the Names of Do. Do. for their subsistence	18	3 5 3 7 7	18	2 8 0 2 9	36	5	133 10 4 No. 2 This appears to have been given by Azemunth athom=beebee the daughter of Abdul Mubeek Khan Nabob of Cuddapah, who held Pollicemcottah as a Jaghire, as appears by her Parawanah given in favor of Syed Auzeen Kadry for his subsistence under date 27th Ramzan of Hezjree 1174 — It further appears to have been renewed in the name of the family by the late Jaghiredar Anchum Khan as per his Sunnud dated 14th Zemadeawny — Month of the Hezjree 1201 —
Total		27	4 7 9 9	27	3 12 0 15 6	54	7	* 200 8 6

Note* This amount is not the regular Teerwah of the land but is entered in the accounts according to the Teerwah and wara Dittum of the late Jaghiredar of Pollicemcottah —

/Signed/ W. D. Davis
Collector

10000 Fort St. George 14th August 1845.

No. 2.

A Genealogical Tree of Syed Auzeem Kadry an Enamdar in the Village of Palleneottah in the Talook of Chellumbrum of South Arcot.—



* Note The names are entered in the Enam accounts.—
/Signed/ W. D. Davis
Collector.—

Ordered

10001 Fort St. George 14th August 1845.

Ordered to be sent again in Circulation.—

Order thereon.—
(Read again in Cons. 7th Augt.)
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To J. Pycroft Esqre
Dep. to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.—

From the Collr. of South Arcot.
48

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a copy of an application received from Mr. R. Brunton Managing Director of the Indian Iron and Steel Company at Porto Novo regarding a contract for a further portion of the Jungle therein named, for fuel, for the consideration of the Board, and beg to observe at the same time, that a similar request may be anticipated from those persons engaged in the Sugar Manufactures lately established at this place.—

South Arcot Collrs Cutcherry, Cuddalore, 29th July 1845.— } /Signed/ W. D. Davis Collector.—

No. 1

To The Collector of South Arcot.—

Sir,

I have the honor to address you on the following subject, and to which I beg your favorable attention. It having been found that much of the Government waste jungle lands, the exclusive right of cutting on which the Indian Iron and Steel Company have rented of Government at a considerable amount, are unavailable on account of their great distance from water carriage; and another

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No. 2.

A Genealogical Tree of Syed Auzeem Kadry an Enamdar in the Village of Palicemcottah in the Talook of Chellumbrum of South Arcot.—



*Note The names are entered in the Enam accounts.—

/Signed/ W. D. Davis
Collector—

Ordered

10,001 Fort St. George 14th August 1846.

Order thereon.—
(Read again in Cons. 21st Augt.)
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Ordered to be sent again in Circulation.—

To J. Pycroft Esqr.
Secy to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

From the Collr. of South Arcot
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Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of an application received from Mr. R. Brenton Managing Director of the Indian Iron and Steel Company at Porto Novo regarding a contract for a further portion of the Jungle therein named for fuel, for the consideration of the Board, and beg to observe at the same time, that a similar request may be anticipated from those persons engaged in the Sugar Manufactures lately established at this place.—

South Arcot Collr.s Cutcherry, Cuddalore, 29th July, 1845.— / Signed / W. D. Davis Collector.—

No. 1.

To The Collector of South Arcot.—

Sir,

I have the honor to address you on the following subject, and to which I beg your favorable attention. It having been found, that much of the Government waste jungle lands, the exclusive right of cutting in which the Indian Iron and Steel Company have rented of Government at a considerable amount, are unavailable on account of their great distance from water carriage, and the other

other difficulties, and it has therefore become very necessary for the Indian Iron and Steel Co. to secure the liberty of cutting fuel in other waste lands in addition.—

They therefore in behalf of the said Company to submit to you the offer to rent the exclusive right of cutting fuel in the following Government waste lands on such terms and on such a reasonable rent as you may judge fitting.—

1. Anunthapooram Jungle situated 16 Miles North east of Trevadoor.—
2. Vattavalum Jungle and also that near the Neilgherry Hills situated about 3 Miles South of Vattavalum.—
3. The Jungle between Trevandalie and Maroloorpett.—
4. The Jungle on the South bank of the Pennar River in the opposite direction to Maroloorpett, extending to Tingar.—
5. The Jungle on both sides of the Pennar River at the Village of Sathanoor, situated South West of Trevandalum.—
6. The Jungle of Gingee.—

On reference to our lease of these rights in other Government waste land in your Collectorate dated 17th May 1842 you will see what those terms are and as regards

regards the security thereby provided for all existing Native rights, we shall, of course, be willing to be bound by the same clauses, but as regards the amount of rent, considering that we already pay so much for what is unavailable to us, and considering that our present request is only for some additions to Districts already granted we will venture to trust that Government will be satisfied with a moderate if not a nominal amount.

We understand that it is an object to keep the Public roads passing thro' these jungles entirely clear for a considerable space on each side.— I would beg to proffer as a consideration for a renewable lease for 21 years on the same terms in other respects as our other fuel leases that our Company would so Covenant to keep such space open and clear during the whole period of the lease, and I make this proposition more readily understanding that you offered the ground for a considerable space on each side of the road, rent free for 5 years to any person that would clear

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Read the following Letter:-

To J. Pycroft Esqre
Secy. to the Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George.

(52)

From Sir H.C. Montgomery Bart Collr of Tanjore
Reporting on the subject of a Petition No 1220 of 1845 herein enclosed.

Sir,

Para 1. I have the honor to report on the subject of the Petition referred to me with your Predecessor's letter of the 6th January last.

2. The Village to a share in which Petitioner lays claim was given to Petitioners Mother by Tyaloya the Poligarnee of that period.- This Poligarnee was recognized by the Government as the heiress of Sancy Vejaya Regonada Vaulagee Gopaler and held posses-sion of the Poliput of Madacoor from 1805 to 1831, when she was succeeded by her adopted Son Dorasawmy Kristnen Gopaulen. The grantee of this Village was her daughter Moonagayee who died Seventy eight days after she had given birth to Petitioner.-

3. The Poliput consists of 5 Villages containing 800 Vales cultivated land paying a Peishcash to Government of Rupees 2,491 per Annum. The Village granted by the Poligarnee to her daughter, Petitioners Mother, consists of 61 Vales of cultivated land which in the past year has yielded a revenue of Rupees 1,639. Some time previous to the succession to the Poliput of the Poligarnee's adopted Son the grant of the Village by his Mother was disputed, and she applied to the Collector for permission to the grantee to pay the

portion

Fasly 1254.

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clear it.-

Porto Novo, 25th July 1845. } /Signed/ Robert Brunton
Managing Director of the Indian Iron & Steel Coy.
/True Copy/
/Signed/ W.D. Davis
Collector.-

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Order thereon.- Ordered to be brought forward (Redargumbum 18th Augt) at a future day.-

To J. Pycroft Esqre
Secy. to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

(50)

From the Collr of South Arcot.

Sir,

In returning the Petition No 518 of 1845, I have the honor to report that from the enquiries I have made, I am fully convinced the Statements set forth in it are utterly false, the Writer of it being a person named Seenoonajee Chetty a Servant of Balerjee Row, the late Tahsildar of the Villoopooram Talook.-

South Arcot, Collrs Cutcherry, Cuddalore, 9th August 1845.- } /Signed/ W.D. Davis
Collector.-

Order thereon.- Ordered that the Petition accompanying the foregoing Letter be rejected as anonymous and unworthy of notice.-

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Read.

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portion of the Peishcush appertaining to the Village direct to the Government. This request appears to have been acceded to, and the receipts of payments for several Months of the year 1831 are made out in Petitioner's name. From September 1832 to July 1833 the Paliput was zuftid for arrears, and Petitioner claiming exemption from the zuft on the plea of the Village having been alienated to him, the claim was investigated and rejected and the Village produce included in the income of the Paliput on the grounds of the alienation having been made irregularly, subsequent to July 1210, and contrary to the Provisions of Regulation XXXI of 1802.

4. Petitioner then sued in the Civil Courts and after considerable litigation an agreement was entered into by the then Poligar the adopted Son of the original grantee and Petitioner, under which Petitioner was to enjoy a moiety of 1/4 share in the Penny Owrady lands, i.e lands cultivated by the Poligar's own labourers, and 1/3rd of the Melwaram of the remaining 3/4 in perpetuity, certain lands allotted to charitable purposes being excluded. To this Razeenamah further objections were made, it was never acted on, and by the Proceedings of the Southern

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Southern Provincial Court of Appeal under date the 17th June 1843 it was declared legally null and void and orders were issued to the Zillah Court against its being enforced.

5. That the alienation of so valuable a Village from the Estate would materially injure its resources is certain. Such alienation has already been declared unauthorized and has been disallowed when the Estate fell under Zuft. The establishment of the claim has also failed in the Civil Courts and the Razeenamah which was made on Litigation seems therefore to have been carried on, as it is, almost to exhaustion and to grant the prayer of the Petitioner would only, in my opinion, urge him to try it again to the injury of himself and the present possessor of the Paliput.

Tanjore, Kodyarry, 22nd July 1845.

/ Signed / H. C. Montgomery Collector.

Order thereon.

Ordered to be brought for- ward at a future day.

Read.

(Read again in Court 29th Augt)

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To J. Pycroft Esqre
Secy. to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.—

(54)

From the Coll.r of Trichinopoly } Para 1. With reference to the orders of Government under date the 26th April 1845 I have the honor to report the death of Sydance Bee one of the Yeomiadars in the Trichinopoly list No. 114 which occurred on the 10th Instant.—

2. As to the validity of his Yeomiah I beg to refer you to a letter addressed to the Board by the former Collector Mr. Saunders under date the 27th September and to their orders on the subject dated 30th October 1843 this being a Hereditary Yeomiah I submit for the consideration of the Board the propriety of continuing it to the surviving Members* of the deceased Yeomiadar, whose names are noted in the Margin.—

3. The Monthly Yeomiah of the deceased Yeomiadar was 6 Rupees and 2 Annas.—

* 1 Anchalee Bee Sister, Widow 1 Mannoo Bee Brothers wife as Widow.—

Trichinopoly Collr.s office, 19th July 1845.— } / Signed / A. P. Anslow Collector.—

Proceedings thereon.— It appears from the Register V. No. 114.— submitted by the Collector Mr. Travers on the 29th October 1844 that the Yeomiah under reference

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referred was originally granted for charity and that the grant was renewed in the name of the late incumbent Sydance Bee in 1823 on the representation of its being hereditary.— The Board request to know whether this yeomiah is not a Mootaulie

From Coll.r 27th Sept.r to Govt. 6th October 1823. To Ex.e 30th Dec.r

yaun grant as explained in their letters dated 21st January 1813 and 31st July

4th Para 3. 1815. and they wish to be furnished with a Copy of the Purwannah from Nabob Mahomed Ally Khan regarding this Yeomiah referred to in Mr. Travers's Register above mentioned.— They also wish to be informed whether Anchalee Bee said to be Sister to the deceased is a Sister by the whole blood.— what is her age, and whether she has any means of support distinct from the Yeomiah.—

Read.

10010 Fort St. George 14th August 1845.

Read the following letter.

To,

J. Pycroft Esqr.
Secy. to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

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From Mr. J. Blackburne
Principal Collector of
Madura

I have the honor to forward an Extract from the Lists of Pensions &c. and Compensation in lieu of resumed Offices or Privileges enclosed with the Extract from the recedit reply of my accounts for Fasly 1252 with my explanations, and request the Sanction of Government may be obtained for the items therein retrenched by the Civil Auditor—

Madura
30th May 1845.

/Signed/ J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To,

10011- Fort St. George 14th August 1845

A in No. 1

To Mr. T. B. Hurdis
Collector at Dindigul.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th June last, and to convey to you their sanction of the satisfactory settlement which you have formed for Fasly 1209 of the revenues of the Nuttom Pallams which under your able management they trust will experience that improvement of which its soil and situation are so capable.

The Establishment proposed by you in lieu of the Enams allotted for the subsistence of the late Polligar's Family and of the Illegitimate claimant Shokien for the former G. P. 700 and for the latter 500 annually has met the sanction of Government as also the establishment recommended by you for the management of this Pollam, amounting to P. F. 82 36 per month.

The Board approve of your having formed a Settlement of the Enams of Villages before appropriated by the late Poligar for the support of his family and of your having investigated their claim to the Proceeds by which the amount of G. P. 934. 6. 6. surplus to their right has

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has been recovered to the Circar these Villages will of course be henceforth inserted in your Jamabundy. and they trust you will be able completely to protect this valuable District from the further depredations of Shevagunga and the Colleries. The Board conclude in the event of the former acting in any shape hostile to its interest that you will immediately communicate with the Collector of Poligar Peishcush.

Fort St. George
30th August 1800.

/Signed/ I. B. Travers
Secretary.

To
The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's letter of the 24th Ultimo, and to inform you that His Excellency the Governor in Council has resolved that the pension of five hundred Gopaly Chuckrums which was received by Chockien a deceased relation of the extinct family of the former Poligars of Nuttum shall from the time of his death be reduced to two thirds of its former amount. The Collector of Madura will submit for the sanction of Government a proposed distribution of this amount among such of the members of the family of the deceased as from the nearness of their relationship he may consider entitled to

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to participate in the bounty of Government.

Fort St. George
18th March 1814.

/Signed/ D. Hill
Secretary to Government.

To
The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th March last inconsequence of the opinion of the Court of Shastrie, and the death within these few days of Nyuthanthoomaick, have made the following distribution of the allowance to the Nuttum Poligar's family.

Sholavandan
2d June 1814.

/Signed/ R. Peter
Collector.

Translate of a Jaheed from the Collector of Madura to the Court Shastry 30th April 1814

Chockia Naik of Nuttum of the Totyn Caste was on the receipt of a pension from Government, after his death it has been ordered to be continued to those of the relations rightfully entitled to participate in it, you are therefore required to state according to the Hindoo Law of inheritance and the Customs of the Caste, which of those of his relations here undermentioned are entitled to his property and the allowance of

of the pension, classing them according to their several claims pointing the first, second, third and so on of his relations as are considered the rightful inheritors.

1 Chokia Naiks wife 1 Do. Daughter
1 Yeruthauthoo Naik Brother of Chokia Naik
1 Do. Do. wife — 1 Do. Do. Child
1 Wife of the elder Brother Mootiah Naik
1 Brother in law Chinnama Naik, 1 daughter of Do.
1 Do. Lackama Naik, wife of Do. 2 children of Do.
1 Do. Yettay Mooloo Naik 3 children of Do. 1
Brother in law Chinna Luckama Naik,
2 Children of Do. 7

Reply of the Court Shastry

If the deceased Chokia Naik and his Brother had divided their property, and the deceased have a son he is the first heir the next is the wife. but if the property had not been divided the Brother becomes an equal heir as the son, the next then his wife, the third is the Elder brothers wife, the rest of the persons have no right to the property and may only be continued to partake of meals &c. so long as favor and regard may confirit

This is the Darmah Shastrom.

(Signed) Thauthaucharry
Pundit.

(True Translates)

(Signed) R. Peter
Collector

To

To The Collector in
Madura.

Sir,

I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 3d Instant, and to inform you that His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to authorize the distribution of the allowance granted by the Government to the family of Chokia Naik, an illegitimate relative of the extinct family of the Nuttam Poligars, according to the arrangement proposed in that letter.

Date of Sanction 24th June 1814

Fort St. George 30th June 1814

(Signed) A. D. Campbell
Deputy Secretary.

Extract of a letter from Mr. A. Falconar Deputy Secretary to Mr. G. Towney Collector of Poligar peshcush dated 30th May 1795

The Right Honorable the President in Council having taken into consideration the allowances which it may be necessary to grant for the support of the Poligar, and his family has been pleased to resolve that one thousand Rupees per month shall be remitted by you to the Commandant at Trichinopoly for the use of Ramalingom, whose receipt he will be directed to transmit to you. His Lordship has also resolved that the same allowance

of

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of one thousand Rupees per Month shall be granted for the support of the Poligar's women and his children, the payment of both these sums to commence from the receipt of this letter. You will therefore appoint one of the Eunuchs on the part of the family to superintend the monthly disbursements on their account, and a Conecopoly from your Cutcherry to see that justice be done them. In selecting the persons for this trust you will take care as much as possible that they be agreeable to the family and report their names for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council. You will also communicate to each person of the family the sum allowed for their maintenance, in order that if injured in the distribution of it, they may know where to direct their Complaint.

/True Extract/
/signed/ J. Blackburne
Principal Collector.

Extract from a letter from Mr Deputy Secretary Garrow dated 11th April 1800.

Para 4. The arrears of pension due to the family of the late Lieutenant and Adjutant Clarke, is to be charged against the property of the Poligar until the period of the sequestration of his Pollams from which date it is to be paid from the revenue of the Pollams.

/signed/ G. Garrow
Deputy Secretary

Fort St George
11th April 1800.

Enclosure

1816 Fort St. George 11th August 1815
Extract from the Proceedings of Consultation
No 6 Clarke
1 Minder
Millet
Sangram
2 Elsemere
Clarke

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/Signed/ G. Garrow
Deputy Secretary

Fort St. George
11th April 1800.

Extract

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Fort St. George 11th August 1805

Extract from a letter from the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 11th August 1805.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acquaint you that the Commissioners appointed to investigate the claims of the Poligars of Nellore, have reported that the Poligar of Pollore has been in the habit of allowing his wife and children a monthly allowance of Rupees 1,000 and that the Poligar of Pollam has been in the habit of allowing his wife and children a monthly allowance of Rupees 500.

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Pensions

Dated 23rd August 1800 Government to authorize the payment of a Pension to Lieut. Charles Robertson, late of the Royal Navy, for the loss of his Eye in the Service of his Country.

Whitehall 23rd August 1800.

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you, that the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have been pleased to direct a Warrant to be prepared for the payment of a Pension of £91.5 per annum to Lieut. Charles Robertson late of the Royal Navy, for the loss of his Eye in the Service of his Country.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant
Evan Nepean

To
Sir Evan Nepean Bart.
&c. &c. &c.

Dated 11th April 1800 Grant to Lieut. Robertson late of the Royal Navy of a Pension of £91.5 per annum for the loss of his Eye in the Service of his Country.

George R.

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. Whereas it hath been represented unto Us that Charles Robertson late Lieutenant in Our Royal Navy hath lost his Eye in the Service of his Country and that he is now reduced to great Poverty and Distress and hath humbly prayed Us to grant him a Pension for the Support of himself and Family. We have therefore thought fit to grant and We do hereby grant unto the said Charles Robertson late Lieutenant in Our Royal Navy a Pension of £91.5 per annum for the Term of his natural Life to commence from the 5th day of January 1800 the Day of the Date of his Eye being lost in the Service of his Country. And We do hereby direct and command that the said Pension be paid to the said Charles Robertson late Lieutenant in Our Royal Navy by the Commissioners of Our Treasury for the time being by Quarterly Payments at the Exchequer Office in Edinburgh the first Payment thereof to begin and be made on the 5th day of April 1800 and so continue to be paid Quarterly during the Term of his natural Life. And We do hereby direct and command that the said Pension be paid to the said Charles Robertson late Lieutenant in Our Royal Navy without Fee or Deduction

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Fort St. George 14th August 1815

Remarks of the Board of Revenue

Under date 23d August 1815 Government authorize us to grant to Ramasawmy Chetty for the Punt of the late P.C.G. at Nellore, vide letter from the Secretary to the Board dated 8th Sept. 1815 No 3760. The Punt is stated to be annually paid to Cullumma Chetty for the Ferry by the Renter of the Ferry. The Annual Collection for the Ferry is stated to be Pagodas 1200 and the Renter pays to the Zillah Sircar Pagodas 1000 as the Sircar's Share of the Collection. The Punt is stated to be worth Pagodas 200 and the Ferry is stated to be worth Pagodas 1200 per annum. The Punt is stated to be in the Charge of the Renter of the Ferry.

We see no objection to the Punt being granted to Ramasawmy Chetty for the Ferry at Nellore, but as the Punt is stated to be worth Pagodas 200 and the Ferry is stated to be worth Pagodas 1200 per annum, we are of opinion that the Punt should be granted to Ramasawmy Chetty on the Payment of Pagodas 200 per annum.

Fort St. George 11th April 1800

(Signed) G. Garrow
Deputy Secretary

Extract

Remarks of the Board of Revenue

No. These persons amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 6159-13- - per Annum are stated to be disbursed under the authority of Government conveyed in a letter from Mr. Falconer dated 30th May 1795. In this letter an allowance of 100 Rupees per Mensem is granted for the support of the women and Children of Ramalingen the deposed Poligar of Ramnad - The Board wish to know whether Paramadavandany Pateker and the other persons named to whom the allowance of Rupees 6159-13- - per Annum are now paid, are the original grantees. If not in what relationship they stand towards them and under what authority the allowances are continued to them - and also how the original grant of 12000 per Annum has been reduced to its present amount - The Principal Collector will be pleased to furnish full explanation on these points to enable the Board to submit the case for the orders of Government -

1842 and for the year ending

Bond de Georgetown for shipment 1815

No. Cargo objected to

Remarks of the Clerk of the Custom House

Collector.

All persons having demands
against the Estate of
Thomas Hyde deceased
are requested to bring in
their accounts properly
attested within twelve
months from this date.

Thomas Hyde Executor

Georgetown June 23d 1819

Notice is hereby given that
application will be made to
the Legislature of Maryland
at their next session for a
renewal of Letters of Administration
granted to the subscriber on the
personal estate of Thomas Hyde
late of Montgomery County
deceased.

Thomas Hyde Executor

Court of Exchequer 18th February

Present The Chief Baron Alderson

Bramwell Baron Platt Parke and Martin

Bell v. Stone

Mr. Serjeant Talfourd and Mr. Bovill for the Plaintiff

Mr. Bodkin and Mr. Hawkins for the Defendant

This was an action of trover for a quantity of wool, the property of the plaintiff, which he alleged the defendant had converted to his own use. The defendant pleaded not guilty, and issue was joined thereon.

The facts of the case were shortly these: The plaintiff, who resided at Bridgnorth in Shropshire, had been in the habit of purchasing wool of the defendant, who was a wool-stapler residing at Kidderminster in Worcestershire. In the month of October 1827 the plaintiff purchased of the defendant a quantity of wool, which was to be delivered at Bridgnorth on the 23rd of December following. The defendant accordingly sent the wool to Bridgnorth, and it arrived there on the 22nd of December, and was deposited in a warehouse belonging to the plaintiff, where it remained until the 24th of December, when it was removed by the defendant's orders, and sent to Kidderminster. The plaintiff refused to accept the wool, and brought the present action.

Mr. Serjeant Talfourd and Mr. Bovill for the Plaintiff.

Mr. Bodkin and Mr. Hawkins for the Defendant.

Chamberlain of the City of London v. Wood

Mr. Serjeant Talfourd and Mr. Bovill for the Plaintiff

Mr. Bodkin and Mr. Hawkins for the Defendant

Journal of a Voyage to Georgia in the Schooner 1826

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Ford & Geo. Hawke 11 & 13 Long Lane 1846

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Order thereon: Ordered to be brought forward at a future Meeting
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T. J. Pycroft Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

From the Sec.
Collr. of Madura

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Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 7th Instant giving cover to 3 appeal petitions returned from decisions of my Head Assistant under Regulation XX of 1822, I have the honor to inform you that on similar appeals previously made to me by the same parties I had an opportunity of reviewing the proceedings and being satisfied of the justness of the original decisions confirmed them in all their bearings, and furnished the petitioners with endorsements to that effect. Copies of the original decisions are enclosed for the Board's information.

Madura
21st July 1845

Signed / J. Blackburne
Sec. Collr.

No. 1.

Petitioners
Sumungum Pulley
and others
appeals of the
above villages

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Choultry pulley Complainants
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Charged

Fort St. George 14th August 1845

Charged with having in Fusly 1253 made wilfully false and fraudulent entries in the accounts and thereby caused a loss to Sircar of Rs. 520-5-7-

The parties proceeded against come under the provisions of Class 2d Para 3, Section 2 Regulation IX of 1822, the offences charged come under Class 4, Para 2 of the same Section and Regulation—

The Prosecutor is a relation of the Curnums and was during the Fusles 1247, 48-49 Curnum Goomastas in 1250 and beginning of 51 he was full Curnum in 1251 he was appointed a gillabdar, and accordingly relinquished his duty of Curnum, and his brother the 1st Defendant was appointed in his stead. The 1st Defendant not having abilities sufficient to perform the work himself appointed the 2nd & 3d Defendants his Goomastahs in Fusly 1250. The 2d Defendant known to be a rogue, was ordered by the Collr not to be again employed by any Curnum as a Goomastah, nevertheless the 1st Defendant did so. The Prosecutor having heard that frauds were being committed by the Defendant and fearing to lose the moneys which belonged to his family preferred a complaint and stated that frauds had been committed by the 2d Defendant unknown to the other defendants in Fusly 1253 up to 4 or Rs. but which on examination are found to have been as high as the sums of Rs. 520-5-7 mentioned in the charge. The charge is fully proved

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in the Kuftah Sagabardy accounts, signed with the exception of two weeks accounts by the 2d Defendant only lands yielding a revenue of Rs. 520-5-7, are not entered these lands were cultivated and are proved to have been so by the witnesses who are either the cultivators themselves, or neighbouring land owners, and by the personal inspection of the Jaseldar— that the above lands were cultivated is also apparent from the accounts of the reaping, which latter was done before the 4th Defendant and other Government Servants and which accounts lands not before entered as cultivated are proved to have been so This fraud appears to have been chiefly conducted by the 2d Defendant. nevertheless the 1st and 3d Defendants were present when the Kuftah Sagabardy accounts were made, and who ought to have checked the 2d Defendant which they did not, the first defendant is also liable to suspicion for having ever employed the 2d Defendant. The 2d Defendant alone signed the Fysel yummabundy accounts which accounts are usually made from the Kurrar Sagabardy ones, but as none of the latter, on account of press of business, were in Fusly 1253 sent to the Kuzzyon, the Fysel yummabundy accounts were made from the dictation of the 2d Defendant The 1st and 3d Defendants state in defence that they found out the frauds of the 2d Defendant when the reaping was finished and then informed the Prosecutor, who made his complaint

but

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but did not do so, till November 1255, but I am of opinion that it was only from fear of detection & fearing that from the reaping accounts sent by the 4th Defendant the frauds would be made public, they — through the Compt immediately came forward and wished to appear first in the field, and lay the whole blame upon the 2d Defendant.

I consider them guilty as well as the 2d Defendant. the 4th Defendant too is not quite guiltless for he did not object originally to the appointment of such a rogue as the 2d Defendant — neither did he although in the village from 28th. of January find out the frauds or make known that the lands were cultivated but during the time that Kufta Sagabady accounts were being made and sent into the Huzzoor, he was not present in the village, the proof therefore against him is not so clear, but he can be fairly charged with negligence. The 2d Defendant states that he was called away to the Huzzoor and after that some of the accounts and before that also some of the accounts were sent the last of which were written by the 3d Defts. but as the accounts were all sent to the Huzzoor before January and February and he the 2d Defendant did not come till March his defence does not hold good — my sentence therefore is that the 1st Defendant pay a fine of 160 Rs that the 2d. Defendant pay a fine of 200 Rupees and the 3d Defendant a fine of 160 Rs or in default — to

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be severally confined in jail during the space of 12 months or till such time as the fine shall have been paid under para III Section V Regulation IX of 1822. The 4th Defendant will be brought to the notice of the Pundt. Collector for such punishment as he may think fit. —

(Signed) C. Frane
Head Assistant Coll.

A copy of this decree was this day sent to the Talook for delivery to the Defendants.

(Signed) C Frane
Head Assistant Coll.

Rommad February 24th 1845.

(True copy) (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pt. Coll.

No 2

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Nulla Mootoo Pillay	2	Nainum of Kootya Koonden	
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Coopoo mootoo Kowunden	6	Venatachella pillay Nattangar	4
Peta Taiken	7	Annachellum pillay Nattangar	5
Kaverya Pillay	8	vellaya pillay Nattangar	6
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Sabapaty Pillay	12		
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Sooboo Taiken	14		
Ryots of the Village of Kootya Kounden.			

Decision

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Decision.

This case was referred to me by the Principal Collector on the 18th November 1844.

The parties charged come under the provisions of the 2d Clause Para III Section III Regulation IX of 1822.

The offences come under the provisions of the 3d Clause 2d Para of the same Section and Regulation viz. that the Defendants did in Fasly 1247 Fasly 1248. and Fasly 1249 unduly receive and fraudulently misappropriate and embezzle the sum of Rs 799-" 11 of the public money.

The 14 complainants preferred a complaint for appeal to the Collector as a counter complaint to case No 1 of 1845 in which the present 2d Defendant was Prosecutor. The 2d Defendant is at present a Gilladar but in Fasslies 1247, 48, 49, 50 & 51 he was Curnum Goomastah of the Village of Kootya Koondanoor. In the complaint the 2d Defendant and other of the Village Officers were accused of divers misdemeanors and on enquiries being instituted and the documents and accounts mentioned in the margin examined frauds to the amount of 799 " 11 mentioned in the charge were fully proved. These frauds were committed during the fasslies 1247, 1248 & 1249 but there is no proof of any in 1250 or 1251 — In the abovementioned three fasslies the Defendants gave puttas to Kurta Coomaras awmy — Nachan and 14 others and according to those puttas collected Teerwa as is proved by the few receipts that the ryots have kept — the amount thus collected

Patgam Khanst Account and Summabundy Book marked No 15 — 2 D. in Tamil for 1247 marked No 2 Puttahs given to Coomaraswamy Nachan & others 14 Receipts given to the Ryots to the above Puttahs — So many years having elapsed all the receipts given are not forthcoming.

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collected exceeded the amount forwarded to the Treasury and entered in the Patgam Khanist and the Fysel Summabundy accounts which are signed by the 2d Defendant by no less a sum than that mentioned in the charge. The Defendants are able to say nothing in their defence but merely shift the blame from one to another. The false accounts given into the Kuzzy nor both Tamil and Hindoonee are signed by the 2d Defendant and the Puttahs given to the Ryots are written all in the hand of the 3d Defendant so that the other Defendants lay the whole blame upon them but it is not probable that such extensive frauds could have been committed in the Village without the knowledge of the other Defendants besides which occasionally to the receipts abovementioned the names of some of the

Defendants

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Defendants are appended. I therefore consider that they are all guilty and that the frauds were by them wilfully committed. My sentence therefore is that the 1st. Defendant be fined 200 Rs the 2d. & 3d. Defendants be fined severally 100 Rs the 4th. 5th. & 6th. Defendants 200 Rupees each and the 7th. & 8th. 50 Rs each or in default of payment to be dealt with according to Section V Regulation IX of 1822.

February 9. 1845

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/Signed/ R. Frane
Hd. Asst. Coll.

/True Copy/

/Signed/ J. Blackburne
Dt. Coll.

(58-59)

Order thereon.

Ordered to be sent again

(Proceedings 21st. August in Circulation.

To

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To
J. Pycroft Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

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From the Dt. Coll.r of Madura
No. 31 of 1845.
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" 33 of Do.
" 34 of Do.
" 35 of Do.
" 36 of Do.

Madras
31st. July 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward transcripts and translates of the 6 Suits noted in the margin and one English draft of proposed answer which if approved will serve for all the others. as also its translate into Tamil.

/Signed/ J. Blackburne
Dt. Coll.r

No. 1.

Translation of Plaint in O. S. No. 31 of 1845 on the file of the Subordinate Court at Madura.

Plaintiff.

Mootoosawmy Savenson of Sedakka Saven of Seyyaloor in Canneycotta in Ramnad a Cultivator aged 40 years.

Versus.

Defendants

1. J. Blackburne Esq.re Dt. Collector of Madura and Agent of the Court of Wards.
2. S. H. R. Mootoovezia Ragoonatha Sethoopathy husband and guardian of the Minor heiress of Ramnad.
3. Parvatha Vurthany Nachyar her Mother
4. Vijaya Ragoonatha Mootoo-chella Taver Late Manager.
5. Syed Ismail Sait present Manager.
6. Mootoo Ramalingum pillay Annean of Canneycotta.
7. Soobramaneya pillay Son of Ramnad pillay Inscribed Surety of

of Seyyaloor —
& Moottoocamalinga Savan Son
of Moottoocurpa Saven Ambolagar
of Seyyaloor —

This is an action for recovery from Defendants of Rupees 28-6-9. being excess Collection of tax and for an injunction to limit the future levy of it from fusly $\frac{12\,54}{1844/45}$ to the rates fixed by Mr. Collector Peter —

1. The Malgoozary Poonjah lands of Seyyaloor & 4 Villages in Camencotay paid the proprietor's demand in kind till fusly $\frac{1224}{1814/15}$. In fusly $\frac{1225}{1815/16}$ the late Principal Collector Mr. R. Peter under authority from Government converted it into a Money tax on an average of 10 years Revenue limiting the demand upon Poonjah and water spread lands cultivated by me and other Ryots to 4 Shooly fanams a Koorkum to 2 Shooly fanams a Koorkum of Cotton and lamp Oil Seed culture when arising from Stamps of previous year and to 10 Shooly fanams per each Collum of Seed land of Punjah mail Poonjah at which rates I and other ryots continued to pay till fusly $\frac{12\,37}{1827/28}$ when under the Management of Government to Ramasawmy Saithoopathy to whom the Estate was afterwards restored till fusly $\frac{12\,43}{1833/34}$ and lastly to the 4th Defendant the late Manager —

2. But the 4th Defendant by his authority increased the tax from fusly $\frac{12\,44}{1834/35}$ to 5 Shooly fanams a Koorkum, contrary to custom and previous arrangements, as well as to Sections II and III Regulation XXX of 1802 without obtaining our written consent or

issuing puttahs to us He likewise increased the tax of other lands prepared on account and endeavoured to levy tax from me accordingly notwithstanding our objections to pay the addition and always carried my payments on account of current demands to recovery of balances of previous years for the additional demand in question and thus had the appearance of realizing it up to Fusly $\frac{12\,48}{1838/39}$ of this I and other Ryots complained to the 1st Defendant under date the 10th July 1839 — who instituted no enquiry but passed an Endorsement as tho' we had acquiesced in paying the additional tax for a period of 4 or 5 years —

3. To my applications thro Vakeel, in concert with other Ryots to the Board of Revenue and Government, respectively between the 5th October 1839 and 21st April 1840 with the endorsement aforesaid they were pleased to order under date the 18th November 1840 that our applications would receive attention when separately and individually brought before the 1st Defendant —

4. In pursuance of the above order Sheikh Mahammed Seerovygar and Pereatumby Seerovygar Ryots connected with me separately complained to the 1st Defendant regarding it, but their complaints being endorsed over referring them to the Civil Court I took it for granted that that order was applicable to me also and accordingly professed filing a Suit but could not do so in consequence of no guardian having been nominated to the Minor.

5. After this even the 3d 6th 7th and 8th Defendants levied

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levied the additional tax from me, after much illtreat-
ment from fusly 1249/1839 to 1252/1842.

6- I institute this Suit against all 8 Defend-
ants, the 1st being Agent of the Court of Wards the
protectors of the Minor heirefs - the 2d her husband, and
guardian the 3rd her Mother - the 4th the imposer of the
unjust additional tax - the 5th 6th 7th and 8th the public
servants, on behalf of the Minor who exacted it -

Particulars to be recovered from Defendants.

At the rate of one Shooly fanam a Rupee the
excefs collection is Shooly 22 and 4/8 fanams which at
2 and 7/2 and one tenth of a fanam per pagoda makes
Rupees 28-6-9 on the following cultivation -

Fuslies	Extent of Malgoot zaree Poonjah land in Koorkum -	
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1245		25 13/16
1246		25 15/16
1247		25 15/16
1248		15 15/16
1249		25 15/16
1250		25 9 1/4
1251		21 15/16
1252		25 15/16
1253		24 15 3/16
		10 1/2
		224 1/2

I therefore request the Court will be pleased
to award me the recovery of the above sum from Defendants
and limit levy of the future tax to the rate fixed by Mr.
Collector Peter on lands to be cultivated from fusly 1254 and
thenceforward -
9th April 1845 -

(Marked) Moottoosawmy Tavan
Plaintiff

P. S. I further pray the Court will be pleased to prohibit
Collection of 2 and 6 3/16 fanams or Rupees 2-13-6 being additional
tax on 22 6 3/16 Coorkums of Poonjah lands Cultivated by me
for fusly 1254 and to include this amount with the total sum
sued for -

12th April 1845

(Marked) Moottoosawmy Tavan
Plaintiff.

(True Translation) (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr Collr

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No 2

Translate of a Plaint in O. S. No 32 of 1845
on the file of the Subordinate Court of Madura -

Plaintiff Versus Defendants -

Veerabudra tavan son
of Carcopana tavan
of Misel Village in
Camencotay in Ramnad,
a cultivator aged 35 years.

1. J. Blackburne Esqre
Principal Collector of
Madura and -
Agent of the Court of
Wards -
2. S. H. R. Mouttoo Vijea
Regoonatha Saithoopathy,
husband and Guardian
of the Minor heirefs of
Ramnad -
3. Purvathavurthany Na-
cheyar her Mother -
4. Vijia Regoonatha Moottoo
Chella tavan late Manager -
5. Syed Ismail Saib present
Manager -
6. Moottoo Ramalingum -
pilly Ameen of Camen Cotay -
7. Ponpathya pilley Merafeer
Curnum of Odiyoor -
8. Manoothoo Umbalagar
son of Velly Mootto Umbalom
of the said Village -

This is an action for recovery from Defendants
of Rupees 5-8-4. being excefs collection of
tax for prohibition to levy Rupees 2-4-4 on
additional tax for fusly 1253/1843/44 and for an
injunction to limit the future levy of it
from fusly 1254/1844/45. to the rates fixed by Mr. Collector
Peter -

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1. The Malgoozary Poonjah lands of Oolayoor &c. Villages in Camen Cotay paid the proprietors' demand in kind till fusly $\frac{1224}{1814/15}$. In fusly $\frac{1225}{1815/16}$ the late Principal Collector Mr. R. Peter under authority from Government converted it into money tax on an average of 10 years Revenue, limiting the demand upon Poonjah and Water spread lands to 4 Shooly fanams a Coorkone, to 2 Shooly fanams on Cotton and lamp Oil seed Culture, when arising from the Stumps of a previous year, and to 10 Shooly fanams on each Cotton of Seedland of Nunjah mail Poonjah, at which rates they continued to pay till fusly $\frac{1237}{1827/28}$ while under Management of Government, to Ramasawmy Seithoopathy, to whom the Estate was afterwards restored, till fusly $\frac{1243}{1833/34}$ and lastly, to the 4th Defendant, the late Manager —

2. But the 4th Defendant by his own authority increased the tax from fusly $\frac{1244}{1834/35}$ to 5 Shooly fanams a Coorkum contrary to Custom and previous arrangements, as well as to Sections II and III Regulation XXX of 1802, without obtaining the written consent of the Ryots or issuing puttahs to them. He likewise increased the tax of other lands, prepared an account and

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and endeavoured to levy from them accordingly, notwithstanding their objections to pay the additional tax, and always carried their payments on account of current demands, to recovery of balances of previous years for the additional demand in question; and thus appeared to realize the excess demands up to fusly $\frac{1248}{1838/39}$ = of this they complained to the 1st Defendant, under date the 10th July 1839, who instituted no enquiry, but passed an indorsement as tho' they had acquiesced in paying the additional tax for a period of 4 or 5 years —

3. To their applications thro' Vakeel, to the Board of Revenue and Government respectively, between the 5th October 1839 and 21st April 1840 with the endorsement aforesaid, they were pleased to order, under date the 18th November 1840, that their applications should receive attention, when separately and individually brought before the 1st Defendant —

4. In pursuance of the above order Shekh Mahummed sarvagar and Pereyatumby Sairvagar Ryots connected with them, separately complained to the 1st Defendant, regarding it and were referred by endorsement to the Civil Court —

5. After this, even the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Defendants not only levied the additional tax from me, after much ill treatment

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illtreatment from fusly 1245/1889/90 to 1252/1842/43 on the Coorumbah Poonjah lands cultivated but continued to demand the same from for fusly 1253/1843/44 —

6. I institute this Suit against all 5 Defendants the 1st being agent of the Court of Wards the protectors of the Minor heirs the 2nd her husband and guardian; the 3rd her Mother; the 4th the imposer of the unjust additional tax; the 5th 6th 7th and 8th the public Servants on behalf of the Minor who exacted it —

Particulars to be recovered from Defendants at the rate of 1 Shooly fanam a Coorumbah the excess Collection is shooly Chs 4 — Fs 3 15/16.
which at 2 Fs 7 2/16 to a Pagoda is Rupees 5 — 8 — 11.
on the following cultivation —

Fusslies	Extent of Moolgoozary Poonjah lands in Coorkums
1249	3 4 1/2 / 16
1250	6 — 7 / 8 3/4
1251	15
1252	17 4 1/2 / 4
	43 43/16

The recovery of which I request the Court will be pleased to award me from Defendants, prohibiting Collection of the excess tax on the Poonjah lands Viz. 17 — 14 1/2 / 16 Fs or Rupees 2 — 4 — 4 from me for fusly 1253/1843/44 and limiting levy of the future tax to the rates fixed by Mr. Collector Peter on lands to be cultivated from fusly 1254/1844/45 —

9th April 1845 — (Marked) Veerabudron Savoy —
P. S. I further pray the Court will be pleased to prohibit Collection of 12 5 1/2 / 16 shoolg fanams or Rupees 1 — 9 — 1 being excess tax on 12 5 1/2 / 16 Coorkums of Poonjah lands cultivated by me for fusly 1254/1844/45 and to include this amount with the total sum I sued for —
12th April 1845 — (Marked) Veerabudron Savoy.

(True Translate)
(Signed) J. Blackburne
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No 3

Translate of a Plaint in Original Suit No 33 of 1845 on the file of the Subordinate Court Madura.

Plaintiff Versus Defendants —

Moottoo Vyroopillay son of Rundasawmiah Pillay of Kramasy in Kamenedayen Ramnad a Cultivator aged 50 years. —

1. J. Blackburne Esquire Principal Collector of Madura and agent of the Court of Wards.
2. I. H. R. Moottoo Vijia Ragoonatha Saithoopatty husband and Guardian of the Minor heirs of Ramnad.
3. Ruwatha Vurthany Nachyar her Mother.
4. Vijaya Ragoonatha Moottoo Chella Taven late Manager
5. Syad Ismail Saib present Manager
6. Moottoo Ramalenga pillay Ameen of Kamenedayen
7. Iyasawmiah pillay son of Solakottiapillay Mirassee Curnum of that Village —
8. Sooppa Taven son of Ramas Taven Ambelgar —

This Suit is for recovery from Defendants of Rupees 6 — 9 — 6 being excess Collection of tax — for prohibition to levy Rupees 1 — 8 — 4 being over — assessment for fusly 1253/1843/44 that two she Buffaloes valued at 7 Rupees held under attachment in satisfaction of a balance of 5 shoody Chuckrums and odd including the second item and balance against other Ryots, be released, and that the

levy

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ill treatment from fusly 1245/1839/40 to 1252/1842/43 on the Poonjah lands cultivated but continued to demand the same from for fusly 1253/1843/44 —

I institute this Suit against all 5 Defendants the 1st being agent of the Court of Wards the protectors of the Minor heir =ess the 2nd her husband and guardian, the 3rd her Mother; the 4th the imposer of the unjust additional tax; the 5th 6th 7th and 8th the public Servants on behalf of the Minor who exacted it —

Particulars to be recovered from Defend=ants - at the rate of 1 Shooly fanam a Coor=kum. the excess collection is shooly 4-3-15/16 which at 2 fs 7/16 to a Pagoda is Rupees 5-8-11. on the following cultivation —

Fuslies	Extent of Moolgootary Poonjah lands in Coorkums
1249	
1250	3 4/16
1251	6 7/8
1252	15 3/4
	17
	43

The recovery of which I request the Court will be pleased to award me from De=fendants, prohibiting Collection of the excess tax on the Poonjah lands 43-7-17-14/16 fs or Rupees 2-4-4 from me for fusly 1253/1843/44 and limiting levy of the future tax to the rates fixed by Mr. Collector Peter on lands to be cultivated from fusly 1254/1844/45 —

9th April 1845 —

O.S. (Marked) Veerabudron Saven —

I further pray the Court will be pleased to prohibit Collection of 12-5-12/16 shooly fa=nams or Rupees 1-9-1 being excess tax on 12-5-12/16 Coorkums of Poonjah lands cultivated by me for fusly 1254/1844/45 and to include this amount with the total sum sued for —

12th April 1845 —

(Marked) Veerabudron Saven.

(True Translate)

(Signed) J. Blackburne

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Translate of a Plaint in Original Suit No 33 of 1845 on the file of the Subordinate Court Madura

Plaintiff Versus Defendants —

Mootoo Vyroophillay son of Kundasawmiah Pillay of Akramasy in Kamenestayen Ramnad a cultivator aged 50 years —

1. J Blackburne Esquire Principal Collector of Madura and agent of the Court of Wards.
2. S. W. R. Mootoo Vijia Ragoonatha Saethooputty husband and guardian of the Minor heiress of Ramnad.
3. Kuvatha Vurthany Nachyar her Mother.
4. Vijaya Ragoonatha Mootoo Chella Taven late Manager
5. Syed Ismail Saib present Manager
6. Mootoo Ramalingum pillay Queen of Kamenestay.
7. Iyasawmiah pillay son of Solakoottapillay Mirassee Curnum of that Village.
8. Soopa Taven son of Rama Taven Ambelgar —

This Suit is for recovery from Defendants of Rupees 6-9-6 being excess Collection of tax; for prohibition to levy Rupees 1-8-4 being over assessment for fusly 1253/1843/44 that two she Buffaloes valued at 7 Rupees held under attachment in satisfaction of a balance of 3 shooly Chuckrums and odd, including the second item and balance against other Ryots, be released, and that the

levy

illtreatment from fusly 1245/1839/40 to 1252/1842/43 on the Poonjah lands cultivated but continued to demand the same from for fusly 1253/1843/44.

I institute this Suit against all 5 Defendants the 1st being agent of the court of Wards the protectors of the Minor heir-ess the 2nd her husband and guardian; the 3rd her Mother; the 4th the imposer of the unjust additional tax; the 5th 6th 7th and 8th the public servants on behalf of the Minor who exacted it—

Particulars to be recovered from Defend-ants at the rate of 1 Shooly fanam a Coor-kum. the excess collection is shooly Chs 4/4 4-3-15/16. which at 2 fs 2/16 to a Pagoda is Rupees 5-8-11. on the following cultivation—

Fusles — Extent of Poonjah lands in Coorkums

1249		
1250	3	4/16
1251	6	7/16
1252	15	8 3/4
	17	4 3/4 / 16
	43	43/16

The recovery of which I request the Court will be pleased to award me from Di-fendants, prohibiting Collection of the excess tax on the Poonjah lands viz. 17-14 3/4/16 fs or Rupees 2-4-4 from me for fusly 1253/1843/44 and limiting levy of the future tax to the rates fixed by Mr. Collector Peter on lands to be cultivated from fusly 1254/1844/45 —

9th April 1845—

P. S. (Marked) Veerabudron Saven—

I further pray the Court will be pleased to prohibit Collection of 12 5/12/16 shooly fa-nams or Rupees 1-9-1 being excess tax on 12 5/12/16 Coorkums of Poonjah lands cultivated by me for fusly 1254/1844/45 and to include this amount with the total sum Sued for—

12th April 1845—

(Marked) Veerabudron Saven.

(True Translate)

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Pl. Coll.

No 3

Translate of a Plaint in Original Suit No 33 of 1845 on the file of the Subordinate Court Madura

Plaintiff Versus Defendants—

Mootoo Vyroopillay son of Kundasawmiah Pillay of Ikramasy in Kamencotayen Ramnad a Cultivator aged 50 years.—

1. J Blackburne Esquire Principal Collector of Madura and agent of the Court of Wards.—
2. S. H. R. Mootoo Vijia Ragoonatha Saithooputty husband and Guardian of the Minor heiress of Ramnad.
3. Kowatha Vurthany Pachyar her Mother.
4. Vijaya Ragoonatha Mootoo Chella Taven late Manager
5. Syed Ismail Saib present Manager
6. Mootoo Ramalingum pillay Ameen of Kamencotay-
7. Iyasawmiah pillay son of Solakottiapillay Mirasee Curnum of that Village.—
8. Sooppa taven son of Ramas Taven Ambelgar—

This Suit is for recovery from Defendants of Rupees 6-9-6 being excess Collection of tax;— for prohibition to levy Rupees 1-8-4 being over-assessment for fusly 1253/1843/44 that two she Buffaloes valued at 7 Rupees held under attachment in satisfaction of a balance of 5 shooly Chukrums and odd, including the second item and balance against other Ryots, be released, and that the levy

levy of future demand from fusly 1254/1844/45. be limitted to the rate fixed by Mr. Collector Peter.—

1. The Malgoozary Poonjah lands of the above said Village Decr. paid the proprietors demand in kind till fusly 1224/1814/15. In fusly 1225/1815/16 Mr. Peter the then Principal Collector under authority from Government converted it into money tax at an average value of 10 years Revenue, limiting the tax upon the Poonjah and water spread lands of myself and other Ryots to 4 Shooly fanams a Koorkom to 2 Shooly fanams a Koorkom of Cotton and lamp Oil seed culture when arising from stumps of a previous year and to 10 shooly fanams for each collom of seed land of Punjah mail Poonjah, at which rates I and others continued to pay till fusly 1237/1827/28 while under management of Government afterwards to fusly 1243/1833/34 to Ramasamy Seithoopulthy the then Zemindar and lastly to the 4th Defendant, the late Managar Moottoochella taver.—

2. But the 4th Defendant of his authority increased the tax from fusly 1244/1834/35 to 5 Shooly fanams a Coorkum, contrary to custom and previous arrangements as well as to sections II and III Regulation XXX of 1802 without obtaining the written consent of the Ryots or issuing puttahs to them. He likewise increased the tax on other lands, prepared an account and endeavored to levy it from me. We disregarded our objections to pay the additional tax and always carried my payments on accounts of

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current demands to recovery of balances of previous years for the additional demand in question — and thus realized the additional demand up to fusly 1248/1838/39. of this I and other Ryots complained to the 1st Defendant under date the 10th July 1839 who instituted no enquiry but passed an endorsement as if we had acquiesced in paying the additional tax for a period of 4 or 5 years

3. To my applications thro' Vakeel in concert with other Ryots, to the Board of Revenue and Government, respectively between the 5th October 1839 and 21st April 1840, with the endorsement aforesaid, they were pleased to order, under date 18th November 1840 that our applications should receive attention when separately and individually brought before the 1st Defendant.—

4. In pursuance of the above order Sheikh Muhammed sheirvagar and Porcathumbey Sheirvagar of Colunthory and Carcongoolum Villages respectively separately complained to the 1st Defendant regarding it, but they being referred by endorsement to the Civil Court, I took it for granted that that order was applicable to me also, and accordingly proposed filing a Suit, but could not do so in consequence of no guardian having been nominated to the minor.

5. Mean time the 5th 6th 7th 4th and 8th Defendants not only levied the additional tax from me after

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after much illtreatment from fusly 1249/1839/40 to 1252/1842/43 but the 6th Defendant under orders of the 5th unjustly attached in satisfaction of similar Demand for fusly 1253/1843/44 on me and other Ryots to amount of 5 shooly Chuckrums and odd, one she Buffaloo and a calf of mine, valued at 4 and 3 Rupees respectively.—

6. I institute this suit against all 8 Defendants, the 1st being agent of the Court of Wards the protector of the Minor heiress, the 2nd her husband and Guardian, the 3rd her Mother, the 4th the imposer of the unjust additional tax, the 5th & 6th, 7th &c and 8th public servants on behalf of the Minor who exacted it.—

1st I shooly fanam a Coorkum the excess Collection on Poonjah lands the total to be recovered from Defendants amounts to shooly 5chs and 2fs or Rupees 6-9-6 at 27½ and one tenth of a fanam a star Pagoda on the following cultivation.—

Fusles	Extent of Poonjah Land in Korkums
1246	5—4—"
1247	5—7—"
1248	6—9—"
1249	1—11—"
1250	6—14—"
1251	6—14—"
1252	8—8—"
	52—"—"

I therefore pray the Court will be pleased to award me recovery from Defendants of the above sum of Rupees 6-9-6 being additional tax levied from me from fusly 1246/1836/37 to 1252/1842/43 as well as release of the property under attachment on account of the excess demand 1st Rupees 1-8-4 on the 12 Korkums of Poonjah land cultivated by me for fusly 1253/1843/44 and afford me a prohibition against the additional demand hereafter limiting it for the future to the rate fixed by Mr. Collector Peter.—

8th April 1845.

(Signed) Moottoo Veeroopillay.

P. S. I further pray the Court will be pleased to prohibit Collection of 6 13/48 Shooly fanams or annas 13, being excess tax on 6 47/48 Korkums of Poonjah land cultivated by me for fusly 1251/1841/42 and to include this amount with the total sumpsued for.—

12th April 1845.

(Signed) Moottoo Veeroopillay

(Sworn translator)

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Principal Coll.r

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No. 4

Translate of a Plaint in original Suit No. 34 of 1845 on the file of the Subordinate Court Madura.

Plaintiff.—	Versus.—	Defendants
Palany coomaroo Pillay son of Ramasawmy Pillay of Manjoor in Canen-cottay in Ramnad a Meerasee Cumun and Cultivator aged 42 years.—		1 J. Blackburne Esqr. Principal Collector of Madura and agent of the Court of Wards. 2 S. W. Bo. Mottoo Vejia Regoonatha Sethooputty husband and guardian of the Minor heiress of Ramnad. 3 Punvathavurthamy Nachiyar her Mother. 4 Vejia Regoonatha Mootoo chetty, Savar late Manager. 5 Syed Ismayel Sait present Manager. 6 Mootoo Ramalingum Pillay Amun of Cannencotay and 7 Palany coomaroo Pillay son of Goroonada Pillay Ambelgar of Pellungoo Village.

This is an action for recovery from Defendants of Rupees 9-12-9 being excess collection of tax for a prohibition to levy Rupees 1-2-10 being additional tax for fusly 1253/1843/44 for release of my

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any property, valued at Rupees 51-8- attached
in satisfaction of arears due by other Ryots
amounting to 40 Shroffy Chuckrams including
the above 3 items and for an injunction limiting
the future levy of it from fusly 1254 to the rates
fixed by Mr Collector Peter.
1254/45

1 The Malgoozary Punjah lands
of Munjoor &c Villages in Cameenday paid the pro-
-prietors Demand in kind till fusly 1224 - Sir &
fusly 1225/1815/16 the late Principal Collector Mr Peter
under authority from Government converted
it into money tax, on an average of 10 years
Revenue limiting the Demand upon Punjah
and waterspread lands to 4 Shroffy fanams
a Cawkram - to 2 Shroffy fanams on Cotton and
Lamp oil seed cultivation, when arising from
stamps of a previous year - and to 10 Shroffy
fanams on each cullum of red land of
Punjah Mail Punjah & whistle rates.
I and other Ryots continued to pay till
fusly 1237/1827/28 while under the management
of Government to Ramasawmy Sastriar fusly
to whom the Estate was afterwards re
-stored, till fusly 1243/1833-34 and lastly to the
4th Defendant the late Manager.

2 But the 4th Defendant by
his own authority increased the tax
from fusly 1246/1836-37 to 5 Shroffy fanams
a Cawkram contrary to custom and former
arrangement

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arrangement as well as to Sections II and III Regulations
XXX of 1802. without obtaining our written consent
or signing Pottahs to us. He likewise increased
the tax of other lands prepared an account
and endeavoured to levy from me accordingly
from fusly 1246/1836-37 (for I had not cultivated
during fusles 1244 & 45/1834/35-35-36 and from other Ryots
from fusly 1244/1836-37 and notwithstanding our
objections to pay the additional tax as contrary
to custom he always carried my payments
on account of current Demands to recovery
of balances of previous years for the additional
demand in question, and thus seemed to realize
the additional demand up to fusly 1248 of this
I and other Ryots complained to the 1st Defendant
under date the 10th July 1839. who instituted no
enquiry but passed an Endorsement as tho'
we had acquiesced in paying the additional
tax for 4 or 5 years.

3 To our applications thus tacked
in concert with other Ryots to the Board of
Revenue and Government respectively between
the 5th October 1839 and 2nd April 1840 with the
Endorsement aforesaid they were pleased to
direct under date the 18th November 1840 that
our applications should receive attention

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of a fanam a Pagoda is Rupees-9-12-9. on the following cultivations.

Fasulies.	Extent of Malgoozary Punjah lands in Hoorkam
1246	4 3/16
1247	23 3/16
1248	4 10 1/2/16
1249	7 14/16
1250	15 31/2/16
1251	12 11 3/4/16
1252	8 11 3/4/16
	77 3 3/4/16

The recovery of which I request the Court will be pleased to award me from Defendants- afford me prohibition against the levy from me of Rupees 12-10 being additional tax on the 9 4/16 Hoorkams of Punjah land cultivated by me for fasly 1252- for release of my segnestered property valued at Rupees 51-8- as specified above and limiting levy of the future tax to the rate fixed by Mr Collector Peter on lands to be cultivated from fasly 1254-

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/Signed/ Palany Comaroo Pillay

P.S I further pray the Court will be pleased to prohibit collection of 10 3/16 fanams or Rupees 1-8-11 being additional tax on 10 3/16 Hoorkams of Punjah land cultivated by me for fasly 1254/1844-45 and to include this amount with the total sum sued for

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/Signed/ Palany Comaroo Pillay

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/Signed/ J. Blackburne

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No. 3.

Translate of a Plaint in Original Suit No. 33 of 1845 on the file of the Subordinate Court Madura

Plaintiffs	Versus.	Defendants.
Sheikh Muhammed Sherrigar son of Syed Ibrawhim Sherrigar of Colunthoray in Comencetay in Ramnad a cultivator and aged 62 years.	1	J. Blackburne Esqre Principal Collector of Madura and Agent to the Court of Wards.
	2	S.N.R. Moottoovegia Regonatha Seethropathy husband and guardian of the Minor heirs of Ramnad-
	3	Purvatha vurthany Nachyar her Mother-
	4	Vegia Ragonatha Moottoo Chella Saver late Manager
	5	Syed Ismayel Sahb present Manager
	6	Mootto Ramalingam Pillay Ameen of Cannencotay
	7	Manthiroly Ambelgar of Colunthoray and
	8	Palany Comaroo Pillay a Meraseer Cumum of the said Village.

This is an action for recovery from Defendants of Rupees 6 7 8 being excess Collections of taxes for prohibition to levy from me similar excess taxes of Rupees 1-10- for Fasly 1252 or A.D. 1842/43.

Rupees

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Rupees 1-12-- for Fusly 1253/1843/44 total Rupees 2-12-10 and for an injunction limiting the future levy from Fusly 1254/1844/45 to the rates fixed by Mr. Collector Peter.-

1 The Mulgoozary Poonjah lands of Colinthorvy Vr. Village in Camencotay paid the proprietors demand in kind till Fusly 1224/1814/15 In Fusly 1225/1815/16 the late Principal Collector Mr. R Peter under authority from Government converted it into Money tax on an average of 10 years reversd limiting the demands upon Poonjah and water spread lands to 6 Shooly fanams a Coorkom - to 2 Shooly fanams on Cotton and Lamp Oil seed culture when arising from Stumps of a previous year and to 1 Shooly fanams on each Colom of seed land of Punjah Mail Poonjah; at which rates I and other ryots continued to pay till Fusly 1237/1827/28 when the Estate was under the Management of Government to Ramasamy Sathoputhy to whom the Estate was after restored till Fusly 1243/1833/34 and lastly to the 1st Defendant the late Manager.

2 But the 1st Defendant of his own authority increased the tax from Fusly 1244/1834/35 to 5 Shooly fanams a Coorkom on Poonjah land 2½ fanams on Cotton and Lamp Oil seed culture when arising from Stumps of a previous year and half the usual tax on each Colom of seed land of Punjah Mail Poonjah; and even finish one half a Rupee contrary to customs and previous arrangements as well as to Sections II & III Regulation XXX of

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of 1802 without obtaining our written consent individually or giving Puttahs to us We prepared an account of the excess demand and endeavoured to levy it from us and in spite of all objections on our part to pay it, he carried my payments on account of current demands to recovery of balances as of previous years for the additional demand upto Fusly 1248/1838/39. Of this I and other Ryots complained to the 1st Defendant under date the 10th July 1839 who instituted no enquiry into it but passed an Endorsement as tho we had acquiesced in paying the additional tax for 4 or 5 years.-

3. To our applications thro Vakeel in concert with other Ryots to the Board of Revenue and Government respectively between the 5th October 1839 and 21st April 1840 with the Endorsement aforesaid we were favored with an Endorsed Order dated the 18th November 1840 that our applications would receive attention when separately and individually brought before the 1st Defendant In pursuance of the above order I complained to the 1st Defendant requesting recovery from the 1st Defendant of £11 and 8 3/16 fanams being excess collection during 5 years and was referred to the Civil Court.-

4 Similar excess tax was not only levied from me for Fusly 1247/1837/38 & 1247/1837/38 with the exception of Fusly 1249/1839/40 during which I had not cultivated the land but ill treatment was had recourse to by the 6th 7th & 8th Defendants under orders of the 5th for exacting the excess demands for Fusly 1252 I instituted a Suit in No. 283 of 1843 of this Court's file against all the Defendants except the 2d for

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for recovery of Rupees 16-7-5 being excess Collection from
July $\frac{1244}{1834/35}$ to $\frac{1251}{1835/36}$ and for a prohibition against levy of
Rupees 1--10 for July $\frac{1252}{1842/43}$ and the Musty Sudr
Ammeen who tried it on the grounds of my plaint
having been fully proved and satisfied of the
contraductions of the defence and of a motion handed
in by the 3d and 5th Defendants pretending as the
Land other Chief Ryots had given a petition to the 4th
agreeing to pay the excess demand awarded me on the
31st December 1844 the amount sued for with costs of
Suit Viz Rupees 13-5-7 prohibiting levy of the additional
tax for July 1252

Meantime, i e subsequent to the date of
my Plaint the 2d Defendant presented a motion to the
Subordinate Judge in charge praying for a summary
examination of the matter which was refused on its
merits and the Petitioner informed on the 28th January
1845 if the Courts opinion it should only be tried as
a regular appeal. This was however overruled by an
order of the Civil Judge of the 5th March following
and my institution of the suit declared altogether
irregular and contrary to the regulations there being no
Guardian to represent the Minor at the time which
added to an order from the Court of Sudr Adalut
that in all suits connected with the above Zemin
dary the Collector of the District should be invariably
included

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included as Defendant obliged the Civil Judge
to non suit me, and to direct its institution de novo
including the Collector and the Minors husband
as Defendants this giving rise to a trouble on the
part of the 5th 6th 7th and 8th Defendants in demanding
payment from me of the excess tax for fusly $\frac{1252}{1242/43}$
and $\frac{53}{1843/44}$ obliges me to bring this suit against them
for recovery of the excess Collections only to the
exclusion of the Suit rejected as above stated.

I therefore pray the Court to recover
me from Defendants Rupees 16-7-5 being excess
Collection till fusly $\frac{1251}{1841/42}$ and afford me a
prohibition against demand to pay Rupees 1--10
and Rupees 1-12-10 excess tax for fuslies $\frac{1252}{1842/43}$
and $\frac{1253}{1843/44}$ respectively and limiting the future
levy from fusly $\frac{1254}{1844/45}$ to the rates fixed by Mr
Collector Peter.

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/Marked/ Sheikh Mahammed
Sherwgar.

Particulars.

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Particulars of Cultivation

Fasly	Specie of Cultivation	Collection	Assessment	Land Tax	Claims
1244	Poonjah	18	15 4/16		
1245	Do.	17	7 1/2 16		
"	Do. water spread land	1/8	"		
"	Do. Cotton from Stumps	3/4	"		
"	Cunjah Inaid Poonjah	"		3-5-5 3/4	
1246	Poonjah	5		" " "	
1247	Do.	36		" " "	
"	Cunjah Inaid Poonjah	"		9 2 "	
1248	Poonjah	4	6/16	" " "	
"	Do. Cotton from Stumps	"		1-2-3/4	
"	Cunjah Inaid Poonjah	5 3/8		" " "	
1250	Poonjah	6	12 4/16		
1251	Do.				

Total Poonjah including water spread land great 1 fanam each excess tax is 9-6

" Cotton from Stumps 15/8 at 1/2 fanam each — 13/16

" Cunjah Inaid Poonjah — 5 8 1/2 at 1/2 the tax on each Cullum of seed land or body 5

and a fine of Half a Rupee — — — — — — 3-5

Total Chuckrums — — — — — 12-9 13/16 viz

at 27 and one tenth of a fanam a Pagoda the par value is Rupees 16-7-5

1252	Poonjah	8	5/16	
1253	Do.	13	12 3/4 16	
1254	Do.	13	1 1/2 16	at 1 fanam a Hoorakum

the excess tax is Rupees 1-10-7 which Irequest may be included in the total amount

12th April 1845.

(Marked) Sheikh Mahammed Sherwgar
Trnd & translated
(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector
No 6

10055 Fort St. George 14th August 1845.

No 6.

Translate of a Plaint in O.S. No. 36 of 1845 on the file of the Subordinate Court at Madura.

Plaintiff — Versus — Defendants.

Peryathumby Seirvygar Son of Kunny Kottay Seirvygar of Caroongoolum in Camencottay in Ramnad a Cultivator and aged 47 years.

1. J. Blackburne Esqre Principal Collector in Madura and Agent of the Court of Wards.
2. S. H. R. Mootoo Vegia Regonatha Seithoopulty husband and Guardian of the Minor heiress of Ramnad.
3. Puravathavurthany — Nachyar her Mother.
4. Vegia Regonatha Mootoo Chella Taver late Manager.
5. Syed Ismayal Said present Manager.
6. Mootoo Ramalingom Pillay Ameen of Camencottay.
7. Mohomed Meerah Umbalagar of Caroongoolum.
8. Palany Coomaroo Pillay Mirasee Curnom of the said Village.

This is an action for recovery from Defendants of Rupees 49-15-3 being excess Collection

Collection of Cesse for prohibition to levy from me similar excess Cesse of Rupees 4-7-6 for Fusly 1252 1842-43. and Rupees 1-6-6 for Fusly 1253 1843/44. = total Rupees 5-14- : and for an injunction limiting the future levy from Fusly 1254 1844-45 to the rates fixed by Mr. Collector Peter.—

1. The Mulgoozary Poonjah lands of Caroongoolum Vca. Villages in Canneencotay paid the proprietors demand in Kind till Fusly 1224 1814-15- In Fusly 1225 1815-16 the late Principal Collector Mr. Peter under authority from Government converted it into money Cesse on an average of 10 years Revenue, limiting the demand upon Poonjah and water Spread lands to 4 Shooly fanams a Coorkom: to 2 Shooly fanams on two Crop Cotton and lamp Oil seed Culture, when arising from stumps of previous year: and to 10 Shooly fanams on each Collom of Seed land of Nunjah mail Poonjah, at which rates I and other Ryots continued to pay till Fusly 1237 1827-28. whilst the Estate was under the management of Government to Ramasawmy Seithooputhy to whom the Estate was afterwards restored till Fusly 1243 1833-34. and lastly to the 4th. Defendant the late Manager.—

2. But the 4th. Defendant of his own authority, increased the Cesse from Fusly 1244 1834-35 to 5

5 Shooly fanams a Coorkom on Poonjah land and 2½ fanams on two Crop Cotton and lamp Oil seed Culture, when arising from Stumps of a previous year, and half the usual Cesse on each Collom of Seed land of Nunjah mail Poonjah and even fined me half a Rupee, contrary to Custom and previous arrangements as well as to Sections II & III Regulation XXX of 1802, without obtaining our written Consent individually, or issuing Puttahs to us. He prepared an account of the excess demand, and endeavoured to levy it from us and in spite of all objections on our part to pay it, as contrary to Custom he carried my payments on account of current demands to recovery of balances, as of previous years for the additional demand, up to Fusly 1248 1838/39. Of this I and other Ryots Complained to the 1st. Defendant under date the 10th. July 1839. who instituted no enquiry into it but passed an endorsement as tho we had acquiesced in paying the additional Cesse for 4 or 5 years.—

3. To our applications, this Vakeel in Concert with other Ryots to the Board of Revenue and Government respectively between the 5th. October 1839, and 21st. April 1840 with the endorsement aforesaid, we were favored with an endorsed order, dated the 18th. November 1840. that our applications would receive attention when separately and individually brought before the

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the 1st Defendant. In pursuance of the above order I complained to the 1st Defendant on the 21st April 1841 requesting recovery from the 4th of the 33 and 1/16 fanams being excess Collection during the above 5 years, as well as in fusly $\frac{1249}{1839}$ and was referred to the Civil Court.

4 Similar excess tax was not only levied from me for fusles $\frac{1250 \& 51}{1840 \& 41}$ but illtreatment was had recourse to by the 6th 7th and 8th Defendants under orders of the 5th in view to exacting the excess demand for fusly $\frac{1252}{1842/43}$ I instituted a Suit in No. 283 of 1843 of this Courts file against all the Defendants excepting the 1st and 2nd for recovery of Rupees 49-15-3 being excess collection from fusly 1244 to 1251 and for a prohibition against levy of Rupees 4-7-6 for fusly 1252. and the late Moofty Sudar Ameen who tried it, on the grounds of my Plaint being fully satisfied of the contradictions of the defence, and of a Motion handed in by the 3d and 5th Defendants pretending as the Land other chief Ryots had given a Petition to the 4th agreeing to pay the excess demand awarded me on the 31st December 1844. the amount sued for, with Costs of Suit Viz. Rupees 66-12-5, prohibiting levy of the additional tax for fusly 1252.

5. Meantime, i.e. subsequent to the date of my Plaint the 2d Defendant presented a motion to the Subordinate Judge in charge praying for a summary examination of the matter, which was refused on the merits and the Petitioner

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Petitioner informed on the 28th January 1845 of the Courts opinion that it should only be tried on a regular appeal This was however overruled by an order of the Civil Judge of the 5th March following and my institution of the suit declared altogether irregular and contrary to the Regulation, there being no Guardian to represent the Minor at the time which added to an order from the Court of Sudr Adalut, that in all Suits connected with the above Zemindary the Collector of the District should be invariably included as Defendant obliged the Civil Judge to nonsuit me and to direct its institution de novo in the Subordinate Court including the Collector and the Minors husband as Defendants. This subjecting me to trouble on the part of the 5th 6th 7th and 8th Defendants demanding payment of the excess tax for fusles 1252 & 53 obliges me to bring this suit against them for recovery of the excess Collection only, to the exclusion of the costs of the suit rejected as above stated.

I therefore pray the Court to recover me from Defendants Rupees 49-15-3 being excess Collection till fusly 1251 and prohibit demand for Rupees 4-7-6 and Rupees 1-6-6 excess tax for fusles 1252 & 53 respectively, and limiting the future levy from fusly 1254 to the rates fixed by Mr. Collector Peter.

/True Translate/

8th April 1845 /Signed/ J. Blackburne
P. Collector.

Particulars

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Particulars of Collection

Fuslee	Species of Cultivation	Extent in Coorkum	Seed land in Kollums	
1244	Poonjah	6 3/16	"	"
1245	Do.	68 4/16	"	"
"	Nunjah mel Poonjah	-	2	1 4½
"	Poonjah Waterspread land	9/16	"	"
"	Do. Lamp Oil seed			
	Culture from Stamps	1/4	"	"
1246	Poonjah	53 3/16	"	"
1247	Do.	65 1/8	"	"
1248	Do.	24 1/8	"	"
"	Do. Water spread land	7/8	"	"
1249	Poonjah	36 1/16	"	"
1250	Do.	33 7/16	"	"
1251	Do.	28 1/16	"	"
"	Do. Water spread land	1½	"	"
	Total Poonjah	374 7/16	at 1 fanam each the excess tax is	Chs Fs 37 4 7/16
"	Lamp Oil seed cultures from Stamps	1/4	at ½ fanam each	5 5/8
	Total Nunjah mel Poonjah	" 2 1 4½	at ½ the tax on each Collem of seed land or sooly fanams 5 and a fine of half a Rupee	1 9
			Total Chuckrums	39 3 4/16 or
			at 27 2/8 fanams a Pagoda the par value is Rupees	49 15 3
1252	Poonjah	35 2/16		
1253	Do.	11 1/8		
1254	Do.	42 1/16		
		88 3/16	at 1 fanam a Coorkum the excess tax is Chuckrums 8 and 8 6/16 fanams or Rupees 11 3 4 which I request may be prohibited from being Collected from me, and the land item included in the Total Amount.	

12th April 1845. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pt. Collector.

Proposed

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No. 1

Proposed answer to Original suit No. 31 of 1845 on the file of the subordinate Court at Madura.

1. The Poonjah lands alluded to in the plaint paid the proprietors share in kind, as permanently fixed in fusly 1211/1801 till fusly 1224/1814/15. In fusly 1225/1815/16 whilst the Estate was under the management of Government the share was at the recommendation of the then Head Tasildar Narain Rao converted into money tax by Mr. Collector Peter at 4 Shooly fanams a Coorkum of Poonjah land all the Ryots acceded and continued to pay accordingly till fusly 1243/1833/34.

2. In fusly 1244/1834/35 the 4th Defendant the Manager of the Estate desirous to revert to the former system of share, for he found there money tax into which it has been commuted while under management of Government too much below the former and just rate, published a proclamation requiring all Ryots to pay the demand in kind, as originally fixed at the permanent Settlement. This obliged them to consider the matter, and being sensible of the advantage to them of continuing the system of money tax, they offered to give the increase viz. 5 fanams

fanams a Coorkum instead of 4, as before paid presenting petitions to that effect to the 4th Defendant and continued to pay, and accept pottahs accordingly for the last 10 years, from fusly 1244, amongst them the Plaintiff was also one.-

3. Had not the Plaintiff consented to pay the additional demand of one fanam a Coorkum, as he now denies to have done, he ought to have either objected to it and refused receiving Pottahs in fusly 1244, when the tase was raised from 4 to 5 fanams a Coorkum and submitted to reversion to the original system of paying in kind, as required by the late Manager, or have represented his unwillingness either to the 4th Defendant, or applied to the Civil Court, in the same year. On the contrary his application to the Court after long acquiesence like other ryots, with the arrangement as proved by receipt of Pottahs and payment of tase, to obtain reduction of the tase to 4 fanams a Coorkum, its former standard, is untenable.-

4. Had his statements that the additional tase entailed loss to the Ryots, and had not received their previous Consent, been true, it is improbable that

that other Ryots should have passed it over in silence and refrained from joining with Plaintiff in the present suit. A consideration of this point and the voluntary payments made by Plaintiff from fusly 1244 will satisfy the Court of the untenability of his plaint, instituted after long acquiescence in payment of the increased demand.-

5. The money tase of 4 fanams a Coorkum introduced during assumption of the Zemindary, neither received the consent of the proprietors of the Estate nor the assurance of Government of its unalterable maintenance. It was a mutual temporary arrangement and cannot be referred to as a permanent assessment.-

6. The attempt of Plaintiff to evade payment of the increased demand may render him liable to requisition hereafter to pay in kind after the original system.-

7. If dissatisfied at the increased demand Plaintiff might have demanded to revert to the original system of payments in kind, which would hardly have been refused him, seeing its pecuniary advantages to the Estate, but

Ejection

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/Signed/ J. Blackburne
Print. Collector.

60-61

Order thereon-
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Read the following letter-

To T. Pycroft Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir

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From the Coll. of Tinnevelly---

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/Signed/ E. B. Thomas
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Not more than twelve Months.

Collect[or] ...]
5th August 1845] Signed / J. E. J. Goodwyn Collector

Proceedings thereon.— The Collector is requested to acquaint the Board of Revenue with the result of his application to the Court of Requests Adalut regarding the Ekaungpat Plaintiff.

Read the following Statement.

66

Statement Shewing Separately the Collections on account of the Several Items included in the Statement of Demand Collection and Balance under the Several Heads of Exctra Revenue from 12th July 1844 to 11th July 1845 compared with the average Collections of the same period during the preceding fusties.—

Fusties	Salt	Abkarry	Sunday Small farms and Licences	Stamp Papers and Cadjans	Grand Total
	Rupees a p	Rupees a p	Rupees a p	Rupees a p	Rupees a p
From 12th July to 11th July — 1251	1,30,617 15 3	5,09,008 14 11	11,501 8 9	8,910 6 -	6,60,038 12 11
1252	2,02,715 8 10	5,69,361 12 2	11,570 - 1	6,281 7 6	7,89,928 12 7
1253	1,36,793 4 6	6,06,850 14 7	11,607 6 10	10,113 14 -	7,65,363 7 11
"	4,70,126 12 7	16,85,221 9 8	34,078 15 8	25,305 11 6	22,15,333 1 5
Average Collections — "	1,56,708 14 10	5,61,740 8 7	11,559 10 7	8,435 3 10	7,38,444 5 10
Actual Collections from 12th July 1844 to 11th July 1845 — 1254	1,84,337 - 2	6,01,160 2 10	14,784 4 9	8,521 5 6	8,05,902 13 3

Madras ...]
9th August 1845]

E. E J. / Signed / J. A. Huddleston
Collector
ordered

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(66-67)
Order thereon. Ordered to be recorded.

Read the following letter.

To J. Bycroft Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

(68)
From J. C. Morris Esqre
Supt. of Stamps

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 14th Ultimo I have the honor to annex a Memorandum of the probable Value of the articles indented for by me for the use of my Office.

Fort St. George
Genl. Stamp Office
8th. August 1845.

I have &c.
(Signed) J. C. Morris
Supt. of Stamps.

Memorandum.

	Rs	As	P.
Paper Cutting Press with Box	26	10	11
Horn Lanthorn	1	12	"
Table	25	1	3
Chair	4	8	9
Total C. Rupees	58	"	11

(68-69)
Resolution thereon. Resolved that the Indent which accompanied the letter from the Superintendent of Stamps dated 1st. July last be sanctioned and returned to him.

Read

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Read the following letter.

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

(70)
From I. Veerasawmy Pillay
Deputy Manager of the
Board of Revenue

Requesting to be permitted to retire from the Service with a pension equal to the amount of his present salary.

Honored Sir,

I respectfully beg to submit my application for permission to retire from the service in the hope that it will meet with your kind support.

Early in life I was employed as Writer in the Sea Customs Office at Masulipatam for the space of 2 years and 8 Months on a salary of 6 Pagodas. In January 1812 Mr. William Oliver the then Secretary to the Board employed me as Sectioner, and in July 1814 Mr. A. D. Campbell confirmed me on the Establishment as Current Writer on 12 Pagodas, which was increased to 15 in May 1817 and then to 18 in September 1818. In June 1821 Mr. R Clarke promoted me to the situation of Consultation Drafter on 20 Pagodas. In April 1821. Mr R Clarke appointed me acting Record Keeper, and Mr. Daniel Elliot confirmed me on that situation in August 1828, and in November 1830 was pleased to augment my salary to 25 Pagodas. During the years 1831 to 1835 I in addition to my own duties as Record Keeper, prepared the Annual General Report for transmission to

From Sept. 1806 to April 1809

Vide letter to Govt. 11th. November 1830.

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to the Honorable Court of Directors of almost all the letters to and from Government on important subjects. This duty engaged my unwearied attention for 4 Months in the latter part of every year until the report merged in the Collections - In June 1834 Mr Bruce appointed me under the authority of the Board, Senior Assistant Manager on my original salary of Record keeper.

The Manager Bagavanta Row and the Deputy Manager Ranganada Mordelly having been absent from their duties from indisposition, I officiated in the situation of Manager to the entire satisfaction of the Members and Secretaries from February to November 1839, and from the date of Bagavanta Row's death to that of the nomination of the late Venkatachella Naidoo as Manager, I drew the Salary of 60 Pagodas the amount allotted to the Manager for the first 5 years of service in that Capacity, and on the death of the Deputy Manager I was appointed to succeed him on the 5th January 1840 on Rupees 175 per Month.

Vide Indents for Oct & Nov 1839

During the absence of the late Manager Venkatachella Naidoo for 5 or 6 Months from ill health, I officiated for him and from the date of his death to that of the nomination of the present Incumbent, drew the salary of Manager at 60 Pagodas per Mensem.

Vide letter to Govt 29th Augt 1842

Under these circumstances, and adverting to

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to my present impaired state of health which incapacitated me for further efficient service, I humbly request you will be kindly pleased to submit my case to the favorable consideration of the Board in order that they may obtain for me a Pension equal to the amount of my present salary for my natural life, as in the case of the Deputy Manager in the Revenue Department of the Government Office, in consideration of the arduous and Zealous services rendered by me throughout the period I have been employed on the Establishment and enable me to pass in comfort the remaining part of my days with my family and children.

36 years and three Months

I herewith enclose two testimonials A and B of character granted to me by Messrs A. D. Campbell and R. Clarke for your consideration.

In the humble and confident expectations that my request will be granted,

I have &c. (Signed) I. Veerasawmy Pillay

14th August 1845

A

The Bearer I. Veerasawmy has served on the Board of Revenue as a Writer for nine years. I have constantly employed him to copy my papers of an official kind, and occasionally in private papers, and have found him a most correct, expert, a very superior Writer, and an attentive, good man.

February 18th 1840 (Signed) A. D. Campbell

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B

This is to certify that the Bearer I Veera-
sawmy Pillay Consultation Drafter has served in
the Board of Revenue Office for these 14 years, and
has at all times rendered me perfect satisfaction
during the time I was Secretary and I have in
the year 1824 transferred him to Record Office
as a person fit to fill the arduous and respon-
sible situation of Record Keeper.

Office of the Board of Revenue
14th January 1826 } /Signed/ R. Clarke

No 1

I hereby certify that I Veerasawmy
Pillay Deputy Manager in the Revenue Board
Office aged 56 years is from chronic rheumatism,
defective vision, and general debility incapacitated
for the performance of his duty and to the best
of my belief such incapacity has not been pro-
duced by his own indiscretion.

Fort St. George
5th August 1845 } /Signed/ J C. Jerdon

Garrison Assistant Surgeon

Ordered that the foregoing letter
be submitted with the following address.

To
The Chief Secretary to
Government

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of
Revenue to request that you will submit for the

Register

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the orders of the Most Noble the Governor in
Council the accompanying application for a
Superannuation Pension from I Veerasawmy Pillay
Deputy Manager in this Office. The required
Medical Certificate, and a Register in the pre-
scribed Form are also enclosed.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
14th August 1845 } /Signed/ J Pycroft
Secretary

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To the Chief Secy
to Government

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Fort St George

A

Register of Applications for Superannuation Pension preferred under the Rules passed by Government under

11th August 1845

from the Establishment of the Board of Revenue

date the 28th June 1831.

Number on the Establishment	Name of the party in whose favor the application is made	Indelible Marks and other Signs or natural Defects	Size Feet	Inches	Age of applicant at the time of application Years	Months	Days	Religion Caste or Tribe	where residing District	Taluk	Village	Present Employment	Total period of Service Years	Months	Date of application to Government	Average salary or authorized official allowances per annum for the 5 years preceding the date of application	Salary or authorized official allowances per Mensem at the time of application	Abstract of the grounds of application	Remarks by the Head of Office	Proposed amount of Pension ℔ Mensem	Treasury at which the party if Pensioned wishes to draw his Pension	Orders of Government
18	Veerasawmy Pillay A mole on the right ear		5	5	56	"	"	Gopalen	Royapettah Madras	"	"	Deputy Manager	36	3	11th August 1845	125 " "	125 " "	Disqualified from Chronic Rheume & tremor defective Memory general debility	Has been very useful in the Office and has always borne a high Character. He is unfit for Revenue and capacitated from further duty. Recommended for Pension	62 8 "	Madras		

Sri Masulipatam

In the Bd Office

Read

72 From the Ag. Collector of Guntoor — Statement of Contingent Charges not exceeding 20 Rupees each incurred for the quarter ending 30th June last.

73 From the Ag. Collector of Chinglepute — Statement of Contingent Charges not exceeding 20 Rupees each incurred for the quarter ending 30th June last.

74 From the Ag. Collector of Chinglepute — Statement of Contingent Charges not exceeding 20 Rupees each incurred in the Magisterial Department for the quarter ending 30th June last.

75 From the Collector of Tinnevelly — Statement of Contingent Charges not exceeding 20 Rupees each incurred for the quarter ending 30th June last.

72-76 Order on the four above Statements — Resolved that the necessary Orders be passed.

Read the Undermentioned Statements.

77 From the Collector of Vizagapatam — Comparative Statement shewing the quantity of Salt Sold for the quarter ending 31st July 1843 1844 and 1845.

78 From the Ag. Collector of Guntoor — Comparative Statement shewing the quantity of Salt Sold for the quarter ending 31st July 1843 1844 & 1845.

79 From the Ag. Collector of Chinglepute — Comparative Statement shewing the quantity of Salt Sold for the quarter ending 31st July 1843 1844 & 1845.

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80 From the Pt. Collector of Madura — Comparative Statement shewing the quantity of Salt Sold for the quarter ending 31st July 1843 1844 and 1845.

77-81 Order on the four above Statements — Ordered to lie over.

Read the Undermentioned Lists.

82 From the Ag. Collector of Cuddapah — Lists of Letters addressed to the Board of Revenue and remaining Unanswered to the 30th June last.

83 From the Ag. Collector of Cuddapah — List of letters received from the Board and remaining Unanswered to the 30th June 1845.

82-84 Order on the two above Lists — Ordered to be lodged in the Office.

Read the Undermentioned Registers.

85 From the Ag. Collector of Chinglepute — Register of Endorsements passed by him on Petitions referred by the Board during the Month of July last.

86 From the Pt. Collector of Madura — Register of Endorsements passed by him on Petitions referred by the Board during the Month of July last.

87 From the Collector of Tinnevelly — Register of Endorsements passed by him on Petitions referred by the Board during the Month of July last.

88 From the Pt. Collector of Canara — Register of Endorsements passed by him on Petitions referred by the Board during the Month of July last.

85-89 Order on the four abovementioned Registers — Ordered to be lodged in the Office.

Resolved

Fort St. George 11th. August 1815

Resolved that the following letter be dispatched

To The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

With reference to the correspondence noted in the Margin I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that 100,000 Copies of Salt Rowannahs required by the Collectors of Nellore may be printed at the Fort St. George Gazette Press according to the accompanying form.

The quantity of paper required for the purpose is herewith transmitted.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
11th. August 1815

/Signed/ J. Pycroft
Secretary.

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To the Chief Secy. to Government

To Govt. 5th July 1815
From Do 10th inclt 19th Augt
Proceedings to Govt 12th Septr.
From Govt 5th inclt 7th October

Resolved that the following letters be despatched.

To The Collectors of

Sir

Masulipatam

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will be pleased to submit at your earliest convenience the Statement containing the information regarding the lands held by the compa= =ny's Servants on your District called for in their Circular letter of the

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To the Collector of Masulipatam

The same to Rajahmundry Salem, North Arcot, South Arcot, Trichinopoly Tinnevelly and Coimbatore

Fort St. George 11th. August 1815

19th. May last.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
11th. August 1815

/Signed/ J. Pycroft
Secretary

To The Collector of Northern Division of Arcot.

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To the Collr. of N. Divn. of Arcot

The same to South Arcot, Coimbatore, & Masulipatam

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will have the goodness to furnish at your earliest convenience the report upon the Motunpha of your District called for in the Circular letters from this Office dated 10th April and 9th June last.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
11th. August 1815

/Signed/ J. Pycroft
Secretary

To The Ag. Sub Treasurer.

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To the Ag. Sub Treasurer

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to remit Rupees 35-5-0 being the amount of fines levied from the writers and Peons of this Office as noted in the Margin from March 1815 to July 1815 together with a part of the Salary of C. Thacava Row late Assistant Record keeper in this Office resigned, and to request that you will acknowledge the receipt of the same.

J. Lloyd Reader fined in	March	Rs.	2-11-5
H. & Boyle writer Do	Do	"	1-9-9
Telasingum Do	Do	"	5-2-7
P. Rishnah Do	Do	"	1-8-9
R. Davis Do	Do	"	4-11-11
Krishnamah Peon Do	Do	"	2-0-0
Jamsing Do	April	"	1-23-0
Canary Row Gomastah Do	May	"	1-9-10
Streenevasa Row Translator Do	June	"	11-2
Naraian Peon Do	Do	"	11-23
Govindoo Do	Do	"	3-0
Mahomed Rujah Do	July	"	1-15-0
			26-13-0
J. Lloyd Reader			
C. Thacava Row Asst. Record keeper pay from 9th to 31st May at 11½ Rupees			8-8-0
		Rupees	35-5-0

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
11th. August 1815

/Signed/ J. Pycroft
Secretary

Received

1009 Fort St. George 11th August 1845.

Received the Undermentioned
Miscellaneous letters and Statements

94 From the Commissioner in Kurnool. Return of persons charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822 for the Month of July last.

95 From the Pr. Coll.r of Madura. Return of persons charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822 for the Month of July last.

96 From the Pr. Coll.r of Madura. Return of persons in confinement under Regulation IX of 1822 for the Month of July last.

97 From the Pr. Coll.r of Madura. Return of persons suspended and dismissed under Regulation VII of 1831 for the Month of July last.

98 From the Pr. Coll.r of Madura. Stating that certain returns for the Month of July last are not sent there being no entry to make.

99 From the Collector of Madras. Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance from 1st to 11th July last.

100 From the Collector of Nellore. Statement shewing the quantity of Salt in store and ready for exportation on account of the Chittagong Indent for 1844/45 at the Ports upto 8th August 1845.

101 From the Supdt of Stamps. Transmitting a Statement of the balance due to Conjeveram Veerasawmy Moodely for Paper and Cadjans supplied amounting to Rupees 584-8-0 also an Indent for the usual advance of C.Rs 700-0-0 and requesting that they may be passed and returned.

101-102 Order thereon. Ordered that the Original Statements accompanying the abovementioned letter be passed and returned.

103 From the Collector of Vizagapatam. Informing that no persons were suspended or dismissed under Regulation VII of 1831 during the Month of July last.

104 From the Collector of Vizagapatam. Informing that no Pattahs were referred by the Board for disposal during the Month of July last.

J. D. Bruce
" A. Mackall
" Goldingham