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Diary.

Received the following paper

To

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George
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(1)

After Bd's 326

From Ramanoojacootum ....
Veeraragavaswamy residing ....
at Madras and an Agent to certain ..
Government Salt Freight Contractors

J. Ramanoojacootum Veera.

Veeraragavaswamy residing at Madras and an Agent to Voordacharnadoss and Modeen Maddin Saib Government Salt Freight Contractors residing at Balaswaram and one Nagoor. -

Humbly Sheweth.

Beg to bring to your kind notice that your honor is already informed by Supreme Government, that I was appointed as an agent to the above Contractors for the exportation Supply Viz^t 70,000 Maunds from Ennore attached to the Collector of Madras and 130,000 Maunds from Vellore Zillah both amounting 200000 of India Maunds of Salt.

I also to inform that for the Shipments of 70,000 Maunds of Ennore I sent four Native Ships from the Madras Roads to that place but Northern wind blowing contrary to the progress of the Ships they returned to Madras I therefore beg to inform that your honor will be pleased to order the Collector of Chinglepute for the Shipment of 50000 Maunds of Covalongout of 70000 Maunds

maunds which were contracted to be shipped at Ennore. I have chartered four Native Ships and are now in the Roads I beg to inform that delay will put us to loss and inconvenience.-

Madras... 3d February 1855 }
Bd No 317
Proceedings thereon.
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The Board of Revenue direct the collector of Chingleput to supply 1,000 Maunds of Salt to R. Veeragavaswamy, which amount will be deducted from the quantity ordered to be delivered from Ennore.-

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At a Meeting Present.

E. Maltby Esqre Member

and

Thursday 15th February 1855..... }

I. D. Bourdillon Esqre Member

J. Goldingham Esqre First Member
Absent on Duty
as Commissioner Northern Circars

Minutes of the last Meeting read and approved.-

Read.

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Bd No 79
From the Acting Deputy Secretary to Government... }

Read the following papers-

Revenue Department

Memo
26 copies of No XVI of the Selections from the Records of the Bengal Government forwarded to the President and Members of the Board of Revenue

For themselves 3 copies
" 21 Districts 21 "
" Commissioner Northern Circars 2 "

Fort St. George 14th January 1855. }

By order
Signed H. Hudleston
Ag. Deputy Secy to Govt.

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Order thereon

Ordered to be recorded-

Bd No 355
From the Ag. Deputy Secy. to Government... }
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No 26.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Public Department Dated 16th February 1855-

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

Here enter 16th January 1855 No 18.

Para 1 Under the circumstances stated in this letter and in its accompaniments, and on consideration of the present position of North Arcot as regards its Revenue administration, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is convinced that the exigence of the Public Service requires the immediate retirement from office of Sooba Row the present Head Sheristadar of

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of the District, who after 36 years of Service is disqualified for the due performance of the important duties belonging to the post.—

2. Recent orders of the Honorable Court admit of his being pensioned on half the pay of his rank and the Government direct that he be so pensioned from the 1st Instant.—

3. The Collector of North Arcot will submit the usual Pension Registers without delay.—

To
The President and
Members of the
Board of Revenue

(5-6)

[True Extract]
[Signed] W. Hudleston.
Acting Deputy Secy to Govt.

Order thereon. Ordered to be recorded, having been communicated to the Collector direct from the Government Office

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No 11

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

(7)
Bd No 1143
From the Collector of Rajahmundry.

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 15th August last directing me to report whether the

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the new or old Salt mercals are most handy I have the honor to state that the new mercals are found rather too heavy for rapid measurement, and I would therefore suggest that if the mercals subsequently indented for in my letter of the 29th November last are still unfinished, they should be made some what lighter. If however they are already made they should be sent at once as they are.—

Rajahmundry District
Collectors Office Cottapetta
9th February 1855

[Signed] A. Purvis
Collector

Ordered that the following Official Memorandum be sent in consequence.

Official—

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Bd. No. 348

No. 348.

Official Memo.-

To the Principal Commissary of Ordnance.....

The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to forward to the Principal Commissary of Ordnance for his information the accompanying letter, dated 9th Instant from the Collector of Rajahmundry, stating that the mercals formerly made at the Arsenal, are found rather too heavy for rapid measurement, and suggesting that those subsequently indented for may be made some what lighter, It is requested that this letter may be returned after perusal, and it is hoped that it is not too late to adopt the Suggestion of the Collector.-

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George.
15th February 1855

/Signed/ B. Cunliffe
Acting Secretary

To

W.P.W

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No. 8

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

(9)
352. 213

From the Acting Collector of Nellore - -

Sir,

In reply to your Letter No. 65 under date 8th Current, requesting definite information as to the further measures adopted for lessening the influence of the Gotoor family in this District, I have the honor to assure the Board that it is my desire to finally settle this long pending, and to the local officer exceedingly troublesome business, in person fully participated in by myself, and to submit three Statements; the one A exhibiting the names and situations of those already disposed of; as well as how such disposal has to new place: the Second B those of such as may from their respective degrees of affinity be considered liable to transfer, should the Board still deem a further measure to be requisite; the third C those of the remainder, and comprizing with the foregoing all included in the general List submitted by G. Venkataramaniah already before

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before the Board, and persons for the Reasons recorded in the Column of Remarks opposite to their respective names, I should not myself hold to be sufficiently nearly connected, to require notice as participators in, or upholders of this family influence, particularly with reference to its already effected diminution -

2 As regards the transfer of the Nails Sheristadar himself, the Board will observe by the accompanying Copies of letters to the Acting Collector of Guntoor, that proper endeavours have been made to effect the same, no Reply however, even to the last under date 23d December 1854 having yet been vouchsafed by Mr. Wood -

The Copies of other letters relating to the transfers in general, will shew the Board that neither trouble or pains have been spared as regards those also -

3 The Petition referred to in para 6 of letter under reply is an anonymous one -

Nellore District,
Collector's Office,
Eskapollum,
25th January 1855

(Signed) J. Ratliff
Acting Collector

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No 336

To H. Wood Esqre

Acting Collector of Guntoor

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Elton's letter to your predecessor, under date 11th July last, on the subject of the transfer to your District as Head Sheristadar, of G. Venkataramaniah Nail Sheristadar in this District, I have the honor to forward an application from him (the Nail) to your address, as quite as in justice to him, to record my own Endorsement as far as able to judge of the character Mr. Elton has given him also submitted -

Should you however be disposed to acquiesce in his request, I would solicit the favor of your making such arrangement as will enable me to retain his services pending the appointment and finding of a successor, as I should be much inconvenienced otherwise, as this office is now Constituted -

The delay albeit would probably be

of

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of no great duration-

Nellore — — —
Collectors office
23d October 1854 } (Signed) I. Ratliff
Acting Collector

No. 359-

To H. Wood Esqre
Acting Collector of Guntoor.

Sir,

In annexing Copy of Para 2 from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 16th Instant, I have the honor to solicit the favor of an early reply to my letter under date 23d Ultimo-

Nellore Collectors office
22d November 1854 — } (Signed) I. Ratliff
Acting Collector

No. 361

To A. Purvis Esqre
Collector of Rajahmundry.

Sir,

With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of 7th February and Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 9th March 1854, I have the honor to annex a list of persons

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persons whom I would propose to transfer in exchange for others upon equal salaries in your District-

2 The Board of Revenue having, in their Proceedings of the 16th Instant, issued stringent and peremptory orders for the breaking up of the family influence adverted to in the Minutes of Consultation above referred to, I would solicit the favor of your ready and effective Co-operation for the purpose, of at once Carrying out the instructions of Government, soliciting an early reply to this reference-

Nellore Collectors office
22d November 1854 } (Signed) I. Ratliff
Acting Collector

A similar letter was addressed on the same date to the following officers

To The Collector of Masulipatam
To The Collector of Cuddapah
To The Sub Collector of Do

No. 400

To J. D. Lushington Esqre
Collector of Masulipatam

Sir,

I have the honor to solicit the

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The favor of your attention to my letter of the 22d November last -

Nellore
23d December 1854 } (Signed) I. Ratliff
Acting Collector

A similar letter was addressed on the same date to the following officers -

To The Collector of Cuddapah
To The Sub Collector of Do.
To The Acting Collector of Guntoor -

No. 386 -

To M. Murray Esqre.
Collector of Cuddapah

Sir,

In Reply to your communication dated 1st Instant, I have the honor to solicit the favor of your informing me, with as little delay as convenient, whether there are not appointments in your District, the pay of which approximate more to that of the parties whom I proposed to transfer thereto, than that specified by you, which is one third less - a severe loss to which I should be unwilling to subject them, in addition to removal -

Nellore
5th December 1854 } (Signed) I. Ratliff
Acting Collector

To

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To I. Ratliff Esqre.
Acting Collector of Nellore

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 5th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that in order to carry out the wishes of Government in breaking up the family connexion of the Nair Shiristadar at Nellore, I am prepared to exchange Hanoomuntarow, a Carkoon of Goorum-Candah, on a Salary of 12 Rupees per mensem, and Narsingarow a Goomastah of the same Taluk, on a Salary of Rupees 14, for the individuals mentioned in your letter. I would further beg to add that the Sub Collector proposes to exchange - Raghavendra Row, the Varamunt Goomastah of Budwail, on a Salary of 10 Rupees, in room of Cuchak Venkatakristniah mentioned in your letter to his address under date the 22d Ultimo -

Cuddapah District,
Collectors office, on Circuit,
Doonpoor 20th December 1854 } (Signed) M. Murray
Collector

To

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No 510-

To J. Ratliff Esqre
Acting Collector of Nellore-

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 22d Ultimo, I have the honor to state that I have required the Upheads and Head Mudduligars in the several Talooks in my division, to prepare in the Receipt of 20 Rupees per Mensem, to state whether any of them are willing to exchange with the Head Goomastah of Nellore Talook an equal salary, but none of them have consented to the transfer - Ormee Vittaloo, a Sheristah Mudduligar in this Cutcherry, receiving a salary of 20 Rupees per Mensem, has expressed his willingness to exchange with the Head Goomastah of Nellore Talook- I have no objection to the arrangement if you approve of it -

2 Bramasamoodrum Varadiah, Head Mudduligar of Rauly Talook, will not Consent to exchange with Caroo-munchy Soobroo, Renesindah of Tadah, on a salary of Rs. 15 per Mensem, tho' he has no objection to hold ex- the

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the situation of the Head Mudduligar of Nellore Talook-

(Signed) A. Wedderburn
Sub Collector

(True Copy)
(Signed) J. Ratliff.
Acting Collector.

No 12

To A. Burnie Esqre
Collector of Rajahmundry

Sir,

I have the honor, in acknowledging the receipt of your letter dated the 15th Ultimo, to inform you that the Upheads Goomastah of Nellore Talook having since applied for a pension, his transfer has become unnecessary, I would however propose to transfer in his stead one Mr. Tirmulroo, Sheristah Goomastah in the Hoozoor, on a salary of Rs. 21- His individual honesty having applied for 3 months leave to enable him to settle his affairs, I would beg that if appointed as suggested in place of Vittaloo, some one should be nominated to act for him (Tirmulroo) on full pay until he joins- Vittaloo being ordered to at once proceed hither-

One Bramasamoodrum Ristnaroo, a Mudduligar on 12 Rs. pay in your District having applied to me to be transferred to this District I will, should you have no objection, nominate him as such Renesindah on 15 Rs. pay, in place of C. Soobroo, Recommended by me in my letter of the 22d November, directing the latter to proceed to take up his (B Ristnaroo's) appointment-

Soliciting the favor of an early reply-

Nellore Collector's office
23d October 1854

(Signed) J. Ratliffe
Acting Collector

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No. 2

List of such of the relations of the Nail Sheristadar, in the Zillah of Nellore, as have been disposed of by transfer, death, or resignation, subsequent to receipt of orders on the subject—

Number as per Nailó list	Names with Rs. as per List of relations already submitted to the Board—	Situation in the Nellore District—	Disposal
No1	Luckaneya Jayarow	Hoozoor Sheristá Goomasta — — —	Transferred to Guntoor District.
7	Rapati Lutchmeneroo	Cash Keeper	Resigned & obtained pension
30	Coochon Venkatachellum	Goomastah in Woodiagherry Talook — — — —	Transferred to Cuddapah
44	Tenkayala Suckajeeroo	Goomastah in Angole Talook	Transferred to Guntoor Dis: trict.
45.	Narapuntoola Seetapatiroo	Tahsildar of Budda proody — — — —	Dº to Rajahmundry Dº
46	Narapuntoola Lutchmeeroo	Peshkar in Ranoor Talook — — — —	Dº to Guntoor Dº
47	Chintalagiry Soobroo	Goomastah in Ranoor Talook	Dº to Dº Dº
48	Congo Rungaroo	Tahsildar of Chin: dalloor — — — —	Dead—

The above were disposed off by Mr. Elton— the following by the present acting Collector—

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Number as per Guide's List	Names with Nos as per List of relations already submitted to the Board	Situation in the Nellore District	Disposal
3	Jaleguru Kistnarow	Salt Nevisindah of Kistna patam	Transferred to Cuddapah
6	Ambar Rana Nursingarow	Salt Nevesinda in Pandary Division	Dismissed
9	Rapati Kistnarow	Hoozoor Sheristo Goomas=tah	Changed from the Hoozoor into the Talook of Talamunchy
13	Cavoobah Venkata Kristnah	Maramut Goomastah in Surnapully Talook	Transferred to Cumbum Sub Division
23	Mudrapati Ramdoss	Goomastah in Nellore Talook	Do to Cuddapah
24	Mudrapati Venkatanarsoo	Hoozoor Sheristo Goomas=tah	Changed from Hoozoor Sur=napully Talook
25	Do Seroonnelrow	Do Do	recommended for transfer to Rajahmundry
28	Carmunchy Soobrow	Salt Nevesindah in Tada Division	Recommended for transfer to Rajahmundry
37	Doopally Bagiradarow	Head Goomastah in Nellore Talook	Too old to move and has applied for a Pension as the alternative
39	Varagunta Shashagiry Row	Tahsildar of Goondawole Talook	Transferred to Masulipatam
40	Varagunta Narrain Row	Peishcar in Woodiagiry Talook	Transferred to Guntoor

/Signed/ J. Ratliff
Acting Collector

List

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List of relations comparatively closely connected with the Naib Sheristadar who have not yet been transferred.

No as per naibs list	Names	Employment	How related.	Remarks.
8	Napati Ramarow	Sheristadar Head Goomastah in the Hoozoor.	Son of No 7 the late cash keeper his No 8 son being moreover married to the Grand daughter of No 10 the Head Sheristadar and his daughter to the Son of No 18 3d Sheristadar.	
18	Vaudagherry Ramachendrarow	Third Sheristadar Hoozoor	Related by his daughter having been married to the Naibs Sisters Son who is now dead, tho' the girl is alive. No 8's daughter is married to this mans (No 18's) Son	
2	Sucknaya Madavarow	Goomastah in Woodiagerry Talook	Married the Sister of the brother inlaw of No 1 the naibs nephew.	
42	Bar Aunundarow	Peishkar in Sungum Talook	Brother of the adoptive mother of the naib.	This man is very old and sickly and was rejected on that account by the late Acting Collector of Guntoor when recommended for transfer.
17	Golasapully Shashagiryrow	Nevisinda at Tadda	Nephew of No 7 who is the brother of the naibs fatherinlaw.	
31	Moorary Shashagiry Row	Head Goomastah of Sungum Talook	Husband of the cousin of No 30 who is the naibs Cousin.	
33	Chutty Vencataramaniah	Tahsildar of Calegiry Talook	The same Connection as No 31.	

(Signed) J Ratliff
Acting Collector.

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List of those parties entered in the Naib Sheristadars' list of relations whose connection is considered by the Acting Collector as to be sufficiently distant to obviate any necessity for their transfer elsewhere.—

Nos as per Naibs List.	Names.	Employment.	Remarks
4	Hoppalapully Rama Row	Police Peishcar in Chondy Division	Very distantly connected thro' No 3 who was transferred to Cuddapah.
5	Ambarkana Rungarow	Talook Head Goomastah in Sydapoor	Connection distant, and only thro' the father in law, himself deceased.
10	Vanoogunty Vencatrow	Head Sheristadar	connection distant enmity undoubted.
11	V. Narrain Row	Hoozoor Sherista Goomasta	His son.
12	Durmojee Madava Row	Mazoomdar in Soomattulpoor Talook	His son in law.
15	Tatepanka Streenevasa Row	Goomastah in Suvapully.	A connection only thro' No 13, who has been himself transferred.
16	Govindoo Lutchman Row	Peishcar in Suvapully Talook	connection very remote; and that thro' No 7 who has resigned and obtained a Pension.
19	Hoolegoon Lum Appiah	Head Goomastah of Suvapully Talook	These men are variously connected
20	Do Vencatrow	Head Chitnevis of Talamunchy	with No 18, who has been entered
21	Do Runga Row	Mazoomdar of Sydapoor Talook	in the other list — and through
22	Cunchy Mookeyaprana row	Head chitnevis of Cavaly Talook	him only, to Naib Sheristadar.
26	Canoobooty Poorooshottum Row	Hoozoor Revenue Jawabnevis	Already reported upon by endorsement and the same referred to in para: 2 of Boards letter under reply.
27	Gondcherla Soobrow	Head chitnevis of Nellore	A connection only thro' No 23, who has been himself transferred.
29	Chintalagherry Soobrow	Hoozoor Sherista Goomastah	A very distant connection only thro' No 28, who has been recommended for transfer.
32	Moorary chengul Row	Mazoomdar of Caligiry Talook	Connected only thro' his nephew No 31 who has been entered upon the other list.

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No. as per Said List	Names.	Remarks.
34	Marary Jamardana Row	Connected only thro' his nephew No 31 who has been entered upon the other list.
35.	Boyd Board Sirunga Row	His wife No 33 sister thro' whom alone he is connected, is dead and No 33 himself entered in other list.
36	D. Rama Row	See remark No 35 whose Cousin he is.
38	Vellaraga Lob Row	Connected only thro' No 37, who has resigned and applied for Cudapa
39	Andukky Lob Row	Connection distant.
40	Congo Vencata Row	Nephew of the above case has been dismissed by the Board.

Signed / J. Ratliff
Acting Collector.

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No 19

To

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

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B. No 283

From the Acting Collector of Nellore — Sir

With reference to my letter and its accompaniments under date 20th Instant. I have the honor to bring to notice the accidental total omission of the name of Jewanega Soobrow. Peshcar of Putyhava vuntoo in Davagoodoor Talook in the Sub Division, entered in the Naib's list as No 14 to state that I should propose to enter his name in that of the submitted List marked B.

* No 8

Nellore District
Collector's Office Eskapallem
26th January 1855.

Signed / J. Ratliff
Acting Collector.

Ordered to be submitted to Government with the following letter.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government

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B. No 395

To the Chief Secretary to Government. — Sir

In obedience to the orders of Government contained in Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 16th September 1854 by which the Board are desired to report:

Infos. 16th Octr 54.

report what they have done with regard to diminishing the influence of the Gotoor family in the Nellore District

I am directed to submit a letter from the Acting Collector detailing the measures which have been adopted in view to that end.

20th January
In Cons 15th February 55
To Nellore 16th January
In Cons 15 February 1855

2 The subject has not been overlooked either in the Board's Office or in that of the Collector, and much Correspondence has passed between the two Departments, with which it is unnecessary to trouble the Govermt

To Nellore 9th March
In Cons 9th May 1855.

3 The original List prepared by the Nail Sheristadar contained the names of forty nine individuals alleged to be more or less related to him.

The enclosures to the Acting Collector's letter show that nineteen of these have been removed or transferred as marginally noted, eight more are perhaps of sufficiently near affinity to be liable to removal and the relationship of twenty one is declared so distant that removal is not called for.

13 transferred to other District.
2 Pensioned
1 Dismissed
1 Dead.
2 Changed from Nellore to the Palcoles.

One /Bur Vencata Row/ has been promoted in the District with the sanction of the Board.

4 The Board are of opinion that the changes above specified coupled with the removal of the Nail Sheristadar himself, who is about to proceed to Rajahmundry as Head Sheristadar are sufficient to break up the family influences so justly deprecated and they do not think it

propose to direct any further transfers.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St George
15th February 1855

Signed / B. Cunliffe
Acting Secretary.

A. 12.

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

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B. No. 246.

From the Acting Collector
of Nellore

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 3d current and in reply to state that it appears upon enquiry that the Tank therein alluded to was made during the time of Abdul Cawder Khan father of Abbas ally Khan late Jaghiredar of Woodiagerry, on the understanding that its maker should have one fifth of the land converted into wet cultivation under it granted to him as Dasavandum, the Cowle however said to have been given to that effect not being forthcoming, and stated to have been burnt. The total extent of land which could be brought under the influence of the Tank is stated by the Capoos and Curnums of the Village to be 150 Gortoos which have been waste from time immemorial and now overgrown with jungle and unfit in the holding of any one. I may observe that it

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the adjoining wet lands under another Tank, are
assessed at the 4th Varum at Pa 20.- 13-- and the
5th at Pa 13-14-7.

Nellore District
Eskapollum
Collectors Office
23d January 1855
Bd No 385.

} /Signed/ J. Ratliff
Acting Collector.

Proceedings thereon

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The Acting Collector has omitted to state whether the land under the ruined Tank is classed as Nunjah or Poonjah. He will now supply this information and also give the rate of 1st Class Poonjah in the village. The Board would also observe that in any order which they may make in the Petitioners favour, the right of the representative of the other original projector to participate in the benefit in the proportion of the share of the whole outlay contributed by him will be reserved.

JGR

To

No. 17

To B. Lounsliffe Esquire
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

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Bd No 275

From the Acting Collector of Nellore

Sir,

In transmitting the accompanying translated Copy of a Petition to my address together with a plan of the Building to which it refers, I have the honor to state, that a personal inspection of it, has satisfied me of its adaptation to the purpose for which it was designed, a public choultry to which as which, it is furthermore very useful and much frequented — The Tope adverted to is a shady and convenient one — and the well also adjacent —

The total outlay upon the Buildings themselves, is estimated by the Head Maistry, whom I deputed to ascertain at Rupees 2810.

I have under the circumstances no hesitation in recommending that the usual grant of land of an equivalent to Rupees 60 per annum may be sanctioned for the due maintenance of this choultry in Common with those constructed according to fixed Plans and orders.

Nellore District
Collectors Office
Eskapully
25th January 1855

(Signed) J. Ratliff
Acting Collector

Encl. No 1

To-

J. Ratliff Esquire

Acting Collector of

Nellore

The humble representation of

Bunrow Seetaleyemma an

Inhabitant of Nellore

There is a Road leading from Nellore along the Mooloomoody &c Villages on the South of the River thro Parabiagiripatam — Cuddy and Somasela pass to the Cuddapah and Bellary Districts — Merchants Travellers and Laden Bullocks are always passing — and repassing on this Road On this Road about 9 Miles from Nellore in the Jonnavada Shrotrium fields on the spot where there is no Village my ancestors planted a Tope — That Tope having been found useful for numbers of Travellers and Laden Bullocks were Encamping in it. It having been so thinking that it would be very useful for Travellers my late husband Bauboorow built a small water Pandal on it 12 years ago — From the time the water Pandal was built it having been very convenient resting place for those passing and repassing large numbers were encamping. The water Pandal not having been sufficient for the people and observed that they were put to inconvenience and Bauboorow having been in

in Circar situation which is about 6 or 7 years ago with the intention of building a Choultry in proportion to the money in his possession he carried forward the building with Brick and Chunam and with Brick and mud year by year — In order to render it convenient for all Classes he has built the necessary apartments — For the accommodation of Pariahs and Chucklers he built a Moosafarkhana in the shape of a Bungalow A Comaty or Bramin also has been induced to take his residence there with a Shop. — Before the walls of the Choultry and a large well was finished — Bauboorow died which is about 2 years ago — Up to the date of his death as far as Rupees 2,900 have been — Expended — After his death the walls and well &c were built and finished by me after expending Rupees 200 about 3 months ago the entire Choultry buildings has been finished — One outer wall having remained unfinished, that also has been completed — From the time the Choultry was built night and day continually all Classes of people are encamping. Besides this Bauboorow — planted Mangoe trees in the Vacant places in the old Tope With the Expence incurred for the Choultry amounting to Rupees 3,000 as above adverted to

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to, to improve the Tope also plenty of money has been expended — all the materials for the Choultry have been brought and conveyed from Nellore by hired Bandies. The people employed in it also were taken from Nellore In order to make known the state of the Choultry I herewith enclose a plan of the building. By which it will be seen that apartments have been arranged for all clases of people Government are now spending lacs of money in making roads and Tanks &c. for making the people comfortable I have lately heard that there is rule that before building the Choultry it should be brought to the notice of the Circar and after obtaining leave it should be proceeded with at the time he commenced the building he was unacquainted with that rule but intended after it was finished to inform the Circar to lay before them the State of the Choultry and with reference to the Rules to solicit an allowance for the Choultry expences but before it was finished he died — Althos the plan relating to Choultries was passed by the Revenue Board in 1852, and this plan not having been known before, our Choultry was built in a manner more than what is required — On your late route from Moodamoody to Nellore you have seen the large Choultry Tope and Well and have informed yourself how

how far it is useful and of extent the Travellers rest thither — Therefore that Choultry being always maintained for charitable purpose as I find it very difficult to pay for the support of the Servants watching it, and that being a Choultry of Charity I beg that the charitably disposed Government will take into consideration and grant a maintenance in land to the value of 60 Rupees income per year according to the Boards Rules — For such time as that grant may be continued myself and heirs do hereby agree to maintain the Bauttaroms Choultry in good condition repairing it whenever necessary making it accommodating for all clases according to the plan. Besides this if your honor ordered me to build another Choultry like the one on the plan accordingly I am building it —

(Mark) B. Seetaboyenmma

(True translation)

(Signed) J. Ratcliff

Ag Collector —

30th December 1854 —

Encr. 2 Plan

Ordered to be submitted to Government with the following letter —

To

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Bds 391.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

Submitting a letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore and supporting his recommendation for the grant of waste land for the maintenance of a Choultry & suggesting to Govert that it would be expedient to vest in the Board the power to grant Enams for Choultries.

dated 8th January in Cons 8th February 1855

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council a letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, transmitting an application (with a Plan of the buildings) from the widow of the late Bauboo Row, for an Endowement for the support of a Choultry for the accommodation of all clases of Travellers constructed on the Road leading from Nellore along the Mooloonady Vcc Villages to the Cuddapah and Bellary Districts.

2 It will be observed that the Cost of the construction of the Choultry has been estimated at Rupees 2810, and that the Acting Collector is satisfied from a personal inspection of the buildings that they are well adapted for the purpose for which they were designed, and are very useful and

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and much frequented by Travellers. Adjacent to the Choultry are a Tope & well belonging to the widow. At the time the Choultry was commenced by the late Bauboo Row, it seems, he was unacquainted with the Rule which requires that the previous sanction of the Board should be obtained for its construction.

3 As the buildings provide accommodation for all classes & as there appears to be no suitable place for Travellers within the distance prescribed by the Rules, the Board support the Acting Collector's recommendation for the grant of waste land bearing an assessment of 60 Rupees per annum for their maintenance.

4 The grant of Enams for Choultries being regulated by fixed and clear rules, the Board beg to suggest to Government that it would be expedient to vest in them the power

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to confer such Enams, without a special reference to Government in each case, in accordance with the rules, and in special & exceptional cases such as the present where there may not have been a literal compliance with the rules, the Board would propose to submit an annual Statement of the number Extent and value of such grants.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St George,
15th February 1855

(Signed) B. Lumbisse
Acting Secretary

No. 6.

To,

B. Lumbisse Esqre.
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

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Dr No. 415

From the Agent to the Governor at Kurnool

Sir,

As required in your letter of the 8 Ultimo, I have the honor to submit a statement of the collections and charges

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charges of the Frontier Chowkies in the District during the official year 1853/54.—

Kurnool District.
Government Agent's Office
On Circuit,
at Yelgode,
6th February 1855.

(Signed) L. D. Daniell
Agent to the
Governor

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No 6

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

(18)

B.d No. 325.

From the Collector of North Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt yesterday of Petition No 2413 of 1854 addressed to the Board by Rungapah Naick and referred to me for early report, in which it is stated that Soobbaramappah Naick the Goodepaty Poligar has concealed the death of Nagummah of Magaral the death of Nagummah of Magaral Pollicm who was in the receipt of an allowance of Rupees 277-8-0 per Mensem, and in reply to forwards for the Board's information Copy of a letter addressed by me to Government, in reply to an endorsement on a similar Petition presented to Government by the same party—

With reference to the Endorsement on Petition No 2413 of 1854 from Rungapah Naick stating that Soobbaramappah naick the Goodepaty Poligar Concealed the death of Nagummah of Magaral Pollam forwards Copy of a letter addressed to Government on the 19th January 1855.

19th January 1855 No 3

Returned with petitioner

North Arcot Collectors Cutcherry Chittoor 1st February 1855.

Signed C. A. Whittingham.
Collector.

To

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No. 1

No. 3

To Sir A. C. Montgomery Bart
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir, I have the honor to report the result of an enquiry instituted into the allegations contained in a Petition presented to Government purporting to be signed by one Poonapullay Poonala Rungapa Naik and setting forth that Sooboramapa Naik the Goodeepaty Poligar had concealed the death of one Nagummah of Nagaral Pallium, who was in the receipt of an allowance of Rupees 2 7 8 per mensem, and had nevertheless continued to draw the allowance as if she were still alive.—

No. 2614 of 1854 herewith returned

2 On first step on receipt of the endorsement on that petition was to issue orders to suspend the payment of Nagummah's pension for December 1854 pending the result of my enquiries and report to Government. I then sent a notice to Poonapullay Poonala Rungapah the signer of the petition to appear before

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before me but no such person could be found in either of the two villages in the Chittoor Taluk that bear the name of Poonapully and the Monigar of those Villages have attested on the back of the notice that no such person ever lived in them.

3 I then directed the Head Sheristadar of my Cutcheery to proceed to Goodypaty Pallium where Nagummah has lately resided. and to ascertain the fact of her death or of her existence Nagummah is a Ghosa woman and therefore the Sheristadar was not able to see her but from the careful enquiries made by him of those to whom she is not Ghosa and of those who, tho they have not seen her have for many years been in the habit of hearing her speak it appears that the woman is alive, and that personal objects having instigated the presentation to Government of an anonymous Petition containing untrue allegations.—

Nagummah

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4 Nagammah is the widow of the late Chennama naik the Poligar of Mogoral Polliem which was assumed in the year 1801 when an allowance of Rs 1843 a/p 1. being 18 percent of the Revenue of his Polliem was granted to Chennama naick, and this allowance he continued to enjoy until his death in 1819 when two thirds of it were granted to his widow for life under the sanction of Government.—

5 The records of my cutcherry would show her age to be at the present time about 52 years, and her Pension has been paid every month from my Treasury on the receipt of a life certificate attested by competent witnesses.

North Arcot,
Collectors Cutcherry
Chittoor. 19th January
1855

/Signed/ C. Whittingham
Collector

/True Copy/
/Signed/ C. Whittingham
Collector

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Order thereon

Ordered that Petition No 2413 of 1854 be recorded with reference to the above Report.

Jr.

Fort St George 15 Febuary 1855

No 9.

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

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BE No 396.
From the Collr of Northarcot &

With reference to the Extract Minutes in Consultation relative to the retirement of Soobbarow on a pension, states that Soobbarow has requested that he may be pensioned from the 8th as he has performed his duties as Head Sheristadar until the 7th that his salary from 24th November to 7th February may be paid to him at the increased rate of 150 Pagodas under the scale sanctioned by Government for the 16th March 1816, and that in Calculating his salary the increased salary may be included in the 5 years average. Recommended Compliance with these requests.

Sir,

With reference to the Extract received direct from Government relative to the retirement on a pension of the present Head Sheristadar of this District Soobbarow which it is ordered should take place from the 1st Instant I have the honor to state for the information of the Board of Revenue that Soobbarow has this day submitted a request that he may be permitted to receive his salary as Head Sheristadar until the 7th February his pension to commence from the 8th as he performed the duties of his Office until yesterday his request appears to me but just and I beg therefore to recommend its being granted.—

2 Soobbarow further states that under the scale of allowances to be granted to Head Sheristadars sanctioned by Government on

on the 22d March 1816 he is entitled to an increased salary of 150 Pagodas or 525 Rs per mensem from the 25th November last. he having completed his 15 years service as Head Sheristadar on the 24th of the same month and he requests that his salary up to the 7th Instant may be paid to him at that rate and the increase in calculating the pension of half his pay which has been granted to him the increased salary for 2 months and 13 Days may be included in the 5 years average which would give him an addition of Rs 1—13—6 per mensem.

3 As both these requests appear reasonable I beg to recommend a compliance with them and to solicit an early reply to the recommendation, to enable me to submit the usual pension Register to Government without delay.—

North Arcot, Collectors Cutcherry, Chittoor, 8th February 1855.

Signed C. Whittingham
Collector

Proceedings

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thereon. The Board sanction the disbursement to Soobba Row of his pay as Head Sheristadar until the 7th Instant also the payment to him of the increased rate of allowances from the 25th November to date of resignation These increased receipts will of course be included in the five years average to be taken in the calculation for his Pension; but the determination of the exact amount of the Pension will rest with the Government.

No 13.

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

Bd No. 388
From the Collector of Salem
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Sir Jeromala Row my Head Sheristadar having resigned his appointment and applied for a superannuation Pension from the 1st Instant, I have the honor to inform the Board that I have appointed Krishnah Row the Sub Division sheristadar as his successor subject to the confirmation of the Board. Krishnah Row is a publick Officer

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of long experience who has distinguished himself for ability and a careful discharge of his duties in all the Offices he has hitherto filled. During the 4 years he has held the appointment of Sub Division Sheristadar his conduct has been favorably noticed in the several Gummabundy Reports of the Sub Collector. Previous to his appointment in 1850 as Sub Division Sheristadar he served as Tahsildar for 19 years for 3 or 4 of which I had a good opportunity, when Sub Collector, of personally noticing his conduct. He also acted for 6 months in 1850 as Naib Sheristadar. On the whole therefore I think he has strong claims to the Board's favorable consideration and compliance with the recommendation I have now made.—

Salem Collector's Office
On Circuit Athoor, 7th
February 1855.

(Signed) H. A. Brett
Collector

B. of P. No. 352.

Proceedings thereon. The Board confirm the nomination of Krishna Row to the office of Head Sheristadar in the Salem District.—

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To

W. W.

No. 205.

To

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

Sir

I have the honor to forward a Copy of a letter from Captain Priestly Superintendent of the Revenue Survey containing the information called for by Extract from the Proceedings of the Board dated 16th Ultimo.—

2 The Board will observe that the Survey has not been progressing very rapidly, and that several causes have combined to retard it. The Chief one, in my opinion, is the difficulty experienced by Captain Priestly in finding young men willing and fit to join his working Establishment.—

3 As it is generally known that the Survey will terminate at the end of a couple of years there is not sufficient inducement for condidates to offer themselves.—

4 At first I certainly expected that four or five of the lads in the Government School here would have taken employment under Captain Priestly but finally none of

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B. of P. No. 1539
From the Collr. of South Arcot
Submitting 2 Enclosures from Captain Priestly regarding the progress of the Survey under his Superintendence and the qualification of his Subordinates.—

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of them consented to do so, chiefly I believe because they did not wish to miss the examination which is to take place towards the close of the year in the school. Probably after this is over a few of the first class boys may be induced to join the Survey.—

5 Another reason of the delay has been the numerous boundary disputes which have from time to time sprung up. The difficulty of adjusting these quarrels has hitherto been enhanced by the circumstance of most of them having existed between Villages of South Arcot and Trichinopoly. It has therefore been necessary to make references to the Collrs. of the latter District and the attendance of Village Officers and Tahsildars have not been so easily secured as would have been the case if the disputing Villages had all belonged to this District.—

6 As the work is now nearly finished in that part of the Jagheer bordering on Trichinopoly the boundary disputes will be more readily disposed of for the future. I have had a party for some time past settling them in the Villages of the Simcarapoorum Jagheer in the Cullacoorchy Talook where 36 Villages are quite ready for Captain Priestly &

Priestly and about 4 more will be ready before the season for field work opens. In the mean time I have suggested to Captain Priestly to detach a small party of his establishment to inspect the boundary lines already defined and to observe the different spots where I have had the marks put up.—

7 Permanent boundary pillars have been erected in 36 Villages of those which have been completed and immediately after the monsoon I will have the remainder marked out in a similar manner.—

8 As the work on which Mr. Mc. Mahon was engaged is finished he had been directed to return to Coimbatore sent since the receipt of the orders conveyed by Extract from the Proceedings of the Board dated 6 Instant. he has been informed that he is to remain here till he receives further instructions.—

9 In conclusion I beg to state that I purpose proceeding as soon as the Monsoon is over, to the Villages which have been fully surveyed for the purpose of commencing the regular Classification and Assessment of the lands. A Surveyor and his assistant have been for some time engaged in making

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an examination and register of them: and I have had 4 Goomastahs engaged also in my Cutcherry in preparing accounts None of these persons however have been receiving the full amount of pay specified in the sanction.

10 As soon as I am able to make complete arrangements for carrying on the assessment I will report them for the information of the Board.

South Arcot
Collrs Cutcherry
Cuddalore
14th November 1854.

/Signed/ A. Hall
Collector

No. 1

To
A. Hall Esqre
Collector of South Arcot

Sir I have the honor to forward the returns called for regarding the progress of the Survey and the state the Establishment; in doing so I wish to direct attention to the causes of the work completed being so small in area.—

The Survey party was employed till the middle of March this year at Cuddalore in Surveying with chain and Cross Staff the experimental Village of Thayanmdalum and

and the Villages Cuddalore and Chellum coopum and in learning the particulars method in contemplation: they then proceeded to the Kolaymalay Jaghire ea where only 3 chains being available (one of which was borrowed from Mr Armour of the Government School) the time of most of them was lost till the 7 May when a supply of chains was received at Swaeamm. Part of the Jaghire was measured when I found that the System did not answer so well as I expected ed I wrote and informed the Secretary Revenue Board of the unsuccessful issue of the experiment Cholera also which prevailed throughout the Country below the Veeranam Tank attacked several of the men and my best and most promising Cartroom was one of the victims. the panic created was considerable and caused the resignation of some, others were dismissed and otherwise punished for going away without leave. In consequence with the sanction of the Collector Mr Maltby, I recommenced work on June 13 in the Pollicemottah Jaghire and by the 10th July I had with drawn all lent one man from Kolayamalay (he was employed near Chellumbrum a healthier part of the Country on a large Village

Village which he did not complete for some time afterwards)

Since then 40 Square miles have been completed but on a reference to the Dates on which each mun was intertained it will be seen that of the 20 Carkoons of the party 10 had to learn the Khusrah on our returning to that mode of measurement.

But the principal cause of the small area is that in order to have the Jaghire measured uniformly, I was obliged to have each puttah taken as had been done at first To give an idea of the differences of time required I have taken a small Village "Vallacoorchy" and find that there are.—

191 fields containing about 338 acres.
39 are above 2a each and contain 166 acres
leaving 152 under 2 a. each containing 378 acres. If these 378 acres had been measured in portions averaging 2 acres only 189 fields would be required thus, 263 fields additional have been measured which at once diminishes by nearly half the area which should be measured, and greatly increases the difficulty in making the plot close. On recommencing work here also some

of the Carkoons instead of measuring each puttah separately went on the plan adopted in Kolumalay (and since sanctioned) of a minimum for dry cultivation of 2 acres and for wet of 1 acre. this having been complained of by the inhabitants of the Villages in question (Vellatoor & Boothungoody Pagroor and Poothoor) I was obliged to have them remeasured I do not however consider the extra time consumed as lost. for measuring the Villages in such minute portions has taught both measurers and draughtsmen what is essentially requisite Close and careful work. I have hitherto not permitted a difference of 20 or 30 feet in a whole Village to pass this was only necessary for the same reason, as practically a difference so slight spread over a whole Village might not affect each field more than a few inches I have had occasion to address your predecessor Mr. Mallby and you on the delays caused by boundary disputes and also by the want of Curnums and their non attendance from various causes in this Jaghire there are 17 Curnums for the 44 Villages (2 of these belong to the Cutcherry and one has 8 Villages to look after) Mr. Mallby on my representing this had several Goomastahs appointed but the Surveyor & Carkoons

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Carroons found that they could never depend on the work done with a Goomastah and as it was impossible so to manage that a new Village and unemployed Cummum could always be found, the Carroons had option to remain without out of door work for days at a time By your having lately placed the Cummums under my orders their non attendance has been all but put a stop to. I venture to suggest that some plan should be adopted by which the Survey should be supplied with Villages of which all disputes are adjusted the boundaries plainly marked out and the Cummums and other necessary persons are ready.—

On looking at return of qualifications &c it will be seen that I have one party now complete and in working order. I have been obliged to get rid of some men, others have left of their own accord. I could even with advantage dispense with the services of some that I have at present did I see any prospect of filling their places with better men. I had expected to obtain several well trained youths from the Government school at Cuddalore but in this I have been disappointed. The class of men who have

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have latterly offered themselves as candidates is much inferior to what I should wish and few have a knowledge of English without which they can have no hope of rising beyond the lowest grade. I have been obliged to introduce a System by which the men are partly paid according to their work besides their fixed wages, they receive 12 annas for every 100 acres half on the completion of the measurement and half on their work standing the test to which it is put. This gave great dissatisfaction, but I persevered and I think that it is now bearing fruit and will answer. Much of course cannot be made whilst land is measured as in this Jaghire, but they Know that in future the Villages are to be measured as in Kolamalay by which they if active and painstaking will earn excellent pay.—

I trust that when they are in receipt of the higher Salaries now sanctioned others of a better class will be induced to present themselves.—

The attainment of the 2 Artificers lately sent down fall very far short of those

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of Mr Starr who joined in 1853 In fact beyond the mere rudiments they are quite ignorant of surveying however if active and obedient much may be done before the beginning of next season.—

I forwarded a short time ago a list of some instruments required and find I have omitted to mention 6 Prismatic compasses If an Officer is appointed to assist me I should wish him if possible to be supplied with a Theodolite of the same description as what I have applied for myself and as the establishment increases of course a small Theodolite, a few more sets of plotting scales and pairs of compasses will be required.—

In conclusion I may venture to say that I have no doubt of the one party now complete performing what I calculated on during next year. provided that no delay occurs in supplying them with work.—

Mr McMahon has been for the last four or five months at Cuddalore during which time he

has informed me he has been several times unwell He has been employed in colouring the map of the Cuddalore and in superintending the testing of the accuracy of the measurements That work having been completed I communicated to him the order for his proceeding to Coimbatore, since doing so, upon forwarded me the orders of Government that he should remain here till instructions are received from the Surveyor General of which I have also informed him.—

South Arcot Survey Office Cuddalore. 13th November 1854.

/Signed/ F. I. B. Priestly Capt: Superintendent Revenue Survey

/True Copy/ /Signed/ A. Hall Collector.

Names.

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No. 2.

No.	Names	Rank	Date of Joining			
1	W. Starr	Surveyor	1st July	1853	qualified	
2	I. Waywood	D:	4th August	1854	are only acquainted with the rudiments of sur-	
3	John Webb	D:	10 September	1854	veying and are not proficient either in arithmetic or writing.	
4	A Royaloo Pillay	Depty Surveyor	1st June	1853		
5	Ramiah	D:	1st June	1853	Qualified.	
6	C. J. Vencata Coobleiah	Writer	1st August	1853	a good accountant and hard Working.	
7	C. Rungasawmy Naid	Asst Writer	1st June	1853	writes an excellent hand	
8	Vanogopal Naik	1st Class Draughtsman	1st June	1853	Plots well and improves in drawing.	
9	Narainsawmy Naid	Assistant	D: 20 July	1853	Plots correctly and is trust worthy.	
10	J. Shunmathumby Pillay	Survey Amen 1st Class	1st March	1854		
11	G. Iyasawmy Pillay	D:	1st March	1854		
12	Kistinasawmy Naik	D:	1st July	1853	Qualified	
13	C. Arroonagherry Moodely	D:	15th July	1853		
14	M. Ammthah Naid	Survey Amen 2 Class	1st July	1853	Measures correctly	Writes English legibly; Plots well; Calculates well
15	P. Ammthu Ramiah	D:	1st March	1854	Correctly	legibly; is learning well
16	C. Narayna Pillay.	D:	1st June	1854	well	legibly; is learning fairly
17	P. Veerasawmiah	D:	20th July	1853		
18	V. Arunasawmy [illegible]	D:	15th July	1853		
19	A. Gulsha Row	D:	1st August	1853	fairly	well
20	P. Sabapathy Row	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
21	P. Subramanya Pillay	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
22	K. Seshachariar	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
23	M. Venkatasingh	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
24	J. Ammiah	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
25	P. Narayanaswamy Naik	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
26	P. Ramaswamy	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
27	P. Subbaswamy Pillay	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
28	J. Ramaswamy	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
29	P. Annasawmy Pillay	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
30	A. Gundappa Row	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
31	P. Subbaroya Pillay	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
32	Ramasawmy Pillay	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
33	P. Ramaswamy Pillay	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
34	P. Subbaroya Pillay	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
35	P. Ramaswamy Pillay	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
36	P. Ramaswamy Pillay	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
37	P. Subbaroya Pillay	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
38	P. Ramaswamy Pillay	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
39	P. Subbaroya Pillay	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
40	P. Ramaswamy Pillay	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
41	P. Subbaroya Pillay	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
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95	P. Subbaroya Pillay	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
96	P. Ramaswamy Pillay	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
97	P. Subbaroya Pillay	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
98	P. Ramaswamy Pillay	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
99	P. Subbaroya Pillay	D:	1st August	1853	well	well
100	P. Ramaswamy Pillay	D:	1st August	1853	well	well

Recommended for promotion.

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B. N. 389.

Proceedings thereon.-

Submitting copy of their Proceedings together with a Letter from the Collector of South arcot regarding the progress of the Survey under the Superintendence of Captain Priestly during the year 1854.-

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In para 17 of their report to Government dated 27th February 1854 the Board stated that the Plans. Field Books and registers of Sixteen Villages in the resumed Daghire of Poliamcottah had been completed together with Cuddalore. From the papers now under consideration, and from the Collector's letter dated 15th January 1855. it would appear that an extent of forty square miles has been surveyed and mapped including fourteen additional Villages of the Poliamcottah Daghire.-

2. Thus, but little progress has been made in the Survey during the past year and this is reported by the Collector to be owing chiefly to the following causes.-

3. First- The difficulty experienced by Captain Priestly in finding young men willing and fit to join his working Establishment owing to a prevalent belief that the survey will terminate in a couple of years, thus offering no inducement for candidates to present themselves for employment. The Board would observe in reference to this, that even if the Survey in that District be brought to a close within a limited period still there are other Districts that remain to be surveyed and to which the qualified men of the present

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present establishment would be transferred, so that their prospect of continued employment would thus be uninterrupted and even supposing this incentive also was wanting there are yet many openings in the Public Works and the Railway Departments, in which the talents and services of men qualified in surveying would speedily find employment. The Board desire that these remarks may be made generally known, especially to the Students of the Cuddalore Provincial School, to which they look with confidence for an early supply of young men instructed in Mensuration and Surveying.-

4. Another reason for the delay is stated to be the numerous boundary disputes which have from time to time sprung up especially between the Villages situated on the frontiers of the Trichinopoly and South Arcot Districts. The Board are glad to learn that this part of the work has been nearly completed and that similar disputes will be more easily disposed of for the future. They would draw the attention of the Collector to paras 20 and 21 of the letter to Government dated 27th February 1854 and to pages 576 and 577 of the Manual of Surveying wherein great stress is justly

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justly laid on the necessity of having the boundaries of Villages clearly defined previous to their measurement, so that no hindrance whatever may occur to the surveying parties. The course therein pointed out should be followed the Superintendence of the work should be entrusted generally to one of the Collector's Assistants and should be kept so much in advance that no difficulty may be experienced from want of adjusted boundaries. Forty Villages it would appear are now ready for Captain Priestly and the Board trust that Villages so prepared may always be a head of the survey, for there can be no more unsatisfactory expenditure of public money than a survey Establishment at a stand still from want of a field for operations.-

5. In his letter to the Collector dated 13th November 1854 Captain Priestly states additional causes as having retarded the progress of the Survey these may be noticed, the minute fields comprised in some Puttahs the partial want of instruments and the failure of the Diagonal method of laying down fields, which was tried experimentally, in several Villages during the last season.-

Enclosure 1 in letter from South Arcot 14th November 1854 in Cons: 15th February 1855

6. The first of these causes has been in some degree remedied by the orders of Government dated 3d July 1854.

In Cons: 13th July 1854

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1854 fixing the minimum of land to be surveyed at two acres for dry cultivation and one acre for wet, so that when a number of small fields come together not exceeding the prescribed minimum in extent they will be surveyed as a single field, and the Sub divisions indicated on the Plan by dotted lines according to the measurements shown by the Village accounts unless the area deduced from these materially differs from the Survey area when each field will of course be separately measured.-

As regards the instruments, the Board observe that an indent was submitted by Captain Priestly on the 24th November 1854 for "all the instruments Vizt likely to be required for the Survey establishment when complete." The details of this indent and the extent to which it has been responded to are shown in the margin and it will be perceived that, with the exception of two Theodolites two Prismatic compasses, and a beam compass all the articles required have been supplied. The Board will endeavour to get the remainder as soon as they can, mean while, they hope that, with the means available, the Survey operations will be pushed on with the least possible delay a copy of the

From Indent dated 25th Nov. 1854 and as rectified 2nd January 1855

	Quantity indented for	Quantity supplied
Theodolites (7 in.)	3	1
Do. (6 in.)	1	1
Prismatic compasses	5	3
Chains 100 feet	10	10
Do. 150 feet	8	8
Small cases of drawing instruments	8	8
Spare compasses	12	12
Beam Compasses	1	-
Plotting scales 16 into 1 mile	12	12
Colour boxes &c.	6	6

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the hints given at page 134 of the Manual of Surveying for the use and preservation of instruments, should be furnished to every individual in whose charge a valuable instrument may be placed, and a rigid observance of them strictly enforced.-

8. The abandonment of the Diagonal System of laying down fields, took place under the orders of the Board dated 24th August 1854 on a representation from Captain Priestley reporting the difficulties that attended on it in practice. The great advantages of the method were first, its much greater accuracy, and second that by the measurements recorded in the field book, it was possible to make a correct drawing of a field without reference to contiguous holdings while by a return to the Kusrek both the above advantages have been lost. The Board would be glad if some other plan could be devised by which these advantages might be equally secured for in a Ryotwar Country, it is of great importance that means should be available at all times for making a correct plot of any holding and of computing its exact area without having recourse to a measurement of the property. It has been suggested to the Board that this object may be effected by recording in the field book the bearings of two sides of every field in addition to the present entries as is shown at page 609 of the "Manual of Surveying," or what would perhaps be easier in practice by measuring in

Dts 27th July in Cons 24th August 1854.

addition

addition to the four sides now entered the shorter diagonal * of every field. This will entail, but little extra labour, and as the plotting of the fields, calculation of their area, &c. may be done exactly as at present the additional length recorded in the Field Book will serve as a criterion for testing the accuracy of any field laid down by Khushreah as well as for correcting the recorded area when the form of the field is very irregular. The Board do not insist upon these suggestions being carried out at once, but they will be glad to have Captain Priestley's opinion upon the feasibility of the plan proposed.

* either diagonal will do, but the shorter will generally give "well conditioned" triangles on both sides.

9. In concluding these observations the Board would wish to draw the attention of the Collector and Captain Priestley to the expectation entertained by the Government of India, that at least an area of 720 square miles will be surveyed and Mapped annually. and although the full establishment sanctioned for this purpose is not yet organized, yet it is hoped that the extent of land surveyed during the current year, will bear such proportion to the strength of the establishment employed, as to justify the belief that with the full complement of working parties allowed the expected amount of work would have been rendered. The Board would be glad to

From Govt. of India 8th Sept. 1854.

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to have an abstract Statement submitted to them monthly of the number of Village circuits completed the number of fields measured and plotted &c. in such form, as Captain Priestley may consider sufficient to convey a proper idea of the amount of the work performed by the entire Establishment.

10. The Board think it desirable to have before them a Memorandum of the outlay hitherto in prosecuting this Survey, and they request the Collector to submit without delay a Statement shewing the disbursements in each month up to December 1854 inclusive. In this Statement the expenditure on Establishments and Servants should be shown separately from that for Instruments or Apparatus, and the Establishment for actual Survey operations should be exhibited separately from that connected with the Revenue accounts and settlement the cost of the additional Sub Collector and his Establishment should appear under the last mentioned head.

Ordered that a Copy of these Proceedings be forwarded to Government and a transcript of the same furnished to the Collector of South Arcot for his information and communication to Captain Priestley.

Statement

(26) 2850.

Fort St. George,

15th February 1855.

B. No. 252. N.9.

Statement shewing the amount of arrears due to the undermentioned Yeomiahdars in the District of South Arcot submitted for the sanction of Government.—

Number of Certificate	Names.	Amount due per annum	Date of Nature Government authority grant.	Period for which arrears are due.	Total amount of arrears.	Explanation of the cause of suspension of payment.	Remarks of the Board of Revenue.	Orders of Government.
1	2	3	4			8	9	10.
	Present age	Rs a P						
	Syed abdul Roza ——— 59	35 6 5						
	Kyrooneesaw ——— 70	35 6 5						
	Kolsoom Beebee ——— 58	35 6 4						
	Fatimah Sahibo ——— 60	35 6 4						
	Maharoonesaw ——— 56	35 6 4	31st July 1806					For Subsistence for Life
63.	Beebeejaw ——— 73	35 6 4						
		212 6 2						
	Syed Abdul Cawder died on 15th July 1854	35 6 5	Do					Do
	Syed Saubah Do on 25th July 1854	35 6 5	Do					Do
		283 3.						
				From 12th October 1853 to 11th January 1855	265 7 8	The delay in drawing this allowance was in the first instance occasioned by the inability of the two last named persons to appear on account of absence from the District, before the Tahsildar of Bowengherry. They subsequently both died of cholera before returning to their homes. Upon which it was necessary to institute enquires by which a further period elapsed before the allowance could be paid. The Collector under these circumstances, beg to recommend the case for favorable consideration and to request that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the disbursement of the arrears as herein specified and for the continuance of the yeomiah allowance to the survivors.		
				From 12th October 1853 to 15th July 1854	28 13 10			
				From Do to 25th Do	27 13 4			
					320 2 3			

South Arcot, Collectors Circuit Cutcherry

Palliancottah, 22nd January 1855

/Signed/ A. Hall

Collector

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Bd. No. 384
Remarks thereon.

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As the reason assigned for the delay which has occurred in this case in drawing the Yeomiah at the proper period is satisfactory, and as the enquiries necessary under the circumstances appear to have been made, the Board support the Collector's application for sanction for the payment of the arrears amounting to Rupees 320 2—10 and for the continuance of the shares of the surviving holders of the grant.

No. 15.

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

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Bd. No. 423.
From the Collr. of Tanjore—
Reporting upon the working of the Taliaries in Tanjore

Sir,

I have the honor to reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 21st of November 1853 and should have done so earlier but for the difficulty which I have found in obtaining from the authorities of the Rajah, any information regarding the present condition of the toliaries in his Highness's mocasa Villages.—

There are 6327 Villages in Tanjore for the Police of which, under the Board's present orders, some provision must be made.

In these Villages there are at present 6271 toliaries, and to this number I propose that

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that 682 should be added so as to raise the total to 6953. The wants of each Village have been calculated, both as respects its area and its population, the chief stress having been laid upon the latter, and the proposed number is calculated in large and populous Villages, to allow of one taliary to every five hundred inhabitants—

To remunerate this number at the rate proposed by the Board, namely at 30 Rupees each per annum will require — Rupees 208,590, and to meet the outlay there is at present available only Rupees 46900, that is Rupees 1,242 in enam land and Rupees 45,658 in sotuntrums, which might be resumed if payment was undertaken by Government, so that the annual extra charges on the state will be not less than 161,690 and there being no land in the delta available for taliary enam, partly because in some Villages there is no waste, and partly because wherever there is any it belongs to the Meerasidars, the whole must be paid in cash—according to an account prepared in fusly 1225, there were in that year 771 valies of land enjoyed as enam by taliaries, but in the pymash of fusly 1238 only 447 valies were entered under this

this head the remainder having probably been measured and brought to account as tariff land. Of these 447 Valies of land, as much as 210 valies have always lain waste and may be therefore considered as valueless in calculating the Taliaries stipend, and a further quantity of 117 valies is and has for many years been, in the enjoyment of different Meerassidars, so that only 91 valies are actually appropriated according to the original intention of the state. The land now enjoyed by the Meerassidars may be of course assessed and the assessment carried to the public credit and its amount Rupees 1096-0-0 will be an offset to the large sum said above to be required, to make up the Taliaries salaries to the standard fixed by the Board.

Heretofore the taliary in Tanjore has been practically the exclusive servant of the Meerassidars, and his chief duty, has been to guard the heaps of grain, which from their number and size are necessarily left on the threshing floor in the midst of the open fields, the taliary is held answerable for the grain, robberies on a large scale are not

not practised, but the quantity of grain stolen in petty pilferings, is deducted from the sotuetum which the Meerassidar gives to the Taliary.

In Tanjore the office is not known in its original signification or as it still exists in the Ceded Districts. The two Tamil words from which the name is said to be derived, imply that life would be lost in a contest with the Taliary and in Cuddapah and Bellary he is still one of the most important of the Village servants, he is there always to be found at the Choultry taking careful note of the entrance of all strangers and the departure of all persons, and if at any time he be absent on duty, and he have no male representative, his place is taken by his wife, whose directions and behests are followed.

In Tanjore, as I have said nothing of this kind is known, and the Taliary is not looked upon as in any way a public servant of the state.

The earliest reference which I find on the records to the question of the Taliaries in Tanjore is in a letter to the Board upon the police System of Tanjore and Trichinopoly by

by Mr Wallace, dated the 30th September 1805 the Taliaries appear to have then been entirely subordinate to the Cavilgars and to have been appointed and kept up by them.

The Committee appointed in 1813 to report on the police of Tanjore referred to the taliary's office, in a letter dated the 4th of April, they stated their impression that the Office was most useful and important, that there were at the time 5763 persons in office, the average remuneration of each being 1 star pagoda and 35 fanams per annum, The Committee remarked that in accordance with the usage of the Country a certain number of Taliaries should be kept up in each Village by the Cavilgars, but that it was a general complaint that the latter class of servants were as remiss in this duty as they were in every other they further noticed that whatever may have been the practice elsewhere, it was undoubted that in Tanjore it had been the immemorially established practice to consider the preservation of the Crops whether standing or stacked, as one of the first duties of the Village Taliary, and they therefore argued that as long as the chief part

part of the public revenue was relized from the land, so long must the taliary be kept under the control of the officers thro whose medium the revenue was paid into the treasury. The Committee then enumerated the duties expected from the taliary shewing that in the early part of the season it was his part to assemble the labourers supplied from his Village for the prosecution of maramut works, to conduct them to the work and to watch over them so as to prevent their absconding a duty which it is remarked could be efficiently performed only by one who possessed an individual knowledge of all the inhabitants of his Village. shewing further that when the freshes entered the District, the duty of watching the river banks devolved on the Taliary, who was also expected to see that the Village to which he was attached received its due share of water, and no more, that at the season of cultivation the Province being chiefly under aumanie it was the Taliary's duty to superintend the whole process of sowing ploughing and transplanting to protect the Crops when ripe and eventually to look after the harvest

harvest

The committee were of opinion that from the various duties to be performed by the Taliaries in Tanjore, they could not be rendered efficient agents for general police purposes, although at the same time they might continue to be what they even then were, useful instruments in the hands of the Magistracy without impairing the utility which was then experienced from them in other departments of the public service, and they submitted a draft of certain rules which they proposed for the future regulation of the office the number of Taliaries was to be regulated by the Collector and Magistrate, their names were to be registered, and the office was to be hereditary vacancies to be filled by the votes of the meerasidars, provided hereditary claims were recognized the grain allowances of the Taliaries were to be fixed at the average receipts of the past five years, and were to be made good by the meerasidars in all seasons. the Manacollay or rent free back yards hitherto enjoyed by the

the taliaries were to be continued to them and to be increased if necessary the duties of the taliary were laid down. they were to apprehend criminals and suspected persons they were to know all the inhabitants of their Village, to note all who came into or left it, to report all occurrences to the Curnem, who was to record them, and generally to "discharge the joint duties of revenue and police and of Village details".

In the 7th paragraph of the minutes of consultation of the 21st of May 1813, the Government expressed their entire concurrence in the views advocated by the committee with regard to the utility of the services of the Taliary, and the expediency of regulating their number, duty and allowance and directed that the Collector fix this number, and allot waste land for their support, in all places where there grain allowances were insufficient for their maintenance.

The question appears however to have been still unsettled, for on the

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8th of June 1815, the commissioners again addressed the Collector, and called for various Statements of the quantity of land held by different Village Officers, including the Taliary and enquired if the latter were sufficiently numerous for the performance of the duties expected from them. the Collector
18th November 1815. stated in reply that the arrangements had not been completed, but that he should be careful that the number of Taliaries appointed should be sufficient for all purposes.—

On the 23d of February 1833 the Principal Collector addressed the Board Upon the subject of the Village Police in general, and recommended the institution of the Office of Potail, and changes in the mode of remunerating the Curnum and the taliary. Mr Kindersley
Para 4. then informed the Board that the Taliaries continued to be the servants of the meerassidars, upon whom they were dependant for a great part of their subsistence, and by whom they
Para 7. were appointed and removed at pleasure, he recommended that the taliary should be elevated into a Government servant, removable only by the Collector depending upon him for his salary, but receiving it through the puttah manegar, to him
Para 8. he should be entirely subordinate it was not proposed by

Mr Kindersley that the Taliaries should receive more than their regulated Soluntrum, valued at the time, at Rupees 41,750. The office of puttah manegar was instituted a few years after this report, but no change was made in respect to the Taliary and I am of opinion that a change will not now be popular, if, while he be made strictly a Government servant, the burthen of discharging his Soluntrum be left on the Meerassidars.

Tanjore. } / Signed / H. Forbes.
7th February 1855. } Collector.

Order thereon — Ordered to lie over.—

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No 8.

To,

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

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B. R. 247
From the Collector of Trichinopoly.

Sir,

In acknowledging your letter of the 6th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that the two Coolies have arrived and delivered the articles mentioned in the annexed list. The Moiety of hire Rupees 3—6—10 has

has been paid to them.—

Trichinopoly — Collectors Office 22nd January 1855.—

(Signed) I. Bird
Collector.

1 Circumferentor and Stand.
1 Beam Compass Cross.
1 Case of instruments.
1 Extra Drawing Pen
1 Spare Dividers.
1 Triangle Compass (Elector)
1 Eight inch flat Protractor
1 Small Elector Semicir Do
1 60 feet Tape.
1 66 feet Chain, and (11) arrows,
1 100 feet chain,
1 Set Morquois scales (2nd sort)
2 Small cardbord T Squares
1 15 inch Ebony Parallel
1 12 inch ——— Do
1 Yard folding Rule.
1 Colour box and 4 palettes (one broken to pieces)
2 Small pencils.
1 Copying board.
1 Cross Staff.

(Signed) I. Bird,
Collector

Ordered to be recorded.

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Order thereon

No. 15.

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

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B. No. 418.
From the Collector of Madura. Report regarding the Cultivation &c of Fibrous plants growing in the Madura District.—

Sir

Para 1 With reference to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 25th September last, I have the honor to transmit a Statement in the Form entered in the Proceedings of Government dated the 19th September 1854 of the Fibrous Plants existing in the Madura District whether cultivated or wild

2. The only Plants of this description cultivated are the Sunnambo or Sunn and the Poolichee or Poolimanjee (Hibiscus Cannabinus) and these to no great extent. The Sunn fibre is exported in Small quantities to the neighbouring Districts, but the Poolichee is consumed in Madura itself.—

3. A larger quantity of fibre is obtained from wild Plants. Chiefly Marool (Sanseviera Zeylanica) Palea and Anthee

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Authee which are trees and Valampoory-
Some of the Marool is exported to Trichino-
poly and Tinnevelly. The produce of the
others is not more than sufficient for
home consumption..

4. The part of Madura in which
fibrous plants most abound is the Cum-
bum Valley which is a long way from the
Coast. The Board is aware also that
the Madura Ports are small and too
shallow for any large Vessels. It would
enter into the export trade by sea
therefore under great disadvantages
and I am very sceptical as to the pro-
bability of any advantage arising from
an endeavour to force production in this District
by bounties of any description. If the neigh-
bouring Districts export by sea, Madura
will immediately feel the Stimulus in
the manner most suitable to her powers.
At present she exports Grain largely
to Tinnevelly, and should Tinnevelly which
by possession of a tolerably good Port
Tuticoreen, and the Agents of several
European Mercantile houses, is favora-
bly circumstanced for foreign trade, ap-
propriate more of her land to raising
products

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products for export by Sea, Madura will
be called upon to supply her with still
more grain and possibly for aid in the
supply of the exportable commodity. I
should fear that if the Cultivators were
induced to raise fibrous plants by a
reduction of Assessment on that
particular Cultivation or any similar
direct encouragement, they might suffer
loss from the absence of an immediate
demand for the produce and become
prejudiced against the Cultivation in
consequence. Whereas if an effectual
demand (by which I mean offers to purchase
made in the District itself) should spring
up, I have no doubt that Cultivation would
increase in proportion as is the case with
Cotton. The Plantain is already grown in
abundance, but as no Merchant enquires
for Plantain fibre, none is extracted.
When the demand is so real as to render
it worth the while of the inhabitants of
this District to expend labour in obtaining
this fibre, it will answer the purpose of a
Madras Mercantile House to send an agent
to the District to seek for it..

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector.

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P. S. A list shewing the botanical
& tamil names of the Fibrous Trees
and plants is also enclosed.

Return

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No. 1. Return Shewing the different descriptions of fibrous Trees and Plants growing in the District of Madura.

Name of Fibre	Description and extent of land Cultivated. — Dry Cawns Rs.	Wet Cawns Rs.	Total Cawns Rs.	Estimated produce per Cawny. — Average yielding Fibre per 100 lbs.	Cost of labor & ad. per Cawny. — Hire for Ploughing	Price of Manure	Hire for Reaping	Price of Seed	Total Cost	Remarks.
				Tolms Rs. A	Rs. a	Rs. a	Rs. a	Rs. a	Rs. a	

The Seed of the Sanamboo (the Sum plant) is sown in July, August, or September, after the soil has been properly moistened

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All that follow are found wild, but are not cultivated

Poolichee — 8 —

Marool — 1/ — This grows wild to a Considerable extent in the Cambum Valley and the Syempully and other Talooks, and is exported to other Districts by land. In Madura it is used for Ropes. —

Yeroo Kalai — Grows wild and the fibre extracted is used for the strings of bows and slings, and for the same purposes as tape about the person

Mottamunjee — Ropes &c

Thain Koye — 10 — Do Cocoanut Trees do not abound in Madura.

Panay — Baskets &c not grown extensively.

Vailah —

Carowailah —

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Velvailah	"	—
Aathee	"	Is found in large quantities and used for Mats and Baskets.
Canttathee	"	Ropes &c
Malayaathee	"	Do
Thoatthee	"	Do (not very strong)
Malaythoatthee	"	Do
Thaulay	"	Baskets and Sieves.
Vaulay	"	The Plantain is much grown but the Fibre little used and than for tying garlands.
Kutthaulay	"	Not Cultivated or gathered to any great extent.
Caroon Kutthaulay	"	The Fibre is used for Mats.
Peraudaay	"	Baskets and Sieves.
Indoo	"	Do
Valoo Kay	"	—
Auvi	"	For tying thatched roofs.
Aule	"	For tying thatched roofs
Osah	"	Do
Poongoo	"	—
Valampoory	"	Jats &c Found in large quantities wild.

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Saley —— " " "

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No. 2 Memorandum Shewing the different Kinds of fibrous Trees and plants growing in the District of Madura.

No.	Tamil Names.	Tamil Names in English characters.	English Names	Botanical Names.
1	சணப்பு	Shanumboo	Sunn or Indian hemp	"
2	புளிச்சி அல்லது புளிமுங்கு	Poolichy or Poolimungee	Roselle	Hibiscus Canabinus.
3	மரு	Marool	"	Sansevieria Zeylanica
4	யாருகிலை	Yaroo Kelay	"	Calotropis gigantea
5	மொத்தமுங்கு	Mottamungee	"	Sansevieria Zeyl
6	தெங்கு	Thain Koye	Cocoanut	Cocas Nucifera
7	பனை	Panay	Palmyra	"
8	வேலா	Vailah	Varieties of the Babool Thorn	Acacia Arabica
9	கருவேலா	Caroo Valah		Leucophloea

10	வேர்வலம்	Velvaelah		
11	நுணா	Nunthey	"	Bauhinia
12	காடாநுணா	Kaadatthee	"	Bauhinia Fermentosa
13	மலைநுணா	Malayaunthee	"	Hill Do Do
14	நாரத்தி	Thoottheee	"	Sida populifolio
15	மலைநாரத்தி	Malay Thoottheee	"	Hill Do Do
16	தாளை	Thaulay	"	Pandanus Odoratissima
17	வாளை	Vaulay	Plantain	"
18	கற்றாளை	Kuttalay	Aloe	Agave Americnos
19	கருங்கற்றாளை	Karoona Kuttalay	Black aloe	
20	பிரண்டை	Perunday	"	
21	இண்டு	Indoo	A prickly shrub	Mimosa
22	வளைகை	Valoo Kay	"	"
23	அரி	Aruvi	"	"
24	ஆலி	Aalie	"	"
25	ஓசா	Osah	"	"
26	புங்கு	Poongoo	"	Dollergia Arborea
27	வேலம்பூரி	Valumboory	"	Helicteres Isora
28	சாலை	Saley	"	"
29	சீடை	Seetay	"	"
30	காஞ்சாரி	Kanjory	"	"
31	பூவாலை	Poonalay		
32	சீகிலுங்காடி	Shegilluncody		
33	ஓடை	Odai		
34	பெருங்கடுக்காடி	Peroon Kuttoocoody	Varieties of Creepers	"
35	சிறுங்கடுக்காடி	Seroon Kuttoocody		
36	கருங்கடுக்காடி	Karoon Kuttoocody		
37	ஓடங்காடி	Odancody		
38	பூசுக்காடி	Poosacody		
39	வெள்ளோடங்காடி	Vellodoncody		

Madura, 6th February 1855. E. E. per (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector.

Order thereon (32-33) Ordered to lie over.

No. 16.

To

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

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B. No. 440
From the Collector
of Madura.

Sir,

Para 1 In reply to your Circular letter No. 183 dated the 25th Ultimo I have the honor to state, that there are no religious, charitable and personal grants in Madura paid by deductions from the Kistbundy Beriz under the terms Chatoor Begum, Punchum Hefsah &ca - All disbursements for the abovementioned purposes are already brought to Audit periodically.

2. The Board are aware that there is a Chatoor Begum remission to the clafs of Bramins in certain Villages. The Rule being that whenever a Bramin Cultivates his land himself, he shall obtain the remission. This remission therefore varies both in amount and as regards the recipients every year.

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(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Order thereon.

Ordered to lie over.

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No. 27

To,

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

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Bt. No. 235
From the Collector
of Tinnevelly

Submitting explanation called for, regarding the delay in the application for payment of the arrears of Enam due to the Petitioner referred to.

Sir,

Para 1. In reply to Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 4th Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the Petitioner therein alluded to states in a Deposition lately given by him that he last his Original Grant in the year 1837 but having been sick for about 2½ years he was not able to report the circumstance to the Huzzoor till the end of 1839 after which the necessary enquiries were made and a fresh Certificate given him on the 15th September 1840.

2. As regards the arrears due to him he states that he subsequently presented several Petitions and they were not received On reference to the records it appears that a Petition was preferred in 1844 and an order issued thereupon by the then special Assistant Collector Mr Elton under date 25th July to the Tahsildar of the Talook in which the Petitioner's Enam should be collected: directing him to to collect what balance thon remained due in the Village and pay it to the Petitioner and to inform him that the sum of Rupees 90-5 now claimed in the Petition

Petition under consideration having been already collected and credited in the accounts under the Head of Sivoy Jummah it could not be paid to him.—

3 Subsequent to this no application appears to have been made by the Petitioner who now asserts that a former Collector told him verbally that he would report to the Board of Revenue and obtain permission for the payment of the 90 and odd Rupees but having received no redress he petitioned the Board on the subject.—

Tinnevelly 19th January 1855 } (Signed) C. J. Bird
Collector

Read also Statement submitted by the Collector of Tinnevelly under date 7th November 1854 applying for certain Enam arrears which accrued in Fusly 1247. 48 and 49.—

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Bd. No. 360

Proceedings thereon Resolved that the papers above referred to be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

2. The explanation afforded by the applicant for the above arrears, is far from satisfactory. but as there seems no doubt of the truth of his claim and the C. O of the 22d October 1818 is not applicable to the case the Board recommend that the arrears in question amounting to Rupees 90 — 5 may be ordered to be refunded to him.—

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No. 38

To,

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

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Bd. No. 318
From the Collector of Tinnevelly ... } Sir

Para. 1. With reference to your Circular letter of the 30th November last respecting the discontinuance of the Mahratta language and the information therein required, I have the honor to state that from the Returns received from the Several Tahsildars in reply to orders issued to them on the subject and the Examinations made of the Servants at the Huzzoor

Im the Huzzoor & in the Taluk Cutcherries.

it appears that there are only 7 Bendoovy Goomastahs who are entirely ignorant of Tamil and cannot write English figures— Of these 5 promise to acquire a sufficient Knowledge of both, before the beginning of the ensuing Fusly and the 6th being advanced in age requests that his nephew who understands Tamil well and has some Knowledge of English may be appointed in his room. Except these and a few others who possess rather an imperfect Knowledge of Tamil and English figures and who promise to pass a satisfactory examination within the current Fusly, all the rest of the servants on the Establishment are sufficiently acquainted with

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with Tamil and are familiar with English figures.—

2. Under these circumstances the change determined upon by the Board has been already introduced in the Treasury and the Naib Sheristadars Departments from the 1st Instant and will be carried out in the other Departments at the Huzzoor and in the several Talook Cutcherries at the commencement of Fusly 1265.—

Tinnevelly, Nadavoorcoorchy, 26th January, 1855. } /Signed/ C. J. Bird Collector.—

Bd. No. 959.

Proceedings thereon. The Board entirely approve of the measures which the Collector purposes to adopt as reported in the above letter.—

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Bd. No. 1126

Statement Shewing the Collections and charges of Land Customs in the District of Tinnevelly for the Official year 1853/54.—

Fort St. George No. 45 dated 15th February 1855.

Names of the Frontier Chowkies.	Collections								Charges				Nett Collections			
	Export duties.		Import duties.		Total				Establishment.		Other Charges.		Total			
	Rds.	As.	Rds.	As.	Rds.	As.	Ps.	Rs.	Rds.	As.	Rds.	As.	Rds.	As.	Ps.	Rs.
Parangody	5245	4	15209	14	20454	14	10	2,045	568	15	1		569	15	1	57
Poteyary	2187	2	6321	11	8508	13	1	851	355	15			355	15		35
Sempadoy	2442	8	5853	1	8295	9		829	384	3	2		386	3	2	38
Andarcoorchy	8	15	436	1	445	1		44	317	10			317	10		31
Devadanum	210	10	363	13	574	8	2	57	329	3			329	3		32
Establishment to the Huzzoor									1044	9			1044	9		104
Total	13094	7	28174	11	41268	12	8	4,126	2980	7	3		3,352	88	5	335

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/Signed/ C. J. Bird
Collector.

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Statement Shewing the Collections and Charges of Sea Customs in the District of Tinnevelly for the Official year 1853/54.—

Names of the Ports.	Collections: Export duties.	Collections: Import duties	Collections: Deduct Draw-back	Collections: Net Import duties	Collections: Total Collections	Charges: Establishment.	Charges: Other charges.	Charges: Total	Net Collections.
	Rs. A P	Rs. A P	Rs. A P	Rs. A P	Rs. A P	Rs. A P	Rs. A P	Rs. A P	Rs. A P
Tyepaur	25 11 4	2		2	27 11 4	84	6	90	
Tuticorin	4634 2 5	3831 12		3831 12	8465 14 5	570	13 2	523 2	
Coilpatam	234 15 11	1052 13 10		1052 13 10	1287 13 9	300	12	312	
Coolasagarapatam	3047	1049 13		1049 13	4096 13 11	300	12	312	
Establishment at the Huzzoor						294	16 10 3	310 10 3	
Total	7941 14 7	5936 6 10		5936 6 10	13878 5 5	1488	59 12 3	1547 12 3	12330 9 2

Tinnevelly, ... }
Sawtoor, 5th February, 1855 }

E E Jr / Signed / C J. Bird
Collector

(40-41) Order thereon

Ordered to lie over

To

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No 106

From B. Cunliffe Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Bd of Revenue.

To the Hon'ble the
Board of Revenue.

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward for the information of the Board of Trade, the accompanying Statement of the Collections and Charges of Sea Customs in the District of Tinnevelly for the official year 1853/54.

2. The Board will observe from the Collector's Report that the Establishment at Tuticorin has been increased, and that the Establishment at the Huzzoor has been reduced.

3. The aggregate demands at the above Ports are 18 Canies and 1/2 Marakals of Rice, which is 38 Canies, whereas, upon correct measurement it is found to be only 18 Canies 18 Marakals, by the measuring Kolls and recently approved, by the people bringing Rice now to Coy ago that it is impracticable and unadvisable to reduce it.—

4. The Lands lie under the Sadayalay and Channel the extension of which has lately been sanctioned, and will be irrigated therefrom, there is no apprehension of a deficiency of water as the

necessity of any new work for its irrigation.—

5. The two Crop rent for lands of the 3d Class as originally fixed, was Rupees 18—5—9 of which 5—8—/ was remitted subsequently under the Sanction of Government in 1820, the remission is Conditional—so long as the land is appropriated to rice Cultivation the reduced Assessment is levied, and when it is formed into Cocoa and areca plantation the amount remitted is added. The two Crop rent to be levied upon the land in question if cultivated with Drupire would be Rupees 330—7—6.—

Coimbatore, 16th December, 1854. } /Signed/ C. B Thomas.—
Collector.—

Bd No 356

Proceedings thereon, The Assessment of Rupees 12—13—8 per Cawny fixed upon the land referred to in the foregoing letter being in accordance with the demand on lands of a similar description in other parts of the District the Board will not disturb it. Like other lands in the District it will be liable to the full rent of Rs 18 a 5 p 9 when cultivated with Drupire so long as that System continues in force.

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2 With reference to the Collectors remark in Para 4 the Board presume that the land so surreptitiously appropriated has been duly charged for to the holders.—

Read

Read again List from the Collector of Canara dated 19th and entered in Miscellaneous Consultation 29th January 1855 of letters addressed to the Board and remaining unanswered up to 31st December 1854.—

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Bd No 350

Proceedings thereon The Periodical Returns entered in the above List being now very long due, the Collector is requested to hasten their despatch.—

No 11

To,

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

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Bd No 416

From the Collector of Canara ..... } Sir Para No 1.

With reference to your letter of the 11th Instant, which reached me on the 28th Ultimo I have the honor to report that I have endeavoured to act upon the principles laid down in the Orders of Government noted in the Margin as far as the circumstances of the district permit.

Replies to Board's letter of the 11th Ultimo having reference to the Minutes of Consultation dated 10th July 1854 regarding the reductions of assessment where ryot is absent and informs of his having acted up to it as far as the circumstances of the district permit. 10th July 1854

2. But the Board are fully aware that these principles have for many years past been acted upon by reducing the assessment upon all the estates to an amount proportioned to the produce of the

the estates. The list of these reductions is before the Board under the name of "Board Sifarish". The progress of this revision was suspended by order of the Board some years back, but I have wherever possible fixed a limit beyond which the Beri (or Assessment) is not to be raised until the revision is resumed.—

3. There are many parts of the District in which the Assessment is no doubt too high, but where the estates are permanently cultivated and are saleable property, no reduction of the present assessment is so immediately called for as to justify it's being made until the capacity & area of the estates have been carefully ascertained. The steps which I have already taken are as follows.—

In the Bekul Talook a good deal of inferior land has been given as Bagayet or garden land on terms which amount to an Assessment of Six Rupees the acre and upwards. This is much too high, and I have ordered the preparation of

of an account of all the lands so taken up for the last 10 years, and during the Summary Inquiry I have lowered the Assessment on such as were brought to my notice.—

In the Ankola Talook there is a considerable quantity of land known as the Bagayet Maganay. The gardens have gone to decay and the Assessment, which was in fact the rent of the gardens when in a flourishing condition, prevents the Cultivation of the soil. I have reduced the rent on all these waste gardens to an amount proportioned as far as possible to the quality of the soil, at the same time requesting the Sub Collector to make still further reductions if in any cases this rate of Assessment appears to be too high.—

In each of the Talooks there are a certain Number of estates of which the rents are collected by the Officers of Government. This arises in many instances from family disputes and other causes, but often from the Assessment being so high that in fact the assessment is the rent. I have called for lists of all these estates with the object of reducing the assessment, wherever this appears necessary to enable the landlord to have a proper interest in the estate.—

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All the waste estates are now treated much as if they were land never occupied. Applications for them are invited and the old Assessment is modified wherever this is necessary.—

5. These are the only steps that I think it desirable to take until the question of a general survey is decided, and until then I think it very desirable to avoid holding out promises which might be misunderstood. When the general principles of the survey are clearly laid down they should be distinctly promulgated, but till then a practical illustration of the wishes of Government to demand only a moderate rent by means of the measures above detailed is, I think the best course to be pursued.—

Collectors Cutcherry ... }
Mangalore 6th February, 1855 } / Signed / F. N. Mallby
Collector

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Order thereon—

Ordered to lie over
No 9

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

47
Bd No 1220
From the Collector of Malabar — } Sir,

In reply to your Circular letter No 183 dated 25th ultimo received on the 5th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that there are no immunities for Religious, Charitable and personal Grants allowed in this District by Remissions from the Faram Assessment under the terms Chalotbagum, Punchum Hijah, or the like.—

Calicut ... }
7th February, 1855 } / Signed / H. V. Conolly
Collector

Order thereon
47-48

Ordered to lie over.—

To

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No 17

To
B. Cunliffe Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

49
Bd No 227
From the Acting Collector of Madras.— } Sir,

I have the honor with reference to the Papers noted in the Margin to submit for the Orders of Government Copy of Correspondence with the Collector of Tanjore on the subject of a piece of land in the occupation of Mrs St. Helaire, a Native of France, for which he refuses to take out a Permission Certificate, on the ground that he holds the land unconditionally under a Puttah granted by a former Collector Sir H. C. Montgomery.

Mrs St. Helaire it will be observed, threatens, if necessary to appeal to his Government who he is confident will maintain his rights to the utmost.

Madras — } (Signed) H. Stokes
23rd January 1855 } Acting Collector

To

From Board 31st May 1854
From Do 29th June
To Do 18th August
From Do 25th October.

To Collector of Tanjore
25th October 1854

From Do 13 Decr 1854
To Do 19th Do
From Do 15th Jany 1855

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No. 793

To,

The Collector of Madras

Sir,

Mr. St. Helaire has refused to sign the Certificate sent to him for the ground he holds at Negapatam, on the ground that his possession is permanent, and not limited to 99 years

I have the honor to request that you will inform me, how I am to proceed in the case

(Signed) H. Forbes

Collector.

To,

H Forbes Esqre

Collector of Tanjore

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 13th Instant, I have the honor to state that it would appear that Mr St Helaire by refusing to sign the Certificate referred to, does not clearly apprehend the nature of his title to the ground which the Government has now permitted him to hold, He should therefore be informed that his tenure of the land in question without the sanction of Government is wholly invalid being opposed to the express declaration of

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of the Law that no alien can be allowed to hold Land in India without the permission of the ruling authorities, and that he has not the privilege of holding it in Perpetuity like Natives and British Subjects His refusal therefore to accept the terms on which he is permitted to hold the land, will only subject him to be ousted by Government, while his signature to the Certificate in no way alters to his prejudice his right to the land in question, but on the contrary confirms and makes valid his title to the same.

These observations have been made

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on the presumption, that there is nothing in the arrangement for the transfer of the Danish Province of Negapatam to the British, which invests Mr St Helaire and like him other Subjects of the Danish Crown, if he be such with rights other than those possessed by any other foreigner in India, by the Law that obtains in this Country. You will therefore communicate with Mr St Helaire, and ascertain from him what are the circumstances that induce him to believe that his Case should form an exception to the operation of the Law appertaining to foreigners as

Explain

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explained in the foregoing paras.

Madras
19th December 1854

/Signed/ H. E. Cochrane
Acting Collector.

No. 34.

To,

The Collector of Madras.

Sir,

Having communicated to Mr. A. Foden the purport of your letter of the 19th Ultimo and explained to him that his even signing the required Certificate on accepting a lease of his land for 99 years, will in no way shorten his tenure of his property, as he will be at liberty to claim a renewal of his lease at the expiration of that term. I have received from him in reply a letter in which he still objects to meet the requirements of the law, and states his fears that, although he may claim a renewal of his lease, the Government may possibly refuse it.

Mr. St. Helaire claims to hold his land under the Cowle granted to him by the Collector in 1846 and considers it a breach of faith now to repudiate that grant which he represents was

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was given in perpetuity, and requires him to receive a fresh grant for only 99 years.

I enclose his original letter, and again request your instructions, Mr. St. Helaire is in error in supposing that the Jesuits at Negapatam have not had the same call made upon them as himself.

With reference to the 2nd Paragraph of your letter under reply, I have the honor to inform you that Negapatam was never a Danish settlement it was conquered from the Dutch in the last Century and has been a British Possession ever since.

/Signed/ H. Forbes
Collector.

To

H. Forbes Esqre
Collector of
Tanjore

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 23rd December last.

In

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In conceding to me a title for the land which I possess at Negapatam, Sir Henry Montgomery who was too distinguished and clear-sighted to have violated the laws of 1837 and too honorable and legal to place me in a position of losing my property without forewarning me of the same, granted me one similar to that held by all who have obtained concessions of title from the Honorable Company without rendering me any special favor thereby.

You believe Sir that inasmuch as there is nothing in the law that prevents the renewal of the proposed lease at the expiration of 99 years, my apprehensions regarding the same are groundless. This is possible, but should I possess the power of making such a demand the Honorable Company are in no way bound to accede to the request as there is nothing obligatory in the law. I consequently consider it imprudent for me to avoide the risk of a refusal, since I have nothing to fear as to the validity of my title for the property which I possess.

In soliciting a lease for the security of my property and conforming thus to the term of

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of the circular of the 10th April 1854 I did not demand one for the space of time proposed by you or thereabouts neither does the above circular specify this, so that the granting me a title of the nature proposed by you in lieu of the original one appears to be exceptionable. I am led to believe this the more as the Jesuits and my Countrymen who have obtained similar Concessions of title from the Honorable Company for lands near Pondicherry are permitted to hold them in perpetuity and I renounce from this moment all security of property - if my request cannot now be complied with except under the conditions you proposed.

I am aware Sir - that you possess the power of annulling the grant - of the title that I demand

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demand, but yow are too just to employ it on the present occasion. If however I am mistaken in my views of the matter, which I cannot suppose is the case, I have the honor to acquaint you that I shall place myself immediately under the protection of my Government who I am Confident will maintain my rights with the authorities of the Presidency of Madras, and every where, should it be necessary.

Karekal 10th January 1855

(Signed) P St Helaire
True Copies
(Signed) R. Stokes
Acting Collector

V.P.H

Orderd

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Ordered to be submitted to Government with the following letter.—

To The Chief Secretary to Government

49-50
B. P. 390.
To the Chief Secretary to Govt
Judl 23 Octr 1854.

Sir,

With reference to Extract of Minutes Consultation dated 10 October 1854. I am directed to submit for the information and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council a letter from the Acting Register of Government Grants, transmitting correspondence between himself and the Collector of Tanjore, respecting the refusal of Mr St Helaire, a French subject to take out a Permission Certificate for certain land in his possession at Negapatam.

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2 Mr St Helaire objects to sign a certificate in the revised Form sanctioned by Government on the 3d January 1855. for the landion the ground that it was granted to him in perpetuity by a former Collector and not for a limited period of 99 years and threatens if the Grant be annulled, to appeal to his Government for redress. Under these circumstances the Board solicit the instructions of Government for their guidance

2 Cons 25th January 1855.

guidance in the disposal of the case.—

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
15th February 1855.

Signed B. Cunliffe
Acting Secretary.

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B. No. 370.
From the Special Asst. to the Coll. of Madras

Official Memorandum.

In reply to the Official Memorandum of the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue under date the 5 Instant the Special Assistant to the Collector of Madras has the honor to state that there are no Salt measures in the Collector's Office equivalent to one third of a Parcel that if so directed by the Board a muster will be made and forwarded as requested, to the Arsenal. Further instructions on this point are therefore requested.

Madras 7 February 1855.

Signed C. F. Chanier
Special Assistant to the Collector of Madras.

Order thereon

Ordered that the following Official Memo be sent in reply

(51.52)

B. No. 354.
To the Special Assistant to the Coll. of Madras
Vide remarks to Military Bd. 15th February 1855

Official Memorandum.

With reference to the Official Memorandum dated 7 Instant the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to request that a Parcel may be sent to the Arsenal, from which a Measure equivalent to

1/3 of one, can be made up.—

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
15 February 1855.

Signed B. Cunliffe
Acting Secretary.

No. 35

(53)

B. No. 328.
From the Secretary to the Military Board

To
Captain A. H. Hope
Secretary to the Military Board
Fort St. George.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith an Indent in Duplicate for a pair of Scales of the largest size required for the use of the Hoozoor Treasury at Conjeveram and to request that the necessary authority may be conveyed to the Principal Commissary of Ordnance for the issue of the same through his Department.—

Chingleput District
Collector's Cutcherry
Sydapet 31st January 1855

Signed C. J. Shubrick
Acting Collector

Transferred to the Board of Revenue for Countersignature.—

By Order
Signed A. H. Hope
Secretary Military Board.

2d February 1855.

To The Secretary
Board of Revenue

Ordered to be recorded.

Order thereon

Resolved.

(53.54)

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Resolved that the following letters be despatched:-

Circular

To

The Collectors.

(55)

B. No. 358.

To all the Collectors

Adverting to the Board's Circular of the 8 Ultimo forwarding new forms of Demand Collection and Balance Statement and in consequence of errors found in the Statements already received from some Districts, I am directed to explain that the statement in question is intended like the old form to show the Demand Collection and Balance up to the end of each month from the commencement of the Fasly. In the preparation of your future Statements you will accordingly include the transactions of previous months from the beginning of the Fasly.—

2 You will be good enough to forward without delay revised Statements prepared on this principle in lieu of such as you may have already despatched drawn up in any other mode.

3 The Board also request that in the Abstract of Fasly wise particulars of the Collections and Balance of arrears inserted on the back of the Statement in question

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question, the No. of Columns referred to in the heading may be altered from "Columns 9 & 10" to "Columns 8. & 10."-

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Fort St. George
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Signed B. Cunliffe
Secretary

To

The Collector of
Ganjam

(56)

B. No. 362.

To the Collector of Ganjam

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the undermentioned Statements &c. now due have not yet been received in this Office, and to request that you will immediately cause their despatch.—

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
15 February 1855.

Signed B. Cunliffe
Secretary.

Salt Account Current for the quarter 30th Sept. 1854
Contingent Charge for Do. 31st Dec. 1854.
Demand Collection Balance Statement for December and January 1855.
Statements of Bullion &c. imported and exported in —Do.

Reply to Board's Circular 25th Nov. 1853 regarding old garden lands.
" " 5th June 1854 " Information about Salt
" " 6th July 1854 " Opium Cultivation
" " 31 August 1854 " Revision of Assessment
" " 21st September 1854 " Cultivation and encroachments on waste lands
" " 26th October 1854 " Erroneous Revenue Demands
" " 19th " " " Oil Oleaginous products.

To

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Bd's P. 363.
To the Coll.r of
Vizagapatam

To
The Collector of
Vizagapatam.

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the undermentioned Statement &c. now due have not yet been received in this Office and to request that you will immediately cause their despatch.—

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
15th February 1855.

Signed B. Cunliffe
Secretary.

Statement of Extra Charges on account of additional Establishments for July 1263.
D: of D: Estimated for D: D: for July 1264
Demand Collection Balance Statement for January 1855
Reply to Board's Circular dated 25th Nov.r 1852. regarding old Garden Lands
D: ——— 21st August 1853. — Two Cawnies Cenums
D: ——— 31 August 1854 — revision of Assessment
D: ——— 21 September 1854 — Cultivated and Uncultivable lands.
D: ——— 19th October Oil & Oleaginous products.

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Bd's P. 364
To the Coll.r of
Rajahmundry

To
The Collector of
Rajahmundry

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the undermentioned Statements &c. now due have not yet been received

received in this Office and to request that you will immediately cause their despatch.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
15th February 1855.

Signed B. Cunliffe
Secretary.

Demand Collection and Balance Statement for January 1855.
Statement of Bullion &c. imported & exported in D:
Reply to Bd's Circular 25th Nov.r 1852 regarding old Garden lands.
D: ——— 15th March 1854 — Nauches for Swinging festivals.
D: ——— 31st August 1854 — revision of Assessment.
D: ——— 21st September 1854 — Cultivable and Uncultivable lands.—
D: ——— 19th October 1854 — Oils & Oleaginous products.

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Bd's P. 365.
To the Coll.r of
Masulipatam

To
The Collector of
Masulipatam.

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the undermentioned Statements &c. now due have not yet been received in this Office and to request that you will immediately cause their despatch.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George.
15th February 1855.

Signed B. Cunliffe
Secretary

Demand Collection and Balance Statement for January 1855
Statement of Bullion &c. imported & exported in D:
Reply to Bd's Circular 25th Nov.r 1852 regarding old Garden lands.
D: ——— 15th March 1854 — Nauches for Swinging festivals.

Reply to Br. Circular 31st August 1854 regarding pending Assessment.—

D:_____ 21 September 1854 Cultivable & uncultivable lands.
D:_____ 26 October 1854 Metropolitan Revenue
D:_____ 19 October 1854 Oil and Oleaginous products.
D:_____ 14 September 1854 Devastanum payments & Lands.

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(60)
B. No. 385.
To the Collr. of Guntoor

To
The Collector of
Guntoor

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the undermentioned Statements &c. now due have not yet been received in this Office and to request that you will immediately cause their despatch.—

Revenue Board's Office
Fort St. George.
15th February 1855.

/Signed/ B. Cunliffe
Secretary

Demand Collection Balance Statement for January 1855
Statement of Bullion &c. imported & exported in January 1855
Estimate of charges on account of additional Establishments for July 1854.
Reply to Circular dated 26th Novr. 1853 old Garden lands
" ——— 31st August 1854. Revision of Assessment
" ——— 21 September 1854. Cultivable and uncultivable Lands
" ——— 26 October 1854. Metropolitan Revenue
" ——— 19 D:— Oil and Oleaginous products.

To.

To
The Collector of
Nellore.

(61)
B. No. 387.
To the Collr. of Nellore.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the undermentioned Statements &c. now due have not yet been received in this Office and to request that you will immediately cause their despatch.—

Revenue Board's Office
Fort St. George.
15th February 1855.

/Signed/ B. Cunliffe
Secretary

Statement of Revd. Defaulters confined & released for the quarter ending 31st December 1854.
" ——— of Public Servants suspended and dismissed for D:
" ——— of alterations in the list of fines &c. for D:
Salt account Current ——— for D:
Contingent Charges ——— for D:
Statement of persons charged under Regulation IX of 1822 for January 55
D:— of — D: convicted under D:— for — D:
D:— of Village Officers suspended under Regulation VI of 1831 for D:
D:— of Bullion Imported and Exported — for D:
Register of Petitions ——— for D:
Reply to Board's Circular 21st Novr. 53 regarding Village Police
" D: ——— 19th Octr. 1854. Oils & Oleaginous products.

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Fort St. George
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/Signed/ B. Cunliffe
Secretary

To.

2900 Fort St. George 15th February 1855.

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To The Collector of Bellary

Bd No. 368.

To the Collector of Bellary —

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the undermentioned Statements Nos now due have not yet been received in this Office and to request that you will immediately cause their despatch.—

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
15th February 1855 —

/Signed/ B Cunliffe
Secretary

Statement of alterations in fines &c for the quarter ending 30th December 1854
List of letters remaining unanswered for Do:
Statement of persons convicted & under Regulation IX of 1822 for September & Novr 1854 and D January 1855.—
Do: of Do: charged under Do: for January 1855
Do: of Village Officers suspended &c. under Regulation VII of 31 for Do:
Register of Petitions for ——— Do:
Demand & Collection & Balance Statement for Do:
Reply to Boards Circular 21st November 1853 regarding Village Police.

Do ——— 31st August 1854 revision of assessment
Do ——— 21 September 1854 Cultivable & uncultivable lands
Do ——— 26 Octr 1854 Motor for the Revenue
Do ——— 19 ——— " Oils & Oleaginous products
Do ——— 30 Novr 54 Discontinuance of Mahratta

To

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2901. Fort St. George 15th February 1855

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Bd No. 369

To the Collector of Cuddapah

To The Collector of Cuddapah

Sir, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the undermentioned Statements Nos now due, have not yet been received in this office, and to request that you will immediately cause their despatch.—

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
15th February 1855 —

/Signed/ B. Cunliffe
Acting Secretary

Statement of Rent Defaulters Confined & Released for the quarter ending 31st December 1854
Do of Public Servants suspended & dismissed in Do Do
List of fines and stoppages ——— in Do Do
Alterations in the list of Do ——— Do ——— in Do Do
List of letters remaining unanswered — for Do Do
Statement of Contingent Charges incurred in D Do
Monthly Register of Petitions from January to Decr 1854 & January 1855
Do Statement of persons charged under Regn IX of 1822 for December 1854 and January 1855 —
Do Do Convicted and Confined under Do for Do & Do
Do Village Officers suspended & dismissed under Regn VII of 1831 for December & Do
Demand Collection Balance statement for January 1855
Reply to Board's Circular 2nd Novr 1853 regarding Village Police 13th July 1854 — — — Restrictions as to the locality of private wells
" " Board's Circular 31st Augt 1854 regarding Revision of assessment
" ——— 21st Septr 1854 — " cultivable & uncultivable lands
" ——— 26th Octr 1854 — " Pro tempore Revenue
" ——— 19th " ——— " Oils & Oleaginous products
" ——— 30th Novr 1854 — " Discontinuance of Mahratta

To

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Bd 2o 370

To the Agent to the Governor at Burnool-

To the Agent to the Governor at Burnool

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the undermentioned Statements to Fasl 63 more due, have not yet been received in this office, and to request that you will immediately cause their despatch-

Revenue Board office
Fort St. George
15th February 1855

/Signed/ B- Cunliffe
Acting Secretary

Lists of letters remaining unanswered for the 4 quarters ending 31st March, 30th June, 30th Septr & 31st Decr 1854
Alterations in the list of Genl Fasl for the quarters ending 30th June & 30th Septr 1854-
Revenue Defaulters Confined and released during the quarter ending 30th September 1854-
Monthly Registers of Petitions from May to Decr 1854 & January 1856-
" Demand Collections Balance statement for Decr 54 & Jan 55
" Statement of persons Charged under Regn IX of 22 for Decr
" Do Committed & Confined under Do for Jan 55-
" Do Village officers suspended & dismissed for Do
Reply to Board's Circular dated 25th Novr 1852 Regarding old garden lands-
Do " 21st Novr 53 Village Police
Do " 6th July 54 Opium Cultivation
Do " 31st Augt 54 Revision of assessment
Do " 21st Septr 54 Cultivable & uncultivable lands-
Do " 26th Octr 54 Returns Revenue
Do " 19th Octr 54 Regarding Wild & Cheap grain products
Do " 30th Novr 54 Discontinuance of Mahratta-
Do " 11th Septr 54 Dewas tanna payments & Lands

To

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Bd 2o 361

To the Acting Collector of Chinglepute-

To The Acting Collector of Chinglepute

Sir,

The Board of Revenue having learned from two Samples of Salt produced before them+ that there is a difference at the Coveloug stores between the Salt sold to the publick and that stored for supply to Bengal- the former being inferior to the latter, have directed me to call your attention to the subject and to desire that this distinction be at once abolished-

2 The whole of the Salt should be manufactured as good and pure as possible and should be issued indiscriminately for Home, Inland and Foreign Sales-

+ Office Memo By the agent of the Bengal Contractors-

Revenue Board office
Fort St. George
15th February 1855

/Signed/ B- Cunliffe
Acting Secretary

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Bd No 371

To the Collector of Chinglepute

To The Collector of Chinglepute

Sir,

I am directed by the Board

Fort St. George 15th February 1855

Board of Revenue to inform you that the undermentioned Statements to Dec.a now due have not yet been received in this office, and to Re-
-quest that you will immediately cause their despatch.

Revenue Board office
Fort St. George
15th February 1855

} (Signed) B. Cunliffe
Acting Secretary

Statement of persons Committed Dec.a under Reg.n IX of 1822 for Oct.r 1854 and January 1855.
Do. of Do. Charged under Do. for October 1854.
Do. of Village officers suspended under Reg.n VII of 1831 for January 1855.
Demand Collection Balance Statement for ——— Do.
Reply to Board's Circular 25th Nov.r 1852 Regarding old Garden lands
Do. 25th Nov.r 1853 — Village Police
Do. 31st Aug.t 1854 — Remission of assessment
Do. 26th Oct.r 1854 — Proteiples Revenue
Do. 19th " " — Oils & Oleaginous products
Do. 30th Nov.r 1854 — Discontinuance of Mahratta.

To The Collector of
North Arcot.

(67)
Bd No 2372
To the Collector of
North Arcot —

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the undermentioned Statements Dec.a now due have

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not yet been received in this office, and to request that you will immediately cause their despatch.

Revenue Board office
Fort St. George
15th February 1855

} (Signed) B. Cunliffe
Acting Secretary

Statement of Publick Servants suspended or dismissed in the quarter ending 31st December 1854.
Register of Petitions for June 1854 & January 1855.
Statement of persons Committed & Confined under Regn. IX of 1822 for Nov.r & Dec.r 1854 & January 1855.
Do. of Charged under Do. for January 1855.
Do. of Village officers suspended Dec.a under Reg.n VII of 1831 for — Do. —
Reply to Board's Circular 21st Nov.r 1853 Regarding Village Police
21st Sept.r 1854 Cultivable & Unculturable Lands.
Do. 26th Oct.r 1854 Protection to Revenue
Do. 19th " " — Oils & Oleaginous products

To The Collector of
Salem.

(68)
Bd No 2373
To the Collector of Salem —

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the undermentioned Statements to Dec.a now due have not yet been received in this office, and to request that you will immediately cause

Cause their despatch -

Revenue Board office
Fort St. George
15th February 1855

/Signed/ B- Cunliffe
Acting Secretary

Statement of Revenue Defaulters Confined & released for the quarter ending 31st December 1854 -
" of Public Servants suspended & dismissed in Do.
Lists of Fines and Stoppages made ——— in Do.
alterations in Do. ——— Do. ——— in Do.
Contingent Charges ——— for Do.
Monthly Statement of Village officers suspended or dismissed under Regulation VII of 1831 for May 1854 & January 1855
Do. Convicted under Regulation IX of 1822 for December & January 1855.
Do. Charged under Do. ——— for January 1855
Demand Collection Balance statement for Do.
Reply to Board's Circular 25th Nov. 1852 Regarding Old Garden lands -
Do. ——— 21st Nov. 1853 — " Village Police
Do. ——— 31st Aug. 1854 — " Revision of assessment
Do. ——— 21st Sept. — " Cultivable and uncultivable lands
Do. ——— 26th Sept. — " Maturpha Revenue.
Do. ——— 19th Oct. — " Regarding oils and oleaginous products

To

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B. Dy. No. 374

To The Collector of
South Arcot -

Sir,

To the Collector of South Arcot —

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the undermentioned Statements Nos. now due have not yet been received in this office, and to request that you will immediately cause their despatch -

Revenue Board office
Fort St. George
15th February 1855

/Signed/ B- Cunliffe
Acting Secretary

Statement of Rent Defaulters Confined & released during the quarter ending 31st Dec. 1854 -
Lists of fines & Stoppages made in Do.
Alterations in Do. ——— in ——— Do.
Lists of letters remaining unanswered in ——— Do.
Talk account Current ——— for ——— Do.
Contingent Charges ——— for ——— Do.
Monthly statement of persons Convicted under Regn. IX of 1822 for July, Nov. & Dec. 1854 - & January 1855 -
Do. of persons charged under Do. Nov. & Dec. 1854 & Jany. 1855
Do. of Village officers suspended Nos. under Regn. VII of 1831 for Dec. 1854 & January 1855 -
Registers of petitions ——— for January 1855
Demand Collection Balance statement for Do.
Reply to Board's Circular 21st Sept. 1854 Regarding cultivable & uncultivable lands -
" ——— 19th Oct. 1854 Oils & oleaginous products -
" ——— 30th Nov. 1854 - Discontinuance of Maturtha -

To

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B. Rev. 375

To the Collector of Tanjore

To the Collector of Tanjore

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the under-mentioned Statements &c. now due have not yet been received in this office, and to request that you will immediately cause their despatch—

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
15th February 1855

/Signed/ B. Lennlesse
Sy. Secretary

Salt account Current for the quarter ending 31st Decr. 1854.
Registers of Petitions for August 1854. & January 1855
Statement of Persons Committed & Confined under
Regn. IX of 1822 for Decr. 1854. & January 1855
Do. — of Charged under Do. for January 1855
Do. — of Village officers suspended &c. under
Regn. VII of 1831 for Do.
Demand Collection Balance Statement for Do.
Statement of Bullion &c. imported & Exported in Do.
Reply to Board's Circular 31st Augt. 1854. regard-
-ing remission of a fee formerly-
-ly levied on Oil and
Oleaginous products—

To

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B. Rev. 370

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the under-mentioned Statements &c. now due have not yet been received in this office, and to request that you will immediately cause their despatch—

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
15th February 1855

/Signed/ B. Lennlesse
Acting Secretary

Statement of Rent. Defaulters Confined & Released for the quarter ending 31st Decr. 1854—
Do. of Public Servants Suspended & dismissed in Do.
List of Fines & Stoppages made ——— in Do.
Alterations in Do. ——— in Do.
Contingent Charges incurred ——— in Do.
Monthly Statement of persons Charged under
Regn. IX of 1822 for January 1855—
Do. ——— of Do. Committed under Do. for Do.
Do. ——— of Public Servants Suspended
under Regn. VII of 1831 for Do.
Reply to Board's Circular 21st Septr. 1854. regard-
-ing Cultivable & uncultivable Lands
——— To

2910 Fort St. George 15th February 1855

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Bd No. 377

To the Collector of Madura

To the Collector of Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the undermentioned Statements Vizt. now due have not yet been received in this office, and to Request that you will immediately cause their despatch—

Revenue Board office
Fort St. George
15th February 1855

Signed B. Cruttenden
Acting Secretary

Statement of Contingent Charges incurred during the quarter ending 31st Decr. 1854—

Monthly Statement of persons charged under Regulation IX of 1822 for January 1855—

Do. —— of Do. Convicted Vizt. under Do. for Do.

Do. —— of Do. Village officers suspended under Regulation VII of 1831 for Do.—

Reply to Circular dated 25th November 1852 Regarding old Garden lands—

Do. —— 21st November 1853 Village Police—

Do. —— 31st August 1854 Revision of Assessment—

Do. —— 21st September 1854 Cultivable and uncultivable lands—

Do. —— 19th October —— Oils and oleaginous products—

To

2911 Fort St. George 15th February 1855

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Bd No. 378

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the undermentioned Statements Vizt. now due have not yet been received in this office, and to Request that you will immediately cause their despatch—

Revenue Board office
Fort St. George
15th February 1855

Signed B. Cruttenden
Acting Secretary

Statement of Public Servants to suspended or dismissed for the quarter ending 31st December 1854—

Do. of persons charged under Regulation IX of 1822 for January 1855—

Do. of Do. Convicted and Confined under Ditto for Ditto

Do. of Village officers suspended or dismissed under Regulation VII of 1831 in Ditto—

Do. of Imports and Exports of Bullion for Do.

Register of Petitions for Do.

Reply to Board's Circular 21st Novr. 1853 regarding Village Police—

Do. 31st Augt. 1854 — Revision of Assessment—

Do. 21st September 1854 — Regarding Cultivables and uncultivable lands—

Do. 19th October 1854 — Oils and Oleaginous products—

To

2912 Fort St. George 15th February 1855

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To The Collector of Coimbatore

B.R. No. 379-

To the Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the undermentioned Statements Vcs. now due have not yet been received in this Office, and to request that you will immediately cause their despatch-

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
15th February 1855 — /Signed/ B. Cunliffe
Acting Secretary

Statement of persons Charged under Regulation IX of 1822 for January 1855-
Do. — of Convicted Do. — Do. —
Do. of Village officers suspended Vcs. under Regulation VI of 1831 in Do.
Register of Petitions- — for Ditto-
Reply to Board's Circular 31st. ult. 1854 Regarding Revision of Assessment-
Do. — — 21st. September 1854- Cultivable and uncultivable lands-
Do. — — 26th Sept. 1854 Protur. Sea Revenue
Do. — — 19th October 1854 Oils and Oleaginous products
Do. — — 30th November 1854 Discontinuance of Maharatta-

To

2913 Fort St. George 15th February 1855

To

The Collector of Canara.-

(75)

B. No. 380

To the Collector of Canara —

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the undermentioned Statements Vcs. now due, have not yet been received in this Office, and to request that you will immediately cause their despatch.-

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George — —
15th. February 1855 — —

/Signed/ B. Cunliffe
Acting Secretary

Statement of Public Servants suspended Vcs. during the Quarter ending 31st. December 1854.-
List of Fines and stoppages made in the Ditto
Alterations in the Ditto — Ditto in Ditto
Salt account Current for — Ditto —
Contingent charges for — Ditto —
Statement of persons convicted Vcs. under Regulation IX of 22 for March 1854 and January 1855
Ditto of persons suspended Vcs. under Regulation XI of 1831 for December 1854 and January 1855.
Register of Petitions for May 1854 and January 1855
Statement of Bullion Vcs. Imported and Exported for January 1855
Ditto of Persons charged under Regulation IX of 1822 for Do.
Demand Collection and Balance Statement for Do.
Reply to Board's Circular 31st. August 1854 regarding Revision of Assessment
Ditto — 21st. September 1854 Cultivable and uncultivable lands
Ditto — 19th. October 1854 Oil and Oleaginous products
Ditto — 30th. November 1854 Discontinuance of Maharatta.—

To

2914 Fort St. George 15th February 1855

To

The Collector of

Malabar

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B. No. 381

To the Collector of Malabar

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the undermentioned Statements &c. now due, have not yet been received in this Office, and to request that you will immediately cause their despatch.—

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 15th February 1855

/ Signed / B. Cunliffe
Acting Secretary

Salt account Current for the Quarter ending 30th September and 31st December 1854.—
Statement of Revenue Defaulters confined and released during the Quarter ending 31st December 1854
Ditto of Public Servants suspended &c. in Ditto
Contingent charges _____ for Ditto
Register of Petitions for October, November, and December 1854 and January 1855.—
Statement of Persons convicted &c. under Regulation IX of 1822 for December 1854 and January 1855
Ditto _____ charged _____ Do. _____ for January 1855
Ditto of Village Officers suspended &c. under Regulation VI of 1831 for Ditto
Demand Collection and Balance Statement for Ditto
Statements of Bullion &c. imported and Exported in Ditto
Reply to Board's Circular 31st August 1854 Regarding Revision of Assessment.—
Ditto _____ 19th October 1854 Oils and Oleaginous products.
Ditto _____ 30th November 1854 Discontinuance of Mahratta.

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To

The Collector of

Madras

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B. No. 382

To the Collector of Madras

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the undermentioned Statements &c. now due, have not yet been received in this Office, and to request that you will immediately cause their despatch.—

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 15th February 1855.

/ Signed / B. Cunliffe
Acting Secretary

Statement of Public Servants suspended or dismissed during the Quarter ending 31st December 1854
List of Fines and Stoppages made in Ditto
Alterations in Do. Do. in Do.
Register of Petitions for March, September, and November 1854.—
Monthly Statement of persons convicted and confined under Regulation IX of 1822 for January 1855.—
Ditto _____ Ditto suspended &c. under Regulation VI of 1831 for Ditto
Ditto _____ of Bullion &c. imported and Exported for Ditto.—

To

The Collector of

Sea Customs.—

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B. No. 383

To the Collector of Sea Customs

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that the undermentioned Statements &c. now due, have not yet been received in

in this Office, and to request that you will immediately pause their despatch.—

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
15th. February 1855.

/ Signed / B. Cunliffe
Acting Secretary

List of letters remaining unanswered for the 4 Quarters ending 31st. March, 30th. June, 30th. September and 31st. December 1854

Statement of Public Servants suspended in Quarter ending 31st. December 1854

List of fines and stoppages made in Ditto

Alterations in Ditto Ditto Ditto

Statement of Bullion &c. imported and Exported in January 1855

Reply to Board's Circular 19th. October 1854 regarding Oils and oleaginous products.—

To,

The Sub Treasurer,

79
B. No. 359
To the Sub Treasurer.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to remit to you for the purpose of being credited to Government the sum of Rupees 3-7, being the amount of stoppage from the Salary of Mr. Richard Davis, first class Copyist, on their Establishment, for 4 days in last Month.—

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
15th. February 1855.

/ Signed / B. Cunliffe
Acting Secretary

To

To

The Barrack Master.

80
B. No. 355
To the Barrack Master.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will be so good as to issue the necessary instructions for making over Rattan Mats for certain portions of their Office.—

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
15th. February 1855.

/ Signed / B. Cunliffe
Acting Secretary

87
From the Aj. Collector of Chingleput.— Read Indent on the Principal Commissary of Ordnance for Scales required for the use of his District.—

81-82
Order thereon.— Ordered that the original Indent be passed and forwarded to the Secretary to the Military Board.—

83
B. No. 127
From the Accountant General.— Read Bill for Contingent charges incurred for the Month of December 1854

83-84
Order thereon Resolved that the necessary orders be passed.—

85
Mis. No. 327
From the Collector of Canara.— Received the undermentioned Miscellaneous letters and Statements.—

Abstract Statement of persons discharged &c. and forwarded to the Sub Court under Regulation IX of 1822 and VII of 1825 for the half year ending 31st. December 1854.— Return

86
Mis. No. 317
From the Acting Collector of Nellore — Returns of fines imposed and Stoppages made from the pay of public Servants for the Quarter ending 31st December 1854

87
Mis. No. 326
From the Collector of Tinnevelly — Account Current of Salt for the Second quarter from 1st October to 31st December 1854 of Fasly 1264

88
Mis. No. 325
From the Acting Collector of Madras — Salt Account Current from 1st October to 31st December 1854 —

89
Mis. No. 320
From the Aff. Collector of Chinglepute — Register of receipts granted to the Zemindars, Tahsildars, &c. for November

90
Mis. No. 321
From the Aff. Collector of Chinglepute — Register of receipts granted to the Zemindars, Tahsildars, &c. for December 1854 —

91
Mis. No. 322
From the Collector of Tinnevelly — Register of receipts granted for Revenue paid into the Honor Treasury in December 1854

Reporting

92
Mis. No. 318
From the Acting Collector of Chinglepute — Reporting that no persons were charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822 for January 1855 —

93
Mis. No. 330
From the Collector of Vizagapatam — Informs that there were no Imports or Exports of grain from 7th to 20th January 1855 —

94
Mis. No. 319
From the Collector of Madura — Register of Petitions referred by the Board of Revenue and disposed of in January 1855 —

95
Mis. No. 328
From the Collector of Canara — Register of Petitions referred for disposal for December 1854 —

96
Mis. No. 333
From the Collector of Madura — Reporting that there are no Returns for the within mentioned Statements during last Month —

97
Mis. No. 329
From the Collector of Madura — Average Bazar prices of grain and Memorandum of Syen Cultivation in January 1855 —

From

2920 (98) Fort St. George 15th February 1855.

Mds No 334

From the Collector of Coimbatore — Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance for the Month of January 1855 —

E. Maltby

J. D. Bourdillon

Comp. D. W. D. Gager

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No Diary

At a Meeting Present

Monday 19th Febry 1855 — E. Maltby Esqre Member and J. D. Bourdillon Esqre Member

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J. Goldingham Esqre First Member
Absent on duty as Commissioner Northern Circars

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Read the following Papers.

No 70.

(1) Bd No 188. From the Secretary to Government — Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 15th January 1855. (From Bd No 21 of December 1854)

Ordered that the Commissary General be requested to comply with the Indent for furniture submitted with the above letter.

(Signed) J. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

Ordered to be recorded.

No 165.

(1-2) Order thereon. (3) Bd No 361. From the Secretary to Government — Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 6th February 1855.

Read the following letter from H. Stokes Esq. Dated 3rd February 1855

Under the circumstances represented in

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in the above letter, and as it is very desirable to expedite the progress of the enquiries now being conducted by the Commission for investigating into the alleged use of torture in this Presidency so that this proceedings may be closed at as early a date as is compatible with the attainment of the object for which they were appointed the Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves in compliance with Mr. Stokes' application to attach to him temporarily as special assistant on the pay and allowance of a Head Assistant to relieve him from a part of the work of the Madras Collectorate whilst employed on the Commission.

(Signed) T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

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Order thereon

Ordered to be recorded.

5
B. of R. No. 459.
From the Acting Collector of Guntoor

No. 3.

To
B. Cumliffe Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the

Fort St. George 19th February 1855

8th Ultimo. I have the honor to transmit herewith 2 Statements viz. one shewing the Collections and charges of Sea Customs at each of the Ports and the other of Collections and charges of the Frontier chowkies for the official year 1853/54 according to the forms annexed thereto.—

Guntoor District
Collectors Office
Nursarowpetta.
10th February 1855.

(Signed) A. Wood
Acting Collector

Statement

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No. 1 Statement shewing the Collections and charges of Sea Customs at each of the Ports and places in the District of Guntoor during the Official year 1853/54.—

No.	Names of the Ports	Collections				Charges			Net Collections
		Export Duties	Import Duties	Deduct drawback	Net Import Duties	Total Collection	Establishment	other Charges	Total
		CRs a p	CRs a p	CRs a p	CRs a p	CRs a p	CRs a p	CRs a p	CRs a p
1	Sporpollem	65 10 5	" " "	" " "	65 10 5	65 10 5	144 " "	" " "	144 " "
2	Retorpully	" " "	1 2 "	" " "	1 2 "	1 2 "	130 4 "	" " "	130 4 "
3	Nujampatam	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	60 " "	" " "	60 " "
4	Cottapollem	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	48 " "	" " "	48 " "
5	Nayempully	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	48 " "	" " "	48 " "
	Total	65 10 5	1 2 "	" " "	1 2 5	66 12 5	430 4 "	" " "	430 4 "

Guntoor Collectors Office, Nursarowpeta 10th February 1855 Signed A. Wood
Asst Collector

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Fort St. George 19th February 1855.

No. 2 Statement of the Collections and charges of the Frontier chowkies in the District of Guntoor during the Official year 1853/54.

No.	Names of the Chowkies	Collections			Charges			Net Collections
		Export duties	Import duties	Total	Establishment	other charges	Total	
		CRs a p	CRs a p	CRs a p	CRs a p	CRs a p	CRs a p	CRs a p
1	Datchapully	124 7 4	" " "	124 7 4	202 8 "	" " "	202 8 "	" " "
2	Pagorlagnddah	" " "	" " "	" " "	93 3 9	" " "	93 3 9	" " "
3	Palumpully	" " "	" " "	" " "	48 " "	" " "	48 " "	" " "
4	Ramajagoodem	" " "	" " "	" " "	94 " "	" " "	94 " "	" " "
5	Pondigul	" " "	727 1 7	727 1 7	415 " "	" " "	415 " "	" " "
6	Canovvola	" " "	" " "	" " "	95 12 "	" " "	95 12 "	" " "
7	Nacoonambadah	" " "	" " "	" " "	93 10 4	" " "	93 10 4	" " "
8	Porttapully	" " "	" " "	" " "	93 8 4	" " "	93 8 4	" " "
9	Mullavarum	" " "	" " "	" " "	93 8 4	" " "	93 8 4	" " "

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Order thereon — Ordered to lie over.

No. 13

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

7
Bd No. 245.
From the Actg. Collector of Nellore

Sir

With reference to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 19th October last requiring me to report if the Ramdoss Chultry at Suvapully is available for all classes, I have the honor to inform you that although stated by the heirs of the founder to be available for all travellers, the Tahsildar reports that an additional Mesenjerkhana for the accommodation of travellers generally is still required and for the construction of which the necessary preparations are stated to be in progress.

Nellore District,
Collrs. Office
1st Kapolliam
23d January 1855
Bd No. 387.
Proceedings thereon

I Signed I. Ratliffe
Acting Collector

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The Board direct that the construction of the additional building required

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required to make the Chultry at Suvapully available for all classes of travellers be immediately commenced by the heirs of the founder, and that they be required to finish it within a certain period. The acting Collector will report, for the information of the Board, when the building has been completed.—

No. 34.

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

9
Bd No. 281.
From the Acting Collector of Nellore

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a return of Oils in the prescribed form as required in Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue Dated 19th October last.—

Nellore District
Collectors Office
Eskapolliam
13th February 1855.

Signed I. Ratliffe
Acting Collector

Return

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No 1 Return of Oil of the District

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of Nellore.

Number	Division	Talk	Names	Where procurable	Quantity procurable	Price per Rs	A P	Quantity of land annually cultivated & produce per acre.	Quantity of land which could be cultivated if necessary	Value of produce per acre.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	9	10
								Acres Cwt. Candies Tons	Rs	A P
			Lamp Oil							
			In Telugu Anmoodum In Tamil Vellakyennd In Hindoostani } Yerrundeeka thail	Throughout the District	3,341 47/64					
			Gingilly Oil							
			In Telugu Muncheenoona In Tamil Nellana In Hindoostani } Mitta Thail	In parts only of the District	2,175					
			Eloopa Oil							
			In Telugu Ippanoona In Tamil Eloopayemma In Hindoostani } Mava Kathail	Do.	603 15/16					
			Margosa Oil.							
			In Telugu Vapanoona In Tamil Vapayemma In Hindoostani } Neemka Thail	Do.	1,582 15/16					
			Oil of Pitchavittoloo or saw Brummadoondevittoloo	In Ongole Talooks.	5					
			Oil of Cucumber seeds.							
			In Telugu Dosavittoloonoona In Hindoostani } Kumbadeeka Thail	In Do.	2 1/2					
			Linseed Oil.							
			In Telugu avesanoona In Hindoostani } Alsaka Thail	In Do.	1					

Manured	2	7	5/2	1,2519	26 6/16	1 3/16	13,391	34 33/64		3	15	4		
Do	3	1	3	1,041	34 10/16	1 13/16	695	23 5/16		6	5	"		
Do	1	11	4	Planted in Topes	"	"	"	"						
Do	1	13	4	Do.	"	"	"	"						
Do	2	"	"	Spontaneous	"	"	"	"						
Do	2	"	"	not separately cultivated but the seed sown here and there mixed with the dry crops.	"	"	"	"						
Do	2	8	"	The trees are planted in rows as hedges										

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Oil how obtained	Percentage	Remarks.
11	12	13
cold drawn and by burning the seeds and boiling them.	13 3/16	The former (i: e cold drawn) is only used for lamps, but the latter is also used as a purgative and for anointing purposes as well as mixing on different Ointments.-
Cold drawn	38 2 1/2 / 16	Used by natives principally for anointing their heads. mixing with dye to brighten and render the dow permanent Used also in the preparation of different kinds of Cakes, and for mixture with ointments Burnt in their Lamps by the wealthier classes and in Pagodas.-
Do The Oil is expressed from the Kernel.	40 5/16	Burnt in lamps by all classes in Villages where no other oil is procurable These trees are not raised like other crops but planted in Topes.—
Do. The seed is at first boiled in water and then exposed to the sun and bruised and the powder thus obtained is again exposed to the sun when the Oil begins to appear which is then once more abstracted by the action of heat.-	11 / 33 9/64	Burnt in lamps only by the poorer classes and used to a small extent medicinally.— used as an ingredient in dying red thread
Cold drawn	11	Used by poorer classes, in the preparation of Cakes.—
Do:	11	used for mixing with paints

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Signed J. Ratcliffe
Acting Collector

Order thereon Ordered to lie over.

To

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No. 16

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

(11)

Bd. No. 1.66
From the Coll.r of Tanjore.
Affording information on the growth of fibrous plants in Tanjore
From Board 25th September 1854.

Sir

I have the honor to afford the information on the growth of fibrous plants in Tanjore required in an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated the 19th ult.o last. September.-

Knowing how almost exclusively the cultivation in Tanjore is confined to paddy the Board will be prepared to hear that but few fibrous plants are produced and but little fibre made.-

The Shenul or ganapoo nar is grown in some Villages but is more generally laid down as manure as soon as it is cut, than applied to any other purpose. When land is to be cultivated with Shenul it is ploughed three or four times, and then left for ten days to bake in the Sun. manure and ashes are mixed

mixed with the Soil, the Seed is Sown and the land again ploughed and then bush harrowed in three months the plant is cut, and soaked in mud for ten days, when it is washed and dried in the Sun for a day, after which the fibres are separated from the husk. The cost of Cultivation and of the preparation of the fibres is from 40 to 55 Rupees the valey, and the produce is valued at from 70 to 80 Rupees.

Although the cocoanut tree is extensively grown, but little fibre is extracted it is only to a small extent an article of Sale, and by no means one of export. each owner of a plantation makes what ropes he may require for his cattle, his well and his house, and having done that, reserves all the remainder of his huskes for fuel. they are particularly used in brick kilns. When cocoanuts are exported it is with the outer shell on.

The tree does not bear until it is Six years old — two thousand may be raised on a valey

valey of land and the aggregate expense before any profit is received is about 550 Rupees. When fibre is required it is obtained by Soaking the husk in water for five or Six weeks, and then beating it violently. the fibre is washed to remove impurities, and then allowed to dry in the Sun.

There are extensive plantations of plantain trees along the river banks, the fruit is in very general Consumption, and the leaves no less in demand. fibres are very little taken and are used only for making mats. The land on which plantains are to be grown is very deeply dug, the plants are placed Six feet a part, and watered every five days after they have begun to Sprout. they bear fruit in a year after they are planted and the cost of cultivation is about 200 Rupees a valey. If fibre is to be taken the outer part of the tree is removed, and the inner Substance scraped with a knife on a board, until all moisture is removed what remains is then dried in the Sun and afterwards

made

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made into mats.-

The Marool or aloe, is not cultivated in Tanjore- it and the yearookum and the talai or wild pine, grow spontaneously, and from all fibres might be esctracted if there were a demand created on the Spot, and the people were instructed in the best way of proceeding

Enclosed is a Statement in the form prescribed by the Government.-

I have sent Several Specimens of fibres of ropes to the forthcoming Madras exhibition. and if they should attract any favorable notice, it is possible that a demand for the articles may arise- Many lacs of plantain tree are annually thrown away in Tanjore from the ignorance of the people that they can be turned to good account, but, I find that in this, as in all respects, they require some thing more tangible to lead them into new ways, than the translation of a Government minute or the collectors assurance that a great

European

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European war has created an annual demand for fibres from places whence they have not hitherto been drawn- I am satisfied that the presence of the representative of one European mercantile house, prepared to purchase, and to pay for, the articles wanted for esport, would be by far the most effectual Stimulus to their production, would afford the Speediest means of circulating among the thousands of land owners the wants of the European markets, would so regulate Supply and demand as to prevent risk of loss, and would be a means of introducing new products, of less questionable espediency than favorable terms of assessment, advance, or bounties, to be offered on behalf of the State.-

Tanjore
Vellum
9th Febrnary 1855

/Signed/ H. Forbes
Collector

Statement

2935 Fort St. George 19th February 1853.

11-12 Order thereon Ordered to lie over.

No. 13

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

13
Bd. No. 359
From the collector of Madura...

Sir

If there is no objection, may I request the favor of a copy of a letter addressed to Government under date the 15th May 1808. by the Senior Member of the Board of Revenue, who was deputed to Dindigul to investigate the cause of the alleged over assessment mentioned in their letter to Government dated 3 August 1815 Para. 10.

Madura... 2d February 1853
/Signed/ R. D. Parker
collector

Bd. No. 386
13-14 Order thereon.

From Mr Hodgson Dated 15th May 1808 Encl. 3 in From Government 9th inclus 20th February 1809.

Ordered that the Report referred to in the foregoing letter be forwarded to the collector of Madura with a request that he will return the paper after having taken a copy of it.

Read.

2935 Fort St. George 19th February 1853.

Statement Shewing the cultivation of fibrous Plants in Tanjore District.

Name of the fibre.	Description and extent of land cultivated.	Total	Average Price of fibre per Candy.	Remarks.
		Estimated Selling		
Nuga & Coonah Bagayam	Candy Pt. Candy Pt. Candy Pt.			
Sunn hemp	110 170 4 38	152	10/	
Cotton	3 20	23	5/8	
Plantain	30 315 74	244	1291	6/39
Aurool	" " " "	"	"	"
Gorgumar	" " " "	"	"	"
Talayman	" " " "	"	"	"

Tanjore, 9th February 1853.

/Signed/ H. Forbes
Collector

Estimated Selling Price of fibre for Candy. Rs. 20

Rs. 282 1584 11½ 1 5 -

" 2200 1353 2257 1872 " 10 11 } Six fibres are seldom intended the produce for a Candy must be ascertained. -

" 1300 1204 " " " " Little fibre is extracted from this plant. -

" " " " " " " " } These 3 plants are never cultivated but grow spontaneously in the hedges.

Read again List from the Collector of Malabar dated 31st December 1854 and entered in Miscellaneous Consultation 18th January 1855 of letters addressed to the Board and remaining unanswered to 31st December last.

15
Bd. No. 388

Proceedings thereon. The Collector is informed that his letters dated 19th December 1854 No. 187 inbound 19th Jany. 1855.
& 13th February 1854 No. 12 were finally disposed inbound 6th March 1854
of by Proceedings 6th March 1854, and his letter
of 9th November 1854. No. 113. by Proceedings of inbound 7th Dec. 1854.
7th December 1854. The letter dated 26th August 1853 inbound 20th Sept. 1853.
No. 115 having been recorded in the Boards Office with reference to Proceedings dated 19th December 1853. it should be struck off from the Collectors' arrear List.

Read the following Papers.

No. 11.

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

16
Bd. No. 468

From the Collector of Malabar } Sir

In their Proceedings under Date suggesting with reference the 11th January last, received on the 25th the Board expres

reference to the Bd's Proceedings Dated 11th Jany last that a Survey of the whole of the 8 Parishes forming the Hobly of Pattamby be made and such reduction allowed as is found needful.

Para 18

expresss a hope that early measures will be taken for remedying the defect arising from over assessment of the eight munshams forming the Hobly Pattamby in the Nundegonad Talook in accordance with the instructions of Government circulated on the 31st August last.—

With this encouragement I beg to suggest

2. that a Survey of the whole of the eight Parishes which are known to suffer under over assessment be at once made and such reduction allowed as is found needful.

In authorizing a Survey of certain lands

3. in the Chowghat Talook, the Government were pleased to resolve that 60 per cent of the net rent should be taken on account of the Government demands. But looking to the tax, on land in general and to that which obtains in the vicinity of the parishes now in question, it may be well to fix 65 per cent. of this net rent as the due proportion of the Government tax.—

This it will be observed was the proportion proposed by Mr. Commissioner Graeme in his Scheme for a general Survey of the produce.

See Para 1553 of his report dated 11th January 1822.

4. I beg to enclose a Memorandum which I drew up some time ago on the subject of these over assessed parishes.—

Calicut 10th February 1855 } / Signed / H. V. Conolly
Collector

No. 1

Fort St. George 19th Febry 1855.

No. 1

Memorandum

1 There are 36 Amshoms in the Talook of Nedingaud in parts of which the Government assessment is in excess of what the Land can fairly pay. the principle of the assessment in Malabar, as the Board are well aware, is, that the Government shall receive a certain per centage of the net or land lords rent but in many instances in these localities not only is the whole of this rent swallowed up, but a portion of the cultivators profit encroached on in order to satisfy the Government demand.—

2. How this state of things should have come to pass is the first question There is little doubt that the principal reason is to be found in the irregularity of the original assessment fixed in the time of Tippoo.—

An uninterrupted tradition prevails that an addition was made to the proper amount of tax on all those who would not comply with the native assessors demand for a bribe certain it is be this story right or wrong, that the

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the evil I am now bringing to notice has been in existence from very early times. and has led to much grievance For some, and for many years indeed after the country came into our hands the evil did not attract much notice Till 1833/34 there were no annual Jummabundys which necessitated a close attention to irregularities of this description as much revenue was collected as could be, and the constantly accruing and considerable balances were from time to time wiped out of the accounts as irrecoverable—

3. Mr Clementson. it will be seen in his Jummabundy Report for Fasly 1214 para 19, in stating that there were sundry cases of over assessment in Malabar especially noted Pattamby as one of them.—

He apparently thought from what he said in the same report of taking up this with other cases, but never did so.—

4.— The Subject is one which after what has been already stated, does not I imagine require much argument or detail in explanation of its merits. The plain fact is given that many parts of the 8 Amshoms are greatly over assessed and that this overassessment has arisen from no cause which could

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could have been guarded against by our revenue administration.-

It is an evil in the original System not one which has resulted from after negligence. Such for instance as the tacit permission of an unfair distribution of the tax by the Landlords by which some lands have been relieved and others burthened.-

5. The simple remedy is to have a new Survey of these over assessed Parishes, and to levy such an amount of tax only as is in theory allowed to be fair i.e 65 per cent of the Landlords rent.-

6. The probable loss would be from 7 to 8000 Rupees, which would be only restitution however to the Landlords of rights which in Theory they have been supposed to hold.-

7. An objection may be started, and it is one that occurred to my own mind how if this tract is so much over assessed the land has hitherto continued in cultivation. How at all events has it continued in the hands of the original families. It would seem that they would have been forced in the last 50 years to dispose of their lands to satisfy the Government demand, and that no consideration is due to the present purchasers who of course would only have paid so much for the land as it was worth with its heavy burthens. But it

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appears that the greater portion of the lands have remained with its original families notwithstanding these burthens It is true, they have derived little advantage from it, and that in many instances they have held them at a positive loss-as Landlords. But the esctreme repugnance of a Malabar Jemini or Landlord to alienate altogether his property in land is well known any sacrifice is deemed bitter.-

Many of these Landlords have contrived to keep on from having other means at command. For a long time many of the public Servants came from families in these parts and their Salaries helped to make up deficiencies. The lands as a general rule are given over to a tenantry who like the Irish laborer is content to occupy them on any terms which held out the hope of a living. In few other parts of Malabar is so poor a tenantry to be seen. In many cases their very seed is only obtained on credit. If they have a good season they are able, after providing for their Subsistence to pay the Government tax and possibly some trifle to the Landlord, but should the season be improfitious/and, as remarked in my Immanabundy Report for Fously 1263, there is no part of Malabar which from local peculiarities is so likely to be affected by season as this/ the two latter points are involved in more or less difficulty and the weight of the tax comes on the Landlord direct.-

Para 4. /Signed/ A. D. Conolly
collector.

16-17 Order thereon. Ordered to lie over.

To

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No. 21.

To. B. Cunliffe Esqre

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

18

Bd. No. 310

From the Collector of Madras.... Sir

With reference to your letter of the 29th Instant I have the honor to forward the accounts for Fusly 1263 received and kept in this Cutcherry in the Salt Department accompanied by a Goomastah who is familiar with their details.-

Madras.... 31st January 1855 } / Signed / H. Stokes Acting Collector.

18-19 Order thereon. Ordered to be recorded.

No. 28.

To. B. Cunliffe Esqre

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George.

20

Bd. No. 462

From the Collector of Sea Customs.... Sir

With reference to your letter dated the 8th Ultimo. I have the honor to forward a Statement shewing the collections and charges of Sea Customs at this Port for the official year 1853/54.-

Sea Custom House.... Madras 11th February 1855 } / Signed / H. E. Underwood Collector of Sea Customs

Names

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Collections Charges Net

Names of the Ports. Establishment. Other charges. Total Collections.

Madras Sea Customs. 178950 / 11 5 392434 9 9 10269 / 15 7 55092 . . 556 12 10 55648 12 10 5454728 9

Collections Deduct Drawback Duties Total Collections

Sea Custom House.... Madras 11th February 1855 } / Signed / H. E. Underwood Collector of Sea Customs

Order thereon Read

20.

Read the Undermentioned Statements.-

22
Bd. No. 1425
From the Collector of Masulipatam. Statement shewing the Gross Collections for Fusly 1263 Compared with those of Fusly 1262.

23
Bd. No. 1426
From the Collector of Masulipatam. Statement Shewing the Charges for Fusly 1263 Compared with those of Fusly 1262.-

24
Bd. No. 1669
From the Ag. Collector of Guntoor. Comparative Statement of Collections for Fuslies 1262 & 1263.-

25
Bd. No. 1668
From the Ag. Collector of Guntoor. Comparative Statement of Charges for Fusly 1262 & 1263.-

26
Bd. No. 1427
From the Collector of Salem. Statement Comparative of the Actual amount of Gross Collections between Fuslies 1260 & 1261.

27
Bd. No. 1428
From the Collector of Salem. Statement Comparative of actual amount of Charges between Fuslies 1260 & 1261.

22. 28
Order on the above mentioned Statements. Ordered to be recorded.

Received the Undermentioned Miscellaneous letters and Statements.-

29
Mr. No. 316
From the Collector of South Arcot. Return of Fines imposed and Stoppages made from the Pays of Public Servants

Servants for the Quarter Ending 31st December 1854.

30
Mr. No. 352
From the Special assistant Collector of Madras } Return of Fines imposed and Stoppages made from the Pay of Public Servants for the Quarter ending 31st December 1854.

31
Mr. No. 317
From the Collector of South Arcot. Return of Persons Suspended and Dismissed from Employment for the Quarter ending 31st December last.-

32
Mr. No. 353
From the Special Assistant Collector of Madras } Return of Persons Suspended and Dismissed from Employment for the Quarter Ending 31st December last.

33
Mr. No. 313.
From the Collector of North Arcot } Reports the non transmission of the returns for the Quarter ending 31st December 1854.-

34
Mr. No. 310
From the Collector of Tanjore. Statt account Current for the Quarter ending 31st December last.

35
Mr. No. 312
From the Ag. Collector of Ganjam } Comparative Statement shewing the esctent of Lyen Cultivation to the

the end of October 1854.-

36
Mr. No. 350
From the Collector of South Arcot } Statement shewing the Average Bazar whole Sale Prices of Grain and Memorandum of Ayen Cultivation for the month of January 1855.-

37
Mr. No. 349
From the Collector of South Arcot } Average Bazar Prices of Grain and Memorandum of Iyen Cultivation for January 1855.

38
Mr. No. 340
From the Collector of Trichinopoly } Average Bazar Prices of Grain and Memorandum of Iyen Cultivation for January 1855.

39
Mr. No. 358
From the Collector of Tinnevelly } Average Bazar Prices of Grain and Memorandum of Iyen Cultivation for January 1855.-

40
Mr. No. 357
From the Collector of Rajahmundry } Register of receipts given to Zemindars &c. for Revenue paid by them in the Treasury for the

the month of December 1854.- Fusly 1264.

41
Mr. No. 360
From the Ag. Collector of Guntoor. Register of receipts given to Zemindars &c. for Revenue paid by them in the Treasury for the month of December 1854.-

42
Mr. No. 338
From the Collector of Trichinopoly } States that the return required by the circular letter from the Board Dated 11th January 1841 is not sent as no cases of Suspension or removal have occurred during the month of January 1855.-

43
Mr. No. 337
From the Collector of Trichinopoly States that the monthly returns within named are not sent as none of the particulars which they are to contain have occurred during the month of January 1855.-

44
Mr. No. 341
From the Acting Collector of Gayam. } Statement of the average Bazar whole Sale Prices of Grain and Salt for the month of December 1854.-

45
Mr. No. 339
From the Acting Collector of Guntoor. } Reporting that there were

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were no Imports or Exports of Gold or Silver Bullion and Specie by sea during the past month in his District.-

(46)
Mr. No. 354
From the Collector of Nellore. Statement of the value of Gold and Silver Bullion and Specie Imported by sea for the Month of January 1855.

(47)
Mr. No. 355
From the Collector of Malabar.- Statement of the value of Gold and Silver Bullion and Specie for the month of January 1855.-

(48)
Mr. No. 357
From the Collector of Vizagapatam.- Abstract of Demand collection and Balance for the month of January 1855.-

(49)
Mr. No. 369
From the Agent at Kurnool. Abstract of Demand collection and Balance for the month of December 1854.

(50)
Mr. No. 345
From the Collector of South Arcot. Abstract of Demand collection and Balance for the month of January 1855.

(51)
Mr. No. 344
From the Collector of Malabar. Abstract of Demand collection and Balance for the month of January 1855.

(52)
Mr. No. 336
From the Collector of Madura. Statement of receipts and Disbursements in the Sea Custom Department at Pamban for the month of January 1855.-

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Contd. W. H. Bayley

Fort St. George the February 1855.

Diary.

Sent the following letter.

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

(1)
B. No. 393.
To the Chief Secretary to Government.

I have the honor to report that I have this day returned to the Presidency and have assumed my seat as a Member of the Board of Revenue.-

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George
21st February 1855.

(Signed) W. H. Bayley.

At a Meeting Present.

Thursday, 22nd February, 1855.

E. Maltby Esqre. Member.
and
W. H. Bayley Esqre. Member.
J. Goldingham Esqre. First Member
Absent on duty
as Commissioner Northern Circars.

Minutes of the last Meeting read and approved.

Read the following Papers.

Revenue Department.

No. 31.

(2)
B. No. 91.
From the Secretary to Government.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under

Under date the 5^th January 1855.—

Read the following letter.

Territorial Department Revenue

No. 5420 of 1854.

To,

The Secretary to the Government of

Madras.

Sir,

I am directed to request that this Government may be favored with information as to whether experiments similar to those referred to in the accompanying Copy of a letter from the Commissioner in Sind No. 353, dated the 23^d October last, have not been made under the Madras Presidency for reaping threshing and winnowing grain, and if so, the results.

Bombay Castle,
13^th December 1854.

(Signed) C: E: Fraser Tytler
Acting Sec^y to Government

No. 353 of 1854.

Revenue Department.

To

The Right Honorable
Lord Elphinstone G: C: H.
Governor and President in Council

My Lord,

Your Lordship is aware that unlike many provinces of India Sind labors under a great deficiency of hands for all agricultural operations. It is probable that at any season double the existing number of field laborers could find employment, and this want is particularly felt from the time the grain is ripe till it reaches the grain dealers' stores.

2. Well authenticated instances of ripe Crops standing unreaped for want of hands to cut them, are not uncommon whenever the season is a little more sickly than ordinary, and the annual waste from such cause as well as from the inundation rising before the grain can be cleaned and removed from the fields is very great, especially on some of the best pubbee lands near the River and Lake Munchur.

3. The evil is greatly increased by the general stillness of the air, and want of wind to winnow the grain at the commencement of the hot weather.

4. It has often been suggested to me

me by Officers of esperience that some of the greatest improvements which could be introduced into Sind agriculture, would be the appliances &c lately invented in England for reaping, threshing, and winnowing grain-

5. For the Reaping machines the perfectly level Character of the Country &c would be peculiarly suited-

6. I propose, should your Lordship in Council see no objection, to request Mr. Ellis, on his return home, to inspect the various &c machines which may be exhibited at the &c annual agricultural shows, and to select a reaping, a threshing, and a winnowing &c machine, and to forward them to this Country for trial.-

Commissioner's Office,
Kurrachee
23d. October 1854

(Signed) H: B: E: Frere.
Commissioner in Sind.

(True Copy)
(Signed) C: E: Fraser Fyller.
Acting Secretary to Government

Ordered that the above letter and its enclosure be forwarded to the Board of

of Revenue for report.

(True Extract)
(Signed) T. Sycroft-
Secy. to Government-

Ordered that the following letter be sent in reply-

To, The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

(23)
B. No. 411.
To the Chief Secretary to Government-

With reference to Extract from &c Minutes of Consultation dated 5th January 1855, &c forwarding for report a correspondence from the Government of Bombay, containing an enquiry &c whether experiments have been made in the Madras Presidency for reaping, threshing, and winnowing &c grain, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to state that their records have been searched and &c that nothing can be traced regarding any experiments of the kind alluded to-

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
22d. February 1855

(Signed) B: Cunliffe.
Secretary-

No. 78.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 15th January 1855.-

(From B. 4th January 1855)

(4)
B. No. 176.
From the Secretary to Government

Under the circumstances explained by

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by the Collector and agreably to the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council grants authority for the payment to Hoopsain Bee, a share-holder in a Dehat Enam of the North Arcot District, of the arrears of allowance due to her for Fuslies 1260 to 1263 and for the 1st. Quarter of 1264 amounting together to Rupees 89-4-0 Eighty nine and annas four, and grants authority for continuing her allowances for the future.-

(Signed) T. Pycroft.
Secretary to Government.

4-5
B. No. 408.
Order thereon-

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of North Arcot, with reference to his Tabular Statement dated 4th. December 1854.

No. 77.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 15th. January 1855.-

(From B. 4th. January 1855.)

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B. No. 177.
From the Secretary to Government

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the payment to Goolam Dustagheer and Goolam

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Goolam Cawder Mohedeen, share holders in a Dehat Enam of the North Arcot Collectorate, of the arrears of allowance due to them for Fusly 1263 and for the 1st. Quarter of 1264, amounting to Rupees (52-8-0) fifty two and annas eight, and grants authority for the continuance of their authorized allowances for the future.-

(Signed) T. Pycroft.
Secretary to Government.

6-7
B. No. 407.
Order thereon-

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of North Arcot with reference to his Tabular Statement dated 4th. December 1854.-

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No. 106.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 23d. January 1855.-

(From B. 4th. January 1855)

8
B. No. 229.
From the Secretary to Government

Under the circumstances represented by the Collector of Bellary and the Board of Revenue, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council grants authority for continuing a reduced allowance of one Rupee and Eight annas per Mensem or Rupees Eighteen per annum in the name of Chundapoor, son of the late

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late Syed Mahodeen Mooltany for Maintenance during his life, the same commencing from the date of his father's death.-

(Signed) T. Pycroft.
Secretary to Government.

8-9
Bd. No. 397.
Order thereon-

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Bellary, with reference to his Tabular Statement dated 18th November 1854.-

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No. 107.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 23d. January 1855.

/ From Bd. 11th January 1855 /

10
Bd. No. 237.
From the Secretary to Government

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the Collector of North Arcot to Substitute the name of Sanacharry for that of Poonacharry, in case No. 1 of the Statement of Deductions from the Rusthundy benz submitted by him on the 3d. February 1854, and sanctioned by Government on the 24th April 1854.-

(Signed) T. Pycroft.
Secretary to Government.

10-11
Bd. No. 413.
Order thereon -

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of North Arcot, with reference to his letter dated 22d. November 1854.-

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Exctract

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No. 130

Exctract from the Munites of Consultation
Under date the 26th January 1855
/ From Board 11th January 1855 /

12
Bd. No. 266
From the Secretary to Government

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council Sanctions the continuance of the Malikana of Rupees /11,788— 8— 4½/ Eleven thousand seven hundred and Eighty eight Annas Eight and Pice Four and a half per annum enjoyed by the late Rajah of Comblah to his Nephew Vishwanaid Ramanparasoo from the 22d July 1854

/ Signed / T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

12-13
Bd. No. 201
Order thereon

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Canara with reference to his Tabular report dated 4th December 1854

No. 129

Exctract from the Munites of Consultation
Under date the 26th January 1855
/ From Board 15th January 1855

14
Bd. No. 267
From the Secretary to Government

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council Sanctions the refund of Revenue recommended in the foregoing Proceedings amounting to Rupees /361— 11— 4./ Three hundred and Sixty one, annas Eleven and pice four

/ Signed / T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

Ordered

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B.d. No. 417

Order thereon

(1415)

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Malabar with reference to his letter dated 19th. December 1854

No. 140

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Under date the 30th. January 1855

/ From Board 18th. January 1855 /

(16)

B.d. No. 330

From the Secretary to Government

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the Civil Auditor to admit the charges referred to in the above Proceedings amounting to Rupees 154—8—6 / fifty four annas eight and pice six

/ Signed / T. Pycroft

Secretary to Government

(16-17)

B.d. No. 398

Order thereon

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Chingleput with reference to his letter dated 21st. December 1854

Extract

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No. 148

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, Under date the 30th. January 1855

/ From Board 30th. January 1855 /

(18)

B.d. No. 331

From the Secretary to Government

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council grants authority for the sale to Mr. Baynes of a piece of land on the Pulney Hills measuring 14 Grounds and 1430 feet on the same terms as that granted to him in Extract minutes of Consultation of the 3d. June 1852. and for its being included in the Lease ordered to be issued to him

/ Signed / T. Pycroft

Secretary to Government

(18-19)

B.d. No. 399

Order thereon

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Madura with reference to his letter dated 15th. December 1854

Extract

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No. 149

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Under date the 30th January 1855 / From Board 18th January 1855 /

20

Bd. No. 332

From the Secretary to Government

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Collector of Madras supported by the Board of Revenue, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the remission of ground rent on the Spot of land in Black Town occupied by a water Pandall so long as it is appropriated to its present purpose

/ Signed / T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

20-21

Bd. No. 402

Order thereon

Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Collector of Madras with reference to his letter dated 13th December 1854

Extract

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No. 180

Bd. No. 393

From the Secretary to Government

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department, Under date the 9th February, 1855.

Communicating Copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer and requesting the Board to ascertain more fully from Colonel Haber as to when his Adjutant will be at liberty to Superintend the Revenue Survey of Madras.

Read the following letter

No. 78

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Extract from Minutes of Consultation No. 109 dated 23d January 1855, and to state that the services of the Adjutant of Engineers, may be made available for the superintendence of the Revenue Survey of Madras, as soon as the completion of the Surveys and Plans connected with the water supply of Madras, North of the Coovum, have enabled him to complete his report on that subject.—

2. I shall do myself the honor to acquaint the Board of Revenue, when his services become available

available.—

Chief Engineer's Office,
Fort St. George,
1st. February, 1855

/Signed/ C. C. Faber Lt. Colt
Chief Engineer.—

1— Ordered that the above letter be communicated to the Board of Revenue in reference to Extract Minutes Consultation of the 23d. Ultimo.—

2— It does not appear from the Chief Engineer's letter when his Adjutant will be at liberty to Superintend the Revenue Survey of Madras— The Board will ascertain this more fully from Colonel Faber— If the services of Lieutenant O'Connell will soon be available for the work it may be placed under him— Otherwise the Board will consider some other arrangement— It has occurred to Government that in such case it might be placed under the Board's Assistant Secretary in the Department of Public Works, Lieutenant Roberts.—

/True Extract/
/Signed/ T. Pycroft
Secy. to Government.—

Order

Ordered that the following letter be sent in consequence.—

To,
The Acting Collector of
Madras

(23)
Bd. No. 403
To the Acting Collector of Madras .....

Sir,

With reference to their Proceedings dated 1st February 1855, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will place the Madras Survey under Lieutenant O'Connell, who has received directions from the Chief Engineer, under the orders of Government, to take charge of it.—

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George, ...
22d. February 1855

/Signed/ B. Cunliffe
Secretary

Ordered also that following letter

To,
The Chief Secretary
to Government

(22-24)
Bd. No. 404
To, the Chief Secretary to Government ...

Sir,

With reference to para 2 of

In Cons. 22d. Feby. 1855.

Extract from Minutes of Consultation dated 9th February 1855, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to report for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that

Order

that the Chief Engineer having stated that Lieutenant Connell was prepared to take charge of the Madras Survey - they desired the Collector of Madras to make over charge of it to him at once.—

Revenue Bd Office,
Fort St. George,
22d February 1855

/Signed/ B. Cunliff
Secretary

No 208

Bd No 503

From the Secretary to Government } Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department, under date the 17th February 1855

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From Board 5th February 1855

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves of the course recommended by the Board of Revenue in para 5 of the above letter and authorizes the Collector of Tinnevelly to file the proposed draft answer to suits No 13 and 14 of 1854 brought against him and other public servants by certain ryots of the Sharenmadavy Talook in the Principal Sudr Ameen's Court at Tinnevelly - the defence being conducted at the public cost.—

/Signed/ T. Pycroft
Secy to Government

Ordered

Bd No 400

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Order thereon.— Ordered to be communicated, with the Boards' Proceedings, and draft answer to the Collector of Tinnevelly, who will put in the latter, and conduct the defence, at the public cost.—

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Bd No 4351

From the Collector of Chingleput. } Read Statement of Actual charges incurred under Estimate in the Revenue Department in Fusly 1263.—

Ordered that the following letter be sent in consequence.—

To

The Acting Collector of Chingleput.—

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Bd No 412

To the Acting Collector of Chingleput ... } Sir, The charges &c on account of the Gunadies of Streeharicottah entered in the Statement of Actual Charges under Estimate for Fusly 1263 have drawn the attention of the Board to the condition of that peculiar people, and I am desired to make the following observations for your consideration.—

Recording the Board's observation of the Gunadies of Streeharicotta in the District of Chingleput.— Dated 6th September 1854 in Con No 22 to 27th February 1855

2. The state of this tribe was first brought to the Board's notice in 1835 when the.

the Meshariecottah Mootah passed into the pas=
=session of Government. Their numbers were
then 199 but by the latest report which the
Board have received (in November 1852) it appears
they are now 324. Their habits have however under=
=gone no change - about a Cawnie of land is cultiva=
=ted by them apparently as a matter almost of
compulsion, for the tribe continue, with this
trifling exception, to subsist on Jungle products
and the remuneration they receive in Kind for
the Honey &c. collected by them on behalf
of Government.—

The Net value of the latter in Fusly
1263 appears to have been Rupees 203-12-11
and that of their remuneration Rupees
780-11-2 The Honorable Court in
their despatch 30th July 1845 No. 17, para
9 expressed their desire to allot to them
2/3rds of the Value of the produce collected by
them, at which rate their remuneration in
Fusly 1263 would have been Rupees 1356
instead of Rupees 780. This scale of
payment was also ordered to be adopted from
the following Fusly in Extract Minutes of
Consultation

In Cons. 8th Jan.y pd.

Consultation 15th November 1845, but the actual
payments have apparently never reached this standard
or even 50 per cent as proposed by Mr. Cochrane.—

3. There being thus a considerable sum
available for the amelioration of the condition of
this tribe, the Board would wish you, when
more pressing duties afford you sufficient
leisure, to take the subject into consideration with
reference to the following suggestions.—

1. The attempt to induce these people
to adopt agricultural pursuits having failed,
it might perhaps be well to try whether the
rearing of cattle or sheep would be more acceptable.—

2. The present system of remunerating
them with grain and cloth seems more likely to
perpetuate their isolated habits than to lead to
their reclamation. It would possibly be desira=
=able gradually to pay them partly in money,
in the hope that the consequent communi=
=cation with their neighbours would be productive
of beneficial effects.—

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George,
22d. February 1855

(Signed) B. Cunliffe
Secretary.

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Bd. No. 377

From the Ag. Collector of Chingleput.

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No. 35

Official Memo

The accompanying letter and its enclosure from the Head Assistant Collector of this District are forwarded to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue for such notice as he may deem necessary to take.—

Chingleput District.
Collectors Cutcherry.
Sydapet, February 1855

Signed C. I Shubrick
Acting Collector

No. 1

To,

C. I. Shubrick Esqre.

Acting Magistrate of Chingleput.

Sir,

I beg to draw your attention to the enclosed letter addressed to the Tahsildar of Carangoly by a Mr. Robinson, a clerk in the Office of the Board of Revenue. The language used by the writer towards an officer, his superior in station, is not only objectionable but he has made a most improper use of the name of the Secretary to the Board and of his own position in that Office. It appears to me that this ought not to be passed over unnoticed and I therefore beg to forward the letter to you for transmission to the Board of Revenue

Chingleput District.
Head Asst. Magistrates Office
7th February, 1855 ... } Signed B. Paumefote
Head Asst. Magistrate.

Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded. Mr. Robinson has been admonished by the Acting Secretary.—

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No. 41.

To,

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

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Bd. No. 444.

From the Ag. Collector of Chingleput.

Requesting sanction for defending the suit filed against the Collector by Puttaly reddy Purchaser of the Perivalicandoo Moottah.—

To the Board of Revenue dated 19th Sept. 1854.
From Do. 28th Do. Do.
To Do. 22d. Nov. 1854.
From Do. 23d. Do. Do.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence Marginally noted, I have the honor to state for the information of the Board of Revenue that Puttaley Reddy the Purchaser of the Perivalicandoo Moottah therein adverted to has instituted a Suit in the Principal Sudr Ameen's Court at Chingleput against the Collector and one Gooroova Reddy, praying for the recovery of the Zemindary and the registration of the same in the Plaintiff's name.—

The Particulars connected with the Sale of this Estate having been already laid before the Board, and their orders obtained thereon, I now beg to forward translation of the Plaint, and Draft of an Answer proposed to be filed in behalf of the 1st Defendant, and to request that Sanction be accorded for defending the Suit at the Public Cost.—

The proposed Answer was drafted by Mr. Smollett, and is submitted at his desire.—

Chingleput District.
Collectors Cutcherry.
Sydapet, 13th February 1855.

Signed C. I. Shubrick
Acting Collector.

To

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No. 1.

To, M. R. R. Y. Alaghia Pillay.
Principal Sudr Ameen in the
District of Chingleput.-

The plaint presented by Soobbroya Moodelliar, Court Vakeel for and in behalf of Puttaly Reddiar, son of Soobba Reddiar, son of Soobba Reddiar, earning Subsistence by means of Agriculture and residing at Chucoaday in the Chingleput Talook.-

Against

1. P. B. Smollett Esqre. Collector of Chingleput.-
2. Goorroova Reddy, Son of Venkatanarayana Reddy, earning livelihood by means of Agriculture and residing at Oroodmungalum in the same Talook.-

Praying that a Decree may be passed awarding the registration in the Plaintiff's name of the Mootta of Perivaloocandoo bearing a Permanent Assessment of Rupees 146 per Annum and the restoration thereof to him.-

1st. Venkata Narraina Reddy late Zemindar of the said Perivaloocandoo Mootta in the Carangoly Talook died about 6 years ago (month and date not remembered) leaving 2 Sons, Venkatasa Reddy and Goorroova Reddy who are now alive. These parties continued to enjoy the Village up to Fusly 1263 without having it registered in their names. An Omission however on their part

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part to adjust the arrears of Kist due for Government on account of the above Village for Fusly 1263 led the 1st. Defendant to Sequester it after the expiration of the Fusly and issue an Advertisement for its Sale. The said Venkatasa Reddy and Goorroova Reddy failing to liquidate the balance within the period specified in the Notification, that 1st. Defendant proceeded with the Sale of the Mootta publicly on the 18th. September 1854, at his Circuit Cutcherry at Sydapet, when the Plaintiff purchased the same for Rupees 130, and deposited Rupees 80 on the same date with the 1st. Defendant who gave him a Receipt for it, through his Cutcherry Goomasta Rama Rowpow the same day. This receipt is herein enclosed. The 1st. Defendant reported the circumstance of the Sale of the said Village to the Board of Revenue who approving of the proceedings held, addressed a letter to him in October (date unknown) in the matter, directing that the Village be registered in the name of the Plaintiff on his paying the remaining Rupees 50 and that it be made over to him accordingly. Subsequently the Plaintiff paid the Sum of Rupees 50 on the 18th. October 1854 into the hands of the 1st. Defendant who gave him a Receipt for the same through his Cutcherry Goomasta Rayava Puntooloo. This Receipt is also enclosed.-

This

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This, as above represented, although the Plaintiff had discharged Rupees 130 at two different times in Satisfaction of the said Sale, and the 1st Defendant received the same and had an acquittance furnished to him for the Amount, the Village has not been placed in the possession of the Plaintiff, nor has it been registered in his name. The 1st Defendant admitted a Petition from the 2d Defendant Gooroova Reddy stating that he had remitted the balance of Kist Viz. 60 Rupees by the Plaintiff with instructions to to pay the same, and that (the) the Plaintiff having failed to do so the Amount now due against the Village may be received from him (2d Defendant) and that the Estate be restored to him, and addressed a letter to the Board of Revenue as he pleased and placed the Village in Possession of the 2nd Defendant after receiving from him the balance of Kist, Viz. Rupees 60. The Zemin Village is in the possession of the 2d Defendant. The 2d Defendant Gooroova Reddy has never given any money into the hands of the Plaintiff, on account of the Circar Balance, nor is the Plaintiff his Goomastah. If the 2d Defendant has any claim against the Plaintiff he should formally file a Suit in the Civil Court and obtain redress.-

Instead

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Instead of pursuing this Course he has made a certain Statement before the 1st Defendant and that 1st Defendant admitted it and caused the Village to be restored to the 2nd Defendant.- This Proceeding is not in consonance with justice.- The Plaintiff therefore files a Suit praying that a Decree may be passed, awarding possession to him of the Village of Parivalecandoo, bearing a Permanent Assessment of Rupees 114, and the registration of the same in the Circar in his name.-

(True Translation)
(Signed) C. J. Shubrick.-
Acting Collector.

No. 2.

Answer to Plaint filed against the Collector of Chinglepat and another by Puttaby Reddy.-

The 1st Defendant has no direct interest in the matter at issue, but the facts, so far as they concern him, are as follows.-

2.- The Village of Vullecaud assessed with a fixed Beriz of Rupees 146-1-1, being in arrears to Government for Fusly 1263, was advertised for sale on the 18th September last. The Moottah is registered in the name of Vencata Narrain Reddy deceased, but is managed by Gooroova Reddy for himself, and Brother Vencatasa Reddy who are at variance, sons of the late Vencata

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Vencata Narraina Reddy.—

3. On the Sale day oral enquiry was made whether any arrangement had been entered into for the discharge of the Balances, when Vencatasa Reddy who was present, said his Brother had promised to send the money, but as he had failed to do so, the sale had better proceed. The Village was accordingly exposed to sale and was knocked down to the Plaintiff, Puttaby Reddy for Rupees 130.—

4. A few days afterwards an address was received from Gooroova Reddy stating that he had remitted the Balance Rupees 60 on the 14th. September by the hands of the Purchaser Puttaby Reddy—that this man had cheated him, had with held the Balance, and ultimately purchased the estate for himself in Collusion with Vencatasa Reddy, who is Brother-in-law to Puttaby Reddy—Gooroova Reddy prayed for enquiry and redress, and an investigation accordingly was enter-ed upon.—

5. On this occasion Puttaby Reddy deposed that the Statement of Gooroova reddy was entirely false that he Puttaby Reddy had not been at Vullicaud for some years, that he never gave a receipt for the money Rupees 60. That so far from being in Vullicaud on the 14th September last

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last he had lived in Madras from the 1st to the 20th. September and had had no communication with Gooroova reddy whatever.—

6. A host of witnesses were examined in the Hoozoor Office, who proved most satisfactorily that the whole of the Deposition was false. It was shown that this Puttaby Reddy is a shareholder in Vullicaudoo, that he was constantly in the Village, that he gave a Receipt for this Sum of 60 Rupees on the 14th. September at Vullicaud, for payment at the Collector's Office, in short that he had swindled the Proprietor and been guilty of a breach of trust, and that his Statement of having resided in Madras for twenty days preceding the sale was untrue.—

7. When these facts were reported to the Board of Revenue, the sale of the Mootah was annulled, and Gooroova Reddy having paid the Balance again resumed charge of the Village.—

8. The 1st. Defendant trusts that the Court, on proof of the circumstances above set forth will dismiss the Plaint so far as it affects him with Costs, and he further begs that such notice may be taken of the Plaintiff's Conduct in the matter as his impudence and Knavery deserve.—

WBG

B. of R. 31-32 421.

Proceedings thereon. Para 1 Resolved that the letter above recorded be submitted for the Considera- and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.-

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Chingleput and recommending that he may be instructed to put in the accompanying defence and conduct the Suit at the public Cost.-

2. The circumstances out of which this Suit has arisen are as follows. The Village of Vullicand assessed at Rupees 146-1-1 being in arrears to Government for Fasly 1263 was advertised for sale on account of the balances due on the 18th September last. The arrears being unpaid up to the day of sale the Village was put up to Auction and Knocked down to the Plaintiff for Rupees 130 and the sale was confirmed by the Board a few days after, however, it appeared that the balance for which the Village was sold had actually been permitted by the Managing owner of the property by the hands of the purchaser himself; and that this man had fraudulently with-held it with the view of purchasing the Estate for himself, in Collusion with Vencatasa Reddy his own brother in law, and brother to the party who made the remittance, and joint owner with him

From Chingleput 19th in cons. 28th September 1854.

Pro. 28th Sept. 1854.

of

From Chingleput 22d Novr. 1854- Dr. 23d do -

of the Village. The Collector did not therefore put the Plaintiff in possession, and reported the above facts to the Board, who thereupon with-drew their confirmation of the sale which was not completed, as the Board's confirmation of it had not been published, or the purchaser put in possession. The original owner (the 2d Defendant) having paid the balance, was permitted to resume charge of the Village.

3. The Collector reports that the fraudulent conduct of the Plaintiff, and breach of trust committed by him, as above narrated, can be proved by abundant

testimony

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testimony; and under these circumstances, as it is a principle of law that no man can profit by his own wrong, the Board are of opinion that the purchase by Plaintiff, cannot be held valid by a Court of Justice, and therefore recommend that the Collector may be instructed to put in the accompanying defence and conduct the Suit at the public cost.

To.

E.D.G.

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No. 76.

To

B Leunliffe Esqre

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir

(33)

Bd No. 402

From the Coll.r of Salem... Replies to the Boards Proceedings of 16th October last forwarding Petition No. 1823 of 1854 regarding the assessment on the land in the Petitioners possession and a tax on the Trees standing on it.

Adverting to an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 16th October last forwarding Petition No. 1823 of 1854, and observing that from the endorsement dated 6th October 1853. submitted with the Petitions it appears that Petitioner is required to pay both the fixed assessment on the land in his possession, and a tax on the trees standing on it, and that as the Board are desirous of discontinuing the double tax they wish to be informed "if there are any objections to remitting permanently the cess levied on the trees" I have the honor to state that the Petitioners' land was assessed at the Survey as "kumjah garden" In such cases a double tax was imposed, the one on the land and the other on the productive trees. It was not till after the Survey that the System of assessing "kumjah garden"

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'garden' with double Cumjah rates was adopted.

2 It appears from the Survey accounts that Petitioners' land and 4 other pieces were entered as one "Mulk" called "Tengina Totta," measuring acres 5—8—12 assessed at Rupees 16—4—9 and that the trees on the land were subjected to a separate tax as follows.—

	Productive	Unproductive	Total	Rs	a	p
Betel nut Trees	225	375	600	14	13	1
Cocoanut Do	68	70	138	11	13	8
Tamarind and other Do	46	-	46	2	15	6
Total	339	445	784	29	10	3.

The total assessment was therefore rupees 45-15- inclusive of the land rent.-

3 When the Cumagerum Moottah came to Amany in Fusly 1261. it was found that the land aforesaid had been divided into 5 parts, and that of these parts the Petitioner was the holder of one which was entered in the accounts

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accounts in the name of Dalavoy Puchayaman This portion which measures acres 1—20—3 was charged by Mr. Phillips in Fusly 1262 with a tree tax of Rupees 11—7—3 on such of the trees as were then productive, making on the whole Rupees 16—2—5.-

4. Adverting to the remarks of the Board in Para: 8 of their Settlement Proceedings for Fusly 1262, in which they express an opinion that all wet garden cultivation might be assessed as ordinary Cumjah and call upon me to recommend in a Separate report any measures which I may deem advisable for giving effect to the wishes of Government in regard to those Systems of taxation which check industry and improvements. I beg to suggest that the Petitioners' case should be allowed to lie over till I submit, as I hope to do shortly, a General report on the subject of the garden lands.—

†Dated 2d October 1854.

Salem Collectors Office
On circuit at Attoor
8th February 1855.

/Signed/ H. A. Brett.
Collector

33-34 Bd Dt 4th Proceedings thereon.

The Board consent to defer disposing of

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BOARD'S CONSULTATIONS.
Date
Book Ms.

GENERAL RECORD

No 36

Nellore District
Gooroor
Collector's Office
23rd February 1855

From

J Ratcliffe Esquire
Acting Collector of Nellore

To

B Cunliffe Esquire
Secretary to the Bord of Rev.
Fort St. George

Sir

In forwarding the accompanying Return of Persons suspended under Regulation VI of 1831 for January last, I have the honor to inform you, that during the present January I am, from time to time, making changes in the Offices of Curnums and Head Capoos, as

and

and whenever occasion seems to
call for it, and a Return of all
which cases, I propose to submit to-
gether at the close of the present
Settlement—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt

Acting Collector

The Board request the Acting Collector to
bear in mind that they cannot confirm such
exceptions Charges as he apparently intends to
make among the Village Officers except on
very good grounds. He will therefore be careful
how he proposes such alterations and will
submit his promised Return as soon as possible.

Comp'd

By Order
Secretary

997 Portland Prison 20 April 55

My No. 409

From the Act. Sheriff
Nelson

To The Secretary to the
Bd. of Rev. Fortifications

Dated 23d. Feb. 1855.
Rec'd 26 —
Ans'd —

Enclosure
No. 36

Forwarding Return for
last month of persons under
Reg.n 6 of 1831, informs he will
submit an account of the
Changes he may make during
Imprisonment in the offices
of Commons & H.d Compos.
Insp.n 26 Feb 55

BOARD'S CONSULTATIONS.

Book Nos.

Enclosure
Return of Prisoners
confined in the Provincial
Penitentiary under the
Provisions of the Act
4 Victoria Cap. 25

Return of persons dismissed or suspended under Regulation VI. of 1831 in the Tillock of Selle during the month of January 1855

Taluk	Village	Office	Name of the party.	Monthly allowance or value of fees or other privileges attached to the Office	No. of years the party has served in the Office	Date of suspension or dismissal	Reason for suspension or dismissal	Further Remarks.
Manaar in the Sub Division	Somawara-pandee	Village Mudaliyar	C. Vincenjan	None	Years. Months. Days 3 — " — "	6th January 1855	The Village Mudaliyar having taken one Rupee from a person charged with a Petty case of Cattle stealing, failed to report it to the Head of Police. This concealment having been practised from corrupt motives, he has been suspended for a period of one Year.	By the A.G. Sub Col

Nellore Custrick
Collr Office
Manaar
23d February 1855.

Acting Collector

To

In a letter from the Sy
Chief Secretary dated 23d
Feb. 1855 No. 36

Return of persons dis-
missed or suspended
under Regn VII of 1831
in the Zillah of
Cuttack during the month
of January 1855.

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of Petitioners' case until the receipt of the promised report, which they trust will be submitted at an early Date.-

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Read again Register from the Collector of South Arcot Dated 15th and entered in Miscellaneous Consultation 18th December 1854. of Petitions transmitted by him for the month of November last.-

(35)
Mys Sr 204
From the Collector of South Arcot. Dated 23d January. Read also Register of Petitions for the month of December 1854.

Ordered that the following letter be sent in consequence.-

(35-36)
Bd Sr 415
To the Collector of South Arcot.

To

The Collector of

Sir South Arcot.

With reference to the Registers of Petitions transmitted by you for the months of November and December last, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to bring prominently to your notice the very large number of Petitions remaining undisposed of and to urge on you the

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the necessity of reducing the number as soon as possible.-

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George.
22d February 1855.

/Signed/ B. Lewcliffe
Secretary.

To

H. Forbes Esqre
Collector of Tanjore

(37)
Bd Sr 193
From the Collector of Tanjore.

Sir

I have the honor to request you will be pleased to obtain for me leave of absence for three months from the 1st March under Section XV of the absentee rules, to proceed to the Neilgherries on private affairs.-

/Signed/ G. L. Morris.
Special Assistant Collector

No 22

The leave of absence requested by Mr Morris is submitted for Sanction.-

Tanjore.....
Vellum.....
15th February 1855.

/Signed/ H. Forbes.
Collector.

(37-38) Order thereon Ordered to be submitted through the channel of the Civil Auditor for the favorable consideration of Government.-

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To

Fort St. George 22d February 1855.

No. 12.

To

B. Cunliffe Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board dated 11th December last I have the honor to State.

1st That the keys of the Talook Treasuries are each night delivered to the Tahsildar, in his absence to the Moozoomdar, and if neither are present, which very rarely happens, to the Nagadee Goomastah.—

2d That the cash chest of the Madacolum Talook, and the Salt Amildars Cutcherry at Rannad are placed in a Separate Room and guarded by regular Sepoys, &c belonging to the Detachment. In other Talooks the chests are guarded by Peons.—

3d At the opening of the Treasury in the morning there are present the Shroff and the Nagadee Goomastah.

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Bd No. 339

From the Collector of Madura...

Reports in regard to the other Servants in the case of the defalcation in the Madacolum Talook Treasury with reference to the Bds Proceedings dated 11th December last.

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4th The accounts are balanced every night.

2. In the particular case to which the Proceedings of the Board relate, the Tahsildar had been absent from the Cusbah on circuit among the Villages during the greater part of Several months previous to the discovery of the defalcation, during which period the monthly examination of the cash in the Talook devolved on the Moozoomdar supposing therefore that the abstraction of money had been going on for some time, it is this Officer who was either dishonest or negligent in certifying to the correctness of the cash as the said examinations. Adverting to the enclosed copy of a testimonial granted to him by Mr Clarke the Sub Collector, in whose Talooks he long Served, and by whom, when Acting Collector, he was promoted to Madacolum, I leave the Board to judge whether it is probable that he was an accomplice of the Shroff It is not in general prudent to vouch for the honesty of natives, but it is probably

within

within the experience of the Board that in every District there are some 3 or 4 Officials of whose perfect integrity, at all events as regards money no one has any doubt, and this Moozoomdar is such a person.—

3. I do not however, acquit him of negligence, and I must have expressed myself ill to lead the Board to infer that I supposed the Defalcations have taken place so recently as to leave the examining Officer blameless. I have been wholly unable to obtain a clue to the mode in which the Shroff contrived the theft; but my idea is that he accomplished it with the aid of some Village Officers bringing in their lists. Bags of copper might thus be introduced instead of Silver. As I deem it probable that this occurred in more than one month, and that notwithstanding the protestations of the Moozoomdar, that he made his examination carefully, he an old man, was deceived on one or more occasions. The Taluk Treasury is a dark little hole

hole favorable to slights of hand.

4. The Board will ask, why if believed negligent, the moozoomdar should pass unpunished, to which I beg to reply, that he has been punished in a manner suitable to the nature of his offence. I informed both him and the Tahsildar that as I held them both strictly responsible, that the Government should not lose a single Rupee, and I am aware that they aided in the replacement of the Sum missing.—

5. Had either of these Officers been concerned in the theft, I feel assured that the Shroff would have accused them, out of revenge for the earnestness with which they pressed for his being punished as well as made to restore the money.—

6. It is generally known, that the Shroff had lately become very dissipated and given away large Sums to Dancing girls.

7. I propose to order that the keeper of the keys, whether Tahsildar or Moozoomdar shall be present when the Cash chest is open in the morning, and that one of them shall see the remittances

from

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from the Villages counted when received.

Madura ... 31st January 1855 } /Signed/ R. D. Parker
Collector.

No. 1.

I have much Satisfaction in bearing the highest testimony to the zeal and integrity of the bearer of this Kurry row the moozoomdar of Thencurray Talook, a faithful Servant of upwards of 30 years Service. The people have great confidence in his integrity and honesty of purpose and no Complaint have ever been brought to me against him in this respect during the years. I have is been entrusted with the control of the Thencurray Talook. He spares no pains to arrive at the truth and flinches from no duty imposed upon him notwithstanding his age.-

31st December 1852 } /Signed/ T. Clarke
Sub Collector

/True Copy/
/Signed/ R. D. Parker
Collector

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Bd. No. 225

Proceedings thereon.

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The Board will not oppose the Collectors' Conclusion that the Tahsildar and moozoomdar were unconnected with the defalcation in this Treasury but they consider that without culpable carelessness on the part of these Officers, the embezzlement could not have taken place or must have been immediately discovered. It is stated indeed that the Tahsildar had been absent on Circuit, for the greater part of several months, but it was his duty to visit the cusbah occasionally and satisfy himself of the State of his Treasury. To mark therefore their disapprobation the Board resolve to impose a fine of Rs. 25 on the Tahsildar and of Rs. 15 on the moozoomdar.

2. With respect to the Nagadee Goomastah who was described as being daily present at the opening of the Cash chest and whose duties connect him so intimately with the treasury transactions, there is a strong presumption of connivance, if he was not guilty of actual participation in the fraud. Should therefore the Collector deem this Servant worthy of further employment.

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employment the Board consider it necessary that his late misconduct should be punished by temporary suspension from office.-

3. The Board trust that the measures described in Para 7 of Mr. Parkers letter will be strictly carried out.

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Bd. No. 341

From the Collector of Canara . . .

No. 11.

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

Sir

With reference to an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date 10th August 1854, Conveying an emergent Indent from the Marine Department at Calcutta for the supply of Seven Lacs Coir from the Store of my District, I have the honor to state for their information that I have not been enabled to despatch the same for want of freight.

2. On the receipt of the Boards' instructions I lost no time in Submitting the usual requisition to the Government of Bombay for procuring the necessary tonnage, but the Ship which was accordingly chartered at Bombay was injured in the Storm which prevailed at that port and its vicinity in the beginning of November last, and appears to have broken her engagement. I have again addressed the Bombay Government, but as it seems probable that some time will elapse before the required tonnage can be again procured, I have thought it advisable to bring the circumstance to the notice of the Board, that measures may be adopted, if necessary to communicate the present Delay to the authorities in Calcutta.-

Collectors Cutcherry on Circuit Munyeshwar 29th January 1855

/Signed/ F. R. Mattby Collector

Order thereon (41-42) Ordered to be recorded. the collector having subsequently reported in a letter of the 2 February 1855 that the Vessel for the Shipment of the Coir had arrived.-

To

Fort St. George 22d. February 1855.

No. 12

To

B. Cunliffe Esqre.

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Fort St. George.

(43)

Bd. No. 397.

From Collector of Canara . . .

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 29th Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that I since received communi= cation from the Government of

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of Bombay that a ship
was Chartered for the
conveyance of the Coir,
therein alluded to and
the Vessel has just
arrived for receiving the
same.—

Collector's Cutcherry
Mangalore,
2.d February 1855.

(Signed) F. A. Malthy.
Collector.

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Order thereon.

Ordered to be recorded.

The

2985 Fort St.e George 22.d February 1855.

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The Honorable Company ——— Dr.e

Charges incurred for packing and sending a Remittance of
2,00,000 of Company's Rupees of 1840 in 33 Boxes
consigned to the Collector of the Northern Division of
Arcot in charge of Jemadar Shaik Hyder Commanding
a Detachment of the 35.th Regiment N. I. as per letter
from the Accountant General dated 5.th and despatched
on the 8.th September 1854. 33 Boxes not charged being
in store.—

Ramayapatam Gunnies for covering, ropes for lashing
and sewing, Cooly &.ca at 14 Annas per box Rs. 28—14—"—

Paid the Jemadar for lighting lamps &.ca

with treasure on the Road ——— 3—"—"—

Company's Rupees — 31—14—"—

Company's Rupees Thirty one
and Annas fourteen.

Fort St.e George,
General Treasury,
23.d December 1854.

(Signed.) S. D. Birch.
Sub Treasurer.

2986 Fort St. George 22d. February 1855.

The Honorable Company ——————— Dr.

Charges incurred for Packing and sending a Remittance of 2,00,000 of Company's Rupees of 1840 in 33 Boxes consigned to the Collector of the Southern Division of Arcot in Charge of Jemadar Secunder Ally Beg, Commanding a Detachment of the 35 Regiment N. I. as per letter from the Accountant General dated 26th. and despatched on the 31st. August 1854.

33.	Boxes not charged being in store.		
	Ramayapatam Gunnies for conveying, ropes for lashing and sewing, Cooly 8Ca. at 14 annas per Box is Rs.	28	14 —
	Paid the Jemadar for lighting lamps 8Ca. with treasure on the Road ——————— "	3	— —
	Company's Rupees ———————	31	14 —

Company's Rupees Thirty one and annas fourteen-

Fort St. George,
General Treasury,
23d. December, 1854-

(Signed) S. D. Birch.
Sub Treasurer.

2986 Fort St. George 22d. February 1855.

The Honorable Company ——————— Dr.

Charges incurred for packing and sending a Remittance of 7,00,000 of Company's Rupees of 1840 in 117 Boxes consigned to the Collector of Bellary, in charge of Lieutenant H. C. Macdonald, Commanding a Detachment of the 35th. Regiment N. I. as per letter from the Accountant General dated 21st. and despatched on the 23d. August 1854.-

117.	Boxes not charged being in store.-		
	Ramayapatam Gunnies for covering, ropes for lashing and sewing, Cooly 8Ca. at 14 Annas per Box is Rupees-	102	6 —
10	Extra Gollahs employed to attend the packing at 3 Annas and 9 pice each ——————— "	2	5 6
	Paid the Officer Commanding the Detachment for lighting lamps 8Ca. with Treasure on the Road — "	12	— —
	Company's Rupees ———————	116	11 6

Company's Rupees one hundred and sixteen, annas eleven and pice six-

Fort St. George,
General Treasury,
23d. December, 1854-

(Signed) S. D. Birch.
Sub Treasurer.

2986 Fort St. George 22d. February 1855.

The Honorable Company ——————— Dr.

Charges incurred for Packing and sending a Remittance of 1,00,000 of Company's Rupees of 1840 in 17 Boxes consigned to the Collector of Nellore, in charge of Havildar Meer Modeen, Commanding a Detachment of the 35th Regiment N. I. as per letter from the Accountant General dated 2d. and despatched on the 6th. September 1854.

27 Boxes not charged being in store.

Ramayapatam Gunnies for covering, Ropes for lashing and sewing, Cooly 8 ca. at 14 annas per box Rs. — 14 — 14 —

Paid the Havildar for lighting lamps 8 ca. on with treasure on the roads ——————— " — 3 — " — "

Company's Rupees — 17 — 14 — "

Company's Rupees seventeen, and annas fourteen.

Fort St. George,
General Treasury,
23d. December 1854.

(Signed) S. D. Birch.
Sub Treasurer.

2986 Fort St. George 22d. February 1855.

The Honorable Company ——————— Dr.

Charges incurred for packing Six boxes of gold Bullion packed at the Mint and Assay Master's Office and six boxes of Current and uncurrent gold Coins packed at the General Treasury total twelve boxes shipped on board the P. and O. S. N. Company's Steamer "Hindoostan." T. Black Esq. Commander, consigned to the Honorable the Court of Directors London, as per letter from the Accountant General dated 6th. and shipped on the 23d. September 1854.—

6 boxes (packed at the General Treasury) not charged being in store.—

Ramayapatam Gunnies for covering, ropes for lashing and sewing, Cooly 8 ca. at 12 annas Rs. 4 — 8 — "

per box ——————— " — " — 15 — "

Ropes for lashing and sewing, Colly 4 ca. of six boxes from the Mint at the rate of 2 annas and 6 Pice per box —————

Company's Rupees ——— 5 — 7 — "

Company's Rupees Five and annas seven.—

Fort St. George,
General Treasury
23d. December 1854.

(Signed) S. D. Birch.
Sub Treasurer

2986 Fort St. George 22d. February 1855.

The Honorable Company ——— Dr.

Charges incurred for packing and sending a remittance of new Copper Half and quarter Annas amounting to Company's Rupees 50,000 in 417 Boxes consigned to the Resident at Hyderabad to be forwarded to him by the Collector in Charge of the General Treasury at Masulipatam on board the Honorable Company's Steamer "Hugh Lindsay" J. B. Crowther Esqr. Master, as per letter from the Accountant General dated 5th. October and shipped on the 19th. 20th. and 21st. December 1854.—

417 boxes not charged being in store.

Ramayapatam Gunnies for covering, Ropes for lashing and sewing, Cooly 8Rs. at 14 Annas per box ——— Rs.		364-14-0
25 Coolies employed for bringing the bags from the godown and for attending the Packing at 3 Annas and 9 Pice each ——— "		5-13-9
27 Coolies employed for lading the boxes on the Cart at 3 Annas 9 Pice each ——— "		6-5-3
Company's Rupees ———		377-1-0

Company's Rupees Three hundred and seventy seven, and anna one.

Fort St. George, General Treasury, 23d. December 1854.

(Signed) S. D. Birch.
Sub Treasurer.

2986 Fort St. George 22d. February 1855.

The Honorable Company ——— Dr.

Charges incurred for Packing and sending a Remittance of new Copper half and quarter annas amounting to Company's Rupees 20,000 in 167 Boxes consigned to the Collector in charge of the General Treasury at Masulipatam on board the Honorable Company's Steamer "Hugh Lindsay" J. B. Crowther Esqr. Master, as per letter from the Accountant General dated 5th. October and shipped on the 19th. 20th. and 21st. December 1854.—

167 Boxes not charged being in store.

Ramayapatam gunnies for covering, Ropes for lashing and sewing, Cooly 8Rs. at 14 annas per box ——— Rs.		146-2-0
9 Coolies employed for bringing the bags from the Godown and for attending the packing at 3 annas and 9 Pice each ——— "		2-1-9
10 Coolies employed for lading the boxes on the Cart at 3 annas and 9 Pice each ——— "		2-5-6
Company's Rupees ———		150-9-3

Company's Rupees one hundred and fifty, annas nine and pice three.

Fort St. George, General Treasury, 23d. December 1854.

(Signed) S. D. Birch.
Sub Treasurer.

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2987. Fort St. George 22d. February 1855.

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B. No. 439.

Remarks thereon. Rupees (731—6—9)

seven hundred and co=

thirty one, annas Six co=

and Pice nine, sub=

=mitted for the co=

sanction of Government co=

with reference to their

order dated 30th July

1853.—

Resolved

2988. Fort St. George, 22d. February 1855.

Resolved that the following

Papers be despatched.—

Comparative

Fort St. George

2989 (47)

B°. N°. 405 Comparative

Statement of the Collections of Revenue in the several Districts of the

Names of Districts.	Land Revenue Current				Land Revenue Arrears			
	Fusly 1263	Fusly 1264	Increase	Decrease	Fusly 1263	Fusly 1264	Increase	Decrease
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1 Ganjam	2311	9,543	7,232	"	37,484	11,439	"	26,045
2 Vizagapatam	1,1584	11,881	11	"	7,688	11,688	3,980	"
3 Rajahmundry	45	36	"	9	39,470	29,325	"	10,145
4 Masulipatam	21	666	645	"	89,227	29,171	"	60,056
5 Guntoor	304	333	29	"	4,304	5,633	1,329	"
6 Nellore	16,199	16,154	"	45	87,327	64,218	"	23,109
7 Cuddapah	"	"	"	"	25,522	57,557	32,029	"
8 Bellary	"	"	"	"	25,239	57,833	32,594	"
9 Kurnool	"	"	"	"	4,892	7,944	3,052	"
10 Chingleput	526	5,141	4,615	"	228,642	95,955	"	132,687
11 North Arcot	820	"	"	820	250,878	186,167	"	64,711
12 South Arcot	90	"	"	90	83,193	110,090	26,897	"
13 Tanjore	9046	7,505	"	1541	89,546	307,718	218,172	"
14 Trichinopoly	488	127	"	361	66,735	10,700	"	56,025
15 Madura	"	"	"	"	194,591	85,517	"	109,074
16 Tinnevelly	1356	1126	"	230	49,694	60,384	10,690	"
17 Coimbatore	"	"	"	"	14,031	12,348	"	1,683
18 Salem	"	"	"	"	22,094	25,414	3,320	"
19 Canara	"	"	"	"	112,474	100,727	"	11,747
20 Malabar	953	1,216	263	"	7,759	1,866	"	5,893
21 Madras	8174	6,281	"	1,893	2,772	1,913	"	859
22 D°. Sea Customs	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total	51,917	59,789	12,861	4989	14,43,560	12,73,589	3,32,063	502034
Increase	"	"	7872	"	"	"	"	169971

Net Increase or Dec

22 ½ February 1855.

Madras Presidency for the month of September 1854 in Fusly 1264.

Land Revenue current and Arrears.				Extra Sources current and Arrears.			
Fusly 1263	Fusly 1264	Increase	Decrease	Fusly 1263	Fusly 1264	Increase	Decrease
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
39,795	20,981	"	18,814	41,711	27,390	"	14,321
19270	23,328	4058	"	57,620	57,999	379	"
39,516	29,362	"	10,154	70,974	95,438	24,464	"
89,248	29,837	"	59,411	2,6,197	26390	193	"
4,608	5,966	1,358	"	2,2734	21,287	"	1,447
103526	80372	"	23,154	99,978	55,877	"	44,101
25522	57,557	32,029	"	29,465	32,113	2648	"
25,239	57,833	32,594	"	62,265	72,610	10,345	"
4,892	7,944	3052	"	13,607	13,677	70	"
2,29,168	101098	"	128,072	54,206	65,385	11,179	"
25,1691	186,167	"	65,530	38,309	34,917	"	3392
83,282	110090	26,808	"	113,473	78,699	"	34,774
98,593	3,15,222	216629	"	189,502	128,725	"	60,777
67,223	10,837	"	36,386	12,855	9,782	"	3073
194,591	85,517	"	109,074	1,14,849	128,212	13,363	"
57,050	61,510	10460	"	101489	101,814	325	"
14,031	12,348	"	1683	17,146	21721	4575	"
22,094	25,414	3,320	"	22,268	20,550	"	1718
1,12,474	100727	"	11747	75,101	60474	"	14627
8712	3082	"	5630	81784	75119	"	6665
10,946	8194	"	2752	304,637	225,468	"	79169
"	"	"	"	146,280	149,091	2,811	"
14,95,477	13,23,378	330308	4,92,407	16,96,450	14,99,738	10352	2,67,064
			162,099	"	"	"	196712
			Current	14,89,892	12,39,350	"	250542
			Arrears	206,558	260,388	53,830	"

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Total Land and Extra Sources current and arrears.

Fusly 1263	Fusly 1264.	Increase	Decrease	Remarks.
18	19.	20	21.	
Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs.	
8,1506	48,371	"	3,3135	Rain fell during this month and more or less benefited the Cultivations.
76,890	81327	4,437	"	
1,10489	1,24,799	14,310	"	
1,15,445	56,227	"	59,218	
27,342	27,253	"	89	
203504	1,36,249	"	67,255	
54987	89,664	34677	"	
87,504	1,30,443	42,939	"	
18499	21620	3121	"	
2,83,374	1,66,481	"	1,16893	
2,90006	2,21084	"	68922	
1,96756	1,85789	"	10967	
2,88095	4,43,947	1,55,852	"	
80078	20619	"	59,459	
3,09,440	2,13,730	"	9,5,710	
1,52,539	1,63,325	1,0786	"	
31177	34,069	2892	"	
44362	45,964	1602	"	
1,87575	1,61201	"	26,374	
90496	78201	"	12,295	
3,15583	2,33662	"	81921	
1,46,280	1,49,091	2811	"	
31,91,927	28,33,116	2,73,427	6,32,238	
"	"	"	3,58,811	
15,41,809	12,99,139	"	2,42,670	
16,50,118	15,33,977	"	1,16,141	

(Signed) B. Cunliffe
Secretary.

2989 Fort St. George, 22d. February 1853.

General Comparative Abstract of the Collections in the various items

	Fusly 1263	Fusly 1264	Increase	Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Land Revenue	14,95,477	13,33,378	"	1,62,099
Extra Sources				
Abkarry	4,19,792	4,12,139	"	7,653
Sundry Small Farms &c.	53,140	42,820	"	10,320
Salt	7,90,496	6,51,822	"	1,38,674
Sea Customs	2,33,562	2,03,268	"	30294
Moturpha	41,392	53,898	12,506	"
Stamps	1,13,845	1,07,989	"	5,856
Sayer	44,223	27,802	"	16,421
Total Extra Sources	16,96,450	14,99,738	"	1,96,712
Grand Total	31,91,927	28,33,116	"	3,58,811.
Particulars				
Collections to the end of August 1854	22,07,364	18,07,847	"	3,99,517
Ditto in September	9,84,563	10,25,269	40706	"
Total	31,91,927	28,33,116	"	3,58,811

(Signed) B. Cunliffe
Secretary.

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Bd. No. 406

Fort St. George, 22d. February 1855

Comparative Statement of the Collections of Revenue in the several Districts of the Madras Presidency, for the month of October 1854 in Fusly 1264.

Name of Districts	Land Revenue current.				Land Revenue arrears.		Land Revenue current and Arrears.					
	Fusly 1263.	Fusly 1264	Increase	Decrease	Fusly 1263.	Fusly 1264	Increase	Decrease	Fusly 1263.	Fusly 1264	Increase	Decrease
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	As	As.	As	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
1 Ganjam	74,706	85,349	10643	"	3,898	11,586	"	26,312	1,12,604	96,936	"	15,668
2 Vizagapatam	99,771	1,16,206	16435	"	7,875	16,409	8,534	"	107,648	1,32,615	24969	"
3 Rajahmundry	45,582	33,902	"	11,680	39,914	29,595	"	10,319	85,496	63,496	"	22,000
4 Masulipatam	6,970	18,360	11,390	"	89,794	31,889	"	57,905	96,764	50,250	"	46,514
5 Guntoor	1,441	1,776	335	"	5,771	7,391	22,220	"	8,612	9,167	2,555	"
6 Nellore	94,607	85,213	"	9,394	90,867	69,301	"	21,567	1,85,475	1,54,513	"	30,962
7 Cuddapah	"	"	"	"	27,465	59,548	32,083	"	27,465	59,548	32,083	"
8 Bellary	"	"	"	"	27,200	59,258	32,058	"	27,200	59,258	32,058	"
9 Kurnool	"	"	"	"	5,485	9,212	3,727	"	5,485	9,212	3,727	"
10 Chingleput	6,727	22,711	15,984	"	2,67,569	1,19,290	"	1,48,279	2,74,296	1,42,001	"	132,295
11 North Arcot	19,179	585	"	18,594	2,66,415	230,667	"	35,748	285,594	231,252	"	54,342
12 South Arcot	359	24	"	335	90,650	157,536	60,906	"	91,009	157,580	60,571	"
13 Tanjore	9,120	13,098	3,978	"	90,019	3,14,557	224,532	"	99,139	327,649	228,510	"
14 Trichinopoly	91,804	84,266	"	7,538	67,779	10,816	"	56,963	159,582	95,082	"	64,500
15 Madura	"	"	"	"	1,95,892	85,591	"	110,301	1,95,892	85,591	"	110,301
16 Tinnevelly	2326	1,439	"	887	52,540	63,195	10,655	"	54,867	64,634	9,767	"
17 Coimbatore	"	"	"	"	16,836	14,304	"	2,532	16,836	14,304	"	2,532
18 Salem	"	"	"	"	26,860	29,411	2,551	"	26,860	29,411	2,551	"
19 Canara	"	"	"	"	114,296	101,598	"	12,698	114,296	101,598	"	12,698
20 Malabar	"	"	"	"	7,896	12,417	4,521	"	60,149	65,877	5,728	"
21 Madras	52,253	53,461	1208	"	3,653	2,272	"	1,381	18,519	12,874	"	3,645
22 Ditto Sea Customs	12,867	10,602	"	2,265	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total	5,17,712	5,26,992	59,973	50,693	15,32,074	14,29,850	381,787	484,005	20,49,786	19,56,848	402,519	495,457
Net Increase or Decrease	"	"	9,280	"	"	"	"	102,218	"	"	"	92,938
Current	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Arrears.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

Fort St. George,

22d February 1857

Extra Sources Current and Arrears.				Total Land and Extra Sources		Current and arrears.		Remarks
Fusly 1263	Fusly 1264	Increase	Decrease	Fusly 1263	Fusly 1264	Increase	Decrease.	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20.	21	
Rs	Rs.	Rs.	Rs	Rs	Rs		Rs.	
61,921	42,197	"	19,724	1,74,525	1,39,133	"	35,392	There were heavy falls of Rain during this Month in all the Districts except Nellore Kurnool Tanjore and Salem, in which moderate showers fell. The Tanks in North Arcot Chingleput and Cuddapah received a supply of water for 2 or 3 months. Cultivation was generally thriving. Prices rose in some and fell in other Districts.
1,06,809	82,519	5710		1,84,485	2,15,135	30,680	"	
104,619	133,676	29,057	"	1,90,116	191,172	7056	"	
40,381	35,646	"	"			"	51,250	
67,423	48,995	"	4,735	1,37,145	85,895	"	15,874	
1,51,144	91,492	"	18,428	74,036	58,182	"	90,615	
42,058	43,590	1,532	59,652	3,36,619	2,46,014	33,615	"	
89,909	97,828	7,919	"	69,523	103,138	39,978	"	
20,848	20,113	"	535	1,17,109	15,7087	3,192	"	
71,393	101,877	30,484	"	26,133	29,325	"	101,811	
47,594	51,664	4070	"	3,45,689	2,43,878	"	50,271	
1,53,881	119,708	"	"	3,33,187	2,82,918	26,397	"	
2,14,880	2,05,667	"	34,173	2,44,891	2,71,288	2,19,297	"	
20249	16,508	"	9,213	3,14,018	532,315	"	68,242	
123255	186,457	63,202	3741	179,832	111,590	"	47,099	
1,57,901	1,60,692	8791	"	3,19,147	2,72,048	18559	"	
29,425	29,084	"	"	206,767	225,326	"	2,875	
30,502	34,740	4,238	341	46,262	43,387	6790	"	
110,532	91,005	"	"	57,362	64,152	"	32,224	
129,716	136,945	7,229	19,527	224,827	1,92,603	12,959	"	
405064	334,826	"	"	1,89,864	202,823	"	73883	
198438	182,747	"	7,0238	4,21,583	3,47,700	"	15691	
23,41,742	224,7976	162232	15691	198,438	1,82,747	3,98523	5,85227	
"	"	"	255,998	439,1528	420,4824	"	1,86,704	
2131358	1973093	"	9,376	"	"	"	14,8985	
210384	274,883	64499	158,265	2649,070	2500885	"	3,1179	
			"	17,42,458	1,04,739			

* In Rajahmundry Masulipatam Guntoor Nellore and Bellary

* In Guntoor Nellore Chingleput South Arcot Tanjore Trichinopoly Coimbatore and Salem

Revenue Board Office, Fort St. George, 22d February 1855.

Signed / B. Cunliffe
Secretary

2990 Fort St. George, 22d February 1853.

General Comparative Abstract of the Collections in the various items

	Fusly 1263	Fusly 1264	Increase	Decrease
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Land Revenue	20,49,786	19,56,848	"	92,938
Extra Sources				
Abkarry	601,537	594,708	"	6,829
Sundry Small Farms &c.				
Salt	55,065	54,175	"	1,890
Sea Customs	10,55,212	10,45,411	"	9801
Moturpha	308,495	266,116	"	42,379
Stamps	87,999	88,355	356	"
Sayer	157,248	159,410	2,162	"
	65,186	39,801	"	25,385
Total Extra Sources	23,41,742	22,47,976	"	93,766
Grand Total	43,91,528	42,04,824	"	1,86,704

Particulars

Collections to the end of September	31,91,927	28,33,116	"	3,58,811
Ditto in October	11,99,601	13,71,708	1,72,107	"
Total	43,91,528	42,04,824	"	1,86,704

(Signed) B. Cunliffe
Secretary

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To

The Chief Secretary to
Government.

(49)

B. No. 422.
To The Chief Secretary to Government
Minutes 9th Novr 1853.

Sir,

With reference to the orders of Government dated 6th November 1853, I am instructed by the Board of Revenue to forward the accompanying 100 Copies of the "Revenue Survey" report; and to state that the remaining 200 Copies will be submitted as soon as they have been bound.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
22nd February 1853.

(Signed) B. Cunliffe
Secretary.

To The Chief Secretary to
Government.

(50)

B. No. 424
To The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 14th October 1843, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for transmission to the Government of India the Statements of Bullion and Specie Imported into and Exported from the Ports under this Presidency from and to places not subordinate thereto for the month of October 1854.

A number of the Columns of the form being blank, those Columns have been omitted from the Statement.

Revenue Board Office.
Fort St. George 22d February 1855.

(Signed) B. Cunliffe
Secretary.

Statement

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Fort St. George

22d. February 1855.

No. 1

Statement of the value of Gold and Silver Bullion and Specie Imported by Sea in the month of October 1854 into Madras and its Subordinate Ports from Ports and Places not Subordinate to Madras.

Districts	Imported into	From	Silver Bullion	By Individuals. valued in Company's Rupees. Company's Rupees	Dollars	Francs	Total	Gold valued in Company's Rupees Bullion	Sovereigns	Total.	Grand Total.
Rajahmundry	Cocoanada	Pondicherry	"	60,000	"	"	60,000	"	"	"	60,000
Tanjore	Tanjore District and its Subordinate Ports	Columbo	"	14,000	"	"	14,000	"	"	"	14,000
		Puddany	"	5,000	2,200	"	7,200	4000	"	4,000	11200
		Total	"	19,000	2,200	"	21,200	4,000	"	4,000	25,200
Tinnevelly	Tutacorin	Columbo	2,000	1,100	"	"	1,100	"	"	"	1,100
		Bombay	"	39,000	"	"	41,000	"	"	"	41,000
Canara	Canara	Malwan	"	2,800	"	"	2,800	"	"	"	2,800
		Putnagherry	"	660	"	"	660	"	"	"	660
		Goa	"	115	"	"	115	"	"	"	115
		Total	2,000	42,575	"	"	44,575	"	"	"	44,575
Malabar	Malabar	Bombay	"	52,200	"	"	52,200	"	"	"	52,200
		Columbo	"	13,000	"	"	13,000	"	"	"	13,000
		Total	"	65,200	"	"	65,200	"	"	"	65,200
Madras	Madras	Mauritius	"	"	8,102	"	8,102	1	"	"	8,103
		Point de Galle	13,200	13,500	38,750	"	65,450	52,050	"	52,050	117,500
		Suez	15,200	2,300	"	"	17,500	"	"	"	17,500
		Sydney	"	"	"	"	"	"	10,000	10,000	10,000
		Total	28,400	15,801	38,750	8,102	91,053	52,050	10,000	62,050	153,103
Grand Total of Imports			30,400	203,676	40,950	8,102	283,128	56,050	10,000	66,050	349,178

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For Ft. St. George 22nd February 1855.

No. 2.

Statement of the Value of Gold and Silver Bullion and Specie Exported by Sea in the month of October 1854 from Madras and its Subordinate Ports to Ports and Places not Subordinate to Madras.—

By Individuals.

Exported from	To	Silver valued in Company's Rupees	Gold valued in Company's Rupees	Total	Grand Total
		Bullion	Specie		
Tanjore District and its Subordinate Ports	Ceylon	8,000	1,760	9,760	
	Total	"	"	"	9,760
Tanjore	Ceylon	63,500	"	63,500	
	Total	"	"	"	63,500
Tinnevelly	Ceylon	"	1,100	1,100	
	Total	"	"	"	1,100
Malabar	Bombay	21,000	162	21,162	
	Calcutta	"	2,300	2,300	
	Total	"	"	"	23,462
Madras	Mauritius	160,000	"	160,000	
	Pointe de Galle	"	10,000	10,000	
	Total	"	"	"	170,000
		155,150	"	155,150	
	Total	"	"	"	155,150
		336,150	162	336,312	
	Total	"	"	"	336,312
Grand Total of Exports		407,650	2,800	410,462	
		"	2,300	17,000	40,000
		"	"	"	450,462

Read

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Read the following letters

From the Collector of South Arcot dated

Inform 8th Jany 1855. 4th January 1855.—

From the Collector of Chingleput dated 10th

Inform 8th Feby 1855. January 1855.

From the Agent to the Governor at Kurnool

Inform 1st Feby 1855. dated 23rd January 1855.—

Reporting upon the Cultivation, preparation, and utility of fibrous plants.—

(57)

B. No. 423.

Proceedings thereon.

/Here enter Nos 4-9-3/

Resolved that the foregoing letters be submitted for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council with reference to the Memorandum dated 4th January 1855.—

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(52)

B. No. 396.

To the Commissioner Northern Circars.

To

The Commissioner

Northern Circars.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will direct the several Collectors under your control to submit to the Board their Salt Revenue Statements for fusly 1263.—

Revenue Board Office. . . . .
Fort St. George 22nd Feby 1855

/Signed/ B. Cunliffe
Secretary

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B. No. 416

To The Collector of Tanjore,

To

The Collector of

Tanjore.

Sir,

The Board of Revenue desiring to learn the exact mode in which the detailed accounts are kept in your District in respect to the Amany, Olungoo, and Mota Fysul Villages, I am directed to request that you will at an early date forward to this Office, all the original accounts connected with a village of each of those three descriptions for Fusly 1263. The several accounts prepared in the Village itself, the periodical reports and Statements transmitted to the Talook from time to time and also the accounts prepared in the talook in connection therewith, for the purpose of making the Settlements, should all be forwarded complete, accompanied by a list for the accounts of each Village.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George
22nd February 1855.

/Signed/ B. Lauriffe
Secretary.

To

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B. No. 419.

To The Civil Auditor.

To

R. I. Porter Esqre.
Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor, under the instructions of the Board of Revenue, to request that you will be pleased to furnish them with a Statement in the accompanying form, shewing the fixed Sanctioned charge for the permanent Establishments of the several Districts in the Madras Presidency under the various Departments of Land Revenue, Sayer, Salt, Sea Custom, Abkarry, Moturpha, Judicial, Police, Chuttrum &c. &c. as they stood on the 30th April 1854, under the sanction of Government. The Salaries of the Covenanted Service should be excluded from the Statement. The Board also request to be favored with a similar Statement for the temporary Establishment as it stood on the same date, both under and without Government sanction respectively.

2. I am further instructed to request that when sending the Statements above required, you will forward to this Office for reference copy of Book, of Establishment of 30th April 1854 compiled in your Office for transmission to the Honorable Court of Directors.

3. The Board trust that you will be able to comply with this request without much difficulty and at no distant date.

Revenue Board Office.
Fort St. George 22d. February 1855.

/Signed/ B. Lauriffe
Secretary.

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Statement shewing the Revenue and Permanent Establishments of the several Districts in the Madras Presidency as it stood on 30th April 1854.

Districts.	Land Revenue	Sayer	Sea Customs	Abkarry & Motor Tax	Salt
1 Ganjam					
2 Vizagapatam					
3 Rajahmundry					
4 Masulipatam					
5 Guntoor					
6 Nellore					
7 North Arcot					
8 South Arcot					
9 Cuddapah					
10 Bellary					
11 Salem					
12 Canara					
13 Madura and Dindigul					
14 Tinnevelly					
15 Coimbatore					
16 Tricklinopoly					
17 Tanjore					
18 Salem					
19 Chingleput					
20 Salem					
21 Madras					
Total					

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B. No. 447

From the Secretary to Government

Dated 12th February 1855.

Read Extract forwarding to the Commissioner Northern Circars for report copy of a letter and its enclosures from the Government of Bengal regarding certain charges preferred against some of the persons in Government employ at Coringa.

Ordered to be recorded.

(55-56) Order thereon.

The Board proceed to take into consideration the Statements noted below and to record their remarks therein.

(57) B. No. 4172. From the Hill Tracts of Orissa. Statement of Extra charges incurred under Estimate for Fusly 1263.

(58) B. No. 4172. From the Hill Tracts of Orissa. Statement of actual charges incurred under Estimate for Fusly 1263.

(59) B. No. 4616 From the Collector of Vizagapatam. Statement of actual charges incurred under Estimate for Fusly 1263.

(60) B. No. 47. From the Collector of Masulipatam. Statement of actual charges incurred under Estimate for Fusly 1263.

(61) No. 4462 From the Collector of Trichinopoly. Statement of actual

62 actual charges incurred under Estimate
B. No 4282. for Fusly 1263.
From the Collector of Coimbatore. Statement of actual

63 charges incurred under Estimate for Fusly
B. No 4550 1263.
From the Collector of Canara. Statement of actual charges

64 incurred under Estimate for Fusly 1263.
B. No 4460.
From the Collector of Trichinopoly. Statement of actual

65 charges incurred under Estimate for Fusly
B. No. 4172. 1263, in the Magistrate's Department.
From the Bill Tracts of Orissa. Statement of actual

66 charges incurred without Estimate for
B. No. 4463. Fusly 1263.
From the Collector of Trichinopoly. Statement of actual

6 charges incurred without Estimate for
B. No. 4281. Fusly 1263 in the Revenue Department.
From the Collector of Coimbatore. Statement of actual

charges incurred without Estimate

68 in the Revenue Department for Fusly
B. No 4455. 1263.
From the Collector of Trichinopoly. Statement of

actual charges incurred without
Estimate for Fusly 1263, in the
Magistrate's Department.

From

69
B. No 4456
From the Acting Collector of Madras. } Statement of contin-
gent charges incurred for the Quarter
57-70 Ending 30th September 1854.
Order on the 13 abovementioned Statements and Bills } Ordered that
the necessary remarks of the Board
be inserted in the proper Column of
the abovementioned Statements and
submitted for the sanction of Go-
vernment.

Received the under-
mentioned Miscellaneous letters and

71 Statements.
My No 362.
From the Collector of Canara. } Salt account current
for the Quarter ending 31st December

72 1854. of Fusly 1264.
My No 364.
From the Special Assistant to the Collector of Madras } Explaining with

73 reference to certain Monthly and
My No 365. Quarterly returns why they were not sent.
From the Collector of North Arcot. } Return of Persons
charged with offences under Regulation
IX of 1822 for the month of January
1855.

From

74
My No. 370.
From the Collector of South Arcot. } Return of Persons charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822. for the month of July 1854.-

75
My No. 376.
From the Acting Collector of Nellore. } Register of Petitions referred by the Board of Revenue to the Collector of Nellore for the month of January 1855.-

76
My No. 369.
From the Collector of South Arcot. } Register of Petitions referred by the Board of Revenue to the Collector of South Arcot for the month of January 1855.-

77
My No. 367.
From the Acting Collector of Ganjam. } Statement shewing the wholesales of Salt for the month of January 1855.

78
My No. 375.
From the Collector of Masulipatam } Average Bazar Prices of Grain and Memorandum of Iyen Cultivation for the month of January 1855.

79
My No. 368
From the Collector of Canara. } Average Bazar Prices

Prices of Grain and Memo of Iyen cultivation for the month of January 1855.-

80
My No. 377.
From the Collector of Tanjore. Statement shewing the quantity of Salt in store available for exportation to Calcutta on private trade at each of the several places of Export of his District on the 15th February 1855.

81
My No. 363.
From the Special Assistant to the Collector of Madras. } Statement of Salt in Store available for Exportation to Calcutta both on account of Government Indent and on private trade.

82
My No. 374
From the Collector of Masulipatam. Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance for the month of January 1855.

83
My No. 372
From the Collector of Canara. Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance for the month of January 1855.

84
My No. 371.
From the Collector of Canara. Forwarding Statement of Demand Collection and Balance in the new form for the month of January 1855.

From

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85
My No. 378
From the Collector of Tanjore. Statement of the value of Gold and Silver Bullion and specie for the month of January 1855.

86
My No. 373.
From the Acting Collector of Ganjam. Requesting to be favored with 24 more Treasury examination Certificates for Chiccacole Treasury.

87
My No. 356.
From the Special Assistant to the Collector of Madras. Requesting to be furnished with a further supply of 1000 Salt Rowanahs.

86-88
Order on the 2 abovementioned Letters Ordered to be supplied accordingly.

" E. Whitelaw

" W. H. Bayley

Compd. Mod. Gaget

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Diary

Received the following Paper

To L. D. Daniell Esqre
Agent to the Governor
Fort St. George in Kurnool

1
Bd. No. 514
From the Agent to the Governor at Kurnool---

Sir

I have the honor to transmit a copy of a Certificate which has just been despatched by the Acting Civil Surgeon to the Medical Board at Madras, and agreeably to the terms of that Certificate, request that you will be good enough to forward to Government this application for two Months leave preparatory to applying for sick leave to Europe under the Regulations of 1854.-

Kurnool---
17th February 1855

I Signed I C. Gill, Captain
17th Regt. N. I.
Acting Assistant to Commissioner Kurnool.-

No. 1

Captain Charles Gill, Acting Assistant to the Agent to the Governor at Fort St. George in Kurnool having applied to me for a Certificate

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Certificate on which to ground an application for leave of absence I do hereby certify from personal observation that he is suffering from a debilitated constitution and broken health caused by repeated attacks of fever to which he has been subject more or less since July 1854 and that in consequence I consider a removal necessary for the benefit of his health, and that he should be permitted to visit the Presidency for two months preparatory to applying for leave to return to Europe—

Kurnool 17th February 1855 } /Signed/ W. Forrester
Assistant Surgeon
In Medical Charge Govt. Agents Department

The Agent has the honor to forward an original application from the acting Assistant Agent Captain C Gill 17th Regiment N. I. for 2 Months leave of absence on sick Certificate under Section V /amended/ of the absentee Rules preparatory to applying for sick leave to proceed to Europe. The Agent begs to recommend it may be granted; but trusts the Govt. of the Assistant Agent will be able to

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to spare him the services of an Assistant—

The Medical Certificate granted by Assistant Surgeon Forrester in Medical charge Government Agents Department is herein enclosed.—

Kurnool Govt. Agents Office 17th February 1855 } /Signed/ L. D. Daniell
Agent to the Governor

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

(1-2)
Order thereon

Ordered to be submitted through the Channel of the Civil Auditor for the favorable consideration of Government—

To
The Chief Secretary to Government

(3)
Bd. No. 410
To the Chief Secretary to Government— }

Sir

In conformity with the orders of Government conveyed in Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 18th October 1836 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit the Broken set of their Proceedings for the Month of January 1855 for transmission to the Honorable the Court of Directors.—

Rev. Bd. Office Fort St. George 23rd February 1855 } /Signed/ B. Cunliffe
Acting Secretary

A.

Fort St. George 26th February 1855

At a Meeting Present.

Monday 26th February 1855

C. Maltby Esqre Member.
W. H. Bayley and Esqre Member.

J. Goldingham Esqre First Member
Absent on duty / as Commissioner Northern Circars)

Minutes of the last Meeting read and approved.

Read the following Papers

4

From the Secretary to Govt

No. 1623

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 12th December 1854

Read the following

No. 1212.

To

J. Pycroft Escq re
Secretary to the Government of
Fort St. George

Sir

Home Department Revenue

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1388 dated the 27th Ultimo with Enclosures, relative to the nature and degree of Control and Supervision over the Customs Department under

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under the Madras Presidency vested in the Board of Revenue since the passing of Act VI of 1844.

2 In reply I am directed to state that the conjecture of the Government of Fort St. George as to the cause of the withdrawal by the Act abovementioned of the control over the Customs Department previously exercised in the Board of Revenue at Madras is correct. the defect in that Act was clearly an oversight and I am therefore to request that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will have the goodness the submit for the consideration of the Legislature, through the Legislative Member for Madras the Draft of an Act to vest the Board of Revenue with the general powers of supervision and control over the Land (Frontier) and Sea Customs Department at Madras which they possessed prior to the passing of Act VI of 1844.

Fort William
The 24th November 1855

I have &c
(Signed) C Allen.
Offg Secy. to the Govt.
of India.

Ordered that the above letter be communicated to the Board of

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of Revenue in reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation 27th October last and that they be requested to prepare and submit for transmission to the Legislative Council the Draft of an act to the effect required by the Government of India.-

/Signed/ T. Pycroft.
Secretary Government

Ordered that the following letter be sent in reply.-

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government

Sir

B. No. 460
To the Chief Secretary to Govt.

With reference to the order of Government dated 12th December 1854, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit the draft of a short act vesting them with the general powers of supervision and control over the Sand /Frontier/ and Sea Customs Departments of this Residency which they possessed prior to the passing of Act VI of 1844.-

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/Signed/ B. Cunliffe.
Secretary

No. 1.

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No. 1

An Act to vest the

Board of Revenue at Madras

with the general powers of super-
-vision and control over the
Sand /Frontier/ and Sea Customs
Departments at that Presidency
and in the Provinces which they
possessed prior to the passing of
Act VI of 1844.-

Whereas Act VI of 1844

repeals certain Regulations of
the Madras Code by which
the control of the Customs Depart-
-ment at that Presidency and in the Provinces

Subject

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subject thereto, was vested in the Board of Revenue it is hereby enacted that the said Board of Revenue be vested with the general powers of supervision and control over the Land (Frontier) and Sea Customs Departments of the Presidency of Fort St. George which possessed prior to the passing of Act III of 1844.-

Rev. Bd. Office.
Fort St. George
26th February 1855.

/ Signed / B. Cunliffe
Secretary

No. 48

(6)

Bd. No. 158
From the Secy. to Govt.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department under date the 15 January 1855.-

Read the following letter from the Acting Register to the Court of Fouzdaree Adalut.-

To

J. G. B.

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No. 1.

To

J. Pycroft Esqr.
Secretary to Government
in the
Judicial Department.

Sir

1 I am directed by the Judges of the Court of Fouzdaree Adalut to submit for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the annexed Copy of a letter under date the 26 October last from the late Magistrate of North Arcot submitting his opinion as to the measures required for improving the efficiency of the Village Police in that District, as directed in para 44 of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 24 April last No. 295.-

2 Mr Bourdillon ascribes the inefficiency of the Village Police to two causes of which the first is their ignorance of the exact extent of their power and the second carelessness resulting from indifference to continue in Office

With

3 With a view to the removal of the first cause Mr. Bourdillon has made arangements for furnishing every Village Mooniff with a printed Copy in the vernacular language of so much of Regulation XI of 1816 as relates to the Village Police Officers and for supplying every cummum with a printed Copy of Regulation IX and V of 1816 The Judges are of opinion that a similar course should be adopted in every District and that on the occasion of the annual settlement of the Revenue the Magistrate should take steps to ascertain how far the Village Police Officers are really acquainted with the nature of the duties exacted of them and of the powers vested in them.—

4 As a remedy for the second cause of inefficiency Viz: the indifference of the Village Police Officers generally to continuance in Office which arises in a great measure from the division of the Enams appropriated as to

to their remuneration among the sharers in the Meerasi, whether holding Office or not and from the want of any additional emolument for the performance of the duty Mr. Bourdillon suggests 1st that "Collectors should be instructed to "appoint no more Monegars than might "be deemed really necessary for the discharge "of the duties of the Office and to select them "from the Meerasidars with reference "less to the amount of their share than to "their personal fitness. 2d that the "emoluments of the Office should as "much as possible be confined to the "holders of it and 3dly that where there "might be two or more Monegars the "most efficient should be made "Mooniff as at present and that he should "enjoy as such an additional share of "the enam or other income".

5 The propriety of restricting the emoluments of the Office to those who actually perform the duties has been recently urged upon the Court by the Magistrate of Cuddapah and it is clearly the only legitimate mode of applying the Enam

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Enam, which was originally set apart, not as gift to a family, but as a remuneration for the performance of a duty to the state. The Judges however would strongly advocate the adoption of a measure which they conceive would tend more than any other to the efficiency of the Village Police viz: the substitution of a money payment for the grants of land which have been hitherto assigned for the performance of these duties. The enam land having been originally assigned as a mode of remunerating the holder for the performance of certain duties it is obviously in the power of the Government to resume them, if it shall determine that another mode of payment will result in the more efficient performance of the service required. That such would be the effect of a money payment the Judges see every reason to expect, in as much as its advantages are more certain and less susceptible of influences which frequently detract from the value of a grant of land.—

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6 In regard to the inferior class of Village servants, to whom reference is made in the 7th para of the Magistrates letter, it is distinctly provided in Section XVIII Regulation XI of 1816 that they may be paid in money and where such a practice does not obtain it should be adopted at once.—

7 For the other cause to which Mr Bourdillon ascribes the indifference of the Village officers to the retention of their situations the remedy appears to the Judges to be in a great measure in the hands of the local authorities. The unnecessary removal or detention of these Officers from their homes is an evil which can readily be checked by an active Magistrate, and which the Magistracy generally should be enjoyed to prevent It would be difficult to enforce any positive rule such as that suggested in the 6th para of Mr Bourdillons letter. That Village Moonsiffs should not be examined as witnesses on matters wherein

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wherein they had merely acted officially except when other credible evidence was not to bee had. It frequently so happens that the Village Mooneiff is the first person who visits a house &c where a crime has been committed, and if his written report on the matter which then come under his cognizance be not sufficiently clear, his testimony is often essential to complete the chain of evidence in the case. At the same time his written report, misrepresents as it is made immediately after the occurrence, if sufficiently clear as to the matters of fact to which it refers, would be more satisfactory than his evidence, and whenever the progress of elementary education shall have raised up a class of Village Officers able to write a more clear and intelligible statement of facts than the reports which usually come before the Courts, the personal testimony of these Officers will seldom bee required.

Fauzdaree Adalut
Registers Office,
18th December 1854.

Signed A. J. Arbuthnot
Acting Register
No.

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No. 204.

To
A. J. Arbuthnot Esqr.
Acting Register to the
Court of Fouzdaree Adalut.

Sir,

I very much regret that your letter of the 15th June, communicating the desire of the Court of Fouzdaree Adalut to have my opinion as to measures to bee taken for improving the Village Police of this District, has remained so long unanswered. I am well aware of the importance of the subject and I have not failed to give it consideration, but the constant pressure of business seeming at the time more urgent, has prevented my putting my thoughts on paper; and under present circumstances I must do it in a very brief and hurried manner.—

2 First as to the Village Mooneiffs or heads of Village Police I think the inefficient discharge of their duty is owing partly to their ignorance of the exact extent of their powers, and partly to carelessness

carelessness resulting I believe in a measure from indifference to continuance in Office. In order to remove the former of these causes I have made arrangements for furnishing every Village Moonsiff with a printed Copy in the Vernacular Language, of so much of Regulation XI of 1816 as relates to the Village Police Officers. This has not yet been done, but I hope that it will be so in a short time. I may add, though it is not immediately connected with the Police that I have also taken measures for supplying every cummum with a printed Copy of Regulations IV and V of 1816 for the use and information of the Village Moonsiffs as directed in those Regulations. The Tamil Copies, being for about half the District, have been completed and will be shortly distributed, the Teloogoo Copies for the Northern parts of the District will I hope be done shortly.-

3 I think the indifference is the

the tenure of Office is owing partly to the want of emoluments, and partly to the inconveniences to which Village Moonsiffs are often subjected as such. In this District the Village Monigars are paid almost exclusively in the form of Enam, and it has been too much the practice both to allow division of the Enam among all the sharers in the Meras whether holding Office or not, and also to nominate a needlessly large number of Monigars, so as to give them a claim to a share. In many Villages there are four and in some as many as six Monigars though so many are never really required for the performance of the duties as a consequence the share of emoluments held by each is small, nor is that all, the parties are nominated less for efficiency than as holding certain shares in the Meras and not a few are very inefficient. One of the

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the most active and intelligent is generally appointed Moonsiffdar he receives no increase of emolument for the additional trouble and though the Office is certainly desired I feel sure that it is much less so and much less valued when obtained thus if pecuniary advantage do attended it.—

4 To remedy this evil I would propose, 1st that

Collectors

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Collectors should be instructed to appoint no more Moonigars than might be deemed really necessary for the discharge of the Office and to select them from the Mocrassidars with reference less to the amount of their shares than to their personal fitness, 2d that the emoluments of the Office should as much as possible be confined to the holders of it, and 3d that where there might be two or more Moonigars the most efficient should be made Moonsiffs as at present, and that he should enjoy as such an additional share of the Enam or other income he might enjoy double the share of each of the other Moonigars. It would be inexpedient to carry out these changes all at once but they should be immediately announced publicly as determined on, and should be carried into effect with as little delay as practicable, with a due measure of regard to existing interests. I may add that in the Zemindaries

Zemindaries I think a small salary might properly be annexed to the office of Moonsiff.

5 Both monigars and Moonsiffs are liable to much inconvenience in those capacities. The Talook Officers think little of their comfort, and perhaps take pleasure in subjecting them to trouble and loss of time and dignity. They are apt, if allowed, to require that monigars should accompany every Village remittance to the Talook Treasury, no matter how distant the Village, they send for both Manigars and Moonsiffs to come to the Talook Cutcherry on very trifling pretences, and report them to the Collector as contumacious if they refuse, or delay, and if permitted they would examine the Moonsiff as a witness in every Criminal case, from his Village and send him to the Court to depose to his merely Official acts

acts. In short instead of encouraging and aiding the Village Heads in their duty, & showing them respect and making others respect them, they seem rather speaking generally to look on them with jealousy and to desire to keep them as much in subjection as possible.

6. I can propose no definite or precise remedy for this, but it might be useful to direct the attention of the local European officers to the importance of checking this tendency of Tahsildars to lead down the Village authorities. It might also be made a positive rule that Village Moonsiffs and Maingars should not be examined as witnesses on matters wherein they had merely acted officially, except where other credible evidence was not to be had. This is the practice already as regards Magistrates and Tahsildars, and the spirit of such a rule requires to be carried out both in Revenue and Police matters, viz. to spare Heads

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of Villages, all unnecessary trouble and in=
=convenience in connection with their duties
to treat them with consideration and respect,
and wholly to abstain from any thing
tending to humiliate or degrade them.

7. As respects the Talaries and
Yoties it is necessary that they should be ade=
=quately remunerated, and that they should
be under efficient control and superaision.
A recent order of Government provides for
their emoluments being increased where
now too small as they are very generally
or to speak more accurately, it provides this
for the Talaries and a similar measure
ought to be extended to the Yoties. There is
at present a delay in carrying that order
into effect in this District, because as
Enam is to be assigned to a certain amount
of assessment it seems desirable to
postpone allotting those Enams
till some thing is settled as to the
reduction of rates now in contempla=
tion.

=tion.

8. If the heads of Village
Police were made fully efficient, if they be=
=came really honest and able and were
properly supported, no other measures would
be necessary as respects the Yoties and Talaries,
for if they were properly paid, the influence
of a Village head, of such a character, would
ensure their activity, and honesty. But this is
not to be looked for, and I therefore think
that means should be taken to bring the
subordinate Village Police more under the con=
=trol, of the Magistrate and the Tahsildar.
I think this would be efficted by selecting the
holders of office from the Meerasidars in
the same way as above pro=
=posed for the Monigars, &
allowing none but such
selected individuals, who
should

should all be duly registered.
to perform the duties and visiting
misconduct or neglect with dismissal,
suspension, or fine. I am aware that
this is done already to some extent, but not
with the requisite exactness and
punctuality. I would add that in
my opinion the interference of the higher
officers with those classes of servants
should be as much restricted as possible
and should be very little exerted in cases
wherein

wherein the Village Moonsiff was really
efficient. The foregoing relates to Taliaries
and Tolies in the Government Talooks.
In the Zemindaries, in this District
those classes are very little
under control, and are in
many cases worse than inefficient.
Respecting the legal authority
of the Collector or Magistrate, to interfere with them.
I have addressed the Board
of Revenue in a letter
of

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of this date, and their emoluments ought to be increased either at the charge of the Zemindars or of the Government

North Arcot.

Magistrate's Office,
Chittoor
23d October, 1854.

/Signed/ G. D. Bourdillon
Magistrate

/True Copy/

/Signed/ A. J. Arbuthnot
Acting Register

/True Copies/

/Signed/ T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government
Proceedings

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Para: 1 The Court of Foujdaree Udalut forward in reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation 24th April last, a letter 23d October from the late Magistrate of North arcat submitting his opinion upon the measures needed for improving the effeciency of the Village Police in his District

2. The inefficiency of the Village Police of the North arcat District is ascribed to two causes "ignorance of the exact extent of their power and carelessness resulting from indifference to continuance in Office" For the removal of the first cause, Mr Bourdillon has made arrangements for furnishing every Village Moonsiff with a printed copy in the Vernacular language of that portion of Regulation XI of 1816 which relates to the Village Police Officers, and for supplying every Curnum with a printed Copy of Regulations IV and V of 1816. The Judges of the Foujdaree Udalut suggest that a similar course should be adopted in every District and that the Magistrates should take advantage

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advantage of the opportunity offered by the annual settlements to as certain whether the Village Police Officers are acquainted with the nature of their duties or the powers vested in them

3 The Government approve of these suggestions, and resolve to direct that they be carried out generally The Collectors will accordingly be instructed through the Board of Revenue to supply the Village Moonsiffs and Curnums with Copies of the above mentioned regulations in the Ver-
-nacular, and also at the annual settlement to take measures as far as may be practicable to ascertain how far the Village Officers are acquainted with their duties The Board will report to Government how many copies of the above Regulations in the several languages are required for distribution in their own Districts and in the Northern Circars after allowing for such as can be printed at the local presses, that the requisite number may be struck off at the

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the Government Press. They will specify the Sections of Regulation XI 1816 which it will be proper to print

4 In remedy of the second cause of inefficiency the Magistrate offers three suggestions in regard to the selection and appointment of Village Officers and to their emoluments; but the Foujdaree Udalut "strongly advocate the adoption of a measure "which they conceive would tend more than "any other to the efficiency of the Village Police "viz. the substitution of a money payment for "the grants of land which have been hitherto "assigned for the performance of these duties" In regard to the inferior classes of Village servants they observe that Regulation XI of 1816 provides remuneration in money and where such practice does not obtain it should be adopted at once

5 In Extract Minutes of Consultation 6th November 1853 Revenue Department № 587 Collectors have been required to report on the arrangements necessary for reforming the

the Village Police in their respective Districts on the basis adopted for that of South Arcot and the Government resolve in consequence to defer the consideration of the propositions in paras 5 and 6 for substituting money for land until the Report for North Arcot is before them It is observed that the Honorable Court of Directors have in a recent dispatch approved the principle of remuneration by money payments in lieu of land

Revenue 26th July 1854 No 17 Para 21

6 One other cause to which the indifference of the Village Officers to the retention of their Offices, is ascribed, is the unnecessary removal or detention of these Officers from their Homes, an evil which the Judges suggest "the Magistrates generally should be enjoined to prevent" The Governor in Council concurs in the views expressed by Foujdaree Udalut on this part of the subject and is of opinion that they should be communicated by a Circular order for the information and guidance of the local Officers

/True Extract/

/Signed/ J. Pycroft

Bd. No 420
Order thereon
(6.7)

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Extract from Minutes of Consultation be Circulated to all Collectors for their information and guidance.

2 Each Collector will be good enough to state what number of Copies in each language of the Regulations referred to by Government he will require for distribution among the Village Moonsiffs and Curnums of his District It is to be remembered that Regulations IV and V are to be supplied to the Curnums while it is intended to furnish the purports of Regulation XI to the Village Moonsiffs The calculation should embrace both Government Villages and Zemindaries as the few local Presses that have been established are fully occupied the Board propose having all the copies struck off at Madras

3 The observations of the Sudder Udalut regarding the detention of Village Officers from their homes is contained in para 7 of their letter to Government, which Para together with Paras 5 and 6 of the letter of

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of the Magestrate of North arcot the Board resolve to circulate with these Proceedings for their information and guidance, with reference to the orders of Government contained in the closing sentence of the above Minutes of Consultation The Board desire to impress on the District authorities that the desired relief of the Village Officers from needless inconvenience in connection with their duties is not to be effected by a single Circular Order the object must also be kept continually in remembrance by the European Superior all the Proceedings of the Talook Officers must be reviewed with reference to it and every instance of the treatment objected to must be duly noticed

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Bd. No. 256

No. 113

From the Secretary to Government — Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Under date the 23d January 1855

(From Bd. 15th January, 1855)

Under the circumstances represented the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the refund to Lieut C. P. Teesdale, H. M. 83d Foot of the import duty paid by him on a case of Uniforms per Steamer "Bengal" amounting to Rupees 37-8) —

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Thirty seven and annas eight

(Signed) J. Pycroft

Secretary to Government

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Bd. No. 448

Order thereon

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Sea Customs, with reference to his letter dated 5th January 1855.

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Bd. No. 311

From the Secretary to Government — Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 145 Under date the 30th January 1855

(From Bd. 8th January 1855)

This allowance has remained undrawn for more than four years and is therefore under the orders of Government 29th September 1848 liable to forfeiture The Board however assume that the order could not have been known to the Pensioner or he would not in that case notwithstanding a family dispute have left the allowance undrawn, and they recommend that the arrears be disbursed and payment continued

2 The Right Honorable the Governor in Council observe that if the Board's reasoning is to be accepted the Government order must become a dead letter Before disposing finally of the application, he desires to be informed whether the order was as directed announced to the Yeomiahdars of North arcot whether it was — supposed

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supposed to apply also to the Dehat Enamdars and notified to them and whether therefore abdool Vazeed had not the means of becoming acquainted with it.

65 1/2 / 4 = 16 Rupees per annum

3 With regard to the Boards recommendation that the Collector should be authorized hence forth to pay one fourth of the allowance to Davahlee widow of the Enamdars Younger brother the Government would wish to know whether any part of the Enam is registered in the name of this individual, for if not, such separate payment seems to him objectionable as tending to the subdivision of the Enam

By Order

/Signed/ J. Bycroft

Secretary to Government

10-11
Bd. No. 468

Ordered to be communicated with the Board's Proceedings to the Collector of North arcot with a request that he will furnish the information called for by Government

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Bd. No. 389

From the Secretary to Government

No. 389

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 6th February 1855.

/From Bd. 22d January 1855/

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the payment of the arrears of Nyeomiah due to Shaw beebee and Hoossain beebee amounting to Rs/39/ thirty nine each and authorizes the continuance of their annual allowance of Rs/13/ thirteen each for the future.

By Order

/Signed/ J. Bycroft

Secy to Government

12-13
Bd. No. 452

Order thereon

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of North arcot with reference to his Tabular Report dated 12th December 1854

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Bd. No. 354

From the Secretary to Government Forwarding further Communication from the Commissioner Northern Circars regarding the introduction of Printing Presses and requesting the Board to expedite the submission of the Report they have been called upon to furnish on the Subject.

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No. 164

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 6th February, 1855 -

Read the following letter from the Commissioner for the Northern Circars.

No. 9

To Sir H. C Montgomery Bart.

Chief Secretary to Government,

Fort St. George.

Sir, I have the honor to submit an application from the Collector of Rajahmundry dated 11th Ultimo for establishing a Printing Press at the Government cost for the use of his office.

2 The advantages to be derived from the use of this instrumentality in the offices in the Provinces have already been recognized by the Government in Extract Minutes Consultation under date the 7th November last, and it is unnecessary to delate upon them here especially as some of the objects to which the Press may be applied have been noticed in a recent Communication submitting for the favorable consideration of Government an applications from the Acting Collector of Ganjam for one of Waterlow's autographic

To Government 16th November 1854

Presses

Presses for the use of his office.

3. A reference was made to the present Collector for his views on the present proposal which was originally made by the Sub Collector while in charge of the District, and he was also requested to state whether he thought the object in view might be secured by the use of the antographic Press.—

11th. December 1854. 4. Mr. Purvis in reply fully concurred in the desirableness of having a Printing Press as proposed by Mr. Taylor and did not consider it could by any means be superseded by the antographic Press which he thought might be a valuable adjunct to the other. The estimate framed of the cost of the Press and requisite materials for printing 8vo pages of octavo size amounts to 1275 Rupees as particularized below.

	Rs.
Iron Press	400
A font of Telugu type containing about 300 lbs at 1¼ Rupee	375
Do. of English Do. containing 200 Do.	250
Sundries including cases, extra types Capitals, Telugu and English figures, Composing Sticks, rules, ink, &c.	250
	1275

5 It is contemplated to work the Press by means of the Collectors present establishment without any extra cost to Government compositors and other workmen being introduced in the place of Gomashtas whose services may be dispensed with on the substitution of printed for written papers. The Collector thinks that eventually when the Press has been brought into operation the services of an English writer and probably of a Telugu Gomashta may be permanently dispensed with, thus causing a saving of 20 Rupees per mensem or 240 Rupees per annum.

6. Mr. Taylor has had a private Printing Press of a smaller size at work for some time and the useful results obtained from this comparatively

Small

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small means are a guarantee for the more extended advantages to be derived from the present proposal which I beg to support with my recommendation for the favorable consideration of Government.

Commissioner's Camp,
Mungalagherry,
20th. January, 1855

/ Signed / J. Goldingham
Commissioner

No. 179

To,

John Goldingham Esquire
Commissioner for the
Northern Circars,
Rajahmundry.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from your office of the 16th. October last calling for further information regarding the proposition of the Sub Collector in charge to establish a printing press in this office as well as the letter of the 13th. Ultimo forwarding

Copy

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Copy of a communication from the Acting Collector of Ganjam and other papers containing information as to the working of Waterlow's Antographic Press.

2 While admitting the utility when in competent hands of a press of the last named description I cannot think that it is in any way to be compared to an even moderately efficient printing press. I gather from the papers referred to that the antographic press requires greater skill in working, is less certain in its operation, while the number of impressions taken from it are necessarily limited, such a press would doubtless be an useful adjunct to a printing press but should not be thought of as a substitute.

3 The advantages to be derived from establishing a printing press in this office are so obvious and Mr. Taylor in his letter of the 20th. October last has so fully detailed them, that it is unnecessary.

unnecessary for me here to repeat what has been said - I will only add that in my opinion the utility of a press in facilitating public business and disseminating throughout the Country useful information on all subjects, is almost incalculable, and I trust you will give your support to the proposition and obtain the sanction of Government for the necessary outlay, which is estimated by Mr. Taylor at Rupees 1,275.

4. The work in every department of this office is now very heavy but I do not think there will be any difficulty as soon as the Press is fairly started in dispensing with the services of one of the English Writers and perhaps one of the Goomastahs in the Sayabnemish Department causing a saving, say of 20 Rupees per mensem or 240 Rupees per annum, a sum which looking at the project simply in a financial point of view will more

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than cover the interest of the money sunk in the Press.

Rajahmundry District ... / Signed/ A. Purvis
Collector's office Rajahmundry ... /
11th December 1854 ... /

/ True Copy /
/ Signed/ H. Newill
Assistant Commissioner

/ True Copies /
/ Signed/ T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

The Government observe that measures for the introduction of Printing Presses into the several Revenue Cutcherries should as far as possible be uniform and that with this view, the papers submitted by the late Commissioner for the Northern Circars regarding the employment of Autographic Presses have been already communicated to the Board of Revenue for consideration in reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 7th November last. The Government now resolve to forward the further communication from the present Commissioner

to

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to the Board with a request that they will expedite the submission of the Report they have been called upon to furnish on the subject.

/A true Extract/
/Signed/ T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

(14-15)

Order thereon Ordered to be recorded the Report of the Board having been submitted to Government under date the 1st. February 1855.

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Bd. No. 362
From the Secretary to Government authorizing the Collector of Madura to advance to the servants and shopkeepers who have removed to Manaparay certain amounts to enable them to Construct houses and shops at that station

No. 163

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, Revenue Department, under date the 6th. February, 1855.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue /Here enter. 25th. January 1855/

Under the circumstances represented the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the Collector of Madura to advance to the Public Servants

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Servants and Shopkeepers who have removed to Manaparay, the Amounts specified in the list forwarded with his letter to the Board of Revenue of the 29th. December last to enable them to Construct houses and shops at that station and to recover the sums advanced to the former by monthly stoppages of half of the pay of each, and within 9 Months from each of the latter

/Signed/ T. Pycroft
Secretary to
Government

Order

3046
Bd No 447
Order thereon
16-17

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Ordered to be Communi=
=cated to the Collector of Madura
with reference to his letter dated
29th December 1854.

18
Bd No 372
From the
Secretary to
Government

No 172

Esctract from the Minutes
of Consultation, under date
1th February, 1855

Ordered accordingly
that 12 additional Copies of the
Madras Land Revenue Report
for Fusly 1262 be furnished to the
Board of Revenue.

/ Signed/ T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

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Order thereon
Ordered to be recorded

Extract

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Bd No 390
From the Secy to Government
to Government

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No 167

Extract from the Minutes of Consulta=
=tion in the Revenue Department

Dated 1st February 1855

/ From Board 22d January 1855/

Agreeably to the recommend=
=ation of the Board of Revenue, the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the
continuance of a reduced allowance of Rupees
/240/ two hundered and forty, per annum to
the daughter and three sons of the late yeo=
=mahdar Sufder Hujaun in equal shares
of /60/ Sixty Rupees each from the date of
the late incumbents decease, the share of
each individual lapsing to Government at
her or his decease.

By order
/Signed/ T. Pycroft
Secretary to Government

20-21
Bd No 470
Order thereon

Ordered to be communi=
=cated to the Acting Collector of Madras
with reference to his Tabular Report dated 23d De=
In Cons 22 January =cember 1854.
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Extract

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Bd. No. 398

From the Secy. to Government

No. 182

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department

Dated 9th February 1855

/From Board 22d January 1855/

Under the circumstances re= =presented by the Collector, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council confirms the possession by Raheemkhan of the Charity Yeomiah of half a Cully fanam per diem which he has hitherto en= =joyed in the Madoolum Talook of the Madura District, but he desires that it may be distinct= =ly intimated to that individual that the Yeo= =miah is restricted to his life and will cease afterwards.

By Order

/Signed/ T. Pycroft

Secretary to Government.—

22-23

Bd. No. 271

Order thereon.—

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Madura with re= =ference to his tabular Report dated 22d December 1854.—

In Cont. 22d January 1855

2 It is requested that future tabu= =lar Statements may be hereafter submit= =ted on Foolscap and in the Book form.—

Extract

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Bd. No. 137

From the Secy. to Government

No. 184

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department

Dated 10th February 1855

/From Board 5th February 1855/

Ordered accordingly that a Copy of Brown's English Telogoo Dictionary be forwarded to the Board of Revenue and they be informed that there are no Copies of Rottler's Tamil Dictionary in store.—

/Signed/ T. Pycroft

Secretary to Government

24-25

Order thereon

Bd. No. 445

From the Secy. to Government

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Ordered to be recorded.—

No. 187

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department

Dated 13th February 1855

Read the following.

No. 137

To The Secretary to the Government of Bengal

Salt

E. Carrie Esqr. Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 716 dated the 4th July last, I have the honor, by direction of the Board of Revenue, to report, that contracts have been entered into by the Salt Agent of Chittagong for the importation of 189580 Maunds of Kurkutch Salt during the present season and to solicit that the

Dated 10th Nov. last relative to 150080
" 16th Ultimo Do. 41500

accompanying copies of Two Statements shewing particulars connected with the Contracts, may be forwarded for the in= =formation of the Government of Fort St. George

Fort William
Dated, the 29th
January 1855

/Signed/ A. R. Young

Junior Secretary

List

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Fort St. George 26th February 1855

No 1.

List of Engagements entered into for the Importation of 44,8050 Maunds of Madras Kurkutch Salt in 1854/55 for the supply of this Agency and to be Stored at the Sudder Ghaut Golahs.

Names of Contractors	Number and Names of Vessels		Quantity Contracted for each Vessel	Total Quantity Contracted by each party	Remarks
Douran Beebee	1	Shamad Ally	6500		
Ditto	2	Sufferature Rufsoal	4000	10500	
Bunneyan Beebee	3	Madarah	3000		
Ditto	4	Ausafah	3500	6,500	
Ausuck Khatoon	5	Sufferenatollah	3200	3200	
Lootefah Khaton	6	Sooban Bukah	2800	2800	
Ram Moopan Sim	7	Akikur Rohomon	5500		
Do Do	8	Shawin Shaw	3500	9000	
Ram Koomar Roy	9	Haunah Owen	4000	4000	
Sandoollah & Mahobut Ally	10	Dullihur Rohoman	5000	5000	

Rupeer . Mahomed	11	Caroline Elson	5200	5200
Bhuksha : Ally . Moonshee	12	Sutteh . Ahman	5300	5300
. Monoor Manoovar . Ally & Jenah Gazee	13	Luckee Belas	4750	4750
Roopban Beebee Suffer Beebee & Manick Beebee	14	Sophia	5500	5500
. Moonsuff Beebee	15	Sutteh . Ahmeen	4000	4000
. Noor . Mahomed	16	Sutteh Rohomon	5000	5000
. Mahomed Haniff	17	. Azeezul Rohomon	5,000	5000
Ramlockan Umbully and Sunnoollah	18	Sutteh Rohomon	3500	3500
. Mahomed Sarkee	19	Luckee Belas	4500	4500
Sunnoollah & . Mohobut . Ally	20	Sutteh Russel	4600	4600
Suffer . Ally	21	Luckee Belas	4,000	4000
. Golam Hosain	22	Settarah	6000	6,000
Osman	23	Suzzul Rohoman	5500	5500
. Ahmed . Ally . Abdool . Ally	24	Sophia	3800	3800
. Rokea . Ally	25	Sutteh . Mahomed	4000	4000
Kummer Ally	26	Sutteh Khoreen	4600	4600
. Mahomed Hosain	27	Sutteh Islan	5000	5000
. Mosun . Ally & Corban . Ally	28	Sutteenal Kurreen	5500	5500
Soobrattee	29	Faiz Rohoman	3500	3500
Prankissore Sein	30	Joy . Mullah	4000	4000
. Abdool . Ally	31	Joy Goon	3600	3600
Buksha . Ally	32	Sutteh	7200	7200
Brejo . Mohun Sein	33	. Marian	3000	3000
		Total . Maunds		148050

Chittagong
Satt . Agency
The 10th . November 1854

/Signed/ C. Chapman
. Agent.

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Fort St. George 26th February 1855

No. 2

Supplemental List of Engagements entered into for the Importation of 41500 Maunds of Madras Kurkutch Salt in 1854/55 for the Supply of this Agency and to be Stored at the Sudder Ghaut Golahs

Names of Contractors	Number and Names of Vessels		Quantity Contracted for each Vessel	Total quantity Contracted each party	Remarks
Mahomed Aurape	34	Joybonah	4500	4500	Certificate granted on 16th Dece 1854
Suffer Ally	35	Joymunglah	3400	3400	Do Do 21st Do
Meeajan	36	Fatteh Rumun	3400	3400	Do Do 21st Do
Mahomed Haniff	37	Shaw in Shaw	4500	4500	Do Do 22nd Do
Bistnopreah and Beyo Mohur Sein	38	Victoria	4500	4500	Do Do 27th Do
Sumshare Seramy	39	Soolmallah	4000	4000	
Assaud Ally Farrah Beebee Mahomed Rullon Asgur Ally	40	Sophia	4500	4500	Do Do 8th Jany 1855
Fatteh Ally	41	Luckur Joyah	4000	4000	
Abdool Hoosain Moonshee	42	Hammedah	3700	3700	Do Do 10th Do
Goolam Hoosain and Fatteh Ally	43	Sophia	5000	5000	Do Do 10th Do
		Total Maunds		41500	

Chittagong Salt Agency
The 16th December 1854

Board of Revenue
Fort William
The 29th January 1855
True Copy
(Signed) A. R. Young
Junior Secretary

(Signed) C. Chapman
Agent

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No 29

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Fort St George for information in continuation of the letter from this Office. No 345 dated the 6th July 1854.

Fort William the 1st February 1855

By Order of the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal

/Signed/ A. W. Russell

Under Secretary to the Gavernment of Bengal

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to Extract. Minutes of Consultation 20th July 1854. No 846.

/Signed/ T. Pycroft

Secretary to Government.

To Board of Revenue
B. dt. No 1442. 26-27

Order thereon
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Ordered that the foregoing papers be communicated to the Acting Collector of Nellore with reference to his letter dated 6th January and 9th February 1855

No 15.

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B. No 399

From J. Goldingham Esqr
Commissioner for the
Northern Circars

Memorandum

The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue is requested to favor the Commissioner Northern Circars at his earliest convenience with the forms of Accounts proposed by the Board for the Extra Sources of Revenue to be included in the general Settlement report in order that uniformity may be preserved in the statements prepared in the two Offices

Commissioners Camp
Gunstoor 8th February 1855

/Signed/ J. Goldingham
Commissioner

Order thereon

28-29
B. No 457.

Memo be sent in reply.

To the Commissioner
for the Northern
Circars

Official Memorandum

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to state with

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Fort St. George 26th February 1855.

reference to the Official Memo from the Commissioner in the Northern Circars dated the 8th Instant that statements Nos 15 16 17 19 and 23 in the Boards' General Report to Government for Fusly 1262 may be adopted as Forms of Statements for the entry of Extra Sources of Revenue.

In Cons. 26th July 1855.

Rev. Bd. Office
Fort St. George.
26th February 1855

/Signed/ B. Cunliffe
Secretary

No 10

To

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

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B. No 452

From the Collr
of Rajahmundry

Sir

I have the honor to state for the information of the Board that I am now receiving numerous applications for the supply of Salt for Exportation to Calcutta on private trade, and orders have already been issued to ship nearly the whole of the quantity remaining out of the 200,800 Maunds set aside for the purpose in the current Fusly. In my letter of the 10th November last I

3054. Fort St. George 26th February 1855.

I stated that I had 208300 Maunds available for exportation on Government indent. As however I presume that the Bengal Government indents only because private traders fail fully to supply the Markets and that if the Salt is conveyed to Calcutta whether by Contractors or private traders the object of the Government is equally attained, and as the Board in the 7th Para of their Proceedings dated 26th October last, direct "that the supplies to Bengal on Government indent are not to interfere with those reserved for private trade which should receive no interruption" I propose to continue to supply private traders from the quantity available for Government Indent until I receive Counter instructions from the Board.

Rajahmundry District
Collectors Office
Cottapetta 9th Febry 1855
B. No 458

/Signed/ A. Purvis
Collector.

Proceedings thereon. The Collector will learn from Board's Proceedings of 8th February 1855 that the Bengal Government are at present unwilling to receive Rajahmundry Salt, none therefore need be reserved for that purpose.

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To.

3053. Fort St. George 26th February 1855.

No 6

To.

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

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Sir

B. No 369
From the Collr
of Masulipatam

With reference to your letter of the 23d Ultimo No 165, I have the honor to inform you that the Civil Court of Masulipatam has again been written to on the subject of my application for the recovery of the amount of costs due to Government on the Suit referred to. The result when Known will be at once communicated to you

Masulipatam Collectors
Circuit Cutcherry at
Goodevadah 1st February
1855

/Signed/ T. D. Lushington
Collector

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Order thereon- Ordered to be recorded.

To

3056 to 3058 Fort St. George 28th February 1855

No. 28

To,

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

(34)

Bd No. 364 Sir

From the Ag. Collector of Nellore

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, on the 3d current of your letter dated the 15th Ultimo, calling upon me to return the forms annexed thereto filled up by the 15th Instant at the latest, and in reply, to state that the assessment of the several description of Cnams to be filled up in the several Columns of the Statement, is not on the records in such a form as to possibly enable its being accomplished within the ten days alone remaining thus available for the purpose nor indeed do I anticipate particularly with the Jummabundy in progress that I can promise it in less than a Month

Nellore District Collrs Office
Eskapollium, 5th February 1855 Signed I. Ratliffe
Acting Collector

Bd No. 464
Proceedings thereon

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The Board trust that the Acting Collector will be able to furnish the Statement required by the end of March

3059 Fort St. George 26th February 1855

No. 26

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

(36)

Bd No. 368
From the acting Collector of Nellore

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt on the 7th of December last of the Board's Circular dated November 30th and to submit herewith two Statements exhibiting in an Abstract form for its information, the result of my enquiry into the matter at issue—

From this the Board will observe that much yet remains to be done ere English Figures can be readily and conveniently substituted for native, nay much ere English manuscript to accomplish which object no pains on my part, however, shall be wanting—

Of existing means to the proposed end there are none, and the best & simplest appear to be the Establishment, at each Talook Cutcherie of a Teacher for the purpose, of which arrangement to that extent, might, I conceive, be readily met with from among the Mission-ary Establishments of scholars and that at no very great expense—

Nellore District—
Collectors office — — Signed I. Ratliff
Eskapollium 5th February 1855 Acting Collector

3060. Fort St. George 26th February 1855

No. Statement shewing how many servants in the Hoozoor Cutcherries of the Collector and Sub Collector above the rank of Peons are able to write English or acquainted with Englsh Figures and to what extent-

Number	Departments-	Number of Servants-	Number of Servants who can write English and make Figures Tolerably well-	Number of Servants who can write Engish well and make Figures but unable to write English	Number of Servants of tolerably well acquainted with Figures but unable to write English	Number of Servants indifferently acquainted only with Figures and unable to write English	Number of Servants of Servants utterly unacquainted with Figures either-	Total
1	Sheristo	21	10	1	1	6	3	21
1	Head Moonshee	8	4	"	"	4	"	8
1	Magistrate	5	3	1	1	"	"	5
1	Cash Keeper	6	1	"	"	2	3	6
1	Maramut	4	"	1	"	3	"	4
1	Salt	5	2	1	2	"	"	5
1	Ab Karry	1	"	"	"	"	1	1
1	Sea Customs	1	1	"	"	"	"	1
1	Tolooqoo Record Keeper	4	1	"	"	2	1	4
1	Accountant	10	10	"	"	"	"	10
		65	32	4	4	17	8	65
	Sub Division-							
1	Sheristo	8	1	1	1	2	3	8
1	Moonshee	2	"	1	"	1	"	2
1	Magistrate	2	1	"	"	1	"	2
1	Writer	1	1	"	"	"	"	1
		13	3	2	1	4	3	13
	Grand Total	78	35	6	5	21	11	78

(Signed) I. Ratcliffe

Acting Collector

3061 Fort St. George 26th February 1855

No. 2 Statement shewing how many Servants in the Nellore District above the rank of Peons are able to write English or acquainted with English figures and to what esctent.

Numbers	Talooks	Number of Servants exclusive of Tahasildars	Number of Servants who can perfectly write English and make figures tolerably well.	Number of Servants who can write English and make figures but indifferently.	Number of Servants tolerably well acquainted with figures, but unable to write English at all.	Number of Servants indifferently acquainted only with figures & unable to write English at all.	Number of Servants utterly unacquainted with either.	Total
1	Cotah	14	1	2	1	3	7	14
2	Surnapully	20	2	"	"	2	16	20
3	Nellore	24	1	"	2	7	14	24
4	Do Bruty	2	"	"	"	2	"	2

5 Edmunds	20	1	"	4	3	12	20
6 Young	16	1	"	3	9	10	16
7 Cooley	14	1	"	2	7	4	14
8 Richardson	8	1	"	1	1	6	8
9 Evans	20	"	1	"	7	12	20
10 Spring	14	1	3	1	5	4	14
11 Pendergast	20	"	"	2	11	7	20
12 Hudson	12	1	"	"	6	6	12
13 Townsley	9	"	1	1	4	3	9
14 Bullard	13	1	"	1	9	2	13
15 Dingwell	20	1	"	"	6	13	20
16 Cooper	17	"	"	2	11	4	17
17 Cummins	14	"	"	3	5	6	14
18 Fletcher	16	1	"	1	"	14	16
	273	13	7	24	91	138	273

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19	Tada Division	11	1	"	2	3	5	11
20	Dorgaranzpatam Do	9	1	1	"	1	6	9
21	Kistnapatam Do	9	1	"	1	5	2	3
22	Eskapully Do	16	2	1	"	2	11	16
23	Pakala Do	8	1	"	"	5	2	8
24	Paduty Do	14	1	1	"	5	7	14
25	Naidoopoth Do	4	"	"	1	3	"	4
26	Vencatagherry Do	4	"	"	"	4	"	4
27	Pamoor Do	4	1	"	"	3	"	4
28	Choundy Do	4	2	"	1	1	"	4
29	Govgoolapully Do	4	"	"	"	4	"	4
30	Podilay Do	4	"	"	"	4	"	4
31	Durcee Do	4	1	"	"	3	"	4
32	Nellore Post office	3	3	"	"	"	"	3
33	Naidupath Do Do	1	1	"	"	"	"	1
34	Angole Do Do	2	2	"	"	"	"	2
35	Runiapatam Do Do	2	2	"	"	"	"	2
		103	19	3	5	43	33	103
	Grand Total	376	32	10	29	134	171	376

(Signed) I. Ratliff

Acting Collector

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3d No. 1141

Proceedings thereon The Board observe that their object at present is to have the use of English figures acquired, and this the Copies circulated by them are calculated to teach in no long time.

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2 Already out of 454 of the Nellore Servants 272 are more or less acquainted with English figures, and there can be little doubt that all will qualify themselves to this limited extent if impressed with a conviction of its necessity and informed that their promotion will depend on their doing so.

3 With due pains, the Board see no reason why English figures should not be introduced from the beginning of Fusly 1265.

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No. 29

To

B. Cunliffe Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George.

(38)

Bd. No. 382

From the Acting Collector of Nellore . . . .

Sir

In acknowledging receipt of Extract No. 130 from the Board's Proceedings dated 18th January 1855, I have the honor to submit, that upon reviewing the decision therein referred to, I am of opinion that the suspension awarded by the Acting Sub Collector was fully merited by the Village Moonsiff in question his neglect having been wilful and aggravated, followed by contumacious behavior towards the Head of Police in the same matter. in addition to which, his general antecedents as to official character appear to have been indifferent.

Nellore District
Eskapollem . . .
Collector's Office . .
6th February 1855

/Signed J. Ratliff
Acting Collector

Order thereon

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Ordered to be recorded.

To

Fort St. George 26th February 1855.

No. 32

To

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

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Bd. No. 109

From the Acting Collector of Nellore ..... }

Sir,

With reference to a supplementary Indent for 41,500 Indian Maunds of Salt from the Salt Agent at Chittagong dated the 16th December 1854 I have the honor to inform you that orders have been issued to supply the above quantity from the Ports noted in the margin.

		Indian Mds.
Eskapully Division	Eskapully	10,000
	Gogulapully	10,000
	Varinee	10,000
		30,000
Kistnapatam Division	Kistnapatam	11,500
		41,500

Eskapully Division }

I have the honor
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
/ Signed / J. Ratliff
Acting Collector

Nellore District,
Collector's Office,
Eskapollium,
9th February 1855.

Order thereon

Ordered to be recorded.
Read

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Bd. No. 2

From the Collector of Chingleput ..

Read again letter from the Collector of Chingleput dated 16th October & entered in Cons. 18th December 1854

Memorandum

Agreeably with the request contained in a Memorandum from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue under date the 18th Instant, the Collector of Chingleput has the honor to refer the Board to the correspondence noted in the margin having advertence to the confirmation of the late Nattawars in Chingleput in the Shrotriem lands they had held:

From Mr. Greenway	
To the Board dated 3d August 1800	
From Mr. Travers to Mr. Greenway dated 2d October 1800.	
From Mr. Greenway dated 18th March 1801	
From Mr. Hodgson dated 10th March 1801	
To Do.	15th March 1801
From Do.	1st September 1802

Three Original Purwanahs issued by Government conferring these Villages on the several Incumbents on hereditary tenure are forwarded for inspection, and they are requested to be returned when no longer needed.

Chingleput District,
Collector's Cutcherry,
Sydapet, 29th December 1854.

/ Signed / P. B. Smollett
Collector

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Bd. No. 443

Proceedings thereon

The Board having inspected the Summonds forwarded with the foregoing Memorandum resolved that they be returned to the Collector as requested.

In Con. 18th Dec. 1835.

Read letter dated 16th October 1834 from the Collector of Chingleput reporting on the claims advanced by B. Puttaly Ramier to the Shrotriem Village of Goodenelvoy under attachment.

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Bd. No. 450

| Here enter No. 252 |

Proceedings thereon

Submitting letter from the Collector of Chingleput reporting in the claim of B Ramier to the Shrotriem Village of Goodenelvoy under attachment.

Resolved that the letter above recorded together with its enclosures be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2 The Village referred to is a Kattawar Shrotriem of which kind there are several in Chingleput all granted on hereditary tenure. the original Purwanahs in support of the grant are reported to have been taken by Mr. Greenway in 1801, who gave a receipt for the same, but why the usual summud was not subsequently issued is not explained. It seems obvious however that the omission did not arise from any doubt as to the validity of the title, for in Mr. Greenway's report to the Board dated 10th December 1802

To Government 9th April 1802 Para 10.

From Government 30th Oct. Para 2 & 8 in Con. 19th May do.

In Con. 20th January 1803.

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He states para 66, that he kept all the Shrotriems under Aumany placing the Surplus Funds in deposit, while (para 70) he made an exception to this arrangement in favor of Venkiah, the then holder of the Shrotriem of Goodenelvoy and gave him over the proceeds of his Village inconsequence of his having enjoyed it uninterruptedly since it was granted to him by the Nabob in Fusly 1201. Perhaps this very circumstance that the Village was thus in a manner released, may have led to its being overlooked and omitted when the Grants were issued to the other Kattawar Villages.

3 The Board are therefore of opinion, that however difficult it may be to explain, why for so long a period as 22 years, the Village has remained unclaimed there is nothing in the circumstances now adduced, to show that the claim put forward by B. Ramier, the direct descendant of the original grantee. B. Parpeiah is in

any

any way invalid; and under these circumstances, it appears to them that the Shrotrium should be released from attachment, and registered in the name of the first named individual and that the surplus collections in deposit under the head of Sevoy Jummah amounting to Rupees 1,764-2-8 to the end of Fusly 1263, should be also paid over to him -

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Read again return from the Collector of North Arcot dated 1st and entered in Miscellaneous Consultation. 5th February 1855 of Village officers suspended or dismissed under provisions of Regulation VI of 1831 for the Month of December last.

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B. No. 156

Proceedings thereon

It is observed that Veera Sannier, Monigar of the Uttiyanum Village, has been suspended until further orders for having failed to procure the attendance of the Monigar Mari Chetty for whom he stands security

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Case No. 2.

The Board consider this reason alone insufficient for the suspension of the Monigar, especially as the demand for security from such Servants is prohibited and they therefore direct that he be restored to his situation if no other fault has been found with him. The Board further observe that a sentence of indefinite suspension as a punishment is objectionable

Case No. 3

In this case the Monigars of Allapooram and Chengarapollium have been "suspended till the completion of the "enquiry into their alliged misconduct "in improperly retaining, in their pos "session the mony collected from cer "tain Ryots on account of the Circar" The Collector is requested to report whether the enquiry has been completed and with what result.

Read again register from the Collector of Salem dated 1st and entered in Miscellaneous Consultation 25 January 1855 of Petitions for the Month of December 1854

The

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Bd No 453

Fort St. George 26th February 1855.

Proceedings thereon

The Board request

that in future Returns may

be prepared in the

form prescribed by them

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in their Circular Order

of the 15th April 1839 –

J.H.S.

Read.

3072.

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Read the following Papers

No 1

To,

B. Cunliffe Esqre

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue,

Fort St. George.

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Bd No 197

From the Collector of Salem

Sir,

Adverting to the Board's Circular dated the 8th November 1852 calling for full and distinct information on certain points connected with the bearing of the commutation rates on the conditions of the people, I have the honor to submit the following replies.

2d What are the commutated prices of your District for Dry land and garden produce? The Returns to be made out in the same way as the Triplicate Returns of Paddy

A 1 A careful search has been made thro' the old records in this District to ascertain if any detailed Taloohwar accounts of prices and commutation rates for dry, wet, and garden produce could be found; but no such accounts have been discovered. The only

only source of information on this subject is Colonel Read's Report on the survey, dated 4th April 1800, from which it appears that the commutation price was fixed for dry grains at 15¼ Cantary Fanams a Candy, which

Para 182.

equals Rs 4–8–4 for 160 Madras Measures or 1 Rupee for 35 6/16 Madras Measures, and for wet grains at 16 Cantary Fanams per Candy, which equals Rupees 4–11–8 per 160 Madras Measures, or 1 Rupee for 33 13/16 Madras Measures. It does not appear from the Report that any commutation price was fixed for garden produce. In the Barahmal Division one and a half of the Poonyah assessment was imposed as the garden rate. In the 8 Talaghat Talooks it would seem that the garden rate was regulated by the supposed value of the produce in each separate cultivation.

2. 2. Can actual observations be made to ascertain what is the difference between the value of the produce in different cultivations, and what calculations can be founded upon them?

A. 2. The rates were fixed on the average prices of different kinds of Grain; but how many years were taken to form the average is not known, nor is it known to what particular

† Para 183.

particular kinds of grain the price lists embraced. The Report contains a list both of the dry and wet grains which appear to have been cultivated in the district at the time of the survey. All these several kinds of grain might have been included in the calculation, but it is more probable that those only which were most in use were chosen for the purpose.

Statement No 1.

A Copy of the list referred to is annexed to this letter.

2. 3. Were the rates [illegible] A. 3. It cannot be ascertained from the records whether the rates prevailing in the different Talooks were taken to form the average or whether the prices of grain in the principal towns only were taken, but it is very improbable that Colonel Read neglected any means which would ensure the utmost accuracy that a calculation of this kind will allow of.

† Para 160

2d What is the basis of the gross produce was taken for the Assessment of Government?

A. 4. The quantity of produce from dry lands was estimated on the average of the several kinds of grain usually grown on lands of the same quality, and was reduced from a full crop to 11/16 of a full crop as the average yield in good and bad season taken together after deducting fees for religious and Municipal purposes. From the quantity thus obtained the remainder was divided between the Government and the Ryot in the proportion generally speaking of 1/5th to the former and 2/5ths to the latter. It is not known in what way the quantity comprised in "a full crop" was ascertained, but it is probable that this point was determined partly on enquiries among the chief inhabitants of a Village, and partly on data afforded by old accounts of produce. For wet lands the average crop was estimated at 13½/16 of a full crop, and the Government share was fixed generally at 2/5ths of this quantity. These rates for dry and wet lands were liable to

Para 181.

Para 186.

Para 188 and 190

Para 181

to some variations when lands were of a superior quality, or the means of irrigation were of a superior or inferior description. The subjoined table extracted from Colonel Read's Report, shews the rates as thus modified both for dry and wet lands, compared with the rates which by general report the Circar were supposed to take previous to the Survey, with the same rates reduced nearer to the actual truth on a scrutiny of the Village accounts, and the rates finally prescribed for the survey.

+ Para 184

	By common Estimates		Common Estimates corrected.		Estimate for the Survey.	
	Ryots share	Govt share	Ryots share	Govt share	Ryots share	Govt share
Dry						
Yielding one crop	1/2	1/2	65	35	68	32
Do two do	1/2	1/2	65	35	68	32
Wet						
Watered by the superior rivers	4/10	6/10	53	47	55	45
Inferior Do	9/10	1/10	57	43	60	40
Superior tanks	1/2	1/2	60	40	62½	37½
Inferior Do	1/2	1/2	60	40	62½	37½
" by tanks 3/4 & wells 1/4	11/20	9/20	65	35	67	33
Do 1/2 Do 1/2	3/5	2/5	68	32	70	30
Do 3/4 Do 3/4	5/8	3/8	70	30	72½	27½
" by wells more than 18 feet	2/3	1/3	74	26	75	25
Do less than Do	3/4	1/4	80	20	80	20

2.5. What was the extent of Cultivation as far as can be ascertained of the different descriptions of grains at the time the commutation rates were fixed?

A.5. As stated in answer 2. there are no accounts which show what descriptions of grains were included in the Commutation rates, nor can it be ascertained to what extent different kinds of grains were cultivated at the time referred to.

2.6. And what is it now? If other products have been introduced since the commutation rates were fixed state what they are and whether by their having a higher value in the Market the Ryot has been found to have profited.

Vide answer 2.

A.6. Adverting to Colt. Read's list it may be said that several of the grains named therein are grown to a considerable extent at the present day. It is supposed that the dry grains principally cultivated when the commutation rates were fixed are those shewn in the margin. Statement No 2 annexed to this Report shews the average prices of the 10 descriptions of grain here named from Fusly 1302 to 1206, according to an account prepared under Mr Cockburn's orders in Fusly 1232, with the average prices of the same kinds of grain from Fusly 1258 to Fusly 1262. This exhibits a fall in present prices, ranging from Rupees 25-10-0 to Rs 48-11-5 per cent, but such a comparison is not deserving of much weight, first because it is doubtful whether these 10 kinds of grain were taken by Colonel Read to form the average, secondly because Mr Cockburn's list exhibits the price of every kind of

1 Raggy
2 Bajra
3 Javary
4 Coolty
5 Bullar
6 Dholl
7 Pessoy
8 Oodeth
9 Chenna
10 Wheat

of grain as higher in the first 5 years than the average price given by Colonel Read, tho there is reason to believe that the price of every kind of grain began to fall soon after that average was struck. It should also be stated that Mr Cockburn's price lists for the years now given are not deserving of much confidence as they were based on mere local enquiries among the mercantile classes at so late a date, as Fusly 1232. If Colonel Read's average for dry grains be compared with the average price of each kind of dry grain for the 5 years ending Fusly 1262, it will be found to exceed the latter, in 6 kinds against a decrease in 4, but these 4 consist of the grains most generally consumed. If the same average be compared with the aggregate average price of all the dry grains entered in the present monthly price lists from Fusly 1258 to Fusly 1262, the comparison is in favor of the Ryot at the present time in dry grains. The grains which form the principal food of the people in the Salem District at the present time are Raggy, Bajra and Javary. In regard to wet grains, the comparison is in favor of the Ryot for the 5 years extracted from Mr Cockburns price lists and against him when compared with the present price returns. In Fusly 1263, which as a season of unusually high prices has not been included in the average, the price of every description of grain greatly exceeded the commutation rates. These prices are exhibited in Columns 27 and 28 of Statement No 2.

+ Average Note
The price lists of the present day contain Cotton in addition to the dry grains entered in Statement No 2.

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| Taluks | Price Paid Cwt. for Cotton in 1860 | Price Paid Cwt. for Cotton in 1861 | Price Paid Cwt. for Cotton in 1862 | Price of Cotton per Candy for 3 years ending 1862 | Price of Cotton per Candy for 3 years ending 1862 | Price of Cotton per Candy for 3 years ending 1862 | Price Paid per Candy for Cotton in 1860 | Price Paid per Candy for Cotton in 1861 | Price Paid per Candy for Cotton in 1862 | Price per Candy for Cotton in 1860 | Price per Candy for Cotton in 1861 | Price

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lands - The same descriptions of produce are generally grown by the same classes at the present day The present prices of these products compared with the commutation rates are unfavorable.—

2.8. A. Statement of the Prices of the Grains on the value of which the commutation rates were fixed for 10 years succeeding the period when those rates were determined and for the last 10 years commencing with Fusly 1251 and ending with Fusly 1260 Nos 1 & 2 These Statements to be prepared on the same principles as those on which the commutation rates were fixed when this can be done the price lists may be forwarded as submitted with the Settlement Reports in each year; with explanation of the manner in which the Statements are prepared and what value is to be attached to them in comparison with the commutation rates.—

A.8. Different parts of this District came into the hands of the British Government at different periods. Vizt. The 8 Talaghaut and the 4 Baramahl Talooks in the year 1791 and the 12 Balaghat Talooks in the year 1799 - The survey of the former was conducted and the assessment fixed from A.D 1793 to 1798, and that of the latter from A.D. 1800 to 1802 The price lists prepared at these periods are not forthcoming, nor can Talook war price lists be found for ten years connectedly either from Fusly 1208 / 1798-99 or from Fusly 1213 / 1803-4, Statement No

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No 3 shews the prices of 11 descriptions of grain for ten years from Fusly 1221 to Fusly 1230, and Statement No 4 the prices of the same kinds from Fusly 1251 to Fusly 1260 as explained in answer No 2 the way in which the price lists were prepared for the purpose of calculating the commutation rate is not known - The price lists usually submitted to the Board are prepared as follows - The average prices for each Month in the year in two or three of the principal towns in each Talook inclusive of the Cutcherry station, are taken to form the average of that Talook for one year, and the averages of all the Talooks, the average for the entire District is struck - To prepare the Monthly average price accounts, exhibiting the fluctuations during the Month, are obtained by the Talook servants once a Month from the principal Merchants in each place - The price lists now given are prepared from the Board's lists.—

2.9. Explanation should be afforded as to the extent the grain may have benefited by the Prices obtained

A.9 Vide answer No 6.

articles which were not included
in the rate according to which the
Commutation rents were fixed.

2. In the Districts where there are
no commutation Rates, the ruling
prices for the ten years succeeding
the Settlement of the land Revenue
as well as for the last 10 years commence-
ing with Fasly 1212 should be given.

A. 10. Not applicable
to this District.

2 With reference to para 2 of the Board's Circular, I am of opinion that a perma-
=nent fall in prices has unfavorably affected the condition of the Ryots in this District, and 2nd. that over-assessment at the Survey has in many parts had an injurious effect on the interests both of the Government and the people - The proportion between the Govern-
=ments share and the Ryots share, as settled by Colonel Read, was a fair one, but there is reason to believe that many errors were com-
=mitted in carrying out his instructions, and it is clear that good lands in many Villages are at present abandoned, because the assessment is too high to leave a remune-
=rating share to the cultivator - I would therefore

therefore recommend a reduction in all those cases in which this over-assessment exists I would reduce the higher rates on Punjah and Nunjah lands, and would make a considerable reduction in the garden rates; in the last case with the view of giving the greatest possible encouragement to this pro-
=fitable description of Cultivation On the same ground, I would abolish the present extra rates on Nunjah garden cultivation, and a-
=dopt some modification in the present system in other ways, but not having as yet procured the accounts required to exhibit the full effect of the existing rates in throwing each description of land out of cultivation, I would reserve a full statement of my plans till these accounts can be prepared. —

3 In regard to Garden lands the necessary accounts will soon be ready, but for wet and dry lands, I shall not be able for some time to come to furnish in a satis-
=factory form the information I would like to give - On this point a very great and unusual difficulty is experienced in the Salem

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Salem District from the circumstance that no Sarum or classification of the lands was made at the time of the Survey - Colonel Read has given at Para 193 a table of rents which was considered sufficiently comprehensive to apply to every description of soil, and this table was furnished to each of his native Surveyors, with the view, as he observes, of reducing "the necessary qualifications of a Surveyor to a Knowledge of the soil and discrimination of situations" - In this table there are 14 rates for dry land, and 12 for Nunjah lands under each different source of irrigation - as the various rates were thus reduced to a limited number, it might be supposed that the lands to which they were applicable would have been brought under corresponding classes in the Survey accounts, but no trace of anything of the Kind can be found in those accounts; moreover the list of rates given at the 196th Para of Colonel Read's report, as a specimen of the several rates existing in one of the divisions after the Survey, proves that the number of rates actually imposed exceeded the number shewn in

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in his table - It will therefore be necessary for me to graduate a scale of assessment, and to shew the extent of land waste and cultivated under each rate in this scale; if I could exhibit in a comprehensive view the relative proportion between waste and cultivated, from the highest to the lowest assessed lands - These accounts can be most speedily and conveniently prepared at the Summabundy - I will therefore see that they are prepared at this period during the present season as I go from Talook to Talook, and will submit a full explanation of my views as soon as possible after the Summabundy has been concluded -

The replies in his letter do not refer to the Balaghat Talooks of Ossoor and Denkencottah, which were not surveyed by Colonel Read, but by Mr. David Cockburn - It has not been ascertained on what principle the commutation rates were fixed in these two talooks, but here the Villages were divided into classes, and the lands wet and dry

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in each Village were also closed – The Villages were divided into 3 classes with reference to their situation, population, and other general circumstances, and a separate scale of rates for dry lands was appointed for each – Each scale consisted of 5 rates – In regard to wet lands, the tanks were divided into 4 classes, with a corresponding scale of rates, likewise 5 in number, for each class – The garden rate of assessment in the Ossoor Talook was fixed at double the Poonjah rates, and in Denkencottah at the highest Poonjah rate in each Village – The question whether the assessment in these two Talooks requires any reduction will be discussed in the report I have proposed to make for the rest of the District. –

Salem Collector's Office,
On Circuit - - - -
Nulloor, 17th January 1855

Signed H. A. Brett
Collector

List

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List of the different descriptions of grain both Poonjah and Nunjah entered respectively in the Statement under Paras 160 & 161 of Colonel Reade's Report –

	Poonjah		Nunjah
1	Raggy	1	Triganally
2	Bunjera	2	Sumba
3	Kory or Cotton	3	Loose Kanty
4	Chennals	4	Loogdoss
5	Jannup	5	Marandely
6	Tree Cor Indigo	6	Cartack Sumba
7	Codroo	7	Cullen Sumba
8	Samay	8	Malagoo Sumba
9	Boddy	9	Arnicumba Sumba
10	Icuary	10	Fakeer Sumba
11	Cungoony	11	Seeragah Sumbah
12	Costly	12	Coracalattee
13	Till	13	Sunnarumsee
14	Codeeth	14	Kanhanumd
15	Inoony	15	Cumlumd goory
16	Raw Till	16	Mana Kasay
17	Bullen	17	Goorooda Pulchy
18	Tonen		
19	Yorundy		
20	Lohayo		
21	Coppumba		

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No 2 Comparative Statement Shewing the

Fusly 1202

1 Number	Description of Grains	Average prices per Candy of 560 Madras Measures at the time when the Commutations rates were fixed — Cantaray	Pagodas	Equivalents	Rupees	Cantaray	Pagodas	Equivalents	Rupees
	2	Ps 3	Fc	Rs 4	As	Ps 5	Fc	Rs 6	As
1	Paddy	1 6 "		4 11 8		2 8 11		8 8 "	
1	Raggy	1 5 4		4 8 4		2 5 5		7 8 8	
2	Bograh	1 5 4		4 8 4		2 5 5		7 8 8	
3	Jamary	1 5 4		4 8 4		2 9 8/12		8 12 "	
4	Coolty	1 5 4		4 8 4		4 5 8 3/4		13 8 "	
5	Buller	1 5 4		4 8 4		3 5 8 3/4		10 8 "	
6	Doll	1 5 4		4 8 4		2 8 11		8 8 "	
7	Iroony	1 5 4		4 8 4		4 8 14 2/4		14 8 "	
8	Codeeth	1 5 4		4 8 4		2 8 11		8 8 "	
9	Chenna	1 5 4		4 8 4		6 9 3		20 8 "	
10	Wheat	1 5 4		4 8 4		6 9 3		20 8 "	
	Total	15 " 2/12		45 3 4		40 5 4 3/4		120 4 "	

Note

Madras Measures	
160 "	1 Candy
3200 "	20 " 1 Garee

annas 20 parts Cantaray, Fanam
16 = 1
10 = 1 Cantaray Pagoda

Cantaray Fanams
1 = 20 " 0
" 4 9

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Average prices of grains from Fusly 1202 to 1206 and from Fusly 1258 to 1262 in the Salem

Average prices per Candy

Fusly 1203				Fusly 1204				Fusly 1205				Fusly 1206				Total				Average			
Cauteray	Fagodas	Equivalent	Rupees	Cauteray	Fagodas	Equivalent	Rupees	Cauteray	Fagodas	Equivalent	Rupees	Cauteray	Fagodas	Equivalent	Rupees	Cauteray	Fagodas	Equivalent	Rupees	Cauteray	Fagodas	Equivalent	Rupees
7			8	9			10	11			12	13			14	15			16	17			18
Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P
2	5	5	7	8	"	2	1	15	6	8	"	1	9	6½	5	12	"	1	9	6½	5	12	"	11	4	12	34	"	"	2	2	15¼	6	12	10
2	3	10	7	"	"	1	8	12	5	8	"	1	5	15½	4	12	"	1	6	13	5	"	"	10	"	7½	29	12	"	2	"	1¾	5	15	2
2	1	14	6	8	"	1	6	13	5	"	"	1	6	13	5	"	"	1	6	13	5	"	"	9	7	10	29	"	"	1	9	9¾	5	12	10
2	8	11	8	8	"	2	3	10	7	"	"	2	"	3	6	"	"	2	1	8	6	4	"	12	3	1	36	8	"	2	4	10¼	7	4	10
3	"	6	9	"	"	2	3	10	7	"	"	1	8	12	5	8	"	1	1	13	3	8	"	13	"	1¾	38	8	"	2	5	15¾	7	11	2
3	"	6	9	"	"	3	"	6	9	"	"	1	9	9½	5	12	"	1	6	5½	4	12	"	13	2	3¾	39	"	"	2	6	5½	7	12	10
4	4	11	13	4	"	4	3	13¼	13	"	"	3	9	8½	11	12	"	2	5	5	7	8	"	18	2	3¼	54	"	"	3	6	8¾	10	12	9
4	13	13¼	13	"	"	3	7	15¼	11	4	"	3	7	2	11	"	"	2	1	9	6	8	"	18	9	6¼	56	4	"	3	7	14¼	11	4	"
5	"	10¼	15	"	"	4	3	13¼	13	"	"	4	3	13¼	13	"	"	2	5	5	7	8	"	19	2	4¾	57	"	"	3	8	7¼	11	6	5
5	1	8	15	4	"	4	5	8¾	13	8	"	4	5	8¾	13	8	"	5	"	10¼	15	"	"	26	2	6¾	77	12	"	5	2	8¼	15	8	10
5	7	4	17	"	"	3	4	14	16	4	"	5	"	10¼	15	"	"	7	1	1½	21	"	"	30	3	¾	89	12	"	6	"	8½	17	15	2
38	2	13½	113	8	"	33	9	3½	100	8	"	30	7	15¾	91	4	"	27	6	11¾	82	"	"	171	2	11¼	507	8	"	34	2	10	101	8	"

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District—

Averages prices per Candy

Fusly 1258				Fusly 1259				Fusly 1260				Fusly 1261			
Cauteray	Pagodas	Equivalent	Bufaos	Cauteray	Pagodas	Equivalent	Bufaos	Cauteray	Pagodas	Equivalent	Bufaos	Cauteray	Pagodas	Equivalent	Bufaos
19				20				21				22			
Rs	a	Fs	C	Rs	a	Fs	C	Rs	a	Fs	C	Rs	a	Fs	C
1	3	7		3	15	7		1	4	10		4	5	6	
1	2	10		3	11	10		1	3	5¾		3	15	3	
1	2	2		3	9	5		1	3	3½		3	14	8	
1	3	12		4	1	4		1	4	11½		4	5	8	
1	2	10		3	12	1		1	4	12		4	6	3	
1	5	1		4	7	4		2	1	3		6	4	5	
2	5	15		7	11	..		2	8	9¼		8	7	4	
2	4	5		7	3	2		2	7	5¾		8	1	7	
2	1	9		6	6	3		2	1	9¼		6	6	9	
3	8	12		11	7	7		3	7	1½		10	15	8	
4	5	6		13	7	..		4	5	5		13	6	8	
22	2	2		65	13	..		23	7	2¾		70	4	3	

Fusly 1262				Total				Average			
Cauteray	Pagodas	Equivalent	Bufaos	Cauteray	Pagodas	Equivalent	Bufaos	Cauteray	Pagodas	Equivalent	Bufaos
27				28				29				30				31				32			
Rs	a	Fs	C	Rs	a	Fs	C	Rs	a	Fs	C	Rs	a	Fs	C	Rs	a	Fs	C	Rs	a	Fs	C
1	1	2		3	4	10		6	3	10		18	13	7		1	2	11¾		3	12	4	
1	..	9		3	2	..		5	7	10¾		17	1	3		1	1	8½		3	6	8	
1	1	..		3	4	4		5	7	13		17	2	2		1	1	9		3	6	10½	
1	2	12		3	12	6		6	4	2		19	4	10		1	3	1		3	13	9	
1	2	7		3	11	1		6	6	9¼		19	12	1		1	3	5½		3	15	2	
1	6	14		4	15	10		9	1	3¼		26	14	10		1	8	3½		5	6	2	
2	4	6		7	3	6		12	9	4½		38	6	5		2	5	11		7	10	11	
2	..	9		6	1	7		11	8	13¼		34	15	8		2	3	11½		6	15	11	
2	..	14		6	2	10		10	5	8¾		31	4	8		2	1	2½		6	4	2	
3	5	8		10	8	2		19	..	7½		56	5	2		3	8	1		11	4	3	
4	..	3		11	4	7		22	5	7		66	12	1		4	5	1		13	15	7	
20	5	2		60	12	5		110	6	13¾		327	15	2		22	1	6¼		65	9	5	

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Average price per Candy in July 1263.			Comparison between Columns 18 and 32		Comparison between Columns 18 and 32		Per centage of		Per centage of	
Cauliay	Pagodas	Equivalent to Rupees	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease	Increase between Columns 18 & 35	Decrease between Columns 18 & 36	Increase between Columns 18 & 37	Decrease between Columns 18 & 38
33			34		35		36		37	38
Ps T C		Rs a p	Rs a p		Rs a p		Rs a p		Rs a p	Rs a p
1 4 13		4 6 1	" " "		3 " 6		" " "		" " "	15 4
1 5 10¼		4 10 "	" " "		2 8 6		" " "		1 1 8	
1 6 4		4 13 "	" " "		2 6 "		" " "		1 1 6	
1 7 6¾		5 2 9	" " "		3 7 1		" " "		10 7	
2 1 "		6 3 4	" " "		3 12 "		" " "		9 2	
2 8 2		8 5 3	" " "		2 6 8		" 13 10		" " "	
4 5 4		13 6 6	" " "		3 1 10		3 2 7		" " "	
3 5 13		10 9 7	" " "		4 4 1		2 7 7		" " "	
3 1 1		9 3 4	" " "		5 2 3		1 11 10		" " "	
5 5 4		16 6 "	" " "		4 4 7		6 11 11		" " "	
5 5 5		16 6 3	" " "		4 9 7		8 13 3		" " "	
32 1 1		95 2 "	" " "		35 4 7		23 13 "		3 6 11	

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39			40			41			42	
Rs a p			Rs a p			Rs a p			Rs a p	
" " "			14 9 "			" " "			20 4 2	
" " "			12 8 11			" " "			24 6 9	
" " "			10 11 11			" " "			24 3 1	
" " "			17 2 4			" " "			14 10 1	
" " "			18 11 5			" " "			12 10 9	
" " "			30 15 5	19	1 11	" " "				
" " "			28 13 2	69	14 10	" " "				
" " "			31 13 2	54	11 7	" " "				
" " "			15 1 5	38	7 8	" " "				
" " "			27 9 "	11	9 3 1	" " "				
" " "			25 10 "	19	5 1 6	" " "				
" " "			35 6 1	52	10 9	7	9	5		

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[Signed] H. A. Brett
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No 3 Statement shewing the average price

Fusleis	Paddy 1st sort low grade	Paddy 2d sort low grade	Total	Average	Boggy low Grade	Bajra low
1	2	3	4	5	6	
	Rs ᵃˢ	Rs ᵃˢ	Rs ᵃˢ	Rs ᵃˢ	Rs ᵃˢ	
1 Fusly 1221	129 4 3	119 8 6	248 12 9	124 6 4	80 5 9	95
2 1222	141 11 9	127 12 2	269 9 11	134 11 11	115 6 8	128
3 1223	104 " 7	91 2 2	195 2 9	97 9 4	112 4 9	121
4 1224	104 5 9	95 3 3	199 9 "	99 12 6	104 11 10	110
5 1225	79 2 8	68 8 9	147 11 5	73 13 9	68 1 4	76
6 1226	92 4 3	81 4 11	173 9 2	86 12 1	78 10 1	79
7 1227	96 1 4	86 4 3	182 5 1	91 2 10	80 3 2	81
8 1228	78 13 8	65 9 4	144 1 "	72 3 6	72 11 3	75
9 1229	83 1 9	76 2 1	159 10 4	79 13 2	74 13 9	63
10 1230	98 13 8	87 " 3	185 13 11	92 15 "	82 12 3	82
Total	1008 1 8	898 2 4	1906 9 10	953 1 "	837 0 1	915
Average	100 13 "	89 13 1	190 10 1	" " "	83 " 1	91

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of grains for 10 years from Fusly 1221 to Fusly 1230 in the District of Salem –

Farms	January/ten Farms	Coolly/ten Farms	Bullocks/ten Farms	Dhobies/ten Farms	Blacksmiths/ten Farms	Carpenters/ten Farms	Total from Columns 8 to 13	Average	Remarks
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Rs ᵃˢ ᵖˢ	Rs ᵃˢ ᵖˢ	Rs ᵃˢ ᵖˢ	Rs ᵃˢ ᵖˢ	Rs ᵃˢ ᵖˢ	Rs ᵃˢ ᵖˢ	Rs ᵃˢ ᵖˢ	Rs ᵃˢ ᵖˢ	Rs ᵃˢ ᵖˢ	Rs ᵃˢ ᵖˢ	Rs ᵃˢ ᵖˢ	
12 7	97 6 1	89 10 4	94 3 10	195 3 9	163 7 10	148 6 7	296 8 11	214 7 15	58 15 5	1568 4 9	112 8 10	
14 4	141 4 4	129 8 10	124 6 10	152 1 9	190 15 8	275 4 11	273 1 6	301 10 1	102 6 8	1937 4 11	176 1 6	
12 4	121 13 10	101 4 8	113 6 5	141 3 6	180 13 4	274 15 3	290 4 7	249 4 9	67 4 9	1773 11 10	161 4 4	
3 7	121 3 4	110 1 7	125 13 10	166 7 4	173 7 10	210 15 4	193 4 10	252 4 4	63 4 4	1631 6 2	148 4 11	
13 8	77 12 4	63 12 4	122 6 6	195 4 4	156 12 1	130 10 5	218 9 1	227 6 2	148 5 2	1389 12 9	126 5 6	
3 3	89 12 11	88 15 11	129 8 1	179 11 8	183 12 6	136 11 10	223 6 11	230 1 5	56 7 5	1476 6 6	134 3 8	
3 1	89 12 2	112 8 7	246 13 2	189 12 10	205 13 5	118 5 3	232 13 8	249 4 11	82 4 3	1687 8 6	153 6 8	
7 2	88 4 4	85 13 8	164 6 4	169 6 2	187 5 9	97 13 10	247 5 3	396 11 6	45 6 9	1630 11 8	148 3 11	
8 3	71 21 11	108 2 10	116 10 5	157 8 1	184 1 4	104 10 10	257 11 2	359 9 10	49 10 7	1541 9 8	140 2 4	
12 7	83 13 3	108 15 8	127 5 5	174 10 3	182 4 8	124 12 11	241 2 4	320 4 10	67 4 4	1589 13 6	144 8 8	
106	982 4 10	1002 10 1	1365 4 6	1721 5 8	1808 9 9	1622 11 2	2468 4 3	2831 13 6	637 4 8	16226 2 3	1475 1 8	
91	98 3 8	100 4 2	136 8 1	172 2 2	180 13 9	162 4 4	246 12 10	283 2 11	63 12 8	1622 9 9		

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Collector

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No 4 Statement shewing the average prices of grain for 10 years from

	Fusles	Paddy 1st Sort per Garce	Paddy 2d Sort per Garce	Total	Average	Rags per Garce	Rayes per Garce
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Fusly 1257	74 8 u	67 1 u	141 9 u	70 12 6	65 1 u	64 15 u
2	1252	67 7 u	61 1 u	128 8 u	64 1 u	58 8 u	59 11 u
3	1253	67 6 u	60 10 u	128 u u	64 u u	55 1 u	57 8 u
4	1254	76 11 u	68 5 u	145 u u	72 8 u	73 4 u	71 13 u
5	1255	114 12 u	106 7 u	221 3 u	110 9 6	122 1 u	121 u u
6	1256	136 7 u	123 12 u	260 3 u	130 16	151 2 u	141 12 u
7	1257	105 13 u	95 11 u	201 8 u	100 12 u	114 4 u	107 13 u
8	1258	79 8 u	71 7 u	150 15 u	75 7 6	74 13 u	71 12 u
9	1259	86 11 u	79 9 u	166 4 u	83 2 u	79 1 u	78 5 u
10	1260	77 4 u	69 5 u	146 9 u	73 4 6	66 6 u	66 u u
	Total	1886 7 u	803 4 u	1689 11 u	844 13 6	861 12 u	840 9 u
	Average	88 10 4	80 5 2	168 15 6		86 2 9	84 u 11

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Fusily 1251 to Fusily 1260 in the District of Salem—

8		9		10		11		12		13	
Soldiers	Cases	Cooperers	Cases	Billeteers	Cases	Hoopers	Cases	Marengers	Cases	Cadets	Cases
71	1 u	74	6 u	81	8 u	122	12 u	112	13 u	148	10 u
65	11 u	77	6 u	94	11 u	146	11 u	138	1 u	144	13 u
57	11 u	81	15 u	112	8 u	187	6 u	166	6 u	154	12 u
75	14 u	90	7 u	121	3 u	200	13 u	179	1 u	175	5 u
140	1 u	137	10 u	175	9 u	254	9 u	218	6 u	248	5 u
167	7 u	185	11 u	214	1 u	285	13 u	236	3 u	243	2 u
126	7 u	127	10 u	145	2 u	233	13 u	194	12 u	209	1 u
81	13 u	75	1 u	89	3 u	153	13 u	143	15 u	127	13 u
87	1 u	87	13 u	125	9 u	169	3 u	162	u u	128	6 u
73	8 u	84	6 u	127	4 u	168	8 u	152	9 u	129	4 u
946	10 u	1022	5 u	1286	10 u	1922	11 u	1704	2 u	1710	1 u
94	10	102	3	128	10	192	4	170	6	171	1

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Clerwas Jas	Garee	Wcadjas	Garee	Codrajas	Garee	Total from	Commn to	Charge	Remarks
14	15		16		17		18		19
192 5 u	251	15 u	47	7 u	1233	u u	112	1 5	
232 u u	271	3 u	41	11 u	1330	6 u	120	15 1	
221 9 u	272	5 u	38	15 u	1406	u u	127	13 1	
216 7 u	243	10 u	41	15 u	1489	12 u	135	6 10	
276 13 u	271	9 u	73	1 u	2041	u u	185	8 9	
329 13 u	310	15 u	92	1 u	2358	u u	214	5 11	
326 6 u	301	u u	71	11 u	1957	5 u	177	15 u	
229 7 u	268	11 u	51	1 u	1367	6 u	124	4 11	
219 9 u	268	6 u	54	6 u	1459	11 u	132	11 2	
240 8 u	280	11 u	46	12 u	1436	6 u	130	9 3	
2184 13 u	2740	5 u	559	u u	16078	14 u	1461	11 5	
2187 8	274	u 6	55	14 5	1607	14 2			

E. E. J. (Signed) H. A. Britt
Collector.

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3005 Fort St. George 26th February 1856

Ordered that the following letter be sent in reply.—

To,

The Collector of
Salem.

47-48

B. No. 167
To the Coll.r of
Salem.

Requesting the Collector of Salem for information on certain points connected with commutation rates.—

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 17th ultimo in reply to the Board's Circular relative to the bearing of the Commutation rates on the condition of the people.

2 In your reply to the 4th Question you state that 1/5 of a full crop was assumed to be the average yield "after deducting fees for religious and Municipal purposes". The Board wish to be informed what portion of the Crop these fees amounted to generally.

3. The Board will be glad to receive the detailed exposition of your plans for lightening the assessment where too heavy, but to avoid future reference they request that you will forward for their inspection as soon as convenient the intended form of the principal Statements which you are preparing to illustrate your propositions. They will then be able to form a better opinion as to whether these

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are likely to afford the requisite information.

4 The main points (it may here be observed) which should be clearly set forth, are the present rates and aggregate of the assessment and the probable effect of the charges you propose. There being no regular classification of the lands an arbitrary scale may be constructed of the assessments, rising by one Rupee but if the rates actually in force are not much more numerous than those laid down by Colonel Read viz 17 in dry and 12 in wet, it may probably suffice to adopt these, without having recourse to an arbitrary scale. The Board however would prefer seeing the form of Statement which you propose to follow, before giving any general instructions now.

5 On examining the Statement No. 3 of average prices from. Fasly 21 to Fasly 30 which accompanied your letter under reply, the Board observe a marked fall in the prices of many of the different kinds of grain in Fasly 26. and they would be glad to receive any information which you can afford on this point.

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The price of "Codro" in the Statement is given at Rupees 6 in Fasly 1230 which in the previous Fasly it was nearly Rupees 50. The same remark applies to 3 Articles in Statement 4.

6 With regard to the benefit which the Ryots now derive from valuable products newly introduced or now more extensively cultivated a Statement of the extent of this cultivation is necessary to enable the Board to determine how far the people generally profit from this source, as a set off against losses incurred by depreciation on the value of the other produce on which the commutation rate were based. They would also wish to know how the present price lists are prepared what reliance can be placed on them and how, if faulty, they can be improved. The Board would also be glad to have your opinion as to the cause of the alleged fall in prices generally.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
26th February 1855

(Signed) R. Sunliffe
Secretary

Read

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Read again Register of Petitions from the Collector of Tanjore -- dated 30th December and entered in Miscellaneous Consultation 4th January 1854 for the Month of November last.

(49)
Bd. No. 454
Proceedings thereon - The Board request that future Returns may be prepared in the form prescribed by them in their Circular order of the 15th April 1839

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Read the following Papers.

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

(50)
Bd. No. 466
From the Collr of Tanjore ---

Sir,

Referring to the Board's Proceedings under date the 3rd of July 1851. I have the honor to request that I may be supplied with two new Stamps for marking weights and measures, both of those formerly sent having been broken in use.

Tanjore ----------
Vellum, 8th February 1855 -

[Signed] H. Forbes
Collector

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3099. Fort St. George 26th February 1855.

Bd. No. 462
Proceedings thereon - The Collector is requested to

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submit to this Office an Indent, in duplicate on the Principal Commissary of Ordnance for the Stamps alluded to in the foregoing letter -

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Read again Register of Petitions from the Collector of Trichinopoly dated 4th and entered in Miscellaneous Consultation 11th January 1855 for the Month of December last -

Ordered that the following letter be sent in consequence -

(52)
Bd. No. 466
To the Collector of Trichinopoly
Dated 4th in Cons. 11th January 55.

To
The Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir.

With reference to the Register of Petitions transmitted by you for the Month of December 1854, I am desired by the Board of Revenue to request that agreeably to the instructions conveyed in para 54 of their Circular Order of the 13th July 1826, you will in future Returns, insert translations of all Vernacular Endorsements passed on Petitions referred to you for disposal - It is also requested that you will cause these Returns to be prepared on Foolscap paper. -

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26th February 1855.

[Signed] B. Cunliffe
Secretary

To

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No. 14.

To

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

(53)

B. No. 421.
From the Collector of Trichinopoly—

Sir,

Para 1. I do myself the honor to report upon Petition No. 13 of 1855 as directed by your Board's order under date the 29th Ultimo.—

2. The Petitioner Yathoopathy Achary a resident of Streerungham solicits authority from Government to institute Civil proceedings in the Courts—against certain relations of his own to recover shares of Enam lands.—

3. I have caused this individual to appear before me and on inquiring of him the nature of his free hold property claim, he states that it is not a service land grant property nor of any such descriptions of land contemplated in Regulation IV of 1831. That his claim is for pure Lakeraje or sura Manuer land

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land situated in certain parts of the District, and to which he sets up a claim 4. Under these circumstances I would submit there is no necessity for application to "the Governor in Council" as enacted by Clause II of Regulation IV of 1831. But the contrary, and the Petitioner can pursue his bent and litigate in the Courts.—

Trichinopoly District
Secretariat
Collector's Circuit Cutcherry
9th February 1853.

(Signed) J. Bird
Collector.

B. No. 469.
Proceedings thereon.

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From the Collector's report it would appear that the lands of which Petitioner claims a share do not fall under Regulation IV of 1831, but whether they do or not, the Board see no objection to permission being formally granted to the Petitioner under that Regulation to institute a suit in the Court of Adalut, in the event of such permission being considered necessary by the Court having jurisdiction in the case

Read

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Read again Register of Petitions from the Collector of Tinnevelly dated 28th December 1854 and entered in Miscellaneous Consultation 4th January 1855 for the month of November last.

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B. N. 440.

Proceedings thereon. The Collector is requested to cause the submission of these Returns at an earlier period of the month in which they became due. They should also be prepared on Foolscap paper.

No. 37.

To

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

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B. N. 296.

From the Collector of Tinnevelly — 31.

Sir,

I have the honor to return Petitions Nos. 2304 and 2228 of 1854 forwarded to me for report with reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 7th September last with the following explanation.

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2. The Hill farms of the 2 Talooks

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Talooks named in the Margen were for Fusly 1264 rented to Petitioner for Rupees 1860 and they have paid Rupees 465 as the first money for 3 months from 12th July to 11th October 1854 at Rupees 155 per Month. But their claim to compensation on account of the abrupt termination of their contract seems inadmissible for the following reasons.—

3. As rain has fallen in unusual abundance since the commencement of these rents, the hill products with the exception perhaps of honey &c. referred to in the Petition cannot fail to have been gathered to a sufficient extent to remunerate the renters for the payments they have already made.—

4. Besides which the bedoders for the rents were with reference to para 2 of an Extract from Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 12th June 1854 warned that the rents might be cancelled at any time and a clause was inserted in the Puttahs granted to the Renters, and in the Mocchilika entered into by them to the effect that they should abide by

by any orders that might be issued by Government affecting the rent.

Tinnevelly 24th. January 1855 } (Signed) C. J. Bird
Bd. No. 451. Collector.

Proceedings thereon. The Board request to be informed in what manner Petitioner were warned that the rent might be annulled at any time i.e whether it was done in such a manner as to lead them to believe that the contingency was probable, and that compensation would not be allowed. The Board also wish to know, on what grounds the Collector considers that they have realized their payments with a fair profit and charges—

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2. On reference to the Collectors letter dated 1st. June 1854 it is observed that the rent for Fusly 1264 exceeded that for Fusly 1263 by Rupees 325 it does not appear that the contingency was then made known nor that the value of the privilege fell when this condition was attached to it.—

3. The Collector will also state whether

whether the Tencansy and Brammadasem renters have made any similar claim-

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Read again Register of Petitions from the Collector of Canara dated 30th. January and entered in Miscellaneous Consultation 8th. February 1855 for the Month of November 1854.—

(58)

Bd. No. 455.

Proceedings thereon. The Collector is requested to cause the submission of these Returns at an earlier period of the Month in which they become due. They should also be prepared on Foolscap paper—

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To

B. Cunliffe Esqre.
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

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Bd. No. 304.

From the Collector of Madras . . . } Sir.

Extract — Minutes of Consultation dated 22d. September 1854.

With reference to the orders of Government communicated with the Boards Proceedings dated 2d. October, I have the honor to report that as Vurdapah Maistry has up to this time though repeatedly

repeatedly called upon, failed to shew any reason why the burning of bodies may not cease on the two spots which he has surrendered to Government, I have this day requested the Superintendent of Police and Chief Magistrate to put a stop to the practice. Should the parties interested hereafter shew that they can fairly claim the privilege Quit Rent will then be levied.—

/Signed/ H. Stokes
Acting Collector.

Madras.
31st January 1855.

Bd. No. 449.

Resolution thereon. Resolved that the letter above recorded be submitted for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation dated 22d September 1854, No. 1235.

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In Cons. 2d October 1854.

No. 29.

To

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

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Bd. No. 457.

From the Collector of Sea Customs } Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt

receipt of Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 1st Instant, forwarding Copy of a letter from the Collector of Rajahmundry requesting to be informed the practice obtaining in this Office respecting the levy of duty on Goods exported to Rangoon in reply I beg to state that by Proclamation of the Supreme Government the territory was annexed to the British Dominions and by the Notification of the Deputy Commissioner of Rangoon dated 20th Decr. 1852 duties upon Imports and Exports are levied at the Ports of Rangoon & Bassein according to the Tariff of Calcutta, consequently all Goods imported and exported from and after the 1st February 1853 from and to those Ports come under the operation of Section III Act VI of 1848. Act XXX of 1854 repeals so much of Act VII of 1848 as excepts the Ports of Arracan and Tenasserim from the operation of Section III Act VI of 1848.

* Fort St. George Gazette Extraordinary No. 2556 dated 10th January 1853 Page 1

* Fort St. George Gazette No. 2564 dated 25th January 1853. Page 9

Sea Customs House
Madras 14th February 1855 } /Signed/ W. B. Underwood.
Collector Sea Customs.

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Bd. No. 446

Order thereon. Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing letter be communicated for the information of the Collector of Rajahmundry

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Rajahmundry with reference to his letter dated 22nd January 1855.

N° 964.

To,

The President & Members of
the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

The Government have stated to me that it is well worthy of consideration "whether an alteration might not be made "which would tend greatly to simplify "the accounts of the Presidency with respect "to the present complication which arises "from there being different periods of "commencement for the Official, the "Revenue and the Financial year" and have desired me to consider the subject. I have the honor to request that you will do me the favor to give me the advantage of your opinion on the matter at your early convenience.

2 As the Accounts are made up at all the Presidencies, and at the East India House, for the Official year, that year would for many reasons, be the best. But as when one speaks of a year, one always speaks of the Calendar year, it is the easiest for reference, and it cannot be thrown aside

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Bd. No. 380
From the Acct.
Acct. General
Requesting
the Board's opinion
as to whether an alter-
ation might not
be made for simpli-
fying the accounts
of the Presidency
with respect to the
present complica-
tion which arises
from there being
different periods
of commencement
for the Official
the Revenue and
the Financial
Year—

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and disregarded. For instance the Fusly year involves two Calendar years, and the Official year likewise represents portions of two Calendar years. My own judgment inclines to keeping the Calender year as the most desirable for all Accounts and purposes.

3 Supposing then that all the Accounts and Statements of the Revenue of this Presidency were to be made up for the Calendar year, and all the Accounts of the Fusly and the Official year totally dispensed with from a stated period, will there be any, and what difficulty in apportioning the demand for each Month of the Calendar Year, and for the entire Calendar year itself, in preparing the various accounts and the Revenue State-ments which are at present framed in some cases for the Official, and in others for the Fusly year?

4. The demands of each Fusly are now apportioned for each Month of the Official year, and entered accordingly in the Monthly Journals of the Collectors. There would therefore seem to be no difficulty, in adopting the same course for the whole Calendar year. The change that would appear to be necessarily perplexing, would be in respect to the Settlement of the demand by the Calendar year, instead of by the Fusly year. There will be of course, difficulty in it, but I should hope that the Board would be able to sug-gest a remedy. The main difficulty, it is presumed would occur only, or principally, at the commencement

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of the proposed change, and in the first year. The greatest obstacle which presents itself to my mind is how to overcome, or modify the action (so as to render it innocuous) of the break in the accounts which the change necessitates.

5. The change cannot take place instantly but I now refer, for exposition to Fusly 1264. The demand for Fusly 1264 † appears to be now in course of Settlement and this will probably be completed by April next. But it occurs to me that the portion of the demand, thus to be settled, which has already been entered in the accounts appertaining to Fusly 1264, might be entered in a detached account to be held to appertain to Fusly 1264, which Fusly account will thus exhibit transactions of a portion only of that Fusly, Viz^z. from 12th July to 31st December 1854 by reason of the proposed change of the Fusly into the Calendar year for the first time. The demand from 1st January to 11th July 1855 (which would also appertain under the present system to Fusly 1264) might be entered in account as the demand of the Calendar year 1855 which will also include, or exhibit, the demand from 12th July to 31st December 1855, assumed in each Month, on the best possible data.

† from 12th July 1854 to 11th July 1855

6. If however, there be, in your opinion any insurmountable difficulty in changing the Settlement of the demand from the period of the Fusly year to that of the Calendar year, I request you will be so good as to state it, and let me know whether you are inclined to the change in favor of the Official year as the more feasible, or in preference to the adoption of the Calender year, and how you think such a modification of account in respect to settlement of demand could be carried out.

Fort St. George
A. A. Gen^l. Office
8th February 1855

J. G. B.

/ Signed / J. L. Prendergast
A. Sec^y A. A. Gen^l

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Ordered that the following letter be addressed. —

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government

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Bd. No. 481

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

Representing for the orders of Government certain circumstances connected with the annual Revenue Reports now submitted by the Board with a view to those Reports being drawn up hereafter on simpler form and at an earlier time than has been hitherto practicable.

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to represent for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, some circumstances connected with the annual Revenue Reports now submitted by the Board; with a view to these Reports being drawn up hereafter in simpler form, and at an earlier time than has been hitherto practicable.

2. At present the Board are required to make three separate reports every year on the General Revenues, besides distinct report on the Salt Revenue. The three General Reports are the following taking them in the order in which they are usually submitted. The first is the Mem^m. on the Demand, Collection and Balance Sheets for the last month of the Fusly, the second is.

is the General Report based on the Jummah-
bundy Reports of Collectors; and the third
is a Report on the Gross Collections and
charges. These several Reports have been
prescribed at different periods, and without
reference to one another; and as might be
expected they exhibit in various instances
repetitions of the same information.-

3. The first of these Reports; viz, the Memorandum on the Demand, Collection and Balance sheets was first drawn up for Fusly 1258. The monthly Demand Collection and Balance Statements received from the Provinces are every month abstracted in the Board's Office and the abstract submitted to Government. This is done for the last month or part of month of the Fusly (1st to 11th July) in like manner as for the others; and up to Fusly 1257 this abstract also was sent up without accompaniment. But on the 20th December 1849 the Board addressed a letter to Government

signifying

signifying their wish to furnish annually a brief Report or Memorandum, together with that closing Statement, explaining the chief fluctuations in the various branches of Revenue. This proposal

From Govt. 22d in Cons. 28th January 1850

was acceded to by the Government and in order to enable them to carry

Circular 28th January 1850

it into effect, the Board called for certain new Statements four in number, to accompany the Demand collection and Balance Statements for the 11th July.

4 Of these Statements, the forms will be found at Page 540 of the Board's Circular order Book. Statements A & C exhibit respectively, the Demand and the Collection of the past and present Fusslies in comparison; together with an explanation of fluctuations. Statements

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B & D show the one for Current and the other for arrars, the Demand Collection and Balance, with remarks and explanation as to the last mentioned. The contents of these tables are mere repetitions of those of the Demand Collection and Balance Statements; with a few explanations added which might have been appended to those Statements. From the above documents the Board's Office prepares the General or abstract Statements hitherto laid before Government, together with the Memo or Report above referred to That report is a meagre abstract, prepared in the Cutcherry, of the explanations given in the District Statements. It goes over all branches of Revenues and notices all variations, except those of any trifling amount, from whatever cause arising; it is thus as lengthy and detailed but wanting in

in the condensed and general information which alone can convey any useful information to the Government.

5. The Board's object in proffering this explanatory report was to place before Government on an early day a general view of the results of the Revenue administration of the year; but from various causes of which a principal one is the bulk and detail of the Statement received from the Provinces, causing delay, both in their original preparation and in their examination and Condensation in the Board's Office, that object has not been fully attained. In the margin are given the dates on which the Memo and General Statement have been submitted to Government Since Fusly 1258 inclusive. It will be seen that

For what Fusly	End of the Fusly	Date of Submission
1258	11th July 1849.	20th December 1849
1259	" 1850	14th November 1850
1260	" 1851	27th October 1851.
1261	" 1852	25th November 1852.
1262	" 1853	27th October 1853
1263	" 1854	21st December 1854

that the earliest was three and a half months, and the latest five and a half months after the close of the Fusly to which it related. The Government have recently authorized the Board to substitute briefer and simpler statements of Demand Collection and Balance for those hitherto in use. The new form of abstract laid before Government will supply briefly and compendiously the explanation of fluctuations of all kinds where of sufficient magnitude to merit notice, and as aleardy stated, the Board expect to beable to submit these Statements much earlier hereafter than has been practicable hitherto. On the other hand, the information contained in the Memo now under notice is repeated in both the subsequent reports, and under these circumstances the Board propose with the permission of Government to discontinued

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discontinue these elaborate and detailed Memoranda and to relieve Collectors from the necessity of preparing the Statements A to D above referred to.

6. The second of the three General Reports is that prescribed by Government in their order of the 11th March 1854 to be submitted by the Board on review of the District Jummabundy Reports, instead of merely sending up a copy of their separate Proceedings on each of them. Only one such General Report has yet been submitted by the Board. Viz.t, that for Fusly 1262 This Document, based as already said on the full reports of the Collectors, contains much more information than either of the others, Besides the detail of the amount of the demand, the Collection and the balance, which is given in all, it comprises some statistical particulars, notice of the character of the season, the

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state of the markets, the popular health with remarks of a general nature, all bearing on the Revenue results of the year. Hitherto neither this report, nor the seperate reviews for which it was substituted have been submitted at so early a date as is to be desired; the General Report for Fusly 1262 was submitted on the 17th August 1854, and that for the same year by the Commissioner of the Northern Circars for the Districts under his charge on the 28th of the same month, being above a year after the close of the Fusly to which they referred. Of the seperate reviews for Fusly 1261, ending July 11th 52, the first was sent upon the 22d February, and the last on the 15th December 1853; being respectively, seven and seventeen months after the close of the Fusly.

The third General Report is on the Gross Collections, Charges, and net

Revenue of the Presidency. It is drawn up chiefly from the Annual General Statements prepared by the Accountant General and transmitted to the Board. From that Statement, which is itself compiled from the Collectors Fusly abstracts, no fewer than six seperate abstract statements are prepared in the Board's Office. It is from these Statements chiefly, that the Boards General Report is drawn up, but to aid in this work the Board also obtain from each Collector two statements, the forms preseribed for which, (though they are not by any means strictly adhered to) will be found at Page 19 and 20 of the Board's Book of Circular Orders. These two Statements come up some Months after the close of the Fusly. With the aid then of these forty eight elaborate Statements, the Boards General Report, as it is termed, is drawn up. It is a meagre document, consisting simply for the most part of a repetition

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in words of what the Accountant Generals Statement shews in figures. It merely notes the total Collections and charges of each branch of Revenue, and the proportion of the latter to the former, with a very little in the way of remark as to the cause of the variation seen. As to the forty two Statements of receipts and charges procured as above said from the Collectors, the only use made of them in the Boards Office is to extract the explanations and remarks they contain as to the cause of increase and decrease. They are not compared with the Accountant Generals Statement, or the figures of which without any such collation, are adopted in the Boards Report.

8. This Report like the other two is not laid before Government without much delay. The Report for Fusly 1261 as which ended on the 11th July 1852 was submitted on the 20th October 1853, above fifteen months after the close of the Fusly, that for Fusly 1262. has not yet been submitted, as though

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though it is now nineteen months since the close of the Fusly. The delay is due partly to the lateness of the time at which the Accountant Generals Statement reached the Board being the 7th April 1853 in the former Fusly and the 13th June 1854 in the latter, or respectively nine and eleven months after the end of the Fusly. The remainder of the delay being six and a half months in the former case, and upto the present time eight months in the latter, occurred in the Boards own Office. But whatever the cause, it seems evident that a Report of this nature submitted so many months after the close of the period to which it relates must be useless for all practicable purposes.

In Cons: 18th Sept: 1854

In Cons: 19th Oct: 1854

9. The foregoing are the three General Revenue Reports now prepared by the Board. In addition to the delay which occurs in the submission of every one of them, it must be added that each is in many respects only a repetition or counterpart of the others. Thus the whole of the first is repeated in the second, and in part in

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in the third; and all that part of the second which relates to the Land Revenue Demand, to the Collections in all branches, and to the charges as well as the explanations of fluctuations is repeated in the third. But further from the absence of a proper system of account and of uniformity of proceeding, these various Statements and Reports are at variance with each other. The first and second indeed agree, because compiled from the same source; Viz.t, from the accounts in the Sheristadar's Department of the Collector's Office. But the third Statement compiled in the Accountant General's Office, though prepared from materials also supplied by the Collector Viz.t from the Fusly abstract, does not agree with the others. The reason of the discrepancy is that the Journals from which the Fusly abstract is compiled is prepared in the English

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Department, which knows little or nothing of the accounts in the Sheristadars Department.

10. To take a single instance there is a difference of no less than 23874 Rupees in the Land Revenue demand of Fusly 1265

According to the Cutcherry Memorandum ---- 3,66,31,011

According to the Accountant General's Statement ---- 3,66,07,137

Difference 23,874

as shown in the first Report, and in the third on examination the difference is found to be spread over a number of Districts. Thus in Kurnool the demand is given in the District Demand Collection and Balance Statement and in the Jummabundy Report as 7,31,740 - 11 - 4, while in the Accountant General's Statement, though that is compiled from a Statement received from the Agent, it is set down at 7,28,278 - 10 - 2, showing a difference of 3,462 - 1 - 2. The cause of this is found to be that in the former

two

two Statements a sum of Pds 5,915 - 2 - A. " was transferred to the Land Revenue demand from other branches, while in the latter, only Pds 2453 - " - A 6 -10. was so transferred. The cause of this is not apparent, as similar discrepancies are found in other Districts, but they need not be here detailed.

11. It is obvious that any item, the demand, or collection for example, in any District, in any year, ought to be invariably stated at the same amount in every document - no good reason can exist why one amount should be given by one Statement, and a different amount by a second Statement, and if such discrepancy in fact exists, it is proof of some defect in the System of account. The fact that the discrepancies just noticed passed undetected indicates a want of systematic control and examination of the accounts; it seems to be due in part to the want of uniformity and good system in the District Accounts, and the little

little skill of those who have charge of them; and partly to the number of the Statements required of the local officers at various periods and in different forms of the latter. A single example may be given; the Demand Collection and Balance Statements. The information therein supplied is required to be furnished by the Collector wholly or in part, in nearly a dozen different shapes. First it is given in the Returns of the 11th July, next it is repeated with a little more explanation in the four detailed Statements enclosed; third, the whole is given at length in the Settlement Report, fourth, the same particulars so far as regards the Extra sources of Revenue are given in the Extra Revenue Reports; fifthly, the whole information is given in the comparative Statement of receipts and charges on the one hand, and of the Beriz and charges on the other. All the foregoing come to the

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Board; sixth, the whole is given to the Accountant General with other particulars in the Fusly Abstract Statement; Seventh, they are again, with some further modifications of forms, sent to the Civil Auditor for the Fusly year; and further, in addition to all the foregoing which are for the Fusly year, the same particulars of all the branches of Revenue are given for the official year in the "Prospective Estimate", the "Regular Estimate"; the "Comparative Statements between the Estimated and Actual;" and in the "Comparative Statement between the actual in the current and the preceeding year". All these bulky and detailed Statements with lengthy remarks and explanations on the most trifling variations are sent annually to the Accountant General.

12. To return to the annual Revenue Reports, it appears to the Board that the contents of all the three may with great advantage

advantage be comprised hereafter in one comprehensive Report. They have already recommended that the first report, or Memor of Demand Collection and Balance should be discontinued, because its contents, so far as immediately necessary, will be given compendiously in the Monthly Abstract for the 1st July, in the new form. They are of opinion further that the third Report or Memor on the Gross Collections and Charges may also be abolished as a separate document. The information now afforded by it is already given briefly in the General Revenue Report / the second of those above described / and may be so hereafter with more detail; though with the omission of such of the minute particulars now given as appear superfluous and useless.

13. The Board propose to make that

that General Report already the most-
comprehensive of the three, a full and
complete report on the Revenue of
the year in all its branches. Exhibiting
for each the demand of the year, with
explanation of fluctuations, whether
arising from circumstances of
season or other causes; the collections and
the balance; and the like particulars
of the arrears, and lastly a Statement
of the charges, both those forming the
costs of collection and other, in
comparison with the collections.
This Report will be based, like the
present General Report above described,
on the Jummabundy Reports by the
Collectors; and the Board will carefully
revise all the Statements now received
from those Officers, with the view both of
obtaining all the information which
they require in a lucid form, and of
discarding

discarding all such as is not needed, and of
avoiding repetitions.

14 In such a Report as that
now contemplated, the Board believe
that Government will have before
them a complete and comprehensive
view of the whole Revenue administration
of the year in all its respects and
as respects all branches - And they
confidently believe also that it will
be in their power to lay it before
Government with much more punctu-
-ality than has hitherto been attainable.
The chief cause of delay at present is the
excessive bulk and the confused and un-
-systematic character of the Village and
Taluk accounts, as well as the voluminous-
-ness of the Returns required by the Boards.
And though the latter have been materially
abridged within the last few years; yet the
advantage of the change has been hitherto
much less than was anticipated;

because,

+ The earliest Summary Report for July 1263 which ended on the 11th July 1854 reached the Board's Office on 21st September 1854 at the present time above seven months after the close of the July one report is still due.

Dated 4th in Cons 13th November 1854

+ because the necessity of adopting the Village accounts to the new form was not duly attended to. The Board have now in hand, in pursuance of the order of Government noted in the margin a complete revision of the whole system of Revenue accounts from the Village up to the Board's Office. Those of the Village Curnum will be much simplified, and will be made uniform; and the accounts of the Annual Settlement, now enormously voluminous, will be vastly abridged, though without the sacrifice of any useful information. The Taloob and District accounts and those for the Board will also be simultaneously revised, and as besides their greater simplicity, all will be on one system, and parts of a general whole, the process of condensation of the Village into the Taloob and of the Taloob into the District will be short and easy. Thus the existing causes of delay being removed, the

Board

Board confidently anticipate much greater promptitude in the submission of all accounts from the Provinces. It must necessarily require some time before so entire change of system, extending to so many and so distant officers, will be fully established, and so long therefore before its full benefits can be realized; but to some extent they will certainly be felt immediately. It need only be added here that the Board hope to lay before Government, at an early date, for their approval, the proposed new system of Village and Taloob accounts.

15. The Board propose that their general report should be complete as regards the Revenue, but they are of opinion that it should contain nothing else. With the permission of Government therefore, they propose to exclude from it the Report on the Minor Estates, and other Estates under management, because dealing with transactions altogether distinct from the Government Revenue. There is another reason in the Board's opinion

See Extract Minutes Consultation Revenue Department 1st March in Cons 6th July 1854 Para 11.

opinion

opinion for excluding those Estates from this Report, Viz:, that the Report is to be printed and published, and the proprietors might object to having all their affairs thus made public. The Board propose therefore to make the Estates under management the subject of a second General Report, and they solicit the approval of the Government to this arrangement.

16. The only other point which the Board will here notice is a change in the time of commencing the Revenue year. The present Fusly or Revenue year begins on the 12th July, this is very inconvenient, as it breaks into the monthly accounts. Under the best system it makes it necessary to write a whole set of accounts as for another month; while in practice, from ignorance of each proper system, it often causes much more labour than

this and much confusion. The experience of these inconveniences has led to the 1st July being substituted for the 12th in all the accounts and Statements of Establishments sent by Collectors to the Civil Auditor, as well as in all other Statements of contingent and other charges submitted by Session Judges and Magistrates to the Fouzdaree Adalut Court. Thus in order to avoid great practical evils, all these Statements are in fact fictitious as they purport to be for one period while in reality they are for another. The Board now propose that for the future the Fusly or Revenue year, should begin on the 1st July, the slight change of time cannot cause inconvenience of any kind, while it will get rid of much cause of confusion and of additional labour. Should the Government concur in this proposal, the change may be made without inconvenience or disturbance at the commencement of the approaching Fusly. The question of the assimilation of the Official and the Revenue

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Revenue year is one on which the Board will not now enter. That measure would very much simplify accounts and arrangements, but the Boards are not, at present prepared to discuss it.

17. At the begining of this letter allusion was made to the annual Report on Salt. The Boards are now engaged in reviewing the Salt Returns, which are detailed, numerous and unsystematic, they hope shortly to propose to Government a new set of forms conveying the same information as the present so far as it seems to be necessary or useful, but without repetition or useless detail.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
26th Febuary 1855

/Signed/ B. Cunliffe
Secretary

P. S.

Since this letter was written, the Board have received from the Accountant General, a letter written in consequence of instructions from Government, on the subject of adopting one year for all official purposes, which I am directed to state will receive their early attention.

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3135. Fort St. George 26th. Febuary 1855.

To
B. Cunliffe Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

(65)
B. No. 258
From J. B. Norton Esqre Sir,
Government Pleader. 8 Paras

Recording his opinion respecting the construction of Sections 5-6-7 of Regulation XXVII of 1802.

Upon the best consideration I can give, the points submitted to me in your Letter respecting the further construction of Sections 5-6-7 of Regulation 27. of 1802, I am of opinion that the Course of the Collector in respect to Ryots who are in arrears of rent is in the first instance to proceed against the land, and not the personal property of the defaulter.

2 It is a dangerous principle of construction to assume what must have been the intention of the Legislature; farther than the same is to be gathered from the plain meaning of the words they have used.

3 It is very true that by Section 5 the Collector is to "attach the property" of the defaulter, which it is argued, is not restricted to any particular description of property either real or personal, and is therefore wide enough to cover all sorts of property, unless the term be otherwise controlled by the act. It is further contended that there is no such controlling term in the act.

4 There is ample to satisfy me that the

the word "property" in this Section can only apply to the landed property of the defaulter —.

5 If any other construction be assumed it would be an absurdity in the 6th Section cl. clause 2 to speak of the Debtor having the option to "yield up his personal property"; such property being already "attached" and beyond his power to yield up. —

6 It is to be observed that the terms of Section 6 only apply to attachment, and cl would not warrant a sale. —

7 "Attachment" has throughout this Act reference only to Land — Section 10 clause 1 clause 5 Section 13 clause 6 Section 16. —

8 The Landed Estate is by Section 6 Clause 1. made "the Security for the public Revenue" — as a general proposition of Law a party who has a Security in his possession must proceed against and exhaust that before he can have recourse to the other personal property of his debtor; and cl upon the whole I can entertain no cl doubt that the proper course is for the Collector to attach the Land in the first instance; and if the defaulter cl does not release the land by the delivering up of his personal property, to sell it

it or so much of it as may satisfy the default — In event of the land not being sufficient to satisfy the arrears, the Collector may have recourse to the defaulter's personal property; and should the proceeds thereof not be cl sufficient to satisfy the arrear, then the defaulter is liable to imprisonment. —

9 It is stated in the Minute under consideration that this question will affect the legality of the acts of the Revenue authorities in most if not all the Districts for the last fifty years; but in your Letter of the 9th October 1854 cl Para 3, I observe that the practice of attaching the personal property first has been confined to Tanjore. —

Madras, ——— } / Signed / J. B. Norton
January 25th, 1855. } Govt Pleader in the Sudr Adalut. —

Order thereon (65-66) Ordered to be recorded. The Board do not wholly recognise the validity of the argument in Paras 5 & 6, but will not further contest the matter, as a Legislative Enactment to remove all doubt is in course of preparation. —

To

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No. 174

To

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

67
B. No. 476
From Capt. H. E. L. Thuilier
Dy. Sur. General in charge Sur. Genl. Office Calcutta

Sir,

In compliance with your personal request, I have the honor to advise you of the despach to your address (through the General Post Office) per next Steamer to Madras, a tin Tube containing an Engraved Colored Copy of "Plan of the Trigonometrical Operations carried on in the Peninsula of India from the year 1802 to 1812 inclusive, under the Superintendence of Lieutenant Colonel Lambton, published in 1824."

2 I request the favor of your Signing and returning the enclosed Receipt.—

Surveyor Generals Office
Calcutta 6th. February 1855

/ Signed / H. E. L. Thuilier
Capt. Dy. Sur. Genl. in charge Sur. Genl. Office

Ordered that the following letter be sent in reply.—

67-68
B. No. 463.
To Capt. H. E. L. Thuilier
Calcutta

To

Captain H. E. L. Thuilier
Calcutta

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter

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letter dated 6th. February 1855, and to forward herewith a receipt signed by their late Secretary for the plans transmitted by you.—

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George, ---
26th. February, 1855 ---

/ Signed / B. Cunleffe.—
Acting Secretary

Read the undermentioned Extracts.—

69
B. No. 468
From the Secretary to Government
(For information)

dated 13th. February 1855.—Forwarding to the Agent at Ganjam a Petition from the Zemindar of Calicote, and requesting specific information as to the manner in which the sale of Vanghilghur Zemindary was conducted &c.—

69-70
Order thereon

Ordered to be recorded.—

71
B. No. 475
From the Secy. to Government
(For information)

dated 13th. February 1855.—Reviewing the Reports of the Commissioner for the Northern Circars relative to the bearing of the assessment upon the Government lands &c.

Order thereon
71-72

Ordered to be recorded.—

Read the undermentioned Miscellaneous letters and Statements.—

73
No. No. 412
From the Collector of Rajahmundry.—

Statement Shewing the quantity of Salt Sold and the wastage on the quantity Stored for Fusly 1263

From

74
Mg. No. 406
From the Collector of South Arcot.— List of letters addressed to the Board of Revenue and remaining unanswered upto 31st December 1854

75
Mg. No. 407
From the Collector of South Arcot.— List of letters received from the Board of Revenue and remaining unanswered up to 31st December 1854.—

76
Mg. No. 388
From the Collector of Salem.— Return of Fines imposed and Stoppages made from the pay of public Servants for the last quarter of 1854.—

77
Mg. No. 403
From the Collector of Trichinopoly.— Return of Fines imposed and stoppages made from the pay of public Servants for the last quarter of 1854.—

78
Mg. No. 389
From the Collector of Salem.— Return of alterations that have occurred in the List of Fines and Stoppages from 1st October to 31st December 1854.—

79
Mg. No. 392
From the Collector of Salem.— Stating that certain Returns for the fourth quarter of the past year are blank.—

80
Mg. No. 401
From the Collector of Trichinopoly.— Stating that the quarterly Returns named are not sent.—

81
Mg. No. 390
From the Collector of Salem.— Return of Public Servants suspended and dismissed for the last quarter of 1854.—

82
Mg. No. 390
From the Collector of Trichinopoly.— Return of Public Servants suspended

suspended and dismissed for the last quarter of 1854.—

83
Mg. No. 391
From the Actg. Collector of Nellore.— Salt account current from 1st October to 31st December 1854.—

84
Mg. No. 404
From the Actg. Collector of Chingleput.— Stating that certain letters &ca referred to in his letter of the 15th instant have been already replied to and that the others will meet with due attention.—

85
Mg. No. 410.
From the Actg. Collector of Nellore.— Reports that no persons were tried or in confinement under Regulation IX of 1822 during January 1855.—

86
Mg. No. 395
From the Collector of Tanjore.— Informing that no persons have been charged or confined under Regulation IX of 1822 during January 1855.—

87
Mg. No. 381.
From the Collector of North Arcot.— Return of Village Officers suspended or dismissed from employment under Regulation VII of 1831 for January 1855.—

88
Mg. No. 418.
From the Collector of Salem.— Reports that during the month of May last no persons were charged under Regulation VII of 1831 and during December last no persons were charged under Regulation IX of 1822.—

89
Mg. No. 394
From the Collector of Tanjore.— Return of Village Officers suspended or dismissed under Regulation VII of 1831 for January 1855.—

From

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90
Mr. No. 393
From the Collector of Rajahmundry — Statement of Salt in Store available for exportation to Calcutta on private trade —

91
Mr. No. 420
From the Aff. Collector of Chingleput — Statement shewing the quantity of Salt in store available for exportation to Calcutta on private trade —

92
Mr. No. 408
From the Collector of South Arcot — Statement shewing the quantity of Salt now in store available for exportation to Calcutta on private trade —

93
Mr. No. 380
From the Aff. Collector of Nellore — Statement shewing the quantity of Salt now in Store available for exportation on account of the Chittagong Indent —

94
Mr. No. 382
From the Collector of Rajahmundry — Statement of Gold and Silver Bullion and Specie imported for January 1855

95
Mr. No. 383.
From the Collector of Rajahmundry — Statement of Gold and Silver Bullion and Specie exported by Sea from 1st to 31st January 1855 —

96
Mr. No. 379.
From the Collector of Salem — Referring to the Board's Register of Petitions for January 1855, states that Petition 2612 of 1854 was forwarded to the Collector of Coimbatore —

97
Mr. No. 386.
From the Collector of Rajahmundry — Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance for the month of January 1855

98
Mr. No. 385.
From the Collector of Bellary — Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance for the month of January 1855 —

From

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99
Mr. No. 421
From the Agent at Kurnool — Statement of Items not enclosed in the Statement of Demand Collection and

100
Mr. No. 422
From the Agent at Kurnool — Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance for January 1855 —

101
Mr. No. 396
From the Aff. Collector of Chingleput — Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance for January 1855 —

102
Mr. No. 414
From the Collector of Salem — Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance for January 1855 —

103
Mr. No. 413
From the Collector of Salem — Transmits the Demand Collection and Balance Statement for January 1855 —

104
Mr. No. 417
From the Collector of Tanjore — Abstract of Demand Collection and Balance for the month of January 1855 —

105
Mr. No. 387
From the Collector of Rajahmundry — Average Bazar prices of grain and Mens. of Iyen Cultivation for January 1855 —

106
Mr. No. 384.
From the Collector of Bellary — Average Bazar prices of grain and Mens. of Iyen Cultivation for January 1855 —

107
Mr. No. 415.
From the Agent at Kurnool — Average Bazar prices of grain and Mens. of Iyen Cultivation for January 1855 —

108
Mr. No. 397
From the Aff. Collector of Chingleput — Average Bazar prices of grain and Mens. of Iyen Cultivation for January 1855 —

From

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11	நுணா	Nunthey	"	Bauhinia
12	காடாநுணா	Kaadatthee	"	Bauhinia Fermentosa
13	மலைநுணா	Malayaunthee	"	Hill Do Do
14	நாரத்தி	Thoottheee	"	Sida populifolio
15	மலைநாரத்தி	Malay Thoottheee	"	Hill Do Do
16	தாளை	Thaulay	"	Pandanus Odoratissima
17	வாளை	Vaulay	Plantain	"
18	கற்றாளை	Kuttalay	Aloe	Agave Americnos
19	கருங்கற்றாளை	Karoona Kuttalay	Black aloe	
20	பிரண்டை	Perunday	"	
21	இண்டு	Indoo	A prickly shrub	Mimosa
22	வளைகை	Valoo Kay	"	"
23	அரி	Aruvi	"	"
24	ஆலி	Aalie	"	"
25	ஓசா	Osah	"	"
26	புங்கு	Poongoo	"	Dollergia Arborea
27	வேலம்பூரி	Valumboory	"	Helicteres Isora
28	சாலை	Saley	"	"
29	சீடை	Seetay	"	"
30	காஞ்சாரி	Kanjory	"	"
31	பூவாலை	Poonalay		
32	சீகிலுங்காடி	Shegilluncody		
33	ஓடை	Odai		
34	பெருங்கடுக்காடி	Peroon Kuttoocoody	Varieties of Creepers	"
35	சிறுங்கடுக்காடி	Seroon Kuttoocody		
36	கருங்கடுக்காடி	Karoon Kuttoocody		
37	ஓடங்காடி	Odancody		
38	பூசுக்காடி	Poosacody		
39	வெள்ளோடங்காடி	Vellodoncody		

Madura, 6th February 1855. E. E. per (Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector.

Order thereon (32-33) Ordered to lie over.

No. 16.

To

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

34

B. No. 440
From the Collector
of Madura.

Sir,

Para 1 In reply to your Circular letter No. 183 dated the 25th Ultimo I have the honor to state, that there are no religious, charitable and personal grants in Madura paid by deductions from the Kistbundy Beriz under the terms Chatoor Begum, Punchum Hefsah &ca - All disbursements for the abovementioned purposes are already brought to Audit periodically.

2. The Board are aware that there is a Chatoor Begum remission to the clafs of Bramins in certain Villages. The Rule being that whenever a Bramin Cultivates his land himself, he shall obtain the remission. This remission therefore varies both in amount and as regards the recipients every year.

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9th February 1855.

(Signed) R. D. Parker
Collector

Order thereon.

Ordered to lie over.

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No. 27

To,

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

36

Bt. No. 235
From the Collector
of Tinnevelly

Submitting explanation called for, regarding the delay in the application for payment of the arrears of Enam due to the Petitioner referred to.

Sir,

Para 1. In reply to Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 4th Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the Petitioner therein alluded to states in a Deposition lately given by him that he last his Original Grant in the year 1837 but having been sick for about 2½ years he was not able to report the circumstance to the Huzzoor till the end of 1839 after which the necessary enquiries were made and a fresh Certificate given him on the 15th September 1840.

2. As regards the arrears due to him he states that he subsequently presented several Petitions and they were not received On reference to the records it appears that a Petition was preferred in 1844 and an order issued thereupon by the then special Assistant Collector Mr Elton under date 25th July to the Tahsildar of the Talook in which the Petitioner's Enam should be collected: directing him to to collect what balance thon remained due in the Village and pay it to the Petitioner and to inform him that the sum of Rupees 90-5 now claimed in the Petition

Petition under consideration having been already collected and credited in the accounts under the Head of Sivoy Jummah it could not be paid to him.—

3 Subsequent to this no application appears to have been made by the Petitioner who now asserts that a former Collector told him verbally that he would report to the Board of Revenue and obtain permission for the payment of the 90 and odd Rupees but having received no redress he petitioned the Board on the subject.—

Tinnevelly 19th January 1855 } (Signed) C. J. Bird
Collector

Read also Statement submitted by the Collector of Tinnevelly under date 7th November 1854 applying for certain Enam arrears which accrued in Fusly 1247. 48 and 49.—

In Con. 4 Dec. 54.

(36. 37)
Bd. No. 360

Proceedings thereon Resolved that the papers above referred to be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

2. The explanation afforded by the applicant for the above arrears, is far from satisfactory. but as there seems no doubt of the truth of his claim and the C. O of the 22d October 1818 is not applicable to the case the Board recommend that the arrears in question amounting to Rupees 90 — 5 may be ordered to be refunded to him.—

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No. 38

To,

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

(38)
Bd. No. 318
From the Collector of Tinnevelly ... } Sir

Para. 1. With reference to your Circular letter of the 30th November last respecting the discontinuance of the Mahratta language and the information therein required, I have the honor to state that from the Returns received from the Several Tahsildars in reply to orders issued to them on the subject and the Examinations made of the Servants at the Huzzoor

Im the Huzzoor & in the Taluk Cutcherries.

it appears that there are only 7 Bendoovy Goomastahs who are entirely ignorant of Tamil and cannot write English figures— Of these 5 promise to acquire a sufficient Knowledge of both, before the beginning of the ensuing Fusly and the 6th being advanced in age requests that his nephew who understands Tamil well and has some Knowledge of English may be appointed in his room. Except these and a few others who possess rather an imperfect Knowledge of Tamil and English figures and who promise to pass a satisfactory examination within the current Fusly, all the rest of the servants on the Establishment are sufficiently acquainted with

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with Tamil and are familiar with English figures.—

2. Under these circumstances the change determined upon by the Board has been already introduced in the Treasury and the Naib Sheristadars Departments from the 1st Instant and will be carried out in the other Departments at the Huzzoor and in the several Talook Cutcherries at the commencement of Fusly 1265.—

Tinnevelly, Nadavoorcoorchy, 26th January, 1855. } /Signed/ C. J. Bird Collector.—

Bd. No. 959.

Proceedings thereon. The Board entirely approve of the measures which the Collector purposes to adopt as reported in the above letter.—

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Bd. No. 1126

Statement Shewing the Collections and charges of Land Customs in the District of Tinnevelly for the Official year 1853/54.—

Fort St. George No. 45 dated 15th February 1855.

Names of the Frontier Chowkies.	Collections								Charges				Nett Collections			
	Export duties.		Import duties.		Total				Establishment.		Other Charges.		Total			
	Rds.	As.	Rds.	As.	Rds.	As.	Ps.	Rs.	Rds.	As.	Rds.	As.	Rds.	As.	Ps.	Rs.
Parangody	5245	4	15209	14	20454	14	10	2,045	568	15	1		569	15	1	57
Poteyary	2187	2	6321	11	8508	13	1	851	355	15			355	15		35
Sempadoy	2442	8	5853	1	8295	9		829	384	3	2		386	3	2	38
Andarcoorchy	8	15	436	1	445	1		44	317	10			317	10		31
Devadanum	210	10	363	13	574	8	2	57	329	3			329	3		32
Establishment to the Huzzoor									1044	9			1044	9		104
Total	13094	7	28174	11	41268	12	8	4,126	2980	7	3		3,352	88	5	335

Tinnevelly, 5th February, 1855.

/Signed/ C. J. Bird
Collector.

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No 47

Statement Shewing the Collections and Charges of Sea Customs in the District of Tinnevelly for the Official year 1853/54.—

Names of the Ports.	Collections: Export duties.	Collections: Import duties	Collections: Deduct Draw-back	Collections: Net Import duties	Collections: Total Collections	Charges: Establishment.	Charges: Other charges.	Charges: Total	Net Collections.
	Rs. A P	Rs. A P	Rs. A P	Rs. A P	Rs. A P	Rs. A P	Rs. A P	Rs. A P	Rs. A P
Tyepaur	25 11 4	2		2	27 11 4	84	6	90	
Tuticorin	4634 2 5	3831 12		3831 12	8465 14 5	570	13 2	523 2	
Coilpatam	234 15 11	1052 13 10		1052 13 10	1287 13 9	300	12	312	
Coolasagarapatam	3047	1049 13		1049 13	4096 13 11	300	12	312	
Establishment at the Huzzoor						294	16 10 3	310 10 3	
Total	7941 14 7	5936 6 10		5936 6 10	13878 5 5	1488	59 12 3	1547 12 3	12330 9 2

Tinnevelly, ... }
Sawtoor, 5th February, 1855 }

E E Jr / Signed / C J. Bird
Collector

(40-41) Order thereon

Ordered to lie over

To

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Fort St George 15th February 1855.

No 106

From B. Cunliffe Esqre
Acting Secretary to the
Bd of Revenue.

To the Hon'ble the
Board of Revenue.

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward for the information of the Board of Trade, the accompanying Statement of the Collections and Charges of Sea Customs in the District of Tinnevelly for the official year 1853/54.

2. The Board will observe from the Collector's Report that the Establishment at Tuticorin has been increased, and that the Establishment at the Huzzoor has been reduced.

3. The aggregate demands at the above Ports are 18 Canies and 1/2 Marakals of Rice, which is 38 Canies, whereas, upon correct measurement it is found to be only 18 Canies 18 Marakals, by the measuring Kolls and recently approved, by the people bringing Rice now to Coy ago that it is impracticable and unadvisable to reduce it.—

4. The Lands lie under the Sadayalay and Channel the extension of which has lately been sanctioned, and will be irrigated therefrom, there is no apprehension of a deficiency of water as the

necessity of any new work for its irrigation.—

5. The two Crop rent for lands of the 3d Class as originally fixed, was Rupees 18—5—9 of which 5—8—/ was remitted subsequently under the Sanction of Government in 1820, the remission is Conditional—so long as the land is appropriated to rice Cultivation the reduced Assessment is levied, and when it is formed into Cocoa and areca plantation the amount remitted is added. The two Crop rent to be levied upon the land in question if cultivated with Drupire would be Rupees 330—7—6.—

Coimbatore, 16th December, 1854. } /Signed/ C. B Thomas.—
Collector.—

Bd No 356

Proceedings thereon, The Assessment of Rupees 12—13—8 per Cawny fixed upon the land referred to in the foregoing letter being in accordance with the demand on lands of a similar description in other parts of the District the Board will not disturb it. Like other lands in the District it will be liable to the full rent of Rs 18 a 5 p 9 when cultivated with Drupire so long as that System continues in force.

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2 With reference to the Collectors remark in Para 4 the Board presume that the land so surreptitiously appropriated has been duly charged for to the holders.—

Read

Read again List from the Collector of Canara dated 19th and entered in Miscellaneous Consultation 29th January 1855 of letters addressed to the Board and remaining unanswered up to 31st December 1854.—

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Bd No 350

Proceedings thereon The Periodical Returns entered in the above List being now very long due, the Collector is requested to hasten their despatch.—

No 11

To,

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

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Bd No 416

From the Collector of Canara ..... } Sir Para No 1.

With reference to your letter of the 11th Instant, which reached me on the 28th Ultimo I have the honor to report that I have endeavoured to act upon the principles laid down in the Orders of Government noted in the Margin as far as the circumstances of the district permit.

Replies to Board's letter of the 11th Ultimo having reference to the Minutes of Consultation dated 10th July 1854 regarding the reductions of assessment where ryot is absent and informs of his having acted up to it as far as the circumstances of the district permit. 10th July 1854

2. But the Board are fully aware that these principles have for many years past been acted upon by reducing the assessment upon all the estates to an amount proportioned to the produce of the

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109.
Mr. No. 505

From the Collector of Salem.— Average Bazar prices of grain

110.
Mr. No. 416 and Mems. of Iyen Cultivation for January 1855.—

From the Collector of Tanjore.— Average Bazar prices of grain

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Mr. No. 411 and Mems. of Iyen Cultivation for January 1855.—

From the Collector of Coimbatore.— Average Bazar prices of grain

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Mr. No. 398. and Mems. of Iyen Cultivation for January 1855

From the Collector of Malabar.— Average Bazar prices of cer

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Mr. No. 423 grain for January 1855.—

From the Collector of Tanjore.— Register of the State of the River

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Mr. No. 211 Cauvery at the Annicut for January 1855.—

From the Ag. Collector of Nellore.— Requesting to be furnished —
with the blank forms withinmentioned.—

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Order thereon Ordered to be supplied accordingly.—

" Thos. Pycroft

" W. H. Bayley

Comp. W. D. Gajpat